



# Rotary

## Club of Strathfield



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# STRATHFIELD ROTARY BULLETIN

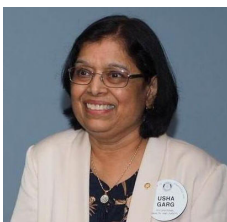
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### *Rotary, United Nations and Australian Themes*

<i>Year 2021</i>		
-	UN	International Year of Peace and Trust
-	UN	International Year of Creative Economy for Sustainable Development
-	UN	International Year of Fruits and Vegetables
-	UN	International Year for the Elimination of Child Labour
<i>Month of May</i>		
-	Rotary	<b>Maternal and Child Health Month</b>
18 April – 19 May	Aust	Australian Heritage Festival
<i>Weeks of May</i>		
6th – 12th May	UN	Global Road Safety Week
17th – 23rd May	Aust	National Volunteer Week
<i>Days of May</i>		
11th May	Aust	Hairy-Nosed Day
12th May	Int	International Nurses Day
15th May	UN	International Day of Families
16th May	UN	International Day of Living Together in Peace
16th May	UN	International Day of Light
17th May	UN	World Telecommunication and Information Society Day

## *President's Report*



**Usha Garg**  
President

***'One can never belong truly to any organisation unless you do something for it, because I believe that is the price of admission to that organisation.'***  
-TRF Trustee Chair Paul Netzel addressing the International Assembly.

Hope we all had a good Mother's Day get together or some form of celebration. This year our thoughts and wishes have been with those who are distanced from their mothers or their children and are concerned about their health.



A thought-provoking article in this month's Rotary Magazine - **Advanced in years - Americans have long valued youth over age and experience. Shouldn't seniors have their moment?** (by Frank Bures). The discussion is triggered by loss of lives as a fall out of COVID19. Seen in the context of lost years, the most common age for a COVID death is 70 or more, which could imply a loss of life of 15 years or more, where as a soldier losing life at 25 could be read as loss of 50 years or more. Should age be counted in years lived or years lost. I stop here and tempt you to read this short article.

May is the **Youth Service Month** in Rotary. Youth Service was officially added by RI as the fifth avenue of service in 2010 to recognise the positive change implemented by young adults through leadership development activities, involvement in the community, international service projects, and exchange programmes that enrich and foster world peace and cultural understanding. Our club has always had a strong commitment to involving Youth in our programs and we have contributed a generous share of funds and time to Youth Service.

#### **Club News and Events Coming up**

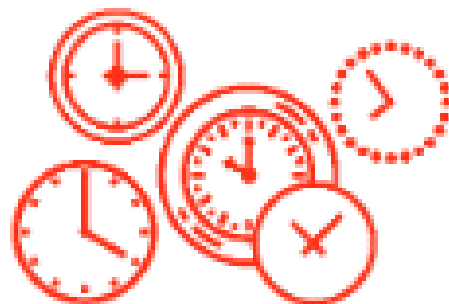
The **50th Anniversary** is coming closer, and our tickets are nearly gone. Over 130 members and guests have registered and

only a few seats left. There is a fabulous program for the evening with great fellowship from old times, speakers, music, exotic food, and lots of glimpses of old photos.

The **Youth Awards** are now set for 18th June by the Awards Committee in consultation with Strathfield Council. Rtn Ed Dunlop and his team are racing against time to put this multifaceted event together.

**The Changeover** will be held on Saturday 26th June. Please reserve the date.

**EMERGENCY RELIEF ITEMS FOR 2ND WAVE OF COVID19 IN INDIA:** Last week you would have received an email from P-e Thaya Ponniah about our emergency relief work to help with the transport of essential Covid-Relief supplies to India. Thanks to this initiative from Thaya and the generosity of our club members, our community and the Rotary Club of Concord, donations totalling in excess of \$6000 have been received. There are many people who will never know us but will be thankful for the help they receive through our humble contribution.



**47 million**  
**Number of hours**  
**Rotary members**  
**volunteer**  
**annually**

Last week we heard from **Malcolm Brown**, who has been a long-time journalist for SMH reporting on major disasters and has had the opportunity to study many of these accidents very closely. It was an eye opener to hear from him how some seemingly minor shortcuts, or small oversights in planning and/or construction can build up to a catastrophe over time.

