



STRATHFIELD ROTARY BULLETIN
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Rotary, United Nations and Australian Themes

Month of March	Rotary	Water and Sanitation Month
Days of March	United Nations	International Day of Forests (21st March)
	United Nations	World Water Day (22nd March)
	United Nations	World Meteorological Day (23rd March)
	United Nations	World Tuberculosis Day (24th March)
	United Nations	International Day for the Right to the Truth concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims (24th March)
	United Nations	International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade (25th March)
	United Nations	International Day of Solidarity with Detained and Missing Staff Members (25th March)
	United Nations	Week of Solidarity with the Peoples Struggling against Racism and Racial Discrimination (21st - 27th March)

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*Steve's Snippets*

I'm ...cough..cough, back.

Well at least I hope I am. I apologise for my absence last week, I simply would not have been able to run the meeting.

Thanks and congratulations to Rick though, I believe he did his usual professional job.

And congratulations also to Paolo and Andrew for fantastic Sergeants sessions and vocational talks respectively.

The Board (including myself) met on Friday evening (thanks to Athena and Arie's hospitality) and it was a usual boisterous evening with many subjects discussed, which I will go

over on Wednesday at the meeting. Importantly though the Stroller Derby is now public.

Fellows, you can help enormously if you 'request' your children and grandchildren, and their friends to register. Please do it now, not in 3 weeks. Just a few early registrations will get the momentum going.

Other upcoming functions are progressing well in their preparation, and even though as Rick has put it, "my reign is coming to an end" we will all be busy until the end, whilst having fun as well. We are also proposing to leverage RI Director Noel Trevaskis attendance at an

upcoming meeting at our club by inviting all our local clubs to attend. We must try and keep the spirit of cooperation and shared future projects clearly in our minds.

Please keep involved, and remember we will be at BURWOOD RSL next MONDAY, with no Wednesday meeting.

Anyway, I'm off to have another cough, and practice my Schwarzenegger impressions for Wednesday.

*President Steve*

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## *Last Week's Guest Speaker: Andrew Aravanis*

Whilst the vast majority of us are children of immigrants, it is always fascinating to hear the Journey that the parents of our friends and colleagues have made on their way to this land. In tonight's presentation, Andrew enlightened us on just such a history.

With a heritage tied to diverse countries/regions such as the Balkans, Italy and Greece, Andrew certainly can lay claim to having a multi-cultural background. Andrew presented a detailed history on his parent's life in Greece and the details of the area they grew up. Andrew's father was born in 1935, and his mother four years later in 1939.

With the depression in Greece, his father immigrated to Australia in 1955. His mother followed a similar path, arriving in Sydney in 1957. His father's first job was working in a company that manufactured brushes for electric motors. As often seems to be the case, first immigrant parents work extremely hard and often possess an entrepreneurial streak. His dad opened a sandwich shop in the city before moving to work at the Mick Simons sporting store until his retirement 30 years later. (Andrew didn't mention how many Berries/Bulldogs jerseys were sold!). Andrew's mother worked in the costume jewelry industry. She also worked in a factory in Kingsgrove, and then in a nursing home.

Andrew's parents met each other 1961 and had three children. The family settled in Lakemba Street, Lakemba before moving to Roselands, Clearly the hard work ethic of the parents rubbed off on both Andrew and his two sisters. The eldest sister studied medicine at the University of New South Wales, whilst his other sister completed an Arts/Law degree at Sydney University. Andrew's education saw him undertake a Bachelor of Economics Degree at Sydney University, followed by a postgraduate degree in Insolvency Law.

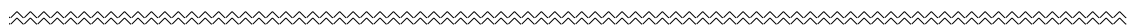
Andrew's first job at age 13 had him and a friend mopping out buses. Clearly not seeing this as a long-term career, Andrew moved, at 15 to a storemans job at David Jones. He then transferred within DJs to a much more 'glamorous' role in the food court. He followed that up with a stint at Mick Simmons

Andrew graduated in 1991 and, in his first accountancy job, was exposed to the world of insolvency. Andrew work for a few different companies involved in the field of insolvency, until, in July 2005 he set up his own

business specialising in personal insolvency. Today, with 36 staff, the business is now one of the largest personal insolvency companies around. The world of insolvency is foreign to most people. The stories that Andrew told painted a picture that few have experienced. There was a colorful role-call of many personalities and a number of difficult situations. However, the 'endgame' remains the same for all his clients, that is, to "realise assets for the benefit of creditors".



Today Andrew lives in Strathfield with his wife Danielle. They have two children, Gregory who is in Year 11 at Trinity, and Patrice who is in Year 8 at Meriden.



