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# Rotary 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 May</i>	Rotary	Youth Service Month
<i>Weeks of May</i>		
25th-31st May	United Nations	Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories
27th-2nd June	International	Cancer Research Awareness Week
27th-3rd June	Australia	National Reconciliation Week
2nd-8th June	Australia	Haemochromatosis Awareness Week
<i>Days of May</i>		
31st May	International	World No Tobacco Day
1st June	United Nations	Global Day of Parents
4th June	United Nations	International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression
5th June	United Nations	World Environment Day
5th June	United Nations	International Day for the Fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing

### *President's Report*

#### **Last week - WestConnex**

We had another very interesting presentation last week – this time from Terry Chapman, Project Director of WestConnex. What a massive undertaking, and an engineering marvel. I tried to set the scene a little with my story of WestConnex compulsory acquisition at Homebush before Terry's presentation. I'm not sure he has a sense of humour like mine? He didn't react to my introduction, and didn't crack a smile the whole night – but

was very informative and interesting none-the-less! He has a VERY BIG JOB. I guess he needs to be serious a lot!

#### **Last week also - New Member**

The highlight of the evening was of course the induction of our newest, and youngest member – JP Baladi. JP was thrilled to finally be inducted. I look forward to the contributions he will undoubtedly make to this club, and to Rotary.

Welcome once again, JP! I hope you enjoy your time in Rotary.

### **Club Changeover**

Don't forget, please block out the evening of Saturday, 7 July 2018 in your diaries for our Changeover Dinner. Planning is well underway. This year we will be using Humanitix as the online booking system to register for the dinner. Humanitix will donate 100% of all profits (30% of the booking fee) from this event to Australian Rotary Health. I think it's a better option than the full commercial players (e.g. TryBooking, who keep all the profits), and certainly better than collecting cash on the night! Formal invitations will follow shortly.

### **Out and about**

I've been hitting the town in the last week!

### **1. Saturday night – Rotary Club of Sydney Cove 30th Birthday Bash**

I was invited to join the Rotary Club of Sydney Cove on the John Cadman II for a Vivid Harbour Cruise, for their 30th Birthday celebration on Saturday evening. Christine and I attended, and had a great time with some of the clubs that I'll be looking after next year in my AG role (Sydney Cove, Sydney, and Darling Harbour. Nobody from Kings Cross club was there; maybe they were busy that night). BTW... The John Cadman II (or similar vessel) is the regular meeting spot for Sydney Cove Club every Monday morning! Not a bad location and facility, I must say.

### **2. Sunday Morning – Red Shield Appeal**

It was great to see a number of Strathfield Rotarians at Strathfield Town Hall on Sunday morning, to

help out with the annual Red Shield Appeal, once again coordinated by our very own PP Peter Smith. I hope I don't miss anyone that was there, but I remember seeing: Roy Ellis, Peter VdS, PP Raymond, Secretary Rod, Chris H, and PP Roger. I also saw Patricia Giammarco, but no Paolo? Thanks for helping out once again, and thanks PP Peter Smith for coordinating.

### **3. Monday evening – Rotary Club of Burwood meeting**

On Monday evening I popped into the Burwood Club meeting, mainly to support regular Strathfield club visitor, Fred Walker. Fred had his son-in-law – James Kemp – as the guest speaker on the evening. Many of you will remember James, as he visited our club with Fred and Sharyn Walker, when their daughter – Elizabeth Kemp – was our guest speaker, talking about speech pathology.

### **Next week – State of Origin**

We'll have a short fellowship social meeting next week, as it is State of Origin 1 later that evening, and many of you will want to get home (or other venue) to watch the game. So, no excuses that you're going to the game – it's at the MCG! Come along to our meeting for a meal. Make it a date night, and bring your partner! Maybe stay on at the club afterwards, and watch the game from here if you like? Kick-off will be around 8:20pm. We will finish our meeting by 7:50pm so you can all go home in time for the game starting.

### **This week**

This week we welcome Di North, DGN to our club, to discuss Interplast, and her involvement with this great organisation. Please make her feel

very welcome. We're expecting a number of guests from our neighbouring Western Harbour Clubs here tonight for this too, so be sure to make them feel welcome as well. Thanks.

show him our support as we formally welcome him to our club. Thaya has quite a Rotary history from his time in Sri Lanka. It will be very interesting for all of us to hear this tonight.

The highlight for tonight will be the induction of another new member: Thaya Ponniah – a special occasion for both Thaya and our club. Please

*Rick*



### *Last week's speaker: Terry Chapman*

No report received.



