



# STRATHFIELD ROTARY BULLETIN

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## *Rotary, United Nations and Australian Themes*

<i>Month of March</i>		
-	Rotary	Water and Sanitation Month
<i>Weeks of March</i>		
9th-13th Mar	Aust	Headache Awareness Week
11th-17th Mar	Rotary	World Rotaract Week
11th-17th Mar	Aust	National Ground Water Awareness Week
11th-17th Mar	Int	Brain Awareness Week
<i>Days of March</i>		
8th Mar	UN	International Women's Day

## *From the President's Desk*

Hi Fellows,

After the success of the Trish Golf Day and Dinner, now two weeks back, (21 February), I continue to reminisce and ask the Club to consider how we do better next time; February, 2020. The incoming Board, with President Elect Arie, are supportive, and there will be a next time. I myself, will play more golf over the next year. For Trish 2020. I will have long drives, chipping on, and making the putts; I'm dreaming! Not so our Treasurer Rod. Over the last week, he has been out paying the last of the bills and by Wednesday we will have a clear result, heading for \$30,000 plus. Thanks Rod.

Our next big event is hosting the Strathfield Youth Achievement Awards, to be held Strathfield Council Town Hall on Wednesday evening, 10 April, 2019. Nominations are open for various categories, visit our web site, <http://www.strathfieldrotary.org.au/> For Rotarians, it is a transfer meeting. There will be no meals served, but small finger food will be available on arrival. On seating, the awards will proceed.

In the Bulletin last week, I raised the view of the need for our Rotary District 9675, to merge, or as termed "Redistrict". This is a response to the aging and declining membership of

Rotary Clubs in Australia, and generally in the western world. There is a concept paper and a facts sheet on the District web page: <https://rotarydistrict9675.org/> Please have a read, and form your own view. I have had comments from our members, to be expected, both supportive and contrary views. A member has let me know his support for the District Governor (DG), namely: "Our membership and club number trends point to us reaching that point in a couple of years anyway. I think I'm correct in representing the position of the DG when I say that we feel it is better to proceed with the redistricting now, while it's in our hands, rather than be forced to do it by RI when we reach that threshold level when it is 'automatically' triggered, and it's out of our control. Our membership and club number trends point to us reaching that point in a couple of

years anyway. I do not share this view, it is to bring forward change that is speculation based on the demise of Rotary. Please make your views known. Soon we will have to indicate to the DG our Club's position.

An observation, leaving the Golf Club, last week, driving up Weeroona Road, the mail trucks were gone, there were flickers of light on the left, from the Rookwood Cemetery, the Necropolis, it was the vigil lights, solar powered. This is a new perspective to the song "City Lights" and the phrase renewable energy. By way, this part of the cemetery is under the transmission lines.

*Charles*

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### *Last Week's Speaker: Joe Dirani*

[In lieu of the usual speaker write-up, Paul Anton has provided me with his 'thank you' speech – Ed]

Thank you Joe for your enthusiastic approach to your passion of property investing, you've certainly empowered us with helpful information.

As we all know property ownership and investing in Australia is a hot topic around many dining tables and BBQ's.

Many questions are raised, such as, do I have enough deposit, is it the time right, what if I loose my job, can I maintain my lifestyle with added commitments, which area, which State, tax implications and so on. Seeking advice is the first step, there's free advice from family and friends or professional advice. From what we've learned you've created a great team to provide that professional advice.

Thank you once again for joining us tonight and sharing your information in realising people's financial goals. We wish well in your endeavors to coach and assist spirited investors with gaining financial independence.



*Paul Anton*



### *This Week's speaker: Steven Nakhla*

Being a building inspector and mediator, the evening is sure to be an

insight into this, sometimes, contentious realm.



### *Next Week's meeting: Carmel Soames*

Carmel will present to us information on over 55's luxury living. In so doing, she will outline current approaches to

caring for our Seniors, suggest a better approach and highlight what the future might look like.



### *Reports from Directors*

From Wednesday 27-02-19

#### **Charles Pitt**

Advised that the Trish golf day was a great success. There were 86 in attendance for the golf, with 133 in attendance at the dinner. The excess food and water bottles from the golf day we taken down to Chalmers Road School, who were very appreciative. The total funds raised was in the order \$30,000.

#### **Arie Pappas**

Reminded members that the district conference will be held from the 15th to 17 March. A commitment sheet will be sent out.

The change over is set to occur on Saturday, 26 June.

This year's Youth Awards will be held at Strathfield Town Hall on Wednesday, 10 April.



## Reports from members

From Wednesday 27-02-19

### Peter Smith

Advised that the Interact Club of Homebush Boys raised \$711.45 at the recent concord markets. All of these proceeds are being donated to the Townsville flood relief program.

At the next markets, Strathfield Rotaract will be raising money for the 'buy a cow' initiative to help farmers in North Queensland.

