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Wednesday 6 August 2014

Meeting Tonight 6.15 for 6.30 pm

APOLOGIES, GUESTS

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AUGUST - Rotary Year 2014- 2015

A Great Deal To Do

This Weeks Meeting

TELSTRA & the NBN

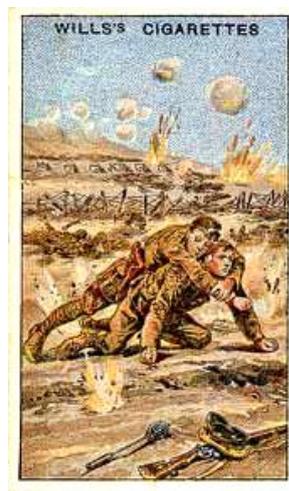
Rochelle McDonald (Telstra)



Last Weeks Meeting

Gallipoli Campaign 1915

Lieutenant Colonel Peter Sweeney RFD Ret'd





PRESIDENT'S RAVINGS

Good evening Members

Well when we meet as a group and also have the benefit of a great guest speaker it is the makings of another great night at Rotary. Let's keep enjoying the fellowship and the nights. It was great to have the company of three new guests to the Club, and they were as impressed by the quality of our guest speaker as those members who attended. Lt Colonel Peter Sweeny was a great inspiration to us all.

It opened our eyes to what really happened at Anzac cove and in the Dardanelle's.

We are all aware of the busy time that lies ahead for the Club and I hope that we can all enjoy the evenings that will be thrust upon us shortly. If you have the opportunity to invite a guest to the Club, these evenings are interesting and a great showcase for the Club. We all should be proud of the endeavours of previous boards and club members to ensure that the Pride of Workmanship and Police Officer of the Year evenings have become the important calendar events that they are today.

I hope our attendance numbers on these evenings can exceed those we have achieved in the past and show these two fine groups of individuals the esteem that the Rotary Club of Strathfield has for their chosen vocations.

As a new president, I represented the Club at the presidents' meeting at Liverpool Catholic Club. It was reported by the district secretary that district would be live online directly shortly. As a club, we will have the opportunity to submit events to be uploaded to the website. Wollongong clubs are challenging Sydney clubs to match the lighting up of Mt Keira for the celebration of Rotary this year. Put your thinking caps on fellows.

There were other events mentioned but they are really the domain of the directors and as they come onto the calendar I am sure they will inform us all of the events.

I read this quick snippet which made me laugh the other day I hope you enjoy this:

At an auction in Manchester a wealthy American announced that he had lost his wallet containing £10,000 and would give a reward of £100 to the person who found it.

From the back of the hall a Scottish voice shouted, "I'll give £150!"

Well on that have a great week and let's make the meeting great by being there to enjoy each other's fellowship.

Allan Teale

CLUB MEETINGS

Date	Topic
6 August 2014	Telstra and the NBN Rochelle Mc Donald, Telstra
13 August 2014	Literature Extension Program SGHS Teacher Nicki Mills
20 August 2014	North Strathfield Underpass Tania Harper

MEETING STATISTICS	30 July 2014
Members present	24
Partners	
Guests of members	4
District Representatives	
Leaves of Absence	5
Apologies	7
No apologies	11
Make-Ups	
Raffle	\$190.00
Sergeant-at-Arms	\$134.95

CLUB ACTIVITIES

9 August 2014	Barbecue Bunnings, Greenacre 7.30 to 4.00 pm
7 September 2014	Strathfield Spring Fair Festival

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 Sydney Eisteddfod

Australian Choral Grand Prix

Presented by Sydney Eisteddfod and the Rotary Club of Sydney Cove

Sunday, 24 August 2014, 2:30pm
The Concourse Concert Hall, Chatswood

Many members will remember the great contribution made by Kevin Beltrame as youth service director when he was a member of Strathfield Rotary.

Now with Sydney Cove Rotary, Kevin is involved in organising this year's Australian Choral Grand Prix, presented jointly by Sydney Eisteddfod and his club.

