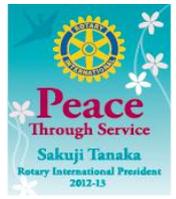




STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

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August is Membership & Extension Month

TONIGHT'S MEETING

Mr Michael Dillon AM – Cinematographer,
Documentary Filmmaker

Michael Dillon AM is one of Australia's leading cinematographers and makers of adventure and expedition documentaries having won more awards in this field than any other individual worldwide. His latest documentary, is a Little Bit Mongolian, is screening at international festivals.

He has made five adventure documentaries with Sir Edmund Hillary and his latest, Beyond Everest, about Sir Edmund Hillary's ongoing work with the Sherpa people of Everest, has won five international awards. Other expeditions and adventures he has filmed include the ascent of Everest in 1984, and another Everest Climb in 2006, two Everest ballooning expeditions, a base jumping expedition in the Karakoram, four Antarctic expeditions, two English Channel swims, expeditions in Siberia, Irian Jaya, Africa and the Andes, and a journey by London taxi from Buckingham Palace to the Sydney Opera House.

In 2004 Michael became a Member in the General Division of the Order of Australia for service to the Australian Film Industry as a pioneer in adventure and mountain film cinematography, and to the community through support for international humanitarian work.

RAY'S PUTTS

Last week, those of us that who attended enjoyed another very successful Police Officer of the Year awards night. Deputy Commissioner Nick Kaldas APM attended with his wife, Natalie. There were 6 very worthy officers as nominees from each of the Burwood and Flemington Area Commands. Burwood Local Area Command was represented by Inspector David Miller and Inspector Chris Hill represented Flemington Local Area Command.

Police Officer of the Year Nominees were:

Burwood Area Command

Sergeant Mark Scifleet
Sergeant Ben Beach
Constable Chris Hancock
Plain Clothes Senior Constable Mick Taylor
Sergeant Vanessa Hadley
Sergeant Anthony Trainor

Flemington Area Command

Sergeant Steven Coe
Sergeant Leah Greig
Detective Senior Constable Scott Sinclair
Constable Richard Shields
Constable Russell Bateman
Plain Clothes Senior Constable Jason Garton

The successful "Police Officers of the Year" were **Sergeant** Ben Beach (Burwood) and Sergeant Steven Coe (Flemington).

We continued the tradition of donating funds raised from the raffle on the evening to NSW Police Legacy. The Raffle raised \$845.00. The Club rounded this amount up to \$1,500.00 and was presented to Detective Inspector Mark Cook who was in attendance representing NSW Police Legacy.

I need to say a huge thanks and congratulations to David Martin for organizing and pulling the evening together which I really appreciated. David put a huge effort into the night and on behalf of our club I congratulate him.

On Thursday morning, Nick Kaldas telephoned David and asked that he pass on his thanks to the Rotary Club of Strathfield and the Rotarians who made the night a great success. He and his wife enjoyed the evening and he was very appreciative of our recognition of the local frontline police and ongoing support of Legacy. Michael Cook of NSW Police Legacy also expressed the same sentiments.

I would like to thank the Rotarians and their partners who helped in our fundraising activities at the **V8 Supercars**, at Eastern Creek, last Saturday and Sunday.

The program selling event, which was initiated by Grahame True and coordinated by Niall King, was a great two day event thanks to the selling abilities of David Croft, Peter Foss, Kevin Freund, Suzanne Freund, Andrew Kowalski, Peter Manenti, Peter Revelos, Rod Rimes, Peter Smith, Allan Teale, Grahame True, Penny True, Jan Van der Slesesen, Roger Vince, Emmanuel Vatalis and a friend of Jan Van der Slesesen who stood in, at the last moment, for Peter (who was ill on the day).

I would like to thank particularly the several Revheads who worked all day Saturday & Sunday. (The Editor notes that President Ray was one of the Revheads who also worked both days).

Last weekend on the ground at Eastern Creek



One Rotarian having a special moment !!!

URGENT: RAFFLE PRIZES NEEDED. Please see Niall if you are able to help.

President Ray

CONGRATULATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- 23 August David Martin
- 25 August Angelo Franco

Anniversaries

- 24 August Welwyn and Allan Petersen

Meeting Statistics Last Week	22/08/2012
Members	29
Apologies	15
Silent - non apologies	3
LOA	4
85'ers	2
	53
Guests:	
Rotarian Partners	10
Police Officers & Partners	38
Total attendance on the night	77
Raffle	\$845.00
Sergeant	nil
	\$845.00

Apologies:

Alvaro, Bala, Duxbury, Foss, Galletta, Ingall, Kamkolkar, Umesh, Khu, Kim, Kowalski, McCluskie, McDougall, Singh, True, Vince,

Last Week's Meeting Announcement

Niall King distributed roster times for V8 Supercars and reminded members the start times on 2 September for the Muscle cars at Eastern Creek will be 7.30 a.m. and the Spring Fair 10.00 a.m.