### *This Week's speaker: DGN Di North*

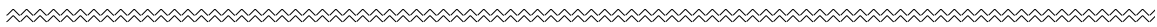
Tonight, we welcome long-time Rotarian and District Governor Nominee Di North, who will take us through the great work done via the Rotary Interplast program.

Basically, "Interplast sends teams of volunteer plastic and reconstructive surgeons, anaesthetists, nurses and allied health professionals to provide life-changing surgery and medical training in 17 countries across the Asia Pacific region."



### *Next Week's event: Fellowship meeting*

...and state of origin night.



### *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 30th May 2018	Interplast <b>DGN Di North</b>	David Croft	Usha Garg

Wed 6th June 2018	Fellowship meeting	-	-
Wed 13th June 2018	Autism <b>Peter Kerr</b>	Guru Singh	Chris Virgona
Wed 20th June 2018	Stepping up for the overseas poor <b>John Paul Baladi</b>	Gulian Vaccari	Janelle Watson
Wed 27th June 2018	Ghost tour old Government House	-	-

<i>Birthdays</i>	
-	none

<i>Anniversaries</i>	
31st May	David and Margaret Croft (wedding)
1st June	Joseph Saad (Rotary)
1st June	Allan Teale (Rotary)
6th June	A and Devi Bala (Wedding)



## *Do You Know?*

**More than a billion people** -- one-fourth of the world's population -- are unable to read. Illiteracy of adults and children is a global concern in both highly industrialised nations and in developing countries. In the United States, one quarter of the entire population is considered functionally illiterate.

The number of adult illiterates in the world is increasing by 25 million each year!

The tragedy of illiteracy is that those who cannot read lose personal independence and become victims of unscrupulous manipulation, poverty and the loss of human feelings that give meaning to life. Illiteracy is demeaning. It is a major obstacle for economic, political, social and person development. Illiteracy is a barrier to

international understanding, cooperation and peace in the world.

Literacy education was considered a program priority by Rotary's original Health, Hunger and Humanity Committee in 1978. An early 3-H grant led to the preparation of an excellent source book on the issues of literacy in the world, "The Right to Read". The book was the forerunner of a major Rotary program emphasis on literacy promotion.

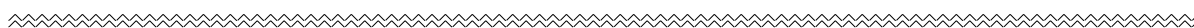
In 1985 the RI Planning and Research Committee proposed, and the RI board approved, that the Rotary clubs of the world place an emphasis on literacy education. Many Rotary clubs are thoughtfully surveying the needs of their community for literacy training. Some clubs provide basic books for teaching reading. Others

establish and support reading and language clinics, provide volunteer tutorial assistance and purchase reading materials.

projects to open opportunities that come from the ability to read.

*David Croft*

Rotarians can play a vitally important part in their community and in developing countries by promoting



## *The Statistics*

Attendance last meeting (23-05-18)	23
Leave of absence	4
Apologies	6
No apology	13
Club membership	<b>46</b>
Partners & Guests	3
Members Rotary activities	Week ending 22-05-18: <b>13</b> [hours]

<i>Funds raised</i>	
Raffle	\$160.00
Sergeants session	\$101.55

Thanks Rod!



## *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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**Rotary**  
Districts & Clubs  
of NSW and ACT



**NSW & ACT Emergency Services Community Awards**  
*Recognising Community Service, Supporting PTSD Research & Vanuatu Disaster Preparedness*

**The Rotary Districts and Clubs of NSW & ACT**  
**cordially invite you to attend the**  
**2018 Gala Awards Presentation Dinner**




**For Dinner Ticket and Accommodation Bookings visit**  
<http://www.rotaryescawards.org.au/awards-presentation-dinner/>  
Book by 14 May 2018



6:30pm for 7:00pm – Friday 1 June 2018  
Bankstown Sports Club, The Grand Ballroom  
8 Greenfield Parade, Bankstown  
Enquiries: Alison Jack at Admire Events  
[RESCA@admireevents.com.au](mailto:RESCA@admireevents.com.au) or 02 9526 6803

Principal Partner



**Tickets:**  
\$85pp incl 3 courses and beverages  
**Dress Code:**  
Uniform with ribbons  
Or lounge suit/  
evening wear for ladies

*Out and About: Rotary Club of Sydney Cove*  
*30th Birthday Bash*  
Saturday 26th May 2018



Rick and Christine pictured with PDG Stephen Humphries and his wife, Judith.

# Out and About: Red Shield Appeal

Sunday 27th May 2018



## *Out and About: New member, JP Baladi*

Wednesday 23rd May 2018



Acting Sergeant Grahame with JP



Gulian, President Rick and JP