



STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

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February is World Understanding Month

TREV'S TIDINGS

"All that glisters is not gold."

William Shakespeare, The Merchant of Venice

This week, the after-dinner presentation is by the economist and historian, Michael Waterhouse, the topic, **"Adventures in the New Guinea Goldfields"**.

I would like to thank those of our members who are associated with the Rookwood Necropolis for convincing Robyn Hawes to address our club last week. What an interesting and well-illustrated talk it was. And what a fascinating place the cemetery is and what stories can be found there.

We were also pleased to have with us representatives from the local Probus Clubs. It was interesting to hear that they are experiencing difficulties similar to ours in attracting new, younger members. However, their difficulties are slightly different from ours in that their 'young' means 'under-75'!

This week, we celebrate Rotary's birthday. Most clubs in the District are doing something to mark the occasion and to raise public awareness of the PolioPlus campaign and of Rotary in general. **For our part we are selling End Polio Now pins at Burwood Westfields.**

Next week, we have a restaurant night at the Torque Restaurant on Tuesday, 28th February, being organised by PE Ray Wilson. **Don't forget to fill in the commitment sheet this week.**

It looks like March will be a busy month. There are three barbecues; one for Strathfield Council's Clean Up Australia Day activities on Sunday, the 4th; another at Henson Park for the Reclink Community Cup on Sunday, the 18th; and we have been asked to hold a barbecue for Homebush West Primary School on Friday, the 30th. **On Saturday, the 17th, we celebrate St Patrick's Day at Broughlea**, and a week later we have our District Conference.

Just a reminder, if you want an item included in the Bulletin, please give it to PP Angelo in writing or, preferably, in electronic form. Similarly, if you want something on the website, please send your material, preferably electronic, directly to PP Raymond. Finally, last week, I assumed you had all been leaving your District Conference registration until the last minute. After the Presidents Meeting on Friday I hope that I assumed correctly. Our registrations are down somewhat and, if the situation doesn't change, **I will be at the head of the smallest Roman Legion in history.**

Remember
Reach Within to Embrace Humanity
President Trevor

TONIGHT'S MEETING

Adventures on the New Guinea Goldfields

Michael Waterhouse
Economist & Historian

Introduced by Keith Stockall

Thanked by Charles Pitt

CONGRATULATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

22 Feb **Anne Manenti**
 23 Feb **Rotary**
 22 Feb **Bradley Ayres**
 25 Feb **Ross Brown**

ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES

27 Feb **Douglas Potter**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Trevor Duxbury

- *Honour Board Upgrades carried out by Dominic Alvaro*
- *Roger Vince commemorated Harry Pickett with a Plaque on the rear of the Honour Board*
- *Fellowship at "The Duxbury's" for Saint Patrick's Day*

Secretary Rod McDougall

- Update of Members Directory issued.

Director David Martin (Vocational Service)

- Sydney Rotary Club held "Police Officer of the State" in November 2011. Sgt **Malcolm Jeffs** of the Police Divers was the awardee.



President Trevor & last week's Guest Speaker, Robyn Hawes

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

DATE	PRESENTATION
29/02/2012	<i>Meriden Interact "Cambodia" Presentation Paul White, Karinne Bedingfield and Interact Representatives</i>
7/03/2012	<i>Council on the Move Strathfield Council Representatives</i>
14/03/2012	<i>Mushrooms in a Changing World Geoff Seymour, General Manager, Australian Mushroom Growers Association</i>

CLUB STATISTICS (from Club Meeting 15/02/2012)

<u>Attendance:</u> -	29 members
<u>Apologies:</u> -	15
<u>Non-Apologies:</u> -	6
<u>Partners:-</u>	6
<u>Guests:-</u>	6 (Guest Speaker & Five Probus Visitors)
<u>85'ers</u>	3
<u>LOA:-</u>	2
<u>Raffle</u>	\$280.00
<u>Sergeant</u>	\$105.60

FUTURE EVENTS

16/02.2012	<i>"The Norman & Rose Lindsay Gallery". Helen Glad, 7PM at the Breakfast Point Country Club, 72 Village Drive, Breakfast Point. \$25 pp</i>
23/02/2012	<i>Polio-Plus pins at Burwood Westfield 10:30am to 7:30pm</i>
28/02/2012	<i>Restaurant Night 7:00pm Torque Restaurant (Fraser's Cycles) Cnr Concord & Parramatta Roads</i>
04/03/2012	<i>BBQ for Cleanup Australia Day in Airey Park</i>
17/03/2012 Sat	<i>St Patrick's Day at Broughlea</i>
18/03/2012	<i>BBQ at Henson Park Marrickville for the Reclink Australia Games for the Disadvantaged</i>
23/03/2012	<i>2012 District Conference Penrith Panthers. Including Rotary Expo with over 30 stalls.</i>
25/04/2012 Wednesday	<i>Anzac Day Breakfast Cape Cabarita (Transfer Meeting)</i>
02/05/2012	<i>Membership Evening</i>
May 2012	<i>Strathfield Rotary Club Charity Golf Day</i>
29/06/2012 Friday	<i>Club Changeover</i>



Visitors from The Probus Club of South Strathfield

The Probus Club of South Strathfield

The *Probus Club of South Strathfield* is an association of retired and semi retired people, who have come together to keep their minds active, expand their interests and enjoy the fellowship of friends. The club was formed in 1983 as a men's club and has been in existence for an unbroken period of 29 years with a current membership of 41.

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What is Probus

Probus is a "community service program" of Rotary. The word "Probus" is an amalgamation of "pro" in "profession" and "bus" in "business", which also made up the Latin word from which "probity" is derived. Since the formation of the first club in the UK in 1965, Probus has spread to 22 countries around the world and there are now 1,796 Australia-wide clubs. Probus clubs can only be formed by Rotary, but once the sponsoring Rotary Club presents the President of a newly formed club with the certificate of accreditation issued by the Probus Centre -South Pacific Inc., the club is self governing, but must remain within the limits of its Constitution.

Structure of Probus clubs

Probus clubs are:

- simple in structure
- non political and non-sectarian
- open to persons of good character
- non profit making and non fund raising
- free from the constraints and obligations of service clubs

Probus Club of South Strathfield Activities

Currently activities include:

- A general meeting on the second Monday of each month, commencing at 10:00 am.
 - (this comprises a club business session, a coffee break followed by a guest speaker)
- Day outings generally on the fourth Monday of each month to places or organisations of interest to members.
- An annual 5 to 6 day trip in October.
- Occasional fellowship lunches and BBQs.
- Christmas lunch on the second Monday in December.
- Annual general meeting on the second Monday in March.

Venues for Probus Club Meetings in Strathfield

- The *Ladies Probus Club of South Strathfield* meetings are held at the *Burwood RSL Club*, 96, Shaftesbury Road, Burwood, at **10am on the Third Monday** of the Month.
- The *Mixed Probus Club of South Strathfield* meetings are held at the *Burwood RSL Club*, 96, Shaftesbury Road, Burwood, at **10am on the Second Monday** of the Month.
- The *Probus Club of Strathfield* meetings are held at the *Coronation Club*, Burwood, at **9am on the First Tuesday** of the Month.