



# STRATHFIELD ROTARY BULLETIN

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

Month of November	Rotary	<b>Rotary Foundation Month</b>
Days of November	United Nations	10 World Science Day for Peace and Development
	Australia	

### **URGENT — URGENT — URGENT**

Dear fellow Rotarian

Due to a last minute program change we will not be having Dr Sinha address us this week at the Golf Club.

As advised to those members who attended last week, we are now meeting OFF SITE FOR THIS WEEK.

The meeting will now be at **THE INFANTS HOME, in HENRY STREET, ASHFIELD**

The meeting will commence at 6.30pm, for between 45 and 60 minutes, including an explanation of what the Infants Home does, and an inspection of their facilities.

Following the meeting we will be going to **WESTS LEAGUES CLUB** on Liverpool Road Ashfield which is only a 5 minute drive away.

The dinner will be of your own choosing and cost. There will be no further formalities, just fellowship

**THIS NIGHT IS A PARTNERS NIGHT**, and your friends and guests are also very welcome

We are going to the Infants Home, because they are the principal recipient of funds raised from our Stroller Derby, which will be held April 30, 2017

and a number of our newer members are not familiar with the amazing work undertaken by the Infants Home.



# Rotary

## Club of Strathfield



### *President Steve's Snippets*

Hi everyone,

I hope everyone who attended last week now has a clear view of the operations, funding, and programs of the Rotary Foundation.

Past District Governor Paul Reid gave an excellent presentation, and encouraged us to consider giving to "our" Foundation when deciding on our charitable giving. Strathfield has a great record of supporting the Foundation, and I sincerely hope that continues this year.

This week we are again "shaking things up a bit" with a relatively short notice visit to the INFANTS HOME in Ashfield.

We have supported the Infants Home for some time, with visits to HMAS Sydney, and providing our club BBQ for various fetes and art shows.

This year though, we are going all out, with the Home being our principal beneficiary of the Stroller Derby. Senior staff from the Infants Home are on our organizing committee, and helping us to maximize the fundraising of our event. The committee is very hopeful of attracting some sponsors this month so that we might include the sponsors in our event advertising.

Your help would be greatly appreciated

I hope after visiting the Home on Wednesday evening you will be impressed as I always have been about the wonderful work they do with children.

Finally, we have our last big event of the calendar year in two short weeks, the Pride of Workmanship awards. Project leader Usha Garg has quite a few nominations in, but the closing date is now fast approaching so please get your entries in soon.

I almost don't believe it but the year is quickly coming to an end, with our AGM now only 4 meetings away. As I'm sure you all remember, on this night we have an election of officers for the 2017 -2018 Rotary Year.

I have been blessed with an excellent group of enthusiastic Rotarians, with a mixture of inexperienced, enthusiastic directors and some mature experience. It has proven an excellent mix, and I sincerely urge any and all members of our club to nominate for a board position.

Rick Vosilla will be an excellent President, and the club will be in great hands with his leadership. However, to ensure a successful club involvement, the participation of all members is essential. Please consider how YOU might help Rick next year.



# Rotary

## Club of Strathfield



Have a great week and enjoy this special visit to the Infants Home, and dinner afterward at Wests Leagues Club at Ashfield.

President Steve

### *Last Week's Guest Speaker*

### *PDG Paul Reid*

With November being Rotary Foundation Month, it was timely that PDG Paul Reid presented details on Rotary's own charity; the Rotary Foundation. Started by Arch C Klump in 1917, with a first donation of \$26.50, the Foundation continues to this day to live up to its motto of "Doing good in the World". It does this via its mission to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

Notable milestones of the Foundation include

1929 First grant of \$500 to a crippled child

1947 Ambassadorial scholarship awarded

1965 Group Study Exchange (GSE) commenced

1978 Launched of the Health, Hunger and Humanity (3H program)

1985 Polio Plus commenced, continuing to the present time

1999 Rotary Peace Fellowship program established

2009 Future Vision Plan, the new grant model that enhances the scope, impact, and sustainability of humanitarian and educational projects

2013 Area of Focus initiative, that involves promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water, saving mothers and children, supporting education, and growing local economies

Paul shared Strathfield's recent and total contribution to the Foundation by noting that we have donated \$454 in 2013/2014, \$2,372 in 2014/2015 and \$5,410 in 2015/2016, bringing our total to just under \$108,000. To put that in perspective, Paul indicated that, on average, just \$1,000 is enough to save a life. So 108 people are alive today, thanks to the Rotary Club of Strathfield.

