

STRATHFIELD ROTARY BULLETIN

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Rotary, United Nations and Australian Themes

Month of September	Rotary	Basic Education and Literacy Month
Days of September	United Nations Australia	International Day for Democracy 12 September

President Steve's Snippets

It was a big relief to get the district Governor's formal visit over and done. Thankfully, Stephen and Judith were very impressed with Strathfield's involvement in all areas of Rotary activity, particularly our three Interact clubs and our new Rotaract club, mainly due of course to PP Peter Smith, our upcoming membership initiative, our proposed Global Grant in India, our Police Officer evening and Pride in Workmanship awards

Thank you to all Director's and members who are doing an amazing job making all this happen.

Last week was again a mix of really good and then not so good.

I received an email from the District Extension Committee, the people who plan new clubs. And guess what. They want to start one in Flemington, presumably amongst the people who work in the markets, who work very different hours to the rest of us. That's why George Helou finds it so difficult to attend. He's often at work around 3.00am.

The board will discuss this fully and report back to our club. The only person I could foreseeably see doing District's hard work and starting up this club would be the aforementioned George Helou. We will see.

The great part last week was of course Ross Brown's donation of \$4,050, US\$3,000, for our club's contribution to the creation of a Global Grant with a Rotary Club in Mumbai, India. More details on this project soon.

As I outlined last week, the evening for the John Manenti function will now be expanded to include a presentation on our future program. In my entire Rotary career, I have never seen an evening that will show the full extent of the work that Rotarians undertake in the community.

This will be a great night of Rio, Rugby and Rotary projects, and of course fun and song. So far I have sent out 26 invitations to couples and have already received 6 acceptances. While some of the people I have invited are my friends, most could become Rotarians. We will see, but I am hopeful.

So everyone, I again challenge you to please look for potential members

among your contact lists, and see who will accept your invitation to come on the night. This is our really big night to showcase a great event to potential members this year.

Club Service Director Brad and Ed Dunlop hope you will agree the quality of speakers is exceptional, so be distributing the weekly programs from now until the end of the year.

This is part of the Boards commitment to make attending Rotary meetings as interesting, productive and fun as possible.

President Steve

Last Week's Guest Speaker

Last week we welcomed District Governor Stephen Humphreys and his wife Judith. Judith spoke about how her partner project will centre on support for the Rotary Foundation, Rotary's very own charity.

Stephen gave a detailed talk on Rotary matters, starting with the new District website, Club Runner, and the District Newsletter. He went on to highlight the three pillars of Rotary International's strategic plan:

1. Building and strengthening membership
2. Humanitarian work
3. Building public image and awareness

On the topic of membership, Stephen mentioned there has been a significant decline in membership in some clubs and that some clubs lose about fifty percent of new members within three years of them joining, due largely to a lack of direction and purpose and personal involvement in their clubs. To redress these declines, Stephen is encouraging clubs to act now and to strive for new members and relevance. In terms of finding new members, he encouraged us to get out in the community to sell the Rotary story. On the retention aspect, giving members a job was seen as a key factor in making them feel part of the team with an ability and means to contribute.

One of the shining examples of Rotary's ability to make a significant contribution to the world at large is the Polio Plus project. Started by an Australian Rotary Club, the imminent prospect of a world free of polio is timely, given that an Australian will soon be RI President. When Rotary started the program, there were 350,000 new cases of polio in the world each year. Today, that figure is down to just 23, albeit 23 too many.

Next year may be a landmark year in polio eradication and Rotary should make every effort to capitalize on the goodwill and achievement created by the project.

This Week's Guest Speakers

Vocational Talks , Stephen Taylor, Keith Byrn

A Thought for the day

Good people give you happiness, bad people give you experience, the worst people give you a lesson, the best people give you love

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<i>Rotary Events</i>	
Wednesday 14 September	Vocational Talk Keith Byrn, Stephen Taylor
Wednesday 21 September	Brutalist Architecture in Sydney Warwick Sinclair
Saturday 24 Sept 2016	Rotary Club of Concord's sixtieth Anniversary Concord Function Centre
Wednesday 28 September	Police Officer of the Year Award
Friday 10-Sunday 12 March 2017	Rotary District 9675 Conference Novotel Wollongong Northbeach

<i>Birthdays</i>	
10 September	Penny True
14 September	George Helou
15 September	Sang Ok
16 September	Paul Giammarco

<i>Rotary Anniversary</i>	
8 September	Chris Virgona

<i>Anniversary</i>	
7 September	Peter and Jan van der Sleen

Rotary Celebrities and Projects

United States President George W. Bush was made an honorary member of the Rotary Club of Washington DC by RI Past President Frank Devlin at a ceremony on 2 July 2001 at the White House

Youth Exchange is a Rotary International student exchange program for students in secondary school. Since 1929, RI has sent young people around the globe to experience new cultures. Currently, about 9,000 students are sponsored by Rotary clubs every year. Typically, students are sent to another country for a year-long stay, generally living with multiple host families during the year and being expected to perform daily tasks within the household as well as attend school in the host country. The values of Youth Exchange are experienced not only by the high school-aged students involved but also by the host families, sponsoring clubs, receiving high schools and the entire community.

Following the establishment of the new District 9675, our Youth Exchange program was discontinued, however, Rotary International has recently accredited D9675 and the Youth Exchange Program will resume in 2017.

David Croft

Attendance last week	22
Leave of absence	4
Apologies	5
No apology	7
Club membership	38
Partners	7
Guests	2
Members Rotary activities hours to 7.9	
Raffle	\$190.00
Sergeant	\$71.95
Heads and Tails	\$42.00

President	Stephen Taylor	Secretary	Peter van der Sleen
President Elect	tba	Sergeant	Grahame True
Immediate Past President	Allan Petersen	Treasurer	Rod McDougall
Youth Director	Arie Pappas	Community Director	Andrew Aravanis
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Stephen & Judith Humphreys, Stephen & Denise Taylor

