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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>		
8th-14th July	International	National Diabetes Week
8th-15th July	Australia	National NAIDOC Week
<i>Days of July</i>		
11th July	United Nations	World Population Day
15th July	United Nations	World Youth Skills Day



*President's Report*

Watch this space.

*Charles*



*Last speaker: John Paul Baladi*

No report received.



*Last Week's event: Ghost tour of old  
Government House*

STRANGE HAPPENINGS

The ghost tour of old government house proved an outstanding success.

The scene was a past of dubious events: The blue lady; the man in

black; hot and cold sections of rooms; and violent deaths. Our group had an unexplained opening of a set of both wardrobe doors. Quite unexpected and without answer.

Margaret and Michael, our guides, were fonts of knowledge of their history of old government house taking us along a timeline of resident governors, their families and staff. Each historic room of the house had its own story.

Lady Mary Fitzroy died after her carriage overturned and killed her.

Absolutely a wonderful experience for Rotarians and partners. This was followed by a supper put on by the volunteers of which there were 6 that participated in the Ghost tour.

All this in a candlelight setting and a walk in the grounds along where

*Raymond McCluskie*



### *This Week's event: Fellowship night*

Being the final rugby league State of Origin for the year, come and enjoy

some fellowship before the anticipated clean sweep!



### *Next Week's speaker: DG Sue Hayward*

Next week we welcome DG Sue Hayward. Sue will, no doubt, take us

through many of the District initiatives.



### *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 11th July 2018	Fellowship meeting	-	-
Wed 18th July 2018	DG visit <b>Sue Hayward</b>	tba	tba
Wed 25th July 2018	Club Assembly	-	-
Wed 1st August 2018	RTN Chris Haseldine	tba	tba

<i>Birthdays</i>	
4th July	Sue Byrn (belatedly)

<i>Anniversaries</i>	
1st July	Grahame True (Rotary)
2nd July	Usha Garg (Rotary)



## *Rotary International vision*

“Rotary International President-elect (at the time this was published – Ed) Barry Rassin laid out his vision for the future of the organization on Sunday, calling on leaders to work for a sustainable future and to inspire Rotarians and the community at large.

Rassin, a member of the Rotary Club of East Nassau, New Providence, Bahamas, unveiled the 2018-19 presidential theme, *Be the Inspiration*, to incoming district governors at Rotary’s International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA. “I want you to inspire in your clubs, your Rotarians, that desire for something greater. The drive to do more, to be more, to create something that will live beyond each of us.”

Rassin stressed the power of Rotary’s new vision statement, “Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.” This describes the Rotary that leaders must help build, he said.

To achieve this vision, the president-elect said, Rotarians must take care of the organization: “We are a membership organization first. And if we want to be able to serve, if we want to succeed in our goals — we

have to take care of our members first.”

Rassin asked the incoming district governors to “inspire the club presidents, and the Rotarians in your districts, to want to change. To want to do more. To want to reach their own potential. It’s your job to motivate them — and help them find their own way forward.”

### **Progress on polio**

Rassin noted that one source of inspiration has been Rotary’s work to eradicate polio. He described the incredible progress made over the past three decades. In 1988, an estimated 350,000 people were paralyzed by the wild poliovirus; just 20 cases were reported in 2017 as of 27 December. “We are at an incredibly exciting time for polio eradication,” he said, “a point at which each new case of polio could very well be the last.”

He emphasized that even when that last case of polio is recorded, the work won’t be finished. “Polio won’t be over, until the certifying commission says it’s over—when not one poliovirus has been found, in a river, in a sewer, or in a paralyzed child, for at least three years,” he said. “Until then, we have to keep doing everything we’re doing now.” He

urged continued dedication to immunization and disease surveillance programs.

**Sustaining the environment**

Rotary has focused heavily on sustainability in its humanitarian work in recent years. Now, Rassin said, Rotarians must acknowledge some hard realities about pollution, environmental degradation, and climate change. He noted that 80 percent of his own country is within one meter of sea level. With sea levels projected to rise two meters by 2100, he said, “my country is going to be gone in 50 years, along with most of the islands in the Caribbean and

coastal cities and low-lying areas all over the world.”

Rassin urged leaders to look at all of Rotary’s service as part of a larger global system. He said that this means the incoming district governors must be an inspiration not only to clubs, but also to their communities. “We want the good we do to last. We want to make the world a better place. Not just here, not just for us, but everywhere, for everyone, for generations.””

Ref:  
<https://www.rotary.org/en/rotary-international-president-rassin-theme-2018>



*The Statistics*

Attendance last meeting (20-06-18)	not avail
Leave of absence	not avail
Apologies	not avail
No apology	not avail
Club membership	<b>46</b>
Partners & Guests	not avail
Members Rotary activities	Week ending 20-06-18: <b>8</b> [hours]

<i>Funds raised</i>	
Raffle	\$ not avail
Sergeants session	\$ not avail



## *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		

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## *Out and About: District Changeover*

**Saturday 30th June 2018**



Christine Vosila and Pres Rick Vosila

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## *Out and About: Changeover*

Saturday 7th June 2018



PP Rick Vosila, Jodi McKay MP and Pres Charles Pitt



PP Rick Vosila, and Pres Charles Pitt

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Presentation of cheque to Chalmers Road School Principal Michelle Davies by PP Rick Vosila



Arie Papas receiving his PHF from  
(L-R) PDG Stephen Humphreys, PDG Stephen Britten, PP Rick Vosila and PDG David Croft



DG Sue Hayward and President Charles Pitt



Pres Charles Pitt and Olga Pitt



