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DIFFERENCE

# Rotary

## Club of Strathfield



# STRATHFIELD ROTARY BULLETIN

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

Month of July	Rotary	Start of new Rotary year
Weeks of July	Australia	NAIDOC Week (2nd-9th July)
	Australia	Sleep Awareness Week (3rd-9th July)
	Australia	National Diabetes Week (9th-15th July)
Days of July	United Nations	International Day of Cooperatives (1st July)
	United Nations	World Population Day (11th July)



## *President's Report*

### **Welcome to a New Rotary Year!**

Well folks, I'm not quite sure how this has happened, but I now appear to be President of the Rotary Club of Strathfield! Sorry about that; I'm sure the pain will pass given time.

Anyway, welcome to another new Rotary year. Let's make it a great one, together!

### **Club Changeover**

The Club Changeover was another great night of celebration and recognition. Congratulations to PP Stephen Taylor and the 2016-17 Board for the wonderful achievements of the past year, and his gracious acknowledgements of the contributions of so many in the club with his special awards presentations. A highlight of course

was the presentation of PHFs to PP Raymond McCluskie and Rtn. Domenico Alvaro; two very worthy recipients; both contributing to the vitality of the club in their own unique and generous ways.

And so for me, of course it was a great honour to be appointed President of this fine club with a long and distinguished tradition. Thanks to my new Board for joining me on this journey. I hope my speech didn't shock too many people! We do need to evolve; I will try to lead that change, but will rely on you all for calibration and feedback. A summary of my main points were repeated at the Club Assembly last week, and I'll review these in that section of this week's report.

I look forward to a great year. We have a fabulous bunch of people in the club and I reckon with a bit of planning, favourable winds, the right intentions, and a bit of luck, we can truly make a difference in our own way this year. Are you ready for the ride?

### **Club Assembly**

We had a good turnout at the Club Assembly last week – around 20 club members I believe.

The main objective for me on this evening was to talk through the rationale for my vision and plans for this club in the coming year; I believe we had a good discussion on this. And so, in summary...

### ***Our Mission***

Our mission is encapsulated in the Rotary theme for this year – to make a difference – particularly in the local Strathfield community.

### ***Our Vision***

Our vision is to be the most modern and vibrant Rotary club in our District, with a large and active membership made up of all ages, demographics and vocations. We are recognised and respected for the great service we provide in our local community, as well as for our participation in selected global Rotary programs.

### ***Our Values***

Our values are encapsulated in the four-way test:

1. *Is it the truth?*
2. *Is it fair to all concerned?*
3. *Will it build goodwill and better friendships?*
4. *Will it be beneficial to all concerned?*

### ***Our Objectives***

Our objectives for the year are as follows:

1. Strengthen our club fundamentals
  - Encourage a larger and more active membership
  - Build a stronger culture of inclusiveness, service and innovation
  - Develop an improved capacity to address service programs and projects
2. Modernise our club
  - Revised meeting formats, including possibly webcasting of our meetings
  - Embrace more social media channels, and be very active in them
  - Greater shared leadership amongst Board and in Club Meetings
3. Set the Foundations for sustainable success
  - Ensure solid financial health – so we can serve
  - Focus our service on local community needs first
  - Improve our public profile and sentiment in the local community, so they know we can help serve them

### ***Our Goals***

We have three challenging goals for our club this year:

1. Double our Membership
  - Focus on young working professionals
  - Grow our female membership
  - Focus on parents in local schools

2. Establish a Club Sponsorship Program

- Target: \$20,000.00 in local business sponsorship p.a.
- Not aimed at existing Club Members!

3. Be the best club in the District

- As measured by the Rotary Club Health Check tool

***Our Service Focus Areas***

We will focus our service objectives on three causes this year:

1. Chalmers Road School
2. Catherine Sullivan Centre
3. Australian Rotary Health – particularly support youth mental health

That's it folks. The fundamentals have been set. Let's do it!

**District Changeover**

Christine and I attended the District 9675 Changeover on Sunday at the St George Motor Boat Club, San Souci. The Changeover was entitled "From one Stephen to Another" (there seems to be a lot of Stephen's in Rotary!).

Anyway, it was a lovely afternoon – with lots of speeches, and lots of presentations, and lots of awards, and did I mention the speeches? Luckily we were seated right near the bar, otherwise it could have ended badly.

And so, we now have Stephen Britten as our DG. Stephen comes from a Rotary family, and he is a currently a

member of the Breakfast Point Club. Many of the members of that club were in attendance. His parents were with him on Sunday as he was inducted as DG, and his father – a 40+ year Rotarian – said a few words on Stephen's behalf after he was appointed; very touching. We have now gone from Stephen and Judith, to Stephen and Jane! Don't get the wives names mixed up!

**Coming up**

This week is NAIDOC week, and we will have Professor John Evans, Professor of Indigenous Health Education at UTS speaking to us on NAIDOC week activities and initiatives.