The boys at Homebush Boys will be raising money via the "Worlds Greatest Shave" event, with all money going to the Leukaemia Foundation.



## 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 6th Mar 2019	<b>Steven Nakhla</b> building inspector and mediator	Paolo Giammarco	Chris Virgona
Wed 13th Mar 2019	<b>Carmel Soames</b> aged care lifestyle and luxury living	tba	tba
15th-17th March 2019	<b>District Conference</b>	-	-
Wed 20th Mar 2019	<b>Luke Athens</b> Private detective	tba	tba
Last week of March	BowelCare distribution	Peter Smith	-
Start: 1 April 2019 Finish: 31 May 2019	BowelCare	Peter Smith	-

<i>Birthdays</i>	
7th Mar	Christopher Virgona
8th Mar	Kate Teale
8th Mar	Usha Garg
8th Mar	Kim Dunlop
11th Mar	Vicki Nicolaou

<i>Anniversaries</i>	
7th Mar	Dimitry Palmer (Rotary)
7th Mar	Nick and Helen Hamilton-Kane (wedding)
8th Mar	Christopher Haseldine (Rotary - Strathfield)
9th Mar	Andrew and Danielle Aravanis (wedding)
9th Mar	Umesh Kamkolkar (Rotary)
9th Mar	Anuradha Kamkolkar (Rotary)
10th Mar	Bradley and Cheryl Ayres (wedding)
13th Mar	Keith and Sue Byrn (wedding)



## *The Statistics*

Attendance last meeting (27-2-19)	20
Leave of absence	3
Other absence	3
Apologies	3
Late apology	2
No apology	14
Club membership	<b>45</b>
Make-ups advised	0
Partners	0
Guests	3

<i>Funds raised</i>	
Raffle	\$225.00
Sergeants session	\$66.20

## 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 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		

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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!

<b>Date</b>	<b>Rostered on</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Rostered on</b>
<b>Wed, 6 Mar 19</b>	<b>Andrew Aravanis</b>	Wed, 8 May 19	Gulian Vaccari
<b>Wed, 13 Mar 19</b>	<b>Paul Anton</b>	Wed, 15 May 19	Allan Teale
Wed, 20 Mar 19	Domenico Alvaro	Wed, 22 May 19	Peter Smith
Wed, 27 Mar 19	Thaya Ponniah	Wed, 29 May 19	Prabhat Sinha
Wed, 3 Apr 19	Rick Vosila	Wed, 5 Jun 19	Guru Singh
Wed, 10 Apr 19	Janelle Watson	Wed, 12 Jun 19	Joseph Saad
Wed, 17 Apr 19	Chris Virgona	Wed, 19 Jun 19	Arie Pappas
Wed, 24 Apr 19	Roger Vince	Wed, 26 Jun 19	Dimitry Palmer
Wed, 1 May 19	Peter van der Sleen		

## *Out and About: Upcoming Youth Awards*

To be held 10th April 2019

The poster features a blue sky background with silhouettes of two people jumping joyfully. A white box in the upper center contains the text '2018 YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS' and 'WEDNESDAY 10 APRIL 2019'. Below this, a white banner reads 'NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN'. The bottom section is a dark blue box with white text and logos.

**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*

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

## **Water and Sanitation Month**

### **Providing Clean Water**

Clean water, sanitation, and hygiene education are basic necessities for a healthy environment and a productive life.

When people have access to clean water and sanitation, waterborne diseases decrease, children stay healthier and attend school more regularly, and mothers can spend less time carrying water and more time helping their families.

### HOW ROTARY MAKES HELP HAPPEN

Through water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) programs, Rotary's people of action mobilize resources, form partnerships, and invest in infrastructure and training that yield long-term change.

### OUR IMPACT ON CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION

The Rotary Foundation is changing the world by providing grants for projects and activities around the globe and in your own backyard:

**Rotary-USAID Partnership:** Rotary has [partnered with the United States Agency for International Development](#) in Ghana, Madagascar, and Uganda to implement sustainable, long-term programs to improve water supplies, sanitation, and hygiene.

**WASH in Schools Target Challenge:** Rotary has [challenged](#) our members to develop sustainable water, sanitation, and hygiene education projects in five countries: Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, India, and Kenya.

**WASH projects:** Since 2013, The Rotary Foundation has invested in more than 1,000 WASH projects in more than 100 countries. Through grants from The Rotary Foundation and fundraising by Rotary clubs, our volunteers have supported water purification, hygiene education, latrine construction, and waste management.

\$24 - is all it takes to provide one person with safe water

110 - schools in Ghana have better sanitation and hygiene due to Rotary-USAID partnership

2030 - is the year Rotary hopes to finish providing everyone with safe water, sanitation, and hygiene

Taken from: <https://www.rotary.org/en/our-causes/providing-clean-water>