

STRATHFIELD ROTARY BULLETIN

DISTRICT 9675

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Rotary, United Nations and Australian Themes

Month of September	Rotary	Basic Education and Literacy Month
Days of September	United Nations	International Day of Charity 5 September International Day Against Nuclear Tests 29 August
	Australia	International Literacy and Numeracy Week 29 August-4 September

President Steve's Snippets

Hi everyone

There is a new king, a BBQ king that is, and his name is Andrew Aravanis. Last Saturday at Bunnings Ashfield, from around 9.00am, till nearly 5.00pm, Andrew with hardly a break cooked over 1200 sausages, and umpteen kilos of onions, for what seemed a never ending queue of hungry customers.

I was there for a few hours, just loading sausages and onions on the BBQ, and watching in awe as this very experienced and hard working guy somehow managed to keep up with the demand.

Then, on Sunday, he and Arie were out at Cathy Freeman Park, setting up the clubs BBQ for a busy morning assisting the Parkinson's Unity Walk and Run. Thankfully the pace was a bit slower but by 1.00pm we had sold over 500 sausage sandwiches.

My sincere thanks go to Director Andrew, hereinafter King Andrew, and all those members who volunteered their time. At the risk of missing someone I am very grateful for the support of Rod, Brad, Andrew K, Paolo, Gulian, Emperor Rick, more on that later, Arie, Peter V, Peter M and Ed for their considerable efforts. Rod may have some numbers for us at the meeting.

Now on to some great news. Rick Vosila has graciously agreed to become President Elect for 2017-2018. I thank him and sincerely congratulate him, and I believe he will be an absolutely first class President.

As the board noted at its meeting the President Elect's role should focus on MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT, a move I greatly support. However, in taking on this role I am now short an International and Vocational Director, positions I really need to fill.

In accepting the role of President elect Rick made 2 requests. That the meetings be conducted in Latin or Italian, and that he be referred to Emperor Rick.

I confess I have never met a guy with so many nicknames. Raffles Rick, Derby Rick and now Emperor Rick. Next year should be a fun year.

Thanks to everyone who really “got into” the meeting last week. Our speaker Anna provoked a great deal of comment and questions, and I thought Domenic Alvaro did a great job thanking her, and with a cuddle too. Now guys, please remember next week is a designated partners night and both our District Governor Steve Humphries and his terrific wife Judith will address us. This is your chance to talk to the top couple in our District and to see how Strathfield Rotary compares with other clubs in our Rotary World. This time of year now starts to get very busy for our members. Among other great speakers organized by Brad and Ed, on October 5, we will have Mike Keenan talk about selling aeroplanes to people like the Lowy’s and Packers. On October 12 we will have the John Manenti presentation and membership development evening and possibly a really big announcement. This is then followed on September 28 by The Police Officer of the Year awards, and on November 23 by our very popular Pride of Workmanship awards. Please don’t miss a week or you might miss a great guest speaker, or a dinner night or maybe the odd surprise or two as well.

Thank you again to everyone who pitched in on the weekend. It is a privilege to be part of a club with such a great “can do and get on with it attitude”

Last Week’s Guest Speaker

Members present were treated to a great talk by Anna Perdriau. Anna, an accomplished public speaker, relived how she won a Voice of Youth completion at school. Feeling confident, she went to the next level, where, in her words, she “bombed”.

Fortunately, Anna rediscovered public speaking later in life. She now teaches others on various aspects of public speaking. She has also written a book on the subject “Speaking to Hearts and Mind

Anna spoke about how the act, or even the prospect, of public speaking creates emotions in all of us. When faced with the opportunity, people either tend to say ‘no way, begrudging yes as it is something they have to do, or full-hearted ‘yes’. Anna facilitated a great open-floor discussion among members about some of the reasons for poor public speaking. We discussed the impact that families and the education system have on public speaking abilities. We compared and contrasted public speaking in Australia and other countries and questioned the impact that modern trends such as testing might have.

Anna was introduced by Anuradha Kamkolkar and thanked by Domenico Alvaro.

This Week’s Guest Speaker

Senior Sergeant Gabriella di Marino and colleague
NSW Police, Flemington LAC, Auburn PCYC

Gabriela is running the Youth Program at Auburn PCYC and has a mandate to speak to all community clubs towards Burwood about what her program is offering in Strathfield and surrounding areas now that the number of PCYC’s has declined over the past several years, and the impact a positive program like a PCYC can have on young people’s lives.

Dates for the Calendar



<i>Rotary Events</i>	
Wednesday 7 September	District Governor Steve Humphries, Judith Humphries Partners Night
Wednesday 14 September	Vocational Talk Keith Byrn, Stephen Taylor
Wednesday 21 September	Brutalist Architecture in Sydney Warwick Sinclair
Saturday 24 Sept 2016	Rotary Club of Concord's sixtieth Anniversary Concord Function Centre
Wednesday 28 September	Police Officer of the Year Award
Friday 10-Sunday 12 March 2017	Rotary District 9675 Conference Novotel Wollongong Northbeach

<i>Birthdays</i>	
4 September	Margaret Croft
5 September	Janelle Watson
25 August	Angelo Franco
26 August	Menai Touma
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Working with Children Number

All members should go through this **very simple online procedure** so that we can be up to date to be able to be audited at the end of August.

All members should apply online through the NSW *Government Office of the Children's Guardian* website.

<http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/> as soon as possible.

Peter van der Sleen

Rotary Celebrities and Projects

General Douglas MacArthur, who officially accepted Japan's surrender on September 2, 1945 aboard the USS Missouri anchored in Tokyo Bay, became an honorary member of the Rotary Club of Tokyo.

The first Rotary club in Japan was the Rotary Club of Tokyo which was established in 1920. In 1940, Japan had 48 clubs and 2,000 Rotarians. Japanese Rotary Clubs had to withdraw from Rotary International in 1940, because of the prohibition by the government due to events leading to World War II.

However, Rotarians continued their weekly meetings by simply changing the name of their gathering from "Rotary meeting" to "Wednesday meeting".

It took almost a decade before Japanese Rotary Clubs became involved with Rotary International again in March, 1949.

Currently, Japan has 2,270 Rotary clubs and 89,141 Rotarians in 2016 who contribute significantly to Rotary International.

David Croft

Attendance last week	17
Leave of absence	3
Apologies	9
No apology	9
Club membership	38
Partners	1
Guests	3
Members Rotary activities hours	

<i>Funds raised last week</i>	
Raffle	\$150.00
Sergeant	\$92.10
'Heads and tails'	\$28.05

President	Stephen Taylor	Secretary	Peter van der Sleen
President Elect	tba	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



President Steve, Guest Speaker Anna, Domenic Alvaro



Emperor Rick, King Andrew at Bunnings