Led by Jodie Spooner-Ryan, the Meriden School senior choir has reached the finals, one of only six Sydney schools to do so!!

The winner of this year's title will be decided on 24 August 2014, 2:30pm at The Concourse Concert Hall, Chatswood

This will be a major artistic event and Kevin and Jodie are encouraging attendance and seeking assistance in promoting the event.

It is a great to see a local school doing so well - especially one with which Strathfield Rotary has had a long association.

This will be a great family opportunity to enjoy exceptional choral performances while publicly supporting Meriden School.

Click [here](#) for more information on the event and on the purchase of tickets.



Past member of Strathfield Rotary, Kevin Beltrame, is seeking support for the Australian Choral Grand Prix to be held 24.8.14 Kevin may be reached on 0427 665 930 or kevinbeltrame@bigpond.com



The British Declaration of War, 4 August, 1914

On August 4th [1914](#), Great Britain declared war on Germany. It was a decision that is seen as the start of [World War One](#). Britain, led by Prime Minister Herbert Asquith, had given Germany an ultimatum to get out of Belgium by midnight of August 3rd. Belgium's neutrality had been guaranteed by Great Britain as far back as 1839. Asquith had a very simple decision to make, but one that would have a cataclysmic impact on British society. He could either turn a blind eye to a war in mainland Europe that might have little impact on Britain if she stood as a neutral. Or the British public could see Asquith as the man who stood up to the perceived bullying of Germany and who stood for righteousness and decency.

A future Prime Minister, Winston Churchill, described the scene in London in the hours that led to the declaration of war:

'It was eleven o'clock at night, twelve by German time, when the ultimatum expired. The windows of the Admiralty were thrown wide open in the warm night air. Under the roof from which Nelson had received his orders were gathered a small group of admirals and captains and a cluster of clerks, pencils in hand, waiting. Along the Mall from the direction of the Palace, the sound of an immense concourse singing God save the King flowed in. On this deep wave there broke the chimes of Big Ben; and, as the first stroke of the hour boomed out, a rustle of movement swept across the room. The war telegram, which meant, Commence hostilities against Germany, was flashed to the ships and establishments under the White Ensign all over the world.

I walked across the Horse Guards Parade to the Cabinet room and reported to the Prime Minister and the Ministers who were assembled there that the deed was done'.

Kaiser Wilhelm II said as it became clear that Germany planned to invade France:

'With heavy heart I have been compelled to mobilise my army against a neighbour at whose side it has fought on many a battlefield. With genuine sorrow do I witness the end of a friendship, which Germany loyally cherished. We draw the sword with a clean conscience and clean hands.'

His views seemed to be supported by the Chancellor [Bethmann Hollweg](#) when he addressed the Reichstag on the day war was declared:

'Gentlemen, we are now in a state of necessity, and necessity knows no law! Our troops have occupied Luxemburg and perhaps are already on Belgium soil. Gentlemen, this is contrary to the dictates of international law. The wrong I speak openly that we are committing we will endeavour to make good as soon as our military goal has been reached. Anybody who is threatened, as we are threatened, and is fighting for his highest possessions can have only one thought: how he is to hack his way through'.

In Britain, when Asquith addressed a packed House of Commons, he said:

'We have made a request to the German Government that we shall have a satisfactory assurance as to the Belgium neutrality before midnight tonight. The German reply to our request was unsatisfactory.'

Asquith stated that the government could not regard this in any sense a satisfactory communication.

'We have, in reply to it (the telegram), repeated the request we made last week to the German Government that they should give us the same assurance with regard to Belgium neutrality as was given to us and to Belgium by France last week. We have asked that a reply to that request and a satisfactory answer to the telegram of this morning, should be given before midnight'.

Nothing of the sort was received and the Foreign Office released this statement:

l Owing to the summary rejection by the German Government of the request made by His Majesty's Government for assurances that the neutrality of Belgium would be respected, His Majesty's Ambassador in Berlin has received his passport, and His Majesty's Government has declared to the German Government that a state of war exists between Great Britain and Germany as from 11pm on August 4th.'

