



Rotary  
Club of Strathfield



# STRATHFIELD ROTARY BULLETIN

DISTRICT 9675

## THE SPOKE

30 November 2016

[www.strathfieldrotary.org.au](http://www.strathfieldrotary.org.au)

[info@strathfieldrotary.org.au](mailto:info@strathfieldrotary.org.au)

<https://www.facebook.com/strathfieldrotary>

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

Month of November	Rotary	<b>Rotary Foundation Month</b>
Days of November	United Nations	29 International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

### *President Steve's Snippets*

Hello to my super achieving Rotarians.

This week it was truly great to be a Rotarian.

The Pride of Workmanship awards were fantastic and superbly coordinated by Usha Garg. Keith (Gough) Byrn was his usual elegant authoritative but compassionate self. Rod, Peter and Rick were efficient on the treasurers table and Grahame and Ray were simply smooth operators directing people to tables. Then of course we had our weekly poet, storyteller, raffle seller Anuradah who did a great job raising over \$700 for the raffle. Brad was also great taking pictures everywhere.

Last but certainly not least was the multimedia man for all occasion, Rick "The Trick" Vosila, who presented the most compelling and interesting slide show and talk, performance is probably a better word, on becoming a Rotarian.

If we don't get any new members from that it's not for the want of trying.

On the subject of membership, I have offered Jodi McKay, MP, an honorary membership of the club, which she has enthusiastically accepted. More on that early in the New Year.

In more great news, our POW awardee and speaker Dr Neil Jurasignam will also return to speak to us in the New Year

Thank you everyone, particularly our great sponsors, because nights like last Wednesday make you very proud to be a Rotarian.

As I write this on Sunday, I unfortunately, or fortunately depending on your viewpoint, may not be attending the meeting this coming Wednesday.

My first miss for the year. Why you might ask?

Well, Last Thursday morning I fell off my bike at speed, after hitting a pothole.

I was unconscious for maybe 20 minutes, and didn't come to until I was sitting in the ambulance being treated. I subsequently spent the day in RPA being checked out, scanned and bandaged up..

My head was fine, but I have lost a lot of skin on my right side, and I have a very sore bruised kidney. As a result , currentlyI am barely mobile and can't drive and certainly can't cycle.

The bike needs some repairs, my helmet was broken, and my cycle shirt has been very effectively gravel rashed.

Sincere thanks to Keith Stockall and Kevin Beltrame, both past members of our club, and members of our cycling group, for looking after me, and picking me up off he road, and calling the ambulance..

I'm pretty sure this will cost me with Sergeant Truey on my return.

On a final note, can I please encourage all members to attend next week's Annual General Meeting. There won't be a discussion on a new constitution as District has asked us to hold off until it completes a uniform constitution for all clubs next year. An important part o f the meeting will of course be the selection of a President elect nominee, and Rick's new board, which should be great fun.

Following next week, our first ordinary meeting will be on February 1 2017, which will be a Club Assembly.

In between of course will be our must attend Xmas party, with the "Pres's pressies", the croquet night in mid January, and our Australia Day picnic at Cape Cabarita

Maybe we will catch up this week but if not, next week, at the AGM.

All the best from a bruised and battered President Steve. and please go easy on President Elect Rick, at his first meeting

President Steve

## *Last Week*

A great Pride of Workmanship Awards Night with well over 100 members, awardees , guests. Hosted by President Steve Taylor, MC Keith Byrn and our new honorary Rotarian, Jodi Mc Kay MP, as guest speaker.

## *This Week*

### **Inca Trails and Giant Tortoises- what do they have in common?**

Rotarian Gulian Vaccari shares various aspects of his recent South American holiday with his wife Simone

## *Member Note*

Rotarian PeterManenti has generously agreed to sponsor two of the main prizes for the Stroller Derby. That means that with the very generous Gold Coast holiday offered by the Kamkolkars, also members and great supporters of Strathfield Rotary, that we now have the main prizes locked in for the Stroller Derby.

The web page, event details, prizes and fundraising element for the Stroller Derby are well underway and will be much closer this week when Treasure Rod sets up the payment portal on the new website. The web site, event entry, and participant fundraising will now allow entrants to fundraise for the event, and obtain sponsors, just as Rick did for the recent Oxfam walk, very likely increasing the fundraising potential of the event.

# Rotary Celebrities and Projects

**Dwight D Eisenhower**, the 34th President of the USA, who created the Intertate Highway System and NASA, was made an honorary member of the Rotary Club of Abilene, Kansas in 1943, the RC of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania in 1952 and the RC of Newport, Rhode Island in 1957.

'Leadership is the art of getting someone else to do something you want done because he wants to do it'.

**November is Rotary Foundation month.** Each year, Rotary selects up to 100 individuals from around the world to receive fully funded academic fellowships at one of Rotary's Peace Centers. These fellowships cover tuition and fees, room and board, round-trip transportation, and all internship and field-study expenses.

In just over a decade, the Rotary Peace Centers have trained more than 900 fellows for careers in peace building. Many of them go on to serve as leaders in national governments, NGOs, the military, law enforcement, and international organizations like the United Nations and World Bank

It is worth reflecting on the goals of the **Rotary Foundation**

1. Eradicate polio, our top priority
2. Build a sense of ownership of our Foundation among Rotarians through their contributions to the Annual Programs Fund, the Permanent Fund, and our Rotary Peace Centres
3. Continue our progress on the Future Vision plan and align our service projects with the six areas of focus: Peace and conflict prevention/ resolution, Disease prevention and treatment, Water and sanitation, Maternal and child health, Basic education and literacy, Economic and community development

*David Croft*

## Dates for the Calendar



<i>Rotary Events</i>	
Wednesday 30 November	Inca Trails and Giant Tortoises Gulian Vaccari
Wednesday 7 December	ROTARY CLUB OF STRATHFIELD AGM
Wednesday 16 December	ROTARY CLUB OF STRATHFIELD CHRISTMAS PARTY
Wednesday 1 February 2017	ROTARY CLUB OF STRATHFIELD CLUB ASSEMBLY
Saturday 30 April 2017	ROTARY CLUB OF STRATHFIELD STROLLER DERBY

<i>Birthdays</i>	
2 December	Arie Pappas
3 December	Roger Vince, Toni Virgona
4 December	Neena Sinha
<i>Anniversary</i>	
7 December	Prabhat and Neena Sinha
30 November	Allan and Kate Teale
<i>Rotary Anniversary</i>	
1 December	Peter Manenti, Ed Brown
	Paul Giammarco,
	Keith Byrn

<i>The Statistics</i>	
Attendance last week	19
Leave of absence	0
Apologies	6
No apology	13
Club membership	<b>38</b>
Partners	6
Guests	87
Members Rotary activities hours	Tbc
<i>Funds raised last week</i>	
Raffle	\$716.00
Sergeant	\$0.00

<i>Your Committee 2016-2017</i>			
President	Stephen Taylor	Secretary	Peter van der Sleenen
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

**Thanks to Our Very Generous Sponsors**

 <p><b>ARA VANIS INSOLVENCY</b> Aravanis Insolvency 1300 369 108</p>	 <p><b>Homebush Community Bank</b> 9764 6616</p>	 <p><b>Richardson &amp; Wrench</b> Strathfield 9745 2733</p>
 <p><b>Alvaro Bros Builders</b> 9763 1627</p>	 <p><b>Selectprint (NSW)</b> 9746 6434</p>	 <p><b>STRATHFIELD COUNCIL</b> Strathfield Council 9748 9999</p>
		 <p><b>Strathfield Golf Club</b> 9642 0326</p>