To give an appreciation for the magnitude of the Foundation, in the year 2014/2015, the Foundation provided staggering amounts, including

Global Grants - \$68,700,000

District Grants - \$25,200,000

Polio Plus - \$128,900,000

Peace Scholarships - \$4,000,000

The Polio Plus programme is one of which, as Rotarians, we should be immensely proud. From around 350,000 cases in 1988, in 2016 there have been just 27 reported cases and there is a real hope that the disease can be entirely eradicated.

With impacts such as this, Paul left the club with a message that, whether today or via bequest, we individually give consideration to supporting the Rotary Foundation.

## *Rotary Celebrities and Projects*

On May 5, 1961, **Alan Shepard** became the first American in space. On this flight, Shepard did not orbit Earth. He flew 116 miles high, then he came back down safely. Shepard was an honorary Rotarian in Derry, New Hampshire USA.

**November is Rotary Foundation month** when 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

The Rotary Foundation is now receiving more than \$85 million each year for educational and humanitarian work around the world. David Croft

## *Dates for the Calendar*



<i>Rotary Events</i>	
Wednesday 9 November	Visit to Infants Home in Ashfield followed by dinner at Wests Leagues Club in Ashfield, Partners Night
Wednesday 16 November	Member vocational talk
Friday 18 November	District 9675 AGM
Wednesday 23 November	Pride of Workmanship Awards, Partners Night
Wednesday 30 November	tbc
Wednesday 7 December	ROTARY CLUB OF STRATHFIELD AGM
Saturday 30 April 2017	Strathfield Rotary Club Stroller Derby

<i>Birthdays</i>	
9 November	David Croft
10 November	Jan van der Sleenen
<i>Rotary Anniversary</i>	
15 November	Andrew Kowalski
<i>Anniversary</i>	
12 November	Kevin and Suzanne Freund

## *Your Committee 2016-2017*

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

## *The Statistics*

Attendance last week	20
Leave of absence	2
Apologies	7
No apology	9
Club membership	<b>38</b>
Partners	1
Guests	2
Members Rotary activities hours	tbc

<i>Funds raised last week</i>	
Raffle	\$160.00
Sergeant	\$69.50
'Heads and tails'	\$23.50

## *Rotary News*

All Members are reminded that they should book accommodation for the District Conference 10 to 12 March 2017 at the Novotel Northbeach, Wollongong. See District website for details.

Peter van der Sleenen



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Please make sure your club has a representative at the AGM on the 18 November at Camden Golf Club, Lodges Rd., Narellan starting at 7pm. This will be followed by the President's Meeting. Dinner will be served.

Congratulations to PDG Paul Reid who has just been elected to the Rotary Down Under Board.

**Kiama Car & Bike Spectacular** , Sunday 13 November 2016. Kiama and Gerringong Sunrise Rotary Clubs are raising funds for a PhD Scholarship into Melanoma Research so come along and enjoy a Display of Vintage, Veteran and Classic Cars and Bikes.

Ron Mewburn PHF from Concord Rotary Club has passed away. Ron started his Rotary life as a member of the Rotary Club of Alexandria (60's), then Silverwater (70's-90's) commencing as Charter Treasurer and on its closure, transferring to the Rotary Club of Concord (2000's -2016) where he remained very active until recently.

Our love and prayers are with DG Stephen and his wife, Judith, with the very sad loss of Stephen's mother on Saturday..

District Secretary Di North

### *Last Week*

### *PDG Paul Reid on the Rotary Foundation*



PDG David Croft, Julia Reid, President Steve Taylor, Margaret Croft, PDG Paul Reid

