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Rotary Club of Strathfield



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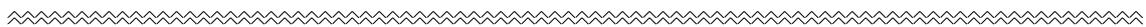
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Rotary, United Nations and Australian Themes

Month of Sept	Rotary	Basic Education and Literacy Month
	Australia	National Biodiversity Month
Weeks of Sept	Australia	National Asthma Awareness Week (1 st -7 th Sept)
	Australia	Cardiomyopathy Awareness Week (3 rd - 10 th Sept)
	Australia	Women's Health Week (4 th - 8 th Sept)
	Australia	National Headache and Migraine Week (11 th - 17 th Sept)
Days of Sept	United Nations	International Day of Charity (5 th Sep)
	United Nations	International Literacy Day (8 th Sept)
	United Nations	United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation (12 th Sept)
	United Nations	International Day of Democracy (15 th Sept)
	United Nations	International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer (16 th Sept)
	Australia	National Health and Physical Education Day (6 th Sept)
	Australia	R U OK Day (14 th Sept)
	Australia	Australian Citizenship Day (17 th Sept)



President's Report

Last Two Weeks

What a great couple of weeks we've just had!

Firstly, at our Club Meeting on 30th August 2017 we had a world-class presentation from Milind Kamkolkar, the proud son of prouder parents, Anu and Umesh Kamkolkar. The presentation had the entire audience

captivated from start to finish. It was a shame we didn't have another 30-minutes to hear more, and ask more questions. In attendance also was Milind's brother, Akhilesh, whom we've invited to come back as a speaker in his own right. He will also be able to captivate, I'm sure, when his time comes. He also leads a very interesting business life. See the

attempt that Andrew Aravanis has made to summarise Milind's speech in his Speaker Write-up. I wouldn't have wanted that task!

Next, we had a great night of food and fun at the Ryde College of TAFE Training Restaurant – The Terrace – last week, served by a wonderful group of students and led by a marvelous teacher, Kate Crocker, a past RYLarian herself. Andrew Aravanis introduced us to a new raffle style, known as the Greek Mafia Raffle – very entertaining. It was also great to see so many partners along on that night, enjoying good food and fellowship. My special thanks to PP Raymond McCluskie for arranging the night. I very much look forward to our next one.

Strathfield Spring Fair

Special thanks to Andrew Aravanis (who is getting far too many mentions in this bulletin!) and Peter Smith for organising the BBQ at the recent Strathfield Spring Fair, widely regarded as the most popular food outlet at the event. Also, thanks to all those of you that spent some time cooking and serving on the day; much appreciated. We welcomed new member, Nick Hamilton-Kane to the famous Strathfield Rotary BBQ experience on this day. He seemed to enjoy it. Thanks for coming along, Nick.

It was a great day out for the Strathfield Community, and a great day for Strathfield Rotary to fly its flag, also showing our public support for the Catherine Sullivan Centre on the day. We received a note of thanks from the Centre after the day, expressing deep gratitude, and

explaining how our participation has tangibly advanced the awareness and public image of the Centre in the Strathfield Community. On top of all this, we raised some \$2,300.00 for them from the BBQ. Win-win all-round. Thanks again to all.

Wednesday Program Items

Be sure to regularly check in on our Programs page on the Club website to keep abreast of upcoming speakers and events. (*Or take a look in the Bulletin! Ed*) We have a jam-packed program this year, expertly coordinated by PP Raymond McCluskie (also perhaps getting too many mentions in this bulletin!). The next big one is the Police Office of the Year Awards on 27th September 2017, to be MC'd by PP John Elvy. Lock that date in. I'm sure it will be a great night, as always.

This Week

This week we welcome to our Club, Gillian Legge from Meriden School, and four Interact Students, who will tell us of the wonderful work they have been doing as Interactors. Our Youth Program is a jewel in the crown of this club. I can't wait to hear what the girls have been up to, and how they are being enriched by their Interact experience. Special thanks to PP's Roger Vince and Peter Smith for their fabulous work with our Interactors, and Arie Pappas for expertly leading our wonderful Youth Program.

Rick



Previous Guest Speaker: Milind Kamkolkar

“Hitting the snooze Button – is not an option”

The son of our own Strathfield Rotarians, Mrs Anuradha and Dr Umesh Kamkolkar, Milind took time out from his numerous international engagements, including a recent United Nations Symposium, to share his passions on next generation analytics, emerging and disruptive technologies, sustainability and paradigm shifts.

Milind is a former CDO at IMS Health, a frequent keynote speaker at leading tech-related events and forums, a serial entrepreneur with several start up companies, an author, a former Clinton Global Initiative delegate, and currently serves as a board member for multiple not-for-profit organizations.

Milind immediately captured our attention when he challenged the audience to find a face amongst a photo of hundreds of coffee beans. The exercise was not only designed to identify the (many) genius’s in the room, but the ability to use both sides of the brain to solve complex questions. Unfortunately, no dormant entrepreneurs were identified, although many did identify the need to urgently see an optometrist.

