



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

8 July 2015

PRESIDENT PETERSEN'S PAGE

Rotary International President "Ravi" Ranindran writes: In the 2015-16 Rotary year our theme will be: Be a Gift to the World.

Every one of us has something to give-whoever we are, whatever our place in life.

We can give our talent, our knowledge, our abilities, and our effort; we can give our dedication and our devotion. Through Rotary, we can take these gifts and make a genuine difference in the lives of others and in our world.

It is said that we are born with our fists clenched, but we die with our hands open, and that our talents are the gift that God gave us. What we make of our talents is our gift back to God.

Equally we come into this world grasping at everything, but when we leave it, we leave all material things behind as well. Through Rotary, we can leave behind something real and lasting.

Our time is now. It will never come again.

Be a Gift to the World.

OUTCOMES OF THE RECENT CLUB ASSEMBLY | July, 2015

Members agreed to increase the Changeover Raffle contribution to \$1000 for Moree Salvation Army Farmers' Drought Relief Support

PP Keith Byrne has reminded members that he is pleased to act as Member Welfare support and that we should all advise him of any known cases where encouragement by him can be offered. Keep Keith connected!

President Allan advised that he would be finalising the collection of funds and kits from 12 local pharmacies associated with the Rotary Bowelcare Program

Rotary International has agreed to our Club being the current sponsor for the Strathfield Girls' High School Interact Club. Directors Smith and Garg will supportour introduction for our Club association.

Our appreciation was extended to Director Ayres for his Changeover photographs which have now been posted by PP McCluskie on the Club Facebook Page.

IPP Allan Teale reported that all past entries of humour and of a political nature in the Club Newsletter during his Presidency were sourced from official Rotary sources.

Strathfield Rotary has welcomed two new HONORARY MEMBERS since the recent Club Changeover. They are PP Angelo Franco and PP Raymond Wilson. A welcome is extended to both of these supporting members of our Club at any time.

MEETING NIGHT AND DINNER COSTS

Discussion ensued at the Club Assembly regarding the projected rise in Dinner costs and the variation of the meeting day for Weekly Meetings.

Chef Peter has advised the Club of the need to raise the weekly dinner cost to \$28.,Initial discussion by the Club Executive has determined, with the agreement of those present at the Club Assembly that members be asked to continue paying \$25 till the end of this calendar year. It is believed that the \$3 difference can be accounted for in the present semi annual dues if all current members make their payment in due course. A date for the commencement of the \$28 charge has not

been set but is considered imminent. Fewer member attendees and the relating higher dinner cost has resulted in this decision for the time being.

Raffle Chair PP Keith Stockall has been set a budget for A WEEKLY RAFFLE PRIZE, though for special occasions a wider selection of prizes will be provided.

PRESIDENCY SUCCESSION NOT IN PROGRESS

PDG David Croft is chairing a committee to identify a possible candidate as President Elect of our Club for the Rotary Year 2016-17. Under normal circumstances the nominee would have already filled this position. With the Annual General Meeting planned for Wednesday 2nd December (if we are still meeting on a Wednesday night) a second position, that of the President Nominee will also have to be filled for the Rotary Year 2017-2018. Have you thought of nominating for either position.

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, WHICH IS BEST FOR A MEETING NIGHT

Discussion of a changed meeting night was raised at the Club Assembly. Tuesday, at this stage, is a popular choice. We are seeking a wider input from members, so if you haven't made your preference known, please do so before the Board Meeting of the 15th July next when consideration of this matter is aired and the implications of a decision are taken to both the Club Management and the Club Chef. We will provide details to the membership when a decision has been taken by the Board.

Please inform the President if you have an agenda item for the board meeting on July 15TH.

For your Diary

Friday 31 July Christmas in July at a Tennyson Road, Breakfast Point restaurant.

Saturday/Sunday 5 & 6 September Muscle Cars at Eastern Creak

Members are asked to provide full and active support for the Gift of Life Ball, to be held Saturday 22nd August at the Great Hall, Sydney University in association with Lymphoma Australia. tickets: *\$125 each, Guessing Competition tickets \$2.

After the Club Changeover meeting local State Member: Jodi McKay MP wrote:

Since the chartering of Strathfield Chapter in 1971 Rotary Strathfield has donated a significant amount of money and volunteer time to worthy causes in our area. Across the areas of community services and development, health and education. I commend you on your hard work and look forward to working together with you for the benefit of our local area and the diverse and wonderful people of our communities.

Tonight's Speaker Anne Marie Byrne, the Infant's Home, an update

For 140 years The Infants Home has protected children at risk. Anne-Marie will describe some of the very significant developments in its capabilities that have recently occurred

**Statistics 1.7 Members 18, Partners 1, Guests 0, LoA 10, Apology 11
Raffle \$95.00, Sergeant \$57.00, Community 15 hours**

PROGRAM FOR JULY, 2015

Wednesday July 15: Nate Brown, Salvation Army Safe Space Co-Ordinator
BOARD MEETING

Weekend: July 17/19 District initiated RYPEN Program at Redfern
Roger Vince has arranged for Meriden students attendance

Wednesday July 22: District Governor, Graham Wilson and Helen Wilson
Rotary International Representative for District 9675

Wednesday July 29: Dot Hennessy District Representative for SES/Rotary

Friday July 31: Partners' Social Outing: "Christmas in July"

Sunday August 9 Early notification for marshals for City to Surf Race

**CHRISTMAS IN JULY
FUN and FELLOWSHIP
SOCIAL DINNER
FRIDAY 31 JULY
TENNYSON ROAD
BREAKFAST POINT**
