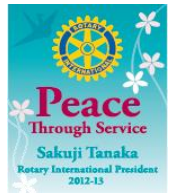




STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

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Wednesday, 10 April 2013

April is Magazine month - recognising the contribution of "The Rotarian", and "Rotary Down Under".

TONIGHT'S MEETING

Mr Patrick Longfield
 "Environmental Education and Future Sustainability"



ECO STEPS is an organisation with a team of sustainability strategy and training consultants working with organisations across all sectors of society. Their vision is for a sustainable world.

Patrick has been a tertiary level science lecturer for many years, and now lectures on sustainability. He has always had a personal and professional interest in the environment. Undertaking a Masters in Social Ecology at the UWS, led him to the development of a keen interest in Ethics and Futures Studies. This guided him to be significantly involved in the development of an environmental focus where he now works lecturing and talking to groups about the reasons behind the need for change, and how we can go about it.

Through The Natural Step and the work with EcoSTEPS, along with other work, he came to realise it is around the social impacts and consequences of this journey we are set upon, that the major work in achieving a sustainable

future will come to focus. This realisation helped make the connections that an understanding that the concept of 'Education for Sustainability', is an idea of real significance.

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Mr Dan Bram of Strathfield Men's Shed told us with passion about the various activities and operations of Strathfield Men's Shed.

The Strathfield Men's Shed is a member of the Men's Sheds Australia, an informal network of over 400 Men's Sheds around Australia.

The aim is to support and encourage members in a spirit of fairness, teamwork and mateship, encourage members to safely learn and share craft skills, to make useful items and have good interactions with each other. It is essentially a meeting place for men who have some time to spare and want to find worthwhile and meaningful activity. They may be interested in working on an individual project, fixing up some broken items around the house, working together on some community project or just sitting around for a coffee and a chat.

The shed is well equipped with tools and machinery such as saws and lathes for woodworking, some metal working machines and welding equipment and even computer work stations. More importantly

members are all valued and have skills across a range of areas.

If you looked inside you might see someone building a boat, assembling a rocking horse, restoring furniture, carving a wall hanging, working on the computer or a team making a kids cubby house.

Whilst the term "Men's Shed" may imply it is a men only organisation, women are more than welcome to be involved in the programs.

Wendy Milburn, Principal, Chalmers Road School.

Wendy acknowledged the assistance of the Rotary Club of Strathfield over a long period of time which has been and always will be appreciated.

Wendy also acknowledged the various teaching aids and playground items made by the Strathfield Men's Shed for Chalmers Road School.

Chalmers Road School provides educational programs for students aged four to eighteen years with moderate or severe intellectual disabilities and draws from a wide geographical area as well as a diverse cultural and social community.

The school aims to provide individual educational programs to assist all students to reach their potential and independence for adult life. Currently 71 students are enrolled 4 of which are in wheelchairs.

Chalmers Road School promotes a positive learning environment using Positive Behaviour Intervention Support (PBIS) across all environments and learning experiences.

The school's motto "Challenging and Fostering the Individual" underpins the principles, practices and philosophies of the school where individual welfare in all aspects - educational, physical, social, spiritual and cultural - is

paramount and all students are challenged to learn, grow and co-operatively participate.

There is a strong community value at Chalmers Road School with ongoing support for families and effective partnerships with the community.

Announcements:

President Ray Wilson

- Encouraged members to make "State of Origin" a social night and remain after the meeting to watch the football on the large screen at 8.00 pm. There may even be a surprise guest speaker.
- Welcome back to Rotarian Steve Taylor from yet another one of his extended overseas trips.
- Reminded members that no meeting will be held 24 April in lieu of ANZAC Day service at Cape Cabarita on 25 April.

Raymond McCluskie

- Announced news on the great debate which takes place at our dinner meeting on Wednesday 8 May. Our "invincibles" PP Joe Saad, PP Keith Stockall and President nominee (2014-15) Allan Teal are to be pitted against the "gladiators" from Breakfast Point Rotary club, Sergeant-at-arms Douglas Pritchard, PP Alison Geddes and PP Stephen Britten.

Just like last time our adjudicator PDG Paul Sarks from Burwood Club will have a fun time making a decision. The President of Breakfast Point, Ritchie Lees, has made it a transfer meeting for his Club.

