



## STRATHFIELD ROTARY BULLETIN

DISTRICT 9675

21st November 2018

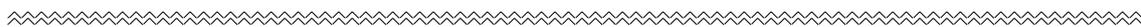
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### *Rotary, United Nations and Australian Themes*

<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
	Australia	Movember
<i>Weeks of November</i>		
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<i>Days of November</i>		
21st Nov	Worldwide	World Fisheries Day
21st Nov	UN	World Television Day
25th Nov	UN	International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women



### *From the President's Desk*

Hi

Good evening, Rotary Club of Strathfield welcomes guests to the Club for "Pride of Work" awards. This year represents the twenty-first year for the awards by our Club. Even just to be nominated, is an award in itself as it acknowledges recognition of a community or peers of an outstanding and respected worker.

On Friday, 16 November, Olga and myself attended the *Rotary Clubs of NSW Police officer of the year awards* at the Hyatt Regency Sydney. A lovely evening and from our own earlier Police Officer of the year awards, when we hosted the Auburn

Flemington and Burwood Commands, two representatives from the Auburn Lidcombe Commands were nominated finalists. They were Snr Cst Rahsan Keles for Metropolitan Field Operations, and Seok Ong for the IJ (Irene Jugergens APM) Fellowship Award, unsworn, Community Services. Our nominees from Auburn /Flemington Seok and Rashan were both unsuccessful for the award category they were nominated. The Police Officer of the Year, for NSW, was awarded to Snr Cst Steven Day, Blue Mountains Police Rescue Squad; a big gig!

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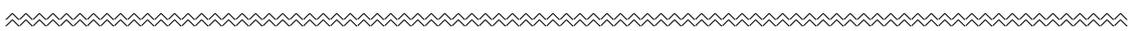
The venue and evening was wonderful. Our District Governor, Sue Hayward was asked to make a presentation. The Minister for Police in NSW, The Honourable Troy Grant was present, and before the final award. Troy was made a Paul Harris Fellow. This was a great night for Rotary, almost all the awardees said thanks to Rotary, in their own words. The event is in the true sense a gala evening, with two mounted Police Officers, and two highway patrolman, to welcome the guests. The evening was not for Rotarians, Politicians, Police Commissioners, but for Police Officers. To conclude and record, the pick of the dinner menu was the

dessert, *Deconstructed strawberry log, King Island cream, biscuit crumbles*. Everyone is urged to support this event next year when at our Club and at the State night, regardless of nominations.

The poem I chose this week may be a bit gloomy but it reflects a work theme in nineteenth century country life.

Christmas is coming sooner than I can deal with, but one of the wonderful events along the way is the Christmas Party. Bring your friends and relatives – 6<sup>th</sup> December is the date. A fun night!

*Charles*



*Last Week's speakers: Gabriella Kovac*

Unfortunately, our guest speaker scheduled for last week cancelled at the last minute. This talk will be rescheduled for the New Year. However, we had a great night of

fellowship. This was exemplified by the raffle conducted by Marvin. Even the booby-prize winner enjoyed the occasion!



A happy raffle (booby-prize) winner – Gulian Vaccari



## *This 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.



## *Next Week's speaker: Jay Thorogood*

Jay is a member of the Rotary Club of Darling Harbour (The Darlings). Next week, he will speak to us about the work Sutherland Rotary are doing to

provide solar lights to many communities around the world.



## *Director's reports*

From Wednesday 14-11-18

### **Charles Pitt**

Outlined to members that, given the overall decline in Rotary Membership in Sydney, it is possible that the current two Districts will be merged.

### **Arie Pappas (from previous week)**

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



## *Member's reports*

From Wednesday 14-11-18

### **Peter Smith**

Advised members that volunteers for BBQ duty are required for two upcoming events.

- 1) GroovABILITY Festival to be held at Burwood Park on Monday 3-12-18 from 10:00am to 3:00pm
- 2) Strathfield Christmas Carols to be held at Bressington Park on Saturday 8-12-18 from 5:00pm to finish

### **Andrew Aravanis**

Reminded members of next year's Trish Golf day that will be held at Strathfield Golf Club on Thursday 21-2-19

### **Peter van der Sleszen**

Peter advised that he has sent letters and made follow-up calls to the 16 schools we fund to provide Rotary Citizenship awards each year. He is looking for volunteers to be at the various schools when the award is presented.

