



STRATHFIELD ROTARY BULLETIN

DISTRICT 9675

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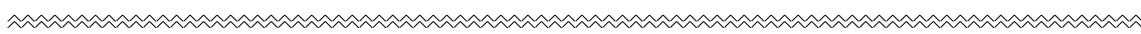
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Rotary, United Nations and Australian Themes

<i>Month of January</i>	Rotary	Vocational Service Month
<i>Weeks of February</i>		
1st-7th Feb	UN	World Interfaith Harmony Week
<i>Days of January</i>		
2nd Feb	International	World Wetlands Day
4th Feb	UN	World Cancer Day
6th Feb	UN	International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation



From the President's Desk

Hi to all,

Last Wednesday evening, we were back in Rotary with the January Club Assembly, and great evening it was. For the members not in, I am pleased to let you know how it went and what was reported.

First up, Amanda, introduced the new Chef, Wayne, who talked us through dinner, the wonderful chicken and vegetarian dishes, hot buns, and the deserts. How lucky we are! I'm of the idea we should report last week's dinner, in the Bulletin for inspiration for the home "special occasion" menu. I can say the venue and dinner, were not on the agenda.

On to the business of the night, we welcomed back Marvin and Kimberly, and they reported on the project Working with Columbian Children. This Project was introduced to the Club by Marvin, requesting the financial support of the members. As a Club we were cautious, but continued, contacting President Jamie of the Rotary Club of Fusagasuga, and creating a written memorandum of understanding, registering with the Rotary Club of Australia Community Services (RAWCS helped) and so finally the members and others putting together \$3,380 funds travelling through the offshore banking gates, (the MOU and RAWC registration helped). As Marvin and Kimberly showed us visually, with a

YouTube clip, <https://youtu.be/ueAc-84c bc>

It was worth the effort. My thanks to the Rotarians who stayed with it, especially to Rod and Chris, for completing the documentation that was essential. Marvin and Kimberly brought for all of us small sweets, consumed over dinner, and to the sponsors, a letter and photo of the child attributed to their sponsorship. There was a surplus of funds for a future decision. Spanish is catching on, our vocabulary now has gracias, muchas gracias!

Back to other Club business, the next project is on 21 February, the Trish Golf Day. Rod and Niall have met and bookings are coming through. It is on a Thursday, and our club meeting day will change that week. To repeat myself, the past Trish Golf Days and evening meals have been fabulous, with the interesting and the famous, all there. It all happening again.

Arie reported on The Youth Awards, a joint project with Strathfield Council. The awards will be held at Strathfield Town Hall at 6.30pm, on Wednesday, 10 April, 2019. It will be a seated event, and planning is continuing with Strathfield Municipal Council. I had look at the Clip from 2018, it is a Project we can be proud of, see <https://www.strathfield.nsw.gov.au/community/children-and-youth-services/youth-achievement-awards/>

I noticed a President Award, if last year is a guide, I may have a difficult

task ahead of me in making a decision. Arie, please keep us up to date,

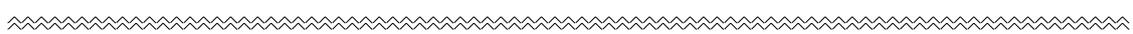
Paolo is active in the Emergency Services Awards and recognition of emergency service workers from various groups, all working to keeping the community safe and rescuing us when an emergency event occurs. There are two evenings, a local recognition and a larger awards evening. Planning for the evenings is continuing, and the extent of District and Clubs participation has not been finalised. It is likely there will be an event in June, 2019. The success of these events is important to both, the many Services and Rotary. Our history and one of our places in the community is to be community organiser. The Club's part will be small, limited to the organising Committees, and we wish them success. Paolo will report back to us.

An update on Chalmers Road, School Bus, the target is in reach. Past President Rick will soon be able to make an announcement.

Charles

Stop Press:

My wife Olga has returned from the shops, and recycled the Christmas drink bottles. She noted that Chalmers Road, is listed as a Charity to direct your buy-back money to. A positive outcome from the Christmas bottles that have collected around our bins



