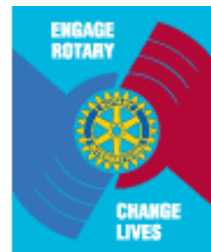




# STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

*The Weekly Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Strathfield Inc.  
District 9675, New South Wales, Australia*



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## September is New Generations Month

### President Suzanne's Report

Last Wednesday I had the absolute privilege of introducing my friend Pat Drummond to my fellow Rotarians. It was an amazing meeting and provided members with a snapshot of this man who gives so generously of his creative talent and his community minded heart. He entertained us with his music, his stories and his humour and shared some details of his commitment to working with "whole of communities" through service clubs projects, throughout Australia raising funds by providing his musical talent, for concerts and entertainment.

With this in mind, he has agreed to work with our club - in organising a large music festival to be held for the first time early next year. And has suggested, that this could become an annual event - organised with him – a signature event for the Strathfield Community.

Hi energy, enthusiasm and transparency infected all present –as he shared his stories and songs with us. The atmosphere was amazing! Everyone joined in the singing as they heard some captivating stories of Australian's and true Ozzie issues – written on his travels throughout the country, over a period of thirty years.

For those unable to attend the meeting please speak to those who were there and if interested you can borrow his CD from Kevin (for a loan by arrangement).

### Meriden Interact Club

Sharna Kerr -our teacher contact from Meriden School and four of the current board -  
President: Anastasia Yule, Vice President: Anagha Bidkar, Secretary: Kristen Hantzis and Treasurer: Zoe Spanos highlighted the SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGES PROJECT, which they currently support financially and will visit in November this year.

SOS Children provides children with a home, a family and a new mother in a purpose-built SOS Children's Village, where they can stay until they are ready for independent life.

Our International Officer Janelle Watson spoke with them and we look forward to an update on how we might also consider assisting their efforts.

Their amazing social awareness and enthusiasm was applauded by all members – especially considering their youthfulness and recent success in raising \$4,500 for their charity.

### **Board Business**

Your board met last Monday to discuss the ideas generated at past assemblies and we look forward to updating you, on future decisions to support your efforts and suggestions.

### **Future Projects**

Please speak to Board members and indicate how you can contribute to current projects – which include the Graffiti Removal and Community Barbecues and also share your ideas.

We have opportunities to raise our profile and raise funds by participating in these projects – but we need an upfront indication of peoples availability. **TOGETHER WE DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**

### **World Polio Awareness Day**

Do you have time to consider selling badges for this Rotary Project?

We still have a number of these badges and could use it as an opportunity to show the community of Rotary's International Projects and also highlight our local projects too.

### **WORLD POLIO DAY – 24TH OCTOBER 2013**



### **Sydney International Convention**

Sydney is hosting the 2014 Rotary International Convention and we will have a unique opportunity to attend and also be involved in welcoming Rotarians from around the world to our beautiful Olympic Park. Registrations are being sought now to assist the organising committee gain some valuable funds.

Think about this – they will also need volunteers and home billets – we can extend

some hospitality. Maybe we can organise an event locally for overseas visitors to attend.

Come join us at the Convention at Sydney Olympic Park, June 1-4, 2014.



### *President Suzanne*

### **TONIGHT'S MEETING**

### ***Craig Hamilton - Beyond Blue***



Craig started his career as a broadcaster with ABC Radio in 1994.

Since then he has covered Rugby League, Rugby Union and cricket at international level as a commentator.

Craig is probably best known as a member of the "Grandstand" Rugby League commentary and has worked on the past 17 Grand Finals, State of Origin series and a number of Test Matches.

Craig was born and raised in the Hunter Valley town of Singleton and spent 16 years working as an underground coalminer in the Newcastle area before embarking on a radio career fulltime in 1999.

In 1991 Craig represented the Newcastle and NSW Country cricket teams, and played against the touring Sri Lankan team.

In the year 2000, on the eve of the Sydney Olympic Games where he had been assigned to work as a broadcaster, Craig experienced a psychotic episode and was diagnosed with Bipolar Disorder.

He spent 12 days in hospital and, since his recovery, has become one of Australia's most high profile speakers on Mental Health and Lifestyle.

In 2004 Random House released his highly acclaimed memoir "Broken Open" which gives a very personal account of living with Bipolar Disorder.

In July 2012, Allen and Unwin will release his second book "A Better Life".

