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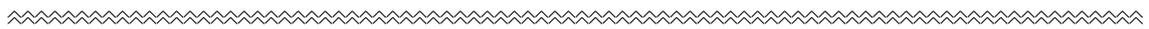
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Rotary, United Nations and Australian Themes

<i>Year of 2018</i>	-	International Year of the Reef (IYOR)
<i>Month of December</i>	Rotary	Disease Prevention and Treatment Month
	Australia	Decembeard Australia (bowel cancer in men)
<i>Weeks of December</i>		
-	-	-
<i>Days of December</i>		
5th Dec	UN	International Volunteer Day
5th Dec	UN	World Soil Day
7th Dec	UN	International Civil Aviation Day
9th Dec	UN	International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide and of the Prevention of this Crime
9th Dec	UN	International Anti-Corruption Day
10th Dec	UN	Human Rights Day
11th Dec	UN	International Mountain Day
12th Dec	UN	International Day of Neutrality
12th Dec	UN	International Universal Health Coverage Day
12th Dec	Australia	National Wear Red Day (Heart Research Aust)
15th Dec	Rotary	Early registration discount ends for the Rotary International Convention
18th Dec	UN	International Migrants Day
18th Dec	UN	Arabic Language Day
20th Dec	UN	International Human Solidarity Day
26th Dec	Australia	National Leftovers Day



From the President's Desk

Hi,

Congratulations to Past President Peter Smith, as being a finalist in the NSW Awards for Senior Volunteer of the Year. While not gaining the State

Award, receiving earlier the 2018 Sydney Mid Western Senior Volunteer of the year, was already a worthwhile achievement. Thank you Peter, for your contribution to Club and our activities. Our Club would be

less without Peter, also the greater Inner Sydney Western Suburbs.

Our meeting on 05 December 2018, will be our last for the calendar year, and will be the Annual General Meeting (AGM). Finishing with our AGM is a significant punctuation point in our Rotary year, that continues into the next year and finish up on 30 June 2019. At this meeting we review the financial reports for the last Rotary year under Past President Rick, and commence preparing for the next year with President Elect Arie and his Board. As for myself and the Board, we are looking forward to Christmas.

Our next event on 21 February 2019 is the Trish Golf Day. Niall King has had a brochure printed. When we are back meeting in the New Year, it will be a month before the event. While you may not play golf, there will be ample opportunity to be on the course helping out, not just looking out from the Club House. It will be a good walk or drive what carries you around, and not spoilt by cares of the day.

Last Wednesday, the Board met, and agreed to register with Rotary Australia World Community Scheme (RAWCS), the project to supporting the Rotary Club of Fusagasuga. The RWACS agreement has been completed and the terms for support is now being finalised, hopefully before Christmas some small sums are forwarded to Fusagasuga Club, to assist purchasing school materials. My many thanks to International Service Director Chris Virgona and Secretary/Treasurer, Rod McDougall for bring this project together, on this side of the world.

Early on Friday, Olga and myself were pleased to attend at Santa Sabina College, a twilight fair for support of the women and the Community Trust of Kopanang, a community group in a poorer area 55km south of Johannesburg. The focus of the fair was the sale of crafts and artworks of the woman who are raising funds for their community, in the bleak mining area of Ergo. In their craft and art they draw support from each other many who struggle with health and family problems. HIV/ AIDS has impacted on the community. The sale proceeds are for the community group. The project was commenced by Sister Shelia. This project has not been missed by Rotary, the Rotary Club of Wahroonga, being an International Project for the Club and Sister Shelia an honorary member. We are richer from the fair, seeing the support, of school families, many of whom have left the school, but cannot leave this community group. We left with a small Christmas tree addition, a reminder of the ladies coping with troubles, supported in spirit and kind from Australia. Also lots of emails and texts, the modern prayer!

A reminder, our Christmas Party at Nonna & Co Restaurant, is this week 6.30pm on Thursday. Olga, Penny, and Maree, plus others, are bringing it all together. It will be a fun night.

A poem to add to add to back of your Christmas Menu, it is fun to do, is A Bush Christmas by CJ Dennis. A favourite carol is Christmas Bush for his Adorning, words by John Wheeler and Music by William G James. Both the poem and carol reminds me of Christmas Past.

Charles

Last Week's speaker: Jay Thorogood

Last Wednesday, we were joined by Jay Thorogood of the Rotary Club of Darling Harbour (The Darlings), who spoke to us about the Rotary Solar Lights Program.

