



STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

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May is Rotary International Convention Month

TREV'S TIDINGS

The reason that men appear to progress is not that they hate progress but that they love inertia." **Elbert Hubbard**, The Notebook, 1927

This week, our speaker is Scott Thompson, whose company, Any Dimension, provides 3D printing services. As someone who, at first, thought that the Beatles wouldn't make it and that the internet was a waste of time, I am looking forward to hearing what Scott's company has in store for us in the coming years.

Last week we had our traditional ANZAC Day breakfast at Cape Cabarita. I would like to thank PDG David Croft for putting on another wonderful event, George Helou for donating the food, and PP Peter Manenti for donating the champagne and orange juice. I apologize to the many willing helpers for not acknowledging them on the day. I know who they are, they know who they are, and I hope they know how grateful I am for their support. I thought that the personal recollections of Paul Matthews, about his father's wartime experiences as a pilot, were fascinating, and the reading by Len Norman was, as always, poignant and evocative. The haunting and familiar sounds of the Last Post and Reveille by David Brimfield rounded off a perfect morning.

This week we have our Golf Day and Restaurant Night on 3rd May. If anyone who is not playing on the day would like to help out, and if there is anyone who has not yet signed up for the restaurant night at the New Golden Rickshaw, please let Ray know as soon as possible.

We are still a few helpers short for The Infants' Home barbecue on Saturday, 5th May. Please let Bradley know if you can help out between 11.00am and 2.00pm. The following week we have a stall at the Strathfield Chamber of Commerce May Fair in Strathfield Square. For Strathfield Rotary it is an information day and we need a few members to help tell the story of Rotary. Let Bradley know if you can help out anytime between 10.00am and 4.00pm on Saturday, May 12. By now, most of you would have received the flier for the Hats On at Breakfast Point fundraiser. This is the first time we have done this and Suzanne Freund has put an incredible amount of time and effort into making this, what looks like, a very successful event. Tell everyone about it. All the funds raised on the day will be donated to Australian Rotary Health.

On Sunday, 3rd June, we have been invited to spend some time with Johanna and Domenico Alvaro at their Bowral home. This is a different time of year from our previous visits. It could be chilly, so come prepared. We will be hiring a bus for the day so that everyone can relax and enjoy the Alvaro's hospitality. If you haven't been there before, don't miss out this time.

Unfortunately, the Youth Achievement Awards Night has had to be postponed. PP Kevin Freund is meeting with Strathfield Council to arrange another date. Fortunately, PP Rod McDougall has managed to find a speaker for us. He is Gregory Blaxell, a historian, author and sailor, who will tell us about the Parramatta River.

Finally, for this week, don't forget to check out the links in PP Ray McCluskie's e-news for the latest instalment of our club's history. Ray, PP Roger Vince and I hope to be able to bring all this information up to date over the next year and publish The First 40 years of Strathfield Rotary.

Actually, I think one can still waste an awful lot of time on the internet!

Remember
Reach Within to Embrace Humanity
President Trevor

TONIGHT'S MEETING

Three Dimensional Printing
Scott Thompson, Director, Any Dimension

CONGRATULATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

19 Apr **Ian Johnson**

ANNIVERSARIES

4 May **John and Sue Leftwich**

5 May **Rod and Lyn Rimes**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Trevor Duxbury

- Club is legal to fund raise for 5 years
- Club Records to be safely retained by Club Public Officer
- *Commitment Sheets*

1. Meriden Dance Chaperones 11/05/2012
2. BBQ Ashfield Infants Home
3. Red Shield Appeal

Treasurer Peter Smith

- Nine members have not paid dues

Director Grahame True (Club Service)

- Phil Koperberg on 6/6/12 for Membership Night

Ray Wilson (President-Elect)

- Tickets for TV Raffle for to be returned by 25/04/2012
- Restaurant Night on Thurs 3/05/2012 at the Golden Rickshaw Homebush

Suzanne Freund

- Hat Day at Breakfast Point Country Club

Red Shield Appeal on Sunday 20/05/2012

The **Red Shield Appeal** is The Salvation Army's major annual fundraising drive to help finance their vast network of social and community services.

Members of the Rotary Club of Strathfield and many of their partners will be helping the Salvo's by coordinating the doorknock appeal in the Strathfield area on Sunday 20 May. To volunteer as a driver/team leader please ring Rotarian Peter Smith on 02 9764 1082 or 0412 232 753.

