



STRATHFIELD ROTARY BULLETIN

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THE SPOKE

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Rotary, United Nations and Australian Themes

Month of Feb	Rotary	Water and Sanitation Month
Days of Feb	United Nations	International Women's Day (8th March)



Steve's Snippets

Hi fellow Rotarians

Well this week is "Rotary Conference week". What's so special about attending a Rotary Conference you might ask? It's only a weekend talkfest of all things Rotary isn't it? I've got the kids sport to worry about, and it's another cost I could do without.

On one level that's true I guess. Conferences can be dull, and boring sometimes, and quite often it is an effort to get there.

But at another level attending a Rotary Conference is vitally important, particularly for newer members. Firstly you get to socialize with your own members in a relaxing setting over a weekend, and maybe get to know them a bit better. You get

to also socialize with members of other clubs, and establish friendships, and future networks, and importantly you get to learn more about Rotary in the larger world, not just what's happening locally.

I've been to many conferences in my nearly 40 years in Rotary, and in fact I've been Conference Chair in one, and part of the organizing committee in two others. I have made many friends from other clubs in our district, and this has always been useful when needing to contact a particular club, as you already have a friend there who will help you with your task.

From a business perspective you are also able to expand your networks with quality individuals (Rotarians) just like you.

The success of a conference and the enjoyment of the attendees depends on many things, the quality of the accommodation and the location, the quality of the speakers and their subjects, the opportunities provided for breaks from the program, the quality of the social program, and most importantly the preparedness of members to have a great time together. I hope this will be a successful conference and those members of Strathfield attending will benefit from the experience and broaden their horizons.

As members are aware we have moved our March 29th meeting back to Monday March 27th and changed the venue to BURWOOD RSL, to join with Burwood and our other zone clubs at the Inaugural RAWCS dinner.

As indicated many times to you, and as very thoughtfully discussed by members at the recent Club Assembly, it is important that Strathfield attend this event in solid numbers to show our sincerity in being an active member of our zone, and that we are willing to join with other clubs in future activities (that sometime may be our own). We can't expect to receive assistance or expect involvement, if we don't participate.

Unfortunately, for this event Walter Bock from Burwood has adopted an online booking system called TRY BOOKINGS. When you try to book (and its individuals only) you are directed to a long narrow picture theatre like screen asking you to pick a seat. Duh!!!! Why would we have that when we are going to dinner and

sitting at tables? In the next week, Treasurer Rod or Ed Dunlop will endeavor to sort this out so that we can do a block booking if possible.

So fellow Rotarians, when we contact you individually we firstly will need your commitment to attend (hopefully with your partner), and we will need your money as well. This is not an event that you can leave making a decision on until the last minute. I'm sorry, but we need your assistance and involvement.

I hope everyone enjoys tonight's alternative venue at "The Golden Coronet". It will be a very informal meeting, hopefully full of great fellowship.

Finally, I must remind you, by the end of the month I need all members to submit ONE NAME as a potential Satellite Club member...and...ONE NAME of a person you would like to invite to Paolo Giammarco's Membership function on MAY 10th, who could be a potential Strathfield Rotarian.

I'm sure you know as well as I do that growing our membership is ESSENTIAL to the survival of our Club.

Enjoy your week everyone, I know I will because I'm going to the conference in Wollongong.

President Steve



Last Week's Guest Speakers: RYLA Attendees: Renee Lim, Praby Sasson, Kevin Qin & Raghav Rampal

The young people we send to RYLA are exceptional individuals. And Renee, Praby, Kevin and Raghav clearly showed that they are maintaining the high standard. Each spoke eloquently about their experience during the week-long event.

One of the common comments by participants is that they rarely know what they are in for at the camp. But at the completion, the RYLA event is life changing. From not knowing anyone at the beginning, they leave with life-long friendships

Renee, Praby, Kevin and Raghav outlined many of the activities and inspirational speakers to which they

were exposed. From outdoor activities such as 15m high-ropes, to indoor activities such as 'speed intro', toastmaster skills and 'breaking boards', they were constantly challenged in what they saw as a safe and positive environment for enrichment of participants.

Remarks such as it was the "best investment of their time ever" and if they had to use one word to describe the experience, it was be "transformative" clearly demonstrate what a 'jewel' RYLA is in the Rotary family of programs.



L-R: Renee Lim, Praby Sasson, Raghav Rampal & Kevin Qin

This Week's Speakers: n/a

With the District Conference on this coming weekend, tonight sees a more

casual night of fellowship at the Golden Coronet Chinese Restaurant.