The Program was started by Mr Graham Boler of the Sutherland Rotary Club and seeks to provide environmentally friendly lights at a low cost to help people around the world without electricity.

We often take the electricity we have at home, work and school for granted, however, if we just take a moment to realise that 1/4 of the world population live without grid-connected electricity and 16% of the world population does not have access to any electricity at all, it certainly makes you realise just how lucky we are!

People in countries with little or no access to electricity rely upon Kerosene lamps to light their homes and schools, however, this presents

the danger of serious burns, house fires and lung damage from fumes.

In response to this electricity challenge, the Rotary Solar Lights Program seeks to provide heavy-duty lights to communities without electricity. The lights provide twelve hours of light from a single charge.

The lights are often taken in suitcases by Rotarians on trips. They are relatively small and lightweight, but provide a much-needed resource to developing countries and communities.

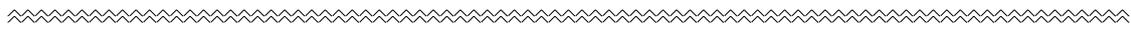
The program is a RAWCS project and the lights themselves are something the Strathfield Rotary Club could look into as a future project!

Our thanks again to Jay for giving an entertaining presentation!

Summary by Dimitry Palmer



This Week's event: AGM and elections



Next Week's event: No meeting

We next meet at the Strathfield Croquet Club (not Golf Club) on Wednesday 16-January-2019.



Reports from Directors

From Wednesday 28-11-18

Usha Garg

Thank Nick Hamilton-Kane for all his efforts for the PoW event.

Rod McDougall

Reminded members that our AGM will be held next week. A quorum of one-third of our members is required on the night.

Rod also reminded us about our Christmas party that will be held next Thursday.

Advised Trish MS golf day will be held in February next year.

Peter van de Sleses

Requested volunteers to present Rotary citizenship awards to students at our local schools.



Reports from members

From Wednesday 28-11-18

Nick Hamilton-Kane

Thank all involved with last week's successful PoW.

Suzanne Freund

Visited our club from her new home in Vincentia. She and Kevin are going well. Susan is still working on the mental health field, whilst Kevin is winding back his involvement with his business and doing community work such as Meal-on-Wheels. They have two Airbnb accommodation units on their property and it has gone so well, they are now classed as superhosts.

Chris Virgona

With reference to Marvin's recent request to support his project with supplying school supplies to Colombian children, our club has established contact with the Rotary club in Columbia. It is our intention to support about 30 children. The project has been forwarded to RWCS for support. As individuals, we can pay directly to the Strathfield Rotary bank account. If members also wish to send a message to the children, then please send an email to Chris and/or President Charles.

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 5th Dec 2018	AGM and elections	-	-
Thur 6th Dec 2018	BBQ – Burwood Park GroovABILITY Festival	Please see Peter Smith to help out	-
Thur 6th Dec 2018	Member's Christmas party	-	-
Sat 8th Dec 2018	BBQ Strathfield Carols in the Park	Please see Peter Smith to help out	-
Wed 12th Dec 2018	No meeting. Christmas break until 16-01-19	-	-
Wed 16th Jan 2019	Strathfield Croquet Club	-	-

<i>Birthdays</i>	
15th Dec	Jaya Challa
22nd Dec	Farrukh Mirza
30th Dec	Catherine Hallworth
8th Jan	Tara Mirza
10th Jan	Marlene Smith

<i>Anniversaries</i>	
7th Dec	Prabhat and Neena Sinha (wedding)
8th Dec	Rod and Maree McDougall (wedding)
18th Dec	Bradley Ayres (Rotary)
22nd Dec	Jaya and Praveen Challa (wedding)
24th Dec	Guru and Pam Singh (wedding)
28th Dec	Thaya Ponniah and Subo Thayaparan (wedding)
14th Jan	Grahame and Penny True (wedding)
14th Jan	Arie and Athena Pappas (wedding)





The Statistics

Attendance last meeting (28-11-18)	18
Leave of absence	4
Other absence	4
Apologies	5
No apology	14
Club membership	45
Make-ups advised	0
Partners	0
Guests	2

