



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 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 Nov/Dec</i>		
29th Nov	UN	International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People
1st Dec	UN	World AIDS Day
2nd Dec	UN	International Day for the Abolition of Slavery
3rd Dec	UN	International Day of Persons with Disabilities

From the President's Desk

Hi,

Our Pride of Work Awards last Wednesday evening was a wonderful evening, the fourteen awardees, the speaker John Manenti (coach of the Woman 7s Rugby), the raffle and the 18 prizes, wow what a night!

Many thanks to our Troika of Nick Hamilton-Kane, leader and on the side, Usha Garg (Vocational Service Director) and Rod McDougall (Secretary). While they were the team, the strappers and reinsmen, were surely Peter Smith (the plagues and plus) and Rick Vosila the raffle (18 prizes, wow!) and sponsorship.

These events are not easy to bring together. We had a dedicated and cohesive team, solving the problems as they appear, on a daily basis. The evening was a Club event and it was great to have twenty-eight Rotarians from our Club selling raffle tickets and mixing with the awardees and employer representatives. My part for the evening was to speak on Rotary, my few words were small; in fact there were no words required, Rotary was as visible on the night.

Nancy Sherry, was called upon to presented the Ray Sherry Shield. Maree Bradley from Meriden School

was the recipient this year. Maree will be custodian of the shield until next year's awards being chosen for her commitment to vocational excellence and a person that Ray would have been proud to know.

The Carnarvon Golf Club was our venue, and the backdrop to the evening was the sunset, the pink and grey ribbons in the sky over the fairways. The poem selected this week is Australian Sunset by Dorothy Hewett.

The Board are currently considering partnering with the Rotary Club of Fusagasuga, in Columbia, to assist them purchasing school materials for a disadvantage school. On Sunday I,

and later Rod, spoke with the President Jame Hernan Gonzalez. Let us say with his English student daughter, we all understood the task and terms of our participation. Hopefully we can provide the means for funds raised in Australia to be forwarded to Club for their project. Web and Facebook pictures tell story, have a look.

My final words is a reminder of the Club family Christmas Party, our team of Club members, wives are doing the organisation, for Nonnas on 6th December, 2018.

Charles

Last Week's event: Pride of Work

What a wonderful night! Charles has covered the event in his President's piece. However, you can find some of

the photographs taken on the night in "Out and About".

This 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.

Next Week's event: AGM and elections

Yes, that time of the year again.

Director's reports

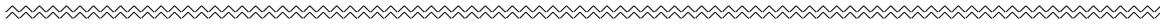
From Wednesday 21-11-18

None due to PoW

Member's reports

From Wednesday 21-11-18

None due to PoW



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 28th Nov 2018	Rotary Solar Lights Jay Thorogood	Nick Hamilton-Kane	Keith Byrn
Wed 5th Dec 2018	AGM and elections	-	-
Thur 6th Dec 2018	BBQ – Burwood Park GroovABILITY Festival	Please see Peter Smith to help out	-
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>	
28th Nov	Rod McDougall
2nd Dec	Arie Pappas
3rd Dec	Roger Vince
3rd Dec	Toni Virgona
4th Dec	Neena Sinha

<i>Anniversaries</i>	
30th Nov	Allan and Kate Teale (wedding)
30th Nov	Farrukh and Tara Mirza (wedding)
30th Nov	Guru Singh (Rotary)
1st Dec	Edmund Brown (Rotary)
1st Dec	Paolo Giammarco (Rotary)
1st Dec	Peter Manenti (Rotary)
1st Dec	Keith Byrn (Rotary)



The Statistics

Attendance last meeting (21-11-18)	n/a
Leave of absence	2
Other absence	4
Apologies	n/a
No apology	n/a
Club membership	45
Make-ups advised	0
Partners	0
Guests	0

<i>Funds raised</i>	
Raffle	\$1,710.00
Sergeants session	Not conducted



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!

<i>Date</i>	<i>Rostered on</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Rostered on</i>
Wed, 28 Nov 18	Paolo Giammarco	Wed, 23 Jan 19	Ed Dunlop
Wed, 5 Dec 18	Nick Hamilton-Kane	Wed, 30 Jan 19	David Croft
Wed, 12 Dec 18	Usha Garg	Wed, 13 Feb 19	Bill Carney
Wed, 19 Dec 18	Rod McDougall	Wed, 20 Feb 19	Keith Byrn
Wed, 26 Dec 18	NA	Wed, 27 Feb 19	Bradley Ayres
Wed, 2 Jan 19	NA	Wed, 6 Mar 19	Andrew Aravanis
Wed, 9 Jan 19	NA	Wed, 13 Mar 19	Paul Anton
Wed, 16 Jan 19	Mathew Elias	Wed, 20 Mar 19	Domenico Alvaro
Wed, 6 Feb 19	Jaya Challa	Wed, 27 Mar 19	Thaya Ponniah

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

### **Australian Sunset**

by Dorothy Hewett

The red sun  
 At the heart of the earth  
 Flattened out,  
 A broad quivering jellyfish  
 On the edge of the river.  
 Red dissolving sun  
 Quivering in the eyeballs  
 In myriads of trembling  
 Red sunned images  
 Hot against the blue dark  
 Swathed hills, silent, dark smooth  
 Rising from the edge of scrub.  
 The stubborn scrub, prickly  
 Dark and colourless  
 Under the liquid plated sun,  
 Drying up the earth, the twisted  
 Scrub, sapless and stern-willed  
 Against red-plated hunger,  
 Twisting itself with a stubborn  
 Utter persistency out of that  
 Red devouring beast  
 Balanced on the hills.

The quietness, the all sinking  
 Of the Australian earth  
 In to its completeness,  
 Its jealous persistent  
 Defiance of that quivering ball,  
 Leaving it dark, darker than  
 All beginnings, arid and strong  
 After the red death  
 Above the hills,  
 Sinking into itself  
 With no relief  
 But the strange, dark completeness  
 Of defiance, that continues  
 Forever, that has lost  
 All youth, all hope, all greed  
 All tenderness, and lies  
 Colourless, dark grey  
 Huddled under the immense  
 Burning circle of the sun.  
 Then sinks into its own  
 Pain relief, its own dark silences  
 Beyond all blood and bondage.

Ref: <https://www.poetrylibrary.edu.au/poets/hewett-dorothy/australian-sunset-0050016>

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Out and About: Pride of Work

Wednesday 21st November 2018





Out and About: Rotary Christmas party

Thursday 6th December 2018

 **Strathfield
Rotary** *Friends
Welcome*

Christmas Party
Nonna & Co Restaurant
153-165 Parramatta Rd Nth Strathfield

Thurs 6 December 2018
6:30 for 7:00 pm

Bubbles and Nibbles on Arrival
Three course Dinner
Dinner Entertainer
BYO (wine only)
Lot's of Party Fun
Dress Festive: It's a Party!

\$50 per person
Children Under 12 years \$15

Bookings: <https://events.humanitix.com.au/rcs-xmas>

In the spirit of Christmas, this year we are seeking "back to school" gifts for Quirindi NSW children.
A shoebox sized gift containing a mix of stationery items suitable for children pre-school to junior high valued \$15 to \$20 would be perfect.

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