This Wednesday, we will hear from **Kate Domeney**, the manager of a program called Fresh Foods for Families. This

program was originally designed for migrant families but is actually applicable for anyone who wants to learn how to grow and harvest fresh nutritious food. This is part of the larger FOOD PLANT SOLUTIONS program which **encourages the establishment of food gardens in schools and communities with program partners.**

<https://foodplantsolutions.org/programs/fresh-food-for-families/>

Look forward to our meeting.

*Usha Garg*

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### *Speaker from last week: Malcolm Brown*

The topic was “Disaster Reporting”

Malcolm is a journalist with a special interest in safety. He has spent many years of reporting disasters around Australia and overseas.

Malcolm’s presentation focused on many of the unfortunate incidents that have occurred that in many ways were avoidable. He talked about failsafe devices and that disasters occur when they all fail.

Discussed were the Sea King Disaster, the Somersby Rd. collapse, the Waterfall rail disaster, the Glenbrook rail disaster, Mt Kembla in 1901, Buli in 1884 and the Wittenoon Asbestos mine in W.A. Then the implosion of Canberra Hospital, the Voyager disaster, Mt Erebus in Antarctica and the Granville train disaster.

Malcolm is President-Elect of the Rotary Club of Parramatta City.

He is the District Co-ordinator for RAWCS. He is also the author of several books.

Malcolm was recommended as a speaker by President Usha Garg.

*Write-up by Janelle Watson*



## *Speaker for this week: Kate Domeney*

Kate is Manager for “Fresh Foods for Families”

Fresh Foods for Families was originally designed for migrant families but is actually applicable for anyone who wants to learn how to grow and harvest fresh nutritious food.

This is a joint program between Fresh Food for Families and the Rotary Club of North Hobart.

The video can be viewed at -

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nXeE4qzU2z\\_cAHG5ppBC5-77k73DWrZD/view?usp=d](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nXeE4qzU2z_cAHG5ppBC5-77k73DWrZD/view?usp=d).

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## *New Member Induction: Steven Argyris*



*Generous Donation by Peter van der Sleenen*



*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 12th May	<b>Kate DOMENEY</b> “Fresh Food for Families”	Usha Garg	Janelle Watson	Zoom
Wed 19th May	<b>Sonya FURLONG</b> “Life Journey”	Alexey	Janelle Watson	Golf Club
Wed 26th May	<b>Rotarian Nella Hall</b> “My Story”	Alexey Prokopenko	Janelle Watson	Zoom

Sat 29th May	<b>50th anniversary of the Rotary Club of Strathfield</b>	-	-	Golf Club
Wed 2nd June	<b>Tracy Burjan &amp; Margaret Coote</b> “The importance of music in young people” Strathfield Symphony Orchestra	Gulian Vaccari	Janelle Watson	Golf Club
Wed 9th June	No speaker	-	-	Zoom
Fri 18th June	<b>Youth Awards</b>	-	-	Town Hall
Sat 26th June	<b>Club Changeover</b>	-	-	Golf Club

<i>Birthdays</i>	
15th May	Charles Pitt
17th May	Cheryl Ayres
19th May	Rick Vosila

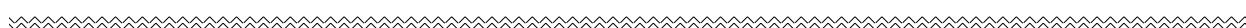
<i>Anniversaries</i>	
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## *The Rotary Statistics*

Attendance last meeting (05-05-21) – in-person	28
Club membership	<b>45</b>
Partners	0
Guests	2

<i>Funds raised</i>	
Raffle	\$300.00
Sergeant’s session	\$122.70



## *Your Committee 2020-21*

President	Usha Garg	Secretary	Dimitry Palmer
President Elect	Thaya Ponniah	Sergeant	Nick Hamilton-Kane
Immediate Past President	Arie Pappas	Treasurer	Rod McDougall
Youth	Peter Smith	Community	Allan Teale
International	Thaya Ponniah	Vocational	Janice Barrett
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