Last Week's Event: Club Assembly

In addition to the club Assembly, Marvin Velasquez gave a detailed

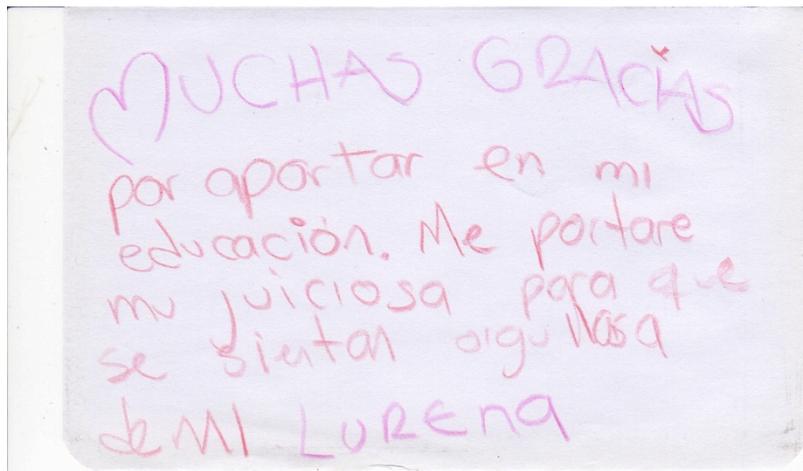
update on the financial support members of our Club gave to the

Working with Colombian Children project. Marvin handed out packs to our members that, among other things, contained a photo of the child supported by the member and a

thank you note from the child; a wonderful gesture.



Pres Charles, Rod, Kimberly and Marvin with two of the many appreciation packs presented to a number of our members



One of the messages of thanks

This Week's speaker: Gabriella Kovac

Gabriella Kovac has written fictional books for adults and children. She also authored a non-fiction book about one woman's bravery and daring in Hungary during the

Holocaust, and then through the brutal communist regime, "Georgina: Holocaust Survivor".



Next Week's speaker: Trinidad Valenzuela

Trinidad Valenzuela will discuss the topic of cognitive decline as we age

and the positive impact that exercise can make as a preventative approach.



Reports from Directors

From Wednesday 23-01-19

Secretary – Rod McDougall

Reminded members of the upcoming Trish Golf day and dinner.

Full details can be found at:

[http://www.trishmsresearch.org.au/content common/pg-golf-day-and-dinner.seo](http://www.trishmsresearch.org.au/content/common/pg-golf-day-and-dinner.seo)

Rod also advised that semi-annual dues have been posted and payment is requested before the end of January.

This year it is officially supported by 5 clubs, Breakfast Point, Burwood, Drummoyne, Granville, and Strathfield.

The proposed RESCA Calendar is as follows:

Launch for Nominations by RESCA	14th Feb '19
Nominations Close with RESCA	1st May '19

The five clubs will seek nominations for RESCA, from Agencies that RESCA services. At first from a catchment bounded by Parramatta, the Parramatta River, the Eastern Suburbs, South to Padstow. The aspirations are for the catchment to grow to Sydney Outer.

The successful nominees will be invited to receive an Appreciation Certificate (not an Award) on the 15 June 2019 event mentioned above. This event will celebrate their

Club Service – Paolo Giammarco

"The 2018 inaugural event R(WH)ESCA Awards, held in March 2018, a very successful event, has for operational reasons been transformed into a District RESCA subset, and under its umbrella, event: RESCA (LOCAL) SYDNEY 2019 Saturday 15 June 2019 At Massey Park Golf Club.

application being entered into a pool of applications from other areas, all controlled and assessed under the auspices of RESCA and the Emergency Services Agencies of which the finalists and winners are recognised in the Awards Ceremony in August 2019.

Our committee, with the approval of the district RESCA committee will however issue an Award to a local emergency hero that is not enrolled in any of the Agencies covered by RESCA. It will be explained and understood that this Award is totally under the Auspices of the five Rotary Clubs and independent of and not to be construed as an Award by the RESCA Agencies. As a policy the committee has decided this Award will not be issued in posthumous cases.

In these cases we see the following programme for Awards Purpose:

Judging process for (Non Agency) Hero Awards	1st May to 7th May '19
Finalist contacted	8th May '19
Appreciation and Awards (Non Agency) Hero Ceremony – Massey Park Golf Club	15th June '19

We are further investigating an award inclusion for the police rescue and the police air wing which are currently not covered by the RESCA and its Agencies

As last year, through sponsorships, we will be raising funds for ARH and other emergency services agencies.

Regards
Paolo"

President Elect - Arie Pappas

Confirmed that the Youth Awards, to be held in conjunction with Strathfield Council, will be held on 10th April 2019. To be held at the Strathfield Town Hall, the event will not be a sit-down dinner this time around.

Arie also advised that Farrukh Mirza has taken over the programs role from Roy Ellis for the remainder of Charles' year. Thanks to Roy for the efforts he has put in.

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## Reports from members

From Wednesday 23-01-19

### Child Protection Officer - Ed Dunlop

Announced that 46% of members of completed requirements to obtain

their WWC number. However, only 16% have completed the obligatory Rotary document.