Craig is now a much sought after motivational speaker around Australia who tells what it's like to battle a serious illness. In sharing his story and experiences he offers hope to others.

## **Last Week**

**Pat Drummond –  
Singer Songwriter**



As reported above, by President Suzanne, Pat Drummond was an inspiring and entertaining guest who managed to have all present, singing with him.

## **Announcements**

### **Rod McDougall**

- Reported he had received a personal letter from Ted Ingall. Included was a \$200.00 donation, - \$100 for the graffiti project and \$100 for general account.
- Ted receives a fax copy of the bulletin and remains in touch with activities. He is going well, although Mary's health is not improving.

### **Peter Smith**

#### ***Graffiti Removal***

We plan on being back at Flemington on Sunday 29 September - hopefully we will have 2 teams so that we can:

- a) Paint the wall at 4/26 Henley Road (the Big Ben Computer shop). We have a signed consent but I will discuss with proprietor colour and scope)
- b) 11 Henley Road (Best taste Dim Sim). Graffiti removal prior to a later paint job – again we have signed consent form.
- c) 8D/2-8 Henley Road (Cosway Seafood) – remove graffiti off brickwork – no consent as yet but will obtain this week.

I doubt time will permit on the 29<sup>th</sup> September – but will program the following two sites for attention later. We have signed consents for both properties. I will call and explain delay this week:

- d) 101 The Crescent - Wei Cheng
- e) 107 The Crescent - David Huang

**Tony Lanzafame**



### **Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) District 9675**

#### **When and Where is RYLA?**

In District 9675, RYLA will be held 11th to the 18th January 2014 at Stanwell Tops lodge which is about half way between Sydney and Wollongong. It is held from Saturday through to the following Saturday.

#### **Who runs RYLA?**

In District 9675, RYLA is run by a team of young people, many of whom are past RYLA participants. The RYLA team consists of one Seminar Team Leader and other Seminar Team members who all work together to organise, develop and operate the RYLA program.

#### **What to Expect...**

Everyone's experience of RYLA is unique. What you can expect though, is to meet people from a wide range of backgrounds and experiences, and to hear from a series of speakers, all with different perspectives on leadership, personal development and community.

#### **Who Pays for RYLA?**

Each RYLA candidate is sponsored by a Rotary Club from District 9675. The cost of sponsoring activities and catering throughout the program.

#### **What happens after RYLA?**

Following the RYLA program each year, Rotary Clubs are strongly encouraged to invite their RYLA candidate back to their club to share their experience of RYLA.

#### **Applications to Attend RYLA**

The Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is a leadership recognition program where local

Rotary Clubs and employers select young people who currently hold leadership positions, or have shown the potential to lead, either within the community or at work. It provides an opportunity to participate in a challenging week-long residential conference, where you will get to:

- Discover ways to become a better role model and to more adequately face decisions on important personal, work and social issues;
- Exchange ideas, opinions and plans with talented, energetic people like you, in a supportive atmosphere free from pressure and distraction;
- Develop close rapport with your local Rotary Club, acquainting you with a leading service organisation and with decision makers within your community.
- RYLA is open to 19 to 25 year olds.

#### **Where is RYLA?**

The Tops Conference Centre is located 1 hour south of Sydney, and gives a beautiful view a vibrant bushland, juxtaposed against the deep blue ocean.

Conference rooms are air-conditioned, and cabins are comfortable and well-equipped. For more information, visit <http://www.thetops.com.au/>

The Tops Conference Centre  
51 Bendena Garden  
Stanwell Tops, 2508 NSW

#### **Congratulations to those who have birthdays and anniversaries next week:**

##### **Birthdays**

22 September Arthur Crossan

24 September Keith Byrn

##### **Anniversaries**

20 September Nazih & Manal Touma

21 September Ian & Fiona Johnson

##### **Rotary Anniversaries**

Nil

| Meeting Statistics | 11 Sep 2013 |
|--------------------|-------------|
| Members present    | 24          |
| Partners           | 3           |
| Guests             | 6           |
|                    | <b>33</b>   |
| Leaves of Absence  | 4           |
| Apologies          | 10          |
| No apologies       | 11          |
| Make-Ups           | 0           |
| Raffle             | \$185.00    |
| Sergeant-at-Arms   | \$55.70     |

