



# STRATHFIELD ROTARY BULLETIN

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### *Rotary, United Nations and Australian Themes*

<i>Month of February</i>		
-	Rotary	Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month
<i>Weeks of February</i>		
1st - 7th Feb	UN	World Interfaith Harmony Week
<i>Days of February</i>		
6th Feb	UN	International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation
10th Feb	UN	World Pulses Day
11th Feb	UN	International Day of Women and Girls in Science

### *From the President*

Nothing for this week.

### *Last week's event: Chris Haseldine*

Again we had our own Chris Haseldine speak to us on some different aspects of law and as usual Chris spoke in a clear voice captured our attention and mentioned that he attended high school for five years until 1960. He then did a five year part time course with a firm of solicitors in Martin Place in early January 1961 but had to wait a short time to enter into articles of clerkship, the equivalent of an apprenticeship until he turned 17 years of age.

On his first day in the office the boss gave him the District Court Practice and Procedure with the words read this will be your bible for the next few years. He was given a lot of small tasks over the next few years which was part of the learning curve. He was fortunate in the practice where he served his articles of clerkship which was varied and his boss was fairly demanding and at various times he tended to specialise in different areas of law. He was qualified and remained with the firm where he did his articles.

He then got a job with a small firm in Newtown but was not satisfied with the way the solicitor handled certain matters. He found another position where he could manage a practice in Padstow and started in August 1968, he then bought the practice in January 1970 and did mostly conveyancing and some probate work.

The Law Society introduced a form of legal aid that applied to Children's Courts and the Court of Petty Sessions in Liverpool Street and he was one of the first solicitors in those schemes. In 1973 he was approached by a solicitor, John Milford, then a sole practitioner at Bankstown, to go into partnership with him. He had been at the bar for about 11

years and had done a lot of criminal work at the bar. He wanted to remain in the office and wanted someone to do the court work, John gave Chris some invaluable tuition who did some personal work for three magistrates who sat on the Bench in Bankstown.

Chris has been on various panels maintained by Legal Aid on odd occasions. Legal Aid has actually asked him to handle an unusual case. He has been doing child care matters for about 20 years through Legal Aid and spoke on that matter at our club in August 2018. Congratulations and thank you Chris for sharing your vast knowledge and sincerity about law with us.

*Summary by Roy Ellis*

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*This week's speaker: RYLA attendees*

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*Next week's speaker: Cameron Briscoe*

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*Reports from Directors*

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*Reports from members*

‡ None

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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 + <b>Speaker write-up</b></i>
Wed 5th Feb	RYLA Presentation <b>tba</b>	Peter Smith	Arie Pappas
Wed 12th Feb	Rustic Pathways <b>Cameron Briscoe</b>	tba	tba
Wed 19th Feb	Transfer to Thursday 20 February	n/a	n/a
Thur 20th Feb	Trish MS Golf Day	n/a	n/a

<i>Birthdays</i>	
5th February	Danielle Aravanis
7th February	Prabhat Sinha
8th February	Helen Pakchung

<i>Anniversaries</i>	
8th February	Ray and Ann McCluskie (Wedding)



## The Statistics

Attendance last meeting (29-1-20)	21
Club membership	<b>44</b>
Partners	0
Guests	2

<i>Funds raised</i>	
Raffle	\$190.00
Sergeant's session	\$80.70
Heads and tails	\$17.50



## Your Committee 2019-20

President	Arie Pappas	Secretary	Dimitry Palmer
President Elect	Usha Garg	Sergeant	Andrew Aravanis
Immediate Past President	Charles Pitt	Treasurer	Rod McDougall
Youth	Peter Smith	Community	Usha Garg
International	Thaya Ponniah	Vocational	Paul Anton
Public Officer	Rod McDougall	Club Service	Rick Vosila

Bulletin Editor	Bradley Ayres	Web master	Raymond McCluskie
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Facebook master	Charles Pitt		

## Guest Speaker Roster

Date	Introducer	Thanker/Write-up
Wed, 5 Feb 20	Peter Smith	Arie Pappas
Wed, 12 Feb 20	tba	tba
Wed, 19 Feb 20	n/a	n/a

## 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!

*PP Rick Vosila*  
Club Service Director

Date	Rostered on	Date	Rostered on
Wed, 5 Feb 20	Roy Ellis	Wed, 22 Apr 20	Andrew Aravanis
Wed, 12 Feb 20	Charles Pitt	Wed, 29 Apr 20	Paul Anton
Wed, 19 Feb 20	Raymond McCluskey	Wed, 6 May 20	Nick Hamilton-Kane