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

DATE	PRESENTATION
9/05/2012	<i>The Parramatta River, Gregory Blaxell, Historian, author, sailor</i>
16/05/2012	<i>Airport Slot Management, Ernst Krolke, CEO, Airport Coordination Australia</i>
23/05/2012	<i>Fellowship Evening, Member Job Talk</i>
30/05/2012	<i>Community Based Policing, Partners Night Superintendent Philip Rogerson Flemington Local Area Commander</i>
6/06/2012	<i>Membership Evening Organised by Chris Virgona Prospective members welcome Special guest speaker Phil Koperberg</i>
13/06/2012	<i>Transfer to Trivia Night 15 June</i>
20/06/2012	<i>Vocational Visit to Animal Referral Hospital Homebush Partners Night</i>
27/06/2012	<i>Transfer to Club Changeover</i>

CLUB STATISTICS (from Club Meeting 18/04/2012)

Attendance: -	24 members
Apologies: -	18
Non-Apologies: -	11
Partners:-	4
Guests:-	1
85'ers:-	2
Raffle	\$170.00
Sergeant	\$122

FUTURE EVENTS

3/05/2012 Thursday	Ashfield Infants Home Golf Day Strathfield Golf Club
3/05/2012 Thursday	Restaurant Night at the <i>Golden Rickshaw Homebush</i>
5/05/2012 Saturday	BBQ Ashfield Infants Home Art Show 11:00am to 2:00pm
11/05/2012	Meriden Interact Dance Volunteers 6:30 - 10:45pm
12/05/2012 Saturday	Strathfield May Fair Strathfield Square 10am to 4pm
15/05/2012	Presentation by The Hon. Brad Hazzard MP
18/05/2012	Hat Day For Mental Health Research The Red Hat ladies, in Martin Place. Anyone in a red hat is welcome to join at 1.00 pm
19/05/2012 Saturday	Hat Day at Breakfast Point Country Club in aid of Mental Health Research
20/05/2012 Sunday	The Red Shield Appeal Volunteers needed
03/06/2012 Sunday	Visit to the Alvaros
15/06/2012 Friday	Trivia Night
29/06/2012 Friday	Club Changeover

HUMOUR FROM OUR MEMBERS

Medical Opinion

A mechanic was removing a cylinder head from the motor of a Harley motorcycle when he spotted a well-known cardiologist in his shop. The cardiologist was there waiting for the service manager to come and take a look at his bike when the mechanic, thinking he might get in a cheap shot at the medic's expense, called to the doctor across the garage.

"Hey, Doc, want to take a look at this?"

The cardiologist, a bit surprised walked over to where the mechanic was working on the motorcycle.

The mechanic straightened up, wiped his hands on a rag and asked: "So Doc, look at this engine. I open its heart, take the valves out, repair any damage, and then put them back in, and when I finish, it works just like new."

"So how come I make \$39,000 a year and you get the realty big bucks when you and I are doing basically the same work!"

The cardiologist paused, smiled, leaned over then whispered to the mechanic, "Try doing it with the engine running!"

Checking the Time

A man is strolling past the mental hospital and suddenly remembers an important meeting. Unfortunately, his watch has stopped, and he cannot tell if he is late or not. Then, he notices a patient similarly strolling about within the hospital fence. Calling out to the patient, the man says, "Pardon me, sir, but do you have the time?" The patient calls back, "One moment!" and throws himself upon the ground, pulling out a short stick as he does. He pushes the stick into the ground, and, pulling out a carpenter's level, assures himself that the stick is vertical. With a compass, the patient locates north and with a steel ruler, measures the precise length of the shadow cast by the stick. Withdrawing a slide rule from his pocket, the patient calculates rapidly, then swiftly packs up all his tools and turns back to the pedestrian, saying, "It is now precisely 3:29 pm, provided today is August 16th, which I believe it is." The man can't help but be impressed by this demonstration, and sets his watch accordingly. Before he leaves, he says to the patient, "That was really quite remarkable, but tell me, what do you do on a cloudy day, or at night, when the stick casts no shadow?" The patient holds up his wrist and says, "I suppose I'd just look at my watch."



Rotary Club of Strathfield
Rotary Club of Breakfast Point

Suzanne Freund and Margery Foss
are delighted to invite you to



Hats On at Breakfast Point

An afternoon tea and fashion parade to raise funds for mental health research

Saturday 19 May 2012
1:00 to 4:00 pm

Breakfast Point Country Club
72 Village Dr Breakfast Point
\$25 per person

Great raffle prizes
Special silent auction

GUEST PRESENTERS

Mrs Jean Carroll – OAM for Millinery – will showcase some of her many hats from the theatrical world/arena

Michelle Walsh – model and author will parade some of her fabulous race-day outfits - www.mrswalsh.com.au

Sandie – sandiebizys.com.au - will conduct a workshop aimed at having fun and also creating your own hat design



All proceeds donated to
Australian Rotary Health

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Join us for a fun
day in support of a
great cause


