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6.15 p.m. for 6.30 p.m.

March is Literacy month - emphasising Rotary's ongoing commitment to promoting literacy and numeracy.

Tonight's Meeting

Andrew Tink - W.C. Wentworth

In 2009, Andrew Tink completed the first comprehensive biography of William Charles Wentworth (1790–1872), Australian explorer, barrister, newspaper publisher, politician and landowner, published by Allen & Unwin.



Andrew Tink

W.C. Wentworth

Often largely forgotten, though, is the significant role of one of these men, William Charles Wentworth (1790-1872), in establishing in early colonial Australia trial by jury and responsible government. In this first modern biography of Wentworth, Andrew Tink (a former New South Wales parliamentarian and shadow attorney-general) puts up a good case as to why Wentworth should be regarded as the most significant "native born" Australian.

Last Week —

Betty Stampoulis-Lytle -

"Disability, where we are today & why"



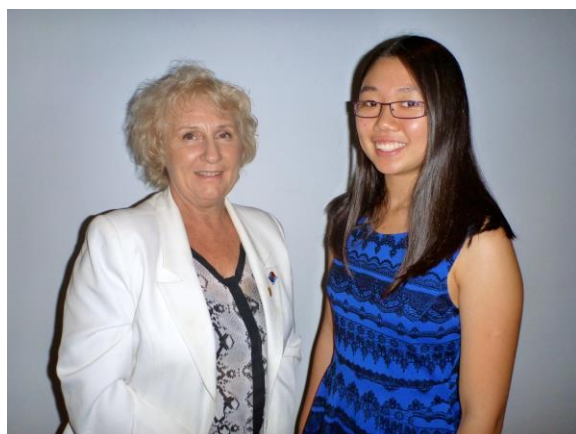
Betty Stampoulis-Lytle and President Suzanne

Betty's experience spanning over 20 years in the disability sector told us of the history of disability services since the 1880's and some of the improvements which have been introduced over time. Included as part of Betty's presentation were 2 videos, 1 illustrating the conditions in which people with disabilities lived while in institutions and the other featuring people with disabilities speaking about how they felt and how they wished to be treated. Both videos were confronting and left a lasting impression.

The Productivity Commission inquiry Report into disability services was released in August 2011. The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) was a recommendation in the Report, and Betty provided an explanation of how it is being progressively rolled out and currently being trialled in some regional areas.

Betty was introduced by Andrew Kowalski and thanked by Kevin Freund.

National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) - a report on the 2014 forum from our nominated attendee – Jenny Xu



President Suzanne and Jenny Xu

Jenny provided members present with a very comprehensive summary of her 2 week experience at The **National Youth Science Forum (NYSF)** in January 2014. It was an extremely well-constructed report which included a descriptive power point presentation, delivered in a professional and confident manner. Jenny recounted the many valuable and worthwhile events during the 2 weeks and thanked Strathfield Rotary Club for providing her with this very valuable opportunity and was extremely and genuinely appreciative.

Based on Jenny's communication and presentation skills, together with her obvious passion for science, there is absolutely no doubt that Jenny was a worthy candidate.

Meeting Statistics	5 Mar 2014
<i>Members present</i>	25
<i>Partners</i>	0
<i>Guests</i>	2
<i>Leaves of Absence</i>	3
<i>Apologies</i>	10
<i>No apologies</i>	10
<i>Make-Ups</i>	8
<i>Raffle</i>	\$195.00
<i>Sergeant-at-Arms</i>	\$94.25

District Conference Report

(Rotarian Janelle Watson attended the district conference on 1 March and has provided the following report for information of Strathfield members who did not attend.)

The guest speakers were divided into four groups – the Futurists, the Creators, the Inspirers and the Doers.

The Futurists, which included Ross Greenwood and Mark McCrindle, discussed the economy, consumers, the workforce and the digital age. The key points being that change is the only constant and that the rate of change has certainly increased primarily due to technology. Pathways in education and training are now merging between the sectors (post linear); consumers are now more informed by visual media than traditional forms of communication (post literate) and often multi screening. Avril Henry's presentation focused on how each of us can do things differently in our professional lives. The future workforce will have more inclusive leadership styles and be more collaborative with the team which will lead to a more positive workplace with shared information.

The Creators focused on how to do things differently, entrepreneurship, collaboration and buyer behaviour. In this group, Kieran Flanagan and Dan Gregory were both really entertaining as well as demonstrating an in-depth knowledge of their field.

