



STRATHFIELD ROTARY BULLETIN

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Rotary, United Nations and Australian Themes

<i>Year of 2018</i>	-	International Year of the Reef (IYOR)
<i>Month of October</i>	Rotary	Economic and Community Development Month
	Australia	Shoctober - Defibrillator Awareness Month
	Australia	Polio Awareness Month
<i>Weeks of October</i>		
30 Oct – 5 Nov	Rotary	World Interact Week
<i>Days of October</i>		
31st Oct	UN	World Cities Day
2nd Nov	UN	International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists
5th Nov	UN	World Tsunami Awareness Day
6th Nov	UN	International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict

From the President's Desk

Hi all,

It is the end of October 2018, and the weeks are accelerating to Christmas and year-end. We should pause, remembering, 100 years ago World War 1 was ending. The battles were continuing and lives lost before the Armistice was signed on 11 November, 2018. The memories of this war remain today, the memorial in churches and schools listing the soldiers and the crosses. On Liverpool Road the memorial and artillery gun, in Homebush at Davies Square, the crossed rifles on stone, and the names are there too. Lest we forget,

the horrors and deaths, especially of family, that we did not know but our grandparents did.

Before we end the year, there remains our Pride Of Work event. This project links our community and vocational services, the core activities of Rotary. Please support Nick and the team as they gather nominees from the businesses in our area.

On Sunday I called into a small fruit shop at Mulgoa, not far from Warragamba Dam, heading for Silverdale. On the counter was a flyer Rotary Club of Wallacia – Mulgoa,

Adopt a Town, Rylstone, and organising a town visit on 7, 8 & 9 December, 2018. I have a faint memory of Rylstone, but I do know our very own Anuradha and Umesh Kamkolkar had a life there; Umesh being the town Doctor for decades, before retiring to Strathfield. Mulgoa, Wallacia and add in Silverdale, are small villages with a big-hearted Rotary Club.

There is a YouTube clip and Facebook Page on Rotary Clubs adopt a town project <https://www.adoptatown.org.au/> At Strathfield, as I have said earlier, we are still undecided, considering if we run the danger of taking on too much. This Rotary Project is

gathering momentum and we wish the Clubs participating success and a safe trip out there.

The Annual State Police Officer Awards are being held on 16 November, our Club has two nominees for the award from our night for the Commands at Burwood and Auburn. Please let me know if you wish to attend.

Our Rotary family Christmas Party is on the 6 December 2018, at our favourite restaurant, Nonna & Co at Strathfield. Keep the date free, it will be time to enjoy a good evening.

Charles



Last Week's speaker: Biagio Gino Versace

No report received.



Jan, Biagio and Pres Charles



This Week's speaker: RYPEN attendees

Our club sponsored four young people to the RYPEN Camp. They will present on their experiences at our next meeting.



Next Week's speakers: Greg Rappo

RYDA (Rotary Youth Driver Awareness) program is another fantastic Rotary Initiative. It has been running for several years, and our club had been involved previously.

Greg is the Program Director, and will bring us up to date with the latest.



Director's reports

From Wednesday 24-10-18

None advised.



Member's reports

From Wednesday 102410-18

Rod McDougall (for Bradley Ayres)
Circulated commitment sheet for Club shirts and caps

Usha Garg & Nick Hamilton-Kane
Again reminded members of the upcoming Pride of Work event

David Croft
Advised about next RYPEN.



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 31st Oct 2018	RYPEN RYPENians	Peter Smith	Roger Vince

Wed 7th Nov 2018	RYDA Greg Rappo	Rick Vosila	Chris Virgona
Wed 14th Nov 2018	TBA	TBA	TBA
Wed 21st Nov 2018	Pride of Work	-	-
Wed 28th Nov 2018	Rotary Solar Lights Jay Thorogood	Nick Hamilton-Kane	Janelle Watson
Wed 5th Dec 2018	AGM and elections	-	-
Thur 6th Dec 2018	Member's Christmas party	-	-

<i>Birthdays</i>	
2nd Nov	Sharon Saad
7th Nov	Dimitry Palmer

<i>Anniversaries</i>	
1st Nov	Nick and Vicki Nicolaou (wedding)
1st Nov	George Hallworth
1st Nov	Richard Horwood
1st Nov	Janelle Watson
5th Nov	Arie Pappas