12 July 2017 is State of Origin night, and so there will not be a meeting at the Golf Club that evening. Instead, we will have another night of fellowship, fun and footy at the Crossways Hotel.

19 July 2017 is the night of our DG visit, and it's a combined Breakfast Point and Strathfield Club Meeting, where we are the hosts. Let's be great hosts on the night!

Let's have a great year, everyone!

*Strathfield Rotary: serving humanity; making a difference; doing good in the world.*

*Rick*

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## *Last Week's Guest Speaker: Club Assembly*

If it was on your chest, last week was your chance to lighten the load by sharing your thoughts and ideas with all members of the club. Even if you had nothing to bring up, the night

allowed all to hear the thoughts of other members and resulted in a great night of fellowship.

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## *This Week's Speaker: Prof. John Evans*

To commemorate NAIDOC week, tonight we welcome Prof. John Evans.

John is Professor of Indigenous Health Education at UTS.

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## *Next Week's Speaker: Fellowship night*

Following from our inaugural fellowship night at the Crossways Hotel for the previous state of origin rugby league match, we will again assemble at the Crossways for a great

meal, fellowship, and (hopefully) blues win. **RSVP to Bradley Ayres essential.**

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## *Dates for the Calendar*



| <i>Rotary Events</i>          |                                                |                     |                                        |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------------|
| <i>Day/Date</i>               | <i>Event/speaker</i>                           | <i>To introduce</i> | <i>To thank<br/>+ speaker write-up</i> |
| Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> Jul 2017  | NAIDOC Week: Professor <b>John Evans</b>       | Allan Teale         | Gulian Vaccari                         |
| Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> Jul 2017 | Fellowship Night:<br>Crossways Hotel           | n/a                 | n/a                                    |
| Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> Jul 2017 | DG Visit:<br><b>Stephen Britton</b>            | Rick Vosila         | David Croft                            |
| Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> Jul 2017 | Australian Rotary Health<br><b>Terry Davis</b> | Janelle Watson      | Domenico Alvaro,                       |
| Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aug 2017  | Golf Club Development<br><b>Neil Hardy</b>     | Peter Manenti       | Joe Saad                               |
| Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> Aug 2017  | Meriden INTERACT                               | Bradley Ayres       | Roger Vince                            |

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|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> Aug 2017 | "My Rotary Story"<br><b>Nora Duane</b>                      | Ed Dunlop | Allan Teale |
| Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> Aug 2017 | Hi Speed Rail<br><b>John Elvy &amp;<br/>Paolo Giammarco</b> | tba       | tba         |

| <i>Birthdays</i>          |          |
|---------------------------|----------|
| 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2017 | Sue Byrn |
| <i>Anniversaries</i>      |          |
| -                         | none     |

## *Do You Know? Celebrities and Projects*

*Following from last year's series of articles on "Rotary Celebrities and Projects", the ever reliable and learned David Croft will each week educate us via his new column "Do You Know."*

**How do you describe the organization called "Rotary"?**  
There are so many characteristics of a Rotary club as well as the activities of more than a million Rotarians. There are the features of service, internationality, fellowship, classifications of each vocation, development of goodwill and world understanding, the emphasis of high ethical standards, concern for other people and many more descriptive qualities.

In 1976 the Rotary International Board of Directors sought to create a

concise definition of the fundamental aspects of Rotary. This definition, prepared by Rotary's Public Relations Committee, has been used ever since in various Rotary publications:

**"Rotary is an organization of business and professional leaders united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace in the world."**

Those 31 words are worth remembering when someone asks, "What is Rotary?"

*David Croft*



## The Statistics

|                           |                                        |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Attendance at Changeover  | 22                                     |
| Leave of absence          | 2                                      |
| Apologies                 | 7                                      |
| No apology                | 3                                      |
| Club membership           | <b>34</b>                              |
| Partners                  | 14                                     |
| Guests                    | 21                                     |
| Members Rotary activities | Week ending 21-6-17: <b>34</b> [hours] |

| <i>Funds raised at Changeover</i> |          |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Raffle                            | \$645.00 |
| 'Heads and tails'                 | n/a      |
| Sergeants session                 | n/a      |

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|---------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Attendance last week      | 21                                     |
| Leave of absence          | 4                                      |
| Apologies                 | 7                                      |
| No apology                | 3                                      |
| Club membership           | <b>34</b>                              |
| Partners                  | 0                                      |
| Guests                    | 0                                      |
| Members Rotary activities | Week ending 28-6-17: <b>32</b> [hours] |

| <i>Funds raised last week</i> |          |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| Raffle                        | \$205.00 |
| 'Heads and tails'             | \$0.00   |
| Sergeants session             | \$81.20  |

## Your Committee 2017-2018

|                          |                |               |                    |
|--------------------------|----------------|---------------|--------------------|
| President                | Rick Vosila    | Secretary     | Rod McDougall      |
| President Elect          | tba            | 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      |

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