<i>Funds raised</i>	
Raffle	\$190.00
Sergeants session	\$75.35



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	Charles Pitt		



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, 5 Dec 18	Nick Hamilton-Kane	Wed, 20 Mar 19	Domenico Alvaro
Wed, 12 Dec 18	Usha Garg	Wed, 27 Mar 19	Thaya Ponniah
Wed, 19 Dec 18	Rod McDougall	Wed, 3 Apr 19	Rick Vosila
Wed, 26 Dec 18	NA	Wed, 10 Apr 19	Janelle Watson
Wed, 2 Jan 19	NA	Wed, 17 Apr 19	Chris Virgona
Wed, 9 Jan 19	NA	Wed, 24 Apr 19	Roger Vince
Wed, 16 Jan 19	Mathew Elias	Wed, 1 May 19	Peter van der Slesesen
Wed, 6 Feb 19	Jaya Challa	Wed, 8 May 19	Gulian Vaccari
Wed, 23 Jan 19	Ed Dunlop	Wed, 15 May 19	Allan Teale
Wed, 30 Jan 19	David Croft	Wed, 22 May 19	Peter Smith
Wed, 13 Feb 19	Bill Carney	Wed, 29 May 19	Prabhat Sinha
Wed, 20 Feb 19	Keith Byrn	Wed, 5 Jun 19	Guru Singh
Wed, 27 Feb 19	Bradley Ayres	Wed, 12 Jun 19	Joseph Saad
Wed, 6 Mar 19	Andrew Aravanis	Wed, 19 Jun 19	Arie Pappas
Wed, 13 Mar 19	Paul Anton	Wed, 26 Jun 19	Dimitry Palmer



Out and About: Charles' selected poem

Santa Claus in the Bush

by Banjo Paterson

It chanced out back at the Christmas time,
When the wheat was ripe and tall,
A stranger rode to the farmer's gate --
A sturdy man and a small.

"Rin doon, rin doon, my little son Jack,
And bid the stranger stay;
And we'll hae a crack for Auld Lang Syne,
For the morn is Christmas Day."

"Nay noo, nay noo," said the dour guidwife,
"But ye should let him be;
He's maybe only a drover chap
Frae the land o' the Darling Pea.

"Wi' a drover's tales, and a drover's thirst
To swiggle the hail nicht through;
Or he's maybe a life assurance carle
To talk ye black and blue,"

"Guidwife, he's never a drover chap,
For their swags are neat and thin;
And he's never a life assurance carle,
Wi' the brick-dust burnt in his skin.

"Guidwife, guidwife, be nae sae dour,
For the wheat stands ripe and tall,
And we shore a seven-pound fleece this year,
Ewes and weaners and all.

"There is grass tae spare, and the stock are fat.
Where they whiles are gaunt and thin,
And we owe a tithe to the travelling poor,
So we maun ask him in.

"Ye can set him a chair tae the table side,
And gi' him a bite tae eat;
An omelette made of a new-laid egg,
Or a tasty bit of meat."

"But the native cats have taen the fowls,
They havena left a leg;
And he'll get nae omelette at a'
Till the emu lays an egg!"

"Rin doon, rin doon, my little son Jack,
To whaur the emus bide,
Ye shall find the auld hen on the nest,
While the auld cock sits beside.

"But speak them fair, and speak them saft,
Lest they kick ye a fearsome jolt.
Ye can gi' them a feed of thae half-inch nails
Or a rusty carriage bolt."

So little son Jack ran blithely down
With the rusty nails in hand,
Till he came where the emus fluffed and scratched
By their nest in the open sand.

And there he has gathered the new-laid egg --
'Twould feed three men or four --
And the emus came for the half-inch nails
Right up to the settler's door.

"A waste o' food," said the dour guidwife,
As she took the egg, with a frown,
"But he gets nae meat, unless ye rin
A paddy-melon down."

"Gang oot, gang oot, my little son Jack,
Wi' your twa-three doggies sma';
Gin ye come nae back wi' a paddy-melon,
Then come nae back at a'."

So little son Jack he raced and he ran,
And he was bare o' the feet,
And soon he captured a paddy-melon,
Was gorged with the stolen wheat.

"Sit doon, sit doon, my bonny wee man,
To the best that the hoose can do --
An omelette made of the emu egg
And a paddy-melon stew."

"'Tis well, 'tis well," said the bonny wee man;
"I have eaten the wide world's meat,
And the food that is given with right good-will
Is the sweetest food to eat.

"But the night draws on to the Christmas Day
And I must rise and go,
For I have a mighty way to ride
To the land of the Esquimaux.

