



# STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

The Weekly Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Strathfield Inc.  
District 9690, New South Wales, Australia



President **Trevor Duxbury**  
 Secretary **Rod McDougall**  
 Treasurer **Peter Smith**  
 Editor **Angelo Franco**  
 Bulletin Printed By **Selectprint**

Web: [www.strathfieldrotary.org.au](http://www.strathfieldrotary.org.au)  
**APOLOGIES OR GUESTS:** Phone: 9746 0397 (Eric Khu)  
 (Before 4pm Tues): Email: [brontin@bigpond.com](mailto:brontin@bigpond.com)  
**Wednesday, April 18, 2012**

## April is Magazine Month

### TREV'S TIDINGS

*"Water taken in moderation cannot hurt anybody."*  
 Mark Twain, Notebook, 1935

This week, our guest speaker is Graham Attenborough from the Sydney Catchment Authority. Graham oversees all the dams in the Sydney catchment and he will discuss some of the challenges that the Authority is faced with when it comes to the management of those dams, particularly Warragamba, in times of drought and, more recently, in times of flood. Those of us who attended the District Conference in Penrith heard a little about the complexities of the water distribution system serving Sydney. It is a fascinating subject and one that we all should be aware of so that we can make informed judgements about current and future strategies relating to the continued supply of this precious resource.

Last week Dan O'Carrigan recounted some tales of his early years as a teacher in the Australian bush. How simple life seemed back then, particularly when it came to getting a driver's licence. Also last week, following the recent deaths of two of our members, I remarked that I, for one, did not fully appreciate how significant a contribution some of our longer-serving members had made to the club. In addition, there have been difficulties in recent times in tracking down some important pieces of documentation. Consequently, at the Board meeting this week I will propose that we appoint an archivist from among our ranks and give them the task of collecting and collating the important documents pertaining to the operations of the Club, our past achievements, and the identities and locations of our alumni. I will also propose that this information should be located in a secure depository so that there is less reliance on the memories and filing systems of past Board members. If you think you have any documents that should be brought to the attention of the archivist, then start looking for them now.

Next week there is no Wednesday night meeting. Instead it has been transferred to the ANZAC Day Breakfast at Cape Cabarita. Please make sure you fill in the commitment sheet so that PDG David Croft can finalise the arrangements.

### Remember

**Reach Within to Embrace Humanity**

*President Trevor*

### TONIGHT'S MEETING

#### When the Dam Fills Graham Attenborough,

Senior Manager Operations, Sydney Catchment Authority  
 Introduced by Angelo Franco Thanked by David Croft

### CONGRATULATIONS

#### BIRTHDAYS

- 19 Apr **Maryanne Franco, Club Charter Night 1971**
- 23 Apr **Patricia Giammarco**
- 24 Apr **Sue Leftwich**
- 25 Apr **Olga Pitt, Johanna Alvaro, Mira Carney**
- 2 May **Ian Johnson**

#### ANNIVERSARIES

- 24 Apr **Chang and KW Soo Yoon**

#### ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 May **Roger Vince, Eric Khu**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **President Trevor Duxbury**

- Toast to Ron Thurgar and a minutes silence in remembrance of Ron
- Rotary Advertising on Channel 9 22/04/2012 to June 2012
- *Commitment Sheets*
  1. Anzac Day Breakfast at Cape Cabarita
  2. Meriden Dance Chaperones 11/05/2012

#### **Director Grahame True (Club Service)**

- Rotary Magazines being recycled
- Bowelscan Project now completed for 2012

#### **Suzanne Freund**

- Hat Day on Saturday 19/05/2012 at Breakfast Point Country Club in aid of Mental Health Program

#### **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

#### **Keith Byrn**

- Replacing Eve Dutton as Club Welfare Officer

### **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. The Red Shield Appeal Doorknock provides an opportunity for people to give at the door in support of The Salvation Army's good work. A maximum effort will be made to knock on every door in every town, and in every city.

**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
25/04/2012	<b>Anzac Day - No Meeting.</b> <i>Cape Cabarita Anzac Day Breakfast transfer</i>
2/05/2012	<b>Three Dimensional Printing</b> <i>Scott Thompson, Director, Any Dimension</i>
9/05/2012	<b>Youth Achievement Awards Partners Night</b> <i>In conjunction with Strathfield Council</i> <i>Special guest Strathfield Mayor Paul Barron</i>
16/05/2012	TBA
23/05/2012	TBA
30/05/2012	<b>Community Based Policing,</b> <i>Superintendent Philip Rogerson</i> <i>Flemington Local Area Commander</i>
6/06/2012	<b>Membership Evening</b> <i>Organised by Chris Virgona</i> <i>Prospective members welcome</i> <i>Special guest speaker Phil Koperberg</i>

## CLUB STATISTICS (from Club Meeting 11/04/2012)

<b>Attendance:-</b>	25 members		
<b>Apologies:-</b>	15	<b>Non-Apologies:-</b>	10
<b>Partners:-</b>	1	<b>Guests:-</b>	2
<b>85'ers:-</b>	4	<b>LOA:-</b>	1
<b>Make-up:-</b>	1		
<b>Raffle</b>	\$215.00	<b>Sergeant</b>	\$103.25

