



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>		
11th-19th August	Australia	National Science Week
<i>Days of August</i>		
19th August	UN	World Humanitarian Day
21st August	UN	International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism

From the President's Desk

Do not let it be said Rotary is dull, with emails, mobile phone calls, meetings and presentations. Rotary is bubbling along, gone are the weekly Wednesday punctuation breaks.

Firstly, it was a pleasure to be at Chalmers Road School, for the presentation of the big and little cheques for \$10,000 by 'Superman'. The Club was represented by Usha, Andrew, Roy, Anuradha, Rod, Honorary Member Jodie, and myself. Rick was there, AKA, Superman. The presentation was the moneys raised from Rick's marathon run on Hamilton Island earlier in the year. The children were overjoyed, and the staff welcomed us with a morning tea. The School, from the clothing pool, presented to Superman a new top, with a big S and the school badge on the left corner.

This School is close to all our hearts. On the way out Usha and Roy spotted the school bus, with the signage "presented by the Rotary Club of Strathfield", as the old paint jingle went "keep on keeping on". An initiative of Rod's year in 2006-07 he did not need to be asked twice to take a photo! Check out our web page (and the end of this bulletin, Ed) for the photographs.

After the Chalmers Road presentation, Rod, Usha and I breezed over to the new Strathfield Golf Club (SGC). My visual observation was it is still under construction and fit-out, still being finished off. When completed, it will be a magnificent building and venue. The Club are hopeful this will be in September. We are supportive, hoping to be back there soon. In short, it is big, modern,

reminding me of a large city hotel with multi room conference venue facilities. It is no longer a large dining room on the other side of the bar. It is too early to conceive when our return will be; the Club caterers have asked us to wait a while. In the meantime we have a good team of scratch negotiators ready to tee off, with Paolo in the buggy caddying for them. These boys know the game, and can chip in off the green.

At our Club meeting on Wednesday, we applied our Sergeant fines and Raffle, plus a bit more to hit \$1,000. The funds will be donated to provide relief for drought-affected families. To understand how little rain we have had, take a short drive out to Menangle near Camden or Silverdale near Wallacia (both localities are in the Nepean River and Warragamba Dam catchments). The paddocks are brown, frost burnt native grasses are holding the soil together. I was At Silverdale last Sunday, when the

August winds came up, and the brown dust also came up. Whilst herein Strathfield, the closest Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) station is at Olympic Park, near the Archery Field, (Station 066195). The rainfall for the month of July, was 3.6mm, and so far for August 3.0mm. The annual mean is 911mm. As an observation, Strathfield Golf Club was the site of another BOM Station before it closed in 2016. An old member tells me it was on the Practice Fairway, now new housing, funding the new club venue.

Final reminder, if you are pondering completing the working with children check, please move it up the list, as Ed said, "if not why not". The Club percentage has to be greater than 45% it is currently.

Charles

Last Week's speaker: Stephanie Saade

No report received.



This Week's speaker: Sonny Liu

A student of Punchbowl Boys High, Sonny will be participating in the US Space Academy program. Organised through the Metropolitan South West Science Teachers' Association

(LAZSTA) iSTEM program, the tour will take Sonny to the US Space and Rocket Research Centre, in Alabama, USA.

Director's reports

From Wednesday 8-8-18

Youth

Peter van der Sleen advised that the Rotary Club of Five Dock would

provide financial support for one of the two Rotary Club of Strathfield students who have been accepted to participate in this year's NTSF program.

Member's reports

From Wednesday 8-8-18

Arie Papas

Arie advised that the RYPEN Camp for our five attendees on the weekend of 4th-5th August was a success. He also advised that they would be presenting to our club in the near future.

Peter Smith

Peter highlighted the 'buy a bale' initiative by Rural Aid Australia. A

recent effort at the Sydney Markets raised \$3,789 in just four hours.

Rod McDougall

Rod told of the very positive experience of being, along with other Rotarians, at Chalmers Road last Monday 6-8-18 for the presentation of our cheque for \$10,000. In return, Rod presented appreciation certificates from the school to Pres Charles Pitt, Andrew Aravanis and Rick Vosila,

Last week's Sergeant's session

A particular memorable sergeant's session last week 'extracted' over \$200 from members present. The beneficiary of the fines session, and that of the raffle, will be drought-affected farming families.