Anuradha Kamkolkar

- Advised a communication had been received from Mancini's Restaurant of an upcoming Australian Country Music night on 5 April 2013.

Niall King

- Advised there will be another BBQ commitment on 11 May for the Chamber of Commerce Fair in Strathfield Square.

PDG David Croft

- Reminded members again of the ANZAC Day BBQ at Cape Cabarita and encouraged attendance at this important occasion. A Commitment has been circulated this week.

Tony Lanzafame

- Confirmed the planning for the Youth Awards in conjunction with Strathfield Council is progressing however nominations to date has been slow.

PP Rod McDougall

- Due to the current supplier of dinner badges discontinuing manufacture Rod advised members he is currently researching an alternative source for new dinner badges.
- Rod would welcome suggestions of alternative suppliers.

Congratulations to the following for birthdays and anniversaries next week:

Birthdays

10 April Allan Teale and Kevin Freund
16 April Angelina Canturi and Rod Rimes

Anniversaries

10 April Angelo and Maryanne Franco
11 April Ross and Joan Brown

Rotary Anniversaries

Nil

Raffle prize voucher last week was kindly Donated by:



**27 Rochester Street Homebush
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CLUB STATISTICS	3/04/2013
Members	26
Apologies	11
Silent - no apologies	10
LOA	1
85'ers	3
	51
Partners	0
Guests	3
TOTAL ON NIGHT:	29
Make-Ups:	
Raymond McCluskie	1
Raffle	\$185.00
Sergeant-at-Arms	\$134.00
	\$319.00

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

Date	Topic
17/4/2013	Mr Len Norman - The story of migration from ancestral northern Lebanese village of Kfarsghab (pron K-Fra-Sorb).
24/4/2013	NO MEETING
1/5/2013	<i>PARTNERS NIGHT</i> – Stephen and Denise Taylor - "around the World in 35 minutes"
8/5/2013	<i>Club Debating Challenge</i> Topic TBA
15/5/2013	<i>Youth Achievement Awards</i>
22/5/2013	<i>A membership information evening</i> Guest Speaker - Damien Tudehope, Chief of Staff, Office of the Attorney General and Minister for Justice
29/5/2013	TBA
5/6/2013	<i>Fellowship evening</i> – "State of Origin"
12/6/2013	<i>PARTNERS NIGHT</i> – "Korean Banquet" \$35 p/p

FUTURE CLUB EVENTS

Date	Event
25/4/2013	ANZAC DAY service @ Cape Cabarita 8.00 am
4/5/2013	BBQ – Parkinson’s Big Ride Sydney Olympic Park 5.00 am – 9.00 am
4/5/2013	BBQ – Ashfield Infants Home 10.00 am – 3.00 pm
11/5/2013	BBQ – Strathfield Chamber of Commerce Fair
17/5/2013	Meriden Interact Dance
25/5/2013	Rotary BBQ Bunnings Lidcombe
26/5/2013	Red Shield Appeal



ROTARY CLUB OF STRATHFIELD SERVICE ABOVE SELF AWARD 2013

Background

Rotarians give service to their club and to the community in many different ways. Some serve actively in high profile roles such as officers of the club, chairs of committees or event organizers while many others give outstanding service, support and assistance in less obvious and unobtrusive ways.

President Ray has agreed that the Rotary Club of Strathfield “Service Above Self Award” will continue to be presented to the club member who is judged to:

- ☐ put the Rotary Ethic ahead of their own personal considerations
- ☐ always put in that extra effort for Rotary in serving the community
- ☐ go beyond the norm in representing Rotary to the community.

The recipient of this award will be chosen by secret ballot of all members of the club – not by the President or the Board – which makes the award all the more meritorious because the winner is recognized and rewarded by his/her peers.

Details/Timetable

1. All club members are requested to participate.
2. Simple voting slips will be handed out at the next two Rotary meetings.
3. Voting slips must be returned to the club secretary (hand, mail, fax, or email) NO LATER THAN the third meeting in May (only the name of the nominated person is required as the selection is by popular vote not by a judgment of actual contributions).
4. Members should vote only once and for only one person.
5. The Secretary will advise the President of the club’s choice. An individual plaque and the perpetual trophy will be awarded by the President at the Club Changeover.

Thought for the week:

“You cannot milk a cow with your hands in your pockets.”

(Anonymous)