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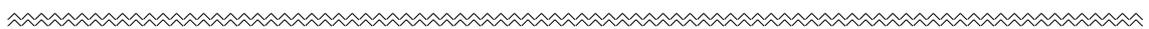
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Rotary, United Nations and Australian Themes

<i>Month of April</i>		
-	Rotary	Maternal and Child Health Month
<i>Weeks of April</i>		
1st-5th Apr	Aust	National Advance Care Planning Week
<i>Days of April</i>		
4th Apr	UN	International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action
6th Apr	UN	International Day of Sport for Development and Peace
7th Apr	UN	International Day of Reflection on the Genocide in Rwanda
7th Apr	UN	World Health Day



From the President's Desk

Hi Fellows,

Another new member! Last week we welcomed into membership of Rotary, Nella Hall. Nella, while vocationally Legal Services, is also the Deputy Mayor of Strathfield. So there was no better person to introduce her to the membership, than Rotarian Gulian Vaccari, the Mayor of Strathfield. Nella has been delegated responsibility for the new Committee "Women in Rotary". In our District, we have no imbalance of women in leadership, but at the Club level the number of women members is small. We know this from our own Club membership. A change needs to be promoted.

Calling by, as a guest of our own Rotarian Thaya Ponniah, we welcomed from the Rotary Club of Colombo South, PP N Saravanapavan. He let us know that there was no greater President of the Rotary Club of Colombo South, than Thaya. It was a pleasure to thank Saravanapavan for his visit and to present him with our Banner. Through RAWCS, Australian Rotary Clubs are supportive of Sri Lankan Rotary Clubs and their projects.

In the last two months, I have discussed the issues driving re-districting, to bring forward an amalgamation of the two Sydney

Rotary Districts, divided on a line, north and south of the harbour. The driver of the re-districting is the declining membership of Rotary Clubs in the greater Sydney metropolitan area. I do not consider our own Club is declining, in any way. We have a large membership of 49, not all of who can come to our weekly meetings, but we are a proud team always there to help each other. For example, the recent Chambers Road BBQ, where it was a great team effort. My view on re-districting is, we are alive, Rotary continuing its current scale of activities, not only here in Strathfield Club but in greater Sydney and we can continue having two districts. As for membership, the critical mass number for the District is 1,200. We are currently well above that number at 1,500. Let's keep going!

On the corner of my desk, Rotary papers have been gathered. But last weekend, I went no more than to shuffle them together, and out there fell my Rotary Dinner Badge, missing for couple of months. While this tale is of no interest to anyone but myself, it is reflective of the current Club's storage of its meeting materials. It is scattered, with smaller items at the Golf Club, and the larger items at member's homes. The problem is being discussed with the Golf Club, and hopefully will soon be resolved. Rotary does not travel lightly! While on Rotary material, remember to take our Club banner with you, to present if you make up a meeting at another Club. Remember Rotary is worldwide.

Charles

Last Week's Speaker: Nick Hamilton Kane

No report received.



Nick (also promoting the upcoming Meriden theatre production)

This Week's speaker: Mitch Van Reyk

A principal at Vantage Insurance Solutions Pty Ltd, Mitch has over 30 years experience in the Australian General Insurance Industry. His specialties include SME & Commercial broking.

Mitch is a Senior Associate of The Australian and New Zealand Institute of Insurance and Finance (ANZIIF) and holds a Diploma of Insurance Broking.

Next Week's event: Youth Achievement Awards

Reports from Directors

From Wednesday 27-03-19

Rod McDougall

The BBQ last Saturday at Chalmers Road School was a great success. 500 sausages were sold and about \$3,500 was raised. This amount "got us over the line" to secure the final funding required for the school to purchase the bus it sorely needs. It is anticipated that the bus will arrive at the start of second term 2019.

Reported that Roger Vince has sailed up the Suez Canal on his trip. All is going well.

Rod also advised that Anu and Umesh will be tied up for the remainder of the year and so we may not see them back at Rotary until next year.

Email from Rod:

"Distribution of the BowelCare kits is virtually complete.

Thanks to Peter Smith for again organising the whole exercise.

