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Rotary, United Nations and Australian Themes

Month of December	Rotary	Disease Prevention & Treatment Month
Days of December	United Nations	3 International Day of People with Disabilities 5 International Volunteers Day for Economic & Social Development

President Steve's Snippets

Last Week

What do Inca trails and tortoises have in common? This was the question posed by Rotarian Gulian Vaccari.

The short answer is, both were seen by Gulian and his wife Simone on their recent trip to Chile, Peru, Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands, presented with a large number of great photos to Club members.

Most holidays expose us to new experiences, new places and new food. In this regard their trip did not disappoint. The Vaccari's learnt that guinea pig is considered a delicacy in Peru, to be consumed on special occasions. Unfortunately, there was never an occasion 'special' enough for the Vaccari's to partake.

However, Gulian and Simone certainly did experience a new environment when they joined a bunch of 20 to 30 year old people from the US, Australia, and Germany for a three day trek over the 45 km long Inca Trail that lead to the famed Machu Picchu. Well served by porters, it was nonetheless a challenging walk with the altitude always above 2,000 m.

Many other fascinating destinations, such as the Floating Islands located in Lake Titicaca Peru, inhabited by the Uru people, were also explored.

One particular, very personal, part of the trip was seeing the grave and memorial to his first cousin, Luigi (Luis) Vaccari. Born and raised in and around the North Eastern Italian city of Padua, he joined the priesthood. He left his homeland to do missionary work in the South American country of Ecuador. Here he settled in the small suburb of Carapungo, Quito, working with the poorest of the

poor, setting up a new church parish and providing basic essentials such as food, clothing, shelter and facilitating education for the children. This much revered man was tragically killed in a motor vehicle accident in 1998 not far from his home. The photo below is of the road-side memorial laid by the local community at the 10 year anniversary of his death.

In a location made famous by Charles Darwin, the Galápagos Islands were the final destination on the trip. Known for its endemic and diverging species, Gulian and Simone saw numerous and unique reptiles, birds, seals and the aforementioned tortoises. Just as the native South Americans were devastated by the arrival of Europeans, the tortoises were also almost driven to extinction because, as they could be kept alive with minimal care, they were a popular food choice for use on vessels of the day.

Brad Ayres

This Week

Our annual general meeting for 2016 will be held Wednesday 7.12.16 at Strathfield Golf Club following the normal club meeting.

The meeting will be chaired by PDG David Croft, email to all Club members 28 November 2016 refers:

- 1) A **call for nominations** for positions on the 2017-18 board (including the president-elect)
- 2) A **nomination form**, to be used to nominate club members for a position on the 2017-18 board
- 3) An **agenda** for the meeting.

Rod McDougall

Member Notes

Peter Smith Awarded Second Sapphire for his PHF

Congratulations to Peter Smith, who has been honoured by Concord Rotary with a second sapphire for his PHF pin. Presented to him at their club meeting on 21 November, the award recognises his contribution to the Concord Farmers Market, managed by Concord Rotary.

Peter's very active participation, and involvement of the Homebush Boys Interact club has been a very important contribution to the success of the markets.

Peter was unaware that he was receiving the award and had been invited to the meeting ostensibly for another reason.

He was very pleased to receive the second sapphire, in particular as it came from another club.

As was observed at the meeting: "This man epitomises what Rotary is all about. Talk about Service Above Self!"



Concord Rotary President Kevin Long presents Peter with his new pin

This year's club Christmas party will be held **Wednesday 14.12.16** at **Angelos on the Bay Restaurant** at Cabarita.

This is an excellent venue and it will be a very enjoyable evening. A relaxing and fun night - and a great way to end the first half of President Steve's Rotary year.

We hope that you and your partner and friends will be able to join us.

Please advise by no later than **Saturday 10.12.16**.

If attending, you are requested to **make payment by EFT**, also by no later than 10.12.16. Details are shown below.

Bradley Ayres

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 even

Rotary Celebrities and Projects

Guglielmo Marconi, credited as the inventor of the radio. despite the fact that it was Nicola Tesla that actually invented it, was a member of the Rotary Club of Bologna Italy.

