



## STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

The Weekly Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Strathfield Inc.  
District 9675, New South Wales, Australia



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*Whatever Rotary may mean to us, to the world it will be known by the results it achieves."*

*Paul P. Harris*

***President Petersen's Page***

***1 June 2016***



**HOME BUSH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL MUNA TEAM**

***L to R: Peter, Wilfred and Ibrahim in the "Bear Pit" of State Parliament House***

### Homebush Boys At The mUNa!

On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May, I was selected along with Wilfred Knight and Peter Kounoulos of Year 11 to participate in Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) at NSW Parliament House. It was organised by Rotary. It was an imitation of the real United Nations Assembly. There were 24 teams from different schools, each representing a nation in the world. We had the difficult task of representing the Russian Federation.

We were given actual UN resolutions to debate and vote on. The resolutions were debated and each team had to formulate their allocated country's stance on each resolution. There were two major resolutions: Status of Refugees and South China Sea. The general resolutions were about accessibility to water and banning plastic bags.

As 'Russians', we attempted to resemble the Russian tradition of the colour red as our theme. The debate was conducted with each nation arguing for their approval or disapproval of the resolutions and attacking each other through a series of rebuts. As Russia, we had fun attacking our enemies: America, UK, France and Germany (basically the West). The Chinese comrades were a major ally of Russia and we got along with them.

Wilfred spoke about Russia's stance on refugees and argued that America should increase their refugee intake. Peter spoke passionately about making water accessible to all people and explained Russia's disapproval of banning plastic bags. I spoke in defence of China's presence in the South China Sea dispute. I labelled America as a "bully". The speaker was not pleased with that remark and forced me to withdraw. Although the China team did not mind it. The debates were fierce and entertaining.

Unfortunately, we did not take home the best dressed award, however we made friends and had a wonderful experience. It helped us with developing more confidence and become aware of the global issues of our current time. Mr Elaro was a supportive member of the audience and kept motivating us to perform and excel. We also are in deeply grateful to, and appreciative of, Strathfield Rotary Club who were our sponsors and supporter in MUNA. A special thanks to Allan Petersen, the president of Strathfield Rotary, for supporting us through the whole process and on the day. We appreciate the whole experience and thank Mr Elaro for giving Wilfred, Peter and myself the opportunity to participate in MUNA NSW.

*Ibrahim Taha*  
*Year 11*

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## **SALVATION ARMY RED SHIELD APPEAL PROVIDERS OF HOPE**

The following members acted as Drivers for collectors of Sunday last (May 29) Rick Vosila; Arie Pappas; Peter van der Sleen; Raymond McCluskie; Gulian Vaccari; Usha Garg; Allan Petersen. (Treasurer Rod popped in having been in Port Macquarie). Rotarian Paul Giammarco had volunteered Pat to represent the Club on this occasion. Peter Smith acted as ongoing administrator as he has done for the Strathfield Zone over the past months. Congratulations Peter for leading so well! Graham True ably assisted by Honorary Members –to-be Connie Galletta and Keith Stockall and Cathy spent time in the counting house as donations were received.

Interactors from Meriden, Strathfield Girls' High and Homebush Boys' High assisted.

## **HELLO AND WELCOME BACK!**

It was delightful to have the pleasure of the company of Rotarian Ian Johnson at the Red Shield Muster Hall on Sunday as well. Our very warm welcome back goes out to Rotarians Anuradha and Umesh Kamkoular who were present at our weekly meeting last week having spent four months in "very warm and dusty" India.

## **This week**

Rodney Rietdyk, JP Mannings Funerals representative

'In the dying days of the 2015-16 Rotary Year' Partners' Night and welcome to attend

## **Statistics 25.5.2016**

**Attendance Members 17, Partners 0, Guests 1, LoA 2, Apologies 10**

**Raffle \$135.00, Sergeant \$75.99**

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**THIS FRIDAY: June 3: THIS FRIDAY: June 3 THIS FRIDAY: June 3 THIS FRIDAY: June 3**  
Social Get together of Members and Partners at Thai Restaurant, Buddha Rakia 135  
Liverpool Road Enfield, commencing 7pm

**CHANGEOVER DATE AT STRATHFIELD GOLF CLUB:  
SATURDAY JUNE 25; JUNE 25, 2016**

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