And to Sue Byrn, Roy Ellis, Raymond McCluskie, Rod McDougall, Peter Smith, Gulian Vaccari and Janelle Watson for delivery of the kits."

Arie Pappas

Reminded members of the upcoming Youth Awards night. Requested that people reserve their spot via the Eventbrite link that Rod emailed to all members.

Email from Arie:

"As you've recently been notified, Rotarian Farrukh Mirza has been doing a great job organising some great guest speakers. Attached, please find the updated roster [on page x of this bulletin – Ed] for introducing and thanking + write-up guests speakers.

As per PP Rick's raffle roster, 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 either introducing or thanking the guest speaker (and writing up

- brief report for bulletin). Please don't let your club down.
2. If you can't make it on the night, you must arrange to swap your shift with someone else on the roster (early!).
 3. If on the night that you're rostered on we have a transfer meeting, or no meeting, or the guest speaker does not arrive for some reason - you get the night off; bonus!"

Charles Pitt

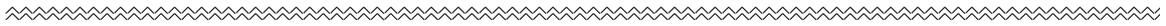
Advised that David Croft has been in Alwyn Rehabilitation Hospital, but will return home next Tuesday.



Reports from members

From Wednesday 27-03-19

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>
Start: 1 April 2019 Finish: 31 May 2019	BowelCare	Peter Smith	-
Wed 3rd Apr 2019	Risky Business Mitch Van Reyk	Richard Horwood	Bradley Ayres
Wed 10th Apr 2019	Youth Achievement Awards	-	-
Wed 17th Apr 2019	How to Get Finance in 2019 Mark O'Keefe	Roy Ellis	Rick Vosila
Wed 24th Apr 2019	Property Market Insights Arjun Paliwal	Gulian Vaccari	Peter Smith

<i>Birthdays</i>	
10th Apr	Allan Teale

<i>Anniversaries</i>	
-	None



The Statistics

Attendance last meeting (27-03-19)	19
Leave of absence	4
Other absence	4
Apologies	2
Late apology	1
No apology	15
Club membership	45
Make-ups advised	2
Partners	1
Guests	2

<i>Funds raised</i>	
Raffle	\$364.00
Sergeants session	\$93.85

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 Sleenen	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	Charles Pitt		

Raffles Roster

In the Rotary spirit of sharing the load, 'raffles Rick' has devised a roster so all members can actively 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, 3 Apr 19	Chris Virgona	Wed, 1 May 19	Peter van der Sleen
Wed, 10 Apr 19	Janelle Watson	Wed, 8 May 19	Gulian Vaccari
Wed, 17 Apr 19	Rick Vosila	Wed, 15 May 19	Allan Teale
Wed, 24 Apr 19	Roger Vince	Wed, 22 May 19	Peter Smith

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## *Out and About: Upcoming Youth Awards*

**2018 YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**  
WEDNESDAY 10 APRIL 2019

**NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN**

Do you know an exceptional young person who deserves their achievements to be recognised? Nominate them online at:

 [www.strathfield.nsw.gov.au](http://www.strathfield.nsw.gov.au) 

*Nominations close 5pm, Monday 11 March 2019*

## *Out and About: New member: Nella Hall*

**Wednesday 27th March 2019**



Chris and Nella



Pres. Charles and Nella



Pres. Charles and Nella



*Out and About: Visit by Rtn N. Saravanapavan*  
Wednesday 27th March 2019



Rtn PP MPH N. Saravanapavan (Rotary Club of South Colombo – Sri Lanka) with Pres. Charles

## *Out and About: Rick & Christine's travels*

Visit to the Rotary Club of Honolulu Sunset at their meeting place, the Waikiki Yacht Club.

March 2019



Christine and PP Rick Vosila

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## *Out and About: Charles' selected poem*

THE 2019 INTERVIEW WITH AN AUTUMN LEAF.



Q. How do you feel about your forthcoming induction into the Autumn leaf Hall of Fame?

A.L. I feel worn out and blank.

Q. Yes of course, but what do you think about being in the Autumn leaf Hall of Fame?

A.L. I feel nothing really. I don't care. If anything, I feel a bit embarrassed and stupid. I don't understand this 'Hall of Fame' thing.

