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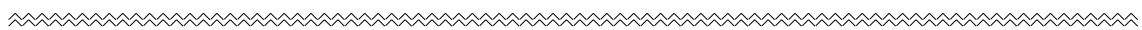
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Rotary, United Nations and Australian Themes

<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
25th-31st May	UN	Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories
27th May-3rd June	Aust	National Reconciliation Week
<i>Days of May</i>		
22nd May	UN	International Day for Biological Diversity
23rd May	UN	International Day to End Obstetric Fistula
23rd May	Int	World Turtle Day
26th May	Aust	National Sorry Day
29th May	UN	International Day of UN Peacekeepers



From the President's Desk

Hi Fellows,

It has been a big week based on any measure. From a Rotary prospective, events came thick and fast, starting Monday 13 May when an interest meeting was held at Strathfield Library with the aim on of forming the Homebush Probus Club. On Wednesday evening, when I was not able to be at Rotary, Janelle Watson, did a great job in chairing our meeting,. At the same meeting, Thaya delivering an excellent "This is My Life" talk at very short notice, in lieu of the guest speaker.

On Thursday 16 May President Elect Arie Pappas attended the District President's Meeting. On Friday, 17 May, the Interact Dance at Meriden School with Roger, Janelle, Bradley, Nick, Thaya and Rod acting as security support. And finally on Saturday 18 May, the BBQ at Chalmers Road. Also on Saturday, Past President Peter Smith, was in Strathfield Square, at the annual Red Shield BBQ. Not seen is the email traffic knitting all this together.

Importantly I thank my fellow members for their participation,

many were at multiple events. We are a Club that goes out and is active in the community. My small part in the week's activities I write on below.

Chalmers Road Election Day BBQ

A memorable day, back behind the fence at Chalmers Road School, the Rotary BBQ cooking, and the old BBQ (now owned and loved by Chalmers Road) also going, the sausages, the onions, and the eggs, on and off with a shout for another fresh batch. This is our street food! Thank you to our morning team of Thaya, Roy, Andrew, Rod, Raymond, Peter Van der Sleen and Peter Smith. See the photo in the back pages. The Chalmers Road parents and teachers were there selling and on the old BBQ with us. We worked as a great team. Added to the menu were vegetarian sausages, and free apples.

The voters passed by throughout the day, the cooking onions were always on the breeze, and the pleasure of going home munching on "the lot", with an apple in your pocket, they told us. Standing in the sun, with the intoxicating scents of the BBQ, there were flashes from the past, the blue vest of the Liberal Party, is that "Mitchell Blue"?, at eight it was my favourite colour. From Nick my son, who had come by to help, "Dad did you know it was 50 years since 1969 election," yes, that was the election David Williamson based his play, Don's Party on. I wonder what they were drinking? Do dogs vote? So many dogs on leads waiting in the queue, all well behaved. The day was a relaxing spell from an Accountant's Office.

An interesting electoral result, from the Electoral Office web site was

there were 2,495 voters at Chalmers Rd, a trivia we googled the next day. The sausages were all donated by a generous butcher in Punchbowl, with other food inputs being donated too. The bottom line, is that the funds of the Chalmers Road School are stronger, thanks to the generosity of suppliers, the commitment of the parents and staff and the Rotary Club of Strathfield with their BBQ Trailer.

District Amalgamation

The interest vote for the amalgamation of the two Sydney Rotary Districts, divided on a North/South basis along the Parramatta River, resulted in a narrow against result in the north and overwhelming in favour in the south. There are multiple issues for and against, and will hopefully continue to be discussed for another decade or two.

Rotary Down Under

Rotary's regional magazine Rotary Down Under is a good read. Catching my attention in the May edition, were articles on Rotary Club of Christchurch and their response to the shooting there on 15 March 2019. On 20-22 September 2019, there is an Australian and New Zealand Rotary Conference. Read the article; it is worthy of consideration.

Also in the edition is an article on the International Fellowship of Cricketing Rotarians; one of the largest Rotary fellowships. Their next festival is in Kandy, Sri Lanka, in July 2020. While on the back cover there is an advertisement to undertake the Kokoda Trek. All worthy of consideration, and there is no doubt we are not old and inactive.