## Dates for the Calendar



| <i>Rotary Events</i> |                                   |                     |                                        |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------------|
| <i>Day/Date</i>      | <i>Event/speaker</i>              | <i>To introduce</i> | <i>To thank<br/>+ Speaker write-up</i> |
| Wed 30th Jan 2019    | Gabriella Kovac                   | tba                 | tba                                    |
| Wed 6th Feb 2019     | Trinidad Valenzuela               | tba                 | tba                                    |
| Wed 13th Feb 2019    | tba                               | tba                 | tba                                    |
| Thu 21st Feb 2019    | Trish Golf Day and evening dinner | -                   | -                                      |

| <i>Birthdays</i> |                       |
|------------------|-----------------------|
| 30th Jan         | Christopher Haseldine |
| 5th Feb          | Danielle Aravanis     |

| <i>Anniversaries</i> |                                        |
|----------------------|----------------------------------------|
| 30th Jan             | Peter and Anne Manenti (wedding)       |
| 30th Jan             | Paolo and Patricia Giammarco (wedding) |
| 1st Feb              | Peter and Marlene Smith (wedding)      |
| 1st Feb              | Charles Pitt (Rotary)                  |
| 1st Feb              | Rod McDougall (Rotary)                 |



## The Statistics

|                                   |           |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| Attendance last meeting (23-1-19) | 16        |
| Leave of absence                  | 2         |
| Other absence                     | 4         |
| Apologies                         | 6         |
| No apology                        | 17        |
| Club membership                   | <b>45</b> |

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| Make-ups advised | 0 |
| Partners         | 1 |
| Guests           | 1 |

| <i>Funds raised</i> |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| Raffle              | \$140.00 |
| Sergeants session   | \$42.30  |

## *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  | 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, 30 Jan 19 | David Croft        | Wed, 17 Apr 19 | Chris Virgona       |
| Wed, 6 Feb 19  | Jaya Challa        | Wed, 24 Apr 19 | Roger Vince         |
| Wed, 13 Feb 19 | Bill Carney        | Wed, 1 May 19  | Peter van der Sleen |
| Wed, 20 Feb 19 | Keith Byrn         | Wed, 8 May 19  | Gulian Vaccari      |
| Wed, 27 Feb 19 | Bradley Ayres      | Wed, 15 May 19 | Allan Teale         |
| Wed, 6 Mar 19  | Andrew Aravanis    | Wed, 22 May 19 | Peter Smith         |

|                |                 |                |                |
|----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Wed, 13 Mar 19 | Paul Anton      | Wed, 29 May 19 | Prabhat Sinha  |
| Wed, 20 Mar 19 | Domenico Alvaro | Wed, 5 Jun 19  | Guru Singh     |
| Wed, 27 Mar 19 | Thaya Ponniah   | Wed, 12 Jun 19 | Joseph Saad    |
| Wed, 3 Apr 19  | Rick Vosila     | Wed, 19 Jun 19 | Arie Pappas    |
| Wed, 10 Apr 19 | Janelle Watson  | Wed, 26 Jun 19 | Dimitry Palmer |

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*Out and About:*

*Quirindi Back to School Donations*

**January 2019**

The Back to School gifts collected for the children of drought-stricken Quirindi as part of our club Christmas party are on their way.

Members, partners and their friends were very generous and several large boxes of pens, pencils, staplers, pads, rulers, highlighters and sundry other stationery items were donated.

RC of Concord are assisting with transportation and the Country Women's Association will arrange for distribution to needy families.

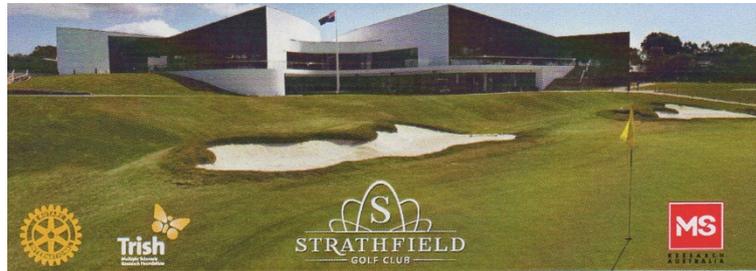
Thanks to all those who donated and to Maree McDougall and Penny True for collection and packing duties (for gifts not already packed). Special thanks to Pat Giammarco who arranged for a large proportion of the donations and to Peter Smith for his usual help and coordination.



The hard-working pair of Maree McDougall and Penny True

# *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**



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**

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