



STRATHFIELD ROTARY BULLETIN

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Rotary, United Nations and Australian Themes

Month of July	Rotary	Start of new Rotary year
Days of July	United Nations	World Hepatitis Day [WHO] (28-Jul)
		World Day against Trafficking in Persons (30-Jul)



Steve's Snippets

Hi guys.

What a great meeting last week. Not as well attended as I had hoped, but tremendous "about my life " talks from Arie Pappas and Paolo Giammarco. Paolo was particularly emotional when talking about his hometown of Sulmona in Italy. I think we were also full of admiration for Arie and Athena Pappas when Arie explained that he and Athena had TWO sets of twins within two years of each other, and the demands of those children determined the various businesses they became involved in.

On Friday evening "Derby Dick" Vosila arranged the first committee meeting of the Stroller Derby event. Arie and Athena hosted Rick, Rod and myself, and I think good progress was

made. We will be updating the club members shortly on the detail of the event.

On Saturday evening Paolo, Arie, Rick, Peter Van der Sleen and Ed Dunlop attended the NSW Rotary Emergency Services Community awards in city. Apparently a great night, and I hope Paolo can give us a report on the event at this week's meeting.

On Monday evening I attended with PP Peter Smith the inaugural meeting of Strathfield Rotaract, held at Club Burwood. I'll say more on Wednesday night and in next week's Bulletin.

The next week is going to be exceptionally busy and interesting, and I am hopeful we will get a good turnout at all of them.

Firstly our fellowship dinner will be held at The Golden Coronet Chinese restaurant on Friday night. Thanks to Graham and Penny True for organising the great relaxing evenings this year. Please come along if you can.

Sunday will be our first BBQ of the year supporting Strathfield Council at the National Tree Day planting at Bressington Park at Underwood Road in Homebush. We really need your assistance, if only for a couple of hours please.

Later this week you will also receive a report on the first month's activities of the club, which will also go to our past members. I intend to produce this document every month.

Finally, NEXT WEDNESDAY AUGUST 3rd, please do not come to Strathfield Golf Club. Our meeting is transferred to Hawker Pacific Aviation at Bankstown Airport. The hangar is

located on Kestrel Avenue, off Airport Drive, which itself runs off Marion Street. It's only a fifteen-minute drive from Strathfield. As I have indicated, we will be able to look over a number of executive aircraft in the hangar, and also hear from Michael Keenan, a very pleasant gent who has sold aircraft all his adult life.

Starting time is 6.00pm. At 7.30 pm we are booked in for a \$27.00 per head banquet at the Nam Phoung restaurant in Birdwood Road Georges Hall. This is a legendary restaurant that has been trading for over 40 years.

Please come and bring your friends.

Hope we can all stand the pace of this coming week.

President Steve

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## *Last Week's Guest Speakers:*

### *Arie Pappas and Paolo Giammarco*

Arie and Paolo treated us last week to two great talks.

Arie commenced the evening outlining his education background and his subsequent early job. However, ever the entrepreneur, Arie's part-time job as an event promoter soon led it to becoming a full-time career. From early popular 'Greek nights' he expanded into the market for cultural events for Croatian, Macedonian and Asian communities. Back in those days (pre-internet) the only way to communicate was via standard mail.

Arie soon released that it was better from him to do the mail-outs than pay someone to do so. Soon his garage was full of mailing equipment and the opportunities to do this for other organisations lead to another change in direction, as this business became his primary focus. Never to stand still, the explosion in electronic communication and the impact it look to have on traditional mail services caused Arie to change tact again, and invest in property section through the management of his boarding houses.

In between all these careers, Arie married Athena and they had two sets of twins (boys and girls) within the space of eighteen months!

As a Rotarian and President of the Meriden P&F Association, Arie is intimately involved in community activities.

Paolo next regaled us with his life story. He was born in Italy where he lived for the first ten years of his life. It is clear that this upbringing left an indelible and emotional mark on Paolo.

After his father came to Australia, returned to Italy and then came back to Australia, a young Paolo, with very little English, emigrated with the rest of his family in 1957 to join his father.

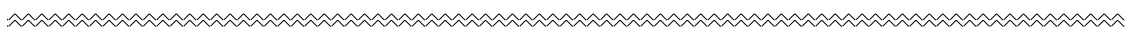
Paolo clearly worked hard in this new environment. After completing his schooling, he entered a brief, but not entirely satisfying career as an accountant. However, a visit to a particular building inspired Paolo to find his love of Engineering. He subsequently completed university in

the field of Structural and Civil engineering; a profession he continues in to this day.

As well as flying high by obtaining a pilots license, Paolo courted and married Pat and they have four children. The youngest of which, Catherine, is following her father's career in engineering, albeit from the Northern Territory.



