



City of Canada Bay Council

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Mayor **Angelo Tsirekas**

On behalf of the City of Canada Bay Council I would like to extend my sympathies and condolences to the families, friends and relatives that have been affected by the Boxing Day Tsunami. This terrible tragedy has touched the lives of millions of people across the world.

I am proud to see the local community rallying together to raise money for the victims of the disaster. The more money we raise the greater the benefit.

Last weekend Concord Oval hosted the highly successful Sydney Sevens Tsunami Relief and Waratah Fun Day and next month Council will be organising another local fundraising event.

Citizen's of the Year

On Australia Day I was very proud to

announce Canada Bay's citizens of the year. We are so fortunate to have so many people in our local community who have had tremendous success in their chosen fields and have worked hard to service the City.

This year I am pleased to announce that the 2004 Citizen of the Year is Jack Nolan, the 2004 Arts and Culture Citizen of the Year is Lois Michael, the 2004 Sports Citizen of the Year is Michael McCann and the 2004 Mayoral Recognition Award was presented to Alice Kang.

Congratulations to all of you!

Rotary Centenary

Wednesday, 23 February 2005 is Rotary Day and in celebration Council will be flying the Rotary flag out the front of Council's Administration Centre in Drummoyne to honour the last 100 years of Rotary.

A host of events are being organised by Rotary and Council to raise awareness and increase the profile of this outstanding organisation.

On Thursday, 10 March Council will be holding a very special Citizenship Ceremony. Presidents from the local Rotary Clubs will welcome each of the new Australians and talk about their respective clubs.

Rotary contributes a lot to our community and in celebration of the Centenary I will be hosting recognition awards for four of the Rotary Clubs at a very special function in March. These awards acknowledge the contribution, dedication and ongoing commitment of each of the volunteers.

Inside this issue is a special feature commemorating Rotary's Centenary.

Jazz and Blues Festival



On Sunday, 6 March Queen Elizabeth Park will be hosting the annual Jazz and Blues Festival from 2pm - 7pm. The event is being organised in conjunction with Rotary and is a fundraiser for the Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway in Rhodes. Taking to the stage will be Galapagos Duck, John Leigh Calder, Joy Mulligan, George Washingmachine and Trudy Aspling. There will be food stalls and lots of activities for the kids.

John Leigh Calder

Rethink Your Recycling



Mayor Angelo Tsirekas, Zoe Kapetangiannis, Jim Kapetangiannis, Georgia Kapetangiannis and Matthew Kapetangiannis

tion went into a draw to win one of three Environmental Investigation Kits.

The three winners were drawn during National Recycling Week and then invited to attend a special presentation hosted by the Mayor.

In conjunction with the competition and to coincide with National Recycling Week, Cleanaway also ran public tours of their Materials Recovery Facility to show residents what actually happens to their recycling.

Congratulations to the winners of the competition. Zoe and Jim Kapetangiannis from Five Dock, Mr & Mrs Ryan from Concord West, Dianne Anderson from Abbotsford.



Council's Manager Environmental Services, Nigel Bertus with Mr and Mrs Ryan

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Rotary Club of Concord

Rotary plays a big part in our local community. The Rotary Club of Concord, Drummoyne, Five Dock and Haberfield all meet on a regular basis within the City of Canada Bay. Each club has achieved great success through projects both here and overseas. There are over 100 members in these clubs that volunteer so much of their time to help those in need. The dedication and commitment of the members is indeed a credit to them and certainly a great asset to the whole community.

2005 is Rotary's Centenary and on Wednesday, 23 February Rotary Clubs across the globe will be celebrating 100 years of Rotary. On behalf of the City of Canada Bay I would like to say thank you to all the Rotary members for their ongoing support and commitment to the community.

Mayor Angelo Tsirekas

The Rotary Club of Concord is a service club based in and around the inner western Sydney suburb of Concord. It is a branch of Rotary International, the largest service organisation in the world with representatives in nearly every country. This year is Rotary International's centenary.

One of its major achievements in recent years has been their program Polio Plus which is spearheading the total eradication of Polio from the world. This program is almost complete with only a few pockets left.

On a local level, Concord Rotary is constantly working to support the community through initiatives such as:

- Donations to Charities, Meals on Wheels, Concord Hospital & other needy groups.
- Developing facilities at the Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway in Rhodes Park & Sid Money Memorial Garden at Concord West Railway Station (this is our Rotary Centennial Project).
- Assisting at functions by supplying and manning our well equipped BBQ trailer.
- Recognition & support for local groups through awards at speech days at local schools.
- Pride of Workmanship awards to community members.
- RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) a leadership training camp for young Australians.



