



# STRATHFIELD ROTARY BULLETIN

DISTRICT 9675

## THE SPOKE

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### *Rotary, United Nations and Australian Themes*

Month of September	Rotary	Membership and New Club Development Month
Days of September	United Nations Australia	International Day of Peace 21 September

### *President Steve's Snippets*

Hi everyone

Great news this week, fellow Rotarians.

Thanks to the investigative work by Treasurer Rod, and the with fantastic assistance from Governor Stephen Humphreys and Jeremy Wright at District, our side of the global grant for our school project in Mumbai India has been approved.

And somewhat magically, our US \$3,000 donation from Ross Brown has become US \$9,000 thanks to Districts contribution to the project.

Our Indian partner club is now officially applying for approval from their end.

I have some photos which I will share with you at the meeting on Wednesday.

Some more good news. Rotarian Usha Garg has most generously agreed to assist me in organizing the Pride in Workmanship awards. All nomination forms should now be preferably given to Usha.

I very much appreciate her involvement particularly in view of the recent death of her mother.

The final piece of good news this week is the completion of preparations for our Police Officer of the Year awards by Rotarian Gulian Vaccari. It looks like we will almost have half the top brass of the Police Force attending.

This is a real confidence booster for the way in which we run these awards. Great work Gulian. With Emperor elect Rick compering I'm sure this will be an evening everyone will enjoy

Thanks must also go to Arie, Usha again, and Ray McCluskie for their involvement in the Strathfield Girls literature extension program, which I am told was even bigger this year.

Finally, preparations are going well for our big Rio, Rugby and Rotary membership evening. It will be a fun and emotional night, and will showcase everything that's great about Rotary and being a Rotarian.

Please do your best to make up a table with friends or business colleagues who you think might be good Rotarians, particularly lady Rotarians.

That's enough from me except to say "bloody good job" to Keith Byrn and Gulian Vaccari on their life talks.. I am remiss in not giving them enough time because both still have many interesting questions to answer. Another time perhaps.

Enjoy your week

President Steve

### *Last Week's Speakers*

Past President Keith Byrn told us of his life in the automotive industry, starting as an apprentice panelbeater in 1963, the year of the EJ Holden, teaming up with motor racing legend Doug Chivas in a workshop at Regents Park and eventually founding his own business, Premier Panelbeating, now at Greenacre.

His motor racing career has included racing motor cycles, circuit racing and now, dirt and tarmac rallying, for which he builds and prepares his own cars. His best life decision, marrying Sue.

Current Vocational Director, Gulian Vaccari, pharmacist by profession, politician by preference, spoke movingly of his father's coming to Australia to work on the Snowy Mountains scheme, of his bringing his wife to be to Australia some years later and of the establishment of the first family home in Sydney's western suburbs.

Gulian has owned or co owned a number of pharmacies, now an industry largely dominated by price discounters, starting in Ashfield and growing to premises in several suburbs and has been a councilor on Ashfield council and mayor of Strathfield, politics and local government being his true passions.

### *This Week's Speaker*

Warwick Sinclair, Architect

Things that happen to an architect, Brutalism Architecture in Australia

### *For the Record*

**To:** Helen McCaffrey

**Subject:** CONCORD GROWERS MARKET - HBHS INTERACT CLUB

At the HBHS school assembly this morning the Interact Club members presented cheques to their chosen charities, list below.

The majority of the funds distributed , of course, came from the bucket collection at your Sunday Markets. This was acknowledged by the lads during their cheque presentations. They “topped up/rounded up” the Concord RC funds from their other fundraising activities.

The recipient charities were:

- \$1,000 – The Exodus Foundation
- \$1,500 - The Chalmers Road (Special) School
- \$1,000 – Mission Australia
- \$1,000 – The Smith Family
- \$ 500 – Camp Quality
- \$1,000 – Salvation Army

As you are aware an earlier distribution was made to the Leukemia Foundation, \$1,000, Anzac Research Institute, \$1,000, and Surf Life Saving NSW, \$1,000.

These amounts should agree, or exceed, with Ken’s bucket collection records so they might help with his YE reconciliation.

