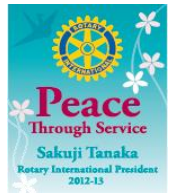




# STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

The Weekly Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Strathfield Inc.  
District 9690, New South Wales, Australia



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## March is Literacy month - emphasising Rotary's ongoing commitment to promoting literacy and numeracy.

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### TONIGHT'S MEETING

*Job talk by two of our members*

*- Romolo Adoma and Chris Virgona*

DG Keith Roffey was an outstanding host and it was a privilege to be there.

*Janelle Watson*

"Presentations, Catering, National Anthem were all just wonderful"

*President Elect Suzanne Freund*

Suzanne reported the dressed Bear donated by Strathfield raised a net \$315.

### LAST WEEK'S MEETING

12 of our members attended the final District 9690 Conference last week at Campbelltown and some of those members provided us with their thoughts on the Conference.

*PDG David Croft*

In the last 37 years David has attended the District Conference on at least 30 occasions and rates this one as excellent. Conference venue was excellent, facilities excellent and excellent company. Listening to speaker Anne Richards, world masters squash champion, David described it as "the most touching speech I have ever heard".

*PP Trevor Duxbury*

Trevor was at the conference on Friday night to hear the greetings and message from RI representative, PDG Cathy Roth, who spoke with great passion and delivered the message from the RI President in a most genuine and impressive manner.

*President Ray*

At the reflections session on Sunday Morning, 2 candles were lit in recognition of two past members, Sal Tosto and Ron Thurgar.

*PDG Lloyd Röver*

"Great conference, Padstow and DG Keith Roffey did an outstanding job.

### **Announcements:**

*President Ray Wilson*

Welcomed PDG Lloyd Röver to our club, who will provide a briefing on the Rotary International Convention to be held in Sydney in June 2014.

*Secretary PP Joe Saad*

Joe advised a Letter of Resignation has been received from Ted Ingall. Ted advised his decision to resign was not an easy one, however his priority is now to devote his time looking after his dear wife Mary.

Whilst the last conference after 40 years it was billed not as a sad occasion but a fun occasion.

**Members are reminded of an important compliance matter;**

The Office of Liquor Gaming and Racing has strict regulations which apply to the running of raffles. All tickets issued for sale must be recorded.

Prior to the drawing date ALL tickets issued MUST be returned with money and accounted for. ALL unsold tickets must also be returned and accounted for.

*Janelle Watson*

Janelle is seeking assistance from any member with a utility that is available to pick up surplus books and educational materials from OTEN at Strathfield. The materials will be consolidated as part of Rotary project for overseas children in need.

*PDG Lloyd Roever*

Lloyd showed a video which has been produced to promote Sydney as the Rotary International convention destination in June 2014 to be shown throughout the World.

Lloyd then provided a comprehensive briefing on the planning and progress to date for the international convention at which 20,000 attendees are expected. In addition he also provided tips on how to invite people to attend and recommended using the personal approach.



**1-4 June 2014**

*Host Organising Committee for Rotary International Convention 2014, look forward to welcoming you to Sydney, Australia's beautiful*

*harbour city and host of the 2000 Olympic Games.*

Rotary International Convention 2014 will be held at Sydney Olympic Park with easy access to accommodation and attractions.

Sydney is the gateway to Australia and post-convention we invite you to extend your Australian adventure by visiting our Red Centre to share ancient indigenous culture, unique flora and fauna. Travel north to the World Heritage listed Great Barrier Reef, over one thousand miles of coral reefs and exotic sea life.

Sydney is one of the most beautiful and vibrant cities in the world. Its natural surroundings and glorious harbour make it a must-see destination. From the dramatic silhouette of the Sydney Opera House, the arch of the Sydney Harbour Bridge, fantastic shopping, waterfront dining and buzzing nightlife, the city will leave you captivated.

Within a few hours of Sydney there's also a great deal to discover. Just south of Sydney you'll find some of the whitest sand in the world at Hyams Beach. About 90 minutes west of Sydney you'll find the World Heritage-listed Blue Mountains. Or head north of Sydney and follow the surf and sun along the coast on the Pacific Coast Touring Route.

