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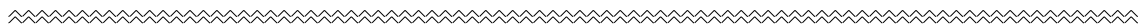
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Rotary, United Nations and Australian Themes

Year of 2018	-	International Year of the Reef (IYOR)
Month of Jan	Rotary	Disease Prevention and Treatment Month
Weeks of Jan	-	-
Days of Jan	Australia	Australia Day (26 th Jan)
	United Nations	International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust (27 th Jan)



President's Report

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to all Club Members, and Happy New Year, 2018!

I hope you were all able to have a wonderful and relaxing time with family and friends over this summer holiday period, and are now fully recharged and raring to go. There is lots of good work still to be done before Changeover in June.

Well...we're halfway through my term as President, and so your pain will end in a just few short months. We have a bumper program for the remainder of this Rotary Year. Hang on to your hats; it's gonna get hectic. I hope you enjoy the ride and are able to participate in some of the

wonderful events and activities we have coming up.

Christmas Party - 2017

What a fun night (well, I enjoyed it!). It was great see so many of you in attendance, as well as IPP Steve and his wife Denise, who joined us for this festive end-of-year function. I did promise it would be a little different to prior parties, and I think our Party Games (How do you FEEL about your Partner?, and The Spaghetti Express) brought new experiences for all those involved. Thanks to all for coming along, and especially PP Grahame and his team, who put on a marvellous event. It looks like we collected a large sack of gifts for a needy women's refuge too; well done.

Breathe Movie

Some of you may recall seeing the movie – Breathe – promoted through some of the Rotary media. It's a biographical drama of Robin Cavendish, who was given only three months to live after being paralysed from the neck down by polio at age 28. Not letting the disease beat him, he becomes a pioneering advocate for the disabled and with his devoted wife, Diana Blacker, travels the world with the hopes of transforming the lives of others like him. Sim Vaccari arranged for the Vosila's and the Vaccari's to go and see this moving in the period between Christmas and New Year, partly as there was meant to be a Rotary end-polio now 'trailer' played before the movie. Well, the trailer never played, but the movie was great anyway – a real tear-jerker in the end. I wonder if any of you saw it?

Croquet Evening Last Week

As is tradition, our first gathering back as a Club this year was at our annual Croquet Evening at Strathfield Croquet Club (SCC), hosted by the wonderful Yvonne Webster (Captain) and several other Club members. Yvonne and the SCC were wonderful hosts (it was my first time; I'm sure they're wonderful every year). The croquet was great fun, although I must say I found our game to be particularly spiteful and nasty! The opposition team (the Hamilton-Kane's and the Vaccari's, combined) seemed to gang up and tried to knock my or Christine's ball out of the park

at every opportunity. It was very disconcerting. The dinner afterwards was wonderful and made up for this Type A competitive behaviour, and again the SCC team were very hospitable and generous to us all.

Club Assembly This Week

This week we have a Club Assembly. It will be a good opportunity for us to reflect on our work and achievements of the past 6 months, and look to our plans for the next 6 months. The Directors and Committee Chairs will lead discussions in their respective portfolios. This will be a very good meeting for all Club members to come along to, to hear the updates and ask any questions of your Board.

eBikes Next Week

Next week, my good friend – John Treloar – will join our Club as our first guest speaker of the year. John is an IT industry veteran and entrepreneur, and this week he will be talking to us about one of his passions – electric bikes as viable alternative transport for cities. John is an excellent speaker, and again this is a meeting not to be missed – whether you're interested in cycling, electric bikes or urban transport, it promises to be a great session.

Hope to see many of you back this week!

Rick



Last week's Event: Croquet Night

Our annual night at the Strathfield Croquet club was held last week. Many thanks to Ruth Bridger and the men and women of the Croquet Club for another great evening.

Cannoning, Death Rolls, with the occasional Hard Banana, Hogan Error and Pirie Poke on display.

More photos can be found in the "Out and About" section.

There was plenty of Anti-Duffering, Aspinall Peeling, Bay Slices,



This Week's event: Club Assembly

If it's on your chest, here is your chance to lighten the load by sharing your thoughts and ideas with all members of the Club. Even if you

have nothing to bring up, come along to hear the thoughts of other members and to enjoy a night of fellowship.

