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Rotary, United Nations and Australian Themes

<i>Month of September</i>		
-	Rotary	Basic Education and Literacy Month
-	Aust	Biodiversity Month (1- 30 September)
<i>Weeks of September</i>		
-	-	-
<i>Days of September</i>		
4th September	Aust	National Walk to Work Day
5th September	UN	International Day of Charity
7th September	Aust	National Threatened Species Day
7th September	UN	International Day of Clean Air for blue skies
8th September	Aust	National Bilby Day
8th September	UN	International Literacy Day

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### President's Report



**Usha Garg**  
*President*

We are already into spring. With the arrival of warm weather and longer days, I found the time to explore and catch up with the recent issues of our Rotary publications and it was a very pleasant surprise. Such a wealth of stories relevant

to the contemporary environment. Here are a few that I recommend reading.

"With shutdowns, border closures and social distancing all businesses have had to look at their business models and come up with solutions to trade profitably in the new environment. What about Rotary?" asks Euan Miller with the finger on the pulse.

In the August issue of *The Rotarian*, Vivek Murthy, talks about his book: *Together: The Healing Power of Human Connection*

in a Sometimes Lonely World. When he became America's 19th U.S. Surgeon General (2014-17), he went on a listening tour and loneliness was a recurring theme brought to his attention. In the conversation, he notes: "What is powerful about organizations like Rotary is that they are rooted in service. Service shifts our attention from ourselves, where it increasingly is focused when we feel lonely, to other people."

<https://www.rotary.org/en/rotarian-conversation-vivek-murthy>

A topic that often comes up for discussion is how Rotary can bring generations to work together through meetings and projects. In the July issue of The Rotarian, Diana Schoberg discusses how the need to connect with different age groups is woven into our genes. "Both the younger and older people thrive when they work together with a common purpose — something Rotarians know a lot about", says Marc Freedman, a longevity expert and founder of Encore.org, a non-profit organisation focused on bridging generational divides.

<https://www.rotary.org/en/rotarian-conversation-marc-freedman>

Back to our club activities, last Saturday, I enjoyed the experience of interviewing the remaining few NYSF students who were unable to attend interviews in person, in a virtual arrangement. We completed the

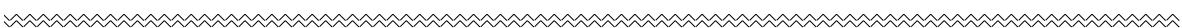
last of the NYSF interviews, once again in a perfectly organised setting by the district NYSF group. Just another example of Rotarians throwing themselves into service for humanity and the young.

The Celebrations event is only 10 days away. The organising committee assures me a grand evening on 12th September. I have said that last week and the week before, so it must be true. There are only a few seats left, so time to reserve your seats if you have not already done so by now.

Coming Monday is our Board meeting and members are invited to propose items for discussion at the meeting. Some of the items successfully ticked of the agenda now are the weekly raffle and our successful format of alternate meetings for now.

Last Wednesday, we heard from Maria Calibo-Sales about the use of innovative technology and design products such as potable water filters to help people facing natural disasters. This week, we will hear from Jack Britton, manager of customer experience on what is new at the Strathfield library. The library has recently opened to the public having been closed for renovations for some time.

*Usha Garg*



### *Speaker last week: Maria Calibo-Sales*

Maria is the founder of a company located in Sydney called Calmar Corps. Ten percent of company profits go towards a program called "Capability with Conscience". This organization partners with other not-for-profit organizations, including Rotary, to assist disadvantaged communities. Capability with Conscience has many achievements – from clearing

landmine affected land to providing school supplies to those in need.

However the project that Maria focused on is a project in The Philippines to provide clean drinking water to communities. This is achieved via a gravity-fed water filtration system. The "Skyhydrant" filtration unit uses no chemicals and is able to provide 1000 litres of pure drinking

water each day. Village member are trained how to install, test and maintain the filtration system. Maria Calibo-Sales said that all these programs work within

the United Nations goal of Clean water & Sanitation.

*Writeup by Janelle Watson*

### *Speaker for this week: Jack Britton*

Jack Britton is Manager, Customer Experience at the Strathfield Public Library. He will talk tonight about the

recent refurbishment as well as some of the innovative services available.

### *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> | <i>Venue</i>              |
| Wed 2nd Sept         | <b>Jack Britton</b><br>"What's new at the (Strathfield Public) Library"             | Bill Carney         | Janelle Watson                     | Golf Club                 |
| Wed 9th Sept         | <b>No meeting</b><br>Transfer to 12-Sept                                            | -                   | -                                  | -                         |
| Sat 12th Sept        | <b>Strathfield Rotary Celebration Dinner</b>                                        | -                   | -                                  | Strathfield Events Centre |
| Wed 16th Sept        | <b>District Governor's visit</b>                                                    | -                   | -                                  | Zoom                      |
| Wed 23rd Sept        | <b>Ying Ho</b><br>The keyboard in Education                                         | tba                 | tba                                | Golf Club                 |
| Wed 30th Sept        | <b>Danjela Prahovic</b><br>Improving the life skills of young people via technology | tba                 | tba                                | Zoom                      |

| <i>Birthdays</i> |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| 4th September    | Margaret Croft |
| 5th September    | Janelle Watson |

| <i>Anniversaries</i> |                                                |
|----------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| 5th September        | Domenico Alvaro (Rotary)                       |
| 7th September        | Peter van der Sleen & Janice Barrett (Wedding) |
| 8th September        | Christopher Virgona (Rotary)                   |



## *The Rotary Statistics*

|                                           |           |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Attendance last meeting (26-08-20) - Zoom | 19        |
| Club membership                           | <b>45</b> |
| Partners                                  | 0         |
| Guests                                    | 1         |

| <i>Funds raised</i>                       |          |
|-------------------------------------------|----------|
| Raffle (First week of pre-payment system) | tba      |
| Sergeant's session                        | \$-      |
| Heads and tails                           | Not held |



## *Your Committee 2020-21*

|                          |                   |              |                    |
|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| President                | Usha Garg         | Secretary    | Dimitry Palmer     |
| President Elect          | tba               | Sergeant     | Nick Hamilton-Kane |
| Immediate Past President | Arie Pappas       | Treasurer    | Rod McDougall      |
| Youth                    | Peter Smith       | Community    | Allan Teale        |
| International            | Thaya Ponniah     | Vocational   | Janice Barrett     |
| Public Officer           | Rod McDougall     | Club Service | Alexey Prokopenko  |
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