#### **FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS**

| Date              | Topic  |
|-------------------|--|
| <b>25/9/2013</b>  | Job Talk – Trevor Duxbury  |
| <b>2/10/2013</b>  | Partner Talk – Jan Barrett   |
| <b>9/10/2013</b>  | Travelling Con Men – David Rosenberg                                     |
| <b>16/10/2013</b> | The Great Debate – St Patrick's College Strathfield & Homebush Boys High |
| <b>23/10/2013</b> | Arnott Biscuits History – PP Claude Bennie                               |
| <b>30/10/2013</b> | Teacher Training in Nepal – Dr Anne Prescott                             |
| <b>6/11/2013</b>  | Partner Talk – Denise Taylor   |
| <b>13/11/2013</b> | Pride of Workmanship   |
| <b>20/11/2013</b> | NSW Small Business Commissioner – Yasmin King                            |
| <b>27/11/2013</b> | Salvo's Street Level – Mitch & Robyn Evans                               |

**Thought for the week:**

**Do you ever wonder about those people who spend \$5.00 for a small bottle of Evian water?**

**Try spelling Evian backwards.**

#### **FUTURE CLUB EVENTS**

| Date                       | Event   |
|----------------------------|---|
| <b>29/9/2013</b>           | Graffiti Removal - Flemington   |
| <b>13/10/2013</b>          | BBQ – Beyond Blue Mason Park  |
| <b>20/10/2013 (Sunday)</b> | Graffiti Removal Day (NSW Wide)   |
| <b>26/10/2013</b>          | BBQ – Ashfield Infants Home   |
| <b>18/11/2013</b>          | Rotary Foundation Dinner – meet RI President Elect 2014/2015<br>Gary C K Huang<br>6.30 pm Epping Club |



**September 2013**

**Rotary approves \$500,000 emergency grant for Somalia**



Rotary approved a US\$500,000 rapid response grant to the World Health Organization to address a recent polio outbreak in Somalia.

The outbreak occurred in the Banadir region of Somalia, where a large number of children had not been vaccinated against polio due to inaccessibility.

The grant covers operational costs including those for human resources, training, and



transportation of health workers, to help immunize children under 10 in all accessible areas of the country. The governments of the United Kingdom and Japan have announced financial commitments of US\$15.3 million and \$1.3 million, respectively, to fund emergency immunization campaigns in the Horn of Africa, where polio has afflicted children in Kenya and Ethiopia as well as Somalia.

**Polio eradication this week:**

Due to the Horn of Africa outbreak, the bulk of polio cases this year (over two-thirds) are in countries which were previously polio-free.

Between the endemic countries, cases are down 40% over the same period last year (78 compared to 131); this indicates progress particularly in Afghanistan and Nigeria, which are poised to enter the traditional 'high season' for polio transmission in a strong position. The subsequent 'low season' will be the most critical in the history of polio eradication.



A child receives the oral polio vaccine during an immunization campaign.

As of 14 August, 110 cases of wild poliovirus have been reported in the Horn of Africa—100 cases in Somalia and 10 in Kenya. This is the first outbreak in Somalia since 2007 and in Kenya since 2011.

The Rotary grant will cover operational costs, including human resources, training, and transportation of health workers, aimed at immunizing children under 10 in all accessible areas of Somalia in August.

To date, five vaccination campaigns have been held in Somalia, three in Kenya, two each in Ethiopia and Yemen, and one in Djibouti. Additional campaigns are planned through the end of the year.

Drawing on lessons learned from previous polio outbreaks, the first vaccination campaign was carried out within a week after the first case was confirmed.

“Until polio transmission is interrupted in the endemic countries, outbreaks such as the one in Somalia are to be expected,” says Dr. Hamid Jafari, director of Polio Research and Operations at WHO. “So long as the budget for the new Polio Eradication and Endgame Strategic Plan is fully funded, we’re well-equipped to pursue endemic and outbreak priorities simultaneously.”

Rotary’s emergency funding for responses to polio outbreaks in Somalia and other countries has been critical to ensuring that immunization activities proceed without interruption, thereby minimizing the risk of the disease’s further international spread.

In addition, the governments of the United Kingdom and Japan recently announced financial commitments of \$15.3 million and \$1.3 million, respectively, to fund similar emergency vaccination campaigns in the Horn of Africa.

The United Nations has warned that without further intervention, polio could quickly develop into an epidemic across East Africa and put countless lives at risk. The UK’s assistance will allow WHO to immunize 6.1 million people most at risk from the disease in Somalia, northern Kenya, and other countries in the region. This new funding is in addition to a \$457 million pledge to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative in April.