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## Club of Strathfield



# STRATHFIELD ROTARY BULLETIN

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### *Rotary, United Nations and Australian Themes*

Month of July	Rotary	Start of new Rotary year
Weeks of July	Australia	National Pain Week 2017 Week (24th-30th July)
	Australia	DonateLife Week - Nationwide - Organ and Tissue Authority (30th July - 6th August)
	United Nations	World Breastfeeding Week (1st - 7th August)
Days of July	Australia	Schools Tree Day (28th July)
	Australia	National Tree Day (30th July)
	United Nations	World Hepatitis Day (28th July) - WHO
	United Nations	International Day of Friendship (30th July)
	United Nations	World Day against Trafficking in Persons (30th July)



## *President's Report*

### **Last week**

We had a great turnout last week for our DG Visit Club Meeting (about 37 in total, I think), held jointly with the Rotary Club of Breakfast Point (with a couple of Rotary Burwood members in attendance too!).

For many of us it was the first chance to meet new DG Stephen Britten and his wife, Jane. I believe we all experienced how down-to-earth and approachable Stephen is, and with Jane actively involved in Rotary projects too, I'm sure we'll see a lot of positive outcomes in this Rotary year.

I'd like to thank all members present at last week's meeting for being gracious and welcoming hosts - to both Stephen and Jane - as well as our Breakfast Point and Burwood friends.

### **Proposed changes to our weekly meetings**

I'm re-posting here an email I recently sent to all Club members about proposed changes to meeting times...

*"Those of you at our Club Meeting this week will have heard me announce a Board decision to make a change to*

*our regular Wednesday evening start time from 6:15pm for 6:30pm, to 6:30pm for 7:00pm. The rationale being that the slightly later start time is more attractive to working professionals, allowing them to more easily get to our meetings on time from City offices, etc. I also said our latest finish time will be 8:30pm (maybe that's still too late. Let me know).*

*Now, on reflection I realise I really should have given you all (and especially those of you not able to be at the meeting) the chance to challenge and discuss and debate this decision, prior to implementation. So, I'm doing this now.*

*Our proposed start date for this later meeting start time is 2 August 2017 – in two meetings' time. Let's take the time between now and then for feedback and debate, as needed. If it's deemed to be a real issue for the majority of the membership, then we'll have to review the decision as a Board. Maybe we can chat about it during the President's Report section at our next meeting?*

*As I also alluded to in this meeting, the Board will be considering and recommending further Club meeting changes at our August Board meeting (Tuesday 15 August 2017 at The Crossways Hotel – 6:30pm for 7:00pm – all welcome!). Before enacting on these, we will consult with you.*

*Thanks for your continued support. I'm looking forward to a great, productive and enjoyable year, where can all feel proud to be a part of this fabulous club!*

*I should have listened to my own advice... 'hasten slowly'..."*

Let's chat about this during the President's Report section tonight.

### **Club Board Meetings**

Club Board Meetings have been set to occur on the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month (not December), at The Crossways Hotel in Enfield, from 6:30pm for 7:00pm. We plan to run each meeting for no more than two hours. I mention this to you all again, as you're all very welcome to come and join us. We have a private space set aside, and there is room for maybe up to 10 visitors. The hotel is a great family pub, nicely renovated with a friendly atmosphere, and the staff have been very accommodating. The time before the meeting (6:30pm to 7:00pm) is set aside for fellowship. And after the meeting it seems there is more fellowship to be had, judging from last week! Not sure what time some Board Members made it home? Come along; we'd love to see you there.

### **Club Collaboration**

I've recently had an approach from the Burwood Club to see if we can collaborate on a couple of initiatives. They have some good ideas. It's early days yet, and when these start to take shape, I'll talk more about them. I guess I should float these by the Board at some stage too! Better do that soon.

### **Australian Rotary Health**

There is a strong Australian Rotary Health (ARH) theme going on in the Club at the moment!

As you all now know, ARH is one of our named service benefactors for this year, and our one (currently)

announced activity in support of ARH is Rick's Run for Rotary that I have publicised recently. To confirm, I'll be running the 7 Sunshine Coast Marathon in Maroochydore on 20th August 2017, with all my fundraising efforts going to ARH.



Secondly, I'd like us all to offer our congratulations to PDG Stephen Humphreys who has just taken on the role of District 9675 Representative

for Australian Rotary Health in 2017/2018. Stephen is currently seeking enthusiastic volunteers to join the District ARH Committee. If you're interested, make contact. Stephen's email address is [sjhumphreys14@bigpond.com](mailto:sjhumphreys14@bigpond.com) and his mobile is 0412 993 561.