## FUTURE EVENTS

25/04/2012 Wednesday	<b>Anzac Day Breakfast</b> <b>Cape Cabarita (Transfer Meeting)</b>
3/05/2012 Thursday	<b>Ashfield Infants Home Golf Day</b> <b>Strathfield Golf Club</b>
3/05/2012 Thursday	<b>Restaurant Night</b> at the <b>Golden Rickshaw Homebush</b>
5/05/2012 Saturday	<b>BBQ Ashfield Infants Home Art Show</b> <b>11:00am to 2:00pm</b>
11/05/2012	<b>Meriden Interact Dance</b> <b>Volunteers 6:30 - 10:45pm</b>
12/05/2012 Saturday	<b>Strathfield May Fair</b> Strathfield Square 10am to 4pm
18/05/2012	<b>Hat Day For Mental Health Research</b> The Red Hat ladies, in Martin Place. Anyone in a red hat is welcome to join at 1.00 pm
19/05/2012 Saturday	<b>Hat Day at Breakfast Point Country Club</b> in aid of Mental Health Research
20/05/2012 Sunday	<b>The Red Shield Appeal</b> <b>Volunteers needed</b>
29/06/2012 Friday	<b>Club Changeover</b>

Save the Date

Lady members and lady partners and friends especially invited

Saturday 19 May 2012  
Breakfast Point Country Club  
Afternoon Tea

The Rotary clubs of Strathfield and Breakfast Point are planning an afternoon tea to celebrate with two Sydney milliners to have fun - look at millinery over the years in Australia and raise funds to support research into Mental Health.

*Hat Day - promote better Mental Health - don't keep any concerns under your hat!*

We invite you to JOIN US FOR A FUN AFTERNOON at Breakfast Point Country Club on Saturday afternoon, 19 May 2012.

More details to follow soon!  
Enquiries Suzanne Freund

For more information on the significance of the day look on the Hat Day website  
[www.hatday.com.au](http://www.hatday.com.au)





[www.australianrotaryhealth.org.au](http://www.australianrotaryhealth.org.au)

## HUMOUR FROM OUR MEMBERS

### **Legal Honesty**

The well-known miser was on his death bed, as his last request he asked to be alone with his lawyer, doctor, and priest.

"I know I am going to die" he said " and I would like to take my money with me, so I am going to give each of you \$150,000 and I want you to each make sure the money gets in the coffin."

It was a few days after the funeral when the priest over flowing with guilt finally confided to the other two that he only put \$100,000 back. "I'm glad you brought it up" said the doctor, "because I have also been feeling guilty, I only put \$80,000 back." "You people should be ashamed of yourselves" stormed the lawyer "stealing money like that, am I the only honest person here? Here look at this" he said pulling out his check book, "look I wrote out a check for the full \$150,000!"

### **Religious Conversion**

A Catholic priest, a Southern American evangelical preacher and a rabbi were used to meeting at the end of the week to talk about their work. One day, a bystander made the comment that preaching to people isn't really all that hard. A real challenge would be to preach to a bull. So to prove they were up for it, all three accepted the challenge.

At the end of the following week they all met to discuss their experience.

Father Flannery, who had his arm in a sling, was on crutches and had various bandages on his body and limbs, spoke first. "I went into the field where a large bull was grazing, stood nearby facing him and began reading from the Catechism. The bull began to advance toward me and charged, chasing me across the field and pinning me painfully against the barbed wire fence. So I quickly took my vessel of holy water and sprinkled his head. And Holy Mother of God, he became as gentle as a lamb. The Bishop is coming next week to give him his first confirmation."

Reverend Billy Bob spoke next He was in a wheelchair and had one arm and both legs in a cast. In his best hellfire and brimstone oratory he exclaimed, "Well, brothers, when I found me a bull and began to read to him God's Holy Word, the bull ignored me and turned his head away. So I took hold of his horns and began to wrestle. We wrestled across the paddock and downhill until we ended up in a creek. Then, although I was by now injured and with my last ounce of strength, I quickly dunked him and baptised his hairy soul. And just like the reverend said, he became as gentle as a lamb. We spent another hour praising the Lord. Hallelujah!"

The priest and the reverend then looked down at the rabbi who was lying in a hospital bed. He was in a body cast and in traction with IV's and monitors running in and out of him and was in critically bad shape. When he was able to gather an ounce of strength he motioned for the priest and the reverend to come very close, and then spoke in a low, hoarse whisper, "Looking back on it, circumcision may not have been the best way to start"

### Recent & Proposed Changes to the Planning Laws in NSW

Presentation by **The Hon. Brad Hazzard MP** (Minister for Planning and Infrastructure and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW.)

There will be an opportunity to ask questions of Minister Hazzard.

**Tuesday 15th May, 2012, Noon till 2pm \$50 per person** (includes non-alcoholic drinks). Alcoholic drinks can be purchased at the Luncheon.

Crystal Seafood Restaurant, 14 Churchill Avenue, Strathfield.

Contact **Strathfield Chamber of Commerce** on **0432 32 34 39** to reserve your place.