

Trev's Tidings

"One of the obvious signs you have a bad airline pilot is when he rolls down the cockpit window so his dog can stick his head out."

David Letterman
The Late Show, CBS

This week, our speaker is Ernst Krolke, CEO of Airport Coordination Australia. How do all those aircraft safely get in and out of busy airports around the world? Ernst will tell us how it is done and also offer his view on the need for a second Sydney airport. It is a topic that should be of interest to anyone who flies, or who lives beneath a flight path!

Wow! Didn't Gregory Blaxell know his stuff? A hard man to stop but everything he told us was fascinating. There is so much to know about the Parramatta River and its environs. As I suggested last week perhaps he should be invited again for another episode.

Last Saturday, a number of us were on duty at the Strathfield Chamber of Commerce May Fair. There was a lot of activity but, as we have found before, passers-by were reluctant to engage in any meaningful conversation about what Rotary is and what it does. However, we did manage to hand out a few of our fliers and, hopefully, one or two people may visit us on a club night to learn a little more about us. My thanks to PP Peter Smith and Marlene, Rod Rimes, Peter van der Sleses, Ian Johnson, Peter Revelos, PP Kevin and Suzanne Freund, PP Rod McDougall, PP Roger Vince and, of course, Nanette, for giving their time so willingly.

On Saturday, May 19, we have our *Hats On at Breakfast Point*. This is the first time we have held this event and I urge everyone to support it by attending and encouraging family and friends to also come along. Mental health is a passion of Suzanne Freund and she has put an incredible amount of time and effort into organizing this fundraiser. Please don't forget to let Suzanne or Margery Foss know that you will be coming so that catering can be organized. All the funds raised on the day will be donated to Australian Rotary Health.

Sunday is the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal day. Peter Smith is still in need of drivers, so if you can give a couple of hours of your time from 9.00 to 11.00am, please let him know as soon as you can.

Last week, I thought that the barbecue at The Infants' Home would be the last one for my year. Wrong! We have been asked to do six more. However, we can only commit to four of them. They will be fundraisers for the club and held at the Domayne Warehouse Relocation Sale in Carnarvon Street, Silverwater. They will be held on Saturday and Sunday, May 26 and 27, and June 2 and 3, between 11.00am and 3.00pm. We need volunteers. Peter Smith has put his hand up (yet again) to coordinate the events. Please try and give him some of your time. As a consequence of this last minute request, the visit to the Alvaro's home in Bowral has been rescheduled for Sunday, June 17. I would like to thank Domenico and Johanna for their understanding and their willingness to give everyone an opportunity to partake of their hospitality.

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