



STRATHFIELD ROTARY BULLETIN

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Rotary, United Nations and Australian Themes

<i>Year of 2018</i>	-	International Year of the Reef (IYOR)
<i>Month of August</i>	Rotary	Membership and New Club Development Month
<i>Weeks of August</i>		
20th-26th August	Australia	Keep Australia Beautiful Week
<i>Days of August</i>		
23rd August	UN	International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and Its Abolition [UNESCO
29th August	UN	International Day against Nuclear Tests

From the President's Desk

What a wonderful meeting last Wednesday. We had Sonny Lui, a senior student from Punchbowl Boys' High, present his story and desire to become a space scientist, and his acceptance to participate in the US Space Academy program. Our Club can offer some small assistance. A great part of the evening was the meeting the accompanying teachers, Michelle Crutchfield the Career Advisor and Suada Bilali a Deputy Principal.

Michelle in her introduction of Sonny, referred to her father's membership in Rotary. The questions had to follow. What Club? Moorebank. His name? Arthur Crutchfield. A shout from across the room from David Croft, "I remember Arthur!" As I write this piece, I also remember, only as a blur, the name. From the 1980s and

1990s recalling Arthur as a mover and shaker in the old District 969. Michelle, not forgetting her Rotary childhood experiences, knew Rotary would help her student achieve his goals. Michelle had her father's touch, knowing her way round Rotary meetings. There was no need for an introduction of Sonny, by a quickly briefed Rotarian, she went straight to the microphone, telling us all that had to be said; the daughter back home at Rotary. Our Editor, Brad, coincidentally a past student, thanked Sonny and Michelle.

Suada at the end of the meeting, gave an update on the School's activities. It was an interesting and a warm meeting. Not missing an opportunity, I asked Michelle to consider Rotary membership and from the chatter I heard, mentioned Interact.

Planning for Police Officer of the year on 19 September, 2018, continues. Thanks to the Committee of Usha, Allan and Rod. This advent could be a management case study on planning and risk, it is not, it is real!. Your Committee, our team, are resolving the issues.

Our Web Page and Face Book, are great achievement for the Club, and is of a high standard. A commercial enterprise, with more money than us, pays a lot for an information system like ours. The web page has weekly

meeting attendance notification, photos, published bulletins, an archives, plus more. The web page is not to be taken for granted. Raymond, our current Web Master, is having a wonderful holiday and will be away. We need an assistant Web Page Master. This could be a new skill for someone. Every day for me through Rotary, my life experiences and vocational skills are bettered by being President.

Charles



Last Week's speaker: Sonny Liu

This week we welcomed Sonny Liu, a Year 11 student from Punchbowl Boys High. He was accompanied by the school's Career Advisor, Michelle Crutchfield, and Deputy Principal, Suada Bilali.

Sonny was introduced by Michelle, who explained her long association with Rotary. Her father is a Rotarian, whilst her sister was a Rotary exchange student to Japan. Michelle was one of the first Pacific Australia Cultural Exchange (PACE) students where she spent time in Papua New Guinea. She is also an ex-RYLarian and, in 2014, received a Pride of Workmanship award.

Sonny gave us a short history of his journey. Born in China, the city he originally lived in was so polluted that you could barley detect the stars in the night sky. A family trip to a location in China where the night sky could be more easily seen and appreciated had a lasting impression and Sonny, and this experience lead him to become interested in space.

When his family immigrated to Australia, Sonny's local school was Punchbowl Boys' High. Even when his family subsequently moved to the Sutherland Shire, his appreciation for the school meant that he willingly took long journey on public transport each day between his new home and the school.

Through the dedication of Sonny, and support from the school with fundraising activities, Sonny will join in an upcoming Space Academy Program. To be held in the USA, participants will be provided with opportunities for science enrichment and leadership development. This is accomplished through hands-on training, as well as by learning about the mental, emotional and physical demands astronauts must face. The trip also includes visits to science centres, schools and universities.

He is still a few hundred dollars short of the \$7,000 needed for the two and a half week camp, but is working hard to make this opportunity a reality.



L-R: Suada Bilali (PBHS), Pres Charles Pitt and Michelle Crutchfield (PBHS)

Bradley Ayres

This Week's speaker: Quang Nguyen

Quang Nguyen was born in Vietnam and travelled to Australia with his family at the age of 4 years old.

