



STRATHFIELD ROTARY BULLETIN

DISTRICT 9675

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Rotary, United Nations and Australian Themes

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| <i>Year of 2018</i> | - | International Year of the Reef (IYOR) |
| <i>Month of September</i> | Rotary | Basic Education and Literacy Month |
| <i>Month of September</i> | Australia | National Biodiversity Month |
| <i>Weeks of September</i> | | |
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| <i>Days of September</i> | | |
| 21st September | UN | International Day of Peace |
| 22nd September | International | World Car-Free Day |
| 23rd September | UN | International Day of Sign Languages |
| 26th September | UN | International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons |



From the President's Desk

To paraphrase Roger Vince: 'What a great night it was for Strathfield Rotary last Wednesday'. Many thanks to Elizabeth Owen and the girls for their contribution and company during the evening. The message Elizabeth so eloquently delivered about the Interact Club at Meriden was very well received and we appreciate her enthusiastic leadership of the group. The three girls led by their President Kate spoke so well of their many achievements and they and the Interact Club are to be congratulated.

The Rotary International theme for this year is "BE THE INSPIRATION". The Interact leaders this year certainly were this to the other

Interactors, to the community both here and overseas, and to Meriden."

That evening, I was in quarantine recovering from a ripper of a tummy bug, and this was not something to be shared. My thanks to President Elect Arie Pappas for filling in for me, and to Roger Vince, for pulling the evening together; it was by all accounts a wonderful evening.

On Friday, I chatted with Stefania, the host at Nonna's Restaurant. They were happy the restaurant was full, noisy and buzzing, like an Italian Restaurant has to be. I am sure the Club will have occasion to return for another gelato and coffee.

Tonight we welcome the Police to the Rotary Club of Strathfield, from the commands at Burwood and Auburn. To all the Police Officers, their families and friends, welcome, please enjoy the evening.

Nomination is a community honour. More importantly it is a sign of a community's appreciation of policing, from road traffic to criminality. We are a safe community from Police Officers going to work and doing a great job.

Sometimes there is the tragedy, when a Police Officer loses their life in the course of their duties. The proceeds of our raffle tonight will be for Police Legacy¹. Thank you, officers.

Charles

PS. A big thank you our generous sponsors for the evening.

¹ For some background on Police Legacy, please refer to p.8 of the bulletin - Ed



Last Week's speakers: Meriden Interact Club

Last week was a fellowship meeting with partners at the Nonna & Co Italian Restaurant. Special to the occasion were three guest speakers from Meriden School Interact, Kate Jacobs (President), Garvi Poudyal (Secretary) and Moniq Wever (Treasurer) accompanied by the Meriden School Interact coordinator, Ms Elizabeth Owen.

Since the Interact Club at Meriden was formed 37 years ago in 1981, Meriden has regarded Interact as a very important extra-curricular activity which has always been well supported by the School.

Over recent years, PP Roger Vince has nurtured and advised the Interact Members in their regular weekly meetings and Roger's attendance, together with dedicated teachers from Meriden such as Elizabeth Owen, has guaranteed the continuing success of this Interact Club, certainly one of the largest and most active in our Rotary District.

Many worthwhile causes and charities have benefitted from the fund raising and hands-on activities of the members of the Meriden Interact Club. We were entertained and enlightened by a video of the visit of a group of Interact girls to Laos in 2017 where among other 'interactive' activities, the girls assisted in laying the foundations of a security brick wall round a local school.

In 2018, the main focus of the Club is "Empowerment of Women" particularly in regard to domestic violence. Projects include "Got You Back Sista" a project of support for women & children suffering domestic violence, primarily funded from the proceeds of their Meriden Dance night.

Other projects include "Care Packages" for the Samoa Victim Support Group which provides support for women affected by violence.

More than 40 Interact girls volunteered their time during the Red Shield Appeal.

An Interact team took part in our District 9675 Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) at State Parliament House where they performed with great credit, representing Cuba in discussions covering such diverse topics as

terrorism, nuclear weapons and illicit drugs.

It was an outstanding presentation where we were all given an education by some of the very special young people who will soon help to shape the future of our country.

Report by PDG David Croft



Young ladies from Meriden Interact Club

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## *This Week's event: Police Officer of the Year*

The Police Officer of the Year (POOTY) is one of our club's showcase events. It is our way of publically saying 'thank you' to our local Police Officers from the Burwood and Auburn PACs. This night also has a great tradition over

the years of having the attendance of Commissioners, & Assistant/Deputy Commissioners, local politicians and other dignitaries. Tonight will be no exception.

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Next Week's speaker: Dr Dinesh Patel

Dr Patel is a Urological Surgeon. He has spent the past 17 years in the local area treating urinary tract conditions such as prostate, kidney

and bladder cancer, and prostate related issues. Next week, he will speak on men's health in general, and prostate health in particular.

Director's reports

From Wednesday 12-9-18

Vocational Service Director

Usha Garg reported that for the upcoming Police Officer of the Year Award, that we look forward to a great night with over 100 people expected to attend. Fourteen Police Personnel from the Burwood and Auburn Police Area Commands will be recognized for their outstanding contribution to the Police force and the community. We hope these officers, their partners, and all accompanying them have an evening to remember.

We look forward to hearing from Assistant Commissioner Peter Thurtell as our keynote speaker, the Hon David Clarke MLC, representing

the Minister for Police and Emergency Services and also our DG Sue Hayward.

