



STRATHFIELD ROTARY BULLETIN

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Rotary, United Nations and Australian Themes

Month of August	Rotary	Membership and New Club Development Month
Days of August	United Nations	International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples (9-Aug)

President Steve's Snippets

Hi everyone

What a terrific evening we all had last Wednesday. A great surprise presentation to Ann and Peter Manenti to honour their son John's Olympic achievement. Thanks should go also to Alexia Pappas for presenting flowers and our own fantastic local MP and new Assistant Minister for Innovation and Technology, Craig Laundy. Craig, a good friend of the Manenti's, was gracious in presenting replica medals to Anne and Peter, appropriately wearing the gold scarves of Australian rugby. Craig also gave a great speech regarding the recent election campaign, where he achieved a positive swing, and secured his new portfolio.

We have also been invited to Parliament House in Canberra for lunch and a tour of the art works and gardens. You may be assured this is being followed up.

As we are still in Olympics mode, and we have such a great guest speaker this week, we are going to have another casual evening with some fun games, some great comfort food, and more medals to give out.

Apologies for all these impromptu partners evenings, its just that we may as well take advantage of events where we can. I said in my email to you all, no more partners nights or shenanigans until the DG's visit on September 7.

We are, however, looking at having John Manenti as a guest speaker as soon as we can.

Have a great week everybody

Last Week's Guest Speaker

Craig Laundry, MP

Last week we were treated to another great presentation by the Liberal Member for Reid, and recently appointed Assistant Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Craig Laundry. MP.

Craig outlined how the recent election campaign has been brutal on a number of levels. He outlined the importance of relationships he had with numerous local community groups and individuals and how the support of volunteers and family has contributed to his election success. He was particularly grateful that in what has been a traditional Labor seat, the 1% swing in his favour contrasted with the general state-wide swing of 5% against the Coalition.

Craig paid tribute to his family by recognising the sacrifices that they have and are currently making. With 26 weeks per year sittings in Parliament, needing to spend 10 to 12 weeks traveling around Australia as the Assistant Minister and attending events such as five citizenship nights per month, his family time is limited and precious.

Nevertheless, he relishes the opportunity to make a difference as Assistant Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, where he will be tasked, among other things, with working with SMEs, a business group close to his heart, and tackling issues such as anti-dumping and industry competitiveness. The Rotary Club of Strathfield is most appreciative of the generous time Craig afforded our Club and wishes him well in his work.

This Week's Speaker:

Camille (Erskine) Kafka

My Ballet Career in the Czech Republic

Camille is a talented ballet dancer, and Strathfield Rotary provided her with some support early in her career. This week, she will bring us up to speed on her life over the past few years.

Next Weeks Speaker

Anna Perdriau Speaking to Hearts and Minds

Public speaking designed to engage, energise and elevate

Oxfam Sydney 100 km Trailwalker Event

As mentioned at last week's Wednesday night meeting, Rick Vosila, myself and our two daughters, Rachel and Laura will once again this year be taking part in the Oxfam Trailwalker Event

It takes place next Friday/Saturday, 19/20 August and will take us about 30 hours to complete all going well. We leave Parsley Bay, Brooklyn at 7:00 am Friday and arrive at Tania Park, Balgowla, all going to plan, at around 1:00 pm Saturday.

Last year Strathfield Rotarians donated very generously and assisted us in achieving the massive donated amount of \$7000 in total. We have set ourselves the same goal again this year, but would obviously like to do better if possible.

Oxfam works with the poorest of the poor and the most disempowered of the disempowered. Click on this link to see what a difference you can make.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tD3sXvHDK5U>

Please consider making a donation to this very worthwhile cause by clicking on the link below

<https://trailwalker.oxfam.org.au/my/team/23274>

Thanks

Gulian Vaccari



Dates for the Calendar

<i>Rotary Events</i>	
Wednesday 17 August 2016	Camille (Erskine)Kafka – My life in Czech ballet
Wednesday 24 August 2016	Anna Perdriau - Speaking to Hearts and Minds: Public Speaking to engage, energise and elevate
Saturday 27 August 2016	Bunnings BBQ Ashfield to assist The Infants Home
Sunday 4 Sept 2016	Strathfield Spring Festival
Saturday 24 Sept 2016	Rotary Club of Concord's sixtieth Anniversary
Fri 10 to Sun 12 March 2017	District Conference - Wollongong

<i>Birthdays</i>	
14 August	George Hallworth
15 August	Gulian Vaccari
18 August	Allan Petersen
22 August	Ann McCluskie
<i>Rotary Anniversary</i>	
17 August	David Croft
<i>Anniversary</i>	
24 August	Welwyn and Allan Petersen

Rotary Celebrities and Projects

Walt Disney, film producer, film maker, director and philanthropist, brought some Paul Harris tales to the movie screen. **Walt Disney** was an honorary member of the Rotary Club of Palm Springs, California USA.

How would you describe Rotary ?

In 1976 the Rotary International Board of Directors asked Rotary's Public Relations Committee to prepare a one-sentence definition of Rotary. After numerous drafts, the committee presented this definition, which has been used ever since in various Rotary publications:

"Rotary is an organization of business and professional persons united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace in the world." Those 31 words are worth remembering when someone asks, "What is a Rotary club?"

David Croft

The statistics

Attendance last week	24
Leave of absence	1
Apologies	2
No apology	11
Club membership	38
Partners	4
Guests	4
Members Rotary activities hours	57

<i>Funds raised last week</i>	
Raffle	\$275.00
Sergeant, 'Heads and tails'	\$123.65

Your Committee 2016-2017

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
International Director	Rick Vosila	Vocational Director	Gulian Vaccari
Club Services Director	Bradley Ayres		
Bulletin Editor	Andrew Kowalski	Web master	Raymond McCluskie
Bulletin Printer	Selectprint	Apologies	Gulian Vaccari

*Out and About
The Olympics at Strathfield Rotary*



