



# STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

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## May is Rotary International Convention Month

### TREV'S TIDINGS

*He's a distinguished man of letters. He works for the Post Office."*

*Max Kauffmann*

This week is State of Origin 1 or, if you are the Sports Minister for Victoria, "State of the Origin." between "Queensland and New Zealand"! Before the game kicks off you will still have time to hear Peter Revelos tell us something about himself. I am looking forward to discovering why this Rotarian in particular always seems to be of such a happy disposition. Last week Ernst Krolke gave us a fascinating insight into how aircraft get into and out of airports around the world, on time and in time to satisfy the needs of global travellers. It was so refreshing to listen to someone who clearly loves his work. His organization grew out of a fascination of how airports function, which continues to be his hobby. When he told us that his organization is not-for-profit, so that there is no avenue for corrupt negotiations regarding prime time slots, I thought, "Now there is someone who would make a great Cabinet Minister".

Last Saturday, Hats On at Breakfast Point was staged and what a wonderful afternoon was had by all. My sincere thanks to PN Suzanne Freund and her team of Penny, Maree and Nanette from Strathfield, and PP Margery Foss and Marcia from Breakfast Point, for making it the success it was. The combined effort raised \$3,500 for Australian Rotary Health. I suspect that a similar function will be held again next year. I was happy to see that DG David Cook and his wife, Carolyn, could also be there for part of the fashion parade. I take my hat off to them both for the way they have supported the activities of all the clubs in the District throughout the year, especially those of Strathfield RC.

Sunday was the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal day. I would like to thank everyone who participated in the activities for supporting PP Peter Smith and this very worthy cause.

Over the next two weekends we have four more barbecues to look after. They will be fundraisers for the club and held at the Domayne Warehouse Relocation Sale in Carnarvon Street, Silverwater. We need volunteers to help cook and serve between 11.00am and 3.00pm. Peter Smith is coordinating the events and a commitment sheet is circulating. Please try and give him some of your time.

The visit to the Bowral home of Domenico and Johanna Alvaro is on Sunday, June 17. We intend to hire a bus for the day and a commitment sheet will be circulating soon. I think this may be the first time we have visited the Alvaros at this time of year and he says it will be cool and has promised a warm open fire.

Strathfield Rotary's Changeover Dinner will be held on Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> June, at Strathfield Golf Club. A flier for the event will be circulating soon, as will a commitment sheet. This is a highlight of the year when we will induct Ray Wilson as our next President and welcome his team. It is also an occasion where we reflect on our achievements for the year and show our appreciation of the efforts that have been made by Rotarians and non-Rotarians alike.

Finally, the District 9690 Changeover Luncheon will be held at Club Marconi in Bossley Park at 12 noon, on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July. Cost will be \$46 per person and replies are required by June 27. If you wish to attend please let me know and I will send in an attendance sheet on behalf of the Club.

*Remember*

*Reach Within to Embrace Humanity*

*President Trevor*

### TONIGHT'S MEETING

*Fellowship Evening,  
Member talk - Peter Revelos*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**President Trevor Duxbury**

- Need Volunteers for 4 BBQ's at Domayne Silverwater.
- Service Above Self Award Nominees now due.
- *Commitment Sheets*
  1. Red Shield Appeal 20/05/2012
  2. Rugby At Concord Oval 19/05/2012
  3. Membership Evening 6/06/2012

**Treasurer Peter Smith**

- Seven membership dues still outstanding.

**Kevin Freund**

- Meriden Dance went well and thank you to Rotarians who chaperoned.

**Suzanne Freund**

- Currently have 80 attendees for the Hat Day
- Raffle for Hat Day at Breakfast Point Country Club \$5 per ticket

### FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

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

## Club Supports Red Shield Appeal

Good planning by Peter Smith and excellent involvement by members and partners ensured the club once again provided vital support for the Salvation Army's Red Shield Appeal last Sunday. With 345 local school kids acting as collectors to be escorted around the streets of Strathfield, and with the \$16,000 to be counted and bagged for banking, their efforts were a significant element in the success of the day. The True's were out in force, deciding to make the day a family affair. A great effort with an extra \$9,000 collected during the previous week.



**True Action.** Grahame True with daughter in law Rebecca. Penny assisted with debrief duties as collectors returned. Their son Joshua (rear left) and son in law Jason offer encouragement after returning from driving duties.

