



STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

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District 9690, New South Wales, Australia



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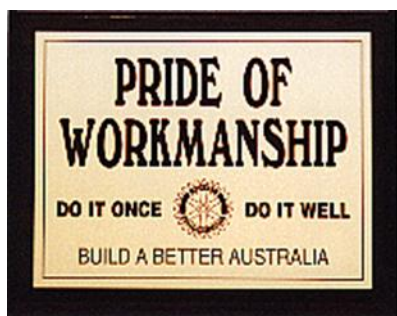
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November is Rotary Foundation Month

TONIGHT'S MEETING

Pride of Workmanship Awards



Objectives of the Program

- To promote Vocational Service.
- To encourage Pride of Workmanship in all vocations.
- To provide employers with an opportunity to recognize employees who display the qualities worthy of an Award.
- To encourage favourable employer/employee relationships and a sense of community pride in individual achievement.
- To provide an opportunity for Rotary to be involved in the community, particularly the business community

Last Weeks's Guest Speakers

Last week was **National State Emergency Service Week** and **Darren Parkin**, the **Controller of the Strathfield State Emergency Service (SES)**, was introduced by President Ray Wilson as our guest speaker together with a number of the volunteers that form the **Strathfield SES**. The other volunteers were:-

Joanne	Janette	Julia	Lee
Anthony	Brian	Catherine	Allan
Lou	Ron	Alex	John

President Ray and **Darren** presented **Alexander Bussing-Todd** with a Special Award from the Strathfield Rotary Club for his outstanding service to the Strathfield SES. Alex has been an SES volunteer for 10 years and has put-in a 100% effort in many operations locally, in the Blue Mountains and in Western Sydney. Darren then handed over to his Deputy-Controller, **Joanne**, who gave us some statistics about the SES.

There are 40,000 volunteers across Australia in the SES with 11,000 based in NSW. This Wednesday was **WOW, Wear Orange Wednesday**, with all encouraged to wear something ORANGE. Joanne presented a slide show of pictures taken at operations over the last 12 months. Most notable was the flooding across NSW that affected 20,000 people.

Many of the volunteers were asked to give their reason for joining the Strathfield SES.

- **Alex** joined to be with people he knew.
- **Janette** joined for the ongoing commitment of like-minded people.
- **Joanne** joined as soon as she was 18 years old to build self-confidence.
- **Catherine** joined soon after the Thredbo Landslide.
- **John** was from country NSW and had seen the SES in action during the many outback floods, so joined for a break from office-work and to build self-confidence.

- **Allan** joined to support his son, Darren.
- **Ryan** was the youngest member and joined because he liked the people.

President Ray thanked all the SES volunteers on behalf of the Club and of the Community generally. President Ray assured them that the Club would be thinking of them when the distribution of Club Funds takes place next year.

Last Week's Meeting Announcements

President Ray reminded members of the upcoming District Conference and encouraged members to take advantage of early bird registration.

Treasurer Peter Smith advised the club that sponsorship of \$1,000 has been received from Bendigo Bank Homebush, in support of the Club's **Graffiti Removal Project**.



Emmanuel Vitalis, Branch Manager, Homebush Community Bank said "The Bank considers this project as a valuable community initiative".

Meeting Statistics Last Week	14/11/2012
Members	26
Apologies	17
Silent - non apologies	4
LOA	3
85'ers	3
	53

Guests:	
SES	14
Rotarian Partners (Pat Giammarco)	1
Total attendance	41
Raffle	\$265.00
Sergeant	\$148.15
	\$413.15

Apologies:

Peter Foss, Kevin & Suzanne Freund, Connie Galletta, Godfrey Isouard, Ian Johnson, Eric Khu, Joseph Kim, Andrew Kowalski, Tony Lanzafame, Peter Manenti, Raymond McCluskie, Allan Petersen, Peter Revelos, Allan Teale, Peter van der Sleen & Emmanuel Vatalis.

Make-ups:

Peter Foss & Raymond McCluskie - at Breakfast Point.

CONGRATULATIONS during the next week

Birthdays

28 November Rod McDougall

Anniversaries

25 November Roger & Janice Vince

Rotary Anniversaries

22 November Godfrey Isouard

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

Date	Presentation
28/11/2012	Club Assembly
5/12/2012	AGM
12/12/2012	Adults Christmas Party
19/12/2012	Children's Christmas Party

FUTURE CLUB EVENTS

Date	Event
8/12/2012	Carols in the Park Strathfield Park
9/1/2013	Croquet & BBQ Evening Strathfield
16/1/2013	Fellowship Dinner TBA
30/1/2013	Normal Meeting format recommences
28/2/2013	District Golf Day Shot gun start following Lunch

We extend our sympathy to our members Kevin and Suzanne Freund on the death of Kevin's mother who passed away peacefully, 13 November 2012.