



# STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

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## MAY IS CLUB PLANNING MONTH

### PRESIDENT ELECTRIC'S LINES

Deborah and Eve's talks last week left us comparing memories of a previous generation to a modern day education – vast differences; thank you Deborah and Eve.

P.D.G. David was happy to let me know of an unexpected profit of approximately \$1000 at our ANZAC Day breakfast. This was due to the generosity of many. I am happy to say this money is being donated to RAMS. – Rotary Against Malaria for bed nets, thank you again Cape Cabarita. Penny and I spent the weekend in Orange with P.P. Brian and Janet. He was happy to hear we are continuing with the Service Above Self Award that he started in his presidential year, I let him know the votes have been cast, counted and the winner is..! (TBA 26<sup>th</sup> June). Brian has continued his dedication to Rotary at the Orange club however they both miss our Strathfield Club.

Looking forward to P.P. Steve's last gourmet safari for my year on the 28<sup>th</sup> of this month please give Steve your support.

The change over dinner is on the 26<sup>th</sup> June and should already be indelibly inscribed in your diary, please get behind Kevin and give him your support from day one.

Thank you everyone who has volunteered for the Red Shield Appeal next Sunday and Peter Smith for gathering the troops – I am sure the day will be successful.

Regrettably Peter Burke is unable to be our guest speaker this evening; he has recently undergone surgery and is recovering well. Neil has assured me he has it all in hand.

**Remember - Fun and Fellowship in Rotary**

**President Grahame**

### TONIGHT'S GUEST SPEAKER

~~"Ranfurly Library Services"~~

~~Peter Bourke~~

Introduced by Janelle Watson Thanked by Paul White

### CONDOLENCES

The Rotary Club of Strathfield offers condolences to Kevin Freund and his family on the recent death of his brother Leslie

### CONGRATULATIONS

#### BIRTHDAYS

20/05/2009 *Richard Horwood*  
*Peter Smith*

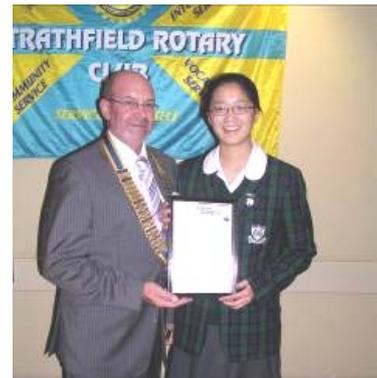
#### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

NIL

#### ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES

NIL

### LAST WEEK'S GUEST SPEAKERS



Deborah Ng receives her Summer Science Certificate from Grahame True

Our guest speakers were:

Deborah Ng National Youth Science Forum  
Eve Dutton Reminisces of a Boarder at Meriden in the 1930's

Deborah was introduced by President Grahame. Deborah attended the NYSF which took place at the Australian National University in January 2009. The NYSF ran for two weeks and was attended by young people from Australia, Canada and New Zealand. Deborah was pleased to meet a lot of students with similar interests. Deborah was able to hear from scientists working in the "real world" on scientific endeavours such as:

- Combating cancer



## LAST MEETING'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *From President Grahame True*

- Commitment Sheets for:-
- Red Shield Appeal Sun 24<sup>th</sup> May
- Advised the Club of the death of Kevin Freund's brother from Bowel Cancer
- Thank you to Tony Lanzafame for fund raising at Strathfield Soccer match
- Board Meeting next Tuesday
- Heading to Orange next weekend to see the Johnsons
- \$1,000 raised at the Anzac Day Breakfast donated to RAM for mosquito nets. Thank you to Cape Cabarita for running the breakfast at no charge.

### *From Director Niall King*

- Thank you to Les Hockley, Trevor Duxbury & Keith Stockall for the working BEE at Lidcombe last Saturday

### *From Director Peter Smith*

- Reminder of Red Shield Appeal on the 24<sup>th</sup> May
- Receipts will be available at next week's meeting for donations
- District Conference by Holroyd Club next year at Foster will have \$220 for registration fee
- Accommodation being booked for 15 rooms at \$180 to \$220 per night

### *From Treasurer Charles Pitt*

- All membership dues have been paid

### *From Peter Foss*

- Margery Foss is the incoming President of Breakfast Point Rotary Club
- Proposing a joint meeting/BBQ at the Breakfast Point Country Club for both Clubs

