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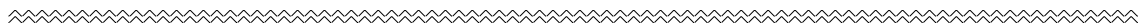
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Rotary, United Nations and Australian Themes

Year of 2018	-	International Year of the Reef (IYOR)
Month of March	Rotary	Water and Sanitation Month
Weeks of March		
11th – 18th Mar	Australia	Multiple Birth Awareness Week
11th – 17th Mar	Australia	National Ground Water Awareness Week
12th – 18th Mar	Rotary	World Rotaract Week
13th – 19th Mar	Australia	Brain Awareness Week
21st – 27th Mar	United Nations	Week of Solidarity with the Peoples Struggling against Racism and Racial Discrimination
Days of March		
8th Mar	United Nations	International Women's Day
15th Mar	Australia	National Close the Gap Day



President's Report

Last Week – RYLarians

We again experienced some of the reasons the Youth Program is so important to Rotary, our Club, and the young people that are lucky enough to experience its events. Last meeting, it was our January 2018 RYLarians that came to our club and (once again) told of how this experience has literally changed their lives. Elain, Shival and Vincent recounted their great experiences from RYLA in such an enthusiastic and uplifting way. You could feel their sense of marvel at how this camp impacted them and set the

foundations for how they will 'attack' life from now on; very inspirational for all that witnessed this transformation. They were accompanied by proud group leaders, Rain and Alex.

On the night we also had a visit from Burwood Rotaractor – Alex Malubag – who told us about an initiative of their Rotaract club to promote new ideas for (all) clubs to potentially implement, a Shark Tank Pitch Competition, as an inter-club event. Let's stay tuned into this; I'd like us to participate if our schedule allows.

District Conference Report – Cultivate Rotary

The District Conference in Mudgee was another great Rotary District event, with high quality and inspirational speakers once again the highlight for me. Our Club was represented by the Croft's, Manenti's, Smith's, Pitt's and Vosila's. Mudgee is wine country and so none of us can remember much of the Conference itself, although other (sober) participants tell us it was really good!

The theme of this year's conference was 'Cultivate Rotary' (wine growing inspired), and it was held in the Parklands Resort and Conference Centre (where DG Stephen Britten and his wife Jane had their wedding reception 29 years ago!). As I mentioned, we had another assembly of great speakers, including Past Rotary International President John Germ (who I met and gave some sage advice to), Ken Sutcliffe (much loved journo and polio survivor), Jacob Stein (local wine maker), Gemma Sisia (founder of the School of St Jude in Tanzania), Mike Brady (iconic jingle writer), Stephanie Woollard (social entrepreneur and founder of the Seven Women project), Professor Ron Rapee (member of the ARH Research Committee), Dominic Teakle (CEO of PCYC), Judith Mogi (District Rotaract Representative), and the lock note speaker (always saving the best for last) was Dr Gill Hicks (London Tube bombing 2005 survivor, and founder of MAD – Making a Difference for Peace) – with an incredible story of survival and rebirth. Too much excellent content to recount to you all. You'll just have to come along next year and experience it for yourselves!

And speaking of next year's conference, DGE Sue Hayward announced the venue as... Bankstown Sports Club, with the conference set to run from 15-17 March 2019. There you go! Easy for all of us to attend; no need to worry about travel (it's close), accommodation (sleep at home) or parking (free at the venue). Let's all plan to attend. These events really are good value; even Christine enjoyed her first conference with me (and the wine!).

Upcoming Events – Busy!

We have a busy calendar of events coming up. Let's get these into our diaries:

