



STRATHFIELD ROTARY BULLETIN

DISTRICT 9675

14th November 2018

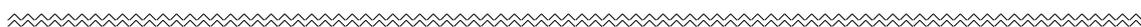
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Rotary, United Nations and Australian Themes

<i>Year of 2018</i>	-	International Year of the Reef (IYOR)
<i>Month of November</i>	Rotary	Foundation Month
	Australia	ALPHA-1 Awareness Month
	Worldwide	Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month
<i>Weeks of November</i>		
11th-18th Nov	Australia	Australian Pollinator Week
12th-18th Nov	Australia	National Recycling Week
<i>Days of November</i>		
14th Nov	UN	World Diabetes Day
14th Nov	Int.	International GIS Day
16th Nov	UN	International Day for Tolerance
16th Nov	UN	World Philosophy Day
19th Nov	UN	World Toilet Day
19th Nov	UN	World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims
20th Nov	UN	Africa Industrialization Day
20th Nov	UN	Universal Children's Day



From the President's Desk

Hi,

It is now mid November, the busy season is commencing, with approaching Christmas and the end of 2018. To me life is moving too fast. I guess as you grow older the speed of time accelerates.

Age and the speed of time were on the agenda, last Friday evening (09/11/2018) at the District AGM and President's Meeting. District

Governor Sue told us the average age of district members was 71. Not sure on our Club, and I'm not there yet! All efforts to increase the District membership were not successful. The proposal is for the two Sydney-based Districts to merge so there be one district. The benefits of such a change were presented, based on a larger scale. Nevertheless, we are to vote in 2019 on a proposal for a merger. Not voting on the final merger, just an in-principle vote. I hope as further

information becomes available, it will be obvious what is a winning 'majority' in a Club plebiscite and a 'majority' in the District. An anomaly in the earlier re-districting of Sydney clubs was the conversation with members of the splitting of Wallacia-Mulgoa from its mother Club, Penrith. A problem from a geographical north/south divide.

Armistice day was last Sunday. There were services throughout the Nation. Rotarians Rod, Roger and Mayor Gulian, were at Davey Square for Strathfield's commemoration service. Myself - I was in church, at St Anne's Strathfield a little way up the road from Davey Square, when mid-way through the service, there was a pause, prayers, and at 11.00 am, the church bell was rung, for a minute. I know it would have been heard at Davey Square. The recessional organ piece played at the end of the church service was Men of Harlech.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NK35Y3xknIY>

Elsewhere, Raymond has let me know that the Rotary Club of Tumut has organised a town service that occurred in the evening at 9.00pm, the time in Europe when hostilities ceased in 1918. The November issue of the Rotarian has a full article titled "War and Remembrance" and covers Rotarians and the Great War, in United States and Canada. It is interesting to see covers of the Rotarian when the United States enters the War. The article is well worth the read and the cover is just as interesting.

<https://my.rotary.org/en/news-media/magazines/rotarian>

Organisation for Pride of Work is moving on, with Nick and his committee doing a great job. Be there next week (21/11/2018) at the Carnarvon Golf Club at 6:30 for 7:00. This event is one of the highlights of our Rotary year, where we match community and vocational activities.

Charles

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*Last Week's speakers: Greg Rappo (RYDA)*

No report received



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Pres Charles Pitt, Greg Rappo and Arie Pappas
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## *This Week's speaker: Gabriella Kovac*

Gabriella Kovac has written fictional books for adults and children. She also authored a non-fiction book about one woman's bravery and daring in Hungary during the

Holocaust, and then through the brutal communist regime, "Georgina: Holocaust Survivor".

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## *Next Week's event: Pride of Work*

One of our 'big three' (alongside Police Officer of the Year and Youth Awards), Pride of Work is a longstanding and highly successful night for our Club. Again we will

recognise those individuals in the community who embody the ideals of excelling in their chosen career."

