

## Trev's Tidings

*"The Law of Triviality. Briefly stated, it means that the time spent on any item of the agenda will be in inverse proportion to the sum involved."*

C. Northcote Parkinson  
'High Finance', *Parkinson's Law*, 1957

This week we have our Annual General Meeting, at which we will be approving a new Constitution and By-laws, as well as determining who will be on PE Ray's team for the next Rotary year. This year a ballot is needed as there are more candidates for the directorships than positions to be filled. Even so, there is still time for you to be nominated for a position.

This week will see the last edition of the bulletin before Christmas. Make sure that you have already pencilled in your diaries the activities that are planned. We have a restaurant night, a croquet night and, of course, our HMAS Sydney event. Our first normal format Wednesday meeting will be on 25 January, when we will hear about "Debunking Economics" from Steve Keen of the University of Western Sydney. Thank you PP Angelo for keeping us both informed and amused each week. In the meantime, our website will be regularly updated to bring you the latest news from our club, our district, and Rotary International, thanks to the outstanding efforts of PP Raymond McCluskie.

Last week, PDG John Wakefield told us about several issues of which we must be aware when interacting with students. I also received some new Prohibited Employment Declaration forms that need to be completed only by those of our members who have not completed one before. Peter van der Sleen, our Child Protection Officer, will make contact with our newer members in the next few weeks so that our register, and that of D9690, can be brought up to date. We also heard from Andrew Kowalski. Thank you, Andrew, for revealing some of your remarkable family history and telling us about some of your professional experiences.

Next week is our Christmas party. It will start at 6.30pm and will be a slightly different format from that of previous years. We will be entertained on the night by the choir from St Christopher's School at Panania, followed by a visit from Santa. If you have been unable to attend any, or many, meetings this year, make sure you come to this one.

The week after is the Rotary Children's Christmas Party being organised by Connie Galletta. It promises to be a great night with lots of entertainment, party music, party food and, of course, a visit from Santa. A commitment sheet is circulating but, if you don't get to fill it in, contact Connie to make sure your family doesn't miss out on a wonderful night for kids and grown ups alike.

At this time I would like to thank everyone in the club who has supported my presidency for the first half of the year. I still hope that we can persuade more of our members to actively participate in the club's activities. Nanette and I would also like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

Remember  
*Reach Within to Embrace Humanity*