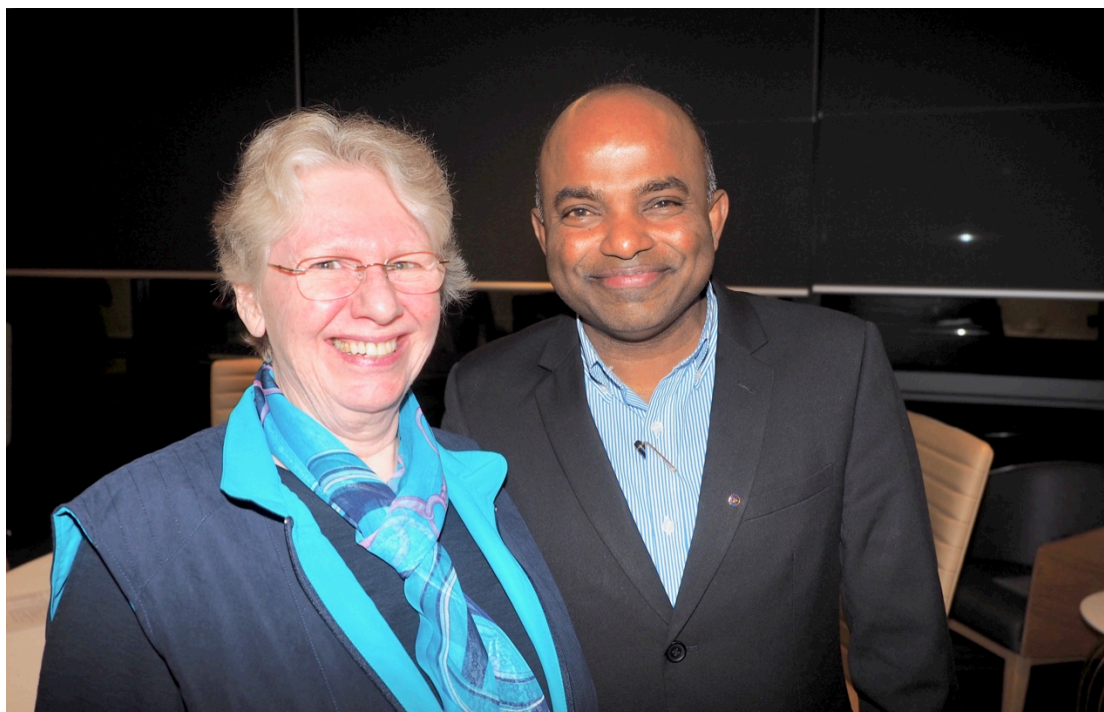
Charles

Last week's speaker: Thaya

Unfortunately the guest speaker scheduled for this week, Sarah Morgan, was sick and thus unavailable. However, very fortunately for us, Rotarian Thaya Ponniah, at extremely short notice, agreed to give a "This is My Life" presentation. It was absolutely wonderful, Thaya. We learnt about your family, your education, your career, your Rotary life in Sri Lanka as well as your work and involvement

with the Sri Lankan cricket team. You told us about setting up your business prior to moving to Australia and your business here in Sydney. Thank you once again Thaya for giving your fellow Rotarians an insight into your life. Thanks to Rotarian Keith Byrne for the formal thank you.

Summary by Janelle Watson



Janelle with Thaya

From the Acting Chair's Desk

Firstly, thank you all for your support as I chaired the meeting last week. President Charles was unavailable, though we hope, Charles, you did have a happy birthday even though it was spent in the office.

Raymond McCluskie gave an update on the now confirmed new Probus Club – known as Homebush Probus

Club. There was much interest expressed with various office bearer roles already organised. Notably some of the Strathfield Rotarians are actively involved. So the Homebush Probus Club is bound to be a great success and a plus for the Homebush community.

There are currently two commitments sheets. Thaya Ponniah is organising the group of Rotarians for the bar-b-que this Saturday at Chalmers Rd. Special School. Bradley Ayres has been negotiating supplier and pricing for shirts and hats with the Club logo.

Last Friday evening was the annual school dance at Meriden. There are students from six schools attending. So thanks to the Rotarians who have agreed to assist in providing monitoring and security at the event and thanks to Roger Vince for once again co-ordinating the team.

Two of our Strathfield Rotary family have recently been in hospital, Ann McCluskie and Niall King. We are thinking of you both and wish you well in your continued recovery.

Roger Vince, thanks to you for looking after the Raffles this evening as Allan Teale was unavailable.

Thank you Penny True for your continued support for the Sergeant and his Sergeant's session. Also to Maree McDougall for the ongoing support to the Treasurer and counting of funds from the aforementioned Sergeant's sessions.

