



ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE

Rotary Club of Strathfield



STRATHFIELD ROTARY BULLETIN

DISTRICT 9675

25th-October-2017

www.strathfieldrotary.org.au

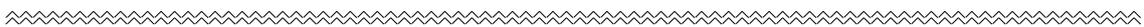
info@strathfieldrotary.org.au

<https://www.facebook.com/strathfieldrotary>

Rotary, United Nations and Australian Themes

Month of Oct	Rotary	Economic and Community Development Month
	Australia	Shoctor - Defibrillator Awareness Month
	Australia	Polio Awareness Month
	Australia	Lupus Awareness Month
Weeks of Oct	Australia	Veterans' Health Week (21 st - 29 th Oct)
	Australia	Bird Week (23 rd - 29 th Oct)
	United Nations	International Lead Poisoning Prevention Week of Action (23 rd - 29 th Oct)
	United Nations	Disarmament Week (24 th - 30 th Oct)
	Rotary	World Interact Week (30 th Oct - 5 th Nov)
Days of Oct	Rotary	Rotary's World Polio Day Livestream Event (24th Oct)¹
	United Nations	World Day for Audiovisual Heritage (27 th Oct)
	United Nations	World Cities Day (31 st Oct)
	United Nations	United Nations Day (24 th Oct)

¹ <https://www.endpolio.org/world-polio-day>



President's Report

Last Week

We had another thought-provoking and inspirational story told by our guest speaker last week – Dennis van Someren – from Shine for Kids, an organisation that supports children, young people and families with relatives in the criminal justice system. Dennis told of the struggles that children with family members in jail face, having experienced this himself as a teenager when his own

father went to jail for a white-collar crime. Read the full report in the Guest Speaker Write-up later in this Bulletin. (*Ed, nothing received to publish*)

Four New Members Inducted!

The highlight for me last week was formally inducting four new Members to our Club (well, three brand new Members and one returning Member). Please make them all very

welcome when you see them in our Club and at our functions – Rotarians, Mathew Elias, Farrukh Mirza, John Tsaprounis and Bill Carney. Committee delegations for our new Members are as follows:

- Mathew Elias, Club Service
- Farrukh Mirza, International Service
- John Tsaprounis, Community Service
- Bill Carney, Vocational Service

A hearty welcome to each of you! We look forward to your contributions to our Club and its programs.

Happy Diwali!

On the evening of our meeting last week, it was also the eve of the Hindu Festival of Lights – Diwali. Some of you may have noticed some Diwali decorations with a lit candle at the back of our room last week, in honour of this festival. It was prepared and setup by Rotarians Anu and Umesh Kamkolkar. And so, to all our Hindu friends and colleagues... on this auspicious festival of lights, may the glow of joy, prosperity and happiness illuminate your days in the year ahead. Happy Diwali and Happy New Year!

Upcoming Events

There's quite a program of important events coming up in the next week or two, that I would like us all to participate in if we are able. Commitment Sheets for all of these will be circulated tonight.

1. ***Muscle Car Masters – 28-29 October 2017.*** This is always a great day and a half for petrol-heads and non-petrol heads, alike. I'm a non-petrol head (I ride a 125cc Vespa scooter), and I

truly enjoyed my experience there last year. If you haven't been before, don't miss out. Sign-up tonight! We also make good money for little effort out of this one!

2. ***Graffiti Removal Day – 29 October 2017.*** Unfortunately, clashing with the Muscle Car Masters this year, this is one of our signature Community Service activities. I'm sure we can spread the load between the two events (we have 38 Members in the Club now!). PP Peter Smith – our Graffiti removal champion – usually also recruits some young Interactors and Rotaractors for this, so with a little luck, we should be fine. Be sure to sign up for either this or the Muscle Car Masters this weekend.

3. ***Speech Craft – Transfer Meeting to Burwood Club – 30 October 2017.*** Fred Walker from the Rotary Club of Burwood will be with us tonight to tell us a little of what will be happening on that night. It will truly be a spectacle of speech excellence, moderated by some of the best Toastmasters in Sydney, from the St Leonards club. It's a Transfer Meeting from 1 November 2017, and a Partner's Night too. It will really be a great evening as we hear 16 talented students from local schools try out their speaking skills on us.

4. ***Western Harbour Group – Festival of Cultures – 3 November 2017.*** This is a special joint Western Harbour Group (WHG) of Rotary Clubs cultural celebration evening. Coordinated in our Club by Rotarian Prabhat Sinha, we will be putting on an Indian Dance Troupe performance. Each of the other

clubs will put on some short performance too. It will be a lot of fun. Just \$30.00 for a fabulous Function Centre quality dinner, with (I'm sure) very entertaining performances from the WHG Clubs. Come along!

This Week's Speaker

Tonight we'll be hearing from Ben Newsome, founder of Fizzics Education. Fizzics is one of Australia's leading science outreach providers of interactive science

workshops and shows since 2004. They now deliver science programs to about 300,000 children each year via incursion and video conference across 400 schools and public spaces throughout Australia and around the world. This will be a great story to hear. I hope you can make it.

Rick



Previous Guest Speaker: Dennis van Someren

No speaker report received ☹

Pre-talk background: 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.



This Week's Speaker: Ben Newsome

“Ben Newsome founded Fizzics Education in 2004 to deliver science education across Australia which now reaches 300,000 students a year with staff in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane & Canberra. He is a qualified science teacher, former CSIRO Education member, 2013 Churchill Fellow, 2015 & 2016 Australian Small Business

Education Services Winner and receiver of several Pinnacle Awards from the Center for Interactive Learning & Collaboration.”

