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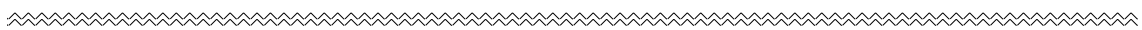
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Rotary, United Nations and Australian Themes

Month of April	Rotary	Maternal and Child Health Month
Weeks of April	United Nations	Global Soil Week (19th -23rd April)
Days of April	United Nations	International Mother Earth Day (22nd April)
		World Book and Copyright Day (23rd April)
		English Language Day (23rd April)
		World Malaria Day (25th April)



Steve's Snippets

Hi everyone.

A very warm welcome to everyone this week, especially our partners, and significantly, members of Burwood, Concord, Breakfast Point, Granville and Drummoyne, to a combined meeting of Western Harbour clubs. As we all know, Rotary in the developed world is unfortunately shrinking at an alarming rate, and I fear that in some years time we may well have a huge balance in the Rotary Foundation, but with few Rotarians to be able to utilize it.

The idea of this meeting (and hopefully future meetings) is to get to know the members of our zone's

clubs, with a view to understanding their members, the types of projects they undertake, their activities (both social and fundraising) and their future development.

At these meetings we will share our knowledge and experiences, and perhaps in time, share some projects or activities. Perhaps we might even produce a joint bulletin, newsletter or Facebook page.

Now, one of the reasons we asked everyone to get together now is that we were able to secure Noel Trevaskis, an Australian and RI Director, as a speaker this evening.

I believe Noel has some strong ideas on membership development, publicity and Rotary programs and I am very much looking forward to his address.

Unfortunately, nothing much has changed from last week, in respect to entries for the Stroller Derby. We haven't maybe six to 10 genuine entries to walk, when in reality we needed 150 to 200. I sincerely apologise to everyone in the club, and I'm deeply sorry the event didn't work out. Fortunately, we have over \$3,000 in donations and by auctioning the two major accommodation packages to the Manly Pacific Hotel (courtesy of PP Peter Manenti), I am hopeful that eventually we will be able to donate over \$5,000 to the Infants Home. Thankfully by cancelling the event some 10 days out, there have been very few costs incurred, and these will total less than \$2,000. I'm not sure the good folk at SOPA will want to entertain any of my fundraising ideas in the future though.

Members should also note that the proposed Anzac Day breakfast at Cape Cabarita has been cancelled due to lack of support from the Cape Cabarita social committee.

Even with these two events cancelled there is still a lot happening, and we will be fully engaged to changeover.

Socially, we have our International Indian dinner at Concord Function Centre on May 31, the Sunday picnic to "Camelot" at Camden, and the '40

and up' celebration on June 16th where we will acknowledge the service of those members who have given 40 years or more of service to Rotary.

Strathfield members receiving acknowledgement will be Bala, David Croft, Ray McCluskie, Peter Manenti and Stephen Taylor. PP Roger Vince is not attending, and PP Peter Foss will be overseas. Two 'ring-ins' and very good friends for 40 years, PDG Ray Reed, and PP Michael Sullivan (former Moorebank Charter members, will also be honoured.

The Strathfield Youth awards are also to be held, on May 24th and we will, I hope, also have some attendees at MUNA.

Finally, I sincerely hope our combined meeting is a success and the forerunner of many successful collaborations to come.

Have a great week, honour our returned servicemen and servicewomen next week, and enjoy your involvement in Rotary.

Just one more thing...what a great life story, and presentation of his amazing building work by Domenico Alvaro last week. Domenico is a quiet achiever, and rarely speaks publicly. However he did a great job last week, and I think I can say with some confidence that Alvaro Bros. is the best residential builder in Australia.

President Steve



Last Week's Guest Speaker:

Domenico Alvaro

Domenico was born in Italy, one of seven children. He left school at just fifteen and commenced work assisting a builder with concreting. He clearly had leadership attributes and business acumen, as he had people working for him from the tender age of sixteen.

In Italy, National Service was compulsory. Being called up meant spending 24 months in the military; a period that would have destroyed his small business. The only solution was to emigrate. With a visa for both Canada and Australia, Domenico chose the later. But with no English language skills, it was quite a culture shock. Domenico joked that he considered himself “deaf and dumb”; he couldn't understand English, and he couldn't speak it!

At the time Domenico thought Australia would be simply an

opportunity for a brief and unique experience as he had every intention on returning to Italy.

