



STRATHFIELD ROTARY BULLETIN

DISTRICT 9675

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Rotary, United Nations and Australian Themes

Month of Feb	Rotary	Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month
Days of Feb	United Nations	World Day of Social Justice (20th Feb)



Steve's Snippets

G'day members (please excuse the Paul Hoganism, I watched Crocodile Dundee over the weekend)

What an absolutely enjoyable meeting last week. What a difference a few extra people makes to the atmosphere in the room. I think our attendance was over 30. Thanks to our great speakers, our wonderful Philippine Rotary friends, and the attendance of partners of members, Simone, Christine and Jan.

Please try and keep it up if you can, it makes such a difference to the quality and enjoyment of the evening.

As indicated in my report last week, we are rapidly approaching the "business end of the year". I know our numbers are down from a year ago, but there are important events

coming where the board and I would very much appreciate your involvement and commitment.

The District Conference is rapidly approaching (March 10-12), however to date only six couples have booked (The Crofts, Manenti's, Van der Sleses's, Taylor's, Vinces and Vosila's.) I'm sure we would all appreciate a larger group flying the flag for our great club. Please think about it! The program is in the Spoke elsewhere.

It is important that we have a strong attendance (including partners of course) at the RAWCS night at Burwood RSL on Monday March 27th. This will be a change of meeting night and location. You are getting over a month notice so there should be no reason why we can't ALL turn up, is there?

Most importantly, we have the upcoming Stroller Derby, our big fundraiser, and unique event as well. I know I've been babbling on about it, but it's really happening - NOW. The event will need a BBQ team, a registration team, a Strathfield Rotary PR team (spruiking membership opportunities), a marshaling and markets guidance team, and some other jobs I haven't thought of yet. So on that weekend, from Saturday lunchtime to Sunday afternoon, we will really need all hands on deck please.

A commitment sheet will be going around shortly, indicating different positions and times, so please get in early and chose what you would like to do.

Please remember this isn't my event, this is an important fundraiser, that, if successful, will greatly help the Infant's Home, a great charity that is worthy of our utmost efforts.

Perhaps the most important contribution EVERY member could make though, is to find ONE potential member to become a Satellite Club member. These great people, Rotarians in every way, but doing things differently, are quite possibly the future of Rotary.

Let's not forget our current club though because "rambunctious Rick" our Emperor Elect has some great ideas for some membership development nights, one organized by Paolo Giammarco on May 10th and another at the upcoming "Ultimate karting race and dinner evening".

There's more to come (mostly fun stuff) but that's enough for this week. Enjoy your week, come to our fun meetings, and get ready to be busy - Please !!!!!!!!!!!

President Steve



Last Week's Guest Speakers: Elizabeth Pooley & Sue Anne Randazzo

Tonight we had the great please to hear from two absolutely passionate ladies Elizabeth Pooley and Sue Anne Randazzo from the Catherine Sullivan Centre. The Centre provides early intervention for babies and young children who are deaf or have hearing loss and provides support for their families.

They cater for preschool children less

than six years of age. Located on the grounds of Santa Sabina College, the Centre is independent of the school.

Established during the rubella outbreak in the 1960s, it was named after first student of the Dominican Sisters to have profound hearing impairment

Funding for the Centre comes from ADAHC (Ageing Disability and Home

Care) which is transitioning to the NDIS (National Disability Insurance Scheme)

The passion that Elizabeth and Sue Anne showed during their presentation was palpable. Sue Anne was heavily influenced by her childhood; she was one nine children, born to a mother who was deaf and with four siblings who had hearing problems.

Sue Anne explained the rationale behind the desire for early intervention.

1. To support brain and language development.
2. To develop Parent knowledge and confidence

3. To monitor the child's progress

The Centre focuses on the well being of both the child and their family. It achieves this through offering three core services

1. Individual programs
2. Group programs
3. Parent support services

Currently the Centre supports 28 children from 27 families from 13 language groups.

The major fundraising focus for 2017-2018 is on the singing phonics program for 4 to 6 year olds with hearing loss.



Elizabeth Pooley & Sue Anne Randazzo with President Stephen Taylor



This Week's Speaker: Jamal Lazar

Jamal will present to the club on the topic; "You have Something Special" Jamal was born in a poor neighbourhood in Morocco. Then, with his family, he migrated to France when he was 16 years old and from

then he became an engineer and now a coach and speaker. Jamal's story showed that everything is possible for those who have a purpose in their life..



Next Week's Speaker: RYLA Awardees

There is little doubt that the Rotary RYLA program is one that makes a huge impact on the young people who attend. Tonight we welcome back

some of the young people our club sponsored at the recent RYLA camp.