## COMING EVENTS

**24<sup>th</sup> May 2009. (Sunday)**

**RED SHIELD APPEAL**  
Strathfield Town Hall

**28<sup>th</sup> May 2009. (Thursday)**

**RESTAURANT NIGHT**  
Steve Taylor

**18<sup>th</sup> June 2009. (Thursday)**

**BREAKFAST POINT CHANGEOVER** 6:30 for 7:00pm  
Breakfast Point Country Club, 72 Village Drive, Breakfast Point

**25<sup>th</sup> June 2009. (Thursday) 10am REGISTRATION**  
**CONCORD ROTARY CHARITY GOLF DAY.**

The course now has a new feel with creeks and water features.  
Contact Margaret Bain Smith. Email [mbainsmith@optusnet.com](mailto:mbainsmith@optusnet.com)  
Phone 97430265, mobile 0406 757 270.  
Golf \$95 Dinner \$60 Golf & Dinner \$140

**4<sup>th</sup> July 2009. (Saturday)**

**DISTRICT CHANGEOVER** 6:30pm for 7:00pm  
**Penrith Panthers. \$30pp.**

### **SNAPPER SNAPPED**



**Honorary Rotarian John Leftwich snapped with his Snapper at his Kiama home**



**EASY RIDERS Brian Johnson & Grahame True on the Range in Orange**

## FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

27<sup>th</sup> May 2009

### "Using Acupuncture to Treat Depression"

Kirk Wilson

Introduced by Ray Wilson

Thanked by Suzanne Freund

3<sup>rd</sup> June 2009

### Wheelchair Sports

Kylie Gauci

10<sup>th</sup> June 2009

### Lost Words

Gunilla Denton Cook

17<sup>th</sup> June 2009

### "What Life Dishes Out"

Richard Dabinett

24<sup>th</sup> June 2009

### NO MEETING

*TRANSFERRED TO CHANGE OVER*

26<sup>th</sup> June 2009 (Friday)

### Change Over Night

Strathfield Golf Club

1<sup>st</sup> July 2009

### Child Protection and Sexual Harassment

Frank Portelli

8<sup>th</sup> July 2009

### Barnardos Children's Family Centre

Rosemary Hamill

15<sup>th</sup> July 2009

### Office of Fair Trading

Joe Puntillo

22<sup>nd</sup> July 2009

### Job Talks.

Doug Potter, Suzanne Freund, Godfrey Isouard

29<sup>th</sup> July 2009

### House With No Steps

Dennis O'Reilly,

General Manager Fund Raising & Community Relations

## HUMOUR FROM OUR MEMBERS

### CATHOLIC GOLF

From Shirley Del Prado

A Catholic priest and a nun were taking a rare afternoon off and enjoying a round of golf.

The priest stepped up to the first tee and took a mighty swing. He missed the ball entirely and said "Shit, I missed."

The good Sister told him to watch his language.

On his next swing, he missed again. "Shit, I missed."

"Father, I'm not going to play with you if you keep swearing," the nun said tartly...

The priest promised to do better and the round continued.

On the 4th tee, he misses again. The usual comment followed.

Sister is really mad now and says, "Father John, God is going to strike you dead if you keep swearing like that."

On the next tee, Father John swings and misses again.

"Shit, I missed."

A terrible rumble is heard and a gigantic bolt of lightning comes out of the sky and strikes Sister Marie dead in her tracks.

And from the sky comes a booming voice

. "Shit, I missed."

### TIMELY COINCIDENCE?

From Peter Smith

2007 Chinese year of the Chicken - Bird Flu Pandemic devastates parts of Asia

2008 Chinese year of the Horse - Equine Influenza decimates Australian racing

2009 Chinese year of the Pig - Swine Flu Pandemic kills hundreds of pigs around the globe.

Has any one else noticed this???

It gets worse... next year...

2010 Chinese year of the Cock - what could possibly go wrong?

### ROOM 202

From Grahame True

A woman called a local hospital. "Hello. Could you connect me to the person who gives information about patients? I'd like to find out if a patient is getting better, doing as expected or getting worse."

The voice on the other end said, "What is the patient's name and room number?"

Sarah Finkel, room 302."

"I'll connect you with the nursing station."

"3-A Nursing Station. How can I help You?"

"I'd like to know the condition of Sarah Finkel in room 302."

"Just a moment. Let me look at her records. Room 302 -- Mrs. Finkel is doing very well. In fact, she's had two full meals, her blood pressure is fine, to be taken off the heart monitor in a couple of hours and, if she continues this improvement, Dr. Cohen is going to send her home Tuesday at noon."

The woman said, "What a relief! Oh, that's fantastic... that's wonderful news!"

The nurse said, "From your enthusiasm, I take it you are a close family member a very close friend!"

"Neither! I'm Sarah Finkel in 302! Nobody here tells me anything at all."