



Rotary Opens Opportunities

Rotary Club of Strathfield



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DISTRICT 9675

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Rotary, United Nations and Australian Themes

<i>Month of November</i>		
-	Rotary	Rotary Foundation Month
<i>Weeks of November</i>		
-	-	-
<i>Days of November</i>		
18th Nov	Int	International geographic information systems (GIS) Day
19th Nov	UN	World Toilet Day
20th Nov	UN	Africa Industrialization Day
20th Nov	Aus	National Agriculture Day
21st Nov	Int	World Fisheries Day
21st Nov	UN	World Television Day
25th Nov	UN	International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women

President's Report



Usha Garg
President

If you want to get involved but not entangled, volunteering is a powerful tool. You should make use of it, to make activity a tool for your liberation.

by Sadhguru, Isha Foundation

With the passing of time, we are learning to live with COVID19, relaxing our perception or real sense of agoraphobia and increasing our participation in meetings and committees. Complying with the **rules of engagement** such as safe distancing and hand sanitization allows us to enjoy freedom and activities and is also necessary for the greater good.

A superb **eventful, fun and fellowship** meeting last week regardless of cut in time. Remembrance Day service with hand knitted red poppies from Rtn. Janice

Barrett, inducting our first musician Rtn. Ying Ho, a rapid Q &A session with President-elect and some tough brain teasers with our sergeant.

The **50th Anniversary** committee has announced the date as 13th March 2021, so please lock the date in your calendar. Committee Chair PP Roger Vince is busy with the preparations but is always open to ideas and discussions.

SGHS Pink Stumps BBQ fundraiser coming up on 19th November and Rtn. Chris Virgona and IPP Arie Pappas have volunteered to manage this BBQ.

The **Pride of Workmanship Awards** Committee is diligently working away to put out a great show on Wednesday 25th November evening. Registrations are open and bookings can be made easily through Humanitix link or by paying into the club account. On this evening, we will also induct our new honorary member, **Dr Fiona Martin**, Federal Member for Reid.

Looking forward to our **AGM on 2nd December** and the introduction of Board members for 2021/22. This is the time to think what contribution(s) you would like to make in the coming year.

The year ends with our **Christmas party** at one of our favourite venue Nonna & Co. on Friday, 11th December. What is the committee up to? Why not find out!

Have you visited our District home page (<https://www.rotarydistrict9675.org/>) recently? I draw your attention to the **Rotary Snippets**. For example, District Public Image Director Cathy Mason believes a website is a window to club and has compiled a great Snippet No.2 on maintaining/updating the website. I must admit though, I have a weakness for our

website as I know the information is up to date and is easy to find.

"Disease detectives: In a public health crisis, contact tracers are on the case" is the title of a timely article in the October Rotary Magazine. Ghastly epidemics like Ebola have been managed through contact tracing. The article goes back to 1937 when the then-U.S. Surgeon General Thomas Parran wrote a book describing contact tracing, the first documented history of this practice. Since then, we have come a long way and are witnessing how successfully this has been used to combat the spread of COVID19. (<https://www.rotary.org/en/disease-detectives-public-health-crisis-contact-tracers-are-on-the-case>).

Back in our **2nd September bulletin**, I talked about an interview with Dr. Vivek Murthy's in "**the conversation**", a regular column in the Rotarian, where he noted, "**What is powerful about organizations like Rotary is that they are rooted in service. Service shifts our attention from ourselves, where it increasingly is focused when we feel lonely, to other people**". Why do I mention this? After a 3 year hiatus (2017-19), Dr. Vivek Murthy has been suggested for Surgeon General of the USA by President-elect Joe Biden." (<https://www.rotary.org/en/rotarian-conversation-vivek-murthy>)

At this week's virtual meeting, we have the opportunity to hear from Dr. Janette Vardy about the Sydney Cancer Survivorship Centre at Concord Hospital. Look forward to her talk. Our meeting will once again close early at 8.00pm to allow our rugby league fans to enjoy the State of Origin match.

Usha Garg



Event previous week: Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day, 11th November
NAIDOC Week, 8th - 15th November

On Wednesday, 11th November at our face to face meeting we commemorated Remembrance Day and from 6.30 p.m. viewed a video on War and Peace which was released for Remembrance Day 2020 by the Museums Discovery Centre, Castle Hill.

8th - 15th November is NAIDOC week, which was held later than usual due to COVID restrictions, the theme for 2020 being:

Always Was, Always Will Be. recognises that First Nations people have occupied and cared for this continent for over 65,000 years.

To acknowledge both of these important events, excerpts from 'Aboriginal presence on Gallipoli grows' by Michael Bell were read.

