



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

President Petersen's Page

2 December 2015

Details of decisions taken at the Club November Board Meeting:

- PDG David Croft with chair the Club AGM on 2 December, commencing at 6.30pm
- Rotarian Ed Dunlop presented a paper that provided members with thought on the possible future formation of a Rotaract Club based at ACU. The matter will be discussed further at the Club Assembly on 27 January with thoughts from an invited Rotaracter. It has the support of the Board.
- Rotarian Arie Pappas will assume the future classification of Marketing.
- Advice from District informed members that the Ranfurly Book Aid Project would be discontinued due to lack of projected future funding. Our Club representative,

Rotarian Janelle Watson, has been advised accordingly.

- The Board agreed to the funding of \$500 to the School for Seniors so that the Computer Program, assisted by PP Raymond McCluskie, could maintain the internet connection in particular.
- The Board agreed to co-operate with the Burwood Club to provide funding for parents of four Students of Strathfield South Public School to be involved in a talented students local secondary schools' science experience.
- The President indicated that arrangements were in hand to join with the three local Probus clubs, originally sponsored by our Club, to celebrate Fortieth Anniversary of Probus in the South Pacific. A Wine Tasting Event has been arranged for Wednesday 23 March, 2016. Details to follow.

- A report has been tabled suggesting that members indicating their weekly attendance has benefited the ordering of meals for the Club considerably. Unfortunately, we continue to have members who are not taking attendance notification seriously.
- The President will represent the Club at the District AGM and Presidents' Meeting at the Liverpool Catholic Club, Friday 2 November.
- The Board endorsed the application of a \$250 Semi Annual Dues Invoice the level of active membership. Two \$25 dinner vouchers will accompany each full payment made by a member

***Vocational Directorate Event,
Pride of Workmanship 2015,***
*report by Event Co-ordinator, PP Stephen
Taylor, President Elect, 2016-2017*

This year's presentation dinner for the eighteen awardees was a great success with approximately 115 people attending the Strathfield Golf Club last Wednesday evening. The awardees ranged from a newly opened coffee shop barista and proprietor to a motor mechanic, educators from various schools, an IT expert, a senior school psychologist and a professor of neurosciences.

The Annual Presentation of the Ray Sherry Award was made to

Professor Simon Lewis from the Sydney University Mind and Brain Centre by both Mrs N. Sherry and her daughter Leanne. Each of the awardees received an inscribed POW plaque which features the RI shield that epitomises the R.I. POW Program. Citations this year were limited to 200 words, so that emphasis could be placed on the important and most relevant aspects of a nominee's achievements. This restriction provided each nominee with equal time that included a photograph being taken.

17 presentations were made on the night together with a raffle, and a presentation by the Guest Speaker, Local NSW Member for Drummoyne, John Sidoti MP. He spoke about his business life, and his transition to serving the community, firstly though being a local councillor, and ultimately by being elected twice as a local MP. Each awardee was contacted prior to the evening outlining the needs and expectations of the organization, as were the nominators.

Rotarians attending were asked to follow the regular routine that has been established for their record of attendance. Unfortunately this system is being completely ignored by a number of "chronic" non-attending Rotarians. The

reception desk was quite crowded at times dealing with the number of people involved.

We were a victim of our own success as it were; notwithstanding these issues a majority of payments were obtained and we had a great result for the raffle, over \$800 being received.

Statistics 25.11.2015 Members 21 , Partners 10, Guests 85 LoA 6, Apologies 9 , No Apology 12 Raffle \$ 817.50, Sergeant \$,

Anniversaries this week

Tuesday **December 1:**
Rotary Edmund Brown
Paul Giammarco
Keith Byrn
Peter Manenti

Wednesday **December 2:**
Birthday Arie Pappas

Thursday **December 3:**
Birthday Roger Vince
Toni Virgona

Sunday **December 6:**
Birthday: Keith Stockall

Tuesday **December 8:**
Wedding: Maree & Rod McDougall
Godfrey & Linda Isouard

'Why are some positions some positions held for only 3 months'

My response to this question relates to the four quarters of the STRATEGY

360, introduced this Rotary Year. Strategically, it has been shown that the administrative positions that occupy the four discrete quarters are:

- * Sergeant
- * Raffle Co-ordinator
- * Program Co-ordinator
- * Weekly Fees Collection Co-ordinator
- * Weekly Attendance Co-ordinator

My observations have shown that:

1. Rotarians who have held one of these positions for a year are in a prominent position to provide guidance service to a less experienced operator
2. There is always the opportunity to continue in the position beyond the set period of three months to heighten one's skills and abilities
3. This is an opportunity for newcomers to be involved in a worthwhile aspect of Club service while serving their 'apprenticeship' with regular activity.
4. This can be the best way of providing a service to fulfil the weekly need to provide a service for the benefit of the Club.

Positions vacant for the February/March 2016 quarter:

- * Raffle Co-ordinator
- * Weekly Fees Collection Co-ordinator
- * Weekly Attendance Co-ordinator

The Sergeant and Program Co-ordinator positions for the period have been filled.

Rotary Club of Strathfield Excused Absences: Article 9: Attendance Section 3

Members' use, or lack of use of the term "Leave of Absence" when reporting, or not, their movements, has been brought into closer focus since the introduction of the need to advise weekly of attendance at Club meetings. It will be assumed that, as of 1 January 2016, a member has not been allocated leave of absence until he or she has:

- Advised the club Secretary in writing at least two weeks prior to taking leave, by indicating the last date of meeting attendance and the return attendance date, that the absence complies with the conditions and under the circumstances approved by the Board and shall not extend for longer than 12 months.

For your diary

December 2: Club Annual General Meeting at Golf Club commencing 6.30pm Nominations accepted for directorships and executive positions Presentation of audited accounts for 2014-2015 Rotary Year

December 4: International Volunteer Day A Breakfast to be held between 8am and 10am at Burwood RSL Club for all community volunteers including Rotarians

December 9: Club Christmas Party to include live music and festivities for members and their partners.

December 16: From 6.30pm **Children's and Grandchildren's Christmas Party** held at the Golf Club and ably managed by Rotarian Connie Galletta

December 17 : NSSCC Barbecue at Eastern Creek, Thursday in two weeks



Strathfield Rotary CHRISTMAS PARTY

9 December 2015
Strathfield Golf Club
6:30 for 7:00 pm

Relax and celebrate with Rotary friends
Canapes on arrival
Delicious carvery buffet
Live entertainment by Sharron Bowman

Cost: \$40 per person for dinner (including Christmas pudding!)

Soft drink included
Bar service available
Friends and colleagues welcome

Dress: Festive - It's a party!

Committee:
Grahame True, Sue Byrn, Maree McDougall, Penny True