**Marvin Manrique-Velasquez**  
 Reached out to members to financially support his program of helping underprivileged school children in Colombia. He would also like members to write in the

Christmas cards that he has (and that he will translate into Spanish) for the children receiving our support.



## *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>
<b>Wed 21st Nov 2018</b>	<b>Pride of Work</b>	-	-
Wed 28th Nov 2018	Rotary Solar Lights <b>Jay Thorogood</b>	Nick Hamilton-Kane	Keith Byrn
Mon 3rd Dec 2018	BBQ – Burwood Park GroovABILITY Festival	Please see Peter Smith to help out	-
Wed 5th Dec 2018	AGM and elections	-	-
Thur 6th Dec 2018	Member's Christmas party	-	-
Sat 8th Dec 2018	BBQ Strathfield Carols in the Park	Please see Peter Smith to help out	-
Wed 12th Dec 2018	No meeting. Christmas break until 16-01-19	-	-
Wed 16th Jan 2019	Strathfield Croquet Club	-	-

<i>Birthdays</i>	
22nd Nov	Subo Thayaparan
24th Nov	Simone Vaccari
27th Nov	Navya Mathew

<i>Anniversaries</i>	
25th Nov	Roger and Janice Vince (wedding)
25th Nov	Andrew Aravanis (Rotary)
27th Nov	Gulian Vaccari



## *The statistics*

Attendance last meeting (14-11-18)	22
Leave of absence	2
Other absence	4
Apologies	8
No apology	9
Club membership	<b>45</b>
Make-ups advised	0
Partners	0
Guests	0

<i>Funds raised</i>	
Raffle	\$200.00
Sergeants session	\$73.70



## *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 Sleesen	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, 21 Nov 18</b>	<b>Chris Haseldine</b>	Wed, 13 Feb 19	Bill Carney
<b>Wed, 28 Nov 18</b>	<b>Paolo Giammarco</b>	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, 6 Feb 19	Jaya Challa	Wed, 17 Apr 19	Chris Virgona
Wed, 23 Jan 19	Ed Dunlop	Wed, 17 Apr 19	Chris Virgona
Wed, 30 Jan 19	David Croft	Wed, 24 Apr 19	Roger Vince



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

### **He Had so Much Work to Do**

by Henry Lawson

Tell a simple little story of a settler in the West,  
Where the soldier birds and farmers, and selectors never rest  
While the sun shines — and they often work in rainy weather,  
too:  
But it's all about a young man who had so much work to do.

One of Mason's sons, Jim Mason, and the straightest of the  
lot,  
(They were all straight for that matter) Jim was working for  
old Scott —  
(Scott that fired at Brummy Hughson, when the "stick-ups"  
used to be),  
Jim was courting Mary Kelly down at Lowes, at Wilbertree.

Jim was trucking for a sawmill to make money for the home,  
He was making, out of Mudgee, for the family to come,  
And a load-chain snapped the switch-bar, and Black Anderson  
found Jim,  
In the morning, in a creek-bed, with a log on top of him.

There was riding for the doctor — just the same old reckless  
race:  
And a spring cart with a mattress came and took him from  
the place,  
To the hospital at Gulgong — but they couldn't pull him  
through —  
And Jim said "It seems a pity — I — had so much work to do."

"There's the hut — it's close-up finished; and the forty acres  
fenced;  
And — I've cleared enough for ploughin', but the dam is just  
commenced!"  
Then he said — and for a moment from the nurse his eyes he  
hid —  
"But I'm glad we wasn't married, for there might have been a  
kid."

That was all — at least it wasn't for he didn't die until  
He had "fixed it up for Mary with a proper lawyer will,"  
And the "Forty acre paddick," "And I only hope," said he,  
"That she'll get some decent feller when she's quite got over  
me."

