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Meeting Tonight 6.15 for 6.30 pm

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(Rod McDougall) (Before 4pm Tues):

Phone: 0416 163 090

JUNE - ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS MONTH

*There are many extensive activities of
the Rotary Fellowships.*

Tonight's Meeting -

Peter Kirkwood

History, making, & playing the didgeridoo –



Rotarian PP Peter Kirkwood PHF

Community Safety Precinct Committee, Ku-ring-gai Police and Community Safety Committee, St Paul's Anglican Church, etc.

Profession: Peter is the director of a high technology electronics company, Communications & Power Industries Australia Pty Ltd (subsidiary of US Company) specialising primarily in satellite communications, defence electronics (radar and electronic warfare) and diagnostic medical imaging x-ray.

Rotary: Peter joined the Rotary Club of Waitara late 1999 and has served as Community Service Director, Club President 2002-2003, Assistant Governor 2006-2007, Vocational Service Director, Rotary District 9680 Vocational Service Director 2012-2013 and Rotary District 9685 Vocational Service Director 2013-2014.

Didgeridoo: Several years ago whilst on a business trip in Alice Springs, Peter acquired his first didgeridoo. Peter is an accomplished "didgeridooist" and has played with different bands including an Aboriginal reconciliation group at Uluru.

Peter is a member of the Rotary Club of Waitara, Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai PCYC, Hornsby

Peter will be introduced by PP Peter Smith.

Last Week

Hospitality Evening with International Convention Rotarians



Report by PP Steve Taylor

On Tuesday evening Strathfield Rotary had the privilege of hosting 15 Rotarian Conference attendees for dinner at our club.

A very special itinerary was organised by PP Graham True (with Penny in control of course) including a performance by Meriden Girls' Choir that was truly excellent. I really don't know why "We are Australians" is not our national anthem. This rendition got a lot of people a wee bit emotional.



Meriden Girls' Choir

The dinner was a traditional Aussie BBQ, complete with Anzac biscuits, lamingtons and fruit salad for dessert (where was the pav I say ??).



Entertainment included a very funny Sergeants session aimed at our guests' knowledge of Australia, ably hosted by Allan Petersen, a great raffle and short talks from our guests, who originated from various US States, India and the British Virgin Islands.



In my humble view this was a fantastic function to finish off a hectic month for Strathfield, and a wonderful event to nearly finish President Suzanne's great year

PP Stephen Taylor



SPECIAL NOTE:

President Suzanne received the following sad news from Alison Geddes of the Rotary Club of Breakfast Point.

"Dear Rotary Friends,

Our dear friend and fellow Rotarian Marcia Hampton-Taylor passed away last night after several months of illness. From reports from those who got to visit her in her last few weeks, it seemed she kept her impish sense of humour, as much as it was possible, to the end.

She was such a colourful and committed member of our Club and loved by many. She will be sadly missed.

Funeral arrangements have not yet been finalised but it is likely to be on the 16th or 17th of June.

I will keep you informed.

Alison"

Fellows Note:

After many years Bronte Industries will no longer be accepting apology/guest advices.

A reminder that apologies or guest advices should be sent to one of the contacts shown below and are due by 4:00 pm on Tuesdays.

Contact details for Advice of Apologies and/or Guests, via email is preferred.

Email: attendance@strathfieldrotary.org.au

SMS: 0416 163 090

Tel: 0416 163 090

Please do not contact Bronte Industries.

Peter Smith

The next graffiti removal day is planned for Sunday 22 June –

Start: 8.30 am

Finish: 10.30am

It is proposed that we do a "paint over" on several properties in Strathfield South.

Closer to the day I will advise a convenient meeting place (I am waiting on owners' consents before finalising locations etc.).

If you can indicate a yes or no by say 15/6/14 that would be great.

