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## Club of Strathfield



# STRATHFIELD ROTARY BULLETIN

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## *Rotary, United Nations and Australian Themes*

<i>Year of 2018</i>	-	International Year of the Reef (IYOR)
<i>Month of June</i>	Rotary	Rotary Fellowship Month
	Australia	Bowel Cancer Awareness Month
<i>Weeks of June</i>		
18th-24th June	International	World Continence Week
23rd-27th June	Rotary	Rotary International Convention, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
<i>Days of June</i>		
20th June	Australia	Red Apple Day (Bowel Cancer Australia)
20th June	United Nations	World Refugee Day
21st June	United Nations	International Day of Yoga
23rd June	United Nations	United Nations Public Service Day
23rd June	United Nations	International Widows' Day
25th June	United Nations	Day of the Seafarer
26th June	United Nations	Int. Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking
26th June	United Nations	UN Int. Day in Support of Victims of Torture

## *President's Report*

### **Last week**

We heard a very interesting and informative presentation last week from Peter Kerr – Head Teacher, Special Education at Strathfield South High School – on the topic of autism. This largely misunderstood condition is not a 'disease' but rather a lifelong developmental condition that affects, among other things, the way an individual relates to his or her environment and their interaction with other people. We also learned of the wonderful work of Strathfield

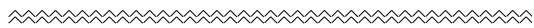
South High School in the education of their autistic students, preparing them for life after school.

### **Vale: Franziska Bock**

As reported during the last week, Burwood Rotary President Walter Bock's wife – Franziska – passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on 8 June 2018. Her funeral was on Monday this week. Our sympathies are with Walter and his family at this sad time.

### Last two weeks

We really are into the home stretch now. This week is our last 'regular' weekly meeting we have before Changeover. Next week is a transfer to Old Government House in Parramatta for a Ghost Tour. Let me take this opportunity to thank you all for your fantastic support and encouragement to me and your Board this year. You've all made it an absolute pleasure; but more of that at Changeover! Please make plans to come along on the night; it will be a fabulous and fun celebration of the year that's been.



### *Last week's speaker:*

#### *Peter Kerr*

Peter is the current deputy principal of Strathfield South High school. He started his early teaching career in PE then moved into the juvenile justice system before settling into and specializing in special education.

He gave us an enlightening speech which covered an overview of Autism, its traits and some of the mannerisms that are considered early indicators in children who have autism. He also provided an insight into some of the important work that South Strathfield high school conducts within the fields of special education.

Peter pointed out that 1 in 100 people have autism and that the statistics currently show it is a ratio of 4:1 men to women.

He suggested that this ratio of men to women is changing constantly. Previously the ratio of men to women

### This week

Tonight we hear from one of our newest and certainly youngest members – JP Baladi – on the topic: 'Stepping up for the overseas poor'. Looking forward to hearing your talk, JP!

*Rick*



**Strathfield Rotary Club Changeover Dinner**

Good Fellowship  
Fine Food  
Great Rotary  
Guests Welcome

Saturday 7 July 2018  
6:30 for 7:00 pm  
Massey Park Golf Club  
Dinner \$75 per person  
(Includes beer, wine and soft-drink)  
Dress formal or lounge suit

Please join us for a gala occasion as President Rick Vosila passes leadership of our club to President-elect Charles Pitt.  
Champagne on arrival followed by a three-course dinner.  
A Santa Sabina College quartet will entertain on arrival.  
Singer Carolynne Szady will provide after-dinner cabaret entertainment.  
A highlight of our Rotary year, many past members of the club will attend, together with many special guests. Hope to see you there.

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Humanitix will donate ticketing profits for this event to Australian Rotary Health.

was thought to be about 9:1. Traditionally, diagnosing women with autism has been much harder than diagnosing men because the symptoms are not as obvious and are picked up much later at around 8-12 years old. As such it is expected that the ratio between men and women may drop to around 2:1 as diagnosis techniques continue to improve.

Peter mentioned that 2 of the more obvious signs which are early indicators of Autism in children are exhibiting poor eye contact with parents and language delays.

The school now has 9 classes that work with special Ed students. They find that they now attract many students who have had difficulties fitting into other schools and then flourish in this environment.

