



Allan Petersen - President  
2015-16 Rotary Year

## **PRESIDENT'S SUMMARY REPORT OF STRATHFIELD ROTARY 2016 STRATEGY 360**

This Report is to be read in connection with that produced for the period July 1 2015 to 31 December, 2015 and forms the second six months of Strategy 360. It is appropriate to note that the former Club Strategic Plan concluded in 2014 and for which there was no formal evaluation provided.

**STRATEGY 360** was presented with the following specific intentions:

- i. That is covered the full Rotary Year, 2015-2016;
- ii. That it was planned for implementation during four ninety day periods;
- iii. That the Administrative Team: President; Secretary; Treasurer and 5 Directors would maintain consistent service over the 360 day period-one revolution of the wheel;
- iv. That Club members would experience opportunities of committee roles and subsequent service according to their changing or constant interests and availability throughout a quarter (ninety days) or the full year. (Roles such as sergeant, raffles co-ordinator, guest speaker arranger deserve a variety of challenges.)
- v. That the SIX OBJECTIVES set for the STRATEGY 360 include an evaluation by the Administrative Team bearing in mind the Rotary International Rotary Year theme: **BE A GIFT TO THE WORLD.**

### **ADMINISTRATION: STRATEGY 360 CHARACTERISTICS**

- That an Annual Report to be produced in two six monthly accounts
- That the Administrative Team provide an annual Report in the final quarter of the year
- That these Reports provide specific reference to the administrative area covered
- That Semi Annual Dues be updated to include provision of meal vouchers
- That meal catering costs for the period to be increased by Club caterer
- That a successful State Government Graffiti Grant application of \$2 200 be managed
- That three Club Assemblies be held and outcomes notified in Club Weekly Newsletter
- That a hard copy Weekly Newsletter be published and circulated on Club website
- That Board Meeting Decisions be communicated in writing to members
- That IT savvy members be responsible for maintaining website and Club Facebook Page
- That members and partners enjoy the benefit of regular socialising experiences
- That the weekly meeting raffle and sergeant sessions benefit fundraising with good humour
- That supportive links with Local Council, State and Federal politicians be maintained.
- That members' welfare be accounted for by designated Club Director as needs arise
- That the appointment of a President Elect was not announced till six months into the year
- That Club Sponsors, featured in this document, be supported throughout the year
- That the President nominate for Board Approval worthy recipients of the Honorary Membership status. Three former members: PP Suzanne Freund; Rotarian Connie Galletta and PP Keith Stockall were included

## **PROGRAM PRIORITIES OF STRATEGY 360: (Including BE A GIFT TO THE WORLD)**

- That the weekly Guest Speaker Program was maintained by three Club members
- That inductions of six new members were undertaken over the period  
(Refer photograph on page ...)
- That four previous members resigned from membership due to family commitments, Change of address in this area or business pressures
- That two PHF Awards were presented: one to the Editor of The Burwood Scene, Belinda Noonan and the second to artist philanthropist and Honorary Member, Arthur Crossan  
(Refer photograph on page ....)
- That the Club BBQ trailer managed by PP Community Service Director, Peter Smith to be Provided for:
  - Eastern Creek Raceway support for North Sydney Sports Club
  - Homebush West School International Day
  - Strathfield Chamber of Commerce May Fair
  - Strathfield Council Spring Carnival
  - Strathfield Council Christmas Carols in the Park
- That a "Gift of Life Ball" be held at the University of Sydney Great Hall in August 2015 in Conjunction with Lymphoma Australia
- That funds to the extent of \$1 000 were allocated to the Cancer Council through a local Participant in a Car Rally from Mackay, Queensland to Hobart, Tasmania
- That the Strathfield School for Seniors Computer Class, attended by a Rotarian tutor, PP Raymond McCluskie be awarded funds to the extent of \$500 for internet connections
- That the following celebrations be highlighted as significant occasions for members and partners:
  - 111th Anniversary of formation of Rotary-attended by District Governor Elect Stephen Humphreys and wife Judith and Assistant Governor Dr Helen Jagger
  - 45th Anniversary of the chartering of the Club and attended by Mr Jeff Boyce, son of the first Club President, Rotarians Peter Foss, a Foundation Club members and PP Roger Vince, Club Archivist and husband of the Daughter (Mrs Janice Vince) of Foundation Governor, Mr Harry Pickett
  - 40th Anniversary of the formation of South Pacific Probus at a wine tasting Evening for members of the three Probus Clubs sponsored by Strathfield Rotary. (A history of Probus formation was provided by PP George Hallworth).  
(Birthday cakes were provided as dessert at each of these celebratory occasions)
- That the reintroduction of the RI Centurion Program be drawn to the notice of all members. Each members present on Remembrance Day 2015 was provided with the District 9675 Tower, a collector of \$2 coins. Those not present were forwarded a tower by mail.
- That the continuation of forwarding cheques, usually \$60/per school-Government or Independent in the Strathfield Municipality was undertaken in Term Four for presentation at school end of year occasions. Director Usha Garg maintained a consistent approach to presenting these cheques as individual schools identified the initiative of the Club.



