



# Weekly Bulletin



**SERVICE Above Self**

## The Rotary Club of Strathfield

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### *JUNE IS ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS MONTH*

## President George's Chit Chat

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Last week the GSE team which recently returned from Thailand gave our Club an excellent presentation in summarising their experiences in north east Thailand. They agreed that they had a wonderful trip and we agreed they had been wonderful ambassadors.

We were also given much food for thought. Many things that we take for granted in our everyday life are not so everywhere. However the impression still shone through of Thailand being the land of smiles.

Team Leader Paul Erickson tells me that his Club has frequent partners nights and almost always one or two partners attend the regular meetings. Are times changing? I suspect not in Strathfield, as yet, anyway, although I am sure that partners are always welcome.

It was pleasing that DG Bill Little and Irene found time to attend the meeting and it proved fortuitous that Bill was on hand to help in the naming of Keith Byrn as a PHF.

The weather for the Family of Rotary picnic day in Bi Centennial Park proved to be quite reasonable. We had a sheltered spot and the sun was shining. Catherine said it reminded her of the Sunday School picnics of yesteryear. The children had a ball with all kinds of races and an inter Club Tug of War for the grownups.

The Ayres family and the Hallworths were Strathfields' only representatives though Euan Watson did pay a visit looking trim, taught and terrific.

*"Ah well, how beautiful it is to do nothing and then to rest afterwards."* – Spanish proverb

Till next week, Enjoy Rotary

**President George.**

## To-Night's Meeting

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**Michelle Sharkey**  
*Stroke Prevention*

## Congratulations

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### **Birthdays**

8/06/2006	<b>Rita Tosto</b>
13/06/2006	<b>Afaf Helou</b>

### **Anniversaries**

10/06/2006	<b>Johanna &amp; Domenic Alvaro</b>
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## Last Week's Guests

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District Governor Bill Little and Irene

## Last Week's Meeting

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Bradley Ayres introduced that Australian GSE Team that visited Thailand from 18th February to 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2006.

Paul Erickson- Team Leader. Richard Easton, Kate Linklater and Shireen Ryan.

Paul said that the trip had a tremendous outcome for all members as they were exposed to the real and the traditional Thailand. They traveled some 4,000 kms throughout the country.

The group enjoyed a wide range of experiences staying mostly in hotels, owned by Rotarians,

attending vocational days as a group, at schools, hospitals, police stations, universities, a sugar cane factory and a bottle making plant.

They also attended the District Conference of 3340, which is the North Eastern area of Thailand and conducted thirteen formal presentations.

Kate, Shireen and Richard talked about the cultural differences they experienced and the vocational benefits that the trip has had on their lives.

Janelle Watson thanked the team for a most informative presentation.

## Last Week's Announcements

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### From President George Hallworth:-

- ❖ President George announced that the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal on 28<sup>th</sup> May was very successful in the Strathfield Municipality, with the target of \$20,000 close to being achieved.
- ❖ He passed on the appreciation expressed by Peter Smith, the appeal chairman from the Salvation Army and presented certificates of appreciation to the members of our club who participated in this worthwhile event
- ❖ A cheque for \$1,200 was presented to DG Bill Little to buy another Shelterbox to help the earthquake victims in Java. The box will provide accommodation for 10 people.
- ❖ Members were reminded that the Family of Rotary Day is to be held on June 4<sup>th</sup> in Bicentennial Park.
- ❖ Past President Keith Byrn was presented with a Paul Harris Fellow for the great service that Keith has provided to Strathfield Rotary. Keith was left speechless by the award. Well done and well deserved Keith.

### From Secretary Roger Vince:-

- ❖ . Members were advised of the Club changeover meetings of Springwood, where P.P. Peter Kilkeary will be the incoming President on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July and Katoomba, where P.P. Kevin Lawrenson will be the incoming President on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June.