Rotary's focus in December is the vast range of activities that go to make up the organisation of Rotary International. Although Rotary's top priority is the eradication of polio our members take on far greater responsibilities to fight disease. They set up health camps and training facilities in undeveloped countries and in communities struggling with HIV/AIDS and malaria. They also design and build the infrastructure for doctors, nurses, governments, and partners to reach the one in six people in the world who can't afford to pay for health care.

The world relies on Rotary to tackle these global challenges, and to set an example for others to follow.

It is worth reflecting on the goals of the **Rotary Foundation** from the month of November

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 7 December	ROTARY CLUB OF STRATHFIELD AGM
Saturday 10 December	CAROLS IN THE PARK
Wednesday 14 December	ROTARY CLUB OF STRATHFIELD CHRISTMAS PARTY
Wednesday 18 January	CROQUET IN STRATHFIELD
Wednesday 1 February 2017	ROTARY CLUB OF STRATHFIELD CLUB ASSEMBLY
Saturday 30 April 2017	ROTARY CLUB OF STRATHFIELD STROLLER DERBY

<i>Birthdays</i>	

<i>Anniversary</i>	
7 December	Prabhat and Neena Sinha
8 December	Rod and Maree McDougall
<i>Rotary Anniversary</i>	

<i>The Statistics</i>	
Attendance last week	20
Leave of absence	1
Apologies	13
No apology	4
Club membership	38
Partners	0
Guests	1
Members Rotary activities hours	tbc
<i>Funds raised last week</i>	
Raffle	\$135.00
Sergeant	\$65.30
Heads & Tails	\$27.00

<i>Your Committee 2016-2017</i>			
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	Raffles	Anuradah Kamkolkar
Bulletin Editor	Andrew Kowalski	Web master	Raymond McCluskie
Bulletin Printer	SelectPrint	Apologies	Gulian Vaccari



President Steve, Guest Speaker Rotarian Gulian Vaccari



President Steve, Raffles Queen Rotarian Anuradah Kamkolkar

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Steve's Snippets

Hi everyone. Believe it or not this is issue 24 of my snippets and my last for 2016 (There won't be a regular bulletin now until Feb 1st next year.)

As some of you might know I am a Foundation member of one of my local Probus Clubs: The Probus Club of Cabarita and Breakfast Point.. Denise and I attended their

Xmas lunch on Friday, and I had a chance to catch up with their Preident, a lovely lady named Dorothy Faulder (their second President)

II asked her how the club was going, and she indicated membership was a real issue
What's the problem I said

Well she replied , we are authorised for a max number of 220....yes 220, but there are so many still wanting to join. I think we will have to increase our max. number to 250.

I kept quiet after that, but I thought, here we have 250 really nice, older but still very engaging people, who have time on there hands, enjoy social contact, enjoy outings and travel, but are not involved in any form of community activity. I'll leave it there.

Thanks to Gulian for a great travelogue last week. He and Simone are obviously very fit if they can walk for four days at altitudes of 4,000 metres or more to visit one of the worlds most amazing places, Macchu Picchu in Peru.

Tonight is our AGM, and will be run by the very experienced PDG David Croft
Rick Vosila will be confirmed as our next President, and I'm hoping he will be as fortunate as I was in the selection of Board members for his year, and of course, for a President to succeed him.

Finally, I do hope as many members and their partners, and friends come to our Xmas party. I promise you a nice meal, pleasant surroundings, presents, from Santa, and hopefully a bit of fun as well.

Our last community service activity for the year will be or **Sausage Sizzle** at the Strathfield carols **this Saturday**. Please come along if you can.

Don't forget our party next Wednesday, and you are all invited to the Cape Cabarita carols on Sunday December 18. As usual there will be a reverse Christmas tree , with all the presents to be picked up by PP Peter Smith and delivered to the Salvo's for distribution to needy kids at Christmas. Come along please, bring a small gift for a boy or girl, bring some wine and nibbles, and enjoy the lovely tones of the Sydney West singers.

Have a great Christmas everyone, and come back refreshed next year, ready to run the **Stroller Derrby**

Merry Xmas, please be safe, and enjoy your break

President Steve