Many thanks for your commitment to the project – it is much appreciated

Congratulations to those who have had or will celebrate a birthday or an anniversary this week and next week:

Birthdays

6 June	Connie Galletta
7 June	Emmanuel Vatalis
13 June	Afaf Helou

Wedding Anniversaries

6 June	Dr A and Devi Bala
10 June	Johanna and Domenico Alvaro

Rotary Anniversaries

3 June	David Martin
15 June	Peter Revelos, Rod Rimes, Adrian Risi

MEETING STATISTICS	3 June 2014
Members present	25
Partners	13
Guests of members	3
RI Convention guests	15
Leaves of Absence	3
Apologies	12
No apologies	9
Make-Ups	0
Raffle	\$272.00
Sergeant-at-Arms	NA

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

Date	Topic
18/6/2014	Job Talk – Ivan Brown
25/6/2014	No Meeting
27/6/2014	Club Changeover Night
2/7/2014	The Baggy Green Cap – Michael Fahey
9/7/2014	TBA
16/7/2014	Sydney Heritage Fleet – Caroline Scott
27/8/2014	Police Officer of the Year



Retirement of PDG Bob Aitken AM

On Thursday 5th June, I was with over 200 people who attended a farewell function at Lidcombe for PDG Bob Aitken AM who retired after 30 years with our Regional magazine RDU. An indication of the esteem held by the Rotary world for Bob was the attendance of the current RI President and FOUR Past RI Presidents. It was a wonderful tribute to Bob and a very enjoyable evening

PDG David Croft

NOTE: Partners are always welcome every week.

FUTURE CLUB EVENTS

Date	Event
22/6/2014	Graffiti Removal 8.30 to 10.30 a.m.



Convention Report from PDG David Croft

- RI's 105th International Convention was held at Allphones Arena at Sydney Olympic Park from Sun 1 June to Wed 4 June.
- Organised by a tri-district committee over the past 10 years, it ran like clockwork, there were over 18,000 registrations from Rotarians throughout the world.
- The state government provided free public transport for attendees for the duration of the convention.
- The Vivid Sydney light show was an added attraction for the visitors.
- There were two spectacular opening sessions to accommodate all the attendees.
- The Prime Minister and State premier attended and spoke at the opening session.
- Special entertainment at the opening sessions was provided by: NSW Public Schools Aboriginal Dance Company
Rotary Marching Band and Surf Life Saving NSW and Human Nature (direct from Las Vegas).
- Plenary sessions each morning were well attended, informative & entertaining. The morning sessions were followed by over 90 'break out' sessions!
- Closing session on Wednesday was also extremely interesting and spectacular with entertainment provided by The Ten Tenors & Marina Prior.

***A ONCE ON A LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY
TO EXPERIENCE THE SCOPE AND
POWER OF ROTARY.***

***Rotary's future takes center stage on
last day of Sydney convention***



Rotary Scholar Kelsi Lopatecki Cox

Rotary Scholar Kelsi Lopatecki Cox inspired thousands at the Sydney Convention with her passion for community work.

Gertrude Adzo Akpalo walked out of the Allphones Arena in Sydney more inspired than ever to do her part to inject youth and energy into Rotary, helping to secure its future.

"This was by far the best plenary session of the convention," said Akpalo, who is the director of youth activities for the Rotary Club of Accra East, Ghana. "All the speakers on New Generations gave us a clear message that engaging young minds will keep Rotary alive. I'm young myself, so this was the perfect message to take home," she added.

The fourth plenary session, held 4 June, focused on what's ahead for Rotary and featured young speakers who thrived under Rotary's New Generations and educational programs.

Plenary speaker Ramkumar Raju, Rotaract representative for District 3230 in India, played a key role in

planning the Presidential New Generations Conference in Chennai in October, which attracted nearly 3,000 attendees and set a Guinness World Record for the world's largest high-five. "The impact of this project was so huge that there are more than 2,000 new Rotaract members in our district," said Raju. "We wanted to show the world that we are agents of change. I believe we accomplished that."

Ronald S. Kawaddwa told attendees that his work as New Generations chair for District 9211 in Uganda has made him optimistic about what young people can achieve.

A 33-year-old member of the Rotary Club of Kasangati, Kawaddwa said Rotary's future depends on empowering our young members.

"If we are to realize Rotary's road to transformation, [the] new generation's development and empowerment are key," he said. "We cannot achieve sustainable development without addressing our youth and the issues that affect them."

Rotary Scholar Kelsi Lopatecki Cox is a prime example of what can happen when you nurture young people. During her speech to the convention audience, she championed innovative technology and education as a way to address poverty and under-development in rural communities. She is program coordinator for the Digital Learning Room, a project that brings technology to schools in the South Pacific.