Next Week's event: Electric Bikes

John Treloar is CWO at The Rolling Fix, a mobile bicycle servicing company.

that E-bikes are a practical solution that can ease transport congestion.

In addition to his work with traditional bikes, John sells E-bikes. Not content with simply selling them, John is an evangelist as he believes

Tonight we will learn more about this mode of transport and how it could be deployed to the benefit of many in our crowded cities.

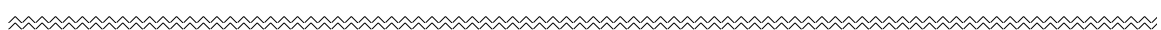


Dates for the Calendar

<i>Rotary Events</i>			
<i>Day/Date</i>	<i>Event/speaker</i>	<i>To introduce</i>	<i>To thank + Speaker write-up</i>
Wed 24th Jan 2018	Club Assembly	n/a	n/a
Wed 31st Jan 2018	Electric Bikes John Treloar	Gulian Vaccari	David Croft
Wed 7th Feb 2018	No meeting. Transfer to Prabhats Indian cultural night	-	-
Sat 10th Feb 2018	Indian cultural dinner night	-	-
Wed 14th Feb 2018	No meeting	-	-
Wed 21st Feb 2018	RYLA students	Arie Pappas	Virgona, Chris

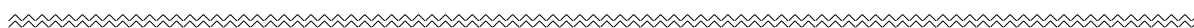
<i>Birthdays</i>	
30 th January	Christopher Haseldine

<i>Anniversaries</i>	
14 th January	Grahame and Penny True (wedding)
14 th January	Rod and Maree McDougall (wedding)
30 th January	Peter and Anne Manenti
30 th January	Paolo and Patricia Giammarco



Do You Know?

David's column will return in another week or two.

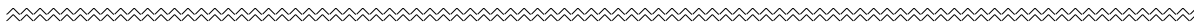




The Statistics

Attendance last week	-
Leave of absence	-
Apologies	-
No apology	-
Club membership	38
Partners & Guests	-
Members Rotary activities	Week ending xx-xx-18: tba [hours]

<i>Funds raised</i>	
Raffle	\$-
Sergeants session	\$-



Your Committee 2017-2018

President	Rick Vosila	Secretary	Rod McDougall
President Elect	Charles Pitt	Sergeant	Anuradha Kamkolkar
Immediate Past President	Stephen Taylor	Treasurer	Charles Pitt
Youth	Arie Pappas	Community	Andrew Aravanis
International	Prabhat Sinha	Vocational	Paolo Giammarco
		Club Services	Bradley Ayres

Bulletin Editor	Bradley Ayres	Web master & Facebook	Raymond McCluskie
Bulletin Printer	Selectprint	Apologies	Gulian Vaccari



Out and About: Cape Cabarita reverse Christmas tree

Friday 22nd December 2017

Email from PP Stephen Taylor to John Brownhill from the Cape Cabarita Social club:

“John

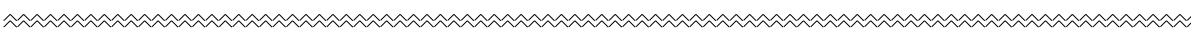
On behalf of The Rotary Club of Strathfield and The Salvation Army I would like to thank the Cape Cabarita Social Club, and the very generous residents of Cape Cabarita for their support again this year of the reverse Xmas tree at our carols evening. A ute full of toys was delivered by Rotarian Peter Smith (pictured on left) to the Salvo’s for distribution to the children of needy families.

Thank you once again and Merry Xmas to all

Stephen Taylor. Chesapeake“



Is there no good cause, or no one, that PP Peter Smith does not help? A great Rotarian.
Seen here with PP Stephen Taylor (on right)



Out and About: Croquet Night

Wednesday 17th January 2018



Photographs by Rod McDougall



Out and About: Ricks visit to Rotary Club of Gosford

Saturday 21st January 2018

