



STRATHFIELD ROTARY BULLETIN

DISTRICT 9675
15th May 2019

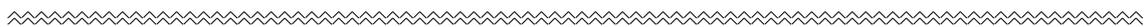
www.strathfielddrotary.org.au

info@strathfielddrotary.org.au

<https://www.facebook.com/strathfielddrotary>

Rotary, United Nations and Australian Themes

<i>Month of May</i>		
-	Rotary	Youth Service Month
<i>Weeks of May</i>		
10th-18th May	Int	World Parks Week
21st-27th May	Aust	National Volunteer Week
<i>Days of May</i>		
15th May	UN	International Day of Families
16th May	UN	International Day of Living Together in Peace
16th May	UN	International Day of Light [UNESCO]
16th May	Aust	Hae Day
17th May	UN	World Telecommunication and Information Society Day
17th May	UN	"Vesak", the Day of the Full Moon
20th May	UN	World Bee Day
21st May	UN	World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development
22nd May	UN	International Day for Biological Diversity



From the President's Desk

Hi Fellows,

Change Over 2019/2020

The Rotary year of 2018/2019 is drawing to end, a very full year stretching from a July night in 2018 at Massey Park, with a few quick words from myself, and introducing the Board, to a late June finish at Strathfield Golf Club.

The year has not ended but I cannot help reflecting on the Club's achievements in this last 12 months.

Namely, the change of venue, the menu (the best it has ever been), the events, and the community achievements. There have been challenges, but we have made it through to have a great result. Also we have had a fun year. Many of our guest speakers have said to me, after the meeting, "I was nervous in talking, but you are all a fun and relaxed bunch". Words to that effect... and we are!

So let's celebrate our year of achievements, and welcome our new team, with President Elect Arie.

The planning has commenced and it will be a great night, gathering some guests to be with us.

Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal

The Salvation Appeal has been a Club event, a combined community and youth project, for as long as I can remember. Past President Bob Templeman, an old banker organising a team to count the money and gather the Homebush Boys, who were doing the collecting. Following Bob is our Past President Peter Smith, so to be a new part of our history, or continue to be part of the history, join Peter and other Rotarians 9.00am to 12 noon, on Sunday, 26 May 2019, meeting at Strathfield Town Hall. You can help count the takings, or if you are like me, not much good at shop, there are 300 students to ferry around the district. So wash and vacuum the car, collect all those shopping bags from the back, and join us.

District Assembly

It wonderful to see the photo of the Club's incoming Board at the District Assembly, last Saturday, 11 May 2019. A photo of the team is in the back pages. There are fresh Rotarian faces there, wow, and I'm sure our Club is here long term and will continue to be a top ten Club in the district. I don't think we have to count or compare, the importance is remaining active.

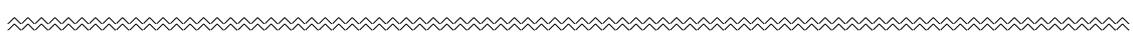
National Anthem and song at Rotary

As a Club, we are not a voice choir, and our concluding rendition of singing the national anthem is sometimes tired, but we never the less do sing. A canned version to sing along with is not a solution, as the singer, with a clear and tuneful voice, is finishing on a three bar ending note, not sung here! Another Club's bulletin, who had a similar sound to us, a heckler suggested, as Rotary is international, perhaps to rotate the national anthem, from other countries. This to me, would be a hostile act, and should be avoided. To the Club's programs chairman, I make the suggestion, for a Guest Speaker who is a Choir or singing teacher, to have a singing lesson at the Club.

The poem I have selected, appearing in the back pages of the Bulletin, is by Leunig, write of a mythical choir that does not sing. We sing and will continue to sing in one voice!

A postscript. In the early 1980s when I joined Rotary, the Club would start the meeting with a song to relax members. When I was Bulletin Editor, in 1984, I would pour through songbooks, looking for a short and popular ditty to sing. Not easy. The then bulletin Editor Kit, passed on to you, were a collection of songbooks. My year with bulletin ended and so did the song. The national anthem was not sung.

Charles



Last week's speaker: Yve Lavine

No report received.



