



# STRATHFIELD ROTARY BULLETIN

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

Month of May	Rotary	Youth Service Month
Weeks of May	United Nations	UN Global Road Safety Week (4th -10th May)
Days of May	United Nations	World Press Freedom Day (3rd May)
		Time of Remembrance and Reconciliation for Those Who Lost Their Lives During the Second World War (8th-9th May)
		World Migratory Bird Day (9th-10th May)



### *Steve's Snippets*

Hi everyone.

What a great meeting last week, to welcome Jodi McKay MP as a new honorary member. Jodi, a prominent Labor politician was introduced by our Liberal councilor Gulian Vaccari and thanked by our Italian and Liberal supporter, Emperor-elect Rick. You know what, it was terrific, because they are all Rotarians, we are all friends, and race, religion and politics have no place in Rotary.

Jodi spoke about her early life in Gloucester, her introduction to politics in Newcastle, and most interestingly, her real love of science.

I believe Jodi will be a great member and supporter of Rotary and our club in the years ahead. We were also privileged to have Jodi's husband Stephen Fenn accompany her. They are a great couple.

As I started to write this piece on Sunday afternoon, I thought, 'well things should start to slow down a bit now, as changeover is only seven weeks away'...and then I realized...

**May 10th** is our very important new member meeting, where hopefully every existing member will bring along a potential new member.

**May 24th** is the Strathfield Youth Awards. This is an important night in our calendar and is being organized by director Arie and his committee.

**May 31st** is the ‘most exotic Indian International dinner at The Concord Function Centre’, organized by ‘Sultan’ Rick, and the Kamkolkars. Again, hopefully a fun night for prospective Rotarians, and an evening to really enjoy Indian culture and food.

**June 7th** will be a relaxing dinner night out at The Buddha Raska Thai restaurant, to celebrate (or perhaps commiserate) this past year and thank all those members who contributed to the life of the club.

**June 16th** (FRIDAY) is a night of celebration as the club will celebrate 40 and Up years of service of eight current and former Rotarians of our great club (Bala, Croft, Hallworth, Haseldine, Foss, Manenti, Taylor and Vince). Do you know that between them they have racked up a total of 324 years of service?

**June 24th** is Changeover

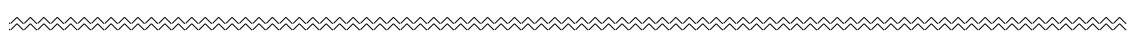
And somewhere in the middle of all this will be a Sunday picnic to Camelot at Camden, which is being organized by PP Keith Byrn

I’m exhausted just writing about all these events, but I hope every one of these functions will be well supported by members. The membership events in particular are critical for our club’s survival.

Next Monday is our second last board meeting for the year, and the board have kindly (I think!) invited Denise and I to ‘A last Supper’ at an Italian restaurant in Concord. So maybe I’ll see you next week, or maybe I won’t.

Have a great week everyone, and please support the important projects and events being organized by your enthusiastic Directors.

*President Steve*



## *Last Week’s Guest Speaker: Jodi McKay*

As our newest Honorary Rotarian, the Club was delighted that Jodi MacKay agreed to be our guest speaker on the night. Accompanied by her husband Stephen, Jodi gave a very personal account of her upbringing and some of the milestones in her life; everything from moths in her pantry, to entrenched corruption she witnessed!

Jodi grew up in Gloucester which is located in the Manning District on the

Mid North Coast. She proudly attended the local primary and high schools. Her mum still lives in the district and it appears that Jodi and Stephen might return to the area one day.

Growing up, Jodi’s mother worked in a haberdashery, whilst her father worked for the local dairy board where he was involved in the esoteric business of artificial insemination. Her chosen side of politics shows

strength of character as both her parents hated Labor.

Jodi also shared with us the fact that she is a less-than-stellar cook. Even the first time she invited Stephen around for dinner, the (almost) bare pantry meant alternative arrangements for food was necessary. And the pantry moths? Let's just say that because whatever was in the pantry tended to stay there for some time, the accessional moth was know to take up residence. Stephen's best chance for a home cooked meal continues to be when he visits Jodi's mum.

reading the news. Around that time, the Newcastle earthquake rocked the city. Needing to inform the community, Jodi found that reciting page 42 of the White Pages gave people useful information on what to do in an emergency! Jodi's media experience also included stints in the printed press, as well as radio.

