



Rotary Opens Opportunities

Rotary Club of Strathfield



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STRATHFIELD ROTARY BULLETIN

DISTRICT 9675

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Rotary, United Nations and Australian Themes

<i>Month of October</i>		
-	Rotary	Economic and Community Development Month
<i>Weeks of October</i>		
19th - 25th Oct	Aust	National water week
19th - 25th Oct	Aust	Aussie Backyard Bird Count
<i>Days of October</i>		
13th October	UN	International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction
15th October	UN	International Day of Rural Women
16th October	UN	World Food Day
17th October	UN	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
20th October (every five years, beginning in 2010)	UN	World Statistics Day
21st October	Aust	National Ride2Work Day

President's Report



Usha Garg
President

Mahatma Gandhi once said, "I suppose leadership at one time meant muscles; but today it means getting along with people."

This was on wonderful display at our weekend Bunning's sausage sizzle. Many thanks to our Community Service Director PP Allan Teale and his team for accepting the offer at such a short notice and making it not only a successful fundraiser but a very pleasant outdoor event this year. I am most thankful to members who were so willing to give many hours of their valuable time on a Sunday to be there in the service of the community.

Last week, we heard from a young women Danijela Prahovic who demonstrated incredible entrepreneurship in starting her business from scratch and building it up step by step into where it stands today. More about this further down the Bulletin.

The monthly Board meeting was held on Monday this week and many important matters came up for discussion. It was unanimously agreed that the current format of alternate meetings will continue to the end of the year and reviewed at the start of the New Year. Our club will now be signing a sister club agreement with the club of Fusagasuga, Colombia. RI defines sister clubs as clubs from two different countries that form a long term relationship to promote international understanding and good will and carry out service projects in their communities.

When looking for a partner, consider clubs that (1) share similar interests, challenges or history, (2) you've worked with in the past, (3) are located in a place that matches your club's service interests and (4) speak a common language.

Our upcoming meeting this week is jam-packed with interesting features. We get an update on the catering/hospitality/events industry

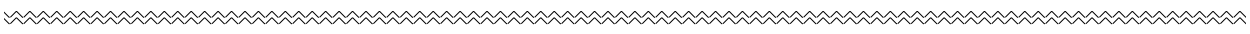
from the managing director of Forte Catering and Events, Ross Mitchell. This company along with sister company, Nosh Hospitality Personnel, has become one of Australia's most successful catering companies. This is a great opportunity for our members to hear first-hand and ask questions from our regular caterers at meetings.

October is also the month to discuss and fundraise for mental health issues. This meeting, we are also hosting the "Hat Day" to support Australian Rotary Health. All funds raised on the day go towards research helping the one in five Australians affected by depression, anxiety, schizophrenia and many other illnesses.

This is a partner's night and I hope to see many members and partners don their favourite hats for the evening. With talks, hats and many prizes to go, we look forward to a great time. Just a reminder that booking is essential.

Look forward to seeing all members and partners with friends on the evening.

Usha Garg



Speaker previous week: Danijela Prahovic

Last week we were joined by Danijela Prahovic, the director and founder of InnerSparQ. InnerSparQ is an educational organisation that seeks to teach key life skills to young people aged 16 to 25. The programs facilitated by InnerSparQ include public speaking, personal finance, self-esteem and independent living. These courses bridge the gap left by our

education system and are invaluable for disadvantaged young people. These courses are delivered either online or in-person.

Danijela also spoke to us about her journey of supporting and helping people through her work in community services and TAFE NSW. She also provided some insight on how a new business started in

the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic has coped, and the challenges associated with NDIS accreditation.

A big thank you to Danijela for her contribution to our community and for her work in preparing young people for life's big challenges. If you know of any young people that could benefit from

Danijela's courses, please do not hesitate to visit her website:

<https://innersparq.com.au/>



*Writeup by
Dimitry Palmer*

Speaker for this week: Ross Mitchell

Ross Mitchell is the Managing Director of Forte Catering and Events

Forte Catering & Events is an award-winning Sydney based caterer committed to the art of creating fine food and stunning events.

Along with sister company, Nosh Hospitality Personnel, Forte has become one of Australia's most successful catering companies. Holding a Gold Licence in Restaurant and Catering Australia has helped to maintain a stellar reputation as a premium choice for catering and strengthened relationships with some of Sydney's most beautiful

venues. Established in 1995, the success of Forte has been recognised with numerous awards including twice being the winner of National Corporate Caterer of the Year and Wedding Caterer of the Year.