Janelle

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*This week's speaker: Tiz Porreca*

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Next week's speaker: Rinshu Jain

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*Reports from Directors*

From Wednesday 15-05-19

none

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Reports from members

From Wednesday 15-05-19

Raymond McCluskie

Gave an update on the new Homebush Probus Club.

Bradley Ayres

Announced that we are back 'on track' with organising Rotary polo shirts and caps. Members are requested to confirm what they need via the commitment sheet circulated.

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>
Wed 22nd May 2019	Why branding works? Tiz Porreca	Nick Hamilton-Kane	Jaya Challa
Wed 29nd May 2019	What's new in web design Rinshu Jain	Roger Vince	Nick Nicolaou
Wed 5th June 2019	Web Application Alexey Prosenko	Ed Dunlop	William Carney
Sat 22nd June 2019	Club Changeover	-	-

<i>Birthdays</i>	
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<i>Anniversaries</i>	
23rd May	John-Paul Baladi (Rotary)
23rd May	Thaya Ponniah (Rotary)



The Statistics

Attendance last meeting (15-05-19)	15
Leave of absence	4
Other absence	4
Apologies	6
Late apology	3
No apology	14
Club membership	46
Make-ups advised	1 (Arie Pappas)
Partners	0
Guests	0

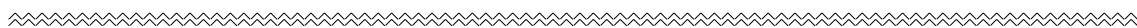
<i>Funds raised</i>	
Raffle	\$145.00
Sergeants session	\$73.60



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		



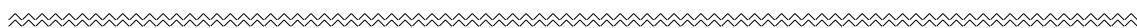
Raffles Roster

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, 22 May 19	Peter Smith	Wed, 12 Jun 19	Joseph Saad
Wed, 29 May 19	Prabhat Sinha	Wed, 19 Jun 19	Arie Pappas
Wed, 5 Jun 19	Guru Singh	Wed, 26 Jun 19	Dimitry Palmer



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 Sleen	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	Dlmitry 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 Sleen
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

Bush Christening

by A B Banjo Patterson (1864 -1941)

On the outer Barcoo where the churches are few,
 And men of religion are scanty,
 On a road never cross'd 'cept by folk that are lost,
 One Michael Magee had a shanty.
 Now this Mike was the dad of a ten year old lad,
 Plump, healthy, and stoutly conditioned;
 He was strong as the best, but poor Mike had no rest
 For the youngster had never been christened.

And his wife used to cry, 'If the darlin' should die
 Saint Peter would not recognise him.'
 But by luck he survived till a preacher arrived,
 Who agreed straightaway to baptise him.

Now the artful young rogue, while they held their colloque,
 With his ear to the keyhole was listenin',
 And he muttered in fright, while his features turned white,
 'What the devil and all is this christenin'?'

He was none of your dolts, he had seen them brand colts,
 And it seemed to his small understanding,
 If the man in the frock made him one of the flock,
 It must mean something very like branding.

So away with a rush he set off for the bush,
 While the tears in his eyelids they glistened —
 'Tis outrageous,' says he, 'to brand youngsters like me,
 I'll be dashed if I'll stop to be christened

Like a young native dog he ran into a log,
And his father with language uncivil,
Never heeding the `praste' cried aloud in his haste,
`Come out and be christened, you divil!'

But he lay there as snug as a bug in a rug,
And his parents in vain might reprove him,
Till his reverence spoke (he was fond of a joke)
`I've a notion,' says he, `that'll move him.'

`Poke a stick up the log, give the spalpeen a prog;
Poke him aisy — don't hurt him or maim him,
'Tis not long that he'll stand, I've the water at hand,
As he rushes out this end I'll name him.

`Here he comes, and for shame! ye've forgotten the name —
Is it Patsy or Michael or Dinnis?'
Here the youngster ran out, and the priest gave a shout —
`Take your chance, anyhow, wid `Maginnis!'

As the howling young cub ran away to the scrub
Where he knew that pursuit would be risky,
The priest, as he fled, flung a flask at his head
That was labelled `MAGINNIS'S WHISKY!'

And Maginnis Magee has been made a J.P.,
And the one thing he hates more than sin is
To be asked by the folk, who have heard of the joke,
How he came to be christened `Maginnis!'



Out and About: Meriden Interact Dance

Friday 17th May 2019



Roger and Janelle



Out and About: Chalmers Road Election Day BBQ fundraiser

Saturday 18th May 2019



Peter, Pres. Charles, Andrew, Roy and Rod cooking up a storm



Maree lending her support



Out and About: MS Trish Fundraiser

Saturday 25th May 2019

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