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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	United Nations	International Week of Science and Peace (6 th – 12 th Nov)
	Australia	Haemophilia Awareness Week – Nationwide (8 th – 14 th Nov)
	Australia	Pollinator Week (12 th – 19 th Nov)
	Australia	National Recycling Week (13 th – 19 th Nov)
Days of Nov	Rotary-UN	Rotary Day at the UN (11 th Nov)
	Australia	Remembrance Day (11 th Nov)
	United Nations	World Mental Health Day (10 th Nov)
	United Nations	World Science Day for Peace and Development (10 th Nov)
	United Nations	World Sight Day (12 th Nov)
	Global	World Diabetes Day (14 th Nov)



President's Report

Previous Week's Speaker

What an interesting and highly interactive night on 25 October 2017 we had with special guest – Ben Newsome – from Fizzics Education. Ben reminded us how much fun you can have and how you can truly learn science by 'doing' rather than just by 'reading'. As you'll see from the photos taken on the night, we all got into the action and had a ball, especially learning about the interaction between milk fat and a

surfactant (liquid soap) using food dyes to show the affects (was I listening or did I just copy this from PP Raymond's Facebook post?). It was a lot of fun, and very informative.

Last Couple of Weeks' Service Activities

It's been a hectic couple of weeks out and about for many Strathfield Rotarians. Rather than me writing pages and pages about all the great things that have happened, come

along and listen to the updates provided by the Directors and others that have been involved. What I will say however is:

1. Thanks to RTN Andrew and PP Grahame for organising and executing the Muscle Car Masters program selling activity again this year. As always, it was a lot of fun; great to see (and hear!) so many classic cars, and meet some interesting characters. We raised \$2,000 for the Club again this year, thanks to the generosity of Alex Fairweather (Grahame's daughter) – rounding up the total to that number for us. Thanks to all who came along to help out.

2. Thanks to PP Pete for once again masterfully coordinating this latest Graffiti Removal Day effort. I didn't participate this year, however I've seen some photos and it looked like a lot of young folk were having a great (and productive) time. The Muscle Car Masters and the Graffiti Removal clashed on the Sunday, but once again, with the generosity of Strathfield Rotarians, and reeling in some younger folk (Pete) we were able to fully staff both events.

3. Thanks to the Rotarians that joined me at the Burwood Rotary initiated Speech Craft Night last Monday evening, coordinated at our end by PDG David. It was a great event for the youth in our local schools, with some excellent speaking talent on display. Congratulations to Bella Merlino from Santa Sabina College, for taking out the competition. Bella – one of the youngest competitors on the night – gave an excellent prepared speech on 'making the world a better place' – no notes, great eye contact, very expressive, lots of

excellent speech craft exhibited – a joy to behold!

4. Lastly, thanks to the Strathfield Rotarians (and their friends) who came along to a fun-filled WHG Carnival of Cultures last Friday night. Organised (with much passion) by our AG – Renga Rajan – and his wife, Granville Rotary President – Bharathi Rengarajan – there was a lot of fellowship, food and fancy dancing! Thanks to RTN Prabhat for organising the Strathfield contingent, and especially for our contribution to the 'talent show' – a wonderful Bollywood-style dancer – Palak Gupta – putting on a very energetic Bollywood fusion performance.

Pride of Workmanship Awards Coming

Our next BIG awards night is coming up on 22 November 2017 – the annual Pride of Workmanship. RTN Usha has been working very hard coordinating this evening. I understand there are lots of excellent submissions that have been made so far. Please make plans to attend the night, and bring some friends and colleagues along too. This is another great opportunity to showcase the wonderful work of our Club, in particularly identifying the wonderful work of the unsung heroes in our community.

AGM Coming Up Too

Our AGM is fast approaching too – scheduled for 6 December 2017 – just a month away. Please plan to attend this important evening as we seek to confirm appointments for the upcoming Rotary year.

This Week's Speaker

This week we will have as a special guest in our Club – George Ayoub –

who will be discussing Refereeing in Rugby Union. George is an Australian professional Rugby Union referee. He is currently a member of the Super Rugby panel for Television Match Officials (known as TMO), and is a former Test Match referee. Bring

your friends, colleague and acquaintances along to this not-to-be-missed opportunity to hear from George.

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Previous Guest Speaker: Ben Newsome

No speaker report received ☹

Pre-talk background: “Ben Newsome founded Fizzics Education in 2004 to deliver science education across Australia which now reaches 300,000 students a year with staff in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane & Canberra. He is a qualified science teacher, former CSIRO Education member, 2013

Churchill Fellow, 2015 & 2016 Australian Small Business Education Services Winner and receiver of several Pinnacle Awards from the Center for Interactive Learning & Collaboration.”

