



# STRATHFIELD ROTARY BULLETIN

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## *Rotary, United Nations and Australian Themes*

<i>Month of June</i>		
-	Rotary	Rotary Fellowships Month
<i>Weeks of June</i>		
17th-23rd June	Aust	Refugee Week
17th-23rd June	Aust	Cancer Awareness Week
<i>Days of June</i>		
19th June	UN	International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict
20th June	UN	World Refugee Day
21th June	UN	International Day of Yoga
23th June	UN	United Nations Public Service Day
23th June	UN	International Widows' Day
		Day of the Seafarer
26th June	UN	International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking
26th June	UN	United Nations International Day in Support of Victims of Torture



## *From the President's Desk*

Hi Fellows,

### **This Rotary Year is closing**

Our Rotary year of 2018/2019 is closing, to make way for a new President and his team. The new team, a selection of older Rotarians, Arie leading as President, Rod, Usha, Peter Smith, with the new and talented Paul Anton and Dimitry Palmer. A great team! And a great Club. The welcome to the new team, is the Club Changeover, our Club does

not let this event meld into a regular Wednesday night meeting, it is an event requiring planning.

### **A Treasurer's adventure**

When it comes to event planning, the Club's chief project officer is without doubt, Secretary & Treasurer Rod McDougall. Our heart must go out to Rod. In the last week he had a modern banking experience that had him wishing, that the Banking Royal Commission could be restarted, to

receive our submissions. The story begins with the fact that our District Bankers are St George, (not likely to be the Club's bankers). With the year-end approaching, and deadlines, on Friday, Rod is advised to go St George, and yes, they are open on Saturday, so he can complete the funds transfer. Phone call, oh yes, the Strathfield Branch is open. Rod, on Saturday, comes through the doors, sweetly greeted, requests directions to a teller. Oh sir, we are open, but our tellers do not work Saturday! Discussions ensued, but there was a St George Branch at Marrickville, operating that morning with a teller, so Rod in the car, went across town, through inner west Saturday traffic, and the transaction was completed. Great work Rod! For a bank without

tellers, it must be artificial intelligence.

### Poem

My final poem for the year is Home Suite, by Les Murray.

<https://www.poetrylibrary.edu.au/poets/murray-les/home-suite-0576045>

The poem on the link has a greater number stanzas than the latest published version, Collected Poems, of Les Murray. Sadly, Les died on 29 April 2019, and a State Memorial Service was held for him on 12 June 2019, i.e. this last week.

*Charles*



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

Our presenter was Alexey Prokopenko, accompanied by colleague Joanne Baldwin on the topic Mobile Applications.

Alexey is the principal of Kite Union, a customized Mobile App Solutions Developer.

Alexey migrated to Australia in June, 2008 and has multiple tertiary qualifications including Master of IT, PhD and MBA (Macquarie University)

Alexey's products assist businesses with their mobile technology needs including operations management, sales and mobile marketing

Alexey provided various examples of now his mobile app business could and have assisted clients

- a. Ikea - Developed mobile app solutions for furniture placement in mobile advertising, augmented marketing and 360 degree rotational visualization.
- b. Swimming pool construction, roofing businesses, garment manufacturers- 3D and visualisation tools allow clients to see the end product in the virtual environment.
- c. Productivity - Mobile apps can assist mobile sales forces with timely data input, greater data input accuracy, elimination of duplicated effort.
- d. Promotion - Glen Innes Township developed a mobile app to assist in destination promotion, self-guided tours, etc

- e. Operations Management - Simplified operations, Wi-Fi operated vehicles, GPS tracking, Delivery tracking, better quality data collection.

Alexey and Joanna were compelling speakers, obviously passionate about what they do. They were introduced by Raymond McCluskie and thanked by Gulian Vaccari.

*Summary by Gulian Vaccari*



## *This 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.



## *Next week's speaker: No meeting*



## *Reports from Directors*

From Wednesday 12-06-19

None.



## *Reports from members*

From Wednesday 12-06-19

None.





## Dates for the Calendar

<i>Rotary Events</i>			
<i>Day/Date</i>	<i>Event/speaker</i>	<i>To introduce</i>	<i>To thank + <b>Speaker write-up</b></i>
Wed 19th June 2019	Technology Updates You Need to Know <b>Richard Scenna</b>	Domenico Alvaro	Peter van der Sleesen
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>	
22nd June	Bill Carney

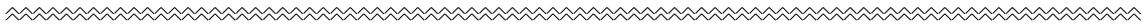
<i>Anniversaries</i>	
19th June	Peter van der Sleesen (Rotary)
20th June	Peter Smith (Rotary)
20th June	Nick Nicolaou (Rotary)



## *The statistics*

Attendance last meeting (12-06-19)	21
Leave of absence	3
Other absence	4
Apologies	6
Late apology	2
No apology	10
Club membership	<b>46</b>
Make-ups advised	0
Partners	0
Guests	9

<i>Funds raised</i>	
Raffle	\$250.00
Sergeants session	\$99.95



## *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		



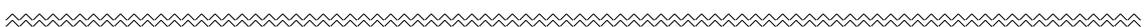
## *Raffles Roster*

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, 19 Jun 19	Arie Pappas	Wed, 26 Jun 19	Dimitry Palmer



## Guest Speaker Roster

Date	Introducer	Thanker/Write-up
Wed, 19 Jun 2019	Domenico Alvaro	Peter van der Sleesen

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

#### Home Suite

by Les Murray

Home is the first  
and final poem  
and every poem between  
has this mum home seam.

Home's the weakest enemy  
as iron steams starch—  
but to war against home  
is the longest march.

Home has no neighbours.  
They are less strong  
than the tree, or the sideboard.  
All who come back belong.

Home is the contraband  
alike of rubble squats  
and of where food is never  
cooked in the old death fats:

Can you fuse a new joint  
home in this circuit-tier?  
does each trail a long home  
to fold and unfurl here?

Streets of bulldozed terrace  
or that country of the Shark,  
or with slant cattle-launching  
ramps adzed from ironbark—

All soft invisible flag-days  
fawn pasts sting with pride:  
the world's oldest lamplight  
stumbles from inside

as I come to the door  
and they're all still there  
in Serbia, Suburbia,  
in the chill autumn air.

No later first-class plane  
flies the sad quilt wings.  
Any feeling after final  
must be home, with idyll-things.

First home as last  
is a rounded way to live  
but to tell another You're my home  
speaks of a greater love.

Love. It is a recent  
and liquid enough term  
to penetrate and mollify  
what's compact in home.

# 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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