



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>Month of September</i>	Rotary	Basic Education and Literacy Month
<i>Month of September</i>	Australia	National Biodiversity Month
<i>Weeks of September</i>		
1st-9th September	Australia	Sea Week
3rd-9th September	Australia	Landcare Week
3rd-10th September	Australia	Stroke Week
<i>Days of Aug/Sept</i>		
30th August	UN	International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances
1st September	Australia	National Wattle Day

From the President's Desk

Congratulations to Peter Smith on his award as Senior Volunteer of the year and the overall volunteer of the year for the Mid-western region of Sydney. Thanks go to Rod and Gulian for support of the nomination. As a Club, we have always been aware of his participation in community events, and the Graffiti Removal project would not be the success it is without the efforts of Peter.

At our last Board Meeting of the Directors on Tuesday, 21 August, it was agreed the Club will increase our drought relief assistance, to be in total \$1,500.

The planning for Police Officer of the year is progressing, the date 19 September, 2019, at the Carnarvon Golf Club in Lidcombe. The selection of a venue this year has added another layer of administration to the event. My thanks and that of the whole Club, to the team of Usha, Rod and Allan, taking on the data, going to the venues, enduring endless discussions. Thankfully, this matter is now closed. This is just for the selection of the venue, not the nominations and the evening itself. More work ahead. It will be a great night and all Club members will have a task.

The traditional Strathfield Spring Fair and BBQ is set for 01 September, 2018, to aid the Catherine Sullivan Centre. Pleasing to have Andrew, an experienced BBQ manager, working with Thaya. There always remains a possibility of an innovation to the sausage, onions and bun, with sauce?

While on the subject of the venue, the planned return to the Strathfield Golf Club continues. I ask members to be patient with our current venue. We live in an imperfect world.

I have taken on the Club Facebook Administration, (I really mean Olga). On Sunday evening, Past President

Raymond, while on leave, handed over the authority, from the middle of nowhere. Another challenge for the President, I think it could be interesting for all concerned.

The Website has to be updated, while there is current information and photos on the site, there remains a lot of old material to be edited and some removed. The Board is addressing the web management, but help is required. Please let me know if you can assist.

Charles



Last Week's speakers: Quang Nguyen with Manoj Bhandari

Last Wednesday our guest speaker provided us with a different style of presentation. You see "Quang", the subject matter of our talk was present, however the talk was given by his friend, colleague and mentor Manoj. This is because Quang has severe cerebral palsy and his disability prohibits him from being able to talk, walk and has very limited use of his hands. Quang was born in Vietnam and relocated to Australia along with his family at the age of four.

Whilst this severe disability may initially give one the impression that Quang would have very limited participation in this quick moving world of ours, we discovered this is certainly not the case.

Quang has an extensive education which is ongoing. He is passionate

about transport. He is a Champion for the 'Living Life My Way' project. He is on numerous boards including: the NSW CID, Diversity and Disability Alliance and the Multicultural Disability Advocacy Association.

Quang shared with us his experience and knowledge of the NDIS (National Disability Insurance Scheme) and in so doing reminded us that we live in a great nation, which strives to provide opportunities for all.

Simply put, despite his physical limitations Quang is an exceptional human being, achieving more than most will ever dream of. He lives with passion and has made an enormous change to the greater community.

Arie Pappas



L-R: Pres Charles Pitt, Manoj Bhandari, Quang Nguyen, Renga Rajan and Gullan Vaccari

This Week's speaker: Haran Ramachandran

Haran Ramachandran is from the Rotary Club of The Hills Kellyville and was Project Manager for RAWCS.

Tonight, Haram will highlight Global Grant projects in India and Sri Lanka.

Director's reports

From Wednesday 22-8-18

Treasurer

Rod thanked those members who have paid their half-yearly dues. There are, however, a few still outstanding.

President

Charles reiterated the importance of our child protection documentation obligations. He advised there are two

steps. Step one is to obtain a WWC number via an on-line application and then visiting a Service NSW office to finalise. Step two is to complete the Rotary reference check form. So far, about 45% of members have done both.

Charles also advised that, in Raymond's absence, he is looking for someone to look after our web page and Facebook account.

Member's reports

From Wednesday 22-8-18

None.



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 29th Aug 2018	Global Grant projects Haran Ramachandran	Paolo Giammarco	Jaya Challa
Sat 1st Sep 2018	Strathfield Spring Festival	-	-
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	Mens health Dr Dinesh	Nick Hamilton-Kane	Chris Haseldine
Wed 3rd Oct 2018	Waterline Challenge Julian Day	Peter Manenti	Anuradha Kamkolkar

<i>Birthdays</i>	
4th September	Margaret Croft

<i>Anniversaries</i>	
28th August	Nick Hamilton-Kane (Rotary)
1st September	A Bala (Rotary)





The Statistics

Attendance last meeting (22-08-18)	20
Leave of absence	2
Other absence	4
Apologies	6
No apology	12
Club membership	44
Make-ups advised	0
Partners	0
Guests	6
Members Rotary activities	Week ending 22-08-18: 25 [hours]

<i>Funds raised</i>	
Raffle	\$190.00
Sergeants session	\$100.30

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## *Your Committee 2018-2019*

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|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| 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 |

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

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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, 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 Sleesen	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 Sleesen
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

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## *Out and About: Peter Smith, recipient of volunteer of the year awards*

**Monday 20th August 2018**

Our very own Peter Smith was awarded the Senior Volunteer of the Year, and the Overall Regional Winner, for the Inner West region of the NSW Volunteer of the Year Awards. The award ceremony was held last Monday week at a special ceremony in Burwood.

From the website, <https://www.volunteering.com.au/mid-western-sydney-award-ceremony/>...

*"The NSW Volunteer of the Year Awards is an annual event run by The Centre for Volunteering and is the biggest celebration of volunteering across the country.*

*Former Strathfield Mayor Peter Smith is a prolific local volunteer who has led and supported scores of volunteer groups and events over the past 15 years. He has assisted groups from Rotary and the Salvation Army to Carol's by Candlelight and Clean Up Australia Day. Peter was awarded the Senior Volunteer of the Year and was selected as the overall Volunteer of the Year for the Mid-western region in Sydney.*

*NSW Minister responsible for Volunteering, the Hon. Ray Williams, said the state's 2.1 million volunteers contributed more than \$5 billion to the NSW economy every year.*

*"Nominating local volunteers for an award or a certificate is a special way of saying thank you," Mr Williams said.*

*"The fact that so many nominations were received this year is recognition of the amazing effort of volunteers across NSW who help build stronger communities."*



Peter with Jodi McKay (and one of his awards)



## *Out and About: Australian Rotary Health*



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