<https://www.awm.gov.au/articles/blog/aboriginal-presence-on-gallipoli-grows#:~:text=Aboriginal%20presence%20on%20Gallipoli%20grows%20WRI%20BY%20MICHAEL%20BELL,for%20them%20enlistment%20was%20ill%20egal>

This was followed by the reading of:
The Inquisitive Mind of a Child

Why are they selling poppies, mummy?
Selling poppies in town today?
The poppies, child, are flowers of love
For the men who marched away.

But why have they chosen the poppy, mummy?
Why not a beautiful rose?
Because, my child, men fought and died
In the field where poppies grow.

But why are the poppies so red, mummy?
Why are the poppies so red?
Red is the colour of blood, my child,
The blood that our soldiers shed.

The heart of the poppy is black, mummy
Why does it have to be black?
Black, my child is the symbol of grief
For the men who never came back.

But why mummy, are you crying so?
Your tears are giving you pain
My tears are fears for you, my child
For, the world is forgetting again.

We will remember them

Writeup by Jane Barrett

Speaker for this week: Prof Janette Vardy

Professor Janette Vardy is a medical oncologist working as a clinician researcher at the Concord Cancer Centre and the University of Sydney.

Together with Dr Haryana Dhillon, she established and co-leads the Survivorship Research Group (SuRG) at the University of Sydney. Her main areas of research are

survivorship and quality of life, with a particular interest in cognitive function and physical activity in cancer survivors. In 2013 she established the Sydney Survivorship Centre at Concord Cancer Centre.

Ref:
<https://www.cancercouncil.com.au/podcasts/guests/prof-janette-vardy>

Reports from Directors



Dimitry Palmer
Secretary

This email is to provide formal notice of the 2020 annual meeting for the Rotary Club of Strathfield Inc.

The annual meeting will take place at 8PM on Wednesday, 2 December 2020 at Strathfield Golf Club (following the scheduled in-person club meeting which will finish earlier than usual).

The meeting will be chaired by PDG David Croft AM and minuted by myself.

This meeting will also involve the consideration of a special resolution to adopt changes to the club constitution and by-laws. These changes are outlined in the explanatory memorandum and annexures A, B, C and D attached to the annual meeting agenda and available individually below.

Please note the following:

1. The agenda & special resolution annexures may be found HERE - the main items being the election of the 2019-20 board and the consideration of the special resolution.
2. Minutes of the 2019 AGM (in draft, awaiting confirmation) are available via the link below.
3. The accounts for 2019-20 are still with the auditor and will be distributed at the AGM.
4. A call for nominations for board positions was issued via email on 04/11/2019. Please see the relevant links

below. The due date for nominations is 5pm on Tuesday, 1/12/2020. Nominations received after this time will not be accepted. Nominations from the floor will not be accepted.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in contact with me.

Annual Meeting Document Links

[Agenda for the 2020 Annual Meeting \(click here\)](#)

[Minutes from the 2019 AGM \(click here\)](#)

[Formal Call for Nominations \(click here\)](#)

[Nomination form for the 2020-21 board \(click here\)](#)

Special Resolution - Individual Annexure Links

[Explanatory Memorandum](#)

[Annexure A: Standard Rotary International Club Constitution \(with changes marked-up\);](#)

[Annexure B: Amended Club Constitution \(clean copy\);](#)

[Annexure C: Amended Club By-laws \(with changes marked-up\);](#) and

[Annexure D: Amended Club By-laws \(clean copy\).](#)

Yours Sincerely,

Dimitry Palmer
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Participate in the 2020 Rotary Member Census!

Rotary International is currently undertaking a survey of its members as part of the 2020 Rotary Member Census. This census will help Rotary make important decisions about our organization and the Rotary club experience. The survey should take less than 15 minutes to complete and will be open until 18 December 2020.

Strathfield Rotarians are encouraged to complete this census.

Members would have received an email with the subject line: "Participate in the

2020 Rotary Member Census!" on Thursday, 12/11/2020. The link to the survey can be found in the email. The link in the email is unique to each member.

Member Announcements

Ed Dunlop

Child Protection Officer

Working With Children Check Renewal

Members are reminded to renew their Working With Children Check registration ASAP. Holding a current WWCC is an essential condition of membership of our club.