NOSH is Sydney's leading supplier of casual, temporary and permanent staffing solutions to the Hospitality Industry. Nosh Hospitality Personnel provides Event Supervisors, Boardroom Attendants, Corporate Waiters, Corporate Barmen, Function Waiters, Baristas, Event Crew, Corporate Chefs, Cooks, Larder Hands, and Kitchen Hands.

Reports from Directors



Allan Teale
*Community
Service Director*

First, thank you to all those that attended and took part in this year's first return to Bunning's BBQ. With Covid19, we are going to have limited opportunities to interact in fundraising; this is one such opportunity. It was such a delight to work

with the barbecue chairman, Andrew Aravanis, whose philosophy of looking for a solution to issues was incredibly refreshing. Our club president Usha Garg as always was in attendance giving generous support wherever it was needed. Rod McDougall did what Rod enjoyed doing and did it well in organising the ATM and collecting the money from the many patrons that were extremely happy to see the Rotary team in action. The Bunning's team commented during the day, on how well-oiled and

drilled our team operation was on the day.

The crew were fantastic, led by the barbecue Cordon Bleu Chefs Andrew and Roy displaying supreme cooking skills. Along with the Master's in food preparation and delivery, which included Gulian, Peter Van, Matthew, Nick, Marvin, Ari and our special guest Ying. They all did an excellent job, at times under extreme pressure from many anxious and sometimes desperate diners to taste once again the Bunning's Rotary sausage on a roll served with a smile and a purpose to raise money.

Past President Rod was once again diligent in his efforts to help those that

help people in need, by offering our left-over sausages and bacon to Father James located at St Paul's Parish Pantry - who was delighted to accept them. The meat had been kept under the ice all day, and Father James and Rod loaded it into the church freezers. Father James asked that his gratitude be conveyed to our club.

Even with this terrible COVID-19 upon us, there was no stopping the Strathfield Rotary barbecue team from producing a great day under immense pressure. It just proved once again the old saying 'There is no I in team'. Thank you all those that attended the day, and I am sure each time we meet we will enjoy the outing.

District News

Dear Rotarian

1) We had 160 responses to the Learning and Development Survey in September. Thank you very much to those of you who responded. The results from this survey will be used to develop and refine delivery options for the upcoming programs for 2020-2021.

In summary:

160 people responded. This is a response rate of 12% so we can conclude the Survey results are valid based on the number of respondents.

96.30% of those who did PETs enjoyed the program, 88% for the reason of being able to access study when it was convenient

93% found the Role Play helped them to learn

for those who did log onto Opportunities 2020 (District Assembly) 89% found the

content useful-the information about the District Team and Governance being the most useful

40% preferred a Hybrid model of delivery, followed by 24% for self paced. Most respondents were club board members 49% followed by club members 38%.

24% of respondents were in the 1-5 year bracket with the next highest 26 year plus 52 people are interested in learning how to manage and develop in MyLearning. Julie Collareda will be in touch with you to arrange workshops on using MyLearning (Moodle)

Link to the Survey results:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/results/SM-7C97PYLP7/>

Julie Collareda - Deputy Director District Learning and Development 20-21
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2) The 2020 Great Train Ride to End Polio is on again. [refer p.8 – Ed]

Similarly to previous years, we are encouraging clubs to come to stations to handover their cheques. District 9675 DG team (past, present and future) and other District Leaders will all be on a roster on board to receive them. PDG Sue Hayward will be riding the train from Artarmon in the mid afternoon (14.33) until it comes back to Artarmon at night (21.03). Please be assured Rotarians, family and friends, will be most welcome to join at any station.

Still on Polio news, PDG Sue has recorded a Rotary Snippet and it is currently on the front page of our D9675 website. Please take a moment to view it as she explains about The Train Ride and the movie I Am Woman which is the Polio Fundraising Movie for 2020.

The link to the trailer is

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yzt_ecc_eE5o

It is the story of Helen Reddy, who made famous her song I Am Woman and who sadly and just recently, passed away.

Regards

PDG Sue Hayward JP District 9675 Polio Plus Chair.

