



# STRATHFIELD ROTARY BULLETIN

DISTRICT 9675  
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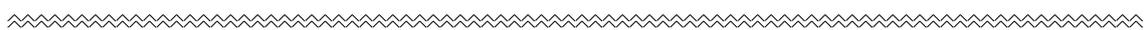
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## *Rotary, United Nations and Australian Themes*

<i>Month of June</i>		
-	Rotary	Rotary Fellowships Month
<i>Weeks of June</i>		
10th-16th June	Aust	Infant Mental Health Awareness Week
17th-23rd June	Aust	Refugee Week
<i>Days of June</i>		
12th June	UN	World Day Against Child Labour
13th June	UN	International Albinism Awareness Day
14th June	UN	World Blood Donor Day [WHO]
15th June	UN	World Elder Abuse Awareness Day
15th June	Int	Global Wind Day
16th June	UN	International Day of Family Remittances
17th June	UN	World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought
18th June	UN	Sustainable Gastronomy Day
19th June	UN	International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict



## *From the President's Desk*

Hi Fellows,

### **Changeover is near. 22 June 2019**

Changeover is quickly approaching, and I am reflective of the events of the year, and the Club's achievements. It was only year ago we were meeting at the Massey Park Golf Club, at Concord, not Strathfield. The Strathfield Golf Club, our home, was being rebuilt, the catering had changed, there were new dynamics and doubt on our return to this venue. As we all know, in October

2018, we were back at a wonderful venue with great dinners and speakers.

Meeting and dining is only part of this successful year, the Club has worked together, maintaining a strong community presence and sharing the fellowship of a great bunch of guys and gals.

Rotary is important to the local community and in our children's

schools; as someone once said, “it’s great to be a Rotarian”.

A reminder of this great year, Christmas-In-July, the Presentation of the \$10, 000 to Chalmers Road, from Rick’s Year, Police Officer of the Year Awards, Pride of Workmanship Awards, welcoming back the Trish Golf Day, Election day BBQ support for Chalmers Road, Youth Achievement Awards, Salvation Army Red Shield, and only in the last week the collection of the Bowl Scan kits from pharmacies.

Rotary is continuously working with great results.

Join us in our once-a-year evening, for ourselves, to thank the Board for the last year and welcome Arie and his Board for the next year, 2019/2020. It can only be greater, so be there.

The link is here,  
<http://www.strathfieldrotary.org.au/>

### **Bowel Scan**

Club members, together with their partners, Peter Smith (Captain), Rod, Janelle, Sue Byrne, Raymond, and Gulian distributed and collected kits to 20 local pharmacies, even beyond Strathfield. The project was over months, April to June 2019. The Club’s participation was part of National Bowel Scan and the Kits collected are forwarded onto for testing and reporting back is to the participant’s doctor. Bowel Scan is a national health project, as many of us have received birthday kits from the Australian Government. In fact there is one on the top of my desk, waiting for me... Found it!

In reporting the Club's participation, I learnt that Rotary Bowel Scan program was first developed in 1982 in Lismore, northern New South Wales by a local doctor and member of the Rotary Club of Lismore, Dr Bill Brand, who identified the need for a low cost, easy to use diagnostic test for bowel cancer. To repeat, it’s great to be a Rotarian.

### **Congratulations to Di North**

The Club is pleased to congratulate Di North, the 9675 District Governor Elect for 2019/2020 on being awarded the Medal for the Order of Australia (OAM). On reading Di’s citation, there is more to Di activities than Rotary,

<http://honours.pmc.gov.au/honours/awards/2004157>

### **Congratulations to Susan Templeman**

Congratulations to Susan Templeman, on being elected to the Federal Parliament, as the Member for Macquarie, covering lower Blue Mountains, the Hawkesbury towns of Richmond and Windsor.

Susan is a former exchange student of this Club, to Mexico, and the daughter of Past President Bob Templeman. It was Bob who asked me to join Rotary, when he and his wife Jan were proprietors of the Strathfield Newsagency. It was wonderful to see Bob and Jan at the Trish Golf Day cheque presentation with Honorary Member Niall King.

### **Poem**

The poem this week is “Calling Me Home”, by John O’Brien, the pen name for a Catholic Priest, Patrick Hartigan. Written in the early twentieth century, he was dreaming of returning to the bush

<http://boreelog.com.au/the-poems/calling-to-me>

Another John O'Brien poem is "The One Ton Truck". I suggest you read this 1930's poem on the trip to church in a one ton truck

<http://boreelog.com.au/the-poems/the-oneton-truck>

This poem is possibly lost in time. I do remember dogs chasing cars!

*Charles*

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## *Last week's speaker: Fellowship night*



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## *This week's speaker: Alexey Prokopenko*

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## *Next week's speaker: Richard Scenna*

Richard is the Co-Founder of YourLink, an award-winning organisation focussed on the digital inclusion of seniors, whether living in residential aged care, a retirement village or the family home.

Richard has over 20 years experience working in Australia and the United States as a marketing and technology

professional for organisations including PwC.

