



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>Weeks of August</i>		
5th-11th August	Australia	National EOS Awareness Week
6th-13th August	Australia	Dental Health Week
11th-19th August		National Science Week
<i>Days of August</i>		
8th August	Australia	Top 8 Challenge Day (eosinophilic gastrointestinal disorders- EOS))
8th August	Australia	Dying To Know Day
9th August	UN	International Day of the World's Indigenous People
12th August	UN	International Youth Day



*From the President's Desk*

At our last meeting, our own Chris Haseldine, had us sitting in our seats with our mouths open, gasping, from his comments on the Children's Court, the legal jurisdiction to protect children. We were introduced to all the players - the Solicitors (being there for everyone), the good and bad actual parents, the foster parents (some being good, others entrepreneurial), the medical practitioners, the police, the Magistrate, and even the Government's Family and Community Services. What a 'bog hole' pulling all players down! The children, secret names on paper. All parents of children should hear Chris's stories. I

can say to a parent "be good and stay away from the bad stuff", a sad outcome may be when your children are not there when you come home, but living with strangers. A serious matter!

On a more cheerful subject, the photos from Christmas in July with Glen and Gary Ella are on our web page, so you can scroll through, laugh and send them on to the family. My intuition is that photos from the night are already in Europe. Bill Carney won the subscription to a Gym. Mira, said, "if Bill doesn't go, our daughters sure will". The comment reminded me of a conversation I had with my

children, when few years back, I came home a new mobile phone, and their words were, this phone is wasted on you, Dad! Prove them wrong Bill and let us know how you went. Also, thanks to Allan for arranging the Gym sponsorship, and the prize, at “Next Generation Gym, Ryde”.

I am still coming down from the night. It has to be there again next year.

Our next major event is the Police Officer of the Year. Planning is well underway, as it is to be held on 19th September 2018. This is a great event for the Club, we have done it successfully previously and it is

greatly appreciated by both the Police and the State Governments. All members should try and be there. It is to me our premier community event. Others can correct me saying, Vocational, never the less we are honoured to host the night.

A return to Strathfield Golf Club has us off the tee, and coming down the fairway, hopefully a chip away, unsure at the moment how far from the flag, but we will let you know soon.

*Charles*

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### *Last Week's speaker: Chris Haseldine*

No report received.

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### *This Week's speaker: Stephanie Saade*

Stephanie Saade is a dietician at RPA Hospital where she specialises in treating eating disorders.

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### *Director's reports*

From Wednesday 1-8-18

#### **Youth**

Peter van der Sleen thanked Raymond McCluskie for his involvement with NYSC (National Youth Science Forum). We have two candidates accepted; one from PLC and one from Meriden

#### **Treasurer**

Rod McDougall advised that the surplus from the Christmas in July even held last Saturday night should be just under \$4,500. Seventy people attended, including about seventeen Rotarians. Rod acknowledged the efforts of Allan Teal as the driving force behind the event.

## *Member's reports*

From Wednesday 1-8-18

### **Arie Papas**

Arie advised that we have five attendees at RYPEN Camp on the weekend of 4th-5th August.

### **Peter Smith**

Peter requested help transporting three boys back from the RYPEN

Camp because he has other commitments. Arie offered to fit the boys into his 'people mover'.

### **Anuradha Kamkolkar**

Advised of a program for people to sell goods. More details to come.



## *Why attend a Rotary meeting at our Club?*

In previous bulletins I mentioned about attendance and also about being part of the Rotary meeting team. The constitution says the only 30% of our attendance need be at our own club. This means that if we have 45 regular meeting each Rotary year there could be 13 Strathfield Rotary Club meetings that you are obliged to attend. Sounds like a lot meetings you can miss at our Club doesn't it? Well you could be absent from our Club and still be involved with Rotary to the tune of 100% attendance if you had 'make-ups' or if on a minimalist concept just bring your overall attendance to 50%. Also, if you wanted to, you may take the 85 rule to extreme and practically never attend a meeting at our Club. From time to time we all have good reason not to attend meetings. Does it matter if you don't attend local Club meetings? Of course it does!

The heart and soul of Rotary is the concept of our Club. This means sharing the load. In a previous article I pointed out 20 'must do' items that some Rotarian must undertake to make the Club meeting work. I noticed that at last meeting that the

Rotarian who hangs up our banners also managed to get the down lights shining on the banners. The meeting room looked very Rotarian. By the way don't forget that if the banners are hung they also have to be taken down and stored. Are you there early enough to see who puts them up? Do you stay long enough after the meeting to know who the Rotarian is that takes them down? If there was an emergency could you do this job? Do you know where the banners are kept? Do you know where the rest of Rotary paraphernalia is kept? For that matter would you be able to take over one of those 20 duties (see bulletin 18 July 2018) in an emergency? Do you know what has to be done?

We are lucky at our Club because there does seem to be someone, a Rotarian, available to carry out one of these 20 essential meeting duties in an emergency; we have 44 members and we do get around 20 members at most meetings. Have a thought for those clubs who have less than 20 members to carry out those essential 20 meeting duties. Now that's not 20 members attending the meeting but

less than 20 members on the books. Believe it or not, more than 25% of Rotary Clubs in our District have a membership of less than 20 members. I would imagine its 'all hands on deck' for Rotary meetings at these Clubs.

