

## Trev's Tidings

*"Most clubs have the atmosphere of a Duke's house with the Duke lying dead upstairs."*

Douglas Sutherland

This week is our Information Evening and I would like to extend a warm welcome to all our invited guests. It promises to be a great night with Phil Koperberg, from the NSW Emergency Management Committee, as our guest speaker. Essentially, the meeting will follow our normal format so that those who are not familiar with the workings of Rotary can learn a little about what we do and see first hand what a club meeting is all about. On behalf of Strathfield Rotary, I hope everyone finds the proceedings informative and enjoyable.

Last week, I found the presentation by Sergeant Rod Murphy a real eye-opener and, from some of the comments and questions that followed, I was not alone. Will *Eyewatch*, the new web-based version of *Neighbourhood Watch*, be successful? Only time will tell, but it can only be so if local communities take it on board. Perhaps it is time I bit the bullet and signed up to *Facebook*? And what about bullets? The brief presentation by Inspector Matt Harris certainly convinced me that to be incapacitated by a taser for five seconds beats being hit, either intentionally or otherwise, by a bullet! Both presentations were worthy of a better attendance, but I think everyone who was there enjoyed the evening.

This is the last Wednesday meeting at the Golf Club. Our next event is our visit to Domenico and Johanna Alvaro's home in Bowral on Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> June. There is a commitment sheet circulating. Please fill it in so that we know the numbers both for catering purposes and for bus hire. Our previous visit to the Alvaros was two years ago and everyone who has been there always wants to return. This year we are a little later than usual, which should provide a different experience, not only with regard to the weather, but also the scenery. I particularly encourage our newer members to make the journey, and to bring along their families. The Alvaros always offer a warm welcome.

The following Wednesday evening is a vocational visit to the Animal Referral Hospital at Flemington. Again there is a commitment sheet and this needs to be filled in so that the ARH can cater accordingly. Animal lovers will find this a fascinating look behind the scenes of one of the most up-to-date animal welfare establishments, which very recently commissioned its MRI unit. Everyone is welcome.

Our final highlight is our Changeover Dinner at the Golf Club on Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> June. As well as current members and their families, we are inviting some of our past members to come and join us in the celebration of our year. Please respond to the RSVP by Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

Finally, those who wish to attend the District Changeover on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> July, should let me know by June 27 so that I can submit the Club attendance sheet to Padstow RC. The dates for the changeover of other clubs in the District can be found as a [link](#) from [Cookie's Communique](#) in our [e-news](#).

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