Visit [www.australia.com](http://www.australia.com) to see what Australia has to offer; sun, surf, sand, fresh air, clean skies, starry nights and wide open spaces, Sydney Harbour, Bondi Beach and the Blue Mountains. Taste our local food and wine, enjoy shopping and sample our extensive coffee culture, theatre, music, bush-walking, sailing, rugby, football, cultural diversity, friendly people, native ancient artefacts, hug a koala, feed a kangaroo and so much more.

***Rotary International Convention 2014  
Share fellowship, build friendships  
Discover Sydney, Australia***

**Congratulations to the following for birthdays and anniversaries next week:**

**Birthdays**

1 April Peter van der Sleenen  
2 April Andrew Kowalski

**Anniversaries**

Nil

**Rotary Anniversaries**

1 April Niall King

**Raffle prize voucher was kindly**

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<b>CLUB STATISTICS</b>	<b>20/03/2013</b>
Members	25
Apologies	12
Silent - no apologies	10
LOA	1
85'ers	3
	<b>51</b>
<b>Partners</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Guests</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>TOTAL ON NIGHT:</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Make-Ups:</b>	
Allan Petersen	1
<b>Raffle</b>	\$205.00
<b>Sergeant-at-Arms</b>	\$130.90
	<b>\$335.90</b>

***FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS***

<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>
<b>3/4/2013</b>	<i>An update on two of our current projects - Chalmers Road School – Principal Wendy Milburn and a representative of Strathfield Men's Shed -Mr Ken Barrows</i>
<b>10/4/2013</b>	<i>Mr Patrick Longfield (Rotarian) - Eco Steps "Environmental Education and Future Sustainability"</i>

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

**FUTURE CLUB EVENTS**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
<b>13/4/2013</b>	Rotary International Dinner Strathfield Golf Club
<b>25/4/2013</b>	ANZAC DAY dawn service Cape Cabarita
<b>17/5/2013</b>	Meriden Interact Dance
<b>25/5/2013</b>	Rotary BBQ Bunnings Lidcombe
<b>26/5/2013</b>	Red Shield Appeal



## Rotary News

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### Engineering sustainable water solutions in Latin America

By Sallyann Price

The Rotarian -- March 2013

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Top: Tony Riggio, a member of the Rotary Club of Westport, Connecticut, USA. Bottom: Rotarians work with young people in the Builders Beyond Borders program to install pipes that will carry water to the mountain town.

Perched in the rugged mountains of central Ecuador, the village of Tingo Pucará seems an unlikely place for artistic inspiration to strike. But Tony Riggio never leaves his camera behind – and his photos from there illustrate what can happen when Rotarians and engineers team up on a water project.

Riggio, a watchmaker by trade, has been leading youth expeditions to Central and South America since 2001, when his daughter participated in a program of Builders Beyond Borders (B3), a nonprofit based in Connecticut, USA. Construction projects have included hurricane shelters in the Dominican Republic, bridges in Nicaragua, and day care centers and classrooms in Costa Rica. Water and sanitation are always primary components.

As a member of the Rotary Club of Westport, Riggio understands the global need for clean water and improved sanitation, one of Rotary's six areas of focus. "People don't believe what you tell them sometimes – that things are how they are in parts of Central and South America," he says. "Water is such a precious commodity." In April 2011, Riggio traveled to Tingo Pucará – one of five B3 project sites across Ecuador that season – to build pipelines in a joint effort with the Peace Corps and Engineers Without Borders. The village stands at an altitude of 12,600 feet, with the nearest spring about 4,900 feet down a steep path. The engineers designed a pumping system to draw water from the spring-fed stream, and the B3 team, made up of high school students and adult advisers, worked with locals to install the pipes, which now bring running water to homes.

#### **Shortage of running water**

Historically, faced with a lack of potable water and arable land, the men of Tingo Pucará have headed to the lowlands to find work, leaving the women to transport water for cooking, washing, and drinking. Before the project was completed, the 26 village families had as little as 15 minutes of running water per month, sent from a neighboring area when available.

"When you talk to people in these communities, they are hoping you're going to be the person who's going to make this happen for them," says Amy Schroeder-Riggio, executive director of Builders Beyond Borders and Riggio's wife of 30 years.