Dates for the Calendar



<i>Rotary Events</i>	
Wednesday 22 nd Feb 2017	Jamal Lazar: You have Something Special
Wednesday 1 st Mar 2017	RYLA Awardees
Wednesday 8 th Mar 2017	No meeting
Fri 10 th to Sun 12 th March 17	District Conference – Wollongong
Wednesday 15 th Mar 2017	Vocational talks
Wednesday 22 nd Mar 2017	Wayne Collis: Tips and traps for investing for retirement

<i>Birthdays</i>	
22 nd February	Anne Manenti
23 rd February	Bradley Ayres
23rd February (1905)	Rotary
25 th February	Ross Brown

<i>Anniversaries</i>	
24 th February	Prabhat Sinha (Rotary)
25 th February	Edward Dunlop (Rotary)



Rotary Celebrities and Projects

February 23rd is World Understanding and Peace Day, commemorating the first meeting of Rotary.

Grassroots at the core, Rotary links 1.2 million members to form an organization of international scope. It started with the vision of one man — Paul Harris. The Chicago attorney formed the Rotary Club of Chicago on 23 February 1905, so professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas, form meaningful, lifelong friendships, and give back to their communities.

Rotary's name came from the group's early practice of rotating meetings

among the offices of its members. For 112 years, Rotary members have been addressing challenges around the world.

"Whatever Rotary may mean to us, to the world it will be known by the results it achieves." Paul Harris

David Croft



The Statistics

Attendance last week	19
Leave of absence	4
Apologies	7
No apology	3
Club membership	33
Partners	3
Guests	8
Members Rotary activities	Week ending 7-2-17: 21 [hours] Week ending 14-2-17: 21 [hours]

<i>Funds raised last week</i>	
Raffle	\$220.00
'Heads and tails'	\$30.45
Sergeants session	\$164.80

Your Committee 2016-2017

President	Stephen Taylor	Secretary	Peter van der Sleenen
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

15 th February	Keith Byrn
22 nd February	David Croft
1 st March	Ed Dunlop
8 th March	No meeting
15 th March	Paolo Giammarco
22 nd March	Anuradha Kamkolkar
29 th March	Peter Manenti
5 th April	Ray McCluskie
12 th April	Arie Pappas
19 th April	Charles Pitt
26 th April	Richard Horwood
3 rd May	Joe Saad
10 th May	Peter Smith
17 th May	Gulian Vaccari
24 th May	Peter van der Sleenen
31 st May	Rick Vosila
7 th June	Janelle Watson
14 th June	Andrew Aravanis
21 st June	Usha Garg



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**DISTRICT 9675 – 2017 DISTRICT CONFERENCE
10 – 12 March 2017**

**NOVOTEL WOLLONGONG NORTHBEACH
Conference Level**

REGISTRATION, TRAINING & WELCOME RECEPTION – Friday 10 March 2017

1:00 – 9:00 pm		Conference Registration Open – Location: Rotary Market Place / Conference Lobby	
2:00 – 5:00 pm	3 hours	ROTARY TRAINING SESSIONS	
		STREAM 1 – KEIRA ROOM	STREAM 2 – KEMBLA ROOM
2:00 – 3:00 pm	1 Hour	Session 1A – “What Can Rotary Offer Me – The Icing on the Cake”	Session 2A – “Making Fundraising Fun – How Far Outside the Square Can We Think”
3:00 – 4:00 pm	1 Hour	Session 1B – “Membership – Family Planning”	Session 2B – “Meetings – Stepping In and Stepping Up”
4:00 – 5:00 pm	1 Hour	Session 1C – “Our Club and Our Community – Our Extended Family”	Session 2C – “Building Successful Teams – Buddying Like Bandits”
7:00 – 10:00 pm	3 hours	WELCOME RECEPTION – Location: Outside Deck – Entertainment: “ACE”	
10:00 pm		Close	