Poor old broken-hearted Mason and his "missus" took their  
spell,  
But another son and Mary finished Jim's work very well.  
They have grown-up sons and daughters — some on new  
selections, too,  
And their hands and hearts are fitted for the work they have  
to do.

Now, my brothers! see the moral, lest the truth should come  
too late!  
We are far too apt to quarrel with the writer's fancied fate —  
Damn the Past! and leave to-morrow: millions are worse off  
than you!  
Think, ere you would "drown your sorrow," of the work that  
you should do.

Though the fates have seemed unkind to our unhappy  
brotherhood,  
We are too apt to be blind to our great power to do good;  
Many thousands, starved and stunted, for a line of comfort  
come,  
We can write, and have it printed — They must suffer and be  
dumb.

Think not of the hours we wasted in "oblivion" foully won,  
Or the bitter cups we tasted. Let us work! that, when life's  
done,  
We shall have in bush or city, shaped our future course so  
true  
That they'll say "It is a pity — they had so much more to do."



# *Out and About: Thank you letter from the Prostrate Cancer Foundation of Australia*

**31st October 2018**



Prostate Cancer  
Foundation of Australia

RESEARCH  
AWARENESS  
SUPPORT

31 October 2018

Donor # 446

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

Dear Rod,

On behalf of Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia (PCFA), I would like to thank you sincerely for your fundraising support.

In 1996, television personality Roger Climpson OAM and fellow club members of Rotary Club of Lane Cove in Sydney founded PCFA (then Prostate Cancer Research Foundation). Since then, significant progress has been made to improve the length and quality of life for men living with prostate cancer.

This would not have been possible without the support of our community including Rotary clubs such as yours.

We are so pleased that you are with us as we work to create a future where men live with prostate cancer, not die from it. A future where every man diagnosed with the disease has access to a Prostate Cancer Specialist Nurse and where research leads to new treatment options that will ensure our men can live longer and better lives.

Together we can achieve a great deal for men living with prostate cancer and improve outcomes for future generations.

Thank you again for the difference you are making.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Liz Wynn".

Liz Wynn  
National Community Fundraising Manager



## *Out and About: Upcoming 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.**

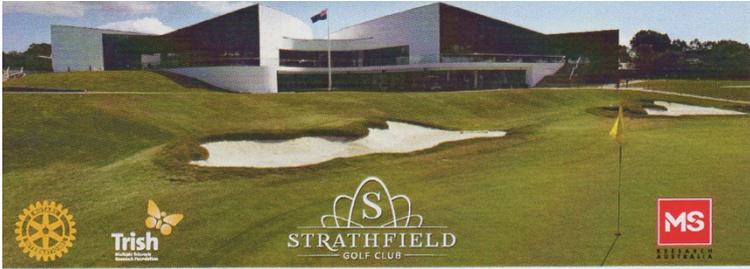
RYLA assumes that 'leadership' is a diverse and varied concept and any one form or style of leadership is not seen as more important than any other.

### **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: 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**

For further information please contact:  
Niall King OAM, mobile 0418 235 400

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*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



## *Out and About: What is Rotary?*<sup>1</sup>

Rotary is a global network of 1.2 million neighbours, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

Solving real problems takes real commitment and vision. For more than 110 years, Rotary's people of action have used their passion, energy, and intelligence to take action on sustainable projects. From literacy and peace to water and health, we are always working to better our world, and we stay committed to the end.

### What we do

Rotary members believe that we have a shared responsibility to take action on our world's most persistent issues. Our 35,000+ clubs work together to:

- Promote peace
- Fight disease
- Provide clean water, sanitation, and hygiene
- Save mothers and children
- Support education
- Grow local economies

### Our mission

We provide service to others, promote integrity and advance world understanding, goodwill and peace through our fellowship of business, professional and community leaders.

### We work differently

We see differently: Our multidisciplinary perspective helps us see challenges in unique ways.

We think differently: We apply leadership and expertise to social issues — and find unique solutions.

We act responsibly: Our passion and perseverance create lasting change.

We make a difference at home and around the world: Our members can be found in your community and across the globe.

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<sup>1</sup> Ref: <https://www.rotary.org/en/about-rotary>