



STRATHFIELD ROTARY CLUB MEMBERS AND FRIENDS UPDATE

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Dear fellow Strathfield Rotary member, recent member or club friend

Its hard to believe but the new Rotary year is already one month old. The new board is a mixture of experienced Rotarians such as IPP Allan Petersen, Brad Ayres, Rod McDougall, Peter Van der Sleen and myself, and we have been joined by an enthusiastic group of new Rotarians, in Arie Pappas, Andrew Aravanis, Gulian Vaccari and Rick Vosila.

The board have implemented many changes for this year, including a revised bulletin with some interesting changes, more fun at meetings with the introduction of "heads and tails", hopefully compelling speakers, and very successful members talks about their life experiences, not just their careers, and reasonable members attendance requirements (only 2 meetings in 4.)

The new satellite club will be up and running with around 12 -15 members in August or September, with Josh True, Grahame's son as the first chair. We also have a new Strathfield Rotaract Club, just formed with 25 members, thanks to Peter Smith.

On the community activity side of Rotary the Board and a special committee are working on an Australian first fundraising activity: "The Strathfield Rotary Stroller Derby", a community walk and fun run for families with strollers and prams. This event will be held on October 9th at Sydney Olympic Park.

Of course there is also the Strathfield Spring Fair, a number of BBQ's, and two really important evenings for the club being the "Police officer of the year" and the "Pride in workmanship awards". Socially, we have reintroduced our "dinner night out", thanks to Grahame and Penny True, and we have an upcoming vocational visit on Aug 3rd to Cessna Aviation at Bankstown Airport, followed by a Chinese banquet

To make all this worthwhile though we need something from you, your attendance at our meetings, or at least some of them. At present out of a club of 38 members we are only seeing between 15 an 20 members attend on a regular basis, and despite an email going out each week requesting you to respond that you are attending or apologising, we still get around 10 to 15 members not even bothering to respond.

The board would be very pleased if we could reach a minimum 24- 27 members regularly attending. In fact I have offered to "shout the bar" any night we achieve 30 members or above attending.

If there is some reason why you are not attending, please contact either myself or any board member you are comfortable with, and we will discuss this with you. Our club has a lot happening this year, and we need your help. **IF YOU HAVEN'T BEEN ATTENDING REGULARLY PLEASE THINK ABOUT IT !!**

This email is simply a monthly update for all members, and will be a regular part of my Presidency. My intent is simply to try and explain what is happening in the club, hopefully mostly positive, but otherwise if necessary. More next month.....

Yours in Rotary

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President 2016-2017