

Trev's Tidings

"If sunbeams were weapons of war, we would have had solar energy long ago."

George Porter
British chemist, 1973

Our guest speaker this week is Tony Irwin, a leading figure in the nuclear industry. Tony will shed light on the reactor emergency that occurred in Fukushima earlier this year and its implications for the nuclear industry worldwide. He has a wide experience in such matters having been involved in improving the safety of Russian reactors following the Chernobyl disaster. He has been involved in the commissioning of eight reactors in the UK and in the commissioning and operation of Australia's own nuclear reactor. It promises to be a very powerful and informative presentation.

Last week we were visited by our new District Governor, David Cook, and his wife, Carolyn. After another excellent Sergeant's session, during which PP Peter Foss tested our mathematical prowess, David told us of his plans for the year ahead. After introducing the R.I. theme for the year, David outlined the goals for District 9690. I encourage all members to make themselves familiar with these goals, which can be found on page 17 of the new District Directory. This publication is an invaluable source of Rotary information for all members. If you haven't already done so, please collect your copy when you attend your next meeting.

August is *Membership and Extension Month*. Although this refers to Rotary extension activities, next week we have our own extension night, the *Literature Extension Program* night, when students from Strathfield Girls High School will present reviews of a number of books intended for young people. This will be the sixth year that we have hosted this event so come along and once again support our local students.

The following week is the *Police Officer of the Year Awards* night. This is the first big test for Dave Martin and his team. Please make an effort to attend and make a success of what is one of our most important events. Police Commissioner Andrew Scipione will be attending and will present the awards.

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Reach Within to Embrace Humanity