



Rotary

Club of Strathfield



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STRATHFIELD ROTARY BULLETIN

DISTRICT 9675

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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 April</i>		
-	Rotary	Maternal and Child Health Month
18 April – 19 May	Aust	Australian Heritage Festival
<i>Weeks of April</i>		
-	-	-
<i>Days of April</i>		
14th April	UN	World Chagas Disease Day [WHO]
18th April	Int	World Heritage Day
20th April	UN	Chinese Language Day
21st April	UN	World Creativity and Innovation Day

President's Report



Usha Garg
President

“Once people come to Australia, they join the team.” Tony Abbott.

Last Wednesday, we had the honour and pleasure of witnessing the presentation of our new Club Strategic Plan. Chair Rick Vosila, walked the club through the process from scratch to where we are today and the future in minute detail. The well-informed and capable team consisting of AG Rick Vosila, PDG David Croft, P-e Thaya Ponniah, P-n Andrew Aravanis, Sec-e Nick Hamilton-Kane, and

Tr Rod McDougall provided invaluable input into the multiple iterations of this process. Thank you all for your time and contribution. At moments like these, we know our club is always in good hands.

A letter of appreciation has been received from Father James Collins, *"Thank you very much to the Members of the Rotary Club of Strathfield for your kind help with the Parish Pantry. We really appreciate the help that the Members of the Rotary Club of Strathfield provide for the Parish Pantry and it makes a world of difference."* We are glad to have the opportunity to help Father James.

Our Anzac Day Service organised by Dir Jan Barrett is coming up soon in two weeks' time. We have two great speakers lined up and one of them from our club. The Humanitix site will be available soon and I encourage you to buy your tickets soon (Flyer below).

The 50th Celebrations on 29th May are all ready to go and Chair Roger Vince would appreciate receiving bookings as soon as possible. This will help in further planning of the event including determining the number of function centre rooms that will be required. The deadline for the purchase of tickets is 9 May 2021. Also please invite your friends, colleagues, past Strathfield Rotarians and prospective members. It will be a once in 50 years event!

The Youth Awards are now set for 18th June by the Awards committee in consultation with Strathfield Council. PP Peter Smith, IPP Arie Pappas, Rtns Ed Dunlop and Brad Ayres got together last week to set the ball rolling on this important event in our Rotary Calendar.

The Changeover will be held on Saturday 26th June. Please reserve the date, more details will follow later.

In between these events, Rtn Janelle Watson has some unusual speakers lined up for us. So watch out for our meetings and make sure you do not miss out.

There are also many events happening in the Rotary clubs around us and I encourage you to have a look through their web pages and the district website.

Rotary Service Summit (District Assembly) will be held on **Saturday May 1 at Bankstown Sports Club** from 9.00am to 3.30pm. All Board members are invited to attend to ensure they have the latest information in order to run a successful and vibrant club.

RI news updates

It has been over a year since COVID-19 was declared a pandemic and Rotary International has given \$35 million in grant funding to provide medical equipment such as ventilators, and personal protective equipment to health care workers in response to the coronavirus pandemic. "We think our strength is really in, once those vaccines are available, is how to get them to communities and ensure that communities are comfortable accepting vaccines," says Carol Pandak, director of PolioPlus at Rotary International.

<https://www.devex.com/organizations/rotary-international-47004>

"It really is looking to work with the national and local health authorities to figure out how best Rotary can plug into ... providing that community [with] information and education [on COVID-19 vaccines]." — Carol Pandak, director, PolioPlus at Rotary International.

The April issue of the Rotary Magazine talks about **building a diverse and inclusive club**. "Diversity is not a wish list for a Rotary Club. This is part of our core values" says Holger Knaack, President RI. In 2019, the Rotary Board of Directors adopted a diversity, equity and

inclusion statement that affirms a commitment to creating an organization that is more open and inclusive, is fair to all, builds goodwill, and benefits communities. It recognizes that welcoming people with differing perspectives and ideas enhances Rotary's ability to take action to create lasting change in communities around the world. Learn more at

<https://www.rotary.org/en/>



Earth Day is coming up on 22nd March. This is a very important day for humanity and also for us in Rotary as environment is now the new area of focus.

"Solutions for all great tasks always start with you and me, and there is much we as individuals can do simply by changing our behaviour: **Cutting down on our use of plastic and using energy wisely are just two examples.**" Says Holger Knaack.



This week we will hear from one of our own Rotarians Jaya Challa who returns from leave to tell us her story and the story of her family.

Looking forward to our meeting.

Usha Garg

Reports from Directors



Janice Barrett
*Vocational Service
Director*

Save the date!