Q. But this is a huge honour. You'll be famous. You'll be a legend. Most people would be blown away by such recognition.

A.L. Being blown away is what happens to Autumn leaves anyway, so everything's O.K.

Q. I suppose you're right actually. Autumn leaf, thanks for your time.

A.L. No worries. Thanks for the interview. Leunig

Image courtesy of Michael Leunig

# Guest Speaker Roster



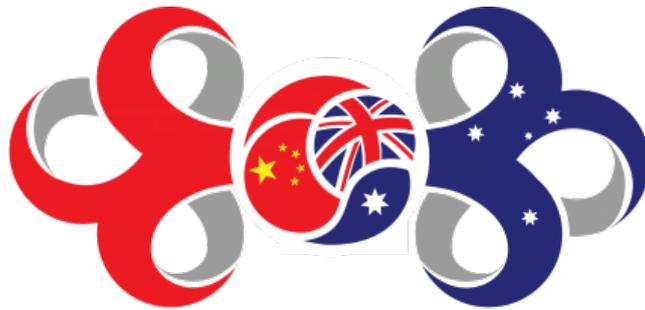
| <b>GUEST SPEAKER INTRODUCER / THANKER ROSTER</b> |                             |                           |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Date</b>                                      | <b>Introducer</b>           | <b>Thanker</b>            |
| Wed 6 Mar 2019                                   | Paolo Giammarco             | Chris Virgona             |
| Wed 13 Mar 2019                                  | Usha Garg                   | Prabhat Sinha             |
| Wed 20 Mar 2019                                  | Chris Haseldine             | Joseph Saad               |
| Wed 27 Mar 2019                                  | Dlmitry Palmer              | John-Paul Baladi          |
| Wed 3 Apr 2019                                   | Richard Horwood             | Peter Smith               |
| Wed 10 Apr 2019                                  | Transfer to Youth Awards    |                           |
| Wed 17 Apr 2019                                  | Roy Ellis                   | Rick Vosila               |
| Wed 24 Apr 2019                                  | Gulian Vaccari              | Bradley Ayres             |
| Wed 1 May 2019                                   | Guru Singh                  | Marvin Manrique-Velasquez |
| Wed 8 May 2019                                   | Mathew Elias                | Jaya Challa               |
| Wed 15 May 2019                                  | Keith Byrn                  | Thaya Ponniah             |
| Wed 22 May 2019                                  | Nick Hamilton-Kane          | Peter Manenti             |
| Wed 29 May 2019                                  | Raymond McCluskie           | Nick Nicolaou             |
| Wed 5 Jun 2019                                   | Ed Dunlop                   | William Carney            |
| Wed 12 Jun 2019                                  | Roger Vince                 | Gulian Vaccari            |
| Wed 19 Jun 2019                                  | Domenico Alvaro             | Allan Teale               |
| Wed 26 Jun 2019                                  | Transfer to Club Changeover |                           |
| Wed 3 Jul 2019                                   | club assembly               |                           |
| Wed 10 Jul 2019                                  | Peter van der Sleesen       | Grahame True              |
| Wed 17 Jul 2019                                  | Paul Anton                  | Farrukh Mirza             |
| Wed 24 Jul 2019                                  | Chris Virgona               | Paolo Giammarco           |
| Wed 31 Jul 2019                                  | Prabhat Sinha               | Usha Garg                 |
| Wed 7 Aug 2019                                   | TBA                         | Chris Haseldine           |
| Wed 14 Aug 2019                                  | John-Paul Baladi            | Dlmitry Palmer            |
| Wed 21 Aug 2019                                  | Peter Smith                 | Richard Horwood           |
| Wed 28 Aug 2019                                  | Rick Vosila                 | Roy Ellis                 |
| Wed 4 Sep 2019                                   | Bradley Ayres               | Peter van der Sleesen     |
| Wed 11 Sep 2019                                  | Marvin Manrique-Velasquez   | Guru Singh                |
| Wed 18 Sep 2019                                  | TBA                         | Mathew Elias              |
| Wed 25 Sep 2019                                  | Thaya Ponniah               | Keith Byrn                |
| Wed 2 Oct 2019                                   | Peter Manenti               | TBA                       |
| Wed 9 Oct 2019                                   | Nick Nicolaou               | Raymond McCluskie         |
| Wed 16 Oct 2019                                  | William Carney              | Ed Dunlop                 |
| Wed 23 Oct 2019                                  | Janelle Watson              | Roger Vince               |
| Wed 30 Oct 2019                                  | Allan Teale                 | Domenico Alvaro           |
| Wed 6 Nov 2019                                   | Rod McDougall               | David Croft               |
| Wed 13 Nov 2019                                  | David Croft                 | TBA                       |
| Wed 20 Nov 2019                                  | Joseph Saad                 | Grahame True              |
| Wed 27 Nov 2019                                  | Peter van der Sleesen       | Nick Hamilton-Kane        |
| Wed 4 Dec 2019                                   | Annual General Meeting      |                           |
| Wed 11 Dec 2019                                  | Jaya Challa                 | Rick Vosila               |
| Wed 18 Dec 2019                                  | Christmas Party?            |                           |

