



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

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Saturday May 7, 2016, a historical event for the Rotary Club of Strathfield

Our Club enjoyed outstanding exposure to the Strathfield community at this year's Old Fashioned Fair, held at Strathfield Square under the auspices of the Strathfield Chamber of Commerce and under perfect weather conditions for this outdoor occasion.

Two of our members had formed half of the organising committee at regular weekly meetings in the formative stages of what became a culturally blended Event.

Rotarians Usha, Gulian and Rod spent some time on the day supporting the 'workers' in discussion for a short time as other commitments that day took precedence and a prospective Club member was introduced to the President during the course of the day

We had planned to mount the trailer BBQ and Club Chocolate Wheel on the day but the District 9675 Assembly was planned for the same day, meaning that members of PE Taylor's board were present at the Assembly and unable to assist at the Fair.

As a consequence, a decision was made not to include the Chocolate Wheel.

The BBQ cooks to begin included: Peter Manenti, Peter Van der Sleen; Peter Smith and Peter SEN Allan. The Peters were supported by cook Raymond McCluskie. By lunch time PP Allan Teale and community members Sunil and his father, always wanting to support Strathfield Rotary, assisted as did Chris Virgona and Andrew Kowals

With his group of motivated student Interactors from Homebush Boys High School and Strathfield Girls' High School, PP Peter Smith had, once again, organised their participation in this form of community service.

The young men from HBHS had arrived quite early in the morning to transfer and place the tables and chairs into position in the Square, while the young ladies set up six tables of second hand books for sale with retail enthusiasm that would have delighted any business. Their book sales were some \$600, a great result

With the sales from the BBQ and the proportion of the overall takings to be allocated to our Club, an amount of some \$1 000 will be deposited into the Club account.

What price can be placed on the goodwill and exposure of Rotary to the Strathfield community that included Federal, State, and Local Government and residents

Allan Petersen

Strathfield Rotary

President 2015/16

New Generations director Usha on the Youth Achievement Awards

- The buffet catering arrangements made by the two Peters, Peter Park, the caterer and PP Peter Smith were very successful, satisfying the particular needs of all guests who went home looking well fed and happy.
 - Particular appreciation is expressed to Rotarians Arie, Peter and Gulian for helping enormously with the nominations by spreading the word with the school sporting and youth clubs
 - Last but not least, my thanks are expressed to President Allan for helping in reviewing the nominations, being very supportive of the activities but magically without interfering.
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Model United Nations Assembly, MUNA, and Homebush Boys High School

The team from the school has been accepted by the District 9675 organizers to present at the NSW State Parliament House, Macquarie



Getting ready for the big debate in District 9640: Katie Hodder (Glen Innes High School), left, Elyra Neluschi (Trinity Lutheran College), Victor Greenfield (Tweed Heads High School), Uno Kakegawa (Trinity Lutheran College), Keisha More (St Mary's Catholic College) and Hayden Bowen (Banora Point High School).

Street Sydney on Saturday May 22. It is some time since our Club has supported MUNA through one of our secondary schools. This team will be presenting the Russian Federation. We are grateful to teacher co-ordinator Chabes for supporting this initiative.

We all know about National Youth Science Forum (NYSF), Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) and Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN), but mention MUNA in some districts and you'll see a blank look on Rotarians' faces.

MUNA is the Model United Nations Assembly – an impressive title for an impressive Rotary youth program. This international youth program is aimed at encouraging young people to learn about the workings of the United Nations General Assembly and increases students' understanding of international affairs, while students get the chance to develop debating and public speaking skills.

Rotary first conducted MUNA in Canada, and it was first held in Australia in 1980.

Students compete in small teams, with each team representing a UN member country. The teams research their country's politics and culture to prepare themselves for the lively and sometimes heated debate. They speak from the point of view of that country, and most get into the spirit of the Assembly by adopting their country's national dress.

A "Secretary General" controls proceedings and the student delegates soon engage in a rhetorical war of words over the recommendations under discussion.

But the benefits for students can extend beyond debating on the day. So powerful was the MUNA experience for Jamie King when he participated in 2001, 2002 and 2003, that he changed his career aspirations.

"MUNA was amazing and changed my life. After MUNA I was so inspired that instead of following science as a career, I went on to do international politics." Jamie graduated with a Masters in International Economics and Politics and now lives in Prague.

Winners from Australian district MUNAs represent their Rotary district at the national MUNA in Canberra each year in August. •

Words by Rhonda Whitton, Rotary Club of Burleigh Heads, Qld

Photo by Ingrid Jewson, Rotary e-Club NextGen, District 9640, Qld

Service Above Self Award

An acknowledgement of service provided by a Rotarian to the community of Strathfield can be recognised by a Service Above Self Award. This involves preparing a twenty five word statement email and forwarding this to PDG David Croft by the end of this month. Recognition of nominations will be made at the Club Changeover being held on Saturday June 25, 2016.

Time spent on Rotary business

Twenty two respondents, representing fifty percent of the active membership our club enjoys most weeks, reported that for the month of March this year a total of 132 hours had been spent on Rotary business. This equates to an average of six Hours per week per person. This information will be relayed to the district organisation

Last Week

Club members were impressed with the expressions of appreciation, positive values and application to every day life that the three 14-16 year old olds expressed of their Rypen, Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment, experiences.



Our Club sponsored participants, Leon Rettie of Strathfield South Secondary School, Daisy Hannaford from Meriden and Athan Pappas from Trinity Grammar all outlined their 'Life Changing' time while at the Teen Ranch Rypen camp weekend last month. Each young person expressed the means by which the program uses the common bonds of learning, co-operation and friendship to facilitate trust and self-esteem.

This Week

Changing the slum for good

Speakers Shawn Price and Nancy Xie

Anniversaries this week

Birthday: May 15, Charles Pitt, Stephen Taylor

May 17 Cheryl Ayres

Rotary: May 15 Ray Wilson

***Statistics 4.5.2016 Members 20, Partners 0 Guests 5, LoA 3,
Apologies 9 Raffle \$215.00, Sergeant \$100.00***