He is passionate about transport, and is a Champion for the Living Life My Way project. He also serves on the board at the NSW CID, Diversity and Disability Alliance and Multicultural Disability Advocacy Association.

Quang Nguyen is a member of Disability Loop for the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) Champions and also completed the training for the NDIS Champions on the 22nd to 23rd September 2016.

Tonight, Quang will be speaking about the NDIS in general and the NDIS Champions in particular.

Director's reports

From Wednesday 15-8-18

None.

Member's reports

From Wednesday 15-8-18

Peter Smith

Peter clarified that it was the Strathfield Rotaract Club that raised

the \$3,789 at the Concord Growers Market for the 'buy a bale' initiative, and that the Rotary Club of Concord would match this amount dollar-for-dollar.

A note on Attendance

The Rotary Club of Strathfield's Constitution outlines a Rotarian's meeting attendance responsibility.

Our Constitution says that each Strathfield Rotary member should attend Strathfield Rotary Club's regular meetings. We are a Rotary Club, and the meetings are for us. When you review the meeting details a lot of work by a lot of Rotarians goes into making it happen; so no wonder our Constitution expects you to attend.

The Constitution also recognises that when members are involved in Rotary activities and Rotary duties and who might attend other Clubs meetings they should be given credit equivalent to participating at a meeting. They are called make-ups and the constitution details what comprise make-ups.

The Constitution is really quite generous. It sets a minimum attendance rate. Throughout each Rotary half year you need only attend (including make-ups) 50% of Club meetings but it does have a couple of riders: You must not miss 4 weeks continuously (note: you should apply for leave of absence) and also that at least 30% attendance must be at your own Club. But breach the minimum attendance requirements and the Constitution gets tough "the member's membership shall be subject to termination unless the board consents to such non-attendance for good cause".

Now the good news. The constitution recognises that from time to time attendance can be difficult for various

reasons (sickness, travelling or other problems) and allows the board to grant leave of absence for specific periods. Also the constitution recognises that there comes a time in a Rotarian's life that the matter of attendance is self-regulating and so these Rotarians emeritus, so to speak, needn't have all these constitutional rigours applied to them. It's known as the 85 rule, and you can apply for this attendance exemption if the sum of your chronological age and years of Rotary membership exceed 85.

Although it's not in the constitution, a member is expected to apologise for non-attendance. So even if you are exempt attending a meeting as a result of say, a makeup, exceeding 50% attendance rate, the 85 rule, on special Rotary duties, emergencies or for what ever reason you believe exempts you from attendance, it is only polite to apologise either by seeking leave of absence or advising the number of meetings you will be absent.

Remember nothing is automatic. You must make the Club aware. So what should a good Rotarian do in regard to attending Club meetings? Here are five points:

1. Monitor your attendance and tell the attendance officer of your make-ups;
2. If you are likely to miss 4 weeks in a row apply for leave of absence;
3. If you're away for an extended period, apply for leave of absence;
4. If you are eligible for the "85 rule" and you want it to take advantage

of its provisions then you must apply in writing to the board; and
 5. If you haven't applied for leave of absence please apologise when you can't attend a meeting.

Raymond McCluskie



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 22nd Aug 2018	My Story Quang Nguyen	John-Paul Baladi	Mathew Elias
Wed 29th Aug 2018	Meriden Interact Club	Roger Vince	David Croft
Sat 1st Sep 2018	Strathfield Spring Festival	-	-
Wed 5th Sep 2018	Town planning John Crawford	Grahame True	William Carney
Wed 12th Sep 2018	Global Grant projects Haran Ramachandran	Paolo Giammarco	Jaya Challa
Wed 19th Sep 2018	Police Officer of the Year	-	-

<i>Birthdays</i>	
22nd August	Ann McCluskie
22nd August	Praveen Challa

<i>Anniversaries</i>	
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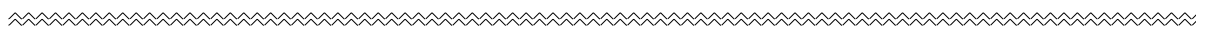




The Statistics

Attendance last meeting (15-08-18)	21
Leave of absence	2
Other absence	4
Apologies	6
No apology	11
Club membership	44
Make-ups advised	0
Partners	0
Guests	4
Members Rotary activities	Week ending 15-08-18: 6 [hours]

<i>Funds raised</i>	
Raffle	\$180.00
Sergeants session	\$78.80



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 Sleen	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
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!