Arie Pappas  
President-elect  
5 March 2019

## *Out and About: Australia Qipao Business Week*

Fellows,

Our speakers chair, Farrukh Mirza, has requested circulation of the invitation below. The event was promoted by Carmel Soames our guest speaker on 13 March 2019. Please contact Farrukh for enquiries on [hello@azrim.com.au](mailto:hello@azrim.com.au) or 0424 424 829.



## 澳大利亚旗袍商务周 Australia Qipao Business Week

**DATE OF EVENT: TUESDAY 9 April 2019** ♦ Conference

**VENUE: Primus Hotel, 339 Pitt Street, Sydney**

**TIME: 8am** ♦ 6pm

### Description

The Australia-China Entrepreneurs Club (♦ACEC♦) is delighted to host the Australia Qipao Business Week (♦AQBW♦) once again in April 2019 and aims to:

- ♦ Promote business and cultural exchange between Australia and China.
- ♦ Provide business insights to help position and increase competitive advantages.
- ♦ Create a platform to network with industry leaders and business elites.
- ♦ Nurture business collaboration and investment prospects.
- ♦ Inspire the Australian-Chinese business community with entrepreneurial success stories.
- ♦ Experience the elegant Chinese-Qipao culture.

The AQBW 2019 programme is primarily designed around the popular demand for prospective insights and understanding of the aged care and property sectors in Australia, as well as how to navigate the China and Australia♦s digital marketing landscape.

## *What is Rotary's theme for April about?*

### **Maternal and Child Health Month**

#### **Saving Mothers & Children**

**Rotary makes high-quality health care available to vulnerable mothers and children so they can live longer and grow stronger.**

We expand access to quality care, so mothers and children everywhere can have the same opportunities for a healthy future. An estimated 5.9 million children under the age of five die each year because of malnutrition, inadequate health care, and poor sanitation — all of which can be prevented.

#### **HOW ROTARY MAKES HELP HAPPEN**

Rotary provides education, immunizations, birth kits, and mobile health clinics. Women are taught how to prevent mother-to-infant HIV transmission, how to breast-feed, and how to protect themselves and their children from disease.

#### **OUR IMPACT ON THE LIVES OF MOTHERS AND CHILDREN**

The Rotary Foundation reaches mothers and children in need by giving communities the help and training they need to take control of their own maternal and infant health care.

#### **Rotary makes amazing things happen, like:**

##### **Mobile prenatal clinics**

Haiti has the highest maternal and infant mortality rate of any country in the western hemisphere. Rotary provided a fully equipped medical Jeep to volunteers and midwives to reach mothers and children in remote areas.

##### **Cancer screening**

Rotarians provided a mobile cancer screening unit and awareness trainings around Chennai, India, where there is a high mortality rate of women with breast and cervical cancer due to late diagnosis.

##### **Preventing injuries and deaths**

Rotary members launched a \$3 million, five-year pilot to save lives of mothers and children during home deliveries in Nigeria. Since 2005, they've also repaired 1,500 obstetric fistulas — 500 more than their initial goal — restoring dignity and hope to vulnerable mothers.

Taken from: <https://www.rotary.org/en/our-causes/saving-mothers-and-children>