Richard's enthusiasm and drive comes from his personal desire to create a more inclusive community for all, particularly seniors. He is an expert in digital inclusion and quality of life programs for the aged care and community sector.

## Reports from Directors

From Wednesday 05-06-19

None.



## Reports from members

From Wednesday 05-06-19

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>
Wed 12th June 2019	Mobile Application <b>Alexey Prokopenko</b>	Raymond McCluskie	Gulian Vaccari
Wed 19th June 2019	Technology Updates You Need to Know <b>Richard Scenna</b>	Domenico Alvaro	Allan Teale
Sat 22nd June 2019	<b>Club Changeover</b>	-	-
Wed 26th June 2019	No meeting	-	-
Sat 29th June 2019	Chalmers Road Trivia night	-	-

<i>Birthdays</i>	
13th June	Afaf Helou
13th June	Nick Nicolaou

<i>Anniversaries</i>	
10th June	Domenico and Johanna Alvaro (Wedding)
13th June	Jaya Challa (Rotary)

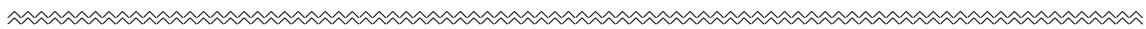




## The Statistics

Attendance last meeting (07-06-19)	7
Leave of absence	6
Other absence	4
Apologies	29
Late apology	0
No apology	0
Club membership	<b>46</b>
Make-ups advised	0
Partners	2
Guests	4

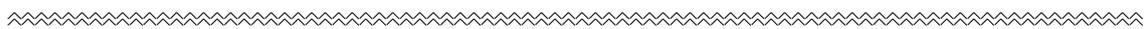
<i>Funds raised</i>	
Raffle	\$n/a
Sergeants session	\$n/a



## 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 activity participate in our weekly raffles.

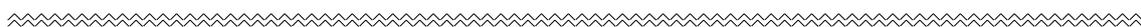
*Here are the rules of the game:*

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, 12 Jun 19	Joseph Saad	Wed, 26 Jun 19	Dimitry Palmer
Wed, 19 Jun 19	Arie Pappas		



## *Guest Speaker Roster*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Introducer</b>	<b>Thanker/Write-up</b>
Wed, 12 Jun 2019	Raymond McCluskie	Gulian Vaccari
Wed, 19 Jun 2019	Domenico Alvaro	Peter van der Sleen



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

### Calling To Me

by John O'Brien

Through the hush of my heart in the spell of its dreaming  
Comes the song of a bush boy glad-hearted and free;  
Oh, the gullies are green where the sunlight is streaming,  
And the voice of that youngster is calling to me.

It is calling to me with a haunting insistence,  
And my feet wander off on a hoof-beaten track,  
Till I hear the old magpies away in the distance  
With a song of the morning that's calling me back.

It is calling me back, for the dew's on the clover,  
And the colours are mellow on mountain and tree:  
Oh, the gold has gone gray in the heart of the rover,  
And the bush in the sunshine is calling to me.

It is calling to me, though the breezes are telling  
Gay troubadour tales to the stars as they roam;  
For the tapers are lit in the humble old dwelling,  
And the love that it sheltered is calling me home.

It is calling me home — but the white road lies gleaming,  
And afar from it all must I tarry and dree;  
Just an echo far off, in the hush of my dreaming,  
Is the voice of a youngster that's calling to me.



# *Out and About: Chalmers Road fundraising event - Trivia night*

## Chalmers Road School

*2<sup>nd</sup> annual*

# FUNDRAISER TRIVIA NIGHT

**Date:** Saturday 29<sup>h</sup> June 2019

**Time:**

6:00pm doors open, 7.00pm trivia

**Location:** St Patrick's College  
Strathfield. Fraser St entrance.  
(Parking on tennis courts)

**Tickets:** \$25 per person  
Purchase at school office or at the door. If the latter, advise the office in advance to allow for catering.

Bring a team or join a table, 6-8 per table

**Additional info:**

Raffle tickets & games on the night

Delicious dinner food and soft drink available to purchase

Cash only

18+ event

BYO alcohol & nibbles

**Contact (02) 9746 6202**



Good Fellowship  
Fine Food  
Great Rotary



# Strathfield Rotary Changeover Dinner

Saturday 22 June 2019 6:30 for 7:00 pm  
Strathfield Golf Club  
Dinner \$50.00 per person Cash bar  
Dress formal or lounge suit 

Join us for a gala evening as President Charles Pitt  
passes leadership of our club to  
President-elect Arie Pappas.  
Family and friends welcome.



**REGISTRATION OPTIONS** (payment due 15 June 2019)

- By **Humanitix Ticketing** (preferred)  
Click [here](https://events.humanitix.com.au/changeover2019) (<https://events.humanitix.com.au/changeover2019>)
- By **Electronic Funds Transfer**  
BSB 633000 Account 146249156  
Please quote your last name and "change"
- By **Cheque** (payable to Rotary Club of Strathfield)
- By **Cash** (at a weekly club meeting prior to Changeover )

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