

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 Australia	International Day of Charity 5 September International Day Literacy Day 8 September National Child Protection Week 4-10 September

President Steve's Snippets

Hi everyone

Firstly, a very warm welcome to all our partners attending this week. It is always great to see you.

I hope all our gentlemen members had a pleasant Father's Day. For me it was my first Dad's day as a grandfather and I was privileged to have my son Adrian and his wife Helen bring my beautiful 11 month old Zoe Taylor for lunch and a playful visit. There is nothing like the beautiful innocence of the young to bring you back to earth.

On a sad note, I wish to extend our sympathies to Usha Garg and her family, on the passing of her mother this week. She has been ill for some time, under the loving care of Usha. As I noted last week, and unfortunately again this week, we have lost Rod McDougall's mum, Joe Saad's mum, Janelle Watson's dad, and now Usha's mum, in just a few short months. I've come to realise that nothing really prepares you for the loss of a much loved elderly parent, and the then unwanted elevation to patriarch or matriarch of the family.

This week we finally have our official visit from our Governor Stephen Humphreys, accompanied by his wife Judith, who will also have a few words of wisdom to say. Our district is in fine hands with this experienced and very friendly Rotary couple. Stephen will update us on RI happenings and other goings on in our new larger district.

As mentioned by PDG David Croft last week, it's now time to reserve your room at the Novotel Wollongong Northbeach for next year's Rotary District 9675 Conference.

Also this week, you should all be receiving a detailed calendar of events and speakers organized by Ed Dunlop and Brad Ayres. This formidable list covers some very important functions, especially our membership night with John Manenti as a special guest speaker with whom we will have some nice surprises.

I, and particularly our new President elect and dedicated membership director, Rick Vosila, are very keen for this night to be a memorable evening where you

invite potential new members and when you show them the packed super interesting series of events to the end of the year.

I am sure we will get some quality new Rotarians to join our Club.

I know looking for new members is not easy, but please remember Rotary is a humanitarian and business organization like no other, and as I have said many times, there are events and award programs that we run, and run very well, that change people's lives for the better. Being a Rotarian is a privilege and an honour. As Joe Saad often reminds us: "Its great to be a Strathfield Rotarian.

Enjoy your week
President Steve

Last Week's Guest Speaker

Last week's speakers presented a fascinating and enlightening talk on Police Citizens Youth Clubs (PCYC's). The organisation is truly multi-faceted with positive goals and outcomes. This was highlighted during the talk by Senior Constable Gabriella Di Marino and Senior Constable Enzo Silvestro.

We learnt that "NSW Police Youth Case Managers (YCM's) are committed to preventing and reducing youth crime. YCM's work with young people aged 10 to 17yrs who come to the attention of police for various reasons, whether by some form of legal action taken against them, such as charge, caution or conference, or by simply being a young person at risk of offending due to welfare, domestic or peer association factors. YCM's are located at local PCYC's and are not attached the local Police Station, as is the case with Youth Liaison officer (YLO) or School Liaison Police Officer (SLP).

YCM's conduct two main programs

Individual Case Management This program is a voluntary process in which young people are referred to YCM's via a number of agencies as a result of their behaviour and the reasons for this are explored. Assistance can be provided in a variety of ways specific to the young person's circumstances. This may include exploring positive role modeling, their anti-social behavior and the consequences of this risky behavior; referrals to health and wellbeing services for drugs, alcohol and mental health concerns, domestic violence issues, education and employment issues.

The process may require support from other external agencies as well as the young person's family. YCM's will be in regular contact with external agencies and exchanging information with them. Agencies and parents are encouraged to support the young person during this time, to set and maintain appropriate boundaries to increase communication and to explore the progress made by the young person. YCM's will conduct regular home visits to check on the progress of the young person and they, in turn will be encouraged to attend the club on a regular basis to meet with the YCM and engage in club activities. Where necessary, YCM's may attend school and/or interagency meetings to assist in the management of the young person's behavior

Police Targeted Program These programs are conducted on a term-by-term basis. These programs generally involve a specific school or community group experiencing a specific crime trend or issue. The program is generally conducted one or two days a week, for 8 to 10 weeks at a time. The programs

are reliant upon suitable funding, suitable participants. and will include a number of in house presenters, a physical and sport component, a cultural component and regular crime prevention workshops. These programs are designed to educate the youths on and relevant topics and to enhance better decision-making skills. Ultimately these programs help reduce offending or exposure to crime as well as addressing absenteeism from school. Generally lunch and transport is provided as well as various program resources. At the conclusion of the program behaviours are reviewed. YCM's support the local Police and promote the activities of the PCYC, regularly attending community events together.

The PCYC's are a non government, charitable organisation and conduct numerous activities for the young at a minimal fee."

The Club thanks Gabriella and Enzo for their time, and congratulates them on the great work they are doing in the community

This Week's Guest Speakers, Partners Night

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PARTNERS NIGHT

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S VISIT



Wednesday
7 September 2016
6:15 for 6:30 pm
Strathfield Golf Club

Stephen And Judith Humphreys

A great opportunity to meet our DG and learn first hand some of the plans for District 9675.

Stephen's partner Judith will accompany him and offer some of her views on community service.

Stephen is a retired retail pharmacist and a member of Camden Rotary. He was club president in 2008-09.

He has been very active at district level serving in many positions.

He is a Paul Harris Fellow and a member of the Paul Harris Society.

A very keen golfer he has been president of Camden Golf Club for the past 16 years.

Married to Judith for 43 years; they have three children.

Enquiries President Steve



<i>Rotary Events</i>	
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

Anniversaries

<i>Birthdays</i>	
14 September	George Helou
19 September	A Bala
<i>Rotary Anniversary</i>	
8 September	Chris Virgona
<i>Anniversary</i>	
7 September	Peter and Jan van der Sleen

Rotary Celebrities and Projects

Prince Phillip, Duke of Edinburgh, husband of Queen [Elizabeth II](#), is the longest-serving consort of a reigning British monarch and the oldest-ever male member of the [British royal family](#). He is an honorary member of the Rotary Club of Windsor and Eton and an honorary member of the Rotary Club of Edinburgh. Prince Philip is patron of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award program for youth.

September on the Rotary calendar is Youth Service month, which recognises the positive changes implemented by youth and young adults through leadership development activities, service projects and exchange programs and aims to provide innovative and practical opportunities to assist and motivate young people in our communities to acquire learning and life skills.

Youth Service is an investment in the future. A commitment to Youth Service within and through our club is also a commitment to the next generation of potential Rotarians and the ongoing future and health of our clubs

David Croft

Attendance last week	18
Leave of absence	3
Apologies	6
No apology	11
Club membership	38
Partners	0
Guests	2
Members Rotary activities hours	

<i>Funds raised last week</i>	
Raffle	\$145.00
Sergeant	\$88.30
'Heads and tails'	\$19.50

President	Stephen Taylor	Secretary	Peter van der Sleesen
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 Stepen Taylor, Senior Constables Enzo Silvestro, Gabriella Di Martino