Wed, 26 Feb 20	Chris Haseldine	Wed, 13 May 20	Thaya Ponniah
Wed, 4 Mar 20	Mathew Elias	Wed, 20 May 20	Rick Vosila
Wed, 11 Mar 20	Ed Dunlop	Wed, 27 May 20	Janelle Watson
Wed, 18 Mar 20	David Croft	Wed, 3 Jun 20	Chris Virgona
Wed, 25 Mar 20	Jaya Challa	Wed, 10 Jun 20	Roger Vince
Wed, 1 Apr 20	Bill Carney	Wed, 17 Jun 20	Peter van der Sleen
Wed, 8 Apr 20	Keith Byrn	Wed, 24 Jun 20	Gulian Vaccari
Wed, 15 Apr 20	Bradley Ayres		



## *Out and About: David's selected poem*

### **The Bush Fire**

*By Henry Lawson, 1905*

Ah, better the thud of the deadly gun, and the crash of the bursting shell,  
Than the terrible silence where drought is fought out there in the western hell;  
And better the rattle of rifles near, or the thunder on deck at sea,  
Than the sound — most hellish of all to hear — of a fire where it should not be.

On the runs to the west of the Dingo Scrubs there was drought, and ruin, and death,  
And the sandstorm came from the dread north-east with the blast of a furnace-breath;  
Till at last one day, at the fierce sunrise, a boundary-rider woke,  
And saw, in the place of the distant haze, a curtain of light blue smoke.

There is saddling-up by the cockey's hut, and out in the station yard,  
And away to the north, north-east, north-west, the bushmen are riding hard.  
The pickets are out and many a scout, and many a mulga wire,  
While Bill and Jim, with their faces grim, are riding to meet the fire.  
It roars for days in the hopeless scrubs, and across, where the ground seems bare,  
With a cackle and hiss, like the hissing of snakes, the fire is travelling there;  
Till at last, exhausted by sleeplessness, and the terrible toil and heat,  
The squatter is crying, 'My God! the wool!' and the farmer, 'My God! the wheat!'

But there comes a drunkard (who reels as he rides), with the news from the roadside pub: —  
'Pat Murphy — the cockey — cut off by the fire! — way back in the Dingo Scrub!'  
'Let the wheat and the woolshed go to — ' Well, they do as each great heart bids;  
They are riding a race for the Dingo Scrub — for Pat and his wife and kids.

And who is leading the race with death? An ill-matched three, you'll allow;  
Flash Jim the breaker and Boozing Bill (who is riding steadily now),  
And Constable Dunn, of the Mounted Police, is riding between the two  
(He wants Flash Jim, but the job can wait till they get the Murphys through).

As they strike the track through the blazing scrub, the trooper is heard to shout:  
'We'll take them on to the Two-mile Tank, if we cannot bring them out!'  
A half-mile more, and the rest rein back, retreating, half-choked, halfblind;  
And the three are gone from the sight of men, and the bush fire roars behind.

The Bushman wiped the tears of smoke, and like Bushmen wept and swore;  
'Poor Bill will be wanting his drink to-night as never he did before.  
'And Dunn was the best in the whole damned force!' says a client of Dunn's, with pride;  
I reckon he'll serve his summons on Jim — when they get to the other side.

It is daylight again, and the fire is past, and the black scrub silent and grim,  
Except for the blaze of an old dead tree, or the crash of a falling limb;  
And the Bushmen are riding again on the run, with hearts and with eyes that fill,  
To look for the bodies of Constable Dunn, Flash Jim, and Boozing Bill.

They are found in the mud of the Two-mile Tank, where a fiend might scarce survive,  
But the Bushmen gather from words they hear that the bodies are much alive.  
There is Swearing Pat, with his grey beard singed, and his language of lurid hue,  
And his tough old wife, and his half-baked kids, and the three who dragged them through.

Old Pat is deploring his burnt-out home, and his wife the climate warm;  
And Jim the loss of his favourite horse, and Dunn his uniform;  
And Boozing Bill, with a raging thirst, is cursing the Dingo Scrub —  
He'll only ask for the loan of a flask and a lift to the nearest pub.

Flash Jim the Breaker is lying low — blue-paper is after him,  
And Dunn, the trooper, is riding his rounds with a blind eye out for Jim,  
And Boozing Bill is fighting D.Ts. in the township of Sudden Jerk —  
When they're wanted again in the Dingo Scrubs, they'll be there to do the work.

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