Renewal can be completed via the form at: <https://wwccheck.ccyp.nsw.gov.au/Applicants/renewal>

Jan Barrett

Wishes to advise members that the National Agriculture Day will be held on Friday, 20th November

National Agriculture Day is a day dedicated to Australian agriculture and the people behind it, Australian farmers. Information on how we might help commemorate this day can be found on:

<https://www.agday.org.au/>

District News

Dear Rotarian

PLEASE NOTE: The AGM for D9675 has been rescheduled for Friday 26th February 2021. DG Warwick is hopeful that it will be a Face to Face meeting, but it is dependent on government regulations. The Financial Reports have now been completed by the auditors and can be presented to the members. More details will be forwarded as soon as re-arrangements are completed.

1) **Our Public Image Director Cathy Mason** has compiled another succinct, useful and helpful Snippet in relation to your club's website - **Rotary Snippets No 2** - to assist you with maintaining and updating your website.

She truly claims a website is a window to your club. For more information contact Cathy Mason on 0413 447 184. (Please see attachment)

2) All clubs are busy with the preparation for their AGM. There are certain mandatory aspects that Rotarians and their Board are obliged to cover - one being the preparation of the financial reports. The District Treasurer Ian McKensy has provide a short 10 minute YouTube clip **Rotary Snippet no. 4- Preparing accounts for the AGM.mp4** which, I am sure, you will find may assist your club treasurer and your board. For more information contact Ian McKensy on 0438 845 921.

The link is <https://youtu.be/1N7fxAflJn4>

3) The new **Rotary Passport Club of Sylvania Waters** is holding their first gala event, and an introduction to the district, on February 12th at Conca D'Oro 269 Belmore Rd Riverwood. Proceeds will support MS and booking details are included in the attachment. Tables are selling fast so please join in welcoming our newest Rotary Club in D9675. For more information contact Maureen Fry on 0405 716 291 (Please see attachment)

4) Information on **The ShelterBox Giving Day District Challenge** is in the attached flyer. Many clubs in D9675 support Shelter Box as part of their annual project plan. The ShelterBox Giving Day District Challenge is a different opportunity, where all Rotary Clubs across a District are encouraged to fundraise for our Giving Day on World Human Rights Day the 10th December. (Please see attachment)

5) D9675 recently celebrated **RESCA (Rotary Emergency Services Community Awards)** where Rotary celebrated the critical work that all our emergency services undertake. With drought, bush fires, floods and COVID, 2020 has been a year like no other. This year it was truly unique in that the main event was held at the Masonic Centre in Sydney and it was live streamed to 8 other locations around NSW. The Governor, Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley, who is the patron, attended and commented that she is still learning about the incredible service in which Rotary is involved. This annual event begins with nominations from the community and Rotarians play a large part in their recognition. If you wish to know more please contact Dot Hennessy on 0412 120 314 or Ron Browne on 0414 633 423 or check the RESCA website: <https://nsw.rescawards.org.au> or RESCA

Facebook

at <https://www.facebook.com/RotaryESCawards/>

6) On Sunday 15th November the finalists for **RIWA (Rotary Inspirational Women's Awards)** will be announced. This will also be a first time hybrid event with the main presentation being held at the Holiday Inn at Potts Point and being live streamed to 5 other locations. The Governor, Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley, who is our patron, will present the awards to the over all winners. This celebrates our inspirational women in rural and urban locations and for the first time this year, our inspirational women who work in the health sector.

Please check the Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/RIWAwards> or the website at

<https://www.rotarydistrict9675.org/Stories/rotary-inspirational-women-s-awards-riwa>

NOTE: Due to technical difficulties, the live link will be sent out to you later this afternoon.

Keep safe, stay well and continue the critical and awe-inspiring service that you all do. Together we are building stronger Rotary networks and leaving a positive legacy in our communities.

Best Regards

DG Warwick Richardson

Warwick Richardson. PHF

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The ShelterBox Giving Day District Challenge

The ShelterBox Giving Day District Challenge is an opportunity where all Rotary Clubs across a District are encouraged to fundraise for our Giving Day on World Human Rights Day (10th December).

Each District will be encouraged to try and raise as much money as they can through all their Rotary Clubs, while competing against other Districts across Australia.

As regional leaders and notable Rotary Club members we're asking for you to take the lead on creating interest across your District. This is a very short, focussed effort that you can do on your own or join with other ShelterBox volunteers in your area to complete - asking all clubs in your District to fundraise as part of the ShelterBox Giving Day.

Each District will have their own fundraising page (like the one attached) and every club will be asked to donate to their District page. Clubs can fundraise specifically for our Giving Day or make an allocation from their annual budget (they could host a World Human Rights Day morning tea, arrange a gold coin donation through a local school, ask club members to donate or host a dinner etc).

As our regional leaders, we're asking you to contact each club across your District (ideally this would be done by phone to District Governors, Area Governors, International Directors). Enlist other SB volunteers to help with phone calls, individual emails, FB messages - any way you can get in contact with each club is encouraged.

