

# STRATHFIELD ROTARY BULLETIN

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### *Rotary, United Nations and Australian Themes*

Month of October	Rotary	Membership and New Club Development Economic and Community Development
Days of October	United Nations Australia	International Day Eradication of Poverty

### *President Steve's Snippets*

A very warm and sincere welcome this evening to our many guests for this very special meeting.

Tonight, everyone is in for a real treat.

Firstly, we get the inside scoop, straight from the coach, on how Australia won the women's rugby 7's at the Rio Olympics. John Manenti is a rugby coach par excellence with over 20 years of successful coaching experience.

I'm sure we will all find the story about the journey of the coach and team fascinating.

The second part of the evening is about the amazing reach of Rotary into the third world.

Recently, our club was approached by a Rotary Club in Mumbai to join with them in renovating a small school in the slums of Mumbai.

Even though the amount required of us to be involved was relatively small, we didn't have those funds available so early in the Rotary year.

Enter long time Strathfield Rotarian and Cape Cabarita resident Ross Brown, who was generous enough to donate the amount needed, US \$3,000.

With the contribution of the Mumbai Club, and the amazing generosity of the Rotary Foundation, the total project budget was increased to US \$14,000.

Tonight, our visitors will see how Rotarians honour those who have excelled in one field or another.

Shamelessly, we have asked our guests for another reason.

Rotary, like all organizations, needs new blood and renewal. Our hope is that a few of you may be enthused enough by what Rotarians are able to achieve that you may consider joining us.

If nothing else, tonight you will see Rotary in action and enjoy a moment of true Australian sporting history. Welcome again to Strathfield Rotary, and enjoy your evening.

President Steve

### *Last Week*

We welcomed guest speaker Michael Keenan. Michael has spent his working life in general aviation and had many great anecdotes about his working life experiences. Michael was born in the country, and came to Sydney about fifty years ago. He found a job in Bankstown and learnt to fly at the nearby airport. He soon found himself selling aeroplanes or, as we found out, airplanes as the North Americans call them. In those days, Michael would fly the planes around the country to sell them. His commitment extended to his honeymoon coinciding with a business trip. What really stood out from his talk was the many characters that Michael crossed paths with during his working life; in no particular order, Dick Smith, Kerry Packer, Alan Bond, and Laurie Connell, to name but a few.

Michael's quickest sale was to Kerry Packer. One day, Kerry was late for his commercial flight to Brisbane. Even a phone call to the Ansett boss was not enough to bring the plane back to the terminal! Forced to look for an alternative flight, Kerry hitched a lift with Michael. An obviously skilled salesman, Michael sold Kerry two planes during the journey! He also ended up working for Kerry for a short period, having an office next to Kerry's lawyer; a fellow called Malcolm Turnbull. Alan Bond, obviously during his heyday, purchased two planes, both Falcon 900's. This paled in comparison to Michael's largest sale, 100 planes over a five year period to the Philippines.

The Club thanks Michael on an entertaining talk.



*PP Keith Stockall, Michael Keenan, President Steve Taylor*

### *This week*

Rio, Rugby, Rotary , Partners Night

### *Rotary Celebrities and Projects*

The 'Colonel' Harland Sanders, founder of Kentucky Fried Chicken, KFC, was a member of the Rotary Club of Jeffersonville, Vermont USA. When Sanders died in December 1980, he was buried in his characteristic white suit and black western string tie in Cave Hill Cemetery in Louisville.

October is Vocational Service month. As Rotarians, we can put the ideals of Vocational Service into action by :

**talking** about our vocation in the club  
**using** our professional skills to serve in our community  
**practising** our profession with integrity, and inspiring others to behave ethically through our own words and actions  
**helping** young people to achieve their career aspirations  
**guiding** and encouraging others in their professional development.     David Croft

<i>Anniversaries</i>	
<i>Birthdays</i>	
15 October	Peter Manenti
16 October	Christine Vosila
<i>Anniversary</i>	
<i>Rotary Anniversary</i>	