Awards Chair Allan Teale and his team have been working very hard over the last few weeks preparing for this night. Early on there were some difficulties with the selection of a suitable venue as our normal venue the Strathfield Golf Club was not available. However, with experienced hands like PPs Peter Smith and Rod McDougall on the team, this was easily resolved. A great raffle has been organized with some attractive prizes on display. The proceeds of this raffle will benefit the Police Legacy Fund and we hope that all attending will contribute generously to the raffle.

Member's reports

From Wednesday 12-9-18

None

Dates for the Calendar



| <i>Rotary Events</i> | | | |
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| <i>Day/Date</i> | <i>Event/speaker</i> | <i>To introduce</i> | <i>To thank + Speaker write-up</i> |
| Wed 19th Sep 2018 | Police Officer of the Year | - | - |
| Wed 26th Sep 2018 | Men's health Dr Dinesh Patel | Nick Hamilton-Kane | Chris Haseldine |

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| Wed 3rd Oct 2018 | Waterline Challenge Julian Day | Peter Manenti | Anuradha Kamkolkar |
| Wed 10th Oct 2018 | Rotary and Rotaract experience Marvin Manriue | Andrew Aravanis | Peter van der Sleen |
| Wed 17th Oct 2018 | End of Life Doula Anna Pelle | Joe Saad | Umesh Kamkolkar |

| <i>Birthdays</i> | |
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| 23rd September | Domenico Alvaro |
| 23rd September | Georgia Anton |
| 24th September | Keith Byrn |

| <i>Anniversaries</i> | |
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The Statistics

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| Attendance last meeting (12-09-18) | 22 |
| Leave of absence | 2 |
| Other absence | 4 |
| Apologies | 8 |
| No apology | 8 |
| Club membership | 44 |
| Make-ups advised | 0 |
| Partners | 13 |
| Guests | 11 |
| Members Rotary activities | Week ending 12-09-18: 6 [hours] |

| <i>Funds raised</i> | |
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| Raffle | \$255.00 |
| Sergeants session | Not conducted |



Your Committee 2018-2019

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| 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 |

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| 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!

| Date | Rostered on | Date | Rostered on |
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| Wed, 19 Sep 18 | Guru Singh | Wed, 19 Dec 18 | Roy Ellis |
| Wed, 26 Sep 18 | Joseph Saad | Wed, 26 Dec 18 | NA |
| Wed, 3 Oct 18 | Arie Pappas | Wed, 2 Jan 19 | NA |
| Wed, 10 Oct 18 | Dimitry Palmer | Wed, 9 Jan 19 | NA |
| Wed, 17 Oct 18 | Nick Nicolaou | Wed, 16 Jan 19 | Mathew Elias |
| Wed, 24 Oct 18 | Farrukh Mirza | Wed, 23 Jan 19 | Ed Dunlop |
| Wed, 31 Oct 18 | Rod McDougall | Wed, 30 Jan 19 | David Croft |
| Wed, 7 Nov 18 | Raymond McCluskie | Wed, 6 Feb 19 | Jaya Challa |
| Wed, 14 Nov 18 | Anu & Umesh Kamkolkar | Wed, 13 Feb 19 | Bill Carney |
| Wed, 21 Nov 18 | Chris Haseldine | Wed, 20 Feb 19 | Keith Byrn |
| Wed, 28 Nov 18 | Nick Hamilton-Kane | Wed, 27 Feb 19 | Bradley Ayres |
| Wed, 5 Dec 18 | Paolo Giammarco | Wed, 6 Mar 19 | Andrew Aravanis |
| Wed, 12 Dec 18 | Usha Garg | Wed, 13 Mar 19 | Paul Anton |

Out and About: Meriden Interact talk

Wednesday 15th September 2018



Elizabeth Owen from Meriden addresses the audience



Elizabeth Owen, the young ladies from Meriden Interact, and PP Roger Vince

Out and About: Police Legacy: What they do

Wednesday 19 September 2018



NSW Police Legacy cares for the police family. We take pride in developing long lasting relationships with our families to ensure their needs are being met, whether that be through covering the costs of their children's education, providing referrals to bereavement counselling and other social services, or introducing them to other police legacy families in their area through local social events and activities.



FINANCIAL & WELFARE ASSISTANCE

We provide education and welfare grants, scholarship opportunities, and assistance to our police legacy families experiencing grief, loss, and those facing circumstances in which extra financial support is required.

[Find out more >](#)



COUNSELLING & REFERRAL PROGRAM

We provide referrals to other social support services based on the individual needs of our families. These may include bereavement and grief counselling, and other support networks appropriate to the individual circumstance.

[Find out more >](#)



CHILDREN & FAMILY PROGRAMS

We provide opportunities for our families to connect and form life-long friendships through the many social events we organise, including children's camps, the annual Kokoda Trek, and the Parents of Police Officer Support Network.

[Find out more >](#)



AGED CARE PROGRAMS

The needs and priorities of our police legatees change as they advance in age. We offer specialised support services for our elderly legatees including Care Alert funding, and individual welfare checks and assessments.

[Find out more >](#)



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

We organise local area lunches in 25 regions across the State to give our families the opportunity to come together and share their lived experiences. We run activities through the year that allow our families to connect.

[Find out more >](#)



BACKUP FOR LIFE

An initiative of the NSW Government and NSW Police Legacy, the BACKUP for Life Program seeks to support former police officers and their families as they transition from a career in policing to civilian life.

[Find out more >](#)

Ref: <https://www.policelegacynsw.org.au/what-we-do/>