Lastly, tonight's guest speaker is Terry Davies, Corporate Manager at ARH. We look forward to hearing directly from Terry about all the good work of ARH, and why I feel this is a great organisation to support directly this year. Whilst I was doing a bit of background research on Terry, it seems we may have both gone to the same junior high and high schools.

We'll find out tonight!

*Rick*

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*Last Week's Guest Speaker:  
DG Stephen Britten*

Our guest speaker last week was our brand new District Governor Stephen Britten, who was accompanied by his wife Jane.

Stephen is a member of our "daughter" club Breakfast Point, and many of their members joined us for the evening.

Stephen spoke to us about the challenges we all face in Rotary, an aging membership, the loss of members in the developed world, and the difficulty of attracting new members. In addition he discussed the importance of our own Rotary Foundation, the work of the Australian Rotary Health Research

Foundation, and of course locally the great work done by donations in kind.

Stephen was accompanied by his wife and who displayed a beautiful quilt that is being raffled by her this year.

Stephen's conference next year will be held in Mudgee, and we are advised to book soon as accommodation options are being filled quickly.

Stephen was thanked by our energetic President Rick.

Summary by PP Stephen Taylor



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## *This Week's Speaker: Terry Davies*

This week's speaker is Terry Davies. Terry is the Corporate Manager for Australian Rotary Health.

From their website; "Australian Rotary Health is one of the largest independent funders of mental health research within Australia.

*We also provide funding into a broad range of general health areas, provide scholarships for rural medical and nursing students, as well as Indigenous health students. Australian Rotary Health provides funding into areas of health that do not readily attract*

*funding, and promotes findings to the community.*

*Australian Rotary Health is a project of the Rotary Districts of Australia and is supported by Rotary Clubs. We have a broad vision to improve the health and wellbeing of all Australians."*

This is an organisation that, as Rotarians, we should all be very proud. I'm sure this feeling will be reinforced by Terry's talk. It is also one of the groups that President Rick has chosen for support by our Club in his year.

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## *Next Week's Speaker: Neil Hardy*

As our members would have observed, work continues apace with the housing development on the old practice fairway. Perhaps of more interest is what is happening with the

clubhouse where we currently meet. Next week, Neil will bring us up to speed on the redevelopment taking place at Strathfield Golf Club.

## 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 26 <sup>th</sup> Jul 2017	Australian Rotary Health <b>Terry Davies</b>	Janelle Watson	Andrew Aravanis
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aug 2017	Golf Club Development <b>Neil Hardy</b>	Peter Manenti	Joe Saad
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> Aug 2017	Chalmers Road School <b>Principal Michelle Davies</b>	Usha Garg	Stephen Taylor
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> Aug 2017	"My Rotary Story" <b>Nora Duane</b>	Ed Dunlop	Allan Teale
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> Aug 2017	Hi Speed Rail <b>John Elvy &amp; Paolo Giammarco</b>	David Croft	Grahame True

<i>Birthdays</i>	
28 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	Anuradha Kamkolkar

<i>Anniversaries</i>	
-	none



## Do You Know? Celebrities and Projects

The official Rotary Flag was formally adopted by Rotary International at the 1929 Convention in Dallas, Texas. The Rotary flag consisted of a white field with the official wheel emblem emblazoned in gold in the centre of the field. (An azure field replaced the white field as part of RI's 2013 "global public image initiative")

The first Rotary flag reportedly was flown in Kansas City Missouri, in January 1915.

In 1922 a small Rotary flag was carried over the South Pole by Admiral Richard Byrd, a member of the Winchester, Virginia Rotary Club. Four years later, the admiral carried a Rotary flag in his expedition to the North Pole.

In 1932, Professor Auguste Picard carried the Rotary flag, given to him by the Rotary Club of Zurich, on his record-setting balloon ascent to 16,940 metres

A year later, the flag headed in the opposite direction when the Rotary Club of Houghton, Michigan carried it 1,906 metres beneath the earth's surface for a meeting at the bottom of the Quincy Copper Mine.

The first Rotary Club banner flew in outer space when Astronaut Frank Borman, a Rotarian, took it on his

orbit around the Moon as Commander of Apollo 8.

The flag flown by Admiral Byrd over the South Pole is now displayed at the Rotary International World Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois.

*David Croft*



## *The statistics*

Attendance two weeks ago	19
Leave of absence	0
Apologies	12
No apology	3
Club membership	<b>34</b>
Partners	5
Guests	13
Members Rotary activities	Week ending 19-7-17: <b>19</b> [hours]

<i>Funds raised last week</i>	
Raffle	\$255.00
Sergeants session	\$84.25

## *Your Committee 2017-2018*

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
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