



STRATHFIELD ROTARY BULLETIN

DISTRICT 9675

THE SPOKE

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Rotary, United Nations and Australian Themes

Month of July	Rotary	Start of new Rotary year
Days of July	United Nations	World Population Day (11 July 2016)
	United Nations	World Youth Skills Day (15 July 2016)



Steve's Snippets

Hi everyone, and thanks for last week. I felt that the meeting went well, and the guest speaker (thanks to PP Allan Teale and Director Bradley) was most interesting, although it was certainly unusual having a young German immigrant to Australia talking to us about aboriginal issues. Nevertheless his talked provoked a great deal of interest and members asked many questions.

Congratulations to PP Peter Smith for officially establishing our new Rotaract Club, to be based at ACU.

I hope to have a date soon on our visit to Bankstown Airport, and our first Friday evening dinner.

Please try and help out on Sunday July 30th at our National Tree Day

BBQ. The more volunteers we have the easier it will be for us all.

Thanks to Bradley, Arie and Gulian for giving their delayed reports on their proposed activities for the year.

Can I suggest to every member that you prepare your "about my life" presentation. This is just not a job talk, it's about your life, and how you got to where you are today.

Finally this week I encourage all members to look for potential members for the new Satellite Club, particularly your children, their friends, and suitable appropriate people.

President Steve



Last Week's Guest Speaker: Jens Korff

Born in Australia, and educated in Germany, Jens Korff returned to Australia in 2004. In his talk, Jens gave an insightful and thought provoking speech on Aboriginal history and culture.

What started as a travel adventure in Australia led Jens to set up a website to chronicle his travel experience. As an offshoot, he started a section dedicated to documenting his interest in Aboriginal culture. What started small has grown to become the main focus of his website as more and more people came to share his interest in our First People.

Today, this site creativespirits.info, as reflected in his talk, adheres to the site's motto of exploring "Aboriginal Australia without agenda".

During the evening, Jens challenged our members to reflect on our own biases and, in many cases, lack of knowledge. Via a simple 'test' we learnt that 3% of the Australian population identifies as Aboriginal. And that being Aboriginal is not a simplistic assessment such as the colour of your skin. Rather, it is a matter of proving to your Aboriginal community of your connection via your family history. We learnt that, as a percentage of the population, there are more Aboriginal people living in

Western Sydney, than there are in the Northern Territory. We heard how the forcible removal of Aboriginal children from their families and community (known as the Stolen Generation) did not cease until the 1970s.

Jens also explained about NAIDOC week, which is held in the first full week of July each year. What started as a protest in the 1930's over Australia Day has transformed into a much more positive event to celebrate, recognise and enjoy Aboriginal culture. This year, Darwin is the host city and the theme is "Songlines" which is part of the traditional method of imparting knowledge through the generations.

Gulian Vaccari, who also did the 'Acknowledgement of Country', introduced Jens. PP Allan Teale, with whom tonight's presentation resonated because of his heritage, gave a heartfelt vote of thanks to Jens.



Postscript: Jens has made an offer of 15% off any infographic purchased from his website before the end of August for our members. See Brad for more details.



This Week's Guest Speaker: n/a

Given that next week is earmarked for Queensland to complete a clean sweep of this year's State of Origin, (or will they?) there will be no formal speaker. However, we will get to

enjoy a night of fellowship before witnessing the opportunity for redemption by the Blues.

Next Week's Guest Speaker: to be revealed

As we have discovered previously, some of the most fascinating presentations come from our own members. Next week, one or two of

our members will present their story. But who will it be?

Dates for the Calendar



<i>Rotary Events</i>	
Wednesday 13 th July 2016	State of Origin
Wednesday 20 th July 2016	Guest speaker: 'Job' Talks
Saturday 23 rd July 2016	Emergency Services Community Awards
Wednesday 27 th July 2016	Guest speaker: Dr. Tom Crow
Friday, 29 th July 2016	Social dinner at the Golden Coronet restaurant

<i>Birthdays</i>	
-	none

<i>Anniversaries</i>	
-	none

Rotary Celebrities and Projects

❖ Rotarians are impressive travellers. Sir Edmund Hillary, the first Caucasian to conquer Mt.

Everest, was an honorary member of the Rotary Club of Auckland, New Zealand.

❖ The founder of Rotary, Paul P. Harris was not the first but the third president of the Chicago Rotary Club.

In 1907, the club initiated its first public service project, the construction of public toilets in Chicago. This step transformed Rotary into the world's first Service Club. This action was facilitated by the formation of the Executive Committee which was open to all members and their noon meetings began the tradition of club luncheon meetings.

Harris had great ambitions for Rotary's growth, and very early in the organisation's history new clubs were started, first on the west coast, and then all over the US and in Europe. By 1910, at least 15 new clubs had begun in major cities. That August, the existing 16 Rotary Clubs

held a national convention in Chicago. There they unanimously chose to unify as the National Association of Rotary Clubs.

The new association unanimously elected Harris as its president.

Eventually, the organisation became the International Association of Rotary Clubs, helping to realise Harris' dream worldwide.

David Croft



The statistics

Attendance last week	20
Leave of absence	5
Apologies	5
No apology	8
Club membership	38
Members Rotary activities	Not recorded [hours]

<i>Funds raised last week</i>	
Raffle	\$170.00
'heads and tails'	\$24.50
Sergeants session	\$66.20

Your Committee 2016-2017

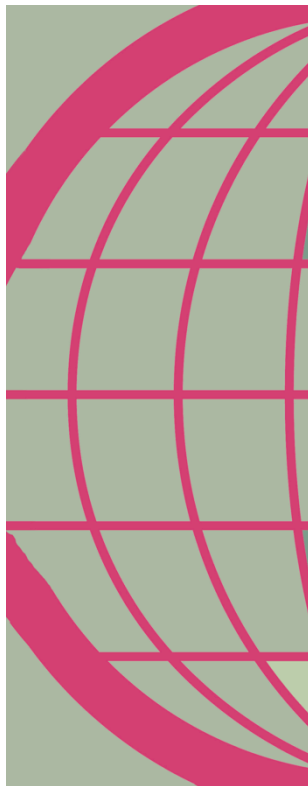
President	Stephen Taylor	Sergeant	Grahame True
President Elect	tba	Treasurer	Rod McDougall
Immediate Past President	Allan Petersen	Community	Andrew Aravanis
Youth	Arie Papas	Vocational	Gulian Vaccari
International	Rick Vosila	Club Services	Bradley Ayres

Bulletin Editor	Andrew Kowalski	Web master	Raymond McCluskie
Bulletin Printer	Selectprint	Apologies	Gulian Vaccari



Out and About - New Rotaract Club!

Thanks to the tireless work of Peter Smith, the Club is proud to announce the official formation of the Rotaract Club of Strathfield.




Certificate of Organization

This certificate recognizes that the
**Rotaract Club of
 Strathfield, Australia**
 (Established: 22 June 2016)

has been organized and has agreed, through its officers and members, to be bound by the constitution and bylaws of the Rotaract program of Rotary International.

Sponsored by the
 Rotary Club of
 Strathfield, New South Wales, Australia



PRESIDENT, SPONSORING ROTARY CLUB
 28 June, 2016.
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