



STRATHFIELD ROTARY BULLETIN

DISTRICT 9675

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Rotary, United Nations and Australian Themes

<i>Month of February</i>	Rotary	Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month
	Aust	Don't wait until it's too late (Bowel Cancer awareness)
<i>Weeks of February</i>		
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<i>Days of February</i>		
13th Feb	Aust	National Apology Day
13th Feb	UN	World Radio Day
20th Feb	UN	World Day of Social Justice



From the President's Desk

Hi all,

The Rotary season is Golf, the Trish Golf Day is approaching, Thursday, 21 February, 2019. The numbers are being counted and checked, with same passion and hope as a retiree checking his or her superannuation balance. The team, with Niall and Ray, as said last week, are the Blues Brothers, with the mission to bring the Trish Golf Day back to Strathfield course and the Rotary Club. The teams are coming in and it will happen.

Our speaker last week was unable to attend. The forum at Rotary is not a vacuum. Rick gave us an update on

District and his attendance at an Assistance Governors' training/briefing day. Then time to hear from Past President Ray Wilson, on his 40 years as a Golf Professional, and his struggles with being near death. A reflective comment by Ray, immediately on completing his presidency of Rotary, he had his first Cochlear ear implant. Ray in his talk mentioned the one iron, a difficult club to master. There are some that carry a one iron for encounters with snakes, others have been given name for reasons only known to friends. The great golfer Ben Hogan, with a long one iron came from a stoke from behind to tired for the lead, winning play off and the 1950 US Open,

<https://www.nytimes.com/2013/06/14/sports/golf/1-iron-made-famous-by-hogan-largely-absent-at-us-open.html>

This stroke is history and has made the one iron great.

I have heard from Jane Ruston (Rotary Club of Five Dock) Past President Ted Ingall, had a 90th birthday. Ted is now in care at Croydon.

A reminder, District Conference, 15-16 March, 2019, at Bankstown Sports Club, just down highway! Ted not at Rotary, to send around commitment sheets but here is the link, <https://rotarydistrict9675.org/>

The District Conference are fun, I thoroughly enjoyed last year at Mudgee.

Charles



Last Week's Speaker: Ray Wilson

Yes, Ex-President of Strathfield Rotary, Ray Wilson kept all in attendance enthralled with his tales of being a (now retired) golf professional. [Ed]



Ray Wilson with Pres (we're getting the band back together, Blues Bros style) Charles Pitt



This Week's speaker: Nick Nicolaou

First we will have a 10 minute job\life talk from Nick including details of his interesting and successful businesses. As a close friend of Nick's I know we're in for a treat.

Secondly Nick had kindly and generously agreed to update our website and will lead a needs analysis discussion which will provide you, our members an opportunity to voice your thoughts and opinions.

Whilst many members including PP's Raymond McCluskie, Rod McDougall and Bradley Ayres have done a tremendous job updating our website, it's time that we provide this valuable tool with a major facelift. Our website is the face of our club, it is often the first impression people including guest and prospective members have when researching us online. Our website is reflective of us

as an organisation. We need to modernize this to project a positive message and image.

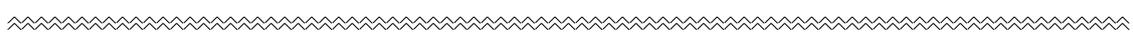
We hear about dwindling membership numbers in Rotary or loss of relevance as average age of membership increases. The solution is we must modernise our club. Following our relocation to the new and improved Strathfield Golf Club, coupled with the strength of the quality of our membership, our new website will complement our offering as a professional organisation with whom prospective members\sponsors and guest speakers would want to be involved.

We look forward to your attendance and participation next Wednesday.

Arie Pappas



Next Week's meeting: Transfer Meeting to Trish Golf Day



Reports from Directors

From Wednesday 30-01-19

Rick Vosila - Immediate Past President

Rick advised that he attended the Rotary District 9675 Leadership Team Seminar last Sunday from 8 AM to 5 PM, with all District Executive, AGs and District Chairs.

He highlighted that the incoming Rotary International President will be Mark Maloney, of the Rotary Club of Decatur, Alabama, USA. His theme for the year will be "Rotary Connects The World".



Rick highlighted that Rotary was involved in the establishment of the United Nations in 1945. In recognition of this fact, any Rotarian can apply to sit in on the General Assembly.