This is a large task I know, but we're hoping to raise at least \$100,000 on our ShelterBox Giving Day and, although we

know club fundraising has been difficult lately, clubs and club members are starting to get active again and we know their support for ShelterBox in the past has been strong.

The ShelterBox Australia Board will be contacting all District Governors and letting them know about the ShelterBox Giving Day District Challenge. We are hoping that with DGs supporting this event, clubs will be keen to get onboard in some way, shape or form. We are also placing a full-page ad in the Rotary Down Under magazine in the December edition.

I have attached a 'how to guide' on the Giving Day District Challenge for you as ShelterBox volunteers. We also have a flyer that you can send out to Rotary Clubs that I've attached also (called Giving Day District Challenge Flyer).

I've listed below names against Districts so that you can start contacting and letting clubs know about the ShelterBox Giving Day District Challenge.

If you'd like more information on this before you start making calls/emails or a sample email/letter to send out, please give me a buzz.

If you don't feel able to take on this task, please let me know as soon as possible. We do need to start contacting clubs next week (Monday 16th November) so that all clubs across every District is aware of the District Challenge and gets onboard!

We know that with your help with this task we will have a fun and successful Giving Day!

9455 David Brockway and Rod Style (48 clubs)

9465 June Wade and Leanne Knowler (53 clubs)

9510 Tim Klar and Dan Edmonds (93 clubs)

9550 Katelyn Winkworth (40 clubs)
 9570 Dieter Torheiden and Brant Duff (49 clubs)
 9600 Brian Springer (64 clubs)
 9630 Paul Roger (52 clubs)
 9640 Tammi Wheeler-Mayfield (54 clubs)
 9650 Greg Moran (59 clubs)
 9670 Chris McGrath (46 clubs)
 9675 Barry Antees and Shane Burette (58 clubs)
 9685 Johanna Johns and Howard Sullivan (74 clubs)
 9705 Fred Fawke (83 clubs)
 9780 Bob Furner & Peter Kavenagh (56 clubs)
 9790 Steve Crosling (63 clubs)

9800 Steve Crosling (68 clubs)
 9810 Steve Crosling (48 clubs)
 9820 Steve Crosling (47 clubs)
 9830 Pam Scott (south) and Bill Dobson (north) (47 clubs)

Thanks again for all your efforts and we hope to be able to celebrate our Giving Day success with you on World Human Rights Day.

Kieryn Deutrom
 Volunteer Program Manager ShelterBox Australia
 m: 0400 273 624

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 18th Nov	Prof Janette Vardy Sydney Cancer Survivorship Centre	Peter Smith	Andrew Aravanis	Zoom
Wed 25th Nov	Pride of Workmanship	-	-	Strathfield Events Centre
Wed 2nd Dec	AGM	-	-	Strathfield Events Centre
Fri 11th Dec	Christmas party	-	-	Nonna & Co

<i>Birthdays</i>	
18th November	Devi Bala

<i>Anniversaries</i>	
-	-



The Rotary Statistics

Attendance last meeting (04-11-20) - In person	16
Club membership	45
Partners	0
Guests	0

<i>Funds raised</i>	
Raffle (pre-payment system)	-
Sergeant's session	\$85.90
Heads and tails	Not held

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

Bulletin Editor	Bradley Ayres	Web master	Raymond McCluskie
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Facebook master	Raymond McCluskie		


Out and About: New member - Ying Ho




Ying Ho with Pres Usha Garg

Out and About: Pride of Work (upcoming)

Strathfield
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Rotary Opens Opportunities

Rotary Club of Strathfield Pride of Workmanship Awards 2020

*Recognising vocational excellence
in our local community*

Wednesday 25 November 2020 6:30 for 7:00 pm
Strathfield Golf Club Event Centre
(a COVID-19 safe environment)


Special Guest Speaker
Warren McDonnell
West's Tigers
Player Recruitment Manager

Dinner
Single: \$60 Per Adult
→ **Save with two or more: \$50 Per Adult**
Children under 12: \$20 Per Child
Cash Bar Dress Smart Casual


Bookings

- 1) **By Humanitix Ticketing** (preferred)
<https://events.humanitix.com/pride>
- 2) **By Electronic Funds Transfer**
BSB 633000 Account 146249156
Quote your last name and "pride"
Confirm with email to info@strathfieldrotary.org.au
specifying guest names and any special dietary requirements
- 3) **By Cheque or Cash** (at a club meeting prior to event)

Enquiries [Jan Barrett](#) or [Thaya Ponniah](#)



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