



Strathfield Rotary Bulletin

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Rotary, United Nations and Australian Themes

| Year of 2018 | - | International Year of the Reef (IYOR) | |
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| Month of September | Rotary | Basic Education and Literacy Month | |
| Month of September | Australia | National Biodiversity Month | |
| Weeks of September | | | |
| 1st-9th September | Australia | Sea Week | |
| 3rd-9th September | Australia | Landcare Week | |
| 3rd-10th September | Australia | Stroke Week | |
| 9th-15th September | Australia | Women's Health Week | |
| Days of Aug/Sept | | | |
| 5th September | UN | International Day of Charity | |
| 7th September | Australia | National Threatened Species Day | |
| 8th September | UN (UNESCO) | International Literacy Day | |
| 10th September | Australia | National Bilby Day | |
| 10th September | UN (WHO) | World Suicide Prevention Day | |

From the President's Desk

Hi all,

Thanks to Andrew, Thaya and the Rotary team that came together on Saturday for the Spring Fair. In the morning when I was there, it was a beautiful spring day; stalls from almost all the local associations were present. Strathfield Councillors were promoting drought relief. Catherine Sullivan Centre was there, and The Men's Shed were the neighbouring stall. While the net takings for the day are yet to be announced, it is secondary as the Spring Fair is a community event. The photos of our

members at the stall shows how it was a community event for the Club, mates with their family, at the BBQ, all working together.

It was not an ordinary Father's Day for Andrew. He was off to see his beloved Bulldogs, at ANZ Stadium, Canterbury lost to Cronulla, 18/30, but Andrew won the raffle, a Kia Picanto. He was up there on the big screen, arms raised triumphantly in victory. Well - what will happen to the Porsche? Leave it at home! Well done, you are a true supporter of the

Doggies.... the last time I saw them play they were the mighty Berries...

On Saturday evening it was a pleasure for Olga and I to attend the Trish Ball at Sydney Hilton. Leigh Sales, from 7.30, was the MC, a different lady when off the screen. There were a couple of Rotarians dining, also Niall King, Carol and Roy Langsford, were there, promoting the Foundation. Trish For newer members. The Trish Foundation was the MS Research Foundation. commenced by Carol and Roy Langsford when their lovely daughter Trish died, aged 30, from MS (Multiple Sclerosis) in 2002. Our Club was an initial supporter, with a Golf Day and dinner. Ken Rosewall and a number of other sporting greats would be there. Ken and his wife were there on Saturday. While leaving, we stopped to chat to Niall, who was tallying up the bidders on the auctions, still going, expecting to leave about 1.30am. The patron of the Trish Foundation is Brendan Nelson. who spoke on the night, emphasising the Trish Foundation remains and continues to be a leading funding organisation for MS research. He added it also was the example of the continuing love of parents for their daughter, who died in the prime of her life from a disease for which there was no cure. New medications have been developed that are prolonging

life, sadly too late for many. I think we can say something similar about Niall's dedication. Our Club came back to the Trish Foundation in a small way with a donation earlier in the year, on the occasion of the passing of Niall's wife Carrol from MS. For the older members the spirit of the Club remains with the Trish Foundation.

For our 'disco members', the live band was Jelly Bean Jam, at midnight the dance floor was full, the best number was "Video Killed the Radio Star", the singer put it out there, with the movements. Just like the Wiggles. Check out the You Tube clips.

To our members, to keep up-to-date with the Club and to know what is happening, please read the bulletin, Web Page and Facebook. You are a member of a great organisation.

On my desk, meaning computer, I have an on-line assignment calling me and I will end here. Current Club trivia; I have counted up 5 members completing tertiary studies. Not bad for a community group where the mean age is 50 plus. Let me know if this is wrong.

Charles

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Last Week's speakers: Haran Ramachandran

No report received.



L-R: Thaya Ponniah, Pres Charles Pitt, Roger Vince and Haran Ramachandran

This Week's speaker: John Crawford

John Crawford served on Liverpool Council from 1956. In 1962 he was appointed chief Town Planner, a role he performed until 1993. He subsequently spent seven years at Auburn Council where he was mainly involved in approval process for Sydney Olympic Park facilities.

Next Week's speaker: Meriden Interact Club

It is always a pleasure to welcome students from one of our Strathfield supported Interact Clubs. Next week, we welcome the girls from the Club at Meriden.

Please note change in venue for next week.



\mathcal{D} írector's reports

From Wednesday 29-8-18

Treasurer

Reminded members of the upcoming Police Officer of the Year event that

will be held at Carnarvon Golf Club on Wednesday 19-Sept. It was also reported that we have had a good response from various dignitaries who will be attending.

