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February - World Understanding Month *emphasising Rotary's goal of world understanding and peace.*

Tonight's Meeting

Sarah van der Schatte Olivier -
Connect with WestConnex - What does it all mean to Strathfield?

WestConnex is the largest transport project in Australia, linking Sydney's west and south-west with the CBD, Sydney Airport and Port Botany. It will transform Sydney and provide the opportunity to revitalise Parramatta Road, making it a more attractive place to live, work and socialise.

The 33 kilometre WestConnex motorway will run from Parramatta along the M4/Parramatta Road corridor, before heading south around Camperdown to St Peters and Sydney Airport, and then west to Beverly Hills. It will be delivered in three stages, with the final stage to open to traffic in 2023.

Work on stage 1 implementation, leading to the start of construction in 2015, is under way. Further planning work is continuing to develop stages 2 and 3.

Stage 1 of WestConnex will provide a widened M4, from Church Street, Parramatta to near Concord Road and an extension of the M4 via a tunnel under the Parramatta Road corridor to Parramatta Road and City West Link, Haberfield.

A Note from the President

I am pleased with the response to last week's Club Assembly, at which more than fifty percent of our members attended and contributed to the brainstorming discussion. The subject matter of this Assembly was a follow-up outcome of the Assembly held in August last year. Soon after the Board met, and appointed Allan Teale, Paul White and Paolo Giammarco to conduct a review of that Assembly and entitled their role: "What works for our Club". This committee met on at least three occasions and determined that a brainstorming session would focus on the recommendations that they would offer at the Assembly of last week. The result was a most satisfactory outcome, generating forthright responses led in a disciplined fashion by Rotarian Paul White. WATCH THIS SPACE for reaction by the Board which met on Monday night this week.

Suzanne

Announcements:

From PP Angelo Franco

STRATHFIELD YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS 2014

Strathfield Council and the Rotary Club of Strathfield are again sponsoring The Youth Achievement Awards for 2014. The awards are open to all people aged 12-25 who live, attend school or study, train or work in the Strathfield Municipality.

Teachers, coaches and business owners are encouraged to nominate young people or to recommend to young people to submit an application in a relevant category.

Awards are being presented in the following categories:

- **Strathfield Arts and Culture Award**
- **Strathfield Business Award**
- **Strathfield Community Service Award**
- **Strathfield Environment, Science and Technology Award**
- **Strathfield Individual Sports Award (Senior and Junior)**
- **Strathfield Team Sports Award**

Winners of awards will be presented with a plaque and prize. The winners will be announced at the annual Youth Achievement Awards Night presentation ceremony to be held at the Strathfield Rotary Meeting on Wednesday 21 May 2014 at Strathfield Golf Club.

Nominations close 5pm on Friday 11 April 2014.

For more information please contact Strathfield Council on 9748 9999 or visit www.strathfield.nsw.gov.au

From Gaffiti Captian PP Peter Smith (email 10/2/2014)

Many thanks for your help yesterday, Michael (volunteer), Roger Vince, Peter Smith, Keith Stockall, Tony Lanzafame, Kevin Freund, Mani (volunteer) Gulian Vaccari and Rod McDougall.

The "before and after" photos of the Apple Optometrist shop and the end result is unbelievable.!

Before



After



And of course the herbalist shop , on the opposite corner, also looks great. I spoke to both shopkeepers today - plus the proprietor of Cosway (whose brick wall had the graffiti blasted off) - and they were all most appreciative. The comment was made that Sundays clean-up will encourage more shopkeepers to clean-up their shopfronts.

Again thanks for your help - a great team effort!

Regards, Peter

PS: Our next outing is set for Sunday 23/2/13 at the Rochester Street shops in Homebush. Again 2 hours maximum. Let me know if you are able to help.

MEETING STATISTICS	5 February 2014
Members present	26
Partners	0
Guests	1
Leaves of Absence	2
Apologies	9
No apologies	11
Make-Ups	0
Raffle	\$150.00
Sergeant-at-Arms	\$52.60

Congratulations to those who have birthdays and anniversaries during the next week:

Birthdays

Nil

Wedding Anniversaries

18 February George & Afaf Helou

Rotary Anniversaries

Nil

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

Date	Topic
19/2/2014	200 Years – Botanical Gardens Lynne Cairncross
26/2/2014	Transfer Meeting – Ryde TAFE Maximum 40 people (\$35 p/p)
5/03/2014	Disability, where we are today & why – Betty Stampoulis-Lyttle
12/3/2014	W.C. Wentworth - Andrew Tink
19/3/2014	Partners Talk – Jan Barrett
26/3/2014	Di Stevens and Yhanni Anthis – Tali Gallery – Arts & Craft display at the RI Convention
2/4/2014	Your local Federal MP – Craig Laundry
9/4/2014	Lady Convicts – 1800's- Suzanne Voytas

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16/4/2014	TBA
23/4/2014	TBA
30/4/2014	Engineers Without Borders – Patrick Austin
21/5/2014	Strathfield Youth Achievement Awards 2014

FUTURE CLUB EVENTS

Date	Event
23/2/2014	Graffiti Removal
1/3/2014	District Conference – Homebush
2/3/2014	Clean up Australia Day – BBQ Mason Park
16/3/2014	Graffiti Removal Day
25/4/2014	ANZAC Day
1 – 4 June 2014	Rotary International Convention

SHIFT 2014

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Rotary  **9675**

District 9675 Conference

Sydney Olympic Park, 1 March 2014 will be a POWERHOUSE of business advice and tools that can be implemented immediately - in your projects and your business all for \$325.00.

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They are all essential parts of new Rotary literacy projects being developed in Australia. The [Dolly Parton Imagination Library](#) is now operating in Australia and Rotarians have already begun projects to enrol babies and toddlers in their communities. Dolly will talk about the program when she tours Australia later this month.

Australian Rotary clubs are getting involved as local project champions – raising awareness, organising funding and look out for further project information in next month's RDU magazine.

Oh, and what about the green sheep? The welcome book for the Australian program is Mem Fox and Judy Horacek's beloved children's story "Where is the Green Sheep?" We will have many more green sheep in the hands of our children if you support this program!

Giving families access to quality books and allowing parents the opportunity to be their child's "first educator" are critical elements in early childhood development. The Dolly Parton Imagination Library program improves early literacy outcomes by giving children a free, high-quality, age-appropriate book each month from birth to age 5.

From PDG Juliet Riseley, District 9810.