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## *Director's reports*

From Wednesday 7-11-18

### **Charles Pitt**

Reminded members that the Club's AGM will be held on Wednesday 5-12-18.

### **Arie Pappas**

Advised that the caterers at Strathfield Golf Club are holding a "family fun day" on Sunday 25-11-18 at the Pavilions Eatery.

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## *Member's reports*

From Wednesday 7-11-18

### **Nick Hamilton-Kane**

Pride of Work event is now just two weeks away. Funds raised on the night will go to support the Chalmers Road School wheelchair accessible bus

### **Rod McDougall (for Gulian Vaccari)**

Strathfield Council is partnering with Share the Dignity It's in the Bag campaign. To help women experiencing homelessness, poverty and domestic violence, a morning tea will be held at the Town Hall on Friday 16 November 2018. Attendees are requested to bring a handbag

filled with feminine hygiene products and everyday necessities

### **Rod McDougall**

The Club received a thank you letter from past Meriden Interact President (2017) and Rotary Citizenship Award winner (2018) Daisy Hannaford. See "Out and About" section for a copy of the letter.

### **David Croft**

Advised that the next RYLA camp will be held next from the 6th to 12th January. See "Out and About" section for more details.

# Dates for the Calendar



| <i>Rotary Events</i>     |                                             |                     |                                               |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| <i>Day/Date</i>          | <i>Event/speaker</i>                        | <i>To introduce</i> | <i>To thank<br/>+ <b>Speaker write-up</b></i> |
| Wed 14th Nov 2018        | Author<br><b>Gabriella Kovac</b>            | Gulian Vaccari      | Dimitry Palmer                                |
| <b>Wed 21st Nov 2018</b> | <b>Pride of Work</b>                        | -                   | -                                             |
| Wed 28th Nov 2018        | Rotary Solar Lights<br><b>Jay Thorogood</b> | Nick Hamilton-Kane  | Keith Byrn                                    |
| Wed 5th Dec 2018         | AGM and elections                           | -                   | -                                             |
| Thur 6th Dec 2018        | Member's<br>Christmas party                 | -                   | -                                             |
| Sat 8th Dec 2018         | Strathfield Carols in the<br>Park           | -                   | -                                             |
| Wed 12th Dec 2018        | TBA                                         | TBA                 | TBA                                           |
| Wed 16th Jan 2019        | Strathfield Croquet Club                    | -                   | -                                             |

| <i>Birthdays</i> |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|
| 18th Nov         | Devi Bala       |
| 18th Nov         | Umesh Kamkolkar |

| <i>Anniversaries</i> |                                |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| 20th Nov             | George and Catherine Hallworth |





## The Statistics

|                                   |           |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| Attendance last meeting (7-11-18) | 19        |
| Leave of absence                  | 2         |
| Other absence                     | 4         |
| Apologies                         | 6         |
| No apology                        | 14        |
| Club membership                   | <b>45</b> |
| Make-ups advised                  | 0         |
| Partners                          | 0         |
| Guests                            | 1         |

| <i>Funds raised</i> |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| Raffle              | \$190.00 |
| Sergeants session   | \$82.10  |



## 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!

| <i>Date</i>           | <i>Rostered on</i>               | <i>Date</i>    | <i>Rostered on</i> |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| <b>Wed, 14 Nov 18</b> | <b>Marvin Manrique-Velasquez</b> | Wed, 6 Feb 19  | Jaya Challa        |
| <b>Wed, 21 Nov 18</b> | <b>Chris Haseldine</b>           | Wed, 13 Feb 19 | Bill Carney        |
| Wed, 28 Nov 18        | Paolo Giammarco                  | Wed, 20 Feb 19 | Keith Byrn         |
| Wed, 5 Dec 18         | Nick Hamilton-Kane               | Wed, 27 Feb 19 | Bradley Ayres      |
| Wed, 12 Dec 18        | Usha Garg                        | Wed, 6 Mar 19  | Andrew Aravanis    |
| Wed, 19 Dec 18        | Rod McDougall                    | Wed, 13 Mar 19 | Paul Anton         |
| Wed, 26 Dec 18        | NA                               | Wed, 20 Mar 19 | Domenico Alvaro    |
| Wed, 2 Jan 19         | NA                               | Wed, 27 Mar 19 | Thaya Ponniah      |
| Wed, 9 Jan 19         | NA                               | Wed, 3 Apr 19  | Rick Vosila        |
| Wed, 16 Jan 19        | Mathew Elias                     | Wed, 10 Apr 19 | Janelle Watson     |
| Wed, 23 Jan 19        | Ed Dunlop                        | Wed, 17 Apr 19 | Chris Virgona      |
| Wed, 30 Jan 19        | David Croft                      | Wed, 24 Apr 19 | Roger Vince        |