<i>Rotary Events</i>	
Wednesday 12 October	<b>RIO, RUGBY, ROTARY</b> <b>Strathfield Rotary, Strathfield Council</b> <b>welcome Olympic Gold Medal Womens Rugby</b> <b>Sevens Coach, John Manenti</b> <b>Membership Development and Partners Night</b>
Wednesday 19 October	<b>Member Life Talk</b>
Wednesday 26 October	<b>Product Branding</b> <b>Diana Hall, Marketing Director, Castrol</b>
Wednesday 2 November	<b>The Rotary Foundation</b> <b>Past Governor Paul Reid, Rotary Foundation</b> <b>Representative</b>
Wednesday 23 November	<b>Pride of Workmanship Awards</b> Do it once, do it well Strathfield Golf Club, Centenary Drive, Strathfield Partners Night, 6.30 for 7.00

Attendance last week	14
Leave of absence	2
Apologies	10
No apology	12
Club membership	<b>38</b>
Partners	0
Guest	3
Members Rotary activities hours	58 we 21.9

Raffle	\$115.00
Sergeant	\$53.80
Heads and Tails	\$19.00

### *Member Notes*

Applications for **RYLA 2017**, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, are now open. Our closing date for applications is **Wednesday 12th October**. Please direct enquiries and applications to our **RYLA Chair, David Croft**. Detailed information on RYLA program is available from the following link

<http://www.rotarydistrict9675.org.au/Page/ryla> Arie Pappas

## **GRAFFITI REMOVAL DAY 2016**

Graffiti Removal Day is being held this year on Sunday 30 October, 8.30-11.00am. This Rotary driven project is an initiative of the NSW Government's Dept. of Justice aimed at creating a greater awareness of graffiti vandalism. It encourages local communities throughout NSW to get involved in the removal and prevention of graffiti.

To Rotary clubs it offers a lot more:

Getting involved with a fun yet different activity

Only needing a few people – men or women

Providing an opportunity for your club to be exposed and promoted in your local community

Working on a common cause with other volunteers – which may even lead to finding a few more new members!

Involving no costs as all the required materials such as paint, brushes etc are provided by sponsors – the major one being Dulux. Even murals and green screening can be undertaken.

This is a big event – now in its fourth year. Last year almost 2000 volunteers removed over 20,000 sq. metres of graffiti from over 450 sites in 56 Council areas.

The commitment sheet was circulated at last Wednesday night's meeting but unfortunately it only attracted two volunteers.

While the day will attract a number of Interactors, Rotaractors and community volunteers it would be wonderful if this project/day could also be supported by Strathfield Rotarians.

An early indication, either way, would be appreciated.

Peter Smith



## **RIO, RUGBY, ROTARY**

### **A TRIBUTE TO THE AUSTRALIAN WAY OF SPORTING ENDEAVOUR, AND THE GENEROSITY OF ROTARIANS PROGRAM**

**Call to order *Peter Allen - Rio theme.***

**7.00pm** Introduction and welcome President Stephen Taylor  
Toast to Rotary, Sergeant at Arms Graham True

**7.05 pm** Purpose of the evening.

Honoring the coaching achievements of John Manenti, and the announcement of a major Global Grant program in India, made possible by the donation of a prominent Rotarian.

**7.10 pm** Introduction of raffle. proceeds to The Rotary Foundation  
Rotarian Anu Kamkolkar

**7.12 pm** Speech by Strathfield Mayor Sang Ok or new Mayor Soulos.

**7.20 pm** Buffet dinner , desert

**8.00 pm** *Intro music*

*Two minute highlight of rugby 7's match*

Introduction of John Manenti by Stephen Taylor.

*Song, Advance Australia*

**8.25 pm** Introduction of our new Rotary Global Grant project

**8.35 pm** Introduction of Ross Browne, our benefactor Rotarian  
Presentations,

**8.55 pm** Thank you speeches by recipients

**9.05 pm** Discussion on the importance of and impact on our Community that Rotary makes. President Elect, Rick Vosila

Membership is open.

If interested please contact your invitee.

**9.10 pm** Raffle draw, possible auction.

**9.20 pm** Close

*Song I am Australian*