ANZAC DAY

The Rotary Club of Strathfield is having a brunch at Strathfield Golf Club on Sunday, 25th April to commemorate Anzac Day. The Service will commence at 9.00 a.m. Cost will be \$30.00 per person.

A silent auction and raffle will be held with the proceeds going to Frontline Yoga, a group associated with Open Arms. Frontline Yoga is a National Yoga Program for First Responders, Emergency Services and Military Veterans. Handmade poppies will also be available by way of a donation. The CEO of Frontline Yoga will be the guest speaker at the Service. An invitation will be issued shortly.

If you would like to donate a prize for the raffle, could you please contact me. Many thanks.

Jan



Dimitry Chugg-Palmer
Secretary

Secretary's Report Club Meeting Schedule

On Monday, the club's board resolved that club meetings will continue to alternate between Zoom online meetings and in-person meetings through to the end of June 2021 (i.e. in-person meetings every fortnight and Zoom meetings every other week).

Club meetings will continue to take place on Wednesday evenings (unless otherwise advertised).

Please note that this week's meeting (14 April 2021) is a Zoom meeting, and next week's meeting has been transferred to Sunday morning for ANZAC Day (25 April 2021).

If you are unsure about what format the upcoming meeting is in, please check the club's website

<https://www.strathfieldrotary.org.au>,

Gulian's weekly email, the club bulletin or get in touch with one of our board members.

Event from last week: Club Strategic Planning Meeting

Rick Vosilla took members through the process a committee within the Club followed in recent months, in order to develop our strategic plan. There was some good discussion at the meeting over several aspects of the plan.

However, there was general agreement with the vast majority of the report, as so professionally presented by Rick.

Write-up by Bradley Ayres

Event for this week: Rotarian Jaya Challa

Jaya has been busy of late with major celebrations in her family as her daughter recently married.

We look forward to hearing from Jaya about her life and journey to Rotary.

District News

An update on the NYSF program for January, 2022.

Applications are now open!!!

In 2022, the NYSF will deliver a 12-day program from 10-25 January via a combination of in-person and digital STEM experiences. 2022 participants will experience everything the NYSF is famous

for, including keynote speakers, lectures, hands-on workshops, debates, expos and enriching social activities. In-person STEM visit days and events will be held over a week of the program at major city hubs across the country, enabling students to meet each other and network with like-minded peers. A continuous program of digital events will run alongside the in-person events meaning the program is accessible to

all. This option also means the NYSF experience is still accessible and stimulating should there be a COVID-19 hotspot emerge or lockdown called at a hub location.

Please go to the website for full details.

<https://www.nysf.edu.au/>

The cost is \$1,900, with a \$25 application fee.

Vera Liondas
NYSF Chair
District 9675.

Students can be self funded (do not need a Rotary Club to endorse them), or they can approach a Rotary club for financial support.

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 Apr	Rotarian Jaya Challa	Usha Garg	Janelle Watson	Zoom
Wed 21st Apr	Transfer meeting to 25th April	-	-	-
Sun 25th April	Anzac Day Service and brunch	Jan Barrett	-	Golf Club
Wed 28th Apr	Anthony Garagounis National Delivery Manager MIRVAC – Build-to-Rent.	Janelle Watson	Janelle Watson	Zoom
Sat 29th May	50th anniversary of the Rotary Club of Strathfield	-	-	Golf Club
Fri 18th June	Youth Awards	-	-	Town Hall
Sat 26th June	Club Changeover	-	-	Golf Club

<i>Birthdays</i>	
16th April	Andrew Aravanis
19th April	Charter Night 1971
23rd April	Patricia Giammarco

<i>Anniversaries</i>	
-	-



The Rotary Statistics

Attendance last meeting (7-04-21) – in person	22
Club membership	44
Partners	0
Guests	0

<i>Funds raised</i>	
Raffle	\$245.00
Sergeant's session	Not held

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## 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     |
| Public Officer           | Rod McDougall | Club Service | Alexey Prokopenko  |

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SAVE THE DATE!

**ANZAC
DAY** 

**Rotary Club of Strathfield
ANZAC Day 2021 Breakfast**

Sunday, 25th April 9.00 a.m.

SIDA Room, Strathfield Golf Club Event Centre
52 Weeroona Rd, Strathfield NSW 2135

Breakfast \$30.00 person (registration available soon)

Dress smart casual

COVID-19 safe environment

Keynote Speaker

Rachael Day, CEO, Frontline Yoga
Australia's only national yoga program for first responders,
military veterans and emergency services workers

Brief Overview of History of Wars

Rotarian Paolo Giammarco

Please feel free to wear your medals or those of family members

All proceeds to Frontline Yoga

Event raffle

Handmade poppies available for purchase by donation

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