Next Week's Speaker: Andrew Aravanis

Next week will be enlightened by a presentation by our newest member, the dynamic Andrew Aravanis.



Dates for the Calendar



<i>Rotary Events</i>	
Wednesday 8 th Mar 2017	Fellowship dinner at Golden Coronet
Fri 10 th to Sun 12 th March 17	District Conference – Wollongong
Wednesday 15 th Mar 2017	Vocational talk – Andrew Aravanis
Wednesday 22 nd Mar 2017	Wayne Collis: Tips and traps for investing for retirement
Monday 27 th Mar 2017	Tribute to honour the work of RAWCS Australia (transfer meeting to Burwood)
Wednesday 29 th Mar 2017	No meeting (transfer meeting to Burwood)
Wednesday 5 th April 2017	School debate
Wednesday 12 th April 2017	Vocational talk
Wednesday 19 th April 2017	Noel Trevaskis - Telling the Rotary Story
Wednesday 26 th April 2017	Youth Achievement Awards

<i>Birthdays</i>	
8 th March	Usha Garg
8 th March	Kim Dunlop
8 th March	Kate Teale
14 th March	Strathfield Rotary (1971)

<i>Anniversaries</i>	
9 th March	Umesh and Anuradha Kamkolkar (Rotary)
9 th March	Andrew and Danielle Aravanis (Wedding)
10 th March	Bradley and Cheryl Ayres (Wedding)
14 th March	Raymond McCluskie (Rotary)

Rotary Celebrities and Projects

Bill Gates Jr is not actually a Rotarian himself. His dad, Bill Gates Sr is a member of the Rotary Club of Seattle. This is the linkage, which led the Bill Gates Foundation to devote its effort to the eradication of polio.

In 2007, the Gates Foundation gave The Rotary Foundation a \$100 million challenge grant for polio eradication, and in 2009, increased it to \$355 million. Rotary agreed to raise \$200 million in matching funds by 30 June 2012, but Rotarians in fact raised \$228.7 million toward the challenge.

The RI Convention in Lisbon in 2013 set the stage for a new chapter in the partnership between Rotary and the Foundation.

"Going forward, the Gates Foundation will match two-to-one, up to US\$35 million per year, every dollar Rotary commits to reduce the funding shortfall for polio eradication through 2018,"

Rotary and the Gates Foundation are determined not to let polio make a comeback.

David Croft



The Statistics

Attendance last week	14
Leave of absence	3
Apologies	10
No apology	6
Club membership	33
Partners	0
Guests	9
Members Rotary activities	Week ending 1-3-17: 51 [hours]

<i>Funds raised last week</i>	
Raffle	\$155.00
'Heads and tails'	\$19.45
Sergeants session	\$80.35

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## Your Committee 2016-2017

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|--------------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------------|
| President                | Stephen Taylor | Secretary     | Peter van der Sleen |
| President Elect          | Rick Vosila    | Sergeant      | Grahame True        |
| Immediate Past President | Allan Petersen | Treasurer     | Rod McDougall       |
| Youth                    | Arie Pappas    | Community     | Andrew Aravanis     |
| International            | Rick Vosila    | Vocational    | Not filled          |
|                          |                | Club Services | Bradley Ayres       |

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| Bulletin Editor  | Bradley Ayres | Web master | Raymond McCluskie |
| Bulletin Printer | Selectprint   | Apologies  | Gulian Vaccari    |

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Fines Sessions Roster

President Steve along with Sergeant Grahame have come up with the idea that our members take turns delivering the fines session each week. This should make for a fun and entertaining evening.

Here is the list of names and dates for you to record. If you are unable to deliver the fine session on your designated night could you please organise a replacement and let me know.

Sergeant Grahame

8 th March	n/a
15 th March	Paolo Giammarco
22 nd March	Anuradha Kamkolkar
29 th March	Peter Manenti
5 th April	Arie Pappas
12 th April	Raymond McCluskie
19 th April	Charles Pitt
26 th April	Richard Horwood
3 rd May	Joe Saad
10 th May	Peter Smith
17 th May	Gulian Vaccari
24 th May	Peter van der Sleen
31 st May	Rick Vosila
7 th June	Janelle Watson
14 th June	Andrew Aravanis
21 st June	Usha Garg

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## *Out and About*

Once again, the Rotary Club of Strathfield has supported the Shitbox Rally via sponsorship of the local entry headed by David Starr