CONFERENCE DAY ONE – Saturday 11 March 2017 – Morning Sessions

7:30 – 9:00 am	90 mins	Registration & Arrival Tea / Coffee – Location: Rotary Market Place / Conference Lobby	
9:00 -10:30 am	90 mins	SESSION 1. CONFERENCE OPENING – Location: Grand Ballroom	
	5mins	“Call to Order” <i>Presented by MC – Rotarian Murray Kear</i>	
	5 mins	“Welcome to Country” <i>Presented by Uncle Richard Davies</i>	
	5 mins	National Anthem	
	5 mins	“Welcome to Wollongong” <i>Presented by Councillor Gordon Bradbery OAM, Lord Mayor Wollongong City Council</i>	
	10 mins	“Official Welcome and Conference Opening” <i>Presented by DG Stephen Humphreys – Rotary Club of Camden</i>	
	20mins	Topic: “The Future of Rotary” <i>Presented by RI Director Noel Trevaskis</i>	
	40 mins	Topic: “Motivation and Overcoming Adversity – Dust to Glory” <i>Presented by Paralympian Curtis McGrath</i>	
10:30 – 11:00 am	30 mins	Morning Tea / Coffee and Exhibitions – Location: Rotary Market Place / Conference Lobby	
11:00 – 12:30 pm	90 mins	SESSION 2. – Location: Grand Ballroom	
	20 mins	Topic: “Passion and Purpose (The Purple House Story)” <i>Presented by Sarah Brown - Chief Executive Officer of Western Desert Nganampa Walytja Palyantjaku Tjutaku (WDNWPT) Aboriginal Corporation</i>	
	5 mins	Changeover	
	20 mins	Topic: “A Quick Solution To Solving a Water Problem” <i>Presented by Helene “Bo” Morse – Disaster Aid Australia</i>	
	5 mins	Changeover	
	40 mins	Topic: “Rotary Inspired Me” <i>Presented by New Generations: Tabatha Buonaccorsi, Jayden Bregu, Judith Mogi</i>	
12:30 – 1:30 pm	60 mins	Networking Lunch and Exhibitions – Location: Rotary Market Place / Conference Lobby	



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CONFERENCE DAY ONE – Saturday 11 March 2017 – Afternoon Sessions

1:30 – 3:05 pm	95 mins	SESSION 3. – Location: Grand Ballroom
	40 mins	Topic: “Lifting The Lid” <i>Presented by Marcus Akuhata-Brown - inspiring international speaker and young leader</i>
	5 mins	Changeover
	20 mins	Topic: “Australian Rotary Health: Why Child and Adolescent Mental Health?” <i>Presented by Professor Michael Sawyer OAM - Honorary Medical Advisor for ARH</i>
	5 mins	Changeover
	25 mins	Topic: “Polio Update and Graffiti Removal Updates” <i>Presented by Bob Aitken - End Polio Co-ordinator in Zone 7B and part of Zone 8</i>
3:05 – 3:35 pm	30 mins	Afternoon Tea / Coffee & Exhibitions – Location: Rotary Market Place / Conference Lobby
3:35 – 4:50 pm	75 mins	SESSION 4. – Location: Grand Ballroom
	30 mins	Topic: “Addressing Boys’ Mental Health” <i>Presented by Melissa Abu-Gazaleh – The Top Blokes Foundation</i>
	5 mins	Changeover
	10 mins	Topic: “Organ Donation – Donate Life” <i>Presented by Debbie Roberts – Organ Donation Advocate</i>
	5 mins	Changeover
	25 mins	Topic: “Changing Times – Changing Rotary” <i>Presented by Jessie Harman - Project Lead, Regional Membership Plan for Zone 8</i>
7:00 – 11:00 pm	4 hours	Conference Dinner – Location: Ballroom – Entertainment: “Rusty Katz”



CONFERENCE DAY TWO – Sunday 12 March 2017 – Morning Sessions (Only)

7:00 – 8:30 am	90 mins	BBQ BREAKFAST – Location: Stuart Park (Northern Beachside of Novotel)
8:00 – 9:00 am	60 mins	Registration & Arrival Tea / Coffee – Location: Rotary Market Place / Conference Lobby
9:00 – 10:45am	105 mins	SESSION 5. – Location: Grand Ballroom
	45 mins	Topic: “Vocational Service Q & A” <i>Presented by Charles Mille - Director Vocational Service and VS Team</i>
	5 mins	Changeover
	20 mins	Topic: “Defining Rotary’s Brand” <i>Presented by PDG Wendy Gaborit - Public Image Coordinator – Zone 8</i>
	5 mins	Changeover
	30 mins	Topic: “The Rotary Foundation” <i>Presented by PDG Bruce Allen – Manager of TRF South Pacific & Philippines Office and PDG Dr Ravi Vadlamani</i>
10:45 – 11:15	30mins	Morning Tea / Coffee and Exhibitions – Location: Rotary Market Place / Conference Lobby
11:15 – 1:00pm	105 mins	SESSION 6. – Location: Grand Ballroom
	40 mins	Topic: “Songs of a War Boy” <i>Presented by Adut Deng - Internationally Renowned Lawyer & ex-Sudanese Child Soldier</i>
	5 mins	Changeover
	30 mins	Topic: “Rotaract” <i>Presented by Zachary Fitzpatrick – District Rotaract Representative</i>
	5 mins	Changeover
	10 mins	Topic: “About Next Year” <i>Presented by DGE Stephen Britten</i>
	15 mins	Topic: “Conference Wrap up” <i>Presented by DG Stephen Humphreys</i>
1:00 pm		CLOSE