Member's reports

From Wednesday 29-8-18

Andrew Aravanis

Confirmed that the Strathfield Spring Festival will be held this coming Saturday (1-9-18). If you have not advised your availability, please do

so. Beneficiary of the funds we raise will be the Catherine Sullivan Centre.

Arie Pappas

Enquired as to availability of Strathfield Rotary polo shirts and caps for our new members.

${\cal D}$ ates for the Calendar



| Rotary Events | | | |
|-------------------|--|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| Day/Date | Event/speaker | To introduce | To thank + Speaker write-up |
| Wed 5th Sep 2018 | Town planning John Crawford | Grahame True | William Carney |
| Wed 12th Sep 2018 | Meriden Interact Club | Roger Vince | David Croft |
| Wed 19th Sep 2018 | Police Officer of the Year | - | - |
| Wed 26th Sep 2018 | Men's health Dr Dinesh | Nick Hamilton-Kane | Chris Haseldine |
| Wed 3rd Oct 2018 | Waterline Challenge Julian Day | Peter Manenti | Anuradha Kamkolkar |

| Birthdays | | |
|----------------|----------------|--|
| 5th September | Janelle Watson | |
| 10th September | Penny True | |

| Anniversaries | | |
|--|---|--|
| 5th September Domenico Alvaro (Rotary) | | |
| 7th September | Peter and Jan van der Sleesen (Wedding) | |
| 8th September | Christopher Virgona (Rotary) | |



The Statistics

| Attendance last meeting (29-08-18) | 16 |
|------------------------------------|--|
| Leave of absence | 2 |
| Other absence | 4 |
| Apologies | 7 |
| No apology | 15 |
| Club membership | 44 |
| Make-ups advised | 0 |
| Partners | 0 |
| Guests | 2 |
| Members Rotary activities | Week ending 29-08-18: 4 [hours] |

| Funds raised | | |
|-------------------|---------|--|
| Raffle \$130.00 | | |
| Sergeants session | \$52.50 | |

Your Committee 2018-2019

| President | Charles Pitt | Secretary | Rod McDougall |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| President Elect | Arie Pappas | Sergeant | Grahame True |
| Immediate Past President | Rick Vosila | Treasurer | Rod McDougall |
| Youth | Peter van der Sleesen | Community | Thaya Ponniah |
| International | Chris Virgona | Vocational | Usha Garg |
| Public Officer | Rod McDougall | Club Service | Paolo Giammarco |

| Bulletin Editor | Bradley Ayres | Web master | Raymond McCluskie |
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| Bulletin Printer | Selectprint | Apologies | Gulian Vaccari |
| Facebook master | TBA | | |

Raffles Roster

In the Rotary spirit of sharing the load, 'raffles Rick' has devised a roster so all members can activity participate in our weekly raffles.

Here are the rules of the game:

- 1. This is a test of your accountability and responsibility. If you are rostered on for a particular night, you are accountable and responsible for running the raffle on that night. Please don't let your club down.
- 2. On your night, you do the lot: arrange the prizes beforehand (three prizes is all we need; be creative with them); announce the raffle; sell the tickets; tally the money; manage the draw; and make it a huge success. I will assist if needed. We can also enlist the support of other members on the night for ticket selling, etc.
- 3. If you can't make it on the night, you must arrange to swap your shift with someone else on the roster (early!). Don't just let it slip by so we don't have a raffle on the night.

4. If on the night that you're rostered on we have a Transfer Meeting (or no meeting) and so no raffle is required, you get the night off; bonus!

| Date | Rostered on | Date | Rostered on |
|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| Wed, 5 Sep 18 | Peter Smith | Wed, 26 Sep 18 | Joseph Saad |
| Wed, 12 Sep 18 | Prabhat Sinha | Wed, 3 Oct 18 | Arie Pappas |
| Wed, 19 Sep 18 | Guru Singh | Wed, 10 Oct 18 | Dimitry Palmer |

Out and About: Strathfield Spring Festival

Saturday 1st September 2018 (All photos by Rod McDougall)



Andrew Aravanis keeping close control of the takings



Umesh Kamkolkar flanked by two helpers from Meriden Girls School



Andrew Aravanis, Anuradha Kamkolkar, Bradley Ayres and Interactor from Homebush Boys High



Nick Hamilton-Kane cooking up a storm

Out and About: One lucky Rotarian!

Saturday 1st September 2018

Andrew Aravanis is now the proud owner of a Kia Picanto, after being the lucky recipient (of ten people) to be handed the correct car key at the last Saturday's Bulldogs rugby league match. Hey Andrew, do we all get a turn behind the wheel?!

