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Rotary, United Nations and Australian Themes

Month of Oct	Rotary	Economic and Community Development Month
	Australia	Shoctober - Defibrillator Awareness Month
	Australia	Polio Awareness Month
	Australia	Lupus Awareness Month
Weeks of Oct	Australia	Haemophilia Awareness Week (8 th – 14 th Oct)
	Australia	National Carers Week (15 th – 21 st Oct)
Days of Oct	Australia	National Ride 2 Work Day (12 th Oct)
	United Nations	International Day of the Girl Child (11 th Oct)
	-	World Sight Day (12 th Oct)
	United Nations	International Day for Disaster Reduction (13 th Oct)
	United Nations	International Day of Rural Women (15 th Oct)
	United Nations	World Food Day (16 th Oct)



President's Report

Wow! That was some Guy called Sandra, Robin!"

Holy Flying Foxes, Batman! Did I just see Batgirl with a bat in a mat? Not a rat in a vat; and not a cat in a hat, but a bat in a mat, at Strathfield Bat Cave last week? Pow! Bam! Crash!

Well, we had a very interesting and enlightening presentation from Sydney's very own Batgirl – Sandra Guy – last week in our Club. It's not often we have an animal as a special guest, but this week we did, and it was a special occasion – World Animal Day – how very appropriate

Programs Chair, PP Raymond McCluskie. Thanks for the inspirational scheduling. It was evident that all members truly enjoyed the experience and were fascinated by the little critter – Barbie – that accompanied Sandra. For the full report, please see the Speaker Notes section later in this bulletin; it was truly very educational as well as entertaining.

IPP Stephen Taylor

In my President's Update last week I announced that I had received and accepted the resignation from our

Club, of IPP Stephen Taylor. It is with much sadness that I received this notice, however I fully understand and respect the decision that Stephen has made. Of course, Stephen is very welcome at our Club at any time, and I hope he pops in for a visit every now and then. He has given a lot of himself to Rotary for over 40 years, and he now deserves a break to focus on other important aspects of his life. Stay well, Steve, and stay in touch!

Celebrity Guest Chair for Tonight's Meeting

As you will have figured out by now, I'm not here this week. So... as a special treat, I have arranged for a Celebrity Guest Chair for the meeting, none other than the Golden Greek himself – Arie Pappas! I do hope you enjoy Arie's inimitable style at the meeting this week; he is sure to please and deliver a very professional meeting.

Next Week's Speaker

This week we hear from Peter Watson on Lessons in Life and Business. I wish I were here this week to hear Peter; this guy (no relation to Sandra!), has run over 50 marathons. I thought I was doing OK having run 6; I feel so inadequate already ☹. The question to ask him is 'why?'; Why run so many? What motivates him? Did you know that we are all motivated in all that we do by a part of the brain known as the Limbic Brain, or the Limbic System. This is the emotional core of our being. It has no language; no words live there; it is where feelings and emotions come from; and it is where our 'why do I do this?' lives. I wonder if Peter will talk about this? If he doesn't, as him 'why?' Enjoy the evening. I'll see you next week.

Rick

Previous Guest Speaker: Sandra Guy

Fruit bats are environmentally essential

World animal day on 4 October brought Sandra Guy, a member of Sydney Metropolitan Wildlife Service, to speak to the Rotary Club of Strathfield.

What an interesting talk. Sandra brought along a friend; a flying fox called Barbara. All the Rotarians enjoyed Sandra's presentation.

Sandra told us a flying fox is a mammal with wings, Chiroptera (hand wing). It is a bat that has acute eyesight and smell but poorly developed hindquarters. They

are megabats and differ from the microbats that are blind and use sonar.

The Grey Headed Flying Fox is the most abundant species in Sydney often called a fruit bat and can travel some 150km foraging for food. It loves the nectar from the spotted gum.

Our Australian eucalypt has evolved to be dependent upon pollination by the flying fox (bees and other pollinators have a small travel radius) and the eucalypt could become extinct without flying foxes; yet surprisingly Sandra says the flying fox itself will be effectively extinct in the wild within 20-30 years.