Peter said that Strathfield South high school strives to create a happy environment and establish a culture amongst the students of life-long learning.

By offering small classes, community based learning projects, individual curriculums, assessing and practising social skills, collaboration with speech pathologists and establishing strong contacts through the NDIS scheme to form workplace relationships, Peter felt that they are achieving those goals.

Among the school's claims to fame is its regular participation in the Solar Car championships each year, of which they have been finalists on several occasions.

At the end of Peter's presentation he answered numerous questions and finished by saying that the students at the school show so much improvement by the time they leave that it is the best feeling from work that he has ever had.

It was obvious to many of the Rotarians in the room, and myself, that the Strathfield South High School is quietly going about its business without Fan Fare and achieving great things with children in our community.

Report by Chris Virgona



Peter Kerr with Pres Rick

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*This Week's speaker: John Paul Baladi*

John is a new member of our Club. He is currently at University, where he

studies International Relations (or Foreign Affairs).

## *Next Week's event: Ghost tour of old Government House, Parramatta*

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## *Dates for the Calendar*



| <i>Rotary Events</i> |                                                              |                     |                                        |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------------|
| <i>Day/Date</i>      | <i>Event/speaker</i>                                         | <i>To introduce</i> | <i>To thank<br/>+ Speaker write-up</i> |
| Wed 20th June 2018   | Stepping up for the overseas poor<br><b>John Paul Baladi</b> | Gulian Vaccari      | Janelle Watson                         |
| Wed 27th June 2018   | Ghost tour old Government House,<br>Parramatta               | -                   | -                                      |
| Wed 4th July 2018    | Transfer to Saturday 7-7-18                                  | -                   | -                                      |
| Sat 7th July 2018    | <b>Changeover night</b>                                      | -                   | -                                      |

| <i>Birthdays</i> |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|
| 22nd June        | Bill Carney       |
| 26th June        | Raymond McCluskie |

| <i>Anniversaries</i> |                              |
|----------------------|------------------------------|
| 19th June            | Peter van der Sleen (Rotary) |
| 20th June            | Peter Smith (Rotary)         |

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## *Do You Know?*

The **Rotary Foundation Global Grant Scholarships Program** (formally Ambassadorial Scholarships) is the world's largest privately funded international scholarships program.

Since 1947, more than \$250 million has been expended on some 25,000 scholarships for people from more than 125 countries, studying in 105 countries around the world.

The purpose of the Scholarships Program is to further international understanding and friendly relations among people of different countries. Scholars are expected to be outstanding ambassadors of goodwill to the people of the host country through both informal and formal appearances before Rotary and non-Rotary groups.

The Rotary Foundation offers scholarship funding through the Rotary Foundation Global Grants. The scholarships funds graduate-level coursework or research for one to four academic years. Study may be carried out at any approved University located in a country where there is a host Rotary club or district, outside of the applicant's home country.

Graduate-level coursework or research in one of Rotary's six areas of focus:

- Peace and conflict prevention/resolution,
- Disease prevention and treatment,
- Water and sanitation,
- Maternal and child health,
- Basic education and literacy, and
- Economic and community development.

The minimum budget for a global grant scholarship is \$30,000 which can fund the following: Passport/visa, Inoculations, Travel expenses (as specified in the grant terms and conditions), School supplies, Tuition, Room and board, Household supplies, Language training courses.

*David Croft*



## *The Statistics*

Attendance last meeting (13-06-18)	not avail
Leave of absence	not avail
Apologies	not avail
No apology	not avail
Club membership	<b>46</b>
Partners & Guests	not avail
Members Rotary activities	Week ending 13-06-18: <b>8</b> [hours]

<i>Funds raised</i>	
Raffle	\$195.00
Sergeants session	\$ not avail



## *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

Bulletin Editor	Bradley Ayres	Web master & Facebook	Raymond McCluskie
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## *Out and About: Guest speaker - DGN Di North*

Wednesday 6th June 2018



## *Out and About: New Member - Thaya Ponniah*

Wednesday 6th June 2018



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## *Out and About: New Member - Jaya Challa*

Wednesday 13th June 2018





## *Out and About: The old Strathfield Golf Club*

June 2018 (photos taken by Rod McDougall)

