

## Trev's Tidings

*"University politics are vicious precisely because the stakes are so small."*

Henry Kissinger

This week, we will learn a little more about, Paul White, through his Member Talk. In addition, we will have members of Meriden Interact telling us about their recent trip to Cambodia. I am really pleased that we have such a close association with Meriden Interact and I look forward to it continuing for many years to come. I know I speak for us all.

I would like to thank PDG David Croft, PDG Harley Tarrant, PP Rod McDougall, PP Peter Smith, PP Grahame True and Chris Virgona for helping out at the "End Polio Now" pin sale last week. Although not many pins were sold (although Chris excelled himself by selling 24, with Rod coming a close second, selling 18), I think it was a most useful exercise. We achieved significant exposure for the *PolioPlus* campaign and for Rotary in general. The Rotary Clubs of Breakfast Point and Concord had a similar experience to us with regard to pin sales, but they agreed that it had been a very worthwhile cooperative effort. Rod is already thinking of ways to improve such events. We have plenty of pins left so, if you know people who would be interested in supporting the polio eradication campaign, take some away and sell them.

At this time I would like to express my appreciation of the fine effort that Rod McDougall is putting into our speakers program this year. Last week, yet again, we had an excellent presentation, this time by Michael Waterhouse. Looking ahead I see little to blemish this impressive record.

A highlight of last week was the induction of our newest member, Emmanuel Vatalis. Please make him feel welcome in the family of Rotary.

Although *Cookie's Communique* is in the *e-news*, there are a couple of points I want to bring to your attention. Yet another reminder about the District Conference. Final day for registration is Wednesday, February 29, although a few late entries may be able to be accommodated, but not much beyond the end of this week. Check out the website, [www.rotaryd9690conference.org.au](http://www.rotaryd9690conference.org.au), for further information, including registration forms, program details and speaker profiles. DG David has also revealed that the District Governor Nominee 2014-15, for District 9675, is AG Barry Antees from Parramatta City. Finally, there is a new club in the area, the Rotary E-Club of Greater Sydney, which already has about 38 members. David encourages everybody not to be too concerned about district boundaries and to treat this club as one of ours. Check out [www.rotary-eclub-greatersydney.org](http://www.rotary-eclub-greatersydney.org).

Next week a number of representatives from Strathfield Council will tell us what the future holds for the Municipality. It is a topic that should be of interest to everyone, whether we live in, work in, or even just travel through, the area.

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*Reach Within to Embrace Humanity*