

Trev's Tidings

"The less I know about a subject, the more confidence I have, and the more new light I throw on it."

Mark Twain

This week, our speaker is Gregory Blaxell, a historian, author and sailor, who will tell us about the Parramatta River. We are all familiar with this prominent feature of our locale, but what do we know about the history of some of the areas through which it flows? Why not come along and find out? Please enter your intentions on the e-commitment sheet that is presently circulating and don't forget that it is a partners night.

What an interesting topic we had for our after-dinner presentation last week. Even without the aid of a projector, Scott Thompson effectively conveyed to us the practicalities of 3-dimensional printing and the potential future applications of the technology. And weren't those models fascinating?

Last week we also had our Golf Day and it was a great success. The weather was perfect and I think everyone really enjoyed the day. I would like to thank PE Ray Wilson and Niall King for organizing everything and PP Rod McDougall for his persistent selling of raffle tickets, even in the middle of the fairways! The very deserving winner of the first prize was our very own PP Peter Smith. Thanks to the generosity of Ray and the efforts of Niall and Rod, and everyone else who sold/bought tickets, we raised close to \$4,500 for The Infants' Home.

Thursday night saw a few of us at The *New Golden Rickshaw*, our last restaurant night for my year. The food was excellent and the fellowship really enjoyable. Thanks again to Ray Wilson for organizing this and all the other restaurant nights this year.

On Saturday we helped The Infants' Home again by cooking a barbecue. Thank you to Bradley Ayres for his organizational skills, Peter Smith for delivering, setting up, and returning the trailer, and Nanette, Janelle Watson, PP Grahame True, Tony Lanzafame, PP Kevin Freund and PP Steve and Denise Taylor for helping out. It was probably one of the busiest barbecues we have run all year. They were a hungry lot and we sold everything, which amounted to some 400 sausages/vegetarian patties on rolls and drinks, before 1.30pm.

Next Saturday, May 12, we have a stall at the Strathfield Chamber of Commerce *May Fair* in Strathfield Square. For Strathfield Rotary it is an information day and we need a few members to help tell the story of Rotary. We are still short of volunteers so please fill in the e-commitment sheet or let Bradley know if you can help out anytime between 10.00am and 4.00pm.

A week later, on Saturday, May 19, we have our inaugural *Hats On at Breakfast Point* fundraiser. Suzanne Freund is working hard to make this a successful event, but it can only be so if we all help to support it. Tell everyone about it and encourage them to come along. For catering and organizational purposes, please don't forget to let Suzanne or Margery Foss know that you will be coming. All the funds raised on the day will be donated to Australian Rotary Health.

The following day is the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal. Peter Smith is still in need of drivers, so if you can give a couple of hours of your time from 9.00 to 11.00am, please let him know as soon as you can.

Unfortunately, the Youth Achievement Awards Night and the Trivia Night have had to be postponed. We will let everyone know when the new arrangements have been finalized.

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