



STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

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May is Rotary International Convention Month

TREV'S TIDINGS

"One of the obvious signs you have a bad airline pilot is when he rolls down the cockpit window so his dog can stick his head out."

David Letterman, The Late Show, CBS

This week, our speaker is Ernst Krolke, CEO of Airport Coordination Australia. How do all those aircraft safely get in and out of busy airports around the world? Ernst will tell us how it is done and also offer his view on the need for a second Sydney airport. It is a topic that should be of interest to anyone who flies, or who lives beneath a flight path!

Wow! Didn't Gregory Blaxell know his stuff? A hard man to stop but everything he told us was fascinating. There is so much to know about the Parramatta River and its environs. As I suggested last week perhaps he should be invited again for another episode.

Last Saturday, a number of us were on duty at the Strathfield Chamber of Commerce May Fair. There was a lot of activity but, as we have found before, passers-by were reluctant to engage in any meaningful conversation about what Rotary is and what it does. However, we did manage to hand out a few of our fliers and, hopefully, one or two people may visit us on a club night to learn a little more about us. My thanks to PP Peter Smith and Marlene, Rod Rimes, Peter van der Sleen, Ian Johnson, Peter Revelos, PP Kevin and Suzanne Freund, PP Rod McDougall, PP Roger Vince and, of course, Nanette, for giving their time so willingly.

On Saturday, May 19, we have our Hats On at Breakfast Point. This is the first time we have held this event and I urge everyone to support it by attending and encouraging family and friends to also come along. Mental health is a passion of Suzanne Freund and she has put an incredible amount of time and effort into organizing this fundraiser. Please don't forget to let Suzanne or Margery Foss know that you will be coming so that catering can be organized. All the funds raised on the day will be donated to Australian Rotary Health.

Sunday is the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal day. 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.

Last week, I thought that the barbecue at The Infants' Home would be the last one for my year. Wrong! We have been asked to do six more. However, we can only commit to four of them. They will be fundraisers for the club and held at the Domayne Warehouse Relocation Sale in Carnarvon Street, Silverwater. They will be held on Saturday and Sunday, May 26 and 27, and June 2 and 3, between 11.00am and 3.00pm. We need volunteers.

Peter Smith has put his hand up (yet again) to coordinate the events. Please try and give him some of your time. As a consequence of this last minute request, the visit to the Alvaro's home in Bowral has been rescheduled for Sunday, June 17. I would like to thank Domenico and Johanna for their understanding and their willingness to give everyone an opportunity to partake of their hospitality.

Remember

Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

President Trevor

TONIGHT'S MEETING

Airport Slot Management.

Ernst Krolke,

CEO, Airport Coordination Australia

CONGRATULATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- 17 May Cheryl Ayres
- 18 May Ray Wilson
- 19 May Tony Lanzafame, Richard Horwood
- 20 May Peter Smith

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Trevor Duxbury

- **Commitment Sheets**
 1. Red Shield Appeal 20/05/2012
 2. Rugby At Concord Oval 19/05/2012
 3. Strathfield Fair 12/05/2012

Secretary Rod McDougall

- RI survey now being finalised
- Thank you letter from Homebush West PS for BBQ
- Nominations for Service Above Self Awards now due
- Nominations for Invitations to Membership Night now required

Treasurer Peter Smith

- Advice on attendance needed to ensure numbers on Partner Nights

Kevin Freund

- Reminder of Meriden Dance on this Friday
- The Club has sponsored 5 attendees to RYPEN

Suzanne Freund

- Need prizes for Hat Day at Breakfast Point Country Club

David Croft

- Former member Ian Albertson has had a stroke but is recovering

Niall King

- All raffle tickets, including unsold, to be returned

FUTURE EVENTS

DATE	EVENT
18/05/2012	Hat Day For Mental Health Research The Red Hat ladies, in Martin Place. at 1.00 pm
19/05/2012 Saturday	Hat Day at Breakfast Point Country Club
19/05/2012 Saturday	West Harbour Rugby @ Concord Oval
20/05/2012 Sunday	The Red Shield Appeal <i>Volunteers needed</i>
26/05/2012 Saturday	Domayne Auburn Barbecue
26/05/2012 Sunday	Domayne Auburn Barbecue
29/06/2012 Friday	Club Changeover
2/06/2012 Saturday	Domayne Auburn Barbecue
3/06/2012 Sunday	Domayne Auburn Barbecue
17/06/2012 Sunday	Transfer Visit to the Alvaros at Bowral

CLUB STATISTICS (from Club Meeting 9/05/2012)

Attendance: -	27 members
Honorary Members:-	1 (Arthur Crossan)
Apologies: -	14
Non-Apologies: -	8
LOA: -	2
Guests:-	2
85'ers:-	3
Partners:-	8
Visitors:-	4
Raffle	\$255.00
Sergeant	\$ 90.85



Gregory Blaxell, Guest Speaker on “*The Parramatta River*” with President Trevor at last Wednesday’s Meeting

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
23/05/2012	<i>Fellowship Evening,</i> Member talk - Peter Revelos
30/05/2012	<i>Community Based Policing, Partners Night</i> Superintendent Philip Rogerson Flemington Local Area Commander
6/06/2012	<i>Membership Evening</i> Organised by Chris Virgona Prospective members welcome <i>Special guest speaker Phil Koperberg</i>
13/06/2012	<i>Transfer Visit to the Alvaros on Sunday</i>
20/06/2012	<i>Vocational Visit to Animal Referral Hospital</i> <i>Homebush</i> Partners Night
27/06/2012	<i>Transfer to Club Changeover</i>

HUMOUR FROM OUR MEMBERS

WORD Play.

I changed my iPod's name to Titanic. It's syncing now.

When chemists die, they barium.

Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.

I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid. He says he can stop any time.

How does Moses make his tea? Hebrews it.

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it dawned on me.

This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore.

A guy got arrested for playing the guitar. He was fingering a minor.

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down.

I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words.

PMS jokes aren't funny; period.

Why were the Indians here first? They had reservations.

I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.

Did you hear about the cross-eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils?

When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble.

Broken pencils are pointless.

I tried to catch some fog, but I mist.

What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus.

England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.

I used to be a banker, but then I lost interest.

I dropped out of communism class because of lousy Marx.

All the toilets in New York 's police stations have been stolen. The police have nothing to go on.

I got a job at a bakery because I kneaded dough.

Haunted French pancakes give me the crêpes.

Velcro — what a rip off!

Venison for dinner again? Oh deer!

The earthquake in Washington obviously was the government's fault.

Be kind to your dentist. He has fillings, too.

Calendar for July 2012

This year, July has 5 Fridays, 5 Saturdays and 5 Sundays. **This happens once every 823 years.** This is called money bags, based on Chinese Feng Shui for Good Luck.