Ref:
<https://www.fizzicseducation.com.au/About/Meet+the+Fizzics+team/Ben+N.html>

Last Week's Speaker: Transfer Meeting

On **Monday 30th October**, we met at Club Burwood for the Rotary Club of Burwood's School Speech Craft Night. There were fourteen students from

seven local schools taking part. We heard from very talented and capable young public speakers.

This Week's Speaker: George Ayoub

George is an Australian professional rugby union referee. He is currently a member of the Super Rugby panel for Television Match Officials (known as TMO), and is a former Test Match referee.

Born in Sydney, Ayoub trained as a teacher and took up refereeing in 1990 when he was a schoolmaster at St Patrick's College, Strathfield.

George is currently Director of Sport Santa Sabina College.

Next Week's Speaker: Pallavi Sinha

There is no doubt that our members have some very accomplished offspring. Next week's speaker will be Pallavi Sinha. Pallavi, an alumnus of Sydney University, currently works as Principal with Lawyers with Solutions. She is also an Academic/Lecturer with Macquarie University Law School & Western Sydney University Law School.

In these roles, Pallavi has delivered innovative education programs in areas such as Alternative Dispute Resolution, Administrative Law,

Resilience & Domestic or Family violence. The topic of her speech will outline the importance of education in such areas and how they may be applied in the curriculums at school, university & other modes of education.

Pallavi is on the AFR & Westpac 100 Women of Influence award winner list 2016 and a recent Finalist for a Women's Leadership award. She is also an award winner for Excellence in Law, Journalism & Community Services.



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 8th Nov 2017	Refereeing in Rugby Union George Ayoub	Arie Pappas	Peter Manenti
Wed 15th Nov 2017	Education and resilience in the 21 Century Pallavi Sinha	Rod McDougall	Charles Pitt
Wed 22th Nov 2017	Pride of Work	-	-
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	-	-

<i>Birthdays</i>	
5 th November (belated)	Sharon Saad
9 th November	David Croft
10 th November	Jan van der Sleen

<i>Anniversaries</i>	
1 st November (belated)	George Hallworth (Rotary) Richard Horwood (Rotary) Janelle Watson (Rotary)
5 th November (belated)	Arie Pappas (Rotary)

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## *Do You Know?*

### **TOLERANCE OF DIFFERENCES**

Occasionally there is a temptation to criticise the laws, customs and traditions of another country which may seem strange or contrary to our own. In some instances illegal practices or customs of one nation are completely lawful and acceptable in another.

As members of an international organisation dedicated to world understanding and peace, it behooves Rotarians to exercise restraint in judging our Rotary friends and citizens from other countries when their behaviour seems unusual to us.

A Rotary policy has existed for more than half a century relating to this dilemma of international relationships. The statement, adopted in 1933, says that because it is recognised that some activities and

local customs may be legal and customary in some countries and not in others, Rotarians should be guided by this admonition of tolerance:

*"Rotarians in all countries should recognise these facts and there should be a thoughtful avoidance of criticism of the laws and customs of one country by the Rotarians of another country."*

The policy also cautions against "any effort on the part of Rotarians of one country to interfere with the laws or customs of another country."

As we strive to strengthen the bonds of understanding, goodwill and friendship, these policies still provide good advice and guidance.

*David Croft*

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The Statistics

Attendance last week	17
Leave of absence	1
Apologies	5
No apology	15
Club membership	38
Partners & Guests	2
Members Rotary activities	Week ending 25-10-17: 21 [hours]

<i>Funds raised</i>	
Raffle	?
Sergeants session	?

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
International	Prabhat Sinha	Vocational	Paolo Giammarco
		Club Services	Bradley Ayres

Bulletin Editor	Bradley Ayres	Web master & Facebook	Raymond McCluskie
Bulletin Printer	Selectprint	Apologies	Gulian Vaccari

Fines Sessions Roster

As we did in Stephen Taylor's year when Grahame True was Sergeant, this year's Sergeant, Anuradha Kamkolkar, has instigated a roster for this important role.

Here is the list of names and dates for you to record. If you are unable to deliver the fine session on your designated night could you please organise a replacement and inform Anuradha.

8 th Nov	TBA
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15 th Nov	TBA
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Out and About: Muscle Car Masters

Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th October 2017



Out and About: Graffiti Removal Day

Sunday 29th October 2017







Out and About: Carnival of Cultures

Friday 3rd November 2017

