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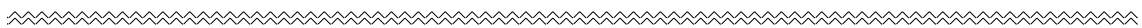
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Rotary, United Nations and Australian Themes

Month of May	Rotary	Youth Service Month
Weeks of May	United Nations	-
Days of May	United Nations	World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (17th May)
		"Vesak", the Day of the Full Moon (20th May)
		World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development (21st May)
		International Day for Biological Diversity (22nd May)
		International Day to End Obstetric Fistula (23rd May)



Steve's Snippets

Hi everyone.

Sincere congratulations to President elect Rick and his band of helpers for last weeks "Rotary means Business" membership evening.

By my calculations we had 21 Rotarians and 12 guests, which combined with the smaller room resulted in a 'full' looking room.

Rick did a great job getting all our guests relaxed and talking, and of course Ray McCluskie did an excellent

job with the fines session, and Keith Byrn got everyone up and moving with a great heads and tails.

The best innovation of the evening though was the musical accompaniment to our singing Advance Australia Fair. I really think this should be a regular part now at the conclusion of our meeting.

I'm sure Rick is hopeful that we may get perhaps 2 or 3 new members from the evening.

I apologise for having to frequently publicise upcoming events, however if I don't, our attendance inevitably falls away.

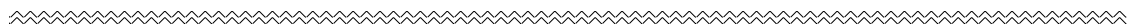
As I have indicated previously, our club's future is reliant on our membership improving, and our cooperation and involvement with other clubs is essential.

As you know the changeover-season is coming soon. I have already been invited to Five Dock's changeover, which I intend accepting, even though it is the night before ours.

Rick and I will also invite the incoming presidents from clubs in our Zone to our own changeover. So I hope a few members may consider spreading some Strathfield goodwill at these clubs as well.

Finally, you all should know that this is the last regular meeting for this year. All future meetings until changeover will be special evenings, and of course partners nights.

President Steve



Last Week's Guest Speaker: Andy Simpkin

Born and raised in England, Andy, by his own admission, was a bit unfocused at school. As a result, he received five rejections when applying to attend university.

Seeking an alternative career path led Andy to join the military. Trained at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, he was posted to many destinations such as Northern Ireland, Norway, and Nigeria.

This service did take its toll, and a new career with Lipton tea saw the travel continue, this time to less stressful locations in China, India and finally Australia.

Working his way up to GM of Unilever Coffee, Andy was exposed to many aspects of the FMCG industry.

Looking to branch out, Andy made an offer to purchase Belaroma Coffee. Initially rejected by the then owner, a worsening in the company's position meant that the owner eventually reached out to Andy to take on the business. It is still successfully running today.

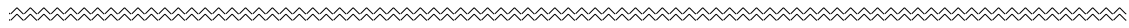


Andy also mentioned his franchised business, Café to You, which he has successfully grown to around 250 franchises.

Andy briefly mentioned one of his business philosophies. Namely, the 'law of obliquity' which is based on the belief that goals are best achieved indirectly. For example, do not concentrate on dollars, but rather focus on other aspects of the business that are important to others.

In closing, Andy shared additional approaches that can define a successful enterprise. For example, look after your people, seize opportunities, do not let money own you, and serve to lead.

For members interested in additional research in this area, Andy recommended the book, ‘blue Ocean Strategy’ by W. Chan Kim and Renée Mauborgne.



This Week's Speaker: Dr Neil Jeyasingam

Many of you will remember Neil's very well received speech at the Pride of Work night.

Next week, we welcome Neil back to our Club. Neil is a consultant Psychogeriatrician. He is a Staff Specialist and Medical Lead for a Specialist Mental Health Services for Older Persons team at a major teaching hospital in Sydney, with community and inpatient appointments. He is also a Clinical Lecturer with Sydney University and works in

private practice in general and old age psychiatry. He is a former Research Fellow of the Institute of Psychiatry (NSW) and the Maudsley Institute (UK), and is published in Phenomenology.

He has a special interest in personality disorders of older adults and complex presentations.

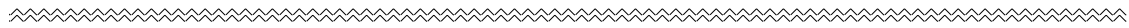
Tonight, Neil will be speaking on the topic, “How to grow old.”



Next Week's Speaker: Strathfield Youth Awards

One of the highlights of each Rotary year, the combined Rotary Club of

Strathfield and Strathfield Council Youth Awards will be held next week.

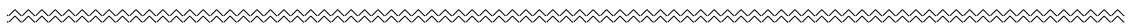


Dates for the Calendar



<i>Rotary Events</i>	
Wednesday 17 th May 2017	Neil Jeyasingam
Wednesday 24 th May 2017	Strathfield Youth Awards
Wednesday 31 th May 2017	Indian Night (Concord Function Centre)

Wednesday 7 th June 2017	Members and Partners dinner @ Buddha Raksa
Wednesday 14 th June 2017	No meeting (transfer to 16-6-17)
Friday 16 th June 2017	<i>Celebration of members who have each been in Rotary for 40+ years (Strathfield Golf club)</i>
Wednesday 21 st June 2017	No meeting (transfer to 24-6-17)
Saturday 24 th June 2017	Changeover
Wednesday 28 th June 2017	Club Assembly
<i>Birthdays</i>	
17 th May	Cheryl Ayres
19 th May	Richard Horwood
19 th May	Rick Vosila
20 th May	Peter Smith
<i>Anniversaries</i>	
21 st May	Dinesh and Usha Garg



Rotary Celebrities and Projects

The Rotary Club of Sydney held its inaugural luncheon 96 years ago at Farmer’s restaurant in Pitt Street on 17th May 1921. Its first President was Sir Henry Braddon, an Australian diplomat and businessman who played for New Zealand in the first international rugby team against Australia.

Businessman, and patron of the arts, Sir Charles Lloyd Jones, was the honorary treasurer. Sir Charles was chairman of David Jones Limited from 1920 to his death in 1958.

The Rotary Club of Sydney has an outstanding history of “Achieving for Others”

- founding the New South Wales Society for Crippled Children in 1929, now known as the Northcott Society (the first Australian Rotary Project).
- establishing the Police & Citizens Boys' Clubs in New South Wales.
- establishing the Mt Eliza Executive School of Business now part of the University of Melbourne.
- instrumental in the building of an International House to accommodate overseas students at the Universities of Sydney and NSW.

David Croft

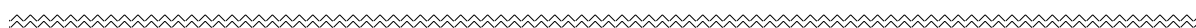




The statistics

Attendance last week	21
Leave of absence	4
Apologies	2
No apology	7
Club membership	34
Partners	0
Guests	11
Members Rotary activities	Week ending 10-5-17: 35 [hours]

<i>Funds raised last week</i>	
Raffle	\$234.70
'Heads and tails'	\$33.70
Sergeants session	\$60.50



Your Committee 2016-2017

President	Stephen Taylor	Secretary	Peter van der Sleesen
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

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



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

17 th May	Gulian Vaccari
24 th May	Peter van der Sleesen
31 st May	Rick Vosila

7 th June	Janelle Watson
14 th June	Andrew Aravanis
21 st June	Usha Garg

Out and About: Networking night

