



Rotary Opens Opportunities

Rotary Club of Strathfield



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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>		
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<i>Days of September</i>		
16th September	UN	International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer
17th September	Aust	Australian Citizenship Day
18th September	UN	International Equal Pay Day
20th September	Aust	Sustainable House Day
21st September	UN	International Day of Peace
22nd September	Int	World Car-free Day
23rd September	UN	International Day of Sign Languages

President's Report



Usha Garg
President

I can be sesquipedalian at times but definitely not given to rodomontade. So when I say, this week we had a wonderful Celebration Dinner, it is not far from the

truth. The event was perhaps named appropriately considering the numerous awards and prizes given out.

Having watched their quiet consistent contributions over time, I commend Rtms Gulian Vaccari and Andrew Aravanis for being named Paul Harris Fellows. However somewhere in the busy evening proceedings, came my happiest moment, when I had the chance to share a few

words with Rtn Roy Ellis about his major donor recognition and being named a Paul Harris Fellow. I wish him good health into the future.

For the first time since assuming the presidency in July, I was able, in an open setting, to present my thoughts and ideas about the current year to members, partners and friends of the club, and to present the new board. Thanks to the members of the board who played along beautifully with the spirit of the evening. I hope the humour did not shock too many people.

While fun and fellowship is an important part of Rotary gatherings, it is also a good time to reflect on the words of Paul Harris

(RI Convention, 1914, Houston Texas) below:

"If Rotary ceases to be a responsibility and becomes a mere relaxation or past time, its usefulness with cease. Whatever Rotary means to us, to the world it will be known by the result it achieves."

While we had the pleasure of the company of DG Warwick last Saturday, we did not get to hear a great deal from him. This coming Wednesday, we will hear from him and also get a chance to have some discussion.

Usha Garg

Reports from Directors



Rod McDougall
Treasurer

Club member Paolo Giammarco and his wife Patricia were unable to attend the celebration dinner last Saturday night, where he would have been presented with a Centurion Award for his support of The Rotary Foundation.

Before 80 dinner attendees, including MPs Dr Fiona Martin and Jodi McKay I had the pleasure of accepting the award on Paolo's behalf.

In doing so, I commented on Paolo's support for our club over many years and on his informed, passionate advocacy of other initiatives.

I mentioned emergency services, state water security and high speed rail.

I was also very happy to report that Paolo had made a generous donation of \$500 to the club.

On behalf of all members I congratulate Paolo on his award and thank him for his generous donation.

Member Announcements

Bradley Ayres
Bulletin Editor

Thank you to the eleven members who took the time to respond to the Bulletin survey.

Using a somewhat arbitrary cut-off of 50% for those that want to keep a section in the bulletin, the cut-off is at David's Rotary column; a piece that we have not had for some time, but that was definitely a popular read.

The main message seems to be that the members like seeing information for the

President, Board members, members in general, dates for events and correspondence from the DG. Keeping the other currently included sections is, to a slightly lesser extent, also desired.

Based on the feedback, there will therefore be no significant changes to the bulletin.

Perhaps David Croft can be persuaded to resurrect his column sometime in the future.

Section	Read	Read	Keep section	Keep section
	Never to sometimes	Usually to always	Y	N
President's report	1	10	8	0
Reports from Directors	1	10	8	0
Reports from Members	1	10	8	0
Details of next week's speaker	2	9	6	2
Your Committee members	2	9	6	2
Meeting introducer and thank you/write-up roster	2	9	6	2
Dates for the Calendar	2	8	8	0
Rotary stats	3	8	7	1
Correspondence from DG	4	7	8	0
Out and About	4	7	7	1
Dates for Rotary, United Nations and Australian Themes	4	7	6	2
Birthdays	4	7	6	2
Anniversaries	4	7	6	2
Previous speaker report	4	7	5	3
David Croft's column about Rotary	2	7	5	0
COVID-19: reports from members	3	6	2	2
PP Charles' poem selection	4	5	4	1
COVID-19: In and About: Zoom meeting participants + image	4	5	4	0
COVID-19: member story roster	3	5	3	1
COVID-19: In and About: carton	4	4	2	2
COVID-19: stats	6	2	1	3

Speaker previous week: Jack Britton

Jack Britton is the Manager, Customer Experience at the Strathfield Public Library. Jack has been at the Strathfield Library since late last year. Prior to that,

he held several positions of senior librarian in both council and university library settings.

The official opening of the newly refurbished Strathfield Public Library

was held on 29th June this year following major internal renovations to study spaces and services.

Study spaces have been reorganized into a “study stadium” with bright new furniture and lounges to fit with modern study styles. Technology wise, there is a new learning laboratory where users can borrow laptops with a docking station available. The printing and scanning facilities have been upgraded with a new 3D printer.

An exhibition space called the “Iron Bark Gallery” has been incorporated within the library with the intention of holding exhibitions by local artists each quarter.

The smaller group study rooms, including the Ironbark Room, have also been refurbished with new audio-visual facilities, though it was noted that due to

the current health situation these facilities will not be available to community groups at this time.

Local studies and history still form a core part of the Strathfield Library Services, along with Storytime and the Book Club. Access to online resources via electronic databases also forms a vital part of information available to library users.

Book lockers are available to collect and return library loans. All items returned to the library are handled carefully by the library team and items are quarantined prior to going back on the shelves.

Overall a very informative talk on the local library.

Writeup by Janelle Watson

Speaker for this week: DG Warwick Richardson

Tonight, we warmly welcome District Governor Warwick Richardson to our

Zoom meeting. Warwick is a member of the Rotary Club of Wollondilly North.

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 16th Sept	Warwick Richardson District Governor's visit	Rick Vosila	Usha Garg	Zoom
Wed 23rd Sept	Munkh-Erdene Bayartai Mongolia: A traveller's guide	Charmaine Langley	Peter van der Sleen	Strathfield Events Centre
Wed 30th Sept	Danjela Prahovic Improving the life skills of young people via technology	Trudy Ho	Dimitry Palmer	Zoom

Wed 7th Oct	Ying Ho The keyboard in Education	Janelle Watson	tba	Strathfield Events Centre
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<i>Birthdays</i>	
16th September	Paolo Giammarco

<i>Anniversaries</i>	
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The Rotary Statistics

Attendance last meeting (02-09-20) – Golf Club	18
Club membership	45
Partners	0
Guests	1

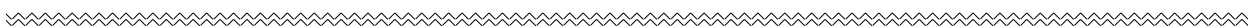
<i>Funds raised</i>	
Raffle (pre-payment system)	tba
Sergeant's session	\$-
Heads and tails	Not held

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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Facebook master	Raymond McCluskie		

Out and About: Celebration dinner



3 Abstract Painters

Julienne Harris
Doug Purnell
Jeannette Siebols



Jeannette Siebols, *Slender Threads*, 2020, oil on canvas

Opening at the McGlade Gallery

Australian Catholic University, Strathfield
Saturday afternoon, 12th September 2-4pm
Continuing until Saturday 24th October

There will be a Covid-safe opening.
Please RSVP to Diane.Merrilees@acu.edu.au
9701 4140 if you wish to attend.
Please observe social distancing and hand hygiene.
We recommend that you wear a face mask.

McGlade Gallery
Australian Catholic University, Strathfield
Gate 3,
25A Barker Road,
Strathfield N.S.W.

Gallery hours:
11am to 4pm Monday to Saturday

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