



STRATHFIELD ROTARY BULLETIN  
DISTRICT 9675  
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*Rotary, United Nations and Australian Themes*

<i>Year of 2018</i>	-	International Year of the Reef (IYOR)
<i>Month of July</i>	Rotary	Start of New Rotary Year
<i>Weeks of July</i>		
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<i>Days of July</i>		
27th July	Australia	Schools Tree Day
28th July	WHO	World Hepatitis Day
29th July	Australia	National Tree Day
30th July	UN	International Day of Friendship
30th July	UN	World Day against Trafficking in Persons



*From the President's Desk*

Last Wednesday we welcomed to our Club, District Governor Sue Hayward and her husband Mike, this being our first full Club meeting for the 2018/2019 year.

Also attending was the Regional Assistant Governor, (Western Harbour), Renga Rajan. For our newer members and older members, who may have missed a Rotary tutorial a couple years back, we are now in District 9675, with Club clusters. The cluster names are regional, and you are reminded of footy teams, i.e. Eastern Suburbs, North and South Illawarra, St George. If you want to know all the teams, I have the District Rotary Directory. My footy team, Parramatta, is known as North West. I will suggest a name

change to the old regional name "Cumberland" I know Roy Ellis will agree, having played cricket with them.

Sue's address to the Club sought our help in achieving an increase in women membership in Rotary (in line with my own goal). Overall women membership in Rotary was approximately 21%. As a Club we can increase our women's membership, in the next year by 3. A suggestion was for Rotarian's partners become members.

Mike has given himself a task as the Partner of the District Governor, to adopt a charity. For Mike it is Polio Plus. A worthy selection, an aim to

seeing it gone forever from this world.

On behalf of the Club we wish Sue a successful year.

On Partners as members, my view is they are similar to “off balance sheet assets”. An asset but not able to be recorded. Partners are not necessarily seated at meetings, but you and I have no doubt of their participation in the Club and strong friendships.

On Saturday 28th July, we’ll have our very own “Christmas in July”. It will be an Italian feast. The proceeds for the evening will be donated to Chalmers Road School, towards the purchase of a new bus. The event is coming together to be a wonderful night. Pleasing are names appearing on the booking list, old friends and members, reconnecting. Thanks must go to Allan , Rod and Roger.

Just in passing, a licensed club, in the southern Tablelands has Christmas in July every Saturday night for the whole of the month of July. Also, a radio station had in their “what’s fresh and in season” report on Saturday morning, a note that there was an increase in demand for Turkeys this week. It appears Christmas in July, is becoming an established secular festivity.

Roger had a visit to hospital in the last week, appendix done, and now is back home. Stay well Roger - all at the club wish you a speedy recovery!

Finally, on a sad note, I learnt that past District Governor (1997-1998), Jack Elliot OAM passed away. Jack was an enthusiastic district governor as well as being actively involved in many community events. We send our condolences to his family.

*Charles*



## *Last Week's event: DG Sue Hayward*

Sue is currently a member of the Darling Harbour club. Her Rotary epiphany occurred at her first District Conference twenty-five years ago where she heard Max Walker talk about the wonderful work Rotary did through its ROMAC program.

However, she faced challenges joining her local club in South Australia as it did not welcome women as members! (One wonders if, as an organisation, we have totally eliminated this sort of discrimination internally, and the perception of Rotary to the general public - Ed). Sue went on to become the inaugural President of the Prospect Sunshine Club.

Tonight, Sue highlighted nine key points:

1. **Global and district grants.** For example, the Kogarah Club has been awarded over \$200,000 for a water project in Nepal.
2. **City 2 Surf.** This is a club fundraising opportunity.
3. **Invictus Games.** To be held in Sydney in October this year \$20 tickets are available and Sue has requested we aim to involve our local schools.
4. **Your club statistics.** These are on the Rotary Club Central website. We record our

volunteer hours each week and they are noted in the bulletin. However, Strathfield does not appear to be recording it through the website. Sue noted that we should include our weekly meetings and even travel time to and from these meetings. Currently, we have only been reporting time outside of these weekly meeting.