## *This Week's Speaker: Wayne Collis*

If ever there were a topic filled with complications brought about by shifting government regulations, international pressures, not to mention the jargon, it is the personal

investment industry. In tonight's presentation, Wayne will take our members through the 'minefield' that is investing for retirement.

## Next Week's Speaker: Transfer meeting

In place of Wednesday's meeting that was to be held on 29-March, we will

meet at Burwood RSL on Monday 27th-March.

## Dates for the Calendar



| <i>Rotary Events</i>                     |                                                                             |
|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar 2017      | Wayne Collis: Tips and traps for investing for retirement                   |
| Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2017         | Tribute to honour the work of RAWCS Australia (transfer meeting to Burwood) |
| Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2017      | No meeting (transfer meeting to Burwood)                                    |
| Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2017     | School debate                                                               |
| Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April 2017        | Ten pin bowling at Enfield + dinner at Golden Coronet                       |
| Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2017    | Vocational talk                                                             |
| Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2017    | Noel Trevaskis - Telling the Rotary Story                                   |
| Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2017     | Go-kart racing at Ultimate Karting                                          |
| Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2017      | Cape Cabarita ANZAC Day BBQ Breakfast                                       |
| Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April 2017    | Jodi MacKay                                                                 |
| <b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017</b> | <b>Stroller Derby at Sydney Olympic Park</b>                                |
| Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2017       | tba                                                                         |
| Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2017      | Paolo Giammarco – High speed rail<br>John Elvy - Sydney property market     |
| Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May 2017      | Past Youth Attendees (BBQ at Golf Club)                                     |
| Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2017      | Vocational talk                                                             |
| Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2017      | Indian Night (venue tba)                                                    |
| Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2017      | Stephen Taylor - reflections                                                |
| Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June 2017     | No meeting                                                                  |
| Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June 2017        | 40 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of Strathfield Rotary                          |
| Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June 2017     | Members and Partners dinner @ Buddha Raksa                                  |
| Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June 2017     | Club Assembly                                                               |

| <i>Birthdays</i>       |                 |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> March | Maree McDougall |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> March | Guru Singh      |

| <i>Anniversaries</i>   |                               |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> March | Joe and Sharon Saad (wedding) |

## *Rotary Celebrities and Projects*

**Luciano Pavarotti**, was an Italian operatic tenor who also crossed over into popular music, eventually becoming one of the most commercially successful tenors of all time.

Pavarotti gained worldwide fame for the quality of his tone, and eventually established himself as one of the finest tenors of the 20th century.

Pavarotti was noted for his charity work on behalf of refugees and the Red Cross, amongst others. In 1998, he was appointed the United Nations Messenger of Peace, using his fame to raise awareness of UN issues, including HIV/AIDS, child rights, urban slums and poverty.

Pavarotti was a member of the Rotary Club of Modena, Italy.

**Literacy** is an essential ingredient for reducing poverty, improving health, encouraging community and economic development, and promoting peace.

Since 2002, Rotary International has partnered with the International Reading Association to advance literacy in communities worldwide by providing books and educational materials, by building and supporting schools, by mentoring students, by training teachers and by establishing literacy programs for children and adults.

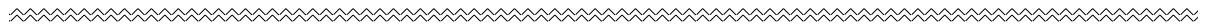
*David Croft*



## *The Statistics*

|                           |                                 |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Attendance last week      | 18                              |
| Leave of absence          | 1                               |
| Apologies                 | 9                               |
| No apology                | 6                               |
| Club membership           | <b>34</b>                       |
| Partners                  | 1                               |
| Guests                    | 2                               |
| Members Rotary activities | Week ending 15-3-17: 20 [hours] |

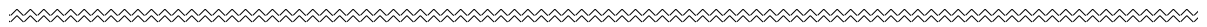
| <i>Funds raised last week</i> |          |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| Raffle                        | \$220.00 |
| 'Heads and tails'             | \$80.35  |
| Sergeants session             | \$30.90  |



## *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

|                        |                       |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> March | Anuradha Kamkolkar    |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> March | Peter Manenti         |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> April  | Arie Pappas           |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> April | Raymond McCluskie     |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> April | Charles Pitt          |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> April | Richard Horwood       |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> May    | Joe Saad              |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> May   | Peter Smith           |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> May   | Gulian Vaccari        |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> May   | Peter van der Sleesen |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> May   | Rick Vosila           |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> June   | Janelle Watson        |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> June  | Andrew Aravanis       |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> June  | Usha Garg             |



Paolo's Sergeant's session from last week

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## *Out and About: Gulian Vaccari*



Captions welcome!

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## *Out and About: New “Centurions”*



A surprised Roger Vince with Pres Elect Rick



Peter Manenti with Pres Elect Rick