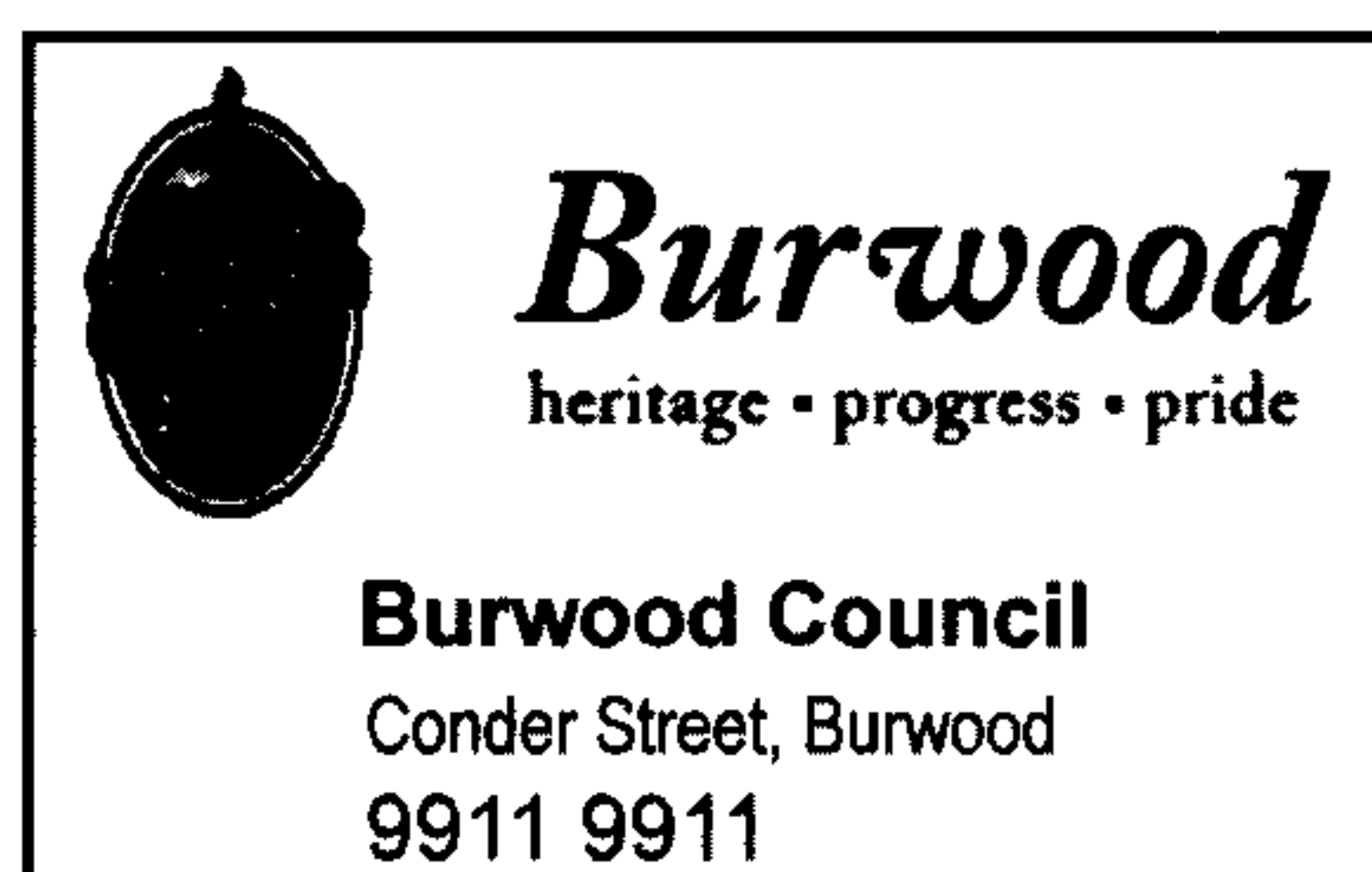
## **STRATHFIELD COMMUNITY & STRATEGY 360 ( Including BE A GIFT TO THE WORLD)**

- That the longstanding and congenial association that the Club enjoys with Strathfield Council was maintained by being associated with:
  - The Club presence at the September Spring Carnival
  - The Club presence at the Christmas Carols in the Park, selling raffle tickets and the President being invited to address the gathering
  - The Council Youth Achievement Awards Presentation following a Selection process of nominations received
  - The Club President being Guest Speaker at a Council Citizenship Award Event
- That participants in Club activities where sponsors are identified in print every effort is made to draw the name and logo of the sponsor to their attention.  
(Club members and corporate bodies have acted as sponsors during this current Rotary Year)
- That the annual invitation to the Strathfield Croquet Club on a late January summer evening As the inaugural meeting of the year once again proved enjoyable and strong link between the Club members, partners and the croquet club tutors who are delightful hosts.
- That our association with local Secondary Schools has borne positive reciprocation through:
  - Homebush Boys' High School and District MUNA Program
  - Homebush Boys' High School and Santa Sabina College Debating Evening
  - Strathfield Girls' High School Literary Extension Program
  - Homebush Boys' High School, Meriden School and Strathfield Girls' High School Interact Clubs at each educational institution
  - Strathfield South High School RYPEN attendees
  - Trinity Grammar Secondary School RYPEN attendee
- That our ongoing connection with the Salvation Army by
  - Guest Speakers over a number of years providing outline of their welfare work
  - Participating in the Annual Red Shield Appeal either as drivers for student collectors
  - Or money managers in the Town Hall Counting House on collection day
- That a \$500 contribution to Chalmers Road Special School for the maintenance of the school bus was provided as a result of funds raised at the Probus 40th Birthday wine tasting evening
- That a connection with the local politicians has been maintained at community events such as the Policeman of the Year Awards, the Pride of Workmanship Awards, the Council Youth Achievement Awards and a Club Changeover. The Hon Sang Ok, Mayor of Strathfield has been the sixth inductee of our Club membership this year.