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Out and About: Charles' selected poem

I have requested the Editor this week to add as the poem the lyrics to the chorus of "Pack up your troubles in your old kit bag".

This song was sung on both sides.

The song is best remembered for its chorus:

Pack up your troubles in your old kit-bag,
 And smile, smile, smile
 While you've a [lucifer](#) to light your [fag](#),
 Smile boys, that's the style.
 What's the use of worrying?
 It never was worth while, so
 Pack up your troubles in your old kit-bag,
 And smile, smile, smile

Out and About: Letter from Daisy Hannaford

28th September 2018

Daisy Hannaford

Meriden School
10-12 Redmyre Rd
Strathfield NSW 2135

28 September 2018

Mr Rod McDougall
The Treasurer
Strathfield Rotary Club
PO Box 268
Strathfield NSW 2135

Dear Mr McDougall,

I am writing to say a sincere thank you for my Rotary Citizenship Award Prize that I received at my year twelve graduation service on the 26th of September 2018. I am so grateful to have received this award, and am so thankful for your generous donation of it.

Throughout my time at Meriden, giving back to the community has been a key passion and interest of mine. I was given the opportunity to further explore this interest when I was appointed Interact Club President in 2017, a role which I was honoured to undertake, and which taught me so much in terms of service and leadership, making it an experience I will treasure.

As I look to what lies ahead of me post-school, I am incredibly excited to continue serving the community and others. I intend to undertake a Bachelor of City Planning at the University of New South Wales. I am particularly interested in social and community housing and the way that these services and homes are integrated into communities, and the potential for their improvement so that all people can have the opportunity to be proud of and love where they live.

I have already started reading the book that was gifted to me along with the Prize, *Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine*, and I am thoroughly enjoying it; reading a chapter here or there has been a great study break!

I hope you and all members of the Strathfield Rotary Club are well. Thank you once again for the generous Prize, I am incredibly grateful.

Yours sincerely,

Daisy Hannaford

Year 12, 2018

Out and About: RYLA Camp

6th – 12th January 2019

Applications are now being accepted for RYLA 2018 which will be held **6th January to 12th January 2019** at YMCA Camp, Yarramundi. Visit the District Website <http://rotarydistrict9675.org/page/ryla> for application forms which should be lodged with David Croft prior to **15th November**.

What is RYLA?

The Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) is a week-long residential personal development program for young people aged 19 to 25, which focuses on yourself, leadership and community. In Rotary District 9675, RYLA aims to:

- Give young people the chance to come together in a supportive environment to gain a better understanding of their own strengths and the unique qualities and abilities of others
- Provide an opportunity for young people to develop a network of resources to facilitate their roles and development
- Facilitate learning about teamwork, communication, motivation and to develop the leadership skills of young people through experiential workshops
- Create a greater awareness of social issues affecting young people and
- Demonstrate Rotary's commitment to young people

"RYLA was such an eye opening experience. The friends gained and lessons learnt will stay with me forever"

"Within 24 hours, I knew I was in for a fantastic week"

When and Where is RYLA?

In 2018, RYLA will be held at YMCA Camp, YARRAMUNDI – 11am for 12midday Tuesday 6th January through to Sunday 12th January.