The generosity of our Club, and the great job that Penny and Grahame did with the session, is to be commended.

For those members who did not show-up on the night, you can find the transcript below. Perhaps you can adjust your fines contribution at the next meeting you attend.

"Tonight, our fines will be going to Farmers Relief to help them along. Here we go – let's all be generous.

Old MacDonald buys a farm so does Old McDougall and Old McCluskie thanks to Chris, Richard and Arie.

And on the farm, he had a duck with a quack quack here and a quack quack there – all you quacks – sorry doctors- put in.

On the Farm he had a horse – thankyou Charles for your horse-riding prowess supported by our Roy not Rodgers but Ellis.

On the farm he had some chooks – to help with the nest eggs he needs our resident lawyers- Chris, Jo and Dimitri.

Old MacDonald sheep are in the meadow and the cows are in the corn – we don't call on little boy blue we call on Jaya and Paul to sort things out.

Helping in the loft is David Croft and down with the cows is Mooooooooooooo Anu.

Old MacDonald's next-door farmers arrive from a foreign shore planting veggies and grapes galore – our Italian friends put in for the produce.

Bradley – now you are working for "The Land" – taking happy snaps for Old MacDonald to peruse.

And don't forget many city slickers have rels in the bush – Peter Smith, Janelle and others.

If anyone has missed our hay ride I am sorry – put in now. "

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## *Dates for the Calendar*



| <i>Rotary Events</i> |                                                                      |                     |                                        |
|----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------------|
| <i>Day/Date</i>      | <i>Event/speaker</i>                                                 | <i>To introduce</i> | <i>To thank<br/>+ Speaker write-up</i> |
| Wed 15th Aug 2018    | School participation in US Space Academy program<br><b>Sonny Liu</b> | A Bala              | Bradley Ayres                          |
| Wed 22nd Aug 2018    | My Story<br><b>Quang Nguyen</b>                                      | John-Paul Baladi    | Mathew Elias                           |

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|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Wed 29th Aug 2018 | Meriden Interact Club                              | Roger Vince     | David Croft    |
| Wed 5th Sep 2018  | Town planning<br><b>John Crawford</b>              | Grahame True    | William Carney |
| Wed 12th Sep 2018 | Global Grant projects<br><b>Haran Ramachandran</b> | Paolo Giammarco | Jaya Challa    |
| Wed 19th Sep 2018 | <b>Police Officer<br/>of the Year</b>              | -               | -              |

| <i>Birthdays</i> |               |
|------------------|---------------|
| 22nd August      | Ann McCluskie |

| <i>Anniversaries</i> |                                  |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| 17th August          | Paul and Georgia Anton (wedding) |
| 17th August          | David Croft (Rotary)             |



## *The Statistics*

|                                   |                                        |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Attendance last meeting (8-08-18) | 27                                     |
| Leave of absence                  | 2                                      |
| Other absence                     | 4                                      |
| Apologies                         | 4                                      |
| No apology                        | 7                                      |
| Club membership                   | <b>44</b>                              |
| Make-ups advised                  | 0                                      |
| Partners                          | 0                                      |
| Guests                            | 0                                      |
| Members Rotary activities         | Week ending 8-08-18: <b>34</b> [hours] |

| <i>Funds raised</i> |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| Raffle              | \$605.00 |
| Sergeants session   | \$200.20 |

## 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 |

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|------------------|---------------|------------|-------------------|
| 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!

| <b>Date</b>           | <b>Rostered on</b>           | <b>Date</b>    | <b>Rostered on</b> |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| 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        |
| <b>Wed, 15 Aug 18</b> | <b>Peter van der Sleesen</b> | Wed, 6 Feb 19  | Jaya Challa        |
| <b>Wed, 22 Aug 18</b> | <b>Gulian Vaccari</b>        | 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     |



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|----------------|-----------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| 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: Cheque presentation to Chalmers Road School*

**Monday 6th August 2018**



L-R: Anuradha, Jodi McKay, Pres. Charles, Principal Michelle Davies, Andrew, 'Superman' Rick, Roy, Usha and Rod