We were then taken on a thought-provoking journey exposing our decision making process and ability to have a paradigm shift. He discussed the notion of what it would cost to have world peace versus what each individual was prepared to give up in order of achieving same.

He then posed the question as to whether we fall in the category of people who like “doing things better, versus only doing better things”. This made the entire audience question not only what they did, but how they did it and why. He exposed us to the possibilities of innovation on a daily basis and the constraints and artificial barriers that frustrate our individual innovation.

We were then introduced to the five “C’s of the global sustainability goal and how technological advancements were assisting with achieving these goals. Importantly, Milind identified how adopting new technologies will incrementally improve our future. He also cautioned that these new technologies were likely to isolate individuals and create a new generation of physical and mental isolation which will need to be carefully monitored

Summary by Andrew Aravanis



The Kamkolkar family (Anuradha, Milind, Umesh and Akhilesh) with 'ring-in' President Rick!



This Week's Speaker: Meriden Interact

The Rotary Club of Strathfield is immensely proud of its association with three Interact Clubs in our area; Strathfield Girls' High, Homebush Boys' High and Meriden. Tonight,

teacher Gillian Legge and four girls from the Meriden Interact Club will bring us up to speed on their recent charitable achievements.



Next Week's Speaker: Dr Jill McRae

Dr Jill McRae is a passionate advocate of civil and political rights. As the CEO of International Campaign for Humanitarian Relief of Syria Inc (ICHRS), she is currently working to help Syrians, especially women, children and the elderly living in refugee camps. Dr McRae has written extensively on international and regional peace initiatives, notably on Bougainville, West Papua, Ireland, the

former Yugoslavia, and the Middle East. She is also a frequent guest lecturer, international consultant and conference delegate, mediator, scholar and esteemed poet.¹

¹http://w3.unisa.edu.au/alumni/alumninews/2017/BAU/issue7/STORY_4.html



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 13th Sep 2017	Interact Meriden Gillian Legge and 4 students	Roger Vince	Arie Pappas
Wed 20th Sep 2017	Human Rights Dr Jill McRae	Peter Smith	Rod McDougall
Wed 27th Sep 2017	Police Officer of the Year	-	-
Wed 4th Oct 2017	World Animal Day Sandra Guy	George Hallworth,	Prabhat Sinha
Wed 11th Oct 2017	Lessons from Life & Business Peter Watson	Chris Haseldine	Guru Singh
Wed 18th Oct 2017	TBA	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	-	-

<i>Birthdays</i>	
10 th September	Penny True
14 th September	George Helou
16 th September	Paolo Giammarco

<i>Anniversaries</i>	
5 th September	Domenico Alvaro
7 th September	Peter and Jan van der Sleen
8 th September	Chris Virgona



Do You Know? Celebrities and Projects

We channel our commitment to service at home and abroad through **Five Avenues of Service**, which are the foundation of club activity.

- **"Club Service"** involves all of the activities necessary for Rotarians to perform to make their club function successfully. Club Service focuses on making clubs strong. A thriving club is anchored by strong relationships and an active membership development plan.
- **"Vocational Service"** is a description of the opportunity each Rotarian has to represent the dignity and utility of one's vocation to the other members of the club. Vocational Service calls on every Rotarian to work with integrity and contribute their expertise to the problems and needs of society.
- **"Community Service"** pertains to those activities which Rotarians undertake to improve the quality of life in their community. It

frequently involves assistance to youth, the aged, handicapped and others who look to Rotary as a source of hope for a better life.

- **"International Service"** describes the many programs and activities which Rotarians undertake to advance international understanding, goodwill and peace. International Service projects are designed to meet humanitarian needs of people in many lands.

- **"Youth Service"** recognises the importance of empowering youth and young professionals through leadership development programs such as Rotaract, Interact, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, and Rotary Youth Exchange

When a Rotarian understands and travels down the **"Five Avenues of Service,"** the Object of Rotary takes on even greater meaning.

David Croft





The Statistics

Attendance two weeks ago	21
Leave of absence	5
Apologies	3
No apology	6
Club membership	35
Partners & Guests	5
Members Rotary activities	Week ending 23-8-17: tba [hours] Week ending 30-8-17: 28 [hours] Week ending 06-9-17: tba [hours]

<i>Funds raised</i>	
Raffle	\$195.00
Sergeants session	\$tba



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
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Out and About: Strathfield Spring Festival

2nd September 2017

Our hard-working Community Service Director, Andrew Aravanis, and his merry band of Rotary helpers, were again out in the community promoting Rotary and helping to raise funds at the Strathfield Spring Festival



Andrew Aravanis, with our newest Rotarian, Nick Hamilton-Kane, and long-standing member, David Croft



Grahame True, Anu Kamkolkar, “moose” Rick Vosila, Raymond McCluskie & Umesh Kamkolkar



Umesh Kamkolkar, Jodi McKay, Peter van der Sleen, Usha Garg, Andrew Aravanis & Anu Kamkolkar

Out and About: Ryde Catering College

6th September 2017



