



# STRATHFIELD ROTARY BULLETIN

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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	Basic Education and Literacy Month International Day for the Elimination of Nuclear Weapons

### *President Steve's Snippets*

Hi everyone

It is a great pleasure to welcome the senior officers and candidates for awards from the Flemington LAC and Burwood LAC to our club for our annual Police Officer of the Year awards.

At a time when our Police seem to be under increasing public scrutiny for their actions, it is our great pleasure to acknowledge the absolute professionalism, dedication to duty and sheer hard work of our frontline officers from Flemington and Burwood.

The Rotarians of Strathfield sincerely hope you all enjoy your time with us this evening and assure you of our sincerity and gratitude in giving these awards.

On Saturday evening, the Manenti's Crofts, Petersen's, Smiths and Denise and I attended the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Concord Rotary Club.

The evening was very enjoyable with minimal time allocated to official speeches, and maximum time allocated to the entertainment. The entertainment for the evening was actor and singer Tom Burlinson and his 7 piece band.

Burlinson is a great singer who is highly regarded for his impersonation of Frank Sinatra songs, and his excellent repertoire of popular music from the 30's, 40's and 50's. A fun night with lots of dancing to great music, something we should be thinking about for our Club.

Its now only two weeks to Rio, Rugby and Rotary, our huge evening to honor John Manenti, acknowledge the generosity of Ross Brown, and to understand the details of our Global Grant, which is now being processed by The Rotary Foundation.

As indicated by both President Elect Rick and myself, there will never be a better opportunity to introduce friends, neighbours, business associates and colleagues to how Rotary really works. I hope many of you will be able to make up a table on the night.

Additionally I would appreciate any reasonable prizes you might be able to offer for the raffle on that night. All proceeds will be going to The Rotary Foundation.

Next week's speaker is Michael Keenan, our host at Bankstown Airport a couple of months ago. Mike is a great story teller, and he has many stories to tell about selling aeroplanes to the rich and famous.

I will have more details at the meeting about our Christmas party, which, Unbelievably, is only a couple of months away.

Enjoy your week  
President Steve

### *Last Week's Speaker*

Local architect Warwick Sinclair regaled those present with amusing stories from his architectural career during his talk entitled 'Things that shouldn't happen to an architect', subtitled, 'Misadventures of an architect'.

Some of our members, Charles Pitt and Rod McDougall knew Warwick from their time working together on the trust at Rookwood Cemetery, a great reunion of sorts.

Warwick's first story involved a middle-aged woman who was keen for a piano room. From Warwick's expert judgement, the best solution was to simply extend the house, thereby creating the room that the woman indicated she wanted. However, her idea was to excavate under the house. After much discussion, it emerged that the woman was inspired by the feature she believed many homes in the USA had, that being a bomb fallout shelter. She reasoned that this would be a good future selling feature.

The next story concerned an unnamed politician. The office that this politician used was located in the city and he, or she, was adamant that the layout of the office was such that the desk should be located in the middle of the room. From a practical standpoint, this was not the best position, as it would involve extra work and costs to route power and phone lines to the desk. Eventually, the politician's reasons came out. They like to be photographed at their desk, and the central positioning of the desk meant that in the background was a wonderful framing of the Opera house. In fact the floor had also been chosen to provide the perfect backdrop.

Warwick's final story involved a business lady who was keen for some renovations of her building. One aspect involved providing a flight of stairs. The normal solution was to have these internally as Warwick had suggested, but this lady was

adamant that the stairs be fabricated on the external wall at the rear of the building. Suffice to say that the business she was running more correctly gave her the title of 'madam' and her requirement was much more suitable for her workers and clients.

The night wrapped up with a steady stream of questions from Warwick's opinion on the Sirius building at the Rocks (Warwick was not a fan of the external design) to modern housing trends (rendering involves more maintenance, but people seem to have the money for upkeep these days).

### *This Week's Meeting*

## Fifteenth Annual Police Officer of the Year Awards

### *Member Notes*

Ryan Cosgrove and The Captains Ride

I would like you all to consider supporting a young man whom I met recently, named Ryan Cosgrove from Fuel Direct.

He is a young 40 year old who is pushbike riding from Bowral to Mt Kosciuszko over 7 days in November He is riding to support the Steve Waugh Foundation to raise awareness for mainly children with extremely rare diseases .We have all had close friends or family members affected by some form of terminal illness. These children need help. Please follow the prompts to add your donation to what I believe is a very worthwhile cause.

Direct Debit into the Foundation Bank Account, National Australia Bank NAB

Steve Waugh Foundation, BSB: 082 055, A/C: [58483 5131](#)

*Pat Giammarco*

Applications for **RYLA 2017**, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, are now open. Our closing date for applications is **Wednesday 12th October**.

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*

<i>Birthdays</i>	
28 September	Joe Saad
4 October	Athena Pappas

<i>Rotary Anniversary</i>	
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30 September	Gulian and Simone Vaccari
2 October	Chris and Toni Virgona

<i>Rotary Events</i>	
Wednesday 28 September	<b>Fifteenth Police Officer of the Year Awards Flemington and Burwood Commands Partners Night</b>
Wednesday 5 October	<b>Mike Keenan, businessman and story teller Our host at the Bankstown Airport meeting</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	<b>Pride of Workmanship Awards</b> Do it once, do it well Strathfield Golf Club, Centenary Drive, Strathfield Partners Night, 6.30 for 7.00

### *Rotary Celebrities and Projects*

**Charles, Prince of Wales**, heir apparent to Queen Elizabeth II, is an honorary member of the Rotary Club of Banchory-Terman UK.

The Prince's Trust, founded by The Prince of Wales in 1976, supports 13 to 30 year-olds who are unemployed, struggling at school or at risk of exclusion.

Many of the young people helped by The Prince's Trust are in or leaving care, facing issues such as homelessness or mental health problems, or they have been in trouble with the law.

**September is Youth Service month** when we focus on Rotary's many programs which contribute to the development, motivation and enrichment of the lives of our youth.

The Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment, RYPEN, is a weekend camp for years 10 and 11 students aimed to develop the student's potential through lecture style sessions and adventure based learning thereby assisting the student in forming their own values and moral standards. Rylarians and Rotaractors act as camp leaders with Rotarians as supervisors.

*David Croft*

In the search for perfection, we may instead find excellence

*Anu*

### *The Statistics*

Attendance last week	19
Leave of absence	2
Apologies	7
No apology	10
Club membership	<b>38</b>
Partners	0
Guest	3
Members Rotary activities hours	58 we 21.9

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<i>Funds raised last week</i>	
Raffle	\$180.00
Sergeant	\$86.50
'Heads and tails'	\$21.20

*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



*Architect Warwick Sinclair, President Steve Taylor*

