

45 YEARS CELEBRATION TONIGHT

*Strathfield Rotary Club Members, Past and Present
Partners and Friends of*

Strathfield Rotary Club

ARE MEETING IN THE PRESENCE OF:

- Mrs Jan Vince, daughter of Mr Harry Picket, District Governor 268
- Mr Jeff Boyce, son of the first Club President, Mr Bill Boyce, Building Constructor
- Mr Peter Foss, member education, Primary Schools Foundation Club Member
- Mr Roger Vince, member, Meat Distribution Classification, longest serving member
- Members of present day Burwood Rotary Club, sponsoring Club
- Mr Chris Virgona, present day Club Sergeant

Your replica of the "Presentation of Charter " Program Includes the following:

STRATHFIELD ----A HISTORY

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STRATHFIELD CLUB MET AT STRATHFIELD RECREATION CLUB ON MONDAYS AT 6PM FOR 6.15PM

Allan Petersen
Strathfield Rotary
President 2015/16





"SERVICE ABOVE SELF"

ROTARY CLUB of STRATHFIELD

N.S.W., Australia

Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Burwood

District 268

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

Presentation of Charter

by

DISTRICT GOVERNOR HARRY PICKETT

at

MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY

on

MONDAY, 19th APRIL, 1971

6.30 P.M.

OFFICERS

PRESIDENT	BILL BOYCE
VICE-PRESIDENT	DON KILLIP
SECRETARY	BILL VEITCH
TREASURER	BRIAN CULLEN-WARD

DIRECTORS

PETER BASS
GEOFF HUNT

GORDON GILLETT
DON RICH

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS — RON THURGER

CHARTER MEMBERS

Bass, P. (Peter)	Physician
Boyce, W. H. (Bill)	Building Construction
Brown, B. C. (Barty)	Dentistry - Orthodontist
Brown, R. (Bob)	Design Draughting
Crocker, H. G. (Giff)	Flour Milling
Cullen-Ward, B. A. (Brian)	Automobile Service
Edwards, C. G. (Clarrie)	Newsagency
Foss, P. J. (Peter)	Education - Primary Schools
Gillett, G. L. (Gordon)	Insurance - Life
Heslop, R. J. (John)	Electrical Equipment Distributing
Hogarth, R. H. (Dick)	Insurance - General
Hunt, G. (Geoff)	Textile Machinery Distributing
Killip, D. J. (Don)	Pharmacy
Langley, L. (Leo)	Meat Distributing
Martin, R. J. (Joe)	Sheltered Workshops
Mathers, J. (Jim)	Christianity - Protestantism
Murray, R. A. (Russell)	Hospitals
Pierce, T. L. (Les)	Real Estate Agency
Priddice, J. A. (Jim)	Accounting Service
Rich, D. P. (Don)	Surveying
Roach, P. J. (Peter)	Automobile Parts Distributing
Thurgar, R. I. (Ron)	Tableware Distributing
Veitch, W. R. (Bill)	Education - Private Schools
Walsh, B. P. (Brian)	Pipe Fittings Manufacturing

PROGRAMME

Chairman
ALAN HARLEY
President, Rotary Club of Burwood

Master of Ceremonies
TED O'KEEFE
Rotary Club of Burwood

District Governor's Special Representative

CLIFF FRANCIS

Past President, Rotary Club of Burwood

CALL TO ORDER

Ted O'Keefe

Rotary Club of Burwood

GRACE

TOAST: "Her Gracious Majesty, The Queen"

Alan Harley

President, Rotary Club of Burwood

**WELCOME TO PRESENT AND PAST OFFICERS OF
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL, LADIES, GUESTS
AND VISITING ROTARIANS**

Alan Harley

President, Rotary Club of Burwood

RESPONSE

J. G. T. Jackett, M.L.A.

ROLL CALL

Bob Weeding

Rotary Club of Burwood

**REPORT to District Governor by
his Special Representative**

Cliff Francis

Past President, Rotary Club of Burwood

**INTRODUCTION of Charter Members of
Rotary Club of Strathfield**

Ken Morrow

Vice-President, Rotary Club of Burwood

INDUCTION OF CHARTER MEMBERS

**PRESENTATION OF CHARTER and
INVESTITURE OF PRESIDENT BILL BOYCE**

Harry Pickett

District Governor

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Bill Boyce

President, Rotary Club of Strathfield

FELLOWSHIP BREAK

CHAIRMAN

Bill Boyce

President, Rotary Club of Strathfield

ROTARY ADDRESS

John Moon

Past District Governor

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

Brian Wheaton

District Extension Chairman

and
Bill McGowan

Past President, Rotary Club of Burwood

PRESENTATION OF BANNERS

APPRECIATION

Don Killip

Vice-President, Rotary Club of Strathfield

NATIONAL ANTHEM

STRATHFIELD — A HISTORY

JIM MATHEWS, Rotary Club of Burwood.

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The Sydney-Parramatta Railway Line was constructed in 1854/55. One of the oldest intermediate Stations was built at Homebush. A platform was built at Strathfield in 1876/77 but a new and improved one was built a few years later. Strathfield Station, as we know it today, was constructed in 1926.

In 1867 land was offered for sale at Strathfield in blocks of from 3 to 13 acres with road frontages of 264 feet to 528 feet. The first racecourse in N.S.W. was at Hyde Park but in 1841 the Course was established at Homebush. Homebush remained the headquarters of racing in N.S.W. until 1860 when the Randwick Course was built.

In 1823 some 440 acres, between Parramatta Road and Liverpool Road, was created a Glebe for St. James' Church, Sydney. The Glebe was abolished in 1826.

Homebush was so named by D'Arcy Wentworth who received a grant of 920 acres in 1810. He named his house "Homebush". The bush near home — Sydney. Flemington perpetuated the name of John Fleming who received a grant of 200 acres in 1806.

The Municipality of Strathfield was incorporated on 2nd June, 1885. The first Municipal Election was held on 10th August, 1885. The first Mayor was George Hardie. The first Town Clerk was F. G. Bennett.

The various parks and reserves of a total area of over 240 acres were acquired through the vision of John Robert Firth. The first park acquired was some 19 acres, now known as Strathfield Park. The residents were asked to select one of two areas — the 19 acres in Homebush Road or the site of a brick-pit between Redmyre Road and Churchill Avenue. They chose the former. The pre-eminence of Strathfield was largely attributable to Firth who secured the Residential District Proclamation, thus establishing the greater part of Strathfield as a Residential District to the exclusion of industry, and the high standards of areas of allotments and large and airy rooms in residences.

Strathfield was once famous for the size and perfection of its water-lilies which grew in a pool where the Strathfield Post Office now stands.

On incorporation the population of the Municipality was 550 and the total revenue £1,210.7.10. Some \$2,427.10. About 5 years later (1890) the population was some 1,200 and the revenue £2,640.10.4 (\$5,281.04).

The first Church built in the District was St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church at Enfield.

Some years later a Congregational Church was built in Liverpool Road in 1873. Other denominations soon followed.

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