Naturally none of the above could have happened without the opportunity that you guys gave the Interactors by inviting them to help out at your Sunday markets. The morning and afternoon crews, 2 X 4, are all organised for this Sunday’s markets and their nominated charity is again CAMP QUALITY as they are looking to bringing the amount up to \$1,000 so as to match the other donations.

Many thanks once again,  
 Peter Smith  
 Interact Club Coordinator

<i>Birthdays</i>	
23 September	Domenico Alvaro
24 September	Keith Byrn
28 September	Joe Saad
<i>Rotary Anniversary</i>	
<i>Anniversary</i>	
30 September	Gulian and Simone Vaccari

Dear Fellows,

It gives me great pleasure in announcing that applications for **RYLA 2017** (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) are now open. Our closing date for applications is **Wednesday 12th October**.

For the uninitiated The Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) is a week-long residential personal development program (between 8-14 January 2017) for young people aged 18 to 26, which focuses on yourself, leadership and community.

In Rotary District 9675, RYLA aims to:

Give young people the chance to come together in a supportive environment to gain a better understanding of their own strengths and the unique qualities and abilities of others

Provide an opportunity for young people to develop a network of resources to facilitate their roles and development

Facilitate learning about teamwork, communication, motivation and to develop the leadership skills of young people through experiential workshops

Create a greater awareness of social issues affecting young people and

Demonstrate Rotary's commitment to young people.

Please direct enquiries and applications to our **RYLA Chair, David Croft**.

Detailed information on RYLA program is available from the following

link <http://www.rotarydistrict9675.org.au/Page/ryla>

Arie Pappas Director Youth 2016-2017

### **Working with Children Number**

All members should go through this **very simple online procedure** so that we can be up to date to be able to be audited at the end of August.

All members should apply online through the NSW *Government Office of the Children's Guardian* website.

<http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/> as soon as possible.

Peter van der Sleen Secretary

### *Rotary Celebrities and Projects*

**Franklin D. Roosevelt**, United States President from 1933 to 1945, was an honorary member of the Rotary Club of Albany. "The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much; it is whether we provide enough for those who have too little."

**September is Rotary Youth Service month.** Youth Service is an investment in the future. Rotary Youth Leadership Award, RYLA, is a week long camp aimed at encouraging and developing leadership, personal development and social skills in young people in the age group of 18 to 26 years.

The first RYLA week began in Brisbane on May 2, 1960 and by 1970, every District in Australia and New Zealand was conducting a RYLA seminar. In 1971, RYLA was adopted as a recommended youth program by Rotary International.

*David Croft*

Old friends are gold, new friends are diamonds

Don't forget the gold, as only gold can hold diamonds

*Anu*

## Rotary Events

Wednesday 21 September	Things that happen to an architect Warwick Sinclair
Saturday 24 Sept 2016	Rotary Club of Concord's sixtieth Anniversary Concord Function Centre Tom Burlinson Orchestra
Wednesday 28 September	<b>Police Officer of the Year Award Burwood and Flemington Commands Partners Night</b>
Wednesday 12 October	<b>Strathfield Rotary, Strathfield Council welcome Olympic Gold Medal Womens Rugby Sevens Coach, John Manenti Membership Development and Partners Night</b>
Wednesday 23 November	Pride of Workmanship Awards Do it once, do it well Strathfield Golf Club, Centenary Drive, Strathfield Partners Night, 6.30 for 7.00

## The Statistics

Attendance last week	20
Leave of absence	2
Apologies	5
No apology	11
Club membership	<b>38</b>
Partners	0
Guests	3
Members Rotary activities hours	123 we 30.8

## Funds raised last week

Raffle	\$195.00
Sergeant	\$106.30
'Heads and tails'	\$31.60

## 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 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



Dear Ramez,

Thank you for visiting our club on Wednesday. It was a pleasure meeting you and your nephew Ahmed. Please find attached a photo with our President Stephen Taylor

Thank you for presenting us with your beautiful club banner from Sao Paulo. I'm sorry we were not able to reciprocate, we have organised for one to be shipped to your club asap.

We wish you a wonderful holiday a safe trip home and continued success with your Rotary Club of Sao Paulo.

Regards,

Arie Pappas – Director Youth 2016-17  
Rotary Club of Strathfield Inc