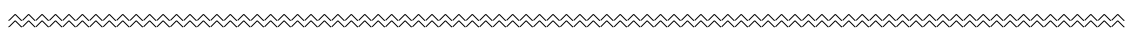
- ❖ 14 March 2018, the Great Debate – Santa Sabina vs. Meriden. We have a new adjudicator this year, our very own Nick Hamilton-Kane!
- ❖ 17 March 2018, the International Peace Conference in Sydney Town Hall. There will be an array of fantastic guest speakers; not to be missed
- ❖ 21 March 2018, last meeting at our current venue ☹. It's a partner's night and a celebration of our time in the (old) Strathfield Golf Clubhouse
- ❖ 24 March 2018, RWHESCA event at Massey Park Golf Club. Let's support Paolo and the other participating clubs to help make this a successful inaugural event
- ❖ 28 March 2018, our first official Club meeting at our new (at least interim) venue – Massey Park Golf Club
- ❖ 6 April 2018, the Catherine Sullivan Centre Gala Ball at Le Montage. We are supporting CSC in this event, as they seek to raise \$50,000 for their Phonemic learning program that we've all heard so much about

This Week – Don't go breaking my heart

We have a very important topic this week – Avoiding your heart attack. Why would you miss it? Heart attacks and related heart conditions (stroke, hypertension, etc.) are

Australia's number 1 killer. Let's learn how we can avoid our own one and sleep easy tonight.

Rick



Last week's meeting: RYLArrians

The Rotary Club of Strathfield sponsored 3 wonderful young people Vincent Chiem, Shival Salgaonkar and Sicong (Elain) Zheng (pictured) to the Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) camp in January.

RYLA is a transformational leadership program designed for young adults aged 18-27. Spanning over 7 days, the program combines some of Australia's finest speakers with engaging activities and



Last week they came to our Club to report on the leadership week. They told us what they achieved in their week away and their presentation was certainly evidence that they took advantage of this special opportunity. Rotarian Bradley Ayres' photograph shows how happy 3 young people can be.

challenges, as well as a supportive environment that enables leadership to grow and develop to its full potential. The Rotary fully sponsored camp was held at the YMCA Camp Yarramundi.

Summary by Raymond McCluskie

This Week's speaker: Alan Heighway

Tonight's guest speaker is Alan Heighway. Alan is a survivor of coronary heart disease and will

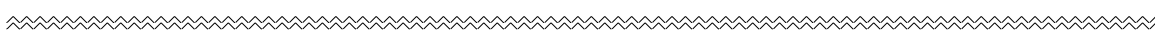
tonight outline some of the things that we can do to minimize our risk of developing coronary heart disease.



Next Week's event: School Debate

Our penultimate meeting at the current Golf Clubhouse will see the

school debate between Santa Sabina and Meriden.



Dates for the Calendar



<i>Rotary Events</i>			
<i>Day/Date</i>	<i>Event/speaker</i>	<i>To introduce</i>	<i>To thank + Speaker write-up</i>
Wed 7th Mar 2018	How to reduce your chances of your first, next or fatal heart attack Alan Heighway	Keith Byrn	Prabhat Sinha
Wed 14th Mar 2018	Debate: Santa Sabina vs Meriden	-	-
Wed 21th Mar 2018	Final meeting at the old Strathfield Golf Club, clubhouse	-	-
Sat 24th Mar 2018	Rotary (WH) Emergency Services Community Awards	-	-
Wed 28th Mar 2018	Education to Alleviate Poverty in Uganda Bev Young	Roger Vince	Richard Horwood
Wed 4th Apr 2018	No meeting. Transfer to 6-4-18	-	-
Sat 6th Apr 2018	Catherine Sullivan Centre Gala Ball	-	-

<i>Birthdays</i>	
7 th March	Christopher Virgona

8 th March	Kate Teale
8 th March	Usha Garg
8 th March	Kim Dunlop

<i>Anniversaries</i>	
1 st March	George Helou (Rotary)
2 nd March	Umesh and Anuradha Kamkolkar (wedding)
7 th March	Nick and Helen Hamilton-Kane (wedding)
8 th March	Christopher Haseldine (Rotary - Strathfield)



Do You Know?

The Rotary District Governor performs a very significant function in the world of Rotary. He or she is the single officer of Rotary International in the geographic area called a Rotary district, which usually includes about 50 Rotary clubs.

The district governors, who have been extensively trained at the worldwide International Assembly, provide the 'quality control' for almost 35,000 Rotary clubs throughout the world. They are responsible for maintaining high performance within the clubs of their district.