3) RC Sydney Darling Harbour/Dress for Success Pop-up Boutique

Yes, it's on again this year and will be bigger and better than ever. The Darlings are pairing up with Dress for Success Sydney to raise money to support their clients. The Darlings' sale day is Thursday 22 October at The Customs House, Circular Quay. This year it's a High-end/Designer brand sale with masses of beautiful new stock (clothes/handbags/shoes/jewellery)

donated by the big brands (Oroton/Max Mara/Andiamo, etc) and supplemented with other lovely items. Because of COVID we are restricting the number of people in the venue at any one time, so it will be a strictly ticketed event. Book through the link in the attached flier. Please distribute the flier as widely as you can (See attachment). Come along to get maximum value at minimum cost and to help support women in need.

Regards

PDG Sue Hayward JP Rotary Club of Sydney Darling Harbour.

4) Nerrie Lacey, Directory Editor, advises that there has been an update to the directory with the new Assistant Governor and an updated version has been uploaded to district website.

5) Assistant Governor Rick Vosila wishes to promote Australian Rotary Health (ARH) Hat Day (also known as Lift the Lid campaign). He is a member of the D9675 ARH Committee and has prepared a short 3 minute YouTube presentation. The link is

<https://youtu.be/eRBtX28QXtw>

and would be ideal to play at your club meeting to ensure this important and critical message, is spread throughout the local community.

6) Michael Mazza from RC Darling Harbour, has forwarded the Community Grants Bulletin (See attachment). There may be funding available for you to continue to support your club projects.

7) Would you be so kind as to ask all club members to check that their correct email address is entered into the District

ClubRunner please? In sending the bulletins to all Rotarians, I have noticed that there are 20 or more that bounce back due to incorrect or incomplete email address. Thanking you in anticipation.

Janice M Hall

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Kindest Regards

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 14th Oct	Ross Mitchell (Forte Catering) Update on the catering/hospitality/events Industry	Rod McDougall	Arie Pappas	Strathfield Events Centre
Wed 21st Oct	Geeth Geegange (Community Ambassador for NBN Co) NBN update	Gulian Vaccari	Janelle Watson	Zoom
Wed 28th Oct	tba	tba	tba	Strathfield Events Centre
Wed 4th Nov	Shannon Chin Cognitive health & Well-being	Trudy Ho	Janelle Watson	Zoom

<i>Birthdays</i>	
15th October	Peter Manenti
16th October	Christine Vosila
20th October	Trudy Ho
20th October	Thaya Ponniah

<i>Anniversaries</i>	
16th October	Alexey Prokopenko (Rotary)
21st October	Rick Vosila (Rotary)
21st October	Bill and Mira Carney (wedding)



The Rotary Statistics

Attendance last meeting (07-10-20) – Zoom	?
Club membership	45
Partners	?
Guests	?

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

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## 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  |

|                  |                   |            |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|------------|-------------------|
| Bulletin Editor  | Bradley Ayres     | Web master | Raymond McCluskie |
| Bulletin Printer | Selectprint       | Apologies  | Gulian Vaccari    |
| Facebook master  | Raymond McCluskie |            |                   |

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Rotary 

Join the Train Ride to End Polio!

Prior to World Polio Day, Friday 23 October 2020
across the entire Sydney train network – 189 stations

help raise \$1 million – sponsor a rider, run an event

- create public awareness – polio and club
- raise funds through sponsorship & events
- engage your members in a fun activity
- Rotary Citation event
- help end polio



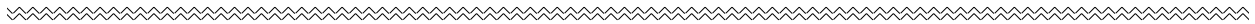
We will be in the fourth carriage

ACTION PLAN

The Rotary Foundation 

- **Participate in ride**
 - fellowship, fun & fundraising
 - check event train schedule
 - meet us at your station
 - join the ride
 - make a contribution
- **Sponsor riders**
 - individuals \$1 per station
 - clubs \$10 per station
 - attract third party sponsors
- **Create an event**
 - tin rattle at station
 - paint pinkie purple for polio
 - purple cupcakes for polio
 - get creative!
- **Register participation**
 - fundraising event
 - as a rider
 - your contribution
- **Public awareness**
 - wear red EPN shirt
 - local newspaper
 - Facebook
 - club newsletter
 - friends of the club
 - politicians
 - local / state / federal
- **For more info:**
 - contact your District End Polio Chair
 - RISPPPO
 - Mark Anderson
 - Rob Byrne

District End Polio Chair:
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D9685 – PDG Bob Aitken



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