

Trev's Tidings

"Behind every successful man there stands an amazed woman."

Anon

Congratulations are in order. Last week we saw two of our members honoured in the Australia Day Awards. Both received OAMs in the General Division; PE Ray Wilson, for his contributions to the sport of golf and for his charity work, and Bala, for service to the Hindu community of Australia. Strathfield Rotary is proud to have them as members.

Last week we heard from Steve Keen about "Debunking Economics". A very interesting and different way of looking at world financial trends and those closer to home. A striking comparison Steve made, that left an impression on me, was the one between the world financial situation leading up to the Great Depression and the Second World War and what has been happening in more recent times. Scary!

Each week, DG David Cook sends out his *Cookie's Communiqué*. I urge everyone to have a look at it. It will let you know what is happening around the District as well as some of the more significant Rotary events around the world. PP Raymond always has a link in the electronic newsletter. Please make use of it.

This week sees our third Club Assembly of the year. I will give a progress report on our activities for the first part of my year, and then I would like us to discuss Recruitment and Participation. So far this year we have been involved in more fellowship activities and barbecues than in previous years but the participants have tended to be mostly of the "faithful few". The Board and I want to know how we can turn this around and have everyone wanting to be one of the "faithful many". Not only that, we want to know how we can increase our "many" to "more". The more we are, the more effective we can be, in our community and in our other activities, but only if the "many" and the "more" become more involved. We need everyone's input.

Then, on Friday, we board HMAS *Sydney* for our fundraiser in aid of The Infants' Home. With a full house it promises to be a very enjoyable evening.

*Remember
Reach Within to Embrace Humanity*