*Fantastic presentations guys!*



## *This Week's Guest Speaker: Dr Tom Crow*

Did you know that Stroke is one of Australia's biggest killers and a leading cause of disability? Or that 1 in 6 people will have a stroke in their lifetime?<sup>1</sup>

Tonight we welcome Dr Tom Crow. Dr Crow's wife suffered a stroke and

he brought her back to full recovery over a nine-month period. He will tell us in a very clear and interesting way how the carer can navigate the system and help the patient to complete recovery.

<sup>1</sup> Reference: <https://strokefoundation.com.au/About-Stroke/Facts-and-figures-about-stroke>



## *Next Week's Guest Speaker: Transfer meeting to visit Cessna at Bankstown Airport*

August 3rd will be a transfer meeting to Bankstown Airport for a tour of the Cessna Aviation hangar and some of their aircraft. Friends are more than welcome to attend. When we finish at

the Airport, we will drive to a great local Thai restaurant for a pleasant informal meal.



## *Dates for the Calendar*



| <i>Rotary Events</i>                  |                                                                                           |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> July 2016  | Guest speaker: Dr. Tom Crow                                                               |
| Friday, 29 <sup>th</sup> July 2016    | Social dinner at the Golden Coronet restaurant                                            |
| Sunday, 31 <sup>st</sup> July 2016    | BBQ for National Tree Day at Bessington Park (opposite DFO)                               |
| Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> August 2016 | Vocational visit to Bankstown Airport Cessna hangar and dinner at a local Thai restaurant |
| Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> August 2016 | Bunnings BBQ Ashfield to assist The Infants Home                                          |
| Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2016      | Strathfield Spring Fare                                                                   |
| Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2016   | Rotary Club of Concord's 60th Anniversary                                                 |

| <i>Birthdays</i>      |                    |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 28 <sup>st</sup> July | Anuradha Kamkolkar |

| <i>Anniversaries</i> |   |
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## *Rotary Celebrities and Projects*

❖ The current Pope of the Roman Catholic Church, Pope Francis, was made an honorary member of the Rotary Club of Buenos Aires in 1999.

❖ Some magnificent projects grow from very small seeds. The Rotary Foundation had that sort of modest beginning.

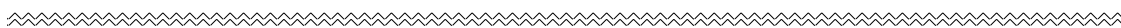
In 1917 RI President Arch Klumph told the delegates to the Atlanta Convention that “it seems eminently proper that we should accept endowments for the purpose of doing good in the world.” A year later the “Rotary Endowment Fund”, as it was first labeled, received its first contribution of US\$26.50 from the Rotary Club of Kansas City. Additional small amounts were annually contributed, but after six years the endowment fund had only reached US\$700.

A decade later, The Rotary Foundation was formally established at the 1928 Minneapolis Convention. In 1937 a US\$2 million goal was announced for The Rotary Foundation, but these plans were cut short and was abandoned with the outbreak of World War II.

In 1947, upon the death of Paul Harris, a new era opened for the Rotary Foundation as memorial gifts poured in to honour the founder of Rotary. By 1954 the Foundation received for the first time a half million dollars in contributions in a single year, and in 1965, a million dollars was received.

It is staggering to imagine that from those humble beginnings, The Rotary Foundation is now receiving more than US\$85 million each year for educational and humanitarian work around the world.

*David Croft*



## *The Statistics*

|                           |                      |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| Attendance last week      | 16                   |
| Leave of absence          | 2                    |
| Apologies                 | 9                    |
| No apology                | 11                   |
| Club membership           | <b>38</b>            |
| Make-ups                  | 3                    |
| Members Rotary activities | Not recorded [hours] |

| <i>Funds raised last week</i> |          |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| Raffle                        | \$125.00 |
| 'Heads and tails'             | \$0      |
| Sergeants session             | \$55.35  |



# Your Committee 2016-2017

|                          |                |               |                     |
|--------------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------------|
| President                | Stephen Taylor | Secretary     | Peter van der Sleen |
| President Elect          | tba            | Sergeant      | Grahame True        |
| Immediate Past President | Allan Petersen | Treasurer     | Rod McDougall       |
| Youth                    | Arie Pappas    | Community     | Andrew Aravanis     |
| International            | Rick Vosila    | Vocational    | Gulian Vaccari      |
|                          |                | Club Services | Bradley Ayres       |

|                  |                 |            |                   |
|------------------|-----------------|------------|-------------------|
| Bulletin Editor  | Andrew Kowalski | Web master | Raymond McCluskie |
| Bulletin Printer | Selectprint     | Apologies  | Gulian Vaccari    |

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Out and About - Emergency Services Community Awards

