

Trev's Tidings

"The reason that men oppose progress is not that they hate progress but that they love inertia."

Elbert Hubbard
The Notebook, 1927

This week, our speaker is Scott Thompson, whose company, *Any Dimension*, provides 3D printing services. As someone who, at first, thought that the Beatles wouldn't make it and that the internet was a waste of time, I am looking forward to hearing what Scott's company has in store for us in the coming years.

Last week we had our traditional ANZAC Day breakfast at Cape Cabarita. I would like to thank PDG David Croft for putting on another wonderful event, George Helou for donating the food, and PP Peter Manenti for donating the champagne and orange juice. I apologize to the many willing helpers for not acknowledging them on the day. I know who they are, they know who they are, and I hope they know how grateful I am for their support. I thought that the personal recollections of Paul Matthews, about his father's wartime experiences as a pilot, were fascinating, and the reading by Len Norman was, as always, poignant and evocative. The haunting and familiar sounds of the *Last Post* and *Reveille* by David Brimfield rounded off a perfect morning.

This week we have our Golf Day and Restaurant Night on 3rd May. If anyone who is not playing on the day would like to help out, and if there is anyone who has not yet signed up for the restaurant night at the *New Golden Rickshaw*, please let Ray know as soon as possible.

We are still a few helpers short for The Infants' Home barbecue on Saturday, 5th May. Please let Bradley know if you can help out between 11.00am and 2.00pm. The following week we have a stall at the Strathfield Chamber of Commerce *May Fair* in Strathfield Square. For Strathfield Rotary it is an information day and we need a few members to help tell the story of Rotary. Let Bradley know if you can help out anytime between 10.00am and 4.00pm on Saturday, May 12.

By now, most of you would have received the flier for the *Hats On at Breakfast Point* fundraiser. This is the first time we have done this and Suzanne Freund has put an incredible amount of time and effort into making this, what looks like, a very successful event. Tell everyone about it. All the funds raised on the day will be donated to Australian Rotary Health.

On Sunday, 3rd June, we have been invited to spend some time with Johanna and Domenico Alvaro at their Bowral home. This is a different time of year from our previous visits. It could be chilly, so come prepared. We will be hiring a bus for the day so that everyone can relax and enjoy the Alvaro's hospitality. If you haven't been there before, don't miss out this time.

Unfortunately, the Youth Achievement Awards Night has had to be postponed. PP Kevin Freund is meeting with Strathfield Council to arrange another date. Fortunately, PP Rod McDougall has managed to find a speaker for us. He is Gregory Blaxell, a historian, author and sailor, who will tell us about the Parramatta River.

Finally, for this week, don't forget to check out the links in PP Ray McCluskie's enews for the latest instalment of our club's history. Ray, PP Roger Vince and I hope to be able to bring all this information up to date over the next year and publish *The First 40 years of Strathfield Rotary*.

Actually, I think one can still waste an awful lot of time on the internet!

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