Ravindran accepts 2015-16 Rotary presidency



K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran

K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran, a member of the Rotary Club of Colombo, Western Province, Sri Lanka, was elected the 2015-16 RI president, telling the audience he accepts "this life-time opportunity with great humility."

Ravindran acknowledges that Rotary is at a momentous period in its history.

"The great battle we waged against the insidious poliovirus is slowly but surely drawing to its finite end, and we are continuing to reach out to thousands with our humanitarian services," he said. "But let us continue to be vigilant; let us not lull ourselves into complacency for we know our membership lingers and languishes."

He encouraged Rotary members to make Rotary's brand shine brighter and louder, especially outside this organization," he said.

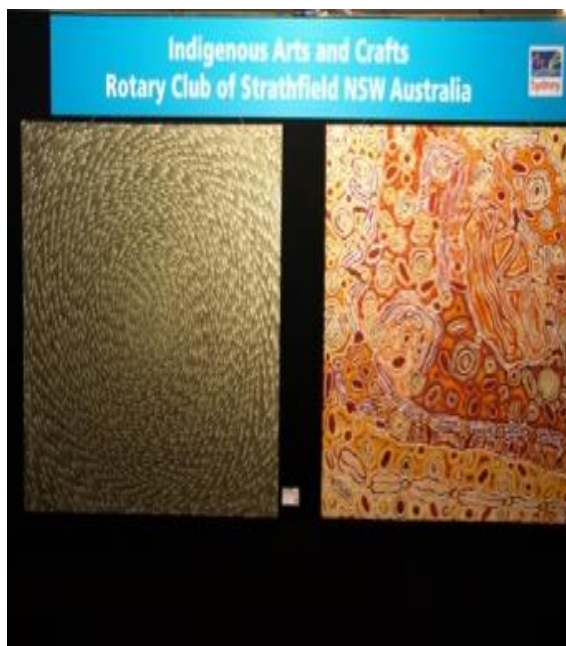


House of Friendship

Congratulations to all members involved in making the Indigenous Art and Craft exhibit in the House of Friendship such a success



Indigenous Craft for Sale



Indigenous Art Display



Indigenous Craft for Sale



Indigenous Art

2014 Rotary Convention ends with the passing of the torch



**RI President-elect
Gary C.K. Huang and wife Corinna**

RI President-elect Gary C.K. Huang, accompanied by his wife, Corinna, shares his membership goals with the audience at the closing plenary of the 2014 Rotary Convention in Sydney, Australia.

RI President Ron Burton put the final touches on the 2014 Rotary Convention in Sydney by reminding a packed Allphones Arena why they joined Rotary.

"Being a Rotarian isn't about our own achievements, it isn't about our own careers, it really isn't about us at all. It's about the people we help," said Burton. "At the end of the day, the only thing that matters in Rotary is how much better the world becomes because Rotary is in it."

Burton encouraged convention goers to return to their clubs ready to do more to improve the lives of others.

"It isn't enough for any of us to just go through the motions, to show up at our clubs, to do just the minimum needed and no more," he added. "And it's why each of us has to remember, every hour of every day, what a responsibility we have."

Huang sets goal of increasing membership

Members of Burton's Rotary Club of Norman, Oklahoma, United States, and RI President-elect Gary C.K. Huang's club of Taipei, Taiwan, took the stage to exchange club banners, a tradition that unofficially marks a changing of the guard.

Huang will become Rotary International president on 1 July. During his term in office, he has set a goal of growing Rotary's membership to 1.3 million. Huang told the audience that increasing and sustaining membership will help Rotary achieve its goals. He shared a story about a small Taiwanese club that had only six members. But after asking their wives to join, the club grew to 29 members in three years because the spouses asked their friends to become members as well.

Huang, whose **presidential theme for 2014-15 is Light Up Rotary**, also encouraged members to conduct Rotary Days throughout the year to help the community become more familiar with Rotary's work.

"It can be a day to educate your community about polio, it can be a service project, or a celebration. Just make sure to invite the public, your families, and friends," he said. "Show your community what you do, both locally and internationally. Make sure your community knows that Rotary is there, that Rotary is active, Rotary is fun, and it is doing good work."

Huang gave attendees three words to guide them this year: hand, head, and heart. "Use your hand to help, use your head to make sure you are helping in the right place, and use your heart to make it sincere. Without your heart, nothing else matters."