Mayor Angelo Tsirekas with the Rotary Club of Concord at Council's Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony at Rhodes Park



City of Canada Bay Council General Manager Michael McMahon with Past District Governor (9690) Frank McDonald

Like all community groups Concord Rotary always needs new members to help with this vital work. If you are interested in becoming part of this great organisation and having fun and fellowship at the same time, please phone Ian Gilkes (President) on 9874 3753. Or you can just come along to one of our meetings at Concord Golf Club, Flavell Street, Concord at 6.00 for 6.15pm, every Monday night.



Rotary Club of Drummoyne



Adriana Pyrah, Derek Pyrah & Drummoyne Rotary President Ian Garrow

The Rotary Club of Drummoyne was chartered on 27 March 1952. Since then, the Club has been meeting weekly and has played an important part in the community. Today the club has 32 active members working for the local and international community.

In the past 53 years the Club has grown and developed into an outstanding community organisation achieving great success and raising funds for those in need. Last year the Club celebrated the 40th Anniversary of the Drummoyne Art Show which raised \$9,500 for Wesley Mission Life-Force, which assists those that have been touched by suicide through the loss of a loved one. During the past seven years Wesley Mission Life-Force has trained more than 11,000 people in metropolitan, regional and rural communities across Australia. The program equips people to identify the signs of suicide and depression and how to take preventative action. It also empowers communities to recognize when someone is depressed and is in pain and how to respond appropriately.

The Rotary Club of Drummoyne has undertaken hundreds of projects over the last 53 years. In the last twelve months alone, the Rotary Club of Drummoyne has:

- Given \$3,000 to *beyondblue*, the national depression initiative.
- Donated \$3,000 to the Diabetes Foundation
- Presented Derek Pyrah and his wife Adriana with a cheque for \$2,000 for their work in the Philippines. The money will be used to build low cost housing for the people of Bohol in the Philippines

These are only a few of the clubs outstanding achievements. In 2005 the Club's major beneficiary will be CanTeen, a national support organisation for young people living with Cancer.

Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway Fund Raiser



Mayor Angelo Tsirekas with Rusty Priest and Peter FitzSimons

In October 2004, Peter FitzSimons enthralled an audience of over 80 Rotarians and community leaders at a fund-raising luncheon, hosted by the Rotary Club of Drummoyne.

For many Australians, Kokoda is the iconic battle of World War II, yet few people know the names of the men who fought on the track, or even the details of what happened.

Peter, in his latest best selling book entitled KOKODA, tells the Kokoda story in a gripping, and moving, style for all Australians.

The event was a great success raising \$5,000 for the Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway in Rhodes.

Did you know...

- The world's first Rotary club, the Rotary Club of Chicago, Illinois, USA, was formed on 23 February 1905 by Paul P. Harris.

If you would like to join The Rotary Club of Drummoyne or simply find out more information about the club or any of their projects please contact President, Ian Garrow on 0419 728 978



Rotary Club of Five Dock



Mayor Angelo Tsirekas, Fundraising Chairman Ron Yeo, President Bob DiMento and Ron Natoli at the launch of the Bread for Kids Charity Ball in aid of the children in Smoky Mountain in Cebu



Canada Bay Cancer Relay for Life

The Rotary Club of Five Dock was 'chartered' some thirty one years ago on 3 May 1973.

During this time the Club has developed a rich tradition of involvement in the community, both local and world wide. From its award winning restoration of Rodd Point, the returning of the Rodd Cross to its original position and the under grounding of electrical cables on the Point, the Club has participated in many local projects and events.

The Rotary Club of Five Dock has had many outstanding achievements.

- More than a million dollars has been raised and distributed by the Club. Organisations such as the Children's Hospital at Westmead, the Five Dock Lucas Garden School, the Balmain hospital, the Red Shield Appeal and the Australian Rotary Health and Research Foundation have been supported by the Club.
- It has supported all the Rotary Youth programmes - RYLA, RYPEN, the Science and Engineering Schools.
- The Club hosted a total of seventeen exchange students.
- It has been involved in local school fetes, local scout groups, the Blaxland Ridge Rural Fire Brigade, Walk Against Drugs, the Olympic Torch relay, the Paralympics movement, two tunnel walks and the Airport link.
- More recently it has helped Communities for Communities with a Golf Day and a Car Rally, the Heart Foundation's Cyclotron and the Cancer Council's Relay for Life.
- Many members have served on Rotary District Committees and others have served on offshore working teams building school buildings.
- The Club has sent two containers of goods to a mental hospital in Fiji, and another to East Timor.
- In the area of Vocational Service the Club has hosted numerous Pride of Workmanship Award nights.
- The Club helped charter the Rotary Club of Haberfield and two Probus Clubs and has awarded 27 Paul Harris Fellowships (five to non Rotarians) providing US\$27,000.00 to the Rotary Foundation for its world wide humanitarian work.
- The Club raised over \$50,000.00 last year to help eliminate Poliomyelitis from the world by 2005 and this year raised \$32,000.00 for underprivileged children at Cebu in the Philippines