### From President Elect Rod McDougall:-

- ❖ Advised that Eve Dutton, Kevin Beltrame and himself had visited Euan Watson and found him to be in fine spirits. Euan was delighted to have visitors and would welcome visitors at any time, but just phone before to make sure that he is at home

### From District Governor Bill Little:-

- ❖ Bill thanked the club for supporting the ShelterBox Program and providing for two boxes
- ❖ He also thanked our club for the hospitality and support given to him throughout the year and said that being D.G. has been a fantastic and rewarding experience and encouraged us to give our full support to Harley next year.

### Statistics

Present:-	32 Members
Apologies:-	16 Members
Non-Apologies:-	2 Members
LOA:-	6 Members
Exempt:-	2 Members

The Sergeant raised \$91.70

### Raffle Winners

The raffle and raised \$228

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	Fruit Basket (Donated by George Helou)	Irene Little
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	A Cyclamen	Keith Stockall
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	Torch and tape (Donated by Action electrical wholesalers)	Peter Douglas



## 9690 District Changeover

<b>Date:</b>	Sunday, 25 June 2006
<b>Time:</b>	12 noon for 12:30pm
<b>Where:</b>	Waterview Convention Centre, Bicentennial Park, Sydney Olympic Park
<b>Cost:</b>	\$52.50 per person (includes three course meal and drinks)
<b>Dress:</b>	Smart casual
<b>Parking:</b>	Ample

## COMING EVENTS

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### 2006 Rotary International Convention.

11<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> June 2006. 97th Rotary International Annual Convention. MalmC6, Sweden & Copenhagen, Denmark

[www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/events/index.html](http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/events/index.html)

### District 9690 Changeover

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2006. Waterview Convention Centre, Bicentennial Park, Sydney Olympic Park 12.00 noon for 12.30pm.

### Strathfield Rotary Club Change Over

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2006 at Strathfield Golf Club 6:30 for 7:00pm

### Rotary Club of Granville 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Lachlan's Restaurant in Parramatta Park @ 6:30 for 7:00pm on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July. \$55pp. Contact Cheryl Thomas (98533247)

### Police Officer of the Year Awards

Wednesday 16 August 2006. Partner's night. 6.30 for 7.00.

### Pride of Workmanship awards

Wednesday 18 October 2006. Partner's night. 6.30 for 7.00.

### 9690 District Conference

16-18 March 2007 – Newcastle

Bert Houston – Organising Committee Chairman

Ted Ingall: Accommodation Coordinator

## NEXT ROTARY MEETING

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14<sup>th</sup> June 2006 Deborah Irwin

The Literature Extension Program

## FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

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21<sup>st</sup> June 2006 Allen Petersen