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

Date	Presentation
5/09/2012	Meet the local candidates who are seeking your support in the upcoming Strathfield Council elections.
12/9/2012	<p>"TODAY'S RESEARCH, TOMORROW'S MEDICINE"</p> <p>Mr Murray Stone a representative of the Kids research Institute of the Children's Hospital at Westmead.</p> <p>He will overview the research, services and equipment at the Institute, present stories of their patients and highlight how people can become involved in their future work.</p>

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS (cont'd)	
19/9/2012	<p><i>Mr Graeme Johnson – Bush Poet Extraordinaire.</i></p> <p><i>Graeme has become one of the most widely respected & lauded poets participating in the genre of Australian Bush Poetry today. He is bound to entertain you with his skills and stories of the Australian bush.</i></p> <p>Dress for this evening is a casual Australian country theme</p>

FUTURE CLUB EVENTS

Date	Event
30/8/2012	<i>Fellowship Evening Wok Inn - Homebush</i>
2/09/2012	<i>Muscle Cars- Program selling Eastern Creek</i>
2/09/2012	<i>Strathfield Spring Fair - Strathfield Park</i>

Graffiti

Removal Day

Sunday 23 September 2012

Graffiti vandalism is a problem across New South Wales and costs local communities millions of dollars each year. The New South Wales Government is committed to reducing this vandalism by encouraging local communities to get involved in the fight against graffiti.

To support this goal, the Government has established a state-wide graffiti removal and prevention day known as "Graffiti Removal Day". The aim of the Day is to encourage people to volunteer their time and get involved in the removal and prevention of graffiti.

This year Graffiti Removal Day is a joint initiative between the New South Wales Government and Rotary Down Under, and will take place on Sunday 23 September, between 10am and 4pm.

How it will work

Rotarians will work with local councils, property owners, government agencies, community groups, businesses and volunteers to;

Identify, remove and prevent graffiti.

People can nominate clean-up sites which have been vandalised by graffiti through the Graffiti Removal Day website www.graffitiremovalday.org.au

Nominated sites will be assessed by a trained representative from local Rotary clubs who will work with the local council and property owner to determine if they are suitable and safe. The aim is to select at least three clean-up sites in each Local Government Area.

Rotary Down Under will be responsible for the organisation, management, training and insurance of all volunteers. To facilitate this, Rotary District Governors have appointed one trained co-ordinator for each of the 50 Local Government Areas and one supervisor for each clean-up site.

The Local Government Area co-ordinator will be responsible for selection of sites, management of volunteers and promotion of the day in their local area. The site supervisor will be responsible for the training and safety of volunteers on the day.

Promotion

To promote and encourage participation in Graffiti Removal Day 2012, Rotary will undertake a comprehensive marketing campaign.

The campaign will focus on promoting the Day through major and local media outlets as well as online through Facebook, You Tube and Twitter. Brochures, posters and large signs will also be made available to; local Rotary Clubs, councils, businesses, community organisations and government agencies who wish to participate in or promote the Day.

WORLD'S FIRST PEACE PARK CELEBRATES ITS 80TH ANNIVERSARY



Youth exchange students from Canada and the United States hold flags aloft during the hands across the border ceremony. Photo courtesy district 5360.

In a year when the RI theme is all about peace, the annual gathering of Rotarians from both sides of the U.S.-Canadian border at the world's first peace park takes on even greater significance.

In 1932, Rotarians played a large role in convincing the governments of Canada and the United States to join Glacier National Park in Montana and Waterton Lakes National Park in Alberta, forming Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park.

Each year since, Rotarians from both countries have gathered for a weekend of fellowship and goodwill, an event that this year could include members from more than 200 clubs in four districts in southwestern Canada and the northwestern United States.

"When I heard this year's theme was about peace I was thrilled. It fits so well with what our districts have been doing here for the past 80 years," says Frances Leggett, governor of Canadian District 5360 and president of the Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park Association. "Peace means all sorts of things. Any sort of collaboration is really a means of promoting peace."

"When all is said and done, ours is an organization of service that can lift others, and build peace one person at a time," adds Canadian Monty Audenart, a past RI vice president, who has participated in the event. The assembly alternates between the U.S. and Canadian sides of the border. This year it takes place

in Kalispell, Montana, 14-16 September. Three days of speakers and events will be capped off by the most moving part of the assembly, when Rotarians join hands across a white ribbon symbolizing the border between their countries.

During the ceremony, Rotarians recite this pledge: "In the name of God we will not take up arms against each other. We will work for peace, maintain liberty, strive for freedom, and demand equal opportunities for all mankind. May the long existing peace between our two nations stimulate other people to follow this example."

Youth exchange students from both countries take part whenever possible. "A few years back, we had a separate event for the youth exchange students, and at the Saturday banquet they all marched in carrying the flags of their nations. It was a very moving experience," Leggett recalls.

Beginnings

The idea for the peace park originated eight decades ago, when the president of the Rotary Club of Cardston, Alberta, Joseph S. Low, attended a meeting at which Past District Governor Frank R. Freeze spoke eloquently on the subject of international fellowship. Low decided to pitch to his club the idea of arranging an annual goodwill meeting between Canadian and U.S. Rotary clubs on alternating sides of the border. The club heartily endorsed the idea and authorized him to make it happen.

The park was dedicated on 18 June 1932. At the ceremony, Canadian Prime Minister R.B. Bennett and U.S. President Herbert Hoover expressed sentiments that mirrored Low's.

"It is my earnest hope that this great International Peace Park, stretching across our common frontier and in which citizens of both our countries may seek recreation, may forever remain a permanent memorial of all that neighbourly relations should be between adjoining nations," Bennett wrote.

"Dedication of the Waterton-Glacier International Park is a further gesture of the good will that has so long blessed our relations with our Canadian neighbors, and I am gratified by the hope and the faith that it will forever be an appropriate symbol of permanent peace and friendship," wrote Hoover.

Learn more about the assembly on [THE DISTRICT 5390 WEBSITE](#).