In recognition of their outstanding efforts two of the Club's members received Commonwealth Senior Australian Recognition Awards and Commonwealth Centenary Medals. In 2000-2001 the Rotary Club of Five Dock was awarded the prestigious District 9750 Athol Johnson Trophy for Best Club in District.

To mark the Centenary of Rotary International, the Club is considering number of local community projects as well as helping two young Fijian men get access to corrective surgery.

The Rotary Club of Five Dock enjoys a reputation as a vital and friendly club - may it continue in this spirit to place "SERVICE ABOVE SELF".

Did you know...

- Over 1.3 million Rotarians belong to more than 31,000 Rotary clubs located in 166 countries.

If you would like more information or would like to join the Rotary Club of Five Dock please contact the Club's president Bob Di Mento on 9713 9940.



Rotary Club of Haberfield



Charles Hughes, Bill Gibson and Sharon Hughes

The Rotary Club of Haberfield is a small but active club with 25 members which has recently celebrated its 20th anniversary. The club supports a range of activities that promote leadership, youth and vocational development, fundraising, fellowship and goodwill within our local community as well as being dedicated to international peace and understanding.

In recent times the Club has supported a number of local organisations which include

the Cochlear Implant Centre, Assistance Dogs and the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund. In 2002-3 the club raised \$15,000 for the PolioPlus campaign, an international aid programme, managed by Rotary International in conjunction with the World Health Organisation, which aims to eradicate polio from every corner of the globe within the next couple of years. The club has also assisted in sending school supplies, books and medical equipment to third world countries.



Left to Right: Joan Winter, Carolyn Burlew and Murray Turner



L to R: Vince Plenzich, Murray Turner, Bill Gibson, Peter Sharp, Lois Knight, Jeanette Morgan, Hugh Sterndale Smith, Sharon Hughes and Charles Hughes

Members of the Rotary Club of Haberfield can be seen quite regularly cooking BBQ's at local schools, at street fairs and outside Bunnings in Ashfield. It is also involved in other community activities and projects, sometimes in conjunction with other Rotary Clubs in the area such as Five Dock and Drummoyne.

Over the past 6 years the club has hosted Rotary Youth Exchange Students from overseas students who come to Australia for 12 months to learn about another culture, improve their English language skills and live with Australian families while they are here. The club has hosted students from Denmark, Germany, France, Finland, Belgium and Japan and sponsored Australian students to spend a year in Europe in countries which include Denmark, Belgium, Sweden and Germany.

Did you know...

- In 1985, Rotary Clubs all over the world formed a partnership to eradicate polio by Rotary's Centenary on 23 February 2005. To date more than US\$611 million has been raised by 1.3 million Rotarians world wide as part of the PolioPlus Program.

We welcome anyone who is thinking about joining Rotary. Or, if you simply would like to know more about the organisation why not come along to one of the meetings. Or if you have a hobby, interest or passion you would like to share then why not attend one of the meetings to talk about it. Call the Rotary Club of Haberfield on 9797 0408 or email the Club Secretary g.wran@telstra.com.

Most Requested Books

(During December 2004)

FICTION

1. The Da Vinci Code - Dan Brown
2. Angels and Demons - Dan Brown
3. Deception Point - Dan Brown
4. Digital Fortress - Dan Brown
5. Trace - Patricia Cornwell
6. Nights of Rain and Stars - Maeve Binchy
7. The Naked Husband - Mark D'Arbanville
8. Are You Afraid of the Dark - Sidney Sheldon
9. Covet - Tara Moss
10. R is for Ricochet - Sue Grafton
11. The Turning - Tim Winton

NON FICTION

1. Kokoda - Peter FitzSimons
2. My Life - Bill Clinton
3. Eats, Shoots and Leaves - Lynne Truss



Author Spotlight

It is becoming more common for an author to have one or two books in the Bestsellers list but not to have three or four at the one time. In early 2004, Dan Brown had all four of his novels holding spots on the New York Times bestseller list during the same week.

