



# STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

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## May is Rotary International Convention Month

### TREV'S TIDINGS

**"The less I know about a subject, the more confidence I have, and the more new light I throw on it."** *Mark Twain*

This week, our speaker is Gregory Blaxell, a historian, author and sailor, who will tell us about the Parramatta River. We are all familiar with this prominent feature of our locale, but what do we know about the history of some of the areas through which it flows? Why not come along and find out? Please enter your intentions on the e-commitment sheet that is presently circulating and don't forget that it is a partners night.

What an interesting topic we had for our after-dinner presentation last week. Even without the aid of a projector, Scott Thompson effectively conveyed to us the practicalities of 3-dimensional printing and the potential future applications of the technology. And weren't those models fascinating?

Last week we also had our Golf Day and it was a great success. The weather was perfect and I think everyone really enjoyed the day. I would like to thank PE Ray Wilson and Niall King for organizing everything and PP Rod McDougall for his persistent selling of raffle tickets, even in the middle of the fairways! The very deserving winner of the first prize was our very own PP Peter Smith. Thanks to the generosity of Ray and the efforts of Niall and Rod, and everyone else who sold/bought tickets, we raised close to \$4,500 for The Infants' Home.

Thursday night saw a few of us at The New Golden Rickshaw, our last restaurant night for my year. The food was excellent and the fellowship really enjoyable. Thanks again to Ray Wilson for organizing this and all the other restaurant nights this year.

On Saturday we helped The Infants' Home again by cooking a barbecue. Thank you to Bradley Ayres for his organizational skills, Peter Smith for delivering, setting up, and returning the trailer, and Nanette, Janelle Watson, PP Grahame True, Tony Lanzafame, PP Kevin Freund and PP Steve and Denise Taylor for helping out. It was probably one of the busiest barbecues we have run all year. They were a hungry lot and we sold everything, which amounted to some 400 sausages/vegetarian patties on rolls and drinks, before 1.30pm.

Next Saturday, May 12, 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. We are still short of volunteers so please fill in the e-commitment sheet or let Bradley know if you can help out anytime between 10.00am and 4.00pm.

A week later, on Saturday, May 19, we have our inaugural Hats On at Breakfast Point fundraiser. Suzanne Freund is working hard to make this a successful event, but it can only be so if we all help to support it. Tell everyone about it and encourage them to come along. For catering and organizational purposes, please don't forget to let Suzanne or Margery

Foss know that you will be coming. All the funds raised on the day will be donated to Australian Rotary Health.

The following day is the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal. Peter Smith is still in need of drivers, so if you can give a couple of hours of your time from 9.00 to 11.00am, please let him know as soon as you can.

Unfortunately, the Youth Achievement Awards Night and the Trivia Night have had to be postponed. We will let everyone know when the new arrangements have been finalized.

*Remember  
Reach Within to Embrace Humanity  
President Trevor*

### TONIGHT'S MEETING

*The Parramatta River,  
Gregory Blaxell, Historian, Author, Sailor*

### CONGRATULATIONS

#### BIRTHDAYS

11 May **Mary Ingall** 15 May **Charles Pitt, Steve Taylor**

#### ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES

9 May **Suzanne Freund** 15 May **Ray Wilson**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### *President Trevor Duxbury*

- Need to improve donations to Rotary Foundation, possible increase in Centurion Membership in our Club
- *Commitment Sheets*
  1. Meriden Dance Chaperones 11/05/2012
  2. BBQ Ashfield Infants Home
  3. Red Shield Appeal
  4. Rugby At Concord Oval 19/05/2012
  5. Partners Night 9/05/2012

#### *Treasurer Peter Smith*

- David Croft's Anzac Day Breakfast raised \$700 for Legacy.

#### *Ray Wilson (President-Elect)*

- Tickets for TV Raffle for to be returned
- Restaurant Night at the Golden Rickshaw Homebush
- Golf Day reminder

#### *Suzanne Freund*

- New Flyer for Hat Day at Breakfast Point Country Club

#### *David Croft*

- Nomination forms for Service Above Self Award for 2012

#### *Keith Byrn (Club Welfare)*

- Called Allan Teale & Warren Abbott. Both doing well
- Cheryl Ayres is undergoing further treatment