Rotary's Vision

Together we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities and in ourselves.

RI Emphasis for next year:

1. Grow Rotary – Grow Service, grow the impact of our projects, and grow membership
2. Family First – foster a culture where Rotary does not compete with the family, but rather complements it
3. Build a viable path to Rotary Leadership for Rotarians
4. Focus on Rotary's historic and enduring relationship with the United Nations

Closer to home our new District Governor will be Di North.

District 9675 goals the next year are:

1. Rotary District 9675 will give 20% of DDF to Polio Plus
2. Publicise the role of Rotary in Polio Eradication – e.g. the Train Ride for Rotary

3. The DGs Partner's Project will be raising funds to support an Interplast team
4. Encourage clubs to celebrate with a United Nations event in their community

DG Dianne's personal goals for the District are:

1. Encourage for at least 50% of clubs to apply for a District Grant
2. New training seminars to encourage young leaders in clubs and the District
3. Challenge District Leadership Team effort to get more Rotarians involved in District activities
4. Engage in an End Trachoma 2020 project.



Incoming Rotary International President, Mark Maloney



Reports from members

From Wednesday 30-01-19

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 13th Feb 2019	Nick Nicolaou Job Talk	Arie Pappas	Rod McDougall
Wed 20th Feb 2019	Transfer meeting to 21-2-19	-	-
Thu 21st Feb 2019	Trish Golf Day and evening dinner	-	-
Wed 27th Feb 2019	tba	tba	tba
Last week of March	BowelCare distribution	Peter Smith	-
Start: 1 April 2019 Finish: 31 May 2019	BowelCare	Peter Smith	-

<i>Birthdays</i>	
15th Feb	Dinesh Garg

<i>Anniversaries</i>	
17th Feb	Edward and Kim Dunlop (wedding)
18th Feb	George and Afaf Helou (wedding)



The statistics

Attendance last meeting (6-2-19)	21
Leave of absence	2
Other absence	4
Apologies	6
Late apology	1

No apology	11
Club membership	45
Make-ups advised	0
Partners	0
Guests	3

<i>Funds raised</i>	
Raffle	\$200.00
Sergeants session	\$95.75

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, 13 Feb 19	Bill Carney	Wed, 13 Mar 19	Paul Anton
Wed, 20 Feb 19	Keith Byrn	Wed, 20 Mar 19	Domenico Alvaro
Wed, 27 Feb 19	Bradley Ayres	Wed, 27 Mar 19	Thaya Ponniah
Wed, 6 Mar 19	Andrew Aravanis	Wed, 3 Apr 19	Rick Vosila

Charles' Selected Poem:

I had written him a letter which I had, for want of better
Knowledge, sent to where I met him down the Lachlan, years ago,
He was shearing when I knew him, so I sent the letter to him,
Just "on spec", addressed as follows: "Clancy, of The Overflow".

And an answer came directed in a writing unexpected,
(And I think the same was written in a thumbnail dipped in tar)
'Twas his shearing mate who wrote it, and verbatim I will quote it:
"Clancy's gone to Queensland droving, and we don't know where he are."

In my wild erratic fancy visions come to me of Clancy
Gone a-droving "down the Cooper" where the western drovers go;
As the stock are slowly stringing, Clancy rides behind them singing,
For the drover's life has pleasures that the townfolk never know.

And the bush hath friends to meet him, and their kindly voices greet him
In the murmur of the breezes and the river on its bars,
And he sees the vision splendid of the sunlit plains extended,
And at night the wondrous glory of the everlasting stars.

I am sitting in my dingy little office, where a stingy
Ray of sunlight struggles feebly down between the houses tall,
And the foetid air and gritty of the dusty, dirty city
Through the open window floating, spreads its foulness over all.

And in place of lowing cattle, I can hear the fiendish rattle
Of the tramways and the buses making hurry down the street,
And the language uninviting of the gutter children fighting,
Comes fitfully and faintly through the ceaseless tramp of feet.

And the hurrying people daunt me, and their pallid faces haunt me
As they shoulder one another in their rush and nervous haste,
With their eager eyes and greedy, and their stunted forms and weedy,
For townfolk have no time to grow, they have no time to waste.

And I somehow fancy that I'd like to change with Clancy,
Like to take a turn at droving where the seasons come and go,
While he faced the round eternal of the cashbook and the journal —
But I doubt he'd suit the office, Clancy, of "The Overflow".

