

Trev's Tidings

*"They say such nice things about people at their funerals that it makes me sad to realize
I'm going to miss mine by just a few days."*

Garrison Keillor

'Lecture in San Francisco', *Lake Wobegon Days*, 1984

This week, the after-dinner presentation is by Robyn Hawes, a member of the Rookwood Trust and president of the *Friends of Rookwood*. Dead set, it may be a topic about which we may wish to bury our heads in the sand. On the other hand, after the presentation, some of our preconceptions may go up in smoke. It is a partners night and I hope that we can continue the trend of increasing attendances we have witnessed over recent weeks.

This week we will also be honoured by the presence of representatives from the local Probus Clubs. They are President Harry Burness and Val from Strathfield Mixed Probus Club, President Ian Morrison and Bridget from South Strathfield Mixed Probus, and President Margaret Crisp from Strathfield Ladies Probus.

Thank you PDG Harley for your well-researched and fascinating presentation last week about one of the more infamous, and less well-known, episodes in Australia's history. As was said on the night, it was not the story that one gets taught in school.

Last week, Tara Kent and Sophie Evans showed us how new technology, specifically the iPad, is having a significant impact on the way staff at Chalmers Road School are communicating with their students. Following the presentation, I was delighted to be able to present a \$1000 cheque to the principal, Wendy Milburn, to which I hope we can add later in the year the proceeds of our Trivia Night.

Also last week, I was a little surprised to find that, at the end of the meeting, one of our commitment sheets had failed to circulate, and none of the quilt raffle tickets had been sold. They will be circulating again this week. The commitment sheet was the one for selling 'End Polio Now' pins at Westfields Burwood next Thursday, February 23. The shifts are only an hour and a half long so that parking will be free. Not too much to ask of Rotarians I would have thought. Admittedly, most shifts are during the day but, hopefully, some of our retirees might be able to help out.

Finally, I assume you have all been leaving your District Conference registration until the last minute. Well, that minute is almost upon us. Strathfield is still one of the largest clubs in the District. Surely, on the Saturday night, we can fill a table or two and get into the spirit of the night. Senator Allan Teale will be Roman (roamin') around and encouraging you all toga (to go) and have some Colosseum (colossal, yes I am mixing Greek with Roman) fun. We also need some ideas for our Roman Standard.

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