## **ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS (Including BEING A GIFT TO THE WORLD)**

- **RYPEN (Rotary Youth Program Enrichment)**  
Throughout the two District weekend Camps held this year five students from local Secondary Schools have been funded by the Club).
- **RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award)**  
A young adult was funded at the request of his Director uncle Director Arie Pappas for the weeklong "life changing experience" held by the District team at Yarramundi, Richmond. (Each of these participants have returned to a weekly Club meeting to provide members with the follow-up of what has been achieved by the participants).
- **INTERACT (Rotary connection with the Secondary School student)**  
Strathfield Rotary sponsors three Secondary School Clubs which are supported at their weekly meetings by Rotary past presidents.  
Meriden School senior students have attended a week's community service program by self supporting a community in Laos.  
Meriden Interactors hold an annual School Social at which they raise funds for their Nominated program of the year. (Strathfield Rotarians provide annually a security patrol for this function).  
Homebush Boys' High School students assist the Concord Rotary Club with management of their Monthly Markets.  
Homebush Boys High School members have raised considerable amounts of funds For both local and other specifically identified charities.  
Strathfield Girls' High School Interactors were instrumental recently at the Strathfield Chamber of Commerce May Fair in selling more than \$600 worth of second hand books.  
Homebush Boys' High School Interactors provided early Saturday morning physical support of moving tables and chairs in preparation for the May Fair.
- **ROTARACT is a program devised for 18-30 year olds and at the time of writing the prospect of forming such a Club was still being investigated. Support has been provided to date by the District contact and the President of Burwood Rotaract Club. At this stage it is envisaged that a Rotaract Club might be formed based on the students attending the Australian Catholic University, Strathfield Campus.**
- **ROMAC (Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children)**  
That the District Representative visit the Club as Guest Speaker and an amount of \$500 was allocated to deliver positive and measurable outcomes achieving heart warmingly visible results. International Director Bradley Ayres managed this program for the Club.
- **ROTARIANS AGAINST MALARIA program was introduced to members this year when it was determined that the Club Bank, The Adelaide and Bendigo Homebush Branch would act as the depository of overseas coins returned to Australia by members. This project is managed by the Rotary Club of Hornsby.**





## **DISTRICT 9675 CLUB SUPPORT (Including BE A GIFT TO THE WORLD)**

- That attendance at periodic Presidents' Meetings at Liverpool Catholic Club provides communication to/with District Officers and fellow District Club Presidents
- That attendance at the District PETS weekend and District Assembly provides opportunities of training leading to professional development of the Club Administrative Team.
- That attendance at the President Elect Training Program and Rotary Institute Weekend supports continuity of service and fellowship across the District.
- That the New Members' Seminar held at RDU Parramatta has been an initiative this year that permitted three newly inducted members (at that time) to experience and share experiences with members of the District Training Team.
- That through out the year District Convenors , acting as Guest Speakers provided insights into:
  - Public Relations, led by Stephen Knightly
  - Vocational Service Inaugural SES Personnel Support, led by Dot Hennessey
  - (As a result of this association Club Member, Rotarian Paul Giammarco accepted nomination as a member of the District Vocational Service Committee)
  - International Service featuring the ROMAC Program, let by Marian
- That four members and three partners attended the District Conference held in March at the Port Stephens Wests Club. The theme of this weekend program was "The Magic of Rotary".
- That the President and he youngest Club Member, Rotarian Edward Dunlop attended the Zone Youth Summit in Canberra in September 2015 to be greater acquainted with the programs of Interact and Rotaract. The impetus to investigate the creation of a Rotaract Club associated with Strathfield Rotary began over this weekend.  
(Coincidentally the President was reacquainted with incoming RI Director Neil Trevaskis who was a school student of his when they met as teacher and student in 1961 at The Retreat Public School, NSW).
- That the recording of time taken on Rotary business during the months of August, 2015 and March 2016 were allocated and forwarded for the benefit of collection by District. Time totals and averages were reported in the Club Newsletter at those times.
- That the ongoing process of selecting National Youth Science Forum candidates from the applications received by the Club committee of three, is being undertaken at the time of writing, to forward any names to District for future interviews if considered worthy. Parent financial support is sought of any successful candidate.



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