

Trev's Tidings

"Everyone's in favour of progress. It's just change they don't like."

Anon

Coal seam gas – is it progress (for society), is it for profit (for energy companies) and loss (for farmers), or a win (for all)? This week our speaker is Alan Lindsay who will tell us about the key issues of the current debate.

Last week we were informed and entertained by the double act of Nicholas Evans and John McCarroll from J. B. Were. The lengthy discussion at the end of their presentation was a sure indication that the topic was dear to the hearts, and investment portfolios, of our members. We also heard from Karalyn Brown and Brian Bonham from Lower Blue who promoted the upcoming District 9690 Conference in Penrith next year. Now is the time to get enthused about it and register early for a discount. Nanette and I have been to every district conference since I joined Strathfield RC and we have enjoyed all of them. So come along and join in the fun and fellowship.

Yesterday, a faithful few ran a barbecue for Strathfield Council at their *Ecofestival* in Freshwater Park. It almost didn't happen, but thanks to the persistence and determination of Bradley Ayres and IPP Peter Smith, the barbecue trailer was eventually extracted from the council depot and transported to the venue. Have you ever tried to move a four-wheel-drive vehicle sideways? Ask Bradley and Peter how to do it! It was a relatively quiet day but, in addition to Bradley and Peter, I thank PDG Harley Tarrant, Godfrey Isouard, PP Raymond McCluskie, Ian Johnson and Nanette, for their help, good humour and great camaraderie. Our next barbecue will be at the Carols in the Park on Saturday, 10th December. Bradley will be in need of assistance again but, instead of waiting for him to ask, why not do what Rotarians are supposed to do – volunteer.

On Wednesday 7th December we will be having our AGM and members will be asked to pass a special resolution to approve amendments to our constitution and by-laws. Please be at this important meeting. The following week we have our Christmas party, with another visit from Santa (I hope you've all been good), followed a week later by the Children's Christmas Party, once again being organised by Connie Galletta.

Next week is a Partners Night, and we will hear from one of our own, PP Steve Taylor, who will tell us about his recent overseas travels with Denise. There will also be a short presentation by PDG Warwick Tester about the *Centurion* program.

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