"And it's there I must load my sledges up,
With the reindeers four-in-hand,
That go to the North, South, East, and West,
To every Christian land."

"Tae the Esquimaux," said the dour guidwife,
"Ye suit my husband well!"
For when he gets up on his journey horse
He's a bit of a liar himsel'."

Then out with a laugh went the bonny wee man
To his old horse grazing nigh,
And away like a meteor flash they went
Far off to the Northern sky.

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When the children woke on the Christmas morn
They chattered with might and main --
For a sword and gun had little son Jack,
And a braw new doll had Jane,
And a packet o' screws had the twa emus;
But the dour guidwife gat nane.

Ref: https://en.m.wikisource.org/wiki/Santa_Claus_in_the_Bush



Obituary: John Watkins

Vale John Watkins 29th October 1938 - 11th November 2018

John was inducted into the Rotary Club of Strathfield in June 1979 with a classification of AUTO SERVICES during Peter Foss's year. He retired from the Club in 2011 due to ill health. In 1990 he was named a Paul Harris Fellow by the late PP Max Douglas, mainly for starting the very successful Xmas Community Chest run by Strathfield for several years before being taken over by Burwood Rotary Club. He is perhaps the only Scots Bellevue Hill boy who played rugby for his school and then went on to play league for Parramatta. We all remember John as a very quiet achiever who always looked exhausted when he arrived at a meeting after a hard day at his service station. After more than 30 years in Rotary he will be remembered fondly by many Rotarians, both current and ex.

By Roger Vince



Out and About: NSW volunteer of the Year

Thursday 21st February 2019:

PP Peter Smith - NSW Senior Volunteer of the Year Finals

Members and friends will recall that earlier this year Peter Smith was recognised for his outstanding volunteering work and was named 2018 Sydney Mid Western Senior Volunteer of the Year and overall winner for the region.

Peter then went on to the recent state awards, in the senior volunteer category, and whilst not taking out the top award, is delighted to have been named a finalist.

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.

The awards have provided significant and thoroughly deserved recognition of Peter's amazing contribution. A prolific and instinctive volunteer, his track record within our club is legendary. Peter is almost always first to put his name on a commitment sheet, be it for a barbecue, graffiti work, Carols by Candlelight, BowelCare or providing assistance for Pride of Workmanship or the police awards. Without him, some of our programs would not exist.

Beyond Rotary, his contribution over many decades to volunteering with other organisations, including The Salvation Army, Strathfield Council, and many others is truly inspiring.

One of Peter's many strengths is his special dedication to programs and activities involving support for young people.

Congratulations Peter.

By Rod McDougall





Out and About: News from Homebush Boys High
Monday 3rd December 2018

We have a very proud HBHS Interactor – it was announced (at Interact) today that Darshan Neshabalan has just won a NSW Teachers Federation Award – which carries a \$2,500 first prize!

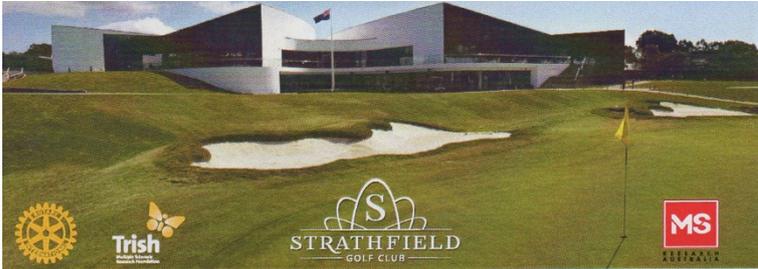
Dashan was the winner in the literature competition for his work, entitled “Teachers Make a Difference”.

For more detail, see [www. https://www.nswtf.org.au/centenarycompetitions](https://www.nswtf.org.au/centenarycompetitions)

By Peter Smith

Out and About: Upcoming Trish Golf Day

Friday 30th November 2018



 **ROTARY CLUB OF
STRATHFIELD**

CHARITY GOLF DAY

IN AID OF

**TRISH MULTIPLE
SCLEROSIS RESEARCH
FOUNDATION** 


STRATHFIELD
GOLF CLUB

52 Weeroona Road
Strathfield

Thursday, 21st February 2019

Shotgun start: 12:30pm

Golf Presentation: 6:00pm

Dinner: 6:30pm for 7:00pm

For further information please contact:
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