



### Strathfield Rotary Bulletin

DISTRICT 9675

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#### Rotary, United Nations and Australian Themes

Month of July	Rotary	Start of new Rotary year
Days of July	United Nations	International Day of Cooperatives (2 July 2016)
	United Nations	World Population Day (11 July 2016)
National weeks	Australia	NAIDOC week (3-10 July 2016)

## Steve's $oldsymbol{\mathcal{S}}$ nippets

Hi everyone. Welcome to the first, hopefully normal, Rotary meeting of our New Year. Thanks to those who braved attending and thank you for your patience and good humour through what was a torrid Club Assembly. With the issue of membership requirements and the timing of the new board's activities hopefully behind us, we can now get on with having fun and doing good work in our communities.

Due to the time taken on one issue, the Directors (apart from Raffles Rick indulgent but scenic video report from Genoa in Italy) did not have the opportunity to outline their programs for the year. I propose that they will do so this evening.

Last Saturday evening Denise and I attended the District Changeover at Smithfield RSL, and observed our new DG Stephen Humphreys from Camden be inducted. The conference this year is at the Novotel North Beach Hotel in Wollongong. We need to appoint a conference chair soon so that we can secure rooms in this really nice pub.

Please don't forget that there is explanatory material, an invitation and an application form for the new satellite club on the website. I encourage all members to try and find suitable members for this new approach to Rotary.

During the week I have written to the Presidents of Breakfast Point,





Concord, Burwood, Five Dock and Drummoyne, with a view to having a joint meeting, possibly a joint Xmas party, and possibly other areas where we might help each other.

Interestingly, Five Dock's President is going in for his THIRD CONSECUTIVE time and Drummoyne his SECOND CONSECUTIVE time as President. Please don't be concerned though, you will only have me for one term.

Finally, I hope you like the new look bulletin, with a number of new sections. Oh, and by the way we now have, I hope, 38 active members. If we can get an attendance of 30 members at a meeting, I promise to shout the bar!!! Enjoy the nibbles after the meeting and stay for a short drink and a chat.

Have a great week.

President Steve

## Last Week's Guest Speaker: Our Members

Thanks to all who attended Stephen's first Club Assembly for the year.

Over the coming weeks, a summary of the issues raised will be distributed.

## This Week's Guest Speaker: Jens Korff

NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

NAIDOC originally stood for 'National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee'. The acronym has since become the name of the week itself.

To explain more about NAIDOC week, Aboriginal culture, and in particular the "Creative Spirits" initiative, we tonight welcome Jens Korff.

## Next Week's Guest Speaker: n/a

Given that next week is earmarked for Queensland to complete a clean sweep of this year's State of Origin, (or will they?) there will be no formal speaker. However, we will get to enjoy a night of fellowship before witnessing the opportunity for redemption by the Blues.

### ${\cal D}$ ates for the Calendar



Rotary Events		
Wednesday 13th July 2016	State of Origin	
Wednesday 20th July 2016	Guest speaker: tba	
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2016	Emergency Services Community Awards	
Friday, date tba	Social dinner at the Golden Coronet restaurant	

Birthdays		
Monday 4th July 2016	Sue Byrn	
Wednesday 6th July 2016	Daniel Bott	

Anniversaries		
Friday 1st July 2016	Rotary: Grahame True	
Friday 1st July 2016	Rotary: Niall King	
Saturday 2nd July 2016	Rotary: Usha Garg	

## ${\cal R}$ otary Celebrities and Projects

- ❖ An honorary Rotarian has flown to the moon! Former U.S. astronaut Neil A. Armstrong, the first person to walk on the moon, was an honorary member of the Rotary Club of Wapakoneta, Ohio, U.S.A.
- ❖ The founder of Rotary, Paul P. Harris was born on 19 April 1868 in Racine, Wisconsin, USA. In the Autumn of 1900, Harris met fellow attorney Bob Frank for dinner on the north side of Chicago. They walked around the area, stopping at shops along the way. Harris was impressed

that Frank was friendly with many of the shopkeepers.

Harris wondered if there was a way to channel this camaraderie among businessmen. His vision, to persuade local businessmen to join him in a club for community and fellowship, laid the foundation for Rotary.

On 23 February 1905 Harris gathered business associates, Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele,

and Hiram Shorey at Loehr's office in Room 711 of the Unity Building in downtown Chicago, to discuss the idea of forming an organization for local professionals.

This was the first Rotary club.

David Croft



### The Statistics

Membershíp			
Attendance last week	21		
Leave of absence	4		
Apologies	5		
No apology	18		
Club membership	48		
Members Rotary activities	Not recorded [hours]		

Funds raised			
Raffle last week	\$160.00		
Sergeants session last week	\$91.95		

# Your Committee 2016-2017

President	Stephen Taylor	Secretary	Grahame True
President Elect	tba	Treasurer	Rod McDougall
Immediate Past President	Allan Petersen	Community	Andrew Aravanis
Youth	Arie Papas	Vocational	Gulian Vaccari
International	Rick Vosila	Club Services	Bradley Ayres

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

## Out and About - Changeover night 25th June 2016



