Dan Brown currently has three of his books in the Bestsellers list - Angel and Demons, Deception Point and Digital Fortress. His latest book The Da Vinci Code debuted at #1 on the New York Times Bestseller list whilst simultaneously topping Bestseller lists at The Wall Street Journal, Publishers Weekly and San Francisco Chronicle.

Dan Brown has made numerous public appearances on CNN and The Today Show and on National Public Radio. He has also appeared in magazine articles in Newsweek, Time and People to name a few.

Dan Brown is the son of a Presidential Award winning math professor and a professional sacred musician. Growing up with two very different views of science and religion has helped shape the books that Dan Brown writes.



City of Canada Bay Library Service

You will find something for everyone at the local libraries. From magazines, newspapers and videos to toys, large print books and a local history collection. Internet access and wordprocessing is also provided along with home delivery for house bound readers, story time and craft sessions for children.

Why not visit one of the libraries today.

CONCORD

Cnr Wellbank & Bent St
Concord 2137
Tel: (02) 9736 4732
Mon: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Tues: 10 am. – 8 p.m.
Wed: Closed
Thur: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Fri: 10 am. – 8 p.m.
Sat: 9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

CONCORD WEST

283 Concord Rd
Concord West 2138
Tel: (02) 9736 4728
Mon: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Tues: Closed
Wed: 10 am. – 8 p.m.
Thur: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Fri: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sat: 9:30 a.m. – 12 noon
Sun: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

FIVE DOCK

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Five Dock 2046
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Mon: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Tues: 10 am. – 8 p.m.
Wed: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Thur: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Fri: 10 am. – 8 p.m.
Sat: 9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Sun: 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.



North Strathfield

Hub of Cosmopolitan Canada Bay



Concord Road is the place to go for some global gourmet treats. Explore your own *Spice Train* experience, as you encounter flavours from the Mediterranean to the Pacific. Start with traditional Italian, and move through the cuisines of China, India and Thailand.

And it's not just the Restaurants that offer exotic flavours but the two delicatessens, Asian bakery, friendly bottle shop and speciality meat and chicken vendors all add to the experience.

North Strathfield feels viby throughout the day. Visually there are murals and signs of its cultural heritage battling for attention along Concord Road. It captures what is interesting about exploring Sydney's suburbs. What you find is good quality meals and produce that ensure the survival of these longstanding businesses and enables them to compete with the large chains and modern shopping centres.

Valentine's Day delights

Since food is often part of a celebration, it is not surprising that many people will be looking forward to eating out on Valentines Day. North Strathfield is excellent for dining. The range and quality available in the area is superb, from the traditional favourites such as the famous Liu Rose Chinese Restaurant to modern classics like Pron Prohm, Thai Intra, Adesso and Luna Piena, both offering Italian. North Strathfield offers something to help anyone celebrate.

Great gifts can also be found at the speciality stores along the strip. How about cosy sheepskin car seat covers custom made by craftsmen with over 25 years experience. For a traditional valentine favourite check out the florist on Concord Road, she is known for value and style. Alternatively visit North Strathfield cellars for a speciality bottle of wine. For the price conscious shopper there is an enormous range of value gifts and novelties available in the North Strathfield Discount Store.

Tradition of access and service

There are two traditional business areas in North Strathfield that run parallel along Concord Road and Queen Street. They are one of the most accessible strips in the City with road and rail services to the area.

North Strathfield Railway Station links this suburb to the centre and west off the Sydney Basin. The commuters coming and going everyday shape the street life and urban quality of the area. There are buses to the city and to Ryde along Concord Road. There is customer parking at the rear of many shops and public parking along Clermont Lane behind the stores on Concord Road.

Both shopping strips run along one side of the road reducing the need for pedestrians to tackle the traffic. The area is well shaded and offers a comprehensive range of services from banks and surgeries to hair and holistic treatments.



