



### Strathfield Rotary Bulletin

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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			
21st – 27th Mar	United Nations	Week of Solidarity with the Peoples Struggling against Racism and Racial Discrimination	
Days of March			
21st Mar	Australia	Harmony Day	
21st Mar	International	International Day of Forests	
21st Mar	United Nations	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	
21st Mar	United Nations	World Poetry day	
21st Mar	United Nations	International Day of Nowruz	
21st Mar	United Nations	World Down Syndrome Day	
21st Mar	United Nations	International Day of Forests	
22nd Mar	United Nations	World Water Day	
23rd Mar	United Nations	World Meteorological Day	
24th Mar	International	Earth Hour	
24th Mar	United Nations	World Tuberculosis Day	
24th Mar	United Nations	International Day for the Right to the Truth concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims	
25th Mar	United Nations	International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade	
25th Mar	United Nations	International Day of Solidarity with Detained and Missing Staff Members	

# President's Report

#### **Last Week - the Great Debate**

What a great spectacle the Great Debate – The Maurie Moroney Memorial Shield was last week at our Club. It was a fine battle between two very strong teams, from Santa Sabina College and Meriden School. Santa Sabina College once again came out on top, winning by the slightest of margins, for their third consecutive year. Congratulations to the students and teachers at Santa Sabina, and well done for a great fight from the students and teachers from Meriden.

Special thanks to our brand new adjudicator – Nick Hamilton-Kane. He did a wonderfully thorough and thoughtful job in assessing the performances of both teams, and I feel adjudicated accurately. Well done, Nick; you've secured that job for at least the next 20 years!

Also, special thanks to PP Raymond McCluskie for his expert running of the night, PP Peter Manenti for a brief history of the Shield, Bradley Ayres for all the great photos, Bill Carney for his expert time-keeping, PP Keith Byrn for his expert time-dinging, and all that came along to make it a great success.

### Presidential Peace Building Conference

Well, the Australian leg of the Presidential Building Peace Conference was held at the Sydney Town Hall over the weekend. wonder if any Strathfield Rotarians attended? I didn't, but judging from some photos and stories I saw on Facebook (from other Clubs), it looked like a great event with over officials and delegates in attendance. Great for our City and great for Rotary to promote peace in our world through such a wonderful conference.

#### **RWHESCA Night Coming Up**

It's finally here, Paolo's big night – this Saturday evening! I look forward to spending the evening with many Strathfield (and other Western Harbour) Rotarians as we honour local heroes from several NSW Emergency Services organisations. It will also give us a taste of our new meeting venue – Massey Park Golf Club. See you there. I'm sure it will be a great event.

#### This Week - Our Last Meeting Here

And so this time has also finally arrived – our last meeting ever in this venue, the (old) Strathfield Golf Clubhouse. We have had many great memories in this building, and have held many fine events and celebrations here over the past 12 years or so that we have been meeting here. In many ways, it will be sad to say goodbye to this place. Progress is progress though, and we all have to move with the times, making the most of whatever is thrown at us. I believe this is exactly how the 'Club Move' project team have approached this challenge, and we have a great venue option with Massey Park Golf Club. During this time the team will work through options and propose to us our next permanent meeting venue. knows, if we can strike the right deal, we may be back at Strathfield Golf Club, in the new Clubhouse. We'll see.

So, don't forget, we'll be meeting at Massey Park from Wednesday, 28th March 2018, for at least three months.

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## Last week's meeting: School Debate

Santa Sabina College: A Hat Trick

Santa Sabina College have now won the Maurie Moroney Memorial Debating Shield for the third year in a row. Congratulations!

Last week, adjudicator Rotarian Nick Hamilton-Kane, after deliberating and acknowledging the quality and closeness of the debate that "New technology has made the world a better place to live" announced that Santa Sabina College had won in a closely contested debate with Meriden.

Summary by Raymond McCluskie



The girls from Santa Sabina and Meriden

### ${\it T}$ his Week's event: Final meeting at Golf Club

The current Strathfield Golf Club Clubhouse has been the home of the Rotary Club of Strathfield for a number of years. Tonight, we bid farewell before the 'grand old lady' is demolished. An apartment block will replace it.

We do have a temporary new home at Massey Park Golf Club, but this week is an opportunity to reminisce about the soon to be demolished clubhouse and remember all the wonderful events we have held here over the years.



## Next Week's event: Beverley Young

Beverley Young OAM, will tell the heart-warming and personal story of her involvement in a poor community in Uganda, where she has worked to help, through a small mission group from Longueville, and Compassion International.

Beverley, and her husband Ian, have visited this project 6 times over a 10-year period, 2007 to 2017, and have seen amazing progress for their efforts, particularly in raised living standards, health and education.

## ${\cal D}$ ates for the Calendar



Rotary Events			
Day/Date	Event/speaker	To introduce	To thank + Speaker write-up
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 <b>Bev Young</b>	Peter van der Sleesen	Richard Horwood
Wed 4th Apr 2018	No meeting. Transfer to 6-4-18	-	-
Fri 6th Apr 2018	Catherine Sullivan Centre Gala Ball	-	-
Wed 11th Apr 2018	Speech Pathology and rehabilitation <b>Elizabeth Kemp</b>	Charles Pitt	Anuradha Kamkolkar

Birthdays		
17 <sup>th</sup> March	Joan Brown	
21st March	A Bala	
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Maree McDougall	
24 <sup>th</sup> March	Guru Singh	
25 <sup>th</sup> March	Mathew Elias	

Anniversaries		
23 <sup>rd</sup> March Joe and Sharon Saad (weddi		

### $\mathcal{D}$ o You Know?

The Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN) is for young students aged 14 to 16 years and caters for teenagers who have shown qualities of decency, courage, persistence, sincerity, and application in everyday life, which deserve further development.

The weekend RYPEN camp aims to develop the student's potential through lecture style sessions and adventure based learning thereby assisting the student in forming their own values and moral standards.

Rylarians and Rotaractors act as camp leaders with Rotarians as supervisors.

RYPEN uses the common bonds of learning, co-operation, and friendship to design activities that facilitate trust, and self esteem. RYPEN seeks to broaden each participant's horizons culturally, socially, and academically, providing the inner foundations for a strong future.

#### David Croft



# The Statistics

Attendance last week (14-3-18)	18
Leave of absence	3
Apologies	3
No apology	19
Club membership	43
Partners & Guests	12
Members Rotary activities	Week ending 14-03-18: ?? [hours]

Funds raised		
Raffle	\$160.00	
Sergeants session	\$71.90	

# 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: Upcoming Events

#### Saturday 24th Mar 2018

Rotary (WH) Emergency Services Community Awards



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#### Friday 6th Apr 2018

Catherine Sullivan Centre Gala Ball