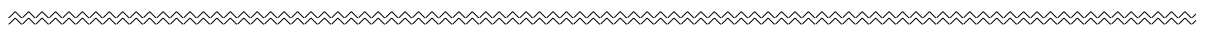
<i>Date</i>	<i>Rostered on</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Rostered on</i>
Wed, 18 Jul 18	Rick Vosila	Wed, 9 Jan 19	NA
Wed, 25 July18	Janelle Watson	Wed, 16 Jan 19	Mathew Elias
Wed, 1 Aug 18	Roger Vince	Wed, 23 Jan 19	Ed Dunlop
Wed, 8 Aug 18	Chris Virgona	Wed, 30 Jan 19	David Croft
Wed, 15 Aug 18	Peter van der Sleen	Wed, 6 Feb 19	Jaya Challa
Wed, 22 Aug 18	Gulian Vaccari	Wed, 13 Feb 19	Bill Carney
Wed, 29 Aug 18	Allan Teale	Wed, 20 Feb 19	Keith Byrn
Wed, 5 Sep 18	Peter Smith	Wed, 27 Feb 19	Bradley Ayres
Wed, 12 Sep 18	Prabhat Sinha	Wed, 6 Mar 19	Andrew Aravanis
Wed, 19 Sep 18	Guru Singh	Wed, 13 Mar 19	Paul Anton
Wed, 26 Sep 18	Joseph Saad	Wed, 20 Mar 19	Domenico Alvaro
Wed, 3 Oct 18	Arie Pappas	Wed, 27 Mar 19	Thaya Ponniah
Wed, 10 Oct 18	Dimitry Palmer	Wed, 3 Apr 19	Rick Vosila
Wed, 17 Oct 18	Nick Nicolaou	Wed, 10 Apr 19	Janelle Watson
Wed, 24 Oct 18	Farrukh Mirza	Wed, 17 Apr 19	Chris Virgona
Wed, 31 Oct 18	Rod McDougall	Wed, 24 Apr 19	Roger Vince
Wed, 7 Nov 18	Raymond McCluskie	Wed, 1 May 19	Peter van der Sleen
Wed, 14 Nov 18	Anu & Umesh Kamkolkar	Wed, 8 May 19	Gulian Vaccari
Wed, 21 Nov 18	Chris Haseldine	Wed, 15 May 19	Allan Teale
Wed, 28 Nov 18	Nick Hamilton-Kane	Wed, 22 May 19	Peter Smith
Wed, 5 Dec 18	Paolo Giammarco	Wed, 29 May 19	Prabhat Sinha
Wed, 12 Dec 18	Usha Garg	Wed, 5 Jun 19	Guru Singh
Wed, 19 Dec 18	Roy Ellis	Wed, 12 Jun 19	Joseph Saad
Wed, 26 Dec 18	NA	Wed, 19 Jun 19	Arie Pappas
Wed, 2 Jan 19	NA	Wed, 26 Jun 19	Dimitry Palmer



Out and About: Raymond McCluskie's travels

Wednesday 15th August 2018

"I'm travelling up to Lismore for grandparent duties and here is a photo from Bulahdelah yesterday of wandering geese right in the middle of the road. Where do you think they are going?"



Out and About: Australian Rotary Health

A banner for Australian Rotary Health. It features a colorful geometric background with shades of yellow, green, pink, orange, and blue. On the left, the text "Rotary Districts of Australia" is displayed next to the Rotary logo. In the center, the "Australian Rotary Health" logo is shown. On the right, the "LIFT THE LID on mental illness" logo is displayed, featuring colorful hands. At the bottom, the text "Supporting healthier minds, bodies and communities through research, awareness and education." is written in white.

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For the latest news on Australian Rotary Health, go to: <https://us7.campaign-archive.com/?u=72f147cc544a797b69e87713d&id=ca19a916f8>