Foodie Feature

Where	Abhi's New Indian Restaurant 163 Concord Rd, North Strathfield, NSW 2137, 9743 3061
Speciality	Speciality Indian Food
Opening Hours	12.00 noon – 3.00 pm and 6.00 pm – 10.00 pm seven days a week
Reviewer selection	Palak Patta Chaat / Masala Dosa – Keema / Butter Chicken
The experience	Quite simply the Abhi's experience was great. I must warn you I am English and therefore biased because the English love an Indian Restaurant. As the most popular style of restaurant food in England I have a vast knowledge of what makes a good Indian great. There is nothing average about Abhi's. It is a palace of flavours and gourmet delights. The Indian menu both challenges you to try new dishes and provides you with the familiar favourites. My selection had new dishes Palak Patta Chaat and Masala Dosa – Keema (both recommended by a North Strathfield local) and an old favourite Butter Chicken. Palak Patta in an explosion of competing tastes on a yoghurt and spinach base. Masala Dosa was my favourite. The mixed spicy dish served in Indian style pancakes was delicious. The Butter Chicken enabled me to compare it to other meals I have had all over the world. It was absolutely delicious and deserves a top position in the hall of greats. The chic and modern dining area is complimented by fantastic service from engaging staff. We went with a baby in a pram and the waiters could not have worked harder to welcome the whole party. I would recommend that everyone makes at least one visit to Abhi's, but don't forget to book well in advance, there are people all over Sydney that make the pilgrimage to this popular foody treasure.



Abhi's New Indian Restaurant

Did you know...

- North Strathfield is home to the most eastern Railway station in the City of Canada Bay and Concord Road is one of the City's busiest bus routes.
- North Strathfield boasts the only Woolworth's store in the City of Canada Bay.
- The traditional shopping areas of North Strathfield are surrounded by the new retail developments at Rhodes and the Bakehouse Quarter.

FREE Colours of Canada Bay Cuisine Guide: call Stephanie Kelly on 9911 6521 or stephanie.kelly@candabay.nsw.gov.au

Community Update

English Literacy and Language Class

Do you have difficulty reading or writing? Want to improve your literacy skills? Then come along to a small and supportive English Literacy and Language Class. Classes will cover reading, writing and conversation skills with a qualified English Adult educator. The classes are for anyone having difficulty with reading or writing English.

If you are a new resident from another country it can be a challenge to learn English and this program will offer practical help. Classes will be held every Thursday from 3 February - 7 April from 10am - 12 midday at the Concord Community Centre. For more information or to register for the classes contact Ros Lance on 9719 8102. Please note that there is a small fee for these classes.

Health and Wellbeing Network

Join Kylie Davis, publisher of the Village Voice at the next Health and Wellbeing Network on Tuesday, 8 February 2005 from 7pm -9pm in the Bay Room at Five Dock Library. Kylie will be talking about marketing and how important it is to each and every business.

The network is free to residents and business owners in the City of Canada Bay. There are a limited number of spaces so to book a place please call Helen Dlugosz on 9911 6580 or email helen.dlugosz@canadabay.nsw.gov.au. The meeting is being held at Five Dock Library, Level 1, 4-12 Garfield St, Five Dock (above Supabarn 2 hours free parking below). Light refreshments will be served.

Volunteer Expo

On Wednesday, 2 March from 10am - 1pm, the Drummoyne Community Centre will be holding a Volunteer Expo in conjunction with the City of Canada Bay Council and the Volunteer Network.

Come along and find out about the wide range of volunteer opportunities close to where you live. There will be presentations, information stands, displays and refreshments too. Talk to people who already volunteer and learn about the rewards that come from volunteering and how you can make a difference. The Drummoyne Community Centre is located at 10 Cometrowe Street, Drummoyne. For more information call the Community Centre on 9719 8102, or the Volunteer Network on 9911 9855.

Grandparents Day

On Wednesday, 16 March grandparents are invited to meet at the Drummoyne Community Centre to share in a morning of exploring the aspects of caring for grandchildren. It is a chance to meet others in the same boat, share experiences, look at some coping strategies and discuss how to have more fun too. There will be presentations by the Council of the Ageing (C.O.T.A.), Relationships Australia, Early Childhood Centres, Occasional Child Care and Inner West Family Support. There will be workshops covering relationship issues, coping strategies and play and childcare options in the Inner West. Morning tea will be provided. It is essential to book as numbers are limited. Contact Ros or Helen at the Community Centre on 9719 8102 if you wish to attend and let us know if you need childcare and/or an interpreter. If you are interested but cannot attend this day please register your interest as further programs may be offered.

Council's Active Adults (55 years+) Bus Trips

The City of Canada Bay Council provides regular recreation bus trips for senior residents who find it difficult to get out to socialise and meet people. Outings to places of interest are provided for people who are socially isolated on the fourth Thursday of each month. You must be reasonably fit and active as there is no staff assistance on the bus. There is a small charge for bus fare and outing costs.

Contact Council on 9911 6555 for bookings and any enquiries regarding the bus trips.

To contact Council phone 9911 6555, email council@canadabay.nsw.gov.au or via mail to The General Manager, City of Canada Bay Council, Locked Bag 1470, Drummoyne 1470.

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