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Rotary
Club of Strathfield



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Rotary, United Nations and Australian Themes

Month of Nov	Rotary	Rotary Foundation Month
	Australia	ALPHA-1 Awareness Month
	Australia	Lung Health Awareness Month
Weeks of Nov	Australia	National Skin Cancer Action Week (19 th – 25 th Nov)
Days of Nov	United Nations	International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women (25 th Nov)
	United Nations	International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People (29 th Nov)



President's Report

Previous Week's Speaker

Well, I hope you enjoyed another week with a guest Meeting Chair. This week it was RTN Prabhat, our International Director. I thought it might be nice for Prabhat to chair the meeting in my absence, as his daughter – Pallavi Sinha - was our guest speaker on the night. By all accounts, it was another enjoyable evening, with a great speech given by Pallavi on 'Education and Resilience in the 21st Century'. PP Raymond wrote a 'comprehensive' summary of this talk in his recent Facebook post; very thorough - thanks Raymond. I saw some photos too. It was great to see some family and friends in attendance on the evening in support of Pallavi's speech. And no... I wasn't at the soccer last Wednesday evening,

although I think a few other club members may have been? Great result for the Socceroos!

AGM Coming Up

In just two short weeks we have our AGM scheduled. Be sure to set aside this evening as we importantly set the scene for the future leadership of our Club, as we elect the 2018-19 Board. Thanks to PDG David for preparing, organising, and running the meeting on the night. You will have seen an email from Secretary Rod, calling for Board nominations. We of course welcome all nominations, and you will notice that you are able to nominate an individual for more than one position (although, if elected will serve in only one capacity). Come

along and be a part of the future of the Club.

Amended Constitution

You will have heard many references to the work led by PDG David on our amended constitution, and you should have seen an email from Secretary Rod linking to the proposed version for your reference. We hope to adopt this new constitution by Special Resolution at our AGM. Be sure to take a look ahead of the meeting on 6 December 2017. I would like to personally thank PDG David for coordinating and driving this task through to completion, supported by Secretary Rod, RTN Peter van der Sleen, and up until his sad and untimely passing, our dear friend, Andrew Kowalski.

Member's Christmas Party

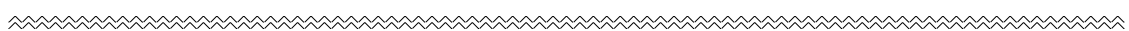
OK, well... it's Christmas again! We have a great party planned for 13 December 2017. PP Grahame, ably supported by Members' partners Penny True, Marie McDougall, Helen Hamilton-Kane and Christine Vosila are planning a fun night. Please put this into your diaries. I can promise

you that you will not have been to a Christmas function like it before. Why? Because I have some 'things' planned that just might make it memorable! All you need to do is turn up with a sense of fun; the rest will take care of itself. Trust me? Come along and find out.

This week - Pride of Work Awards

This week sees another in our series of signature events for Strathfield Rotary - the annual Pride of Workmanship Awards. Once again, we seek to recognise those unsung heroes in our local community; those quiet achievers that go the extra mile in serving their customers, and just 'do a great job'. We have received many great nominations, and have a full-house tonight (in fact, we're over-subscribed), as we make some very special awards. Congratulations to all awardees; very well done. Special thanks to RTN Usha for all her hard work in coordinating this event tonight – thanks Usha!

Rick



Last Week's Speaker: Pallavi Sinha

A passionate speaker with a challenge

Our guest speaker, Pallavi Sinha, is a Lawyer, Lecturer and a former People of Australia Ambassador. She completed Economics and Social Sciences and Law degrees with honours from the University of Sydney and she has worked in the areas of immigration law and family law, and has represented asylum

seekers and women who have experienced domestic violence

By focusing upon education Pallavi raised a lot of questions about a hidden problem that if we put our mind to it we can resolve. We have resilience and the solutions can be found in a renaissance within curriculum development.

How do we build a better society given that there is still a lot of

dysfunctionality? How do we set norms? How do we establish expectations when there are some unacceptable goings on? We all agree that domestic violence is wrong; that sexual harassment is wrong; that bullying is wrong. It's not so long ago that even education for women was wrong.



learning then we are looking at building a curriculum for life and not just teaching so called academic principles from the three Rs to the research in higher education. The design must include the CEOs, the policy makers, our politicians, our experts and our mentors.

Looking at what we have established and there is a lot; we can find new and innovative programs. An example is the curriculum developed by the College of Law that includes a program of respect for the person. Why not expand this vision, building better training programs within and outside our learning establishments? A process that treats society holistically so that the family the work place and our educational institutions break down the barriers and strengthen our cooperative resolve. Gradually creeping along the superlative spectrum to make a good life, a better life to the best life.

We need a belief that society must have equality, tolerance and opportunity.

So, across all education in our schools, vocational colleges, universities and in the corporate area with both work and training establishments we make a start. Societal expectations must be embodied in the curriculum: the experiences that occur in the educational process. Take it to be in its widest sense that we are always

Pallavi provided us with a thought provoking talk and we wish her every endeavour in securing a solution for her passion.