There is an actual Overflow. It is a grazing property in Central NSW. This area is currently in drought. Clancy, is Thomas Clancy, a client of Banjo Paterson, having drawn up his will.

This poem captures the vision of stars at night, the sun in the day, rising and setting, and the natural beauty of the bush, of moving stock on horseback to sale yards or another property. There still remain the stars, sunrises and sunsets. Today, the truck pulls up late in the afternoon, stock are loaded, count agreed, the stock movement papers signed and the truck drives off. The droving is gone, but the isolation is still there.

As to the letter to Clancy, a modern day observation, of a traveller in Western Queensland, is that there are no bars on your mobile, the phone has not been charged for months, the re-charge has expired, the message box is full and even the e-mails are bouncing back.

Henry Lawson, a poet at the time, had another view of the bush, than Banjo Patterson. Droving was low wages, dangerous, away from home, and lonely. Not a good job, perils of floods, fire and no cold drinks.

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I myself can appreciate both points, let you decide! You can listen to the poem,  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-s27QP0QGv0>

By the way, the golf course isn't really bush, but a good place to reflect on such matters.  
Remember to buy your tickets to the Trish Golf Day before it's too late. Just contemplating the  
golf course over dinner can be your "bit of bush". See <https://events.humanitix.com.au/golf>

*Charles*

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*Out and About: Rotary District 9675 Leadership  
Team Seminar*  
**Sunday 3rd February 2019**

Attended by Rick Vosila



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

### **Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month**

Conflict and violence displaced more than 68 million people in the past year, and half of those are children.

We refuse to accept conflict as a way of life. Rotary projects provide training that fosters understanding and provides communities with the skills to resolve conflicts.

### **How Rotary makes help happen**

Through our service projects, peace fellowships, and scholarships, our members are taking action to address the underlying causes of conflict, including poverty, inequality, ethnic tension, lack of access to education, and unequal distribution of resources.

### **Rotary makes amazing things happen, like:**

Improving quality of life. Rotary members founded the People for People Foundation, which has helped 10,000 families afford food, clothing, rent, utilities, medications, and other necessities.

Raising awareness of bullying. Rotaract clubs in the Philippines conduct antibullying campaigns in schools to teach children how to handle conflict peacefully from an early age.

Protecting domestic violence survivors and their families. The U.S. state of Louisiana has the fourth highest incidence of death caused by domestic violence. Local Rotary members met this issue by helping a shelter provide food, clothing, legal advocacy, and counseling to over 500 women in one year.

Promoting positive peace. Rotary has partnered with the Institute for Economics and Peace, an independent think tank and leader in the study of peace and conflict, to help address the root causes of conflict and create conditions that foster peace.

### **Data**

100 peace fellowships are offered each year at Rotary Peace Centers around the world

65 million people are currently displaced by armed conflict or persecution

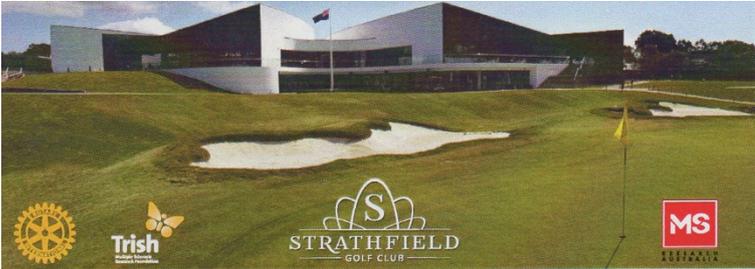
\$142 million has been raised by Rotary to support peace

1,000+ students have graduated from Rotary's Peace Centers program

Ref: <https://www.rotary.org/en/our-causes/promoting-peace>

## *Out and About: Upcoming Trish Golf Day*

**Thursday 21st February 2019**



 **ROTARY CLUB OF  
STRATHFIELD**

**CHARITY GOLF DAY**

IN AID OF

**TRISH MULTIPLE  
SCLEROSIS RESEARCH  
FOUNDATION** 

  
**STRATHFIELD**  
GOLF CLUB

52 Weeroona Road  
Strathfield

**Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> February 2019**

**Shotgun start: 12:30pm**

**Golf Presentation: 6:00pm**

**Dinner: 6:30pm for 7:00pm**

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