However the growth of his business in Australia, Alvaro Brothers and his married to Joanne in 1978 put him on a different path.

Today, Alvaro Brothers is the pre-eminent home construction company in Australia with numerous awards to its name. With 35 staff, two of whom are his son and daughter, and 25 subcontractors, Alvaro brothers is considered more a brand than a company.

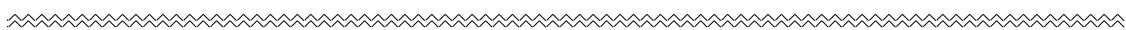
Domenico finished the night with a slideshow of some of the stunning homes his company has built, many for the ‘rich and famous’ ... including a member of our club!



This Week's Speaker: Noel Trevaskis

In what should turn out to be a thought provoking presentation on Rotary and where it is heading, tonight we warmly welcome PDG and current Rotary

International Director, Noel Trevaskis, to the Club.



Next Week's Speaker: Jodi McKay

A familiar name and face for most of us at the Rotary Club of Strathfield, Jodi McKay is a member of the New South Wales Legislative Assembly. She has represented Strathfield for

the Australian Labor Party since 2015. Jodi is currently the Shadow Minister for Transport and Shadow Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight.



Dates for the Calendar



<i>Rotary Events</i>	
Wednesday 19 th April 2017	Noel Trevaskis – Telling the Rotary Story
Wednesday 26 th April 2017	Jodi McKay
Wednesday 3 rd May 2017	Dr Kenneth Graham – NSW Institute of Sport
Wednesday 10 th May 2017	Membership night
Wednesday 17 th May 2017	Past Youth Attendees (BBQ at Golf Club)
Wednesday 24 th May 2017	Youth Awards
Wednesday 31 st May 2017	Indian Night (Concord Function Centre)
Wednesday 7 th June 2017	tba
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	Members and Partners dinner @ Buddha Raksa
Saturday 24 th June 2017	Changeover
Wednesday 28 th June 2017	Club Assembly

<i>Birthdays</i>	
16 th April	Andrew Aravanis

<i>Anniversaries</i>	
none	none



Rotary Celebrities and Projects

This week we celebrate 96 years of Rotary in Australia. Sir John Monash was a charter member and 2nd President of the first Rotary Club in Australia which held its Inaugural luncheon in Melbourne on 21 April 1921.

Monash was outstanding in his contribution to the community before and after WW1 during which he was the first Australian Commander of all Australian Forces on the Western Front. He planned, and the Australians spearheaded the victory, in The Battle of Amiens commencing 8 Aug 1918, which led to the far earlier than predicted end of WW1.

The Rotary Club of Melbourne presents the Monash Medal to remember and honour Gen. Sir John Monash. The Monash Medal is awarded for Leadership, Integrity and Service; values of Sir John Monash and of Rotary. It is awarded to an outstanding Australian who has made a significant contribution to the Australian community and beyond.

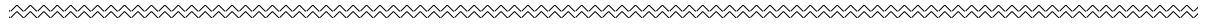
David Croft



The Statistics

Attendance last week	13
Leave of absence	3
Apologies	10
No apology	8
Club membership	34
Partners	2
Guests	4
Members Rotary activities	Week ending 12-4-17: 33 [hours]

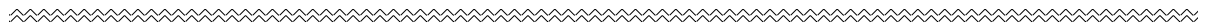
<i>Funds raised last week</i>	
Raffle	\$136.00
'Heads and tails'	not conducted
Sergeants session	\$82.00



Your Committee 2016-2017

President	Stephen Taylor	Secretary	Peter van der Sleen
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

19 th April	Charles Pitt
26 th April	Richard Horwood
3 rd May	Joe Saad
10 th May	Raymond McCluskie
17 th May	Gulian Vaccari

24 th May	Peter van der Sleen
31 st May	Rick Vosila
7 th June	Janelle Watson
14 th June	Andrew Aravanis
21 st June	Usha Garg



Out and About: Visitors from the Philippines

Last week we bid farewell to our visitors from the Philippines who have been regular guests of our club over the past several weeks.



L-R: Rotarian Jhun Pedralba, Rotarian Cynthia Pedralba from the Rotary Club of Tagbilaran (Philippines) District 3860, Domenico Alvaro, Rodolfo Pedralba, Kim Staff and Pres. Elect Rick Vosila