Yve with Pres. Charles

~~~~~  
*This week's speaker: Sarah Morgan*

~~~~~  
Next week's speaker: Tiz Porreca

~~~~~  
*Reports from Directors*

From Wednesday 08-05-19

**Grahame True**

Advised that there is a Trish MS fundraiser coming up. It will be a "learn to slide" event, to be held at Eastern Creek Raceway. See end of Bulletin for brochure [Ed]

**Charles Pitt**

Our club, as it did for the State Election, hold a BBQ at Chalmers Road School for this Saturday's Federal Election. Volunteers required.

**Rod McDougall**

1. Rod asked that any member not receiving either "The Rotarian" or the Rotary Down Under magazine, to let him know.
2. Updated member directly handed out
3. DG Sue Hayward has written to all clubs some time ago advising the possibility of re-districting.

## Reports from members

From Wednesday 08-05-19

Roger Vince

1. Advised that the first meeting of the Homebush Probus club will be held at 10:00am on Monday 13-5-19

2. The Meriden Interact dance will be held on Friday 17-5-19. The girls will be raising money for the Starlight Foundation. Rotarian helpers required for the evening.



## Dates for the Calendar



| <i>Rotary Events</i> |                                                |                     |                                        |
|----------------------|------------------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------------|
| <i>Day/Date</i>      | <i>Event/speaker</i>                           | <i>To introduce</i> | <i>To thank<br/>+ Speaker write-up</i> |
| Wed 15th May 2019    | Leadership in Business<br><b>Sarah Morgan</b>  | Keith Byrn          | Thaya Ponniah                          |
| Wed 22nd May 2019    | Why branding works?<br><b>Tiz Porreca</b>      | Nick Hamilton-Kane  | Jaya Challa                            |
| Wed 29nd May 2019    | What's new in web design<br><b>Rinshu Jain</b> | Roger Vince         | Nick Nicolaou                          |
| Wed 5th June 2019    | Web Application<br><b>Alexey Proosenko</b>     | Ed Dunlop           | William Carney                         |
| Sat 22nd June 2019   | <b>Club Changeover</b>                         | -                   | -                                      |

| <i>Birthdays</i> |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|
| 17th May         | Cheryl Ayres    |
| 19th May         | Richard Horwood |
| 19th May         | Rick Vosila     |
| 20th May         | Peter Smith     |

| <i>Anniversaries</i> |                                |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| 21st May             | Dinesh and Usha Garg (wedding) |





## The Statistics

|                                    |           |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Attendance last meeting (08-05-19) | 17        |
| Leave of absence                   | 5         |
| Other absence                      | 3         |
| Apologies                          | 5         |
| Late apology                       | 1         |
| No apology                         | 15        |
| Club membership                    | <b>46</b> |
| Make-ups advised                   | 0         |
| Partners                           | 0         |
| Guests                             | 1         |

| <i>Funds raised</i> |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| Raffle              | \$240.00 |
| Sergeants session   | \$72.20  |

~~~~~

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

~~~~~

Guest Speaker Roster

GUEST SPEAKER INTRODUCER / THANKER ROSTER		
Date	Introducer	Thanker
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 Sleesen	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	Dimitry 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 Sleesen
Wed 11 Sep 2019	Marvin Manrique-Velasquez	Guru Singh
Wed 18 Sep 2019	TBA	Mathew Elias
Wed 25 Sep 2019	Thaya Ponniah	Keith Byrn

~~~~~

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

### CURLYPEDIA

The Australian Parliamentary Choir was established in 1988 to provide an opportunity for members of parliament to sing together in pleasure and goodwill. Since its foundation the choir has not attracted one single member. To keep the idea alive, the Curly Flat Choral Society hold an annual concert on the shores of Lake Lacuna where singers gather together under the name of 'The Choir for the Common Good'. Apart from being lots of fun the concert is in effect a sort of sung prayer for the salvation of the Australian Parliamentary Choir.

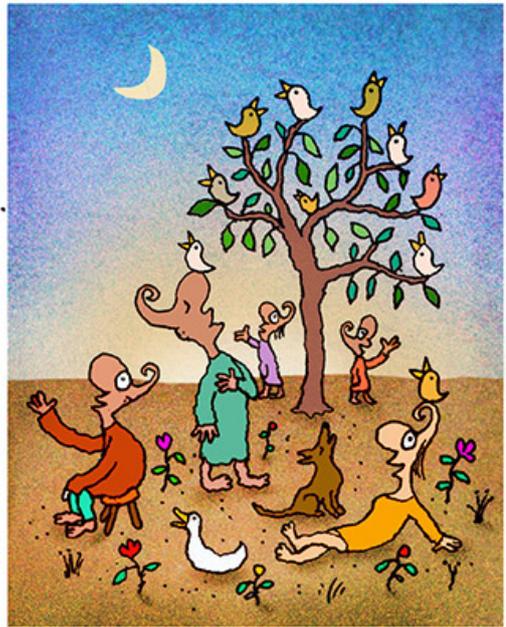


Image courtesy of Michael Leunig

---

## *Out and About: District Assembly*

**Saturday 11th May 2019**



Our 2019/2020 incoming Board

# Out and About: MS Trish Fundraiser

Saturday 11th May 2019

## LEARN TO **SLIDE**



**Join us**  
and the team at  
**Driving Solutions** for a  
Gymkhana in a Toyota 86!

Learn how to create and control slides like a pro in a three hour course on **Saturday 25th May 2019** at **Sydney Motorsport Park**. Available time slots are: **9:30am - 12:30pm** or **1:30pm - 4:30pm**

**Learn to slide  
like a Pro!**

**Lunch included  
at 12:30pm**

**Prize Raffle  
to WIN!**

**Raise Funds  
for MS!**

**Limited spots are available! Book with us today!**



- See a video of what to expect here:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c0L0qWJJSaU>
- Book your spot for just \$200, simply by visiting  
[http://www.trishmsresearch.org.au/content\\_common/pg-skid-pan-day.seo](http://www.trishmsresearch.org.au/content_common/pg-skid-pan-day.seo)
- 100% of funds from this course will help support the work of  
**MS Research Australia!**

Bulletin kindly printed by



16 The Crescent  
Homebush NSW 2140  
T: 02 9746 6434  
E: [selecthomebush@gmail.com](mailto:selecthomebush@gmail.com)