#### *Major Elwyn Grigg (Salvation Army)*

- Hope to Raise \$70M with the Red Shield Appeal

## FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

DATE	PRESENTATION
16/05/2012	<b>Airport Slot Management, Ernst Krolke, CEO, Airport Coordination Australia</b>
23/05/2012	<b>Fellowship Evening, Member talk - Peter Revelos</b>
30/05/2012	<b>Community Based Policing, Partners Night Superintendent Philip Rogerson Flemington Local Area Commander</b>
6/06/2012	<b>Membership Evening Organised by Chris Virgona Prospective members welcome Special guest speaker Phil Koperberg</b>
13/06/2012	<b>TBA</b>
20/06/2012	<b>Vocational Visit to Animal Referral Hospital Homebush Partners Night</b>
27/06/2012	<b>Transfer to Club Changeover</b>

### CLUB STATISTICS (from Club Meeting 2/05/2012)

<b>Attendance:</b> -	<b>23 members</b>
<b>Apologies:</b> -	<b>16</b>
<b>Non-Apologies:</b> -	<b>10</b>
<b>LOA:</b> -	<b>3</b>
<b>Guests:-</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>85'ers:-</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Raffle</b>	<b>\$180.00</b>
<b>Sergeant</b>	<b>\$ 90.70</b>

**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

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

All proceeds donated to  
**Australian Rotary Health**  
RSVP 12 May 2012  
Margery Foss  
tel 9743 5542 fossilmp@pnc.com.au

### West Harbour Rugby @ Concord Oval

On the 19th of May 2012 they are home at Concord against Eastern Suburbs.

Doug Potter has organised 2 boxes at \$35 a head including Game/entry/box seat /beer/wine /soft drink/footie food/parking.

Contact **Doug Potter** on **0417 262777**

### 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 EVENTS

11/05/2012	<b>Meriden Interact Dance Volunteers 6:30 - 10:45pm</b>
12/05/2012 Saturday	<b>Strathfield May Fair</b> Strathfield Square 10am to 4pm
15/05/2012	Presentation by <b>The Hon. Brad Hazzard MP</b>
18/05/2012	<b>Hat Day For Mental Health Research</b> The Red Hat ladies, in Martin Place. at 1.00 pm
19/05/2012 Saturday	<b>Hat Day at Breakfast Point Country Club</b>
19/05/2012 Saturday	<b>West Harbour Rugby @ Concord Oval</b>
20/05/2012 Sunday	<b>The Red Shield Appeal Volunteers needed</b>
03/06/2012 Sunday	<b>Visit to the Alvaros</b>
29/06/2012 Friday	<b>Club Changeover</b>

## HUMOUR FROM OUR MEMBERS

### Age Activated Attention Deficit Disorder.

This is how it manifests itself:

I decide to water my garden. As I turn on the hose in the driveway, I look over at my car and decide it needs washing.

As I head towards the garage, I notice mail on the porch table that I picked up from the postman earlier.

I decide to go through it before I wash the car. I put my car keys on the table, put the junk mail in the recycling box under the table, and notice that the recycling box is full. So, I decide to put the bills back on the table and take out the recycling first.

But then I think, since I'm going to be near the post-box as I take out the recycling paper anyway, I may as well pay the bills first.

I take my cheque book off the table and notice that there is only one cheque left. My extra cheques are in the desk in my study, so I go into the house to my desk where I find the cup of coffee I'd been drinking. I'm going to look for my cheques but first I need to push the coffee aside so that I don't accidentally knock it over.

The coffee is getting cold and I decide to make another cup. As I head toward the kitchen with the cold coffee, a vase of flowers on the worktop catches my eye - the flowers need water. I put the coffee on the worktop and discover my reading glasses that I've been searching for all morning.

I decide I better put them back on my desk, but first I'm going to water the flowers. I put the glasses back down on the worktop, fill a container with water and suddenly spot the TV remote control. Someone left it on the kitchen table. I realise that tonight when we go to watch TV I'll be looking for the remote, but I won't remember that it's on the kitchen table, so I decide to put it back where it belongs, but first I'll water the flowers. I pour some water in the flowers, but quite a bit of it spills on the floor.

So, I put the remote back on the table, get some towels and wipe up the spill. Then, I head down the hall trying to remember what I was planning to do. At the end of the day:-

The car isn't washed,

The bills aren't paid.

There is a cold cup of coffee sitting on the kitchen work-surface, The flowers don't have enough water,

There is still only 1 cheque in my cheque book,

I can't find the remote,

I can't find my glasses,

And I don't remember what I did with the car keys.

Then, when I try to figure out why nothing got done today, I'm really baffled because I know I was busy all day and I'm really tired. I realise this is a serious problem, and I'll try to get some help for it, but first I'll check my e-mail.

Do me a favour. Forward this message to everyone you know because I can't remember who the hell I've sent it to.