This sounds serious to me; a worry for our ecology. No fruit bats; no eucalypts.

There is a dark side to the fruit bats they carry two viruses that people might acquire. One of those, Australian Bat Lyssavirus a rabies type virus, can be transmitted directly from bats to people but is rare. The second, Hendra, can only

be transmitted to a person from an infected horse (bat bites horse).

Sandra talked about how to protect the flying fox and showed us how intelligent and cute her fruit bat friend Barbara was. A thoroughly entertaining presentation.

Summary by Raymond McCluskie
(Thanks Raymond for stepping in, Ed)



This Week's Speaker: Peter Watson

Peter Watson is head of Impact Facilitation. Impact Facilitation has provided thousands of days of training and facilitation services across a range of industries including consultation, training and coaching services in the areas of Leadership, Community Services, and Time Management.

In addition to Peter's passion for learning and training, he has an enthusiasm for pushing himself to his limits. In 2017, Peter successfully completed a 2,405km run of New Zealand in 59 days and has recently completed his 45th Marathon.



Next Week's Speaker: Dennis van Someren

Dennis van Someren is the Community Service Director of Kenthurst Rotary Club. He has been volunteering for SHINE for Kids, a not for profit organisation that supports the children of prisoners, for the past 8 years.

SHINE for Kids is the only national charity in Australia that works solely to support the families of people involved in the criminal justice system. They work to alleviate the

effects of imprisonment on children and families – and consequently to reduce the likelihood of reoffending – through support and information and we advocate for the rights of children at all levels.

He is passionate about the difference that SHINE for Kids is making to these children and their families, as I'm sure we will see next week.



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 11th Oct 2017	Lessons from Life & Business Peter Watson	Chris Haseldine	Guru Singh
Wed 18th Oct 2017	Shine for Children Dennis van Someren	Bala	Joe Saad
Wed 25th Oct 2017	Fizzics Ben Newsome	Raymond McCluskie	Usha Garg
Mon 30th Oct 2017	Rotary Club of Burwood School Speech Night	-	-
Wed 1st Nov 2017	Transfer meeting to Mon 30 th Oct	-	-
Fri 3rd Nov 2017	WHG Rotary Club Cultural Event	Belhaven Manor Function Centre	-
Wed 8th Nov 2017	Refereeing in Rugby Union George Ayoub	Arie Pappas	Peter Manenti

Wed 15th Nov 2017	TBA	Rod McDougall	Charles Pitt
Wed 22th Nov 2017	Pride of Work	-	-

<i>Birthdays</i>	
15 th October	Peter Manenti
16 th October	Christine Vosila

<i>Anniversaries</i>	
-	-



Do You Know? Celebrities and Projects

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 - Create a greater awareness of social issues affecting young people and
 - Demonstrate Rotary's commitment to young people.

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What to Expect

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David Croft



The Statistics

Attendance last week	16
Leave of absence	5
Apologies	8
No apology	6
Club membership	35
Partners & Guests	not advised
Members Rotary activities	Week ending 04-10-17: 22 [hours]

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

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.

11 th Oct	Grahame True
18 th Oct	Raymond McCluskie

25 th Oct	Chris Virgona

Out and About: Sandra Guy and Barbie

Wednesday 27th September 2017



Clearly a popular visitor for many of our Rotarians ☺

Applications are now being accepted for RYLA 2018 which will be held 2nd January to 7th January at YMCA Camp, Yarramundi .

Visit the District Website <http://rotarydistrict9675.org/page/ryla> for application forms which should be lodged with David Croft prior to 24 November.

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Who pays for RYLA?

Each RYLA candidate is sponsored by a Rotary Club from District 9675. The cost of sponsoring a candidate is used to pay for venue hire, speakers and catering throughout the program. The sponsoring Rotary Club aims to assist with transporting the participant to and from the camp where possible. This means that it should not cost you anything to participate in the program.

