



STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

The Weekly Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Strathfield Inc.

District 9675, New South Wales, Australia



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"Whatever Rotary may mean to us, to the world it will be known by the results it achieves." Paul P. Harris

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PRESIDENT PETERSEN'S PAGE

Rotarian Ed Campbell and I attended the Rotary Success Conference and Youth Summit over the weekend September 5/6 at the Hellenic Club in Canberra. As Ed filled the criteria for attendance at the Youth Summit of being younger than forty he attended the Youth Summit sessions throughout and he will report in detail in next week's publication.

In all, there were 240 registrants for the weekend from Clubs across Australia and New Zealand. Plenary sessions were led by RI Director Noel Trevaskis with support from RI Evanston Board.

The opening remark of Director Trevaskis was that it is believed that Rotary will be have an effective life till 2022, though little

hope is held beyond that time if sustained in its present format.

It is interesting to recall that Stephen Knightley, District Membership Development and PR Co-ordinator, predicted that Rotary was on a CLIFF EDGE when he visited our Club last month.

The Conference breakout sessions covered topics such as:

- Attracting and retaining members
- Rotary Leadership Institute and Club Visioning Program
- New Model Clubs Successes: Yass (NSW); Kununurra (WA) Crows Nest (NSW) Port of Brisbane (Qld)

I consider the time spent at this Conference was worthwhile, the topics covered were pertinent and from real life examples, all of which presented challenges to the club.

Opening remarks of the Chairman.
Questions to be addressed by us
include:

- Are we too formalised and traditional?
- Is our membership representative of our community?
- Are we serving our community respectfully, positively and sharingly?

What do you think? Refer to the Club S.W.O.T. Analysis which appears on the Club Website for the August 26th transfer meeting.

In view of our present situation and challenges presented at this Conference, I believe to investigate the formation and subsequent establishment of a Rotaract Club deserves serious consideration.

Rotaract Clubs are for the 18-25 year old of our community and a source of future membership could come from the graduating members of our Interact Clubs and attendees at RYLA.

What do you think? Did you begin Rotary membership as an INTERACTER or RYLRIAN?

**CLUB ACTIVITIES FOR THE
REMAINDER OF THE MONTH
OF SEPTEMBER**

September 21

Wedding Anniversary
of Ian and Fiona Johnson

September 22

Birthday of Honorary Rotarian
Arthur Crossan

September 23

Guest Speaker Joe Langley,
Infrastructure Financing
Partners Night

September 23

Club Board Meeting

September 24

**Invitation to attend “Our Last
Hurrah”** with Infants’ Home,
Ashfield, and HMAS Sydney.
Contact

Stephen Taylor for details

September 30

Cocktail Party for members,
partners and donors of Gift of Life
Ball at Strathfield Golf Club.
Director Arie has issued an
invitation to one and all.

September 30

Guest Speaker
MLA Jodi McKay MP,
Member for Strathfield



**Applications for possible
attendees of January RYLA to
PP Kevin Freund**

**Time spent on Rotary
business in August**

It would seem that partners are the best reporters of the amount of time Rotarians spend on Club business in any month. However, for the month of August (when the Gift of Life Ball was held) thirteen members reported that as a total they spent 314 hours on Rotary business. This equates to an average of 24 hours per reporter. This Information has been forwarded to a District representative who is collating the totals for those clubs reporting and forwarding same to the State Government.

This Week

Council reform to aid Sydney's growing population
Chris Johnson AM, Chief Executive Officer, The Urban Taskforce Australia

Chris Johnson is a former NSW Government Architect and former Executive Director at the NSW Department of Planning. He has extensive experience in the planning system and the delivery of major projects.

The Urban Taskforce Australia is an industry organisation representing property development interests in Australia. It describes its membership as "Australia's most prominent property developers and equity financiers". According to the Taskforce it provides "a forum for people involved in the development and planning of the urban environment to engage in constructive dialogue with both government and the community. Its mission is to promote: efficient planning and environment laws; quality urban design; increased economic activity; and improved quality of life in urban communities.

**Muscle Car Masters,
Strathfield Spring Fair**

Over the Fathers Day weekend, the Club once again turned out to sell programmes at the Australian Muscle Cars Masters at Sydney Motorsports Park, Eastern Creek. On Saturday, a half-day event, we had Kevin Freund, Peter Smith, Keith Stockall, Penny and Grahame True, and on Sunday, the big Father's Day show Graham backed-up and Steve Taylor was there with his camera, Richard Horwood was there with sideline commentary before joining Charlie Pitt to loiter through pit lane and the crowd selling programmes.

Andrew Kowalski was there taking it all in at the main gate, Peter and Jan were counting them in at the back gate and supporters Ann and Tracey had the car park gate. Penny and Maree were in the centre, making friends and staying to the last race, to follow a particular driver's finish.

Motorsports Park were happy, the attendances were up, and the car racing continued to thrill. This is an event where you are part of the team, whose team I am unsure, the racing Mini-Coopers, like the Italian Job, the Holden or Ford that was parked at home once, the Trans am cars that were racing across USA with the Bandit, or at home on a Sunday, watching Bathurst cars instead, of finishing the next assignment. PS: With all this fun, we actually raised \$2010 for the club. For some of us, being there was payment enough.

Sincere thanks to all those members who took part at the Masters and at the Strathfield Spring Fair .

PPs Charles Pitt, Peter Smith

Rypenⁱ

In July This year, I was fortunate to be selected through the Strathfield Rotary Club to attend the RYPEN camp at the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence.

We woke early to attend our first seminar. This was delivered by an experienced public speaker and we learned about confidence and self esteem boosting. We memorised many catchy self esteem booster. The second seminar was very much the same as the first but delivered by one of the camp instructors. That night, two aboriginal men told us a Dreamtime story about a kookaburra and taught us some aboriginal words.

The final day was spent painting, on canvas, one inspiring word that we took from the camp. We decided to use 'imagination'. I met many other students that I will keep in contact with. I think this would be a great camp in the future for students who want to improve their self esteem and confidence and believe the seminars should be marketed to schools accordingly to ensure the right students have the opportunity of attending. I wish to thank Strathfield Rotary for this experience and for allowing me to present my experience to the Club.

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Statistics 9.9.2015

Members 22,	Partners 0,
Guests 1,	LoA 9,
Apologies 2	Raffle \$120.00,
Sergeant \$101.50,	