Jodi highlighted her passion for science. She was very proud of her achievement in helping to start the Hunter Medical Research Institute (HMRI). She was also involved in the appointment of the first woman as Chief Scientist in 2007.



Jodi was also exposed to the darker side of life in Newcastle, when she found herself at odds with a number of powerful people, who, years later, were found to be corrupt.

Wishing to distance herself from what was happening, Jodi left both politics and the Newcastle district to come to Sydney in 2011. Here, she worked for Family Planning New South Wales. Jodi also completed a Masters Degree.

Tempted back into politics, Jodi is currently a member of the New South Wales Legislative Assembly where she is the Shadow Minister for Transport and Shadow Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight. Clearly up for a challenge, Jodi holds the second most marginal seat in the state; that of Strathfield.

Career-wise, Jody started work at age 18 at NBN television in Newcastle. She up-skilled by doing a voice training course, and by age 20, was



## *This Week's Speaker: Dr Kenneth Graham*

Kenneth Graham is the Principal Scientist at the NSW Institute of Sport and holds an Adjunct Senior Lectureship at the University of Sydney. Kenneth has over 20 years working in high performance sport and has been involved in the preparation of multiple Olympic, World and Commonwealth champions.

Kenneth's primary research area, in which he completed his PhD, is on the monitoring of fatigue, recovery and performance in athletes.

Tonight he will share details on his work with elite athletes.

## *Next Week's Speaker: Membership Night*

### *Dates for the Calendar*



<i>Rotary Events</i>	
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2017	Dr Kenneth Graham – NSW Institute of Sport
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	Membership night
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	tba (BBQ at Golf Club)
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	Youth Awards
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2017	Indian Night (Concord Function Centre)
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	tba
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	No meeting (transfer to 16-6-17)
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	<i>Celebration of members who have each been in Rotary for 40+ years (Strathfield Golf club)</i>
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June 2017	Members and Partners dinner @ Buddha Raksa
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	<b>Changeover</b>
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	Club Assembly

<i>Birthdays</i>	
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<i>Anniversaries</i>	
1 <sup>st</sup> May	Roger Vince
3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Christopher and Christophertine Haseldine

## *Rotary Celebrities and Projects*

**Gerald Rudolf Ford Jr**, the 38th President of the USA from 1974 to 1977, following the resignation of Richard Nixon, was born Leslie Lynch King Jr. His mother separated from his biological father just 16 days after his birth and remarried some 3 years later. One of Ford's most controversial acts was to grant a presidential pardon to President Richard Nixon for his role in the Watergate scandal. Ford was a member of the Rotary Club of Grand Rapids, Michigan USA.

*“A government big enough to give you everything you want is a government big enough to take from you everything you have.”*

**May on the new Rotary Calendar is Youth Service Month.** In 1949, the Rotary International Board adopted the slogan "Every Rotarian an Example to Youth" as an expression of commitment to children and youth in each community in which Rotary clubs exist. Serving young people has long been an important part of the Rotary program.

It is the responsibility of each Rotarian to support our young people to improve their life skills to ensure a better future, while recognising the diversity of their needs.

*David Croft*



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## *The statistics*

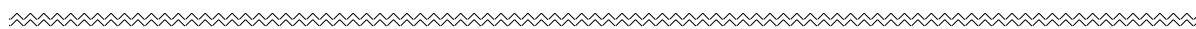
Attendance last week	20
Leave of absence	2
Apologies	3
No apology	9
Club membership	<b>34</b>
Partners	0
Guests	5
Members Rotary activities	Week ending 19-4-17: <b>64</b> [hours] Week ending 26-4-17: <b>34</b> [hours]

<i>Funds raised last week</i>	
Raffle	\$170.00
'Heads and tails'	\$25.85
Sergeants session	\$140.90



## *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

3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Joe Saad
10 <sup>th</sup> May	Raymond McCluskie
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



## *Out and About: Jodi McKay*



Jodi with President Stephen



Kay, Jodi and Peter

## *Out and About: Strathfield Centurions*