The Statistics

Attendance last meeting (24-10-18)	25
Leave of absence	2
Other absence	4
Apologies	4
No apology	10
Club membership	45
Make-ups advised	0
Partners	1
Guests	1

<i>Funds raised</i>	
Raffle	\$240.00
Sergeants session	\$85.65

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, 31 Oct 18	Rod McDougall	Wed, 23 Jan 19	Ed Dunlop
Wed, 7 Nov 18	Raymond McCluskie	Wed, 30 Jan 19	David Croft
Wed, 14 Nov 18	Marvin Manrique-Velasquez	Wed, 6 Feb 19	Jaya Challa
Wed, 21 Nov 18	Chris Haseldine	Wed, 13 Feb 19	Bill Carney
Wed, 28 Nov 18	Nick Hamilton-Kane	Wed, 20 Feb 19	Keith Byrn
Wed, 5 Dec 18	Paolo Giammarco	Wed, 27 Feb 19	Bradley Ayres
Wed, 12 Dec 18	Usha Garg	Wed, 6 Mar 19	Andrew Aravanis
Wed, 19 Dec 18	Roy Ellis	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

Out and About: Graffiti Removal Day

Sunday 20th October 2018



Out and About: Charles' selected poem

Song Of The Old Bullock-Driver. By Henry Lawson

FAR back in the days when the blacks used to ramble
In long single file 'neath the evergreen tree,
The wool-teams in season came down from Coonamble,
And journeyed for weeks on their way to the sea,
'Twas then that our hearts and our sinews were
stronger,
For those were the days when the bushman was bred.
We journeyed on roads that were rougher and longer
Than roads where the feet of our grandchildren tread.

With mates who have gone to the great Never-Never,
And mates whom I've not seen for many a day,
I camped on the banks of the Cudgegong River
And yarned at the fire by the old bullock-dray.
I would summon them back from the far Riverina,
From days that shall be from all others distinct,
And sing to the sound of an old concertina
Their rugged old songs where strange fancies were
linked.

We never were lonely, for, camping together,
We yarned and we smoked the long evenings away,
And little I cared for the signs of the weather
When snug in my hammock slung under the dray.
We rose with the dawn, were it ever so chilly,
When yokes and tarpaulins were covered with frost,
And toasted the bacon and boiled the black billy,
Where high on the camp-fire the branches were tossed.

On flats where the air was suggestive of 'possums,
And homesteads and fences were hinting of change,
We saw the faint glimmer of appletree blossoms
And far in the distance the blue of the range;
And here in the rain, there was small use in flogging
The poor, tortured bullocks that tugged at the load,
When down to the axles the waggons were bogging
And traffic was making a marsh of the road.

'Twas hard on the beasts on the terrible pinches,
Where two teams of bullocks were yoked to a load,
And tugging and slipping, and moving by inches,
Half-way to the summit they clung to the road.
And then, when the last of the pinches was bested,
(You'll surely not say that a glass was a sin?)
The bullocks lay down 'neath the gum trees and rested -
The bullockies steered for the bar of the inn.

Then slowly we crawled by the trees that kept tally
Of miles that were passed on the long journey down.
We saw the wild beauty of Capertee Valley,
As slowly we rounded the base of the Crown.
But, ah! the poor bullocks were cruelly goaded
While climbing the hills from the flats and the vales;
'Twas here that the teams were so often unloaded
That all knew the meaning of 'counting your bales.'

And, oh! but the best-paying load that I carried
Was one to the run where my sweetheart was nurse.
We courted awhile, and agreed to get married,
And couple our futures for better or worse.
And as my old feet grew too weary to drag on
The miles of rough metal they met by the way,

My eldest grew up and I gave him the waggon —
He's plodding along by the bullocks to-day.

<https://www.poetrylibrary.edu.au/poets/lawson-henry/song-of-the-old-bullock-driver-0022011>



Out and About: Rotary is everywhere

Tuesday 23rd October 2018



Spotted at Taking Point (just South of Port Macquarie) by Bradley Ayres

Out and About: Rotary Christmas party

Thursday 6th December 2018

