

Trev's Tidings

"One way to make sure crime doesn't pay would be to let the government run it."

Ronald Reagan,
Republican President, 1981-9

This week we have the opportunity to salute the men and women of our police force who help to keep our communities safe. This is the ninth year that we have hosted the Police Officer of the Year Awards which acknowledge the dedication, commitment and service by officers serving in the Burwood and Flemington Area Commands. Rotary's motto "Service above self" is one that is equally applicable to all police officers, but particularly those who have been nominated for this year's awards. We are pleased and honoured that Deputy Commissioner Nick Kaldas can be with us tonight to present the awards. My thanks to Dave Martin and his team for organizing tonight's event. The evening promises to be a memorable and enjoyable one.

Last week we were thoroughly entertained by the students from Strathfield Girls High School who displayed their enthusiasm and passion for reading during their presentations at the Literature Extension Night. The students were supported by their school principal, several teachers and parents. I thank PP Kevin Freund and SGHS teachers, Nicki Mills and Cate Robinson, for organizing yet another successful evening.

Last week R.I. President, Kalyan Banerjee, sent all club presidents a video message. In it he encouraged us all to focus our efforts on membership retention and recruitment. We, at Strathfield, do not need reminding of our membership situation. Our Membership Committee, under the chairmanship of Chris Virgona, is currently sending the first of several letters inviting staff from local businesses to attend one of our meetings. In doing so they can familiarise themselves with what Rotary is and what Rotary does and may become future members or help our activities in other ways.

On Thursday this week we have our first restaurant night in a long time. If you haven't yet signed up for it, let PE Ray Wilson know as soon as you can so that you can join us for a night of good food and great fellowship.

On Wednesday, 7th September, our meeting will be held at the *Ambassador Restaurant* at the Ryde college of TAFE. The same event last year was recognised by those who attended as one of the memorable meetings. The restaurant can only cater for 40 people so watch out for the commitment sheet.

Next week our after dinner speaker will be Stephen Scott talking about the Sydney Rail Network.

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