Australian Census 2006

28<sup>th</sup> June 2006 **NO MEETING**

Transferred to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June

30<sup>th</sup> June 2006

### Strathfield Rotary Club Change Over

FRIDAY TRANSFER MEETING at Strathfield Golf Club 6:30 for 7:00pm

5<sup>th</sup> July

### Rob Edwards

Chief Executive Officer  
Australian Direct Marketing Association

12<sup>th</sup> July

### Harley Tarrant

District Governor 9690

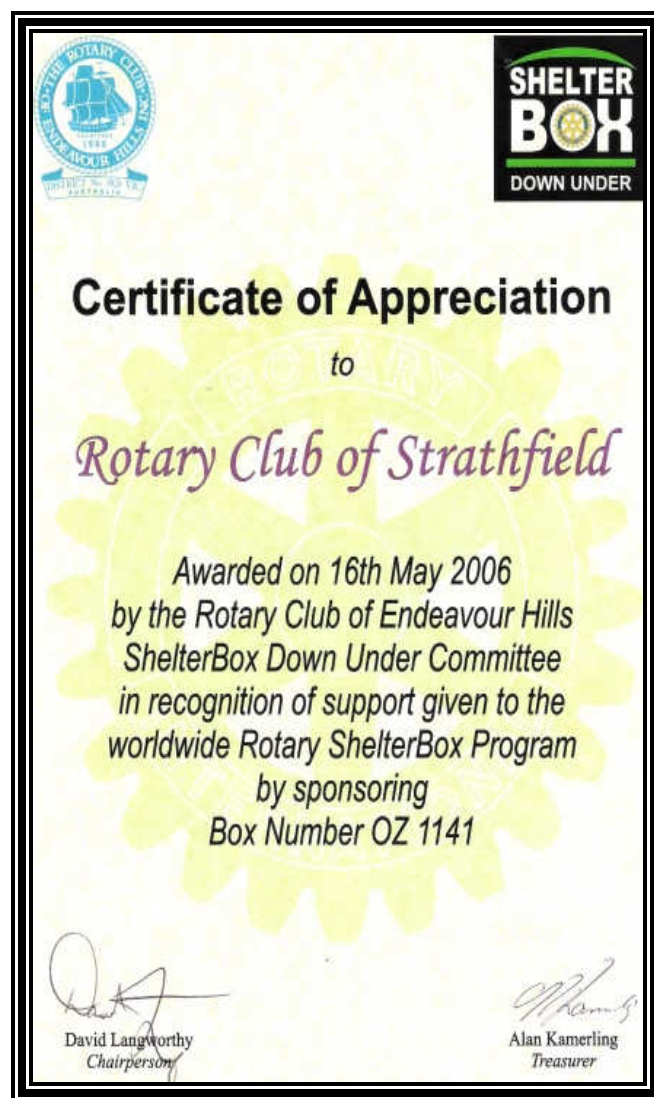
19<sup>th</sup> July

### Chris Fitzgerald

TransGrid Executive

26<sup>th</sup> July

### Club Assembly



# HUMOUR FROM OUR MEMBERS

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From Roger Vince

A husband and wife go to a counsellor after 15 years of marriage.

The counsellor asks them what the problem is and the wife goes into a tirade listing every problem they have ever had in the 15 years they've been married. She goes on and on and on. Finally, the counsellor gets up, walks around the desk, embraces the wife and kisses her passionately.

The woman shuts up and sits quietly in a daze.

The counsellor turns to the husband and says, "This is what your wife needs at least three times a week. Can you do this?"

The husband thinks for a moment and replies, "Well, I can drop her off here on Mondays and Wednesdays, but on Fridays, I golf."

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*From Roger Vince*

Jack, a handsome dude, walked into a sports bar around 9:58 PM.

He sat down next to a blonde at the bar and stared up at the TV.

The 10:00 news was now on. The news crew was covering a story of a man on a ledge of a tall building preparing to jump.

The blonde looked at Jack and said, "Do you think he'll jump?"

"Jack said, "You know, I bet he'll jump"

The blonde replied, "Well, I bet he won't." Jack placed 20 dollars on the bar and said, "You're on!"

Just as the blonde placed her money on the bar, the guy did a swan dive off of the building, falling to his death.

The blonde was very upset and handed her 20 dollars to Jack, saying, "Fair's fair. Here's your money."

Jack replied, "I can't take your money, I saw this earlier on the 5 o'clock news and knew he would jump."

The blonde replied, "I did too, but I didn't think he'd do it again."

Jack took the money

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## QUOTES TO MAKE YOUR DAY

*From Roger Vince*

Computers in the future may weigh no more than 1.5 tons.

■ Popular Mechanics, forecasting the march of science, 1949

I think there is a world market for maybe five computers.

■ Thomas Watson, chairman of IBM, 1943

We don't like their sound, and guitar music is on the way out.

■ Decca Recording Co. rejecting the Beatles, 1962

This 'telephone' has too many shortcomings to be seriously considered as a means of communication. The device is inherently of no value to us.

■ Western Union internal memo, 1876

There is no reason anyone would want a computer in their home.

■ Ken Olson, Founder of Digital Equipment Corp., 1977

The wireless music box has no imaginable commercial value. Who would pay for a message sent to nobody in particular?

■ David Sarnoff's associates in response to his urging's for investment in the radio in the 1920s.

The concept is interesting and well formed, but in order to earn better than a 'C,' the idea must be feasible.

■ A Yale University professor in response to Fred Smith's paper proposing overnight delivery service. (Smith went on to found Federal Express Corp.)