Summary by Raymond McCluskie



This Week's event: Pride of Work

One of our 'big three' (alongside Police Officer of the Year and Youth Awards), Pride of Work is a longstanding and highly successful

night for our Club. Again we will recognise those individuals in the community who embody the ideals of excelling in their chosen career.



Next Week's event:

Western Harbour Interclub Debate

An inter-club debate, organised by Burwood Rotary, is planned for Monday 27-11-17. It will be held at Burwood RSL. This will be a transfer meeting for our club - and there will be no meeting at the golf club on 29-11-17.

After long consideration by Burwood club, "**Women are Better Drivers**" has been chosen as the debate topic.

Arguing in the affirmative will be Breakfast Point, Concord, Drummoyne and Five Dock
 Arguing in the negative will be Burwood, Granville Rotaract, **Strathfield**

Our Strathfield debater will be **Nick Hamilton-Kane**.

Let's show our support for Nick next Monday evening. Guests and partners are welcome.



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 22th Nov 2017	Pride of Work	-	-
Mon 20th Nov 2017	Rotary Foundation Dinner Blacktown Workers Club,	-	-
Mon 27th Nov 2017	Western Harbour Interclub Debate <i>"Women are better drivers"</i>	-	-
Wed 29th Nov 2017	Transfer meeting to Mon 27 th Nov	-	-
Wed 6th Dec 2017	AGM and elections	-	-
Sat 9th Dec 2017	Strathfield Carols in the Park	-	-
Wed 13th Dec 2017	Adult's Xmas Party	-	-

Wed 20th Dec 2017	Potential Children's Xmas Party	-	-
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<i>Birthdays</i>	
24 th November	Simone Vaccari
28 th November	Rod McDougall

<i>Anniversaries</i>	
25 th November	Roger and Janice Vince (wedding)
25 th November	Andrew Aravanis (Rotary)
27 th November	Gulian Vaccari (Rotary)



Do You Know?

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP

Most Rotarians are successful professional and business people because they hear opportunities knock and take advantage of them.

Once a week the opportunity for Rotary fellowship occurs at each club meeting, but not all members hear it knocking

The weekly club meeting is a special privilege of Rotary membership. It provides the occasion to visit with fellow members, to meet visitors you have not known before, and to share your personal friendship with other members.

Rotary clubs that have a reputation of being "friendly clubs" usually follow a few simple steps:

- * First, members are encouraged to sit in a different seat or at a different table each week.
- * Second, Rotarians are urged to sit with a member they may not know as

well as their long-time personal friends.

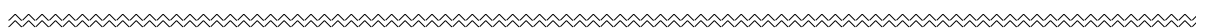
* Third, members invite new members or visitors to join their table just by saying: "Come join us, we have an empty chair at this table."

* Fourth, members share the conversation around the table rather than merely eating in silence or talking privately to the person next to them.

* Fifth, Rotarians make a special point of trying to get acquainted with all members of the club by seeking out those they may not know.

When Rotarians follow these five easy steps, an entirely new opportunity for fellowship knocks each week. Soon Rotarians realise that warm and personal friendship is the cornerstone of every great Rotary club.

David Croft





The statistics

Attendance last week	17
Leave of absence	3
Apologies	11
No apology	7
Club membership	38
Partners & Guests	6
Members Rotary activities	Week ending 15-11-17: 24 [hours]

<i>Funds raised</i>	
Raffle	\$145.00
Sergeants session	\$75.00

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## Your Committee 2017-2018

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|--------------------------|----------------|---------------|--------------------|
| President                | Rick Vosila    | Secretary     | Rod McDougall      |
| President Elect          | tba            | 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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| Bulletin Editor  | Bradley Ayres | Web master & Facebook | Raymond McCluskie |
| Bulletin Printer | Selectprint   | Apologies             | Gulian Vaccari    |

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Out and About:

Skye Kim, NSW Young Volunteer of the Year

Tuesday 14th November 2017

Congratulations to Skye Kim on being awarded the Young Volunteer of the Year for NSW, and subsequently the overall all-groups Winner. A well deserved dual winner. Skye was previously a Board Member of Strathfield Girls High School Interact Club for 4 years and is now a student at Hurlstone Agriculture High - where she a member of their 180 member Interact club (the biggest in the Southern Hemisphere)



RTN Peter Smith with Skye Kim



Out and About:

BBQ at Mary Wade Correctional Centre

Saturday 18th November 2017

The Rotary Club of Strathfield was invited to participate in an open day held at the Mary Wade Correctional Centre at Lidcombe. We utilised our BBQ for a sausage sizzle for members of the public and invited guests of the Mary Wade Family Association. This was unique, a rare opportunity, because there are no further plans to hold open days across other correctional centres.

The facility is a maximum security remand centre for up to 94 female inmates and has been built to the highest maximum security standards and technological standards. The centre will have an emphasis on providing services for inmates on remand including participating in employment, undertaking programs and education to address the offending needs of female inmates.

President Rick Vosila who attended on the day said he found the place "arresting and captivating" and thanked those Rotarians who also helped: Andrew Aravanis, Peter Smith, Raymond McCluskie and Rod McDougall



‘Brothers-in-arms’ RTNs Rod, Peter and Andrew (missing Raymond)