Ref:
<https://www.fizzicseducation.com.au/About/Meet+the+Fizzics+team/Ben+N.html>



Next Week's Speaker: Transfer Meeting

On **Monday 30th October**, we will meet at Club Burwood for the Rotary Club of Burwood's School Speech Craft Night. There are fourteen students from seven local schools

taking part. We will hear from very talented and capable young public speakers, and it is shaping up as an entertaining night.



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 25th Oct 2017	Fizzics Ben Newsome	Raymond McCluskie	Usha Garg
Sat 28th October & Sun 29th October	Muscle Car Masters	-	-
Sat 28th October	Graffiti Removal Day	-	-
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>	
-	none

<i>Anniversaries</i>	
-	none



Do You Know?

EXCHANGE OF CLUB BANNERS

One of the colourful traditions of many Rotary clubs is the exchange of small banners, flags or pennants. Rotarians traveling to distant locations often take banners to exchange at “make up” meetings as a token of friendship. Many clubs use the decorative banners they have received for attractive displays at club meetings and district events.

The Rotary International board recognised the growing popularity of the banner exchange back in 1959 and suggested that those clubs which participate in such exchanges give careful thought to the design of their banners in order that they be distinctive and expressive of the community and country of which the club is a part. It is recommended that banners include pictures, slogans or designs which portray the territorial area of the club. The board was also

mindful of the financial burden such exchange may impose upon some clubs, especially in popular areas where many visitors make up and request to exchange.

In all instances, clubs are cautioned to exercise discretion and moderation in the exchange of banners in order that the financial obligations do not interfere with the basic service activities of the club.

Exchanging club banners is a very pleasant custom, especially when a creative and artistic banner tells an interesting story of community pride. The exchange of banners is a significant tradition of Rotary and serves as a tangible symbol of our international fellowship.

David Croft



The Statistics

Attendance last week	22
Leave of absence	3
Apologies	5
No apology	8
Club membership	38 (incl 4 new members!)
Partners & Guests	10

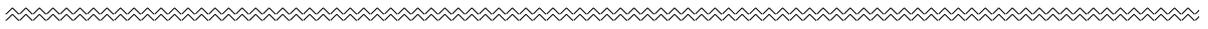
Members Rotary activities	Week ending 18-10-17: ? [hours]
<i>Funds raised</i>	
Raffle	\$256.00
Sergeants session	\$90.55



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.

25 th Oct	Chris Virgona	15 th Nov	TBA
8 th Nov	TBA		



Out and About: New Members!

Wednesday 18th October 2017



Upcoming Out and About: Graffiti Removal

The Graffiti Removal Day is being held on **29th October** – with this year's theme being *Love where we live!*

Unfortunately this year the date conflicts with the Muscle Car event at Eastern Creek. However, with nearly 40 members I am sure both Grahame True and I would be delighted with 20 Rotarian volunteers each on the day!

This year we are likely to concentrate on removing graffiti from the shopping centres of Homebush, Strathfield and Homebush West. As in previous years it is envisaged that we would be and about from about 8.30 to 11.30am.

Here are the Top 4 reasons to volunteer on **Sunday 29 October 2017**

1. By removing graffiti from our local area we can *Love Where We Live* and be proud of the place we call home.
2. Graffiti vandalism costs the NSW Government and property owners more than \$300 million every year.
3. You can help prevent future graffiti vandalism by spreading the word and helping to educate others about preventative tree planting and legal mural art.
4. It's fun!

If you are able to help, even for a couple of hours, on Sunday morning the 29 October I would love to hear from you.

Kind regards,
Peter Smith

Upcoming Out and About: Muscle Car Masters

MCM will be held on the weekend of **28th & 29th October 2017**.

Last year the Rotarians sold on both the Saturday and Sunday of the race meeting. We were thinking the roster could look something similar to:

Saturday 28th October 2017: 8.30am – 12pm - 3 people

Sunday 29th October 2017: 7.30am – 1-2pm - approximately 6 people

Last year Rotary made \$2 per programme sold.

If you could let me know if Rotary wishes to assist again it would be appreciated.

Many thanks

Alexandra Fairweather

GENERAL MANAGER, RACE & CIRCUIT OPERATIONS

~~~~~

**Applications are now being accepted for RYLA 2018** which will be held **2nd January to 7th January 2018** 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.

### **What is RYLA?**

**The Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) is a week-long residential personal development program for young people aged 19 to 25, which focuses on yourself, leadership and community. In Rotary District 9675, RYLA aims to:**

- Give young people the chance to come together in a supportive environment to gain a better understanding of their own strengths and the unique qualities and abilities of others
- Provide an opportunity for young people to develop a network of resources to facilitate their roles and development
- Facilitate learning about teamwork, communication, motivation and to develop the leadership skills of young people through experiential workshops
- Create a greater awareness of social issues affecting young people and
- Demonstrate Rotary's commitment to young people

*"RYLA was such an eye opening experience. The friends gained and lessons learnt will stay with me forever"*  
*"Within 24 hours, I knew I was in for a fantastic week"*

### **When and Where is RYLA?**

*In 2018, RYLA will be held at YMCA Camp, YARRAMUNDI – 11am for 12midday Tuesday 2nd January through to Sunday January 7th.*

### **What to Expect**

*Everyone comes to RYLA hoping to gain different things. Sometimes these things are exactly what you gain from participating – other times, you learn something completely different, that you never expected. Everyone's experience of RYLA is unique. What you can expect though, is to meet people from a wide range of backgrounds and experiences, and to hear from a series of speakers, all with different perspectives on leadership, personal development and community.*

***Some speakers will challenge you and what you believe, but hopefully some will also connect with you, or inspire you.***

*RYLA assumes that 'leadership' is a diverse and varied concept and any one form or style of leadership is not seen as more important than any other.*

### **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.*