

Trev's Tidings

As soon as I stepped out of my mother's womb on to dry land, I realized that I had made a mistake – that I shouldn't have come, but the trouble with children is that they are not returnable.

*The Naked Civil Servant,
Quentin Crisp, 1968.*

Our guest speaker this week is Anita Kumar, CEO of The Infants' Home at Ashfield. The organization is our special charity for this year and Anita will outline the future plans for the organisation and set the scene for our fundraising efforts in the coming year. Anita will be introduced by Denise Taylor, who recently became President of the Infants' Home.

On Thursday evening Nanette and I attended the Breakfast Point RC Changeover Night when PE Tom Croker was inducted as President. Last year the club raised over \$55,000. They made contributions to over 15 local and overseas organizations as well as maintaining their donations to The Rotary Foundation and the Shelterbox and PolioPlus programs. They have made provision to spend \$5,000 on a Rotunda in Cabarita Park and will carry forward about \$18,000 into the coming year's budget. In addition, they have also funded and sponsored the new Probus Club of Breakfast Point. Strathfield RC should be proud to have been instrumental in founding it, all the more reason to attend the transfer meeting there on Thursday 22nd September.

Last week we had our first Club Assembly of the year when the Board members outlined our plans for the year. Although it was a little longer than I intended I think it was a successful meeting during which most members had their say. Some of the ideas that were put forward will be considered by the Board at its upcoming meetings, in particular, the issue raised by Bradley Ayres, who questioned the relevance of some aspects of our current meeting format.

Next week we will be visited by our District Governor, David Cook, and his wife Carolyn. Both David and Carolyn will make presentations and will introduce their plans and projects for the coming year. It is not a 'partners' night, but partners are most welcome to attend and meet our new district leader and to hear about Carolyn's project, which will be the provision of maternity packs to support East Timorese mothers and their newborn babies.

Remember

“Reach Within to Embrace Humanity”