5. **Smelly dollars.** Sue is encouraging us to have a little bit of fun at any barbecue we participate and put up signs saying ‘ask me why we raising smelly dollars’ and use this is a lead-in to educate people about Rotary.
6. **Women in Rotary.** Sue has set a challenge for Strathfield and all the clubs to increase the number of women as members by at least two. District is doing its bit by appointing a Women in Rotary Officer. In the future a women in Rotary Forum will be held.

7. **ANZ and District Conference.**

The ANZ conference will next be held in Hobart and the District 9675 Conference will be held in March 2019 at the Bankstown Sports Club.

8. **India.** A mega-polio immunisation day will held in Agra, India, from the 4 to 6 January 2019.

9. **Redistricting.** Having recently undergone a District merger, if membership numbers continue the downward trend, then another redistricting is likely to occur.

Sue finished her talk with advice on a project for Rotarians to help dismantle (still viable) play equipment when playgrounds are renovated by local councils. The equipment can then be packed up and sent overseas for children’s playgrounds to be constructed.



## *This Week's event: Club Assembly*

Next week is our bi-annual Club Assembly where we get the opportunity to hear from the Board

and contribute suggestions to improve our club.



## *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 25th Jul 2018	Club Assembly	-	-
Sat 28th Jul 2018	Christmas in July at Nonna & Co Restaurant	-	-
Wed 1st Aug 2018	Child care & protection <b>RTN Chris Haseldine</b>	Domenico Alvaro	Paul Anton
Wed 8th Aug 2018	Eating disorders <b>Stephanie Saade</b>	Raymond McCluskie	Andrew Aravanis
Wed 15th Aug 2018	TBA	TBA	TBA
Wed 22nd Aug 2018	TBA	TBA	TBA
Wed 29th Aug 2018	Meriden Interact Club	Roger Vince	TBA

<i>Birthdays</i>	
28th July	Anuradha Kamkolkar

<i>Anniversaries</i>	
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## The statistics

Attendance last meeting (18-07-18)	20
Leave of absence	1
Other absence	5
Apologies	2
No apology	16
Club membership	<b>44</b>
Make-ups advised	0
Partners	1
Guests	3
Members Rotary activities	Week ending 18-07-18: <b>20</b> [hours]

<i>Funds raised</i>	
Raffle	\$130.00
Sergeants session	\$83.30



## 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	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!

<b>Date</b>	<b>Rostered on</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Rostered on</b>
Wed, 18 Jul 18	Rick Vosila	Wed, 9 Jan 19	NA
<b>Wed, 25 July18</b>	<b>Janelle Watson</b>	Wed, 16 Jan 19	Mathew Elias
<b>Wed, 1 Aug 18</b>	<b>Chris Virgona</b>	Wed, 23 Jan 19	Ed Dunlop
Wed, 8 Aug 18	Roger Vince	Wed, 30 Jan 19	David Croft
Wed, 15 Aug 18	Peter van der Sleen	Wed, 6 Feb 19	Jaya Challa
Wed, 22 Aug 18	Gulian Vaccari	Wed, 13 Feb 19	Bill Carney
Wed, 29 Aug 18	Allan Teale	Wed, 20 Feb 19	Keith Byrn
Wed, 5 Sep 18	Peter Smith	Wed, 27 Feb 19	Bradley Ayres
Wed, 12 Sep 18	Prabhat Sinha	Wed, 6 Mar 19	Andrew Aravanis
Wed, 19 Sep 18	Guru Singh	Wed, 13 Mar 19	Paul Anton
Wed, 26 Sep 18	Joseph Saad	Wed, 20 Mar 19	Domenico Alvaro
Wed, 3 Oct 18	Arie Pappas	Wed, 27 Mar 19	Thaya Ponniah
Wed, 10 Oct 18	Dimitry Palmer	Wed, 3 Apr 19	Rick Vosila
Wed, 17 Oct 18	Nick Nicolaou	Wed, 10 Apr 19	Janelle Watson
Wed, 24 Oct 18	Farrukh Mirza	Wed, 17 Apr 19	Chris Virgona
Wed, 31 Oct 18	Rod McDougall	Wed, 24 Apr 19	Roger Vince
Wed, 7 Nov 18	Raymond McCluskie	Wed, 1 May 19	Peter van der Sleen
Wed, 14 Nov 18	Anu & Umesh Kamkolkar	Wed, 8 May 19	Gulian Vaccari
Wed, 21 Nov 18	Chris Haseldine	Wed, 15 May 19	Allan Teale
Wed, 28 Nov 18	Nick Hamilton-Kane	Wed, 22 May 19	Peter Smith
Wed, 5 Dec 18	Paolo Giammarco	Wed, 29 May 19	Prabhat Sinha
Wed, 12 Dec 18	Usha Garg	Wed, 5 Jun 19	Guru Singh
Wed, 19 Dec 18	Roy Ellis	Wed, 12 Jun 19	Joseph Saad
Wed, 26 Dec 18	NA	Wed, 19 Jun 19	Arie Pappas
Wed, 2 Jan 19	NA	Wed, 26 Jun 19	Dimitry Palmer

