



# STRATHFIELD ROTARY BULLETIN

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## *Rotary, United Nations and Australian Themes*

<i>Month of May</i>		
-	Rotary	Youth Service Month
<i>Weeks of May</i>		
3rd-11th May	Into	World Parks Week
6th-12th May	Int	International Composting Awareness Week
6th-12th May	UN	UN Global Road Safety Week [WHO]
10th-18th May	Int	World Parks Week
<i>Days of May</i>		
8th May	UN	International Women's Day
12th May	Int	World Migratory Bird Week

## *From the President's Desk*

Hi Fellows,

### **Niall King and Trish Golf Day Cheque Presentation**

It was the Club's pleasure last Wednesday, to welcome Honorary Member Niall King to firstly talk to us on living with MS (Multiple Sclerosis) and then accept a cheque for \$18,800; the net proceeds from our Trish Golf Day held in February this year. When added to the direct donations to the Trish Research Foundation of \$14,700, the day's activities totalled \$33,500. Well done Rotary Club of Strathfield, a wonderful Club effort.

For my part, and also shared by many members, was the pleasure of seeing the Trish Golf Day, not as one off

event for this year, but back as a regular Club activity, with President Elect Arie Papas and his Board committed for the next year. We will be back again in February 2020, enjoying the golf and the evening that follows.

### **Facebook and our Club's presence on social media**

Not all of us are members of Facebook, with our diary entries, comments and photos. The Rotary Club of Strathfield does have a Facebook page. The Administrator (with assistance) is selective of the posts. Last week we checked the hits, the interest, I would say, in our Club activities. The posts of the greatest interest (largest number of hits) were

the Trish Golf Day invitation (the day was successfully promoted!) and news related to the Colombian children's presentation (everyone loves good news stories). These posts presented the Rotary Club of Strathfield to a wider community, and with Colombian Children it had international impact.

The approach is, 'less is more'. Have you had a look lately?

**Election Day, back inside the gate!  
On the BBQ of course**

The Federal Election is on the 18 May 2018, and once again our Club is to support the Chalmers Road School with its fund raising by operating the Club BBQ. At the recent NSW State elections, we were there and our efforts raised more than \$3,000 towards the new school bus. We will be back there, turning the sausages, and chatting with staff and families from the School. Warm and interesting conversations.

**Club Change Over**

Our Club changeover, where we thank the retiring President and Board, and welcome the new President and Board, is on Saturday evening, 22 June 2019, at the Strathfield Golf Club. It should be a wonderful evening. Save the date and try to be there. The Club has had many achievements during the year, least of all has been finishing the year with our membership still intact. A

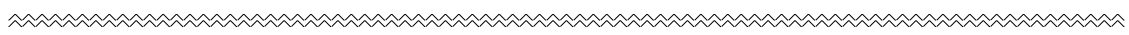
reason to celebrate and welcome President Elect Arie Pappas.

**This week's poem**

At our last meeting, a wonderful Partners Night, Olga read a poem by the Late Les Murray, "Cherries from Young". A poem of the enjoyment of cherries, normally at Christmas, when celebrations are near. A copy of the poem is in the back pages of our Bulletin.

Les passed away on 29 April 2019. His funeral is in Krambach on 10 May 2019. Kramach a small town, not far from Bunyah, where Les lived and which was the subject of many of his poems. I know Bunyah, and sometimes live there, often no longer than a weekend. Bunyah, half way between Gloucester and Foster, is where the roads are gravel, the dairy truck is no longer seen, and peak hour traffic is being caught behind the school bus, on a twice daily route to Gloucester. The town, if there was ever one, was small, but there is Bunyah Hall, a flag pole, the chalk board out the front (Craft Group Wednesday, 9.00 to 12.00) and tennis court, over the road from the fire station shed. The post office store, the school and small church closed decades ago and are now homes.

*Charles*



*Last week's speaker: Niall King OAM*

No report received.



Sat 11th May 2019	<b>District Assembly</b>	-	-
Wed 15th May 2019	Leadership in Business <b>Sarah Morgan</b>	Keith Byrn	Thaya Ponniah
Wed 22nd May 2019	Why branding works? <b>Tiz Porreca</b>	Nick Hamilton-Kane	Peter Manenti
Sat 22nd June 2019	<b>Club Changeover</b>	-	-

<i>Birthdays</i>	
15th May	Charles Pitt

<i>Anniversaries</i>	
10th May	Mathew Elias and Navya Mathew (wedding)



## *The Statistics*

Attendance last meeting (01-05-19)	21
Leave of absence	8
Other absence	3
Apologies	10
Late apology	1
No apology	3
Club membership	<b>46</b>
Make-ups advised	0
Partners	18
Guests	5

<i>Funds raised</i>	
Raffle	\$450.00
Sergeants session	\$101.00



## 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	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>
<b>Wed, 8 May 19</b>	<b>Gulian Vaccari</b>	Wed, 5 Jun 19	Guru Singh
<b>Wed, 15 May 19</b>	<b>Allan Teale</b>	Wed, 12 Jun 19	Joseph Saad
Wed, 22 May 19	Peter Smith	Wed, 19 Jun 19	Arie Pappas
Wed, 29 May 19	Prabhat Sinha	Wed, 26 Jun 19	Dimitry Palmer

## *Guest Speaker Roster*

<b>GUEST SPEAKER INTRODUCER / THANKER ROSTER</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Introducer</b>	<b>Thanker</b>
Wed 1 May 2019	Roger Vince	Charles Pitt
Wed 8 May 2019	Mathew Elias	Peter Manenti
Wed 15 May 2019	Keith Byrn	Thaya Ponniah
Wed 22 May 2019	Nick Hamilton-Kane	Jaya Challa
Wed 29 May 2019	Roger Vince	Nick Nicolaou
Wed 5 Jun 2019	Ed Dunlop	William Carney
Wed 12 Jun 2019	Raymond McCluskie	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 Sleen	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	Guru Singh	Chris Haseldine
Wed 14 Aug 2019	John-Paul Baladi	Dmitry 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 Sleen
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	Bradley Ayres
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	Marvin Manrique-Velasquez
Wed 20 Nov 2019	Joseph Saad	Grahame True
Wed 27 Nov 2019	Peter van der Sleen	Nick Hamilton-Kane
Wed 4 Dec 2019	Annual General Meeting	
Wed 11 Dec 2019	Jaya Challa	Rick Vosila
Wed 18 Dec 2019	Christmas Party?	



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

### Cherries from Young

Les Murray (1938 -2019)

Cherries from Young  
that pretty town,  
white cherries and black,  
sun-windows on them.

Cherries from Young  
the tastiest ever  
grow in drought time  
on farms above there.

One lip-teased drupe  
or whole sweet gallop  
poured out of cardboard  
in whatever year,

cherries from Young.  
All the roads back  
go down into Young  
that early town.

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## *Out and About: Trish Foundation*

**Wednesday 1st May 2019**



Pres. Charles about to present cheque of proceeds from MS Trish Golf Day to Niall King

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## *Out and About: New Poster for the Club*

Wednesday 1st May 2019




Peter Smith presenting poster to Pres. Charles

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## *Out and About: New Homebush Probus Club*

Wednesday 1st May 2019



**FUN, FRIENDSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP IN RETIREMENT**

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A new Club is being formed in your local area.

**Homebush  
PROBUS CLUB**

Venue: Ironbark Room, Strathfield Library, 65-67 Rochester Street, Homebush  
Date/Time: Monday 13th May 2019, 10:00am

RSVP with us today T: 1300 630 488  
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Come and join us for morning tea to find out more about PROBUS.



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