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STRATHFIELD ROTARY BULLETIN

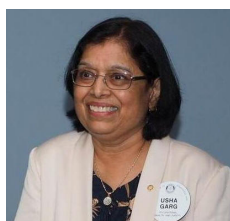
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15th July 2020

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Rotary, United Nations and Australian Themes

Table with 3 columns: Month of July, Weeks of July, Days of July. Rows include dates like 15th July, 18th July, 20th July and corresponding events like World Youth Skills Day, Nelson Mandela International Day, World Chess Day.

President's Report



Usha Garg
President

administration, I foresee our members working consistently with our traditional projects and at the same time creating new exciting opportunities for raising funds and having fun, Some of these are listed below

Over the last two weeks, we broadly shared our vision, goals and programs for this year, with a focus on the current Rotary International theme Rotary Opens Opportunities.

In this pandemic time, with much uncertainty, we will continue to endeavour towards our goals. Supported by a smooth

- 1. In keeping with contemporary ideals, I see us establishing edible produce gardens in all our primary schools in Strathfield. Blessed with a dozen junior schools in our community, it is imperative to initiate/encourage in young children close contact with agricultural principles, the joy of

producing our own food, the connection with the soil and an understanding of sustainability. This learning becomes more relevant in the current context where major food shortages are expected around the world in the coming days as a fallout of the pandemic among other factors.

2. A major focus this year is on our completing 50 years and a celebration appropriate and deserving of this important event.
3. Our continued dedication to Concord Hospital, which I expect to be a generous beneficiary of our funds raised

There are many more new opportunities discussed by the Directors in the assembly last week, such as the suggestion of a fast food truck evening at Bressington Park, redesign our website, developing a longer term strategic plan, more collaboration overseas, and many more.

Here one may ask what exactly is an assembly in Rotary? Well I failed to find an exact definition, but in our Club, it is seen as an opportunity for the Board and the members to outline and brainstorm programs and activities for the coming year, in the light of the clubs strengths and weaknesses. Luckily, the tradition was maintained. I thank you all for the healthy discussions and supporting the goals for the coming year. The slides presented by the individual directors and committee chairs are available further down this bulletin.

Thanks to Peter Smith and his graffiti removal team for a great job on the weekend.

Thanks to our program managers Nick and Janelle, we have some interesting speakers lined up for the next few weeks. Beginning with Tony Benner, a communication specialist, whose will speak this Wednesday on "From the Outside, Looking In". I am looking forward to Tony's talk and hope you are too.

Our Goals

At the end of 20-21 Rotary Year notwithstanding the pandemic conditions, we will be:

- ❖ *A vibrant club very attractive to new members*
- ❖ *Recognized in the community and by the local government.*
- ❖ *Enjoying excellent membership and public relations*
- ❖ *Having interesting weekly meetings with good attendance*
- ❖ *Celebrating our achievements, having contributed towards our special service projects*

On Wednesday, 5th August, we start our first in-person meeting at the SGC. This will be followed by a virtual meeting on the following Wednesday and the pattern of alternate meetings will continue for two months, then reviewed.

Usha Garg



Reports from Directors



Thaya Ponniah
International Service Director




Peter Smith
Youth Service Director

Club Assembly 8th July 2020

International Service: Thaya Ponniah
The Rotary Foundation (Committee)
- Arie Pappas, Rod McDougall, Roy Ellis, Nick HK & Roger Vince



- Shelter box (Fund or participate) - Janelle Watson and Mathew Elias
- ROMAC (Contri.) RAM & RAWCS (Prj.): Andrew Aravanis and Bradley Ayers
- Donations In Kind (DIK): Gulian Vaccari and Marvin Manrique
- Probus Clubs: Raymond McCluskie




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• Youth Service Director - Peter Smith

- RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards)
- RYPEN (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment)
- Rotaract
- Interact
- NYSF (National Youth Science Forum)
- MUNA (Model United National Assembly)
- Strathfield Youth Achievement Awards
- Rotary School Citizenship Awards
- Debating (School, club & inter club debates)
- Child & Youth Protection
- Science Experience
- Science & Engineering Challenge

Chair, PDG David Croft
PP Roger Vince & Peter Smith
Peter Smith & Trudy Ho
PP Roger Vince & Peter Smith
Chair, Ed Dunlop & Peter Smith
Chair, Dimitry & John-Paul Baladi
Chair, Bradley Ayres & PP Arie Pappas
Chair, Trudy Ho – and club support
Chair, John-Paul Baladi
Chair, Ed Dunlop & PP Charles Pitt
TBA – or as needed
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Rotary  Rotaract  Rotary Club Partner Interact  Rotary Sponsored Club

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Rotary Foundation


- Club Foundation Committee of Five Members
- Contribute at least \$100 per capita to the Annual Fund of Rotary Foundation
- Sponsor a Youth Exchange student or RYLA participant

International Projects

- Peace and conflict prevention/resolution – Sri Lankan War Victims' Rehabilitation
- Disease prevention and treatment - Prevention of Drug Abuse and HIV/AIDS (Sri Lanka, India and Colombia)
- Basic education and literacy – Colombian School Children Education

Projects in the making

- Global Grant Project - aligned with one of Rotary's focus areas
- Establishing Probus Clubs - overseas
- Sister Club Arrangement - Rotary Club of Fusagasugá, COLOMBIA

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• New Opportunities – Youth Services

ROTAKIDS

What is RotaKids? RotaKids is a Primary School Citizenship program. The concept is developing fast - and while it isn't a Rotary project is "endorsed" by RI.



