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Rotary Club of Strathfield



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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>		
5th-12th May	Australia	Motherless Daughters Awareness Week
6th-12th May	International	International Composting Awareness Week
8th-14th May	United Nations	UN Global Road Safety Week
<i>Days of May</i>		
8th-9th May	United Nations	Time of Remembrance and Reconciliation for Those Who Lost Their Lives During the Second World War
9th May	European Union	Europe Day
12th May	United Nations	World Migratory Bird Day
15th May	United Nations	International Day of Families



President's Report

Last week

Well, what an interesting and impassioned talk given to us last week by Lynda Ben-Menashe, on the Jewish experience in Australia, in the global context. Those of you that missed it, really missed a very interesting and thought provoking speech. A powerful and articulate speaker, Lynda gave us a unique insight into the world of the Jewish people, as seen from the inside. It is a complex story and history, which most of us still only have a very basic understanding of. Very educational.

The BIG Run

It's done! Thank goodness for that. I really underestimated the scale of this particular run. In all six 'normal' marathons I've run to-date, I've run them in between 4:00 and 4:20 hours. This one took me 7:13! It was BRUTAL, scaling steep hills on fire trails up and down each peak on Hamilton Island. The whole island is one mass of steep rolling hills. There's hardly 200m of flat terrain anywhere on the entire place!

Anyway, I'm glad I finished it, and that through it we have been able to raise a good amount of money to help

Chalmers Road School buy that wheelchair-accessible bus. We're not quite at our \$10,000 target yet, so we're keeping the fundraising site open for another week to see how close we can get. Thanks once again to all the wonderfully generous Strathfield Rotarians who have support this effort. It is much appreciated.

This week

We have a visit from our RYPEN students this week. I'm looking forward to their recount of last month's camp.

Also this week, we will have some visitors from the regional RWHESCA event that Paolo coordinated. Along with the Presidents of the participating Western Harbour clubs, there will be representative/s from Australian Rotary Health in attendance. Please make them all very welcome in our Club!

Next few weeks

OK, our hard working Programs Chair, PP Raymond has a very exciting and entertaining few weeks scheduled in for us. Please take note, and don't miss out. Next week (16 May 2018) we head back out to the Ryde College of TAFE Training Restaurant for another great experience and meal with their hospitality students. Our last time there was great; I'm sure it will be again this time around too. After several great speaker sessions on Interplast (from DGN Di North), WestConnex, the overseas poor (from our own JP Baladi) and Autism, we'll be having our last meeting of this Rotary year as a Ghost Tour of Old Government House. Great program, Raymond!

Rick



Last week's speaker: Lynda Ben-Menashe

Last week, we welcomed Lynda Ben-Menashe, who spoke on the Jewish Experience in Australia.

Lynda is the Community Relations and Policy Manager of the NSW Jewish Board of Deputies, which is the elected representative roof body of the NSW Jewish community. In this role Lynda manages the development of strategic relationships in NSW's NGO sector with the aim of building social cohesion.

Lynda was born and educated in Sydney and has degrees from Macquarie University and the University of Sydney. Lynda travels extensively throughout Europe, the Middle East and the United States and has worked in education and public diplomacy in both Australia and Israel.

Lynda has three children aged 18, 20 and 23 and is a member of the Rotary Club of Sydney.



This Week's speaker: RYPEN attendees

Rotary has a proud tradition of providing life-changing opportunities to young people the world over.

This week, we will hear from these young people as they recount their experiences at the recent RYPEN camp.

Our club recently sponsored students from Strathfield Girls High and Homebush Boys High.



Next Week's event: Transfer meeting to Ryde TAFE College (Ambassador Restaurant)

Over the years, we have had a number of memorable and well attended dinners at the Ryde TAFE College. Next week is your chance to

experience another, or maybe for the first time, a great meal prepared and served by their hospitality students.



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 9th May 2018	RYPEN attendee talk	Rod McDougall	Arie Pappas
Wed 16th May 2018	Dinner at the Ryde College of TAFE training Restaurant	-	-
Wed 23th May 2018	WestConnex Terry Chapman	Grahame True	Ed Dunlop
Wed 30th May 2018	Interplast DGN Di North	David Croft	Usha Garg
Wed 6th June 2018	Fellowship meeting	-	-
Wed 13th June 2018	Autism Peter Kerr	tba	tba

Wed 20th June 2018	Stepping up for the overseas poor John Paul Baladi	tba	tba
Wed 27th June 2018	Ghost tour old Government House	-	-

<i>Birthdays</i>	
15 rd May	Charles Pitt

<i>Anniversaries</i>	
10 th May	Mathew Elias and Navya Mathew (wedding)



Do You Know?

Rotary Recreational and Vocational Fellowships consist of members who share a common interest in recreational activities, sports, hobbies or professions. These groups help expand skills, foster vocational development, and enhance the Rotary experience by exploring interests while developing connections around the world.

From stamp collecting to wine appreciation, the hobbies of Rotarians are as diverse as the membership itself. Yet, among the more than one million Rotarians worldwide, an amateur-radio enthusiast or a chess player is bound to find others who share the same passions.

But Recreational Fellowship members share more than just their common interest in sport, diving or Esperanto¹; they share an interest in fellowship and service and in promoting world understanding. As such, it's no wonder that the International Skiing Fellowship of

Rotarians donates the profits from ski events to The Rotary Foundation or that the Flying Rotarians help ferry medical personnel and supplies.

One has only to look at the types of Vocational Fellowships to recognise how they differ from their recreational counterparts. With Rotarians united by their shared professional interest in such fields as Hospital Administration and Finance/Banking, it's obvious that Vocational Service is as important a concern as international fellowship to the members of these groups.

Members exchange technical information and seek opportunities to employ their expertise in service not just to their own communities and countries, but to their professions as well. For example, the Ophthalmology International Vocational Fellowship organised a professional seminar on the subject of eye surgery in developing countries.

David Croft

¹ A constructed international auxiliary language (Ed)



The Statistics

Attendance last meeting (02-05-18)	not avail
Leave of absence	not avail
Apologies	not avail
No apology	not avail
Club membership	45
Partners & Guests	not avail
Members Rotary activities	Week ending 01-05-18: 38 [hours]

<i>Funds raised</i>	
Raffle	\$ not avail
Sergeants session	\$ not avail



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
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Out and About: Unveiling of Rick's marathon outfit

Wednesday 2nd May 2018



'Super' Rick Vosila



...and support from some of the super kids at Chalmers Road



Out and About: The event!!

Sunday 6th May 2018



So far, so good (the start)





was this a marathon, or an expedition? Both, it would seem!