Now there is another reason to attend a Rotary meeting at our club; sharing the costs. This is no more evident than when we have a special event partner's night. There are lots of items that increase the cost of these functions, no less than 'guests of the Club'. This financial burden is overcome by hiking the cost of the meal. Rotarians who bring a guest or partner are burdened not only with the increased costs on their own meal but also that of their guests. It's unfair

that the whole club membership doesn't shoulder these costs and that willing Rotarians have to pay double or more through the payment for themselves and their guests. Also while we are mentioning finances, what about our fines sessions and raffles and regular levies on our meal at dinner meetings? Those who do not attend the Club meetings are seeming abrogating some of the Club's financial responsibilities.

There is no time like now to share the fun, duties and responsibilities of Club meetings. A good Rotarian is a good Club meeting attendee.

*Raymond McCluskie*



## *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 8th Aug 2018	Eating disorders <b>Stephanie Saade</b>	Raymond McCluskie	Andrew Aravanis
Wed 15th Aug 2018	School participation in US Space Academy program <b>Sonny Liu</b>	A Bala	Bradley Ayres
Wed 22nd Aug 2018	My Story <b>Quang Nguyen</b>	John-Paul Baladi	Mathew Elias
Wed 29th Aug 2018	Meriden Interact Club	Roger Vince	David Croft
Wed 5th Sep 2018	Town planning <b>John Crawford</b>	Grahame True	William Carney

<i>Birthdays</i>	
13th August	Christine Haseldine
14th August	George Hallworth
15th August	Gulian Vaccari

<i>Anniversaries</i>	
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## *The statistics*

Attendance last meeting (1-08-18)	22
Leave of absence	1
Other absence	4
Apologies	6
No apology	11
Club membership	<b>44</b>
Make-ups advised	0
Partners	0
Guests	0
Members Rotary activities	Week ending 1-08-18: <b>36</b> [hours]

<i>Funds raised</i>	
Raffle	\$175.00
Sergeants session	\$91.00



## *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	TBA		



## 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>
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
<b>Wed, 8 Aug 18</b>	<b>Chris Virgona</b>	Wed, 30 Jan 19	David Croft
<b>Wed, 15 Aug 18</b>	<b>Peter van der Sleesen</b>	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

*Out and About: Australia-Korea Art Exhibition*  
Thursday 9th August – Thursday 23rd August



**FREE ENTRY**

**ART & FRIENDSHIP**  
AUSTRALIAN-KOREAN ART EXHIBITION

CURATED BY GRACE CHOI, STAR HOUSE ART & MUSIC COLLEGE

**THURSDAY 9 AUGUST - THURSDAY 23 AUGUST**

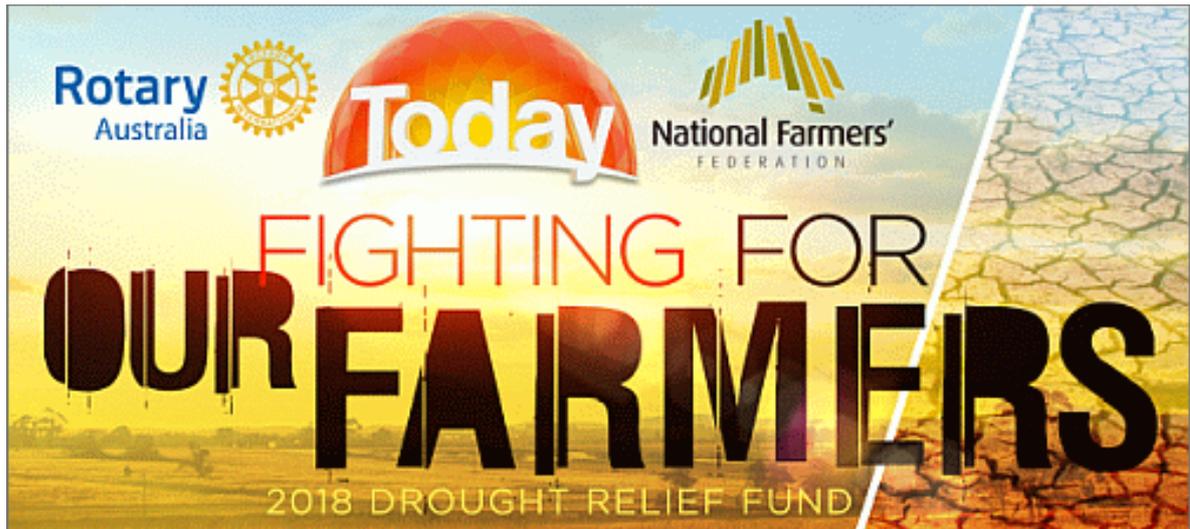
<b>Exhibition Opening Night</b> Thursday 9 August, 6pm	<b>High Street Library</b> 64 High St, Strathfield
<b>Chance to win a lucky door prize - \$100 gift card and vote for People's Choice for a chance to win an \$100 gift card.</b> Refreshments provided.	<b>During Library Opening Hours:</b> Monday - Friday: 9:30am-5pm Saturday: 9am-1pm Sunday: 9am-1pm

Open during Library hours - restricted access to the Exhibition during some days and times due to community programs.

 For further information call council 9748 9999 or visit [strathfield.nsw.gov.au](http://strathfield.nsw.gov.au)

## *Out and About: Rotary helping drought relief*

In Australia, farmers are the lifeblood of our country and they are in crisis. Record breaking heat and lack of rain means farmers are struggling to feed sheep and cattle, and keep crops alive. Families on the land are suffering and they need our help. Channel 9 and Rotary Australia have partnered with the National Farmers' Federation, launching an appeal to big business and everyday Australians, so we can provide some emergency relief. 100% of donations goes to the farmers and is tax deductible via Rotary and RAWCS.<sup>1</sup>



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<sup>1</sup> Reference: <http://rawcs.org.au>