The district governor, who must make an official visit to each club in the district, is never regarded as an 'inspector general'. Rather, he or she visits as a helpful and friendly adviser to the club officers, as a useful counsellor to further the Object of Rotary among the clubs of the district, and as a catalyst to help strengthen the programs of Rotary.

The district governor is a very experienced Rotarian who generously

devotes a year to the volunteer task of leadership. The governor has a wealth of knowledge about current Rotary programs, purposes, policies and goals and is a person of recognised high standing in his or her profession, community and Rotary club.

The governor must supervise the organization of new clubs and strengthen existing ones. He or she performs a host of specific duties to assure that the quality of Rotary does not falter in the district, and is responsible to promote and implement all pro-grams and activities of the Rotary International president and the RI Board of Directors.

The governor plans and directs a district conference and other special district events

David Croft

Fines Sessions Roster

Continuing from the end of last year, Anuradha Kamkolkar, will continue with a roster for this important role.

Here is the list of names and dates for you to record. If you are unable to deliver the fine session on your designated night could you please organise a replacement and inform Anuradha.

7 th Mar	TBA
14 th Mar	TBA

21 th Mar	TBA
28 th Mar	TBA



The statistics

Attendance last week (21-2-18)	22
Leave of absence	3
Apologies	5
No apology	10
Club membership	40
Partners & Guests	12
Members Rotary activities	Week ending 21-02-18: 49 [hours]

<i>Funds raised</i>	
Raffle	\$210.00
Sergeants session	\$121.80

Your Committee 2017-2018

President	Rick Vosila	Secretary	Rod McDougall
President Elect	Charles Pitt	Sergeant	Anuradha Kamkolkar
Immediate Past President	Stephen Taylor	Treasurer	Charles Pitt
Youth	Arie Pappas	Community	Andrew Aravanis
International	Prabhat Sinha	Vocational	Paolo Giammarco
		Club Services	Bradley Ayres

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Out and About: New member

Tuesday 21th February 2018

At our last meeting, we welcomed our newest member, Roy Ellis.



Out and About: Burwood Rotaract initiative

Tuesday 21th February 2018

At our last meeting, we welcomed Alex Malubag from the Burwood Rotaract Club. We heard how they are organizing a ‘Shark Tank’ type inter-club event where a representative team from each club pitches a project to a panel and audience of Rotaractors and Rotarians.



Rotaraction

Pitch a Project

The Rotaract Club of Burwood invites you to Rotaraction: Pitch a Project!

Rotaraction is an event where 18-30 year olds have the opportunity to pitch a project to investors and prospecting collaborators who have the power and resources to turn ideas into action.

Date: Saturday, 28 April 2018	Location: The Dome, Club Burwood RSL 96 Shaftesbury Road Burwood NSW 2134	Ticket Prices: (Online) \$5 (+ ticketing fees) (Door) \$10
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We also invite you to support and be a part of the event.

You can express your support in a number of ways.

1. Attend the Rotaraction event (Humanitix ticket link at the bottom of the page).
2. Pledge to choose at least one project on the night that you will invest your resources in and mentor.
3. Sponsor the project that will be selected on the night by the DRR team.
4. Extend the invitation to enter to your Interact clubs.

If you are interested in supporting Rotaraction, please fill out the form on the back and send it along with any questions that you have to rotaraction@burwoodrotaract.org.

Rotaraction is also an opportunity for you to keep investing in the future and for building a stronger relationship with the Rotaract community.

You, as a Rotary Club, have so much to offer in the way of expertise, networking, and general business knowhow that will benefit us and future generations to come.

So please come and join Rotaraction to bring these new project ideas into action.

Warm regards,
The Burwood Rotaract Club
rotaraction@burwoodrotaract.org

(Tickets) <https://www.humanitix.com/event/rotaraction-pitch-a-project-2018/>
(Rotaraction Facebook Event Page) <https://www.facebook.com/events/343245909416650/>

Out and About: President Rick's travels

Tuesday 27th February 2018

President Rick certainly gets around. Last week, he visited the Rotary Club of Downtown Auckland.



Rick with President Gill Johnston and his host, Rob Wills