Matt Church, Glen Gerreyn and Peter Baines were indeed inspiring guest speakers. Following a career in the Australian Police Force, Peter Baines founded a charity called "Hands Across

the Water” raising money for children left orphaned after the tsunami in Thailand. He has organised and participated in cycle rides in areas of Thailand and Australia since 2009. The final group of speakers included Marcus Crow, Angela Vithoulkas, and Bernie Brookes. These were the Doers, each with their own advice, from being out in the field to find out what is happening, to thinking outside the square. Bernie Brookes proved to be a great final speaker for the day.

The range, experience and professionalism of each speaker were indeed obvious. It was certainly a credit to the Conference Committee. The venue, food and refreshments were all excellent.

Indeed a very useful day for me.

Janelle Watson



President Suzanne Freund

- The Catholic University has agreed to hold the Strathfield Rotary Music on their premises on 24th May 2014. Further details soon!!
- It is now fewer three months to go before the International Rotary

Peter Smith

- Last week the “graffiti removal team” consisting of 6 Rotarians and 8 volunteers painted an area of approximately 500 sq. metres. of factory walls in South Strathfield which were previously heavily covered in graffiti.
- The next Graffiti Removal project will be at Homebush Shopping Centre 16/2/2014 and later a possible project at Strathfield Railway Station.

- Last week while visiting the Strathfield Men’s shed spoke with Warren Abbott who happened to be there and attends 1 day per week and sends his greetings.
- This Sunday, the **16th March, Strathfield Croquet Club, at 50 Redmyre Road, Strathfield**, will hold a session called ‘Twilight Croquet for Seniors’. This fun event starts at 3.30pm and finishes at 6.00pm. As it has proven popular over the years, bookings are essential. Phone Ruth Bridger (Publicity Officer) on 9736 3410.

Tony Lanzafame

- Strathfield Youth Achievement Award Nominations are now open; Nominations close 5pm on Friday 11 April 2014.

Grahame True

- Members are reminded the Club will be hosting visiting international Rotarians on **Tuesday 3 June 2014**. This will be an opportunity to meet and welcome our international guests to Australia and to our Club.

Raymond McCluskie

- Over many years our Club has supported the Strathfield School for Seniors, not only financially but also by providing trainers. The School is in desperate need for someone to provide computer skills training for seniors and the School is seeking assistance.

Trevor Duxbury

- We have been asked by the Golf Club to rationalise our communication with them in respect of catering requirements. Requests for special meal requests, made directly to the kitchen have resulted

in some confusion. Members are reminded in future ALL special meal requirements and catering generally are to be via Trevor Duxbury.

David Croft

Advised members that Peter Manenti is recovering from hip replacement surgery and is currently undergoing rehabilitation in Alwyn Rehabilitation Hospital, Strathfield.

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

Birthdays

14 March Strathfield Rotary (1971)
17 March Joan Brown

Wedding Anniversaries

13 March Keith and Sue Byrn

Rotary Anniversaries

14 March Raymond McCluskie

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

Date	Topic
19/3/2014	Partner Talk – Jan Barrett
26/3/2014	“Is it all just dots to you” Di Stevens and Yhanni Anthis
2/4/2014	Your local Federal MP – Craig Laundry
9/4/2014 (Partners’ night)	Lady Convicts – 1800’s- Suzanne Voytas
16/4/2014	The Strathfield Report – Charles Casuscelli RFD MP
23/4/2014	TBA
30/4/2014	Engineers Without Borders – Patrick Austin
7/5/2014	Meriden Interact – Sharna Kerr & Students
14/5/2014	Job Talk – Ivan Brown

21/5/2014 (Partner’s night)	Strathfield Youth Achievement Awards 2014
28/5/2014	TBA
3/6/2014 (Tuesday)	Hospitality Evening for International Rotarians

NOTE: Partners are always welcome every week.

FUTURE CLUB EVENTS

Date	Event
16/3/2014	Graffiti Removal Day
29/3/2014	The Big Ride – Sydney Olympic Park
25/4/2014	ANZAC Day
10/5/2014	Strathfield Chamber of Commerce Fun Fair
23/5/2014	Meriden School Dance
24/5/2014	Pat Drummond / Strathfield Rotary Music Festival - Australian Catholic University
25/5/2014	Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal – Strathfield
1 – 4 June 2014	Rotary International Convention



Sydney will host Rotary International’s 105th annual convention 1-4 June 2014, which is expected to attract more than 18,000 Rotary club members from over 150 countries. Register online at www.riconvention.org