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APOLOGIES OR GUESTS: Phone: 9746 0397 (Eric Khu)
(Before 4pm Tues): Email: brontin@bigpond.com
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

Di Stevens and Yhanni Anthis

- "Is it all just dots to you"
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Di Stevens is curator at Tali Gallery
Tali Gallery has won multiple awards for careful and ethical sourcing of artworks – work connecting communities.

The artwork Tali Gallery promotes offers cultural integrity and enduring provenance. We are also involved with Cultural Programs, Education and Fundraising for which we were granted Macquarie University's Inclusive Communities recognition in 2012 and the Pauline McLeod Reconciliation Award in 2013. In addition, we were voted 'Best Aboriginal Art Gallery in Sydney' in 2013 by the reader base of the Independent newspaper.

Yhanni Anthis

Director at Tali Gallery Pty Limited
It is a privilege and pleasure to use my skills constructively to draw attention to Australia's Indigenous culture. Yhanni is an advocate for the ethical management of Indigenous art sales to work towards closing the gap on economic, health and educational disadvantages.

Last Week –

Partner's Talk - Jan Barrett

Jan told us about her inspiring recent Uganda trip to visit the Kikandwa School and the work she did whilst there. Jan said the experience was extremely rewarding.



President Suzanne and Jan Barrett

Michael Smith – Food-4- More

Michael, a visiting Rotarian from Concord Rotary Club told us about a program they hoping to launch as a District 9675 project. This fund raising concept is similar to the PolioPlus model.

The program proposes each Rotarian give the value of their weekly meal towards the Food4more.

Concord Club will be showcasing the program at the RI Convention.

MEETING STATISTICS	19 Mar 2014
Members present *	23
Partners	0
Guests	4
Leaves of Absence	2
Apologies	11
No apologies	13
Make-Ups	0
Raffle	\$164.00
Sergeant-at-Arms	\$103.45

* Includes new member inducted



President Suzanne Freund

- **Induction of new member** – it was an absolute pleasure to induct and welcome our new member **Ivan Brown**. Ivan has already been contributing to the community in the area of youth welfare and development. Ivan was proposed by Allan Teale.



- The Strathfield Rotary Music will be held at the Australian Catholic University, Strathfield on 24th May 2014 Between 11.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. Commitment by members to this event is required to make it successful.
- We would also appreciate assistance from members' Partners on the weekend of 24th and 25th May – for both the Music Festival and the Salvation Army Red shield appeal.

President Elect Allan Teale

- Encouraged all members to take advantage of the opportunity to attend an International Rotary Convention being held “on our door step”. The last time an International Rotary conference was held in Australia was during the 1970's and the chance to attend another one in Australia during our life time.

Allan Petersen

- Letter of appreciation received from Homebush West Primary School for providing BBQ facilities on 4 March 2014 for “Pancake Day”.

Tony Lanzafame

- Strathfield Youth Achievement 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.

David Croft

- Announced the tradition of ANZAC Day breakfast and service would continue again this year at Cape Cabarita and all members and family are invited.

Keith Byrn

- Reported Peter Manenti is recovering well from recent hip surgery, whilst experiencing some inconvenience he has been relatively free of pain. Peter has even started spending some time in the office.
- Matters of Welfare – If members become aware of another member who is unwell or experiencing a difficulty, please ensure this is communicated to Keith Byrn so he can follow up.

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

Birthdays

1 April Peter van der Sleesen

Wedding Anniversaries

Nil

Rotary Anniversaries

Nil

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

Date	Topic
2/4/2014	Your local Federal MP – Craig Laundry
9/4/2014 (Partners' night)	Lady Convicts – 1800's- Suzanne Voytas
16/4/014	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	Ice in your Veins - Belinda Noonan
21/5/2014 (Partner's night)	Strathfield Youth Achievement Awards 2014
28/5/2014	TBA
3/6/2014 (Partners' Night)	Hospitality Evening for International Rotarians
27/6/2014	Changeover Night

NOTE: Partners are always welcome every week.

FUTURE CLUB EVENTS

Date	Event
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 – 4/6/2014	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



The following email has been received from a Rotarian in the Netherlands requesting assistance from our Club for his son during April and May 2014. If anyone can assist please contact Secretary Allan Petersen.

From: [Saskia Bokhoven-Martinelli](mailto:Saskia.Bokhoven-Martinelli@strathfielddistrict1570.nl)
To: info@strathfielddistrict1570.nl
Sent: Sunday, March 23, 2014 10:21 AM
Subject: question from Holland

Dear fellow Rotarian.

I would like to introduce myself to you. I am Robbert-Jan Bokhoven a Dutch Rotarian and I would like to draw your kind attention to the following matter.

My son Douwe-Jan is leaving for Australia for four months, on April 4.

He has applied as a volunteer during the Rotary International Convention, which is to be held in Sydney from June 1 until June 4.

Although he has saved money for this trip, he wants to work in or around Sydney in April and May. The two months prior to the convention.

Could you bring us in contact with somebody in your Rotary Club who could give us addresses of organizations or persons who could employ Douwe-Jan for this short period?

He has already received a work permit and an Australian bank account. His personal qualities and working experience are summarized in the attached resume. (*)

Looking forward to hear from you.

Kind regards.

Robbert-Jan Bokhoven
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() Editor's note: resume not attached to email.*