## Hat Day a Hit

Hats off to Suzanne Freund and Margery Foss who showed how it's done at the "Hats On at Breakfast Point" event last Saturday. The day's activities were organised by Strathfield and Breakfast Point Rotary clubs, and saw ninety five guests enjoy champagne, afternoon tea and a variety of activities at the beautiful Breakfast Point Country Club.

The fundraiser for Rotary Health attracted many quality donations from Rotarians, their partners and local businesses and successfully raised over \$3,000 - through a silent auction and raffle, and will contribute to many projects including research into mental health.

MC Mike Bailey, an ambassador for "Hat Day", kept the day moving and the dollars flowing throughout the day. Ladies (and a few gentlemen) enjoyed a fashion parade with accompanying hats - hosted by Gail Russell of Renaissance Boutique - Mortlake. And a presentation by special guest milliner Jean Carrol OAM who, belying her 89 years, provided a fascinating exhibition of many of the theatrical hats she has created for Australian theatre and films. The hat competition featuring hats worn by participants, finished the day with some fabulous creations on show.

This was the first event held as part of the annual "Hat Day" by either Strathfield and Breakfast Point clubs. And after such a fun filled day and successful day - watch out for next year's event!



On display: Some of Jean Carroll's many fascinating creations

## FUTURE EVENTS

DATE	EVENT
26/05/2012 Saturday	Domayne Silverwater Barbecue
27/05/2012 Sunday	Domayne Silverwater Barbecue
2/06/2012 Saturday	Domayne Silverwater Barbecue
3/06/2012 Sunday	Domayne Silverwater Barbecue
17/06/2012 Sunday	Transfer Visit to the Alvaros at Bowral
29/06/2012 Friday	Club Changeover

## CLUB STATISTICS (from Club Meeting 16/05/2012)

<b>Attendance:</b> -	27 members
<b>Apologies:</b> -	11
<b>Non-Apologies:</b> -	11
<b>LOA:</b> -	4
<b>Guests:-</b>	1
<b>85'ers:-</b>	2
<b>Visitors:-</b>	1
<b>Raffle</b>	\$236.00
<b>Sergeant</b>	\$ 117.05

## HUMOUR FROM OUR MEMBERS

### \$10 is Ten Dollars

Fred and his wife Edna went to the state fair every year. Every year Fred would say, "Edna, I'd like to ride in that there airplane." And every year Edna would say, "I know Fred, but that airplane ride costs ten dollars, and ten dollars is ten dollars." One year Fred and Edna went to the fair and Fred said, "Edna, I'm 71 years old. If I don't ride that airplane this year I may never get another chance." Edna replied, "Fred that there airplane ride costs ten dollars, and ten dollars is ten dollars." The pilot overheard them and said, "Folks, I'll make you a deal. I'll take you both up for a ride. If you can stay quiet for the entire ride and not say one word, I won't charge you, but if you say one word its ten dollars." Fred and Edna agreed and up they go. The pilot does all kinds of twists and turns, rolls and dives, but not a word is heard. He does all his tricks over again, but still not a word. They land and the pilot turns to Fred, "By golly, I did everything could think of to get you to yell out, but you didn't." Fred replied, "Well, I was gonna say something when Edna fell out, but ten dollars is ten dollars."

### Strong Man

The local bar was so sure that its bartender was the strongest man around that they offered a standing \$1000 bet. The bartender would squeeze a lemon until all the juice ran into a glass, and hand the lemon to a patron. Anyone who could squeeze one more drop of juice out would win the money. Many people had tried over time (weight-lifters, longshoremen, etc.) but nobody could do it. One day this scrawny little man came into the bar, wearing thick glasses and a polyester suit, and said in a tiny squeaky voice "I'd like to try the bet"

After the laughter had died down, the bartender said OK, grabbed a lemon, and squeezed away. Then he handed the wrinkled remains of the rind to the little man. But the crowds laughter turned to total silence as the man clenched his fist around the lemon and six drops fell into the glass!! As the crowd cheered, the bartender paid the \$1000, and asked the little man "what do you do for a living? Are you a lumberjack, a weight-lifter, or what?" The scrawny little man replied "I work for the ATO."