ROTARY AUSTRALIA/NZ YOUTH EXCHANGE

Is a Youth Exchange "short term" Program between Australia and New Zealand

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Alexey Prokopenko
Club Service Director



Allan Teale
Community Service Director

 **Club Assembly 8th July 2020**

Club Services: Alexey Prokopenko
Existing Programs and Team Members

- Bulletin & Photo: Bradley Ayres
- Club Fellowship and Welfare: Keith Byrn and Peter Manenti
- Catering: Arie Pappas
- Attendance: Gullian Vaccari
- Protocols: David Croft
- Harassment and Risk: Chris Haseldine
- Programs: Janelle Watson
- Club Raffles: Jaya Challa (part year)
- Club Historian: Roger Vince



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 **Club Assembly 8th July 2020**

Community Service: Allan Teale

- Club Barbecues and Fundraisers (unlikely)
- Spring Festival (now cancelled)
- Carols in the Park (uncertain)
- Probus and Seniors Raymond McCluskie (C), Roger Vince, Janelle Watson
- Bowel Care Peter Smith (C), Rod McDougall,
- Graffiti Removal Peter Smith (C), Roy Ellis

Community Service: New Opportunities

- **Anzac Day Service (new format)**
- **Bressington Park Food Truck Project**



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 **Club Assembly 8th July 2020**

Club Services: New Opportunities

- 50th Celebration & 50th Banners
- Redesigning Website
- Introducing Instagram
- New Technologies For Web based Raffles
- Managing Virtual and Real Presentation



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 **Club Assembly 8th July 2020**

Membership, Sponsorship and Strategic Planning Committee: Chair: Rick Vosila

1. Review our **Membership** attraction and retention strategy. Have a realistic plan
2. Try (once again) to establish a meaningful, working **Sponsorship** program for the Club
3. Convene a committee / working party to develop a **Strategic Plan** for the Club (next 5 years?)

* In all of the above, engage District assistance / support

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Janice Barrett
Vocational Service Director



Club Assembly 8th July 2020

Vocational Services : Jan Barrett

Existing Programs

- Police Awards (local) – Chair Andrew Aravanis
- Vocational visit
- Vocational talks

NEW OPPORTUNITIES

Westfield Community Hero (Smithy who?)
Pride of Workmanship Awards (Corona Warriors/COVID19 heroes) – Committee(s) Chair Andrew Aravanis



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*Event last week: Club Assembly*

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*Speaker for this week: Tony Benner*

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Tony is a member of the Rotary Club of Sydney.

He works as a Contract Executive Interviewer with Peter Lee Associates, which is a specialised Australian research and consulting firm whose mission is to help leading financial service corporations build and maintain a competitive advantage in service to their wholesale clients. It is the established firm of choice for the majority of leading banks, equity brokers and investment management firms for actionable feedback - and recommendations - on their positioning within the competitive landscape in Australia and New Zealand.

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Tony is also a Partner at Oze Travel Representation. Oze are Specialists in Medical Tourism. They encourage Australians and New Zealanders, with potentially large medical or dental bills, to consider having their treatment undertaken in Malaysia where medical costs are much lower. Moreover, it is an ideal location for a holiday catering for a wide range of tastes. Medical tourism has become a very dynamic and competitive industry in the world today and Malaysia has demonstrated its competitive edge with good quality affordable medical facilities, skilled doctors, pricing and blessed with many tourist attractions.

## Dates for the Calendar



| <i>Rotary Events</i> |                                                                               |                        |                                               |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| <i>Day/Date</i>      | <i>Event/speaker</i>                                                          | <i>To introduce</i>    | <i>To thank<br/>+ <b>Speaker write-up</b></i> |
| Wed 15th July        | <b>Tony Benner</b><br>Social Media Chair - District<br>9675                   | Rick Vosila            | Andrew Aravanis                               |
| Wed 22nd July        | <b>Lachlan Warner</b><br>McGlade Gallery<br>Australian Catholic<br>University | Nick Hamilton-<br>Kane | John-Paul Baladi                              |
| Wed 29th July        | <b>Charmaine Langley/<br/>Nick Rinaldi</b><br>Toastmasters Cooperation        | Jaya Challa            | Matthew Elias                                 |

| <i>Birthdays</i> |              |
|------------------|--------------|
| 21st July        | Janice Vince |

| <i>Anniversaries</i> |                                 |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| 20th July            | Charles and Olga Pitt (wedding) |



## *The Rotary Statistics*

|                                          |           |
|------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Attendance last (Zoom) meeting (8-07-20) | 22        |
| Club membership                          | <b>45</b> |
| Partners                                 | 0         |
| Guests                                   | 0         |

| <i>Funds raised</i> |       |
|---------------------|-------|
| Raffle              | \$n/a |
| Sergeant's session  | \$n/a |
| Heads and tails     | \$n/a |

## *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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| Bulletin Editor  | Bradley Ayres | Web master | Raymond McCluskie |
| Bulletin Printer | Selectprint   | Apologies  | Gulian Vaccari    |
| Facebook master  | Charles Pitt  |            |                   |

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## *Out and About: Graffiti Removal*

### **Who You Gonna Call?**

If there's something strange in your neighbourhood,  
If there's something weird and it don't look good,  
Who you gonna call?  
*The Strathfield Rotary graffiti-busters - of course.*

With just one announcement at last week's club meeting, Peter Smith marshalled a team - and he, Thaya, Marvin, Kimberly and I met in downtown Homebush on a cold but fine Sunday morning to go to work on a heavily graffiti tagged, unsightly wall.

We had two gurneys but special care was needed because the wall in question is part of a heritage building.

There was an award for best graffiti remover - won easily by Thaya.

There was also an award for the remover having the most fun - awarded jointly to Thaya and Marvin.

*Photos and story by  
Rod McDougall*









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