## *Out and About: Previous speaker: John Paul Baladi*

**Wednesday 20th June 2018**

John is one of the new, young Rotarians recently inducted into the Strathfield Rotary Club.

His topic was “Stepping up for the overseas poor”.

JP spoke about his early school life in the Dural area and his involvement with the Nairana Study Centre which encouraged students to be involved with community work - such as visiting nursing homes, gardening for the elderly and assistance for those with disabilities. Following on from this, JP was then involved with overseas visits and work camps in disadvantaged countries and areas of Fiji, India, Papua New Guinea and Vietnam. He actively participated with constructing brick walls for houses and digging ditches for septic systems and drainage and then became involved with the administration these programs.

During 2014 (when he was in Year 9) JP went on a three month student exchange to Uruguay. While on this exchange John was told about a community centre called Los Pinos (The Pines) Education Centre located in a disadvantaged area which trained young men for factory work and jobs for the future. Seeing the positive impact this education program had in people’s lives gave JP the idea and incentive to start his own charity when he returned home.

JP, along with a friend, founded a charity called Chalmers Beranger. The objectives include working with under-privileged communities, teaching self-sufficiency with sustainable development goals. Chalmers Beranger works within the framework of the Australian NGO Reledev organisation. This means that Chalmers Beranger can utilize the resources and leadership available through Reledev and importantly, achieve recognition by the federal government in the provision of overseas charity work.

JP is planning a trip to a community near Los Pinos in Uruguay during December 2018. This will be a unique small-scale opportunity for volunteers to participate in projects to improve the lives of residents with education and skills training, focusing on areas such as teaching people how to maintain their own vegetable patch to provide their own food.

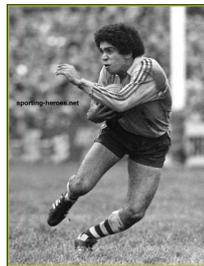
It was refreshing for the Rotarians to hear John Paul speak with such passion about his charity and on-going community work. Thank you JP.

Report by Janelle Watson

## *Out and About: upcoming event*

**Saturday 28th July 2018**

**The Rotary Club of Strathfield invites  
members and friends to  
“Christmas\* in July”,  
6:30 pm (for 7:00pm) on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2018**



**With the great Rugby player Glen Ella  
talking football and coaching  
at**



**(Located at Fraser’s Motorcycles, 153-165 Parramatta Rd, Concord,  
i.e. corner Parramatta Rd and Concord Rd-with parking on-site)**

**Dress: Smart Casual**

**Tickets: \$55:00 a head**

**Hurry to RSVP by 25<sup>th</sup> July (Only Limited seating available).**

**Bookings: <https://events.humanitix.com.au/christmas-in-july>**

**Enquiries: Charles 043 805 3700**

**NOTE: This is not a transfer meeting**

**Proceeds of raffle and auction on the night to Chalmers Rd School.**

**\* No Santa or carols. Sumptuous 3-course Italian meal and general merriment.  
Wine will be provided, beer and spirits can be purchased.**