What to Expect

Everyone comes to RYLA hoping to gain different things. Sometimes these things are exactly what you gain from participating – other times, you learn something completely different, that you never expected. Everyone's experience of RYLA is unique. What you can expect though, is to meet people from a wide range of backgrounds and experiences, and to hear from a series of speakers, all with different perspectives on leadership, personal development and community.

Some speakers will challenge you and what you believe, but hopefully some will also connect with you, or inspire you.

RYLA assumes that 'leadership' is a diverse and varied concept and any one form or style of leadership is not seen as more important than any other.

Who pays for RYLA?

Each RYLA candidate is sponsored by a Rotary Club from District 9675. The cost of sponsoring a candidate is used to pay for venue hire, speakers and catering throughout the program. The sponsoring Rotary Club aims to assist with transporting the participant to and from the camp where possible. This means that it should not cost you anything to participate in the program.



Out and About: Remembrance Day Service

Sunday 11th November 2018

Held at Davey Square Reserve in Strathfield, Rotarians in attendance included Gulian and Simone Vaccari, Roger and Jan Vince, and Maree and Rod McDougall.



Photos by Rod McDougall



Out and About: Rotary Pride of Work

Wednesday 21st November 2018

Dear Rotarians,

As I hope you are all aware, the 2018 Pride of Workmanship Awards will be held at Carnarvon Golf Club on Wednesday 21 November at 6:15 for 7:00pm.

This promises, as usual, to be a wonderful event. Not only will we enjoy the company of our fellow Rotarians and their partners and guests but we have some very deserving awardees. What is more, we expect to be joined by John Manenti, son of our own Rotarian Peter, and currently coach of the world-conquering Australian Women's Rugby Sevens team. Wine and soft drinks will be provided on the table and canapés will be served before dinner.

We will be supporting the Chalmers Road School through the raffle.

Please could we encourage you not only to come along yourselves but also to bring some guests to enjoy the evening. I'm sure everyone will have a great time and it will help to make the event a roaring success.

Tickets for the event, priced at a very modest \$40, can be purchased securely on-line through the Humanitix site that we have now used for a number of events. This is very easy to access and use through the following link

<https://events.humanitix.com.au/powa> We would encourage you strongly to order through this ticketing system because this will enable us to track bookings and will save administration on the night.

If you have difficulty in accessing the system, it will be possible to pay for your tickets in advance at a club meeting or by EFT (for details see below). In this case, please can you let me know (cc Usha), including names of guests and any dietary requirements.

Please could you place your orders by Friday 16 November at the latest.

We look forward to seeing you and your guests at the event.

Kind regards,

Nick Hamilton-Kane

Pride of Workmanship Awards - Ticket Payment by EFT
BSB: 633000
Account: 146249156
Amount: \$40 per adult, \$20 per child (16 or under)
Notation: POWA and last name of ticket purchaser



Rotary Club of Strathfield
Pride of Workmanship Awards 2018
Recognising vocational excellence in our local community

21 November 2018 6:15 for 7:00 pm
Carnarvon Golf Course Function Centre

Guest Speaker John Manenti
Coach, Australian Womens National Rugby Sevens Team

Tickets: \$40 per person (children \$20) *
Canapes on arrival, wine and soft drink on the table
Dress: Business attire or equivalent

Supporting Chalmers Road Special Educational School

* Full refund available up to 5:00 pm 20 November 2018





Out and About: Sartorially elegant Rotarians
Wednesday 24th September 2018



The one time that Graham True looks a little bit 'wooden', unlike Marvin Manrique-Veasquez

Photo by Rod McDougall

Out and About: Rotary Christmas party

Thursday 6th December 2018

Save the Date



**Strathfield Rotary
Christmas Party**

Thursday 6 Dec 2018
Nonna & Co Restaurant
Children welcome
More Details Soon

Enquiries
Olga Pitt, Maree McDougall, Penny True
