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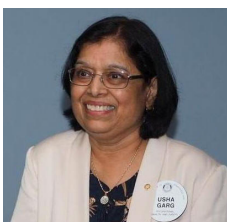
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Rotary, United Nations and Australian Themes

<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 May</i>		
-	Rotary	Maternal and Child Health Month
18 April – 19 May	Aust	Australian Heritage Festival
<i>Weeks of May</i>		
17th – 23rd May	Aust	National Volunteer Week
25th – 31st May	UN	Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories
<i>Days of May</i>		
20th May	UN	World Bee Day
21st May	UN	World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development
22nd May	UN	International Day for Biological Diversity
23rd May	Int	World Turtle Day
23rd May	UN	International Day to End Obstetric Fistula
26th May	Aust	National Sorry Day

President's Report



Usha Garg
President

"Hard work never brings fatigue. It brings satisfaction"

PM Narendra Modi

National Volunteering Week is here with the theme **Recognise, Reconnect and Reimagine**. "Given the year we've had, I can't think of a better message" says RI Director-Elect Jessie Harman. "National Volunteering Week is the perfect time for



Rotarians to recognise the important role that volunteers play in our communities. It's an opportunity to reconnect with members to ensure they're involved and having fun... "

An interesting angle on the four-way test by PDG Martin Postic. "In our contentious society, I see friends who are members of Rotary use The Four-Way Test to support opposing political and social...which leads me to this basic premise: **The Four-Way Test is a mirror, not a window**". Yes, indeed, the four-way test is not to judge others, but see ourselves in this mirror.



To read these articles and more refer to Rotary on the Move, our Zone 8 newsletter.

Club News and Events Coming up

The **50th Anniversary** is our next upcoming big event and now we have an attendance exceeding our expectations. Well

done team (PPs Roger Vince, David Croft, Peter Manenti, Rod McDougall, Raymond McCluskie, Rick Vosila, Alexey Prokopenko, Ying Ho and Andrew Aravanis). Great thinking and great effort. Amazing program for the evening with great fellowship from old times, speakers, music, exotic food, surprising glimpses of



old photos and our fabulous MC Rick Vosila.

The **Youth Awards** are set for 18th June by the Awards Committee in consultation with Strathfield Council. Ed Dunlop and his team (Peter Smith, Arie Pappas, Steve Argyris, Bradley Ayres) are making good progress and nominations are coming together.

The **Changeover** will be held on Saturday 26th June. Please reserve the date. I hope the Directors and committee chairs are working on their reports.

Our last **Board meeting** of the year next month will be a joint one with the existing and incoming Board. Please bring to attention any issues or matters of interest.

A visit to **Mirvac, Olympic Park** to view the built-to-rent apartments has been arranged by Steven Argyris for Friday, 28th May morning. He will discuss the time of visit at the meeting.

Thanks to many of you who have contributed generously to the call for emergency relief work for **essential Covid19 supplies to India** from Thaya Ponniah. Your generous contributions will be appreciated by many people who may not know us but will be thankful for the help they receive.

Strathfield Football Club has reached out to us to seek out volunteers to assist with ground official duties during matches on Saturdays and Sundays. If you are interested, please contact Davide Graniero on 0414 816 141.

Homebush Probus club will be enjoying a picnic at the Auburn Botanical Gardens

on coming Thursday, 20th May in the morning and this will be followed by lunch at Auburn Tennis Club. Feel free to join our friendly group and contact PP Raymond McCluskie for more details.

Last week we had this opportunity to hear from Kate Domeney, the manager of the program called **Fresh Foods for Families**. What a simple and wonderful way to inspire and encourage school children and communities to grow fresh food.

This week we will hear from **Harry Kimble** about “Travel adventures to

Easter Island.” And **Sergeant Nick** has this to say, "Members and guests are invited to demonstrate their sartorial elegance (or otherwise) by wearing their favourite fashion items to the meeting". I guess, travel attire may be an option, considering we have a virtual visit to Easter Island? Think carefully folks - hefty fines for disappointing our Sergeant.

Look forward to our meeting.

Usha Garg

Speaker from last week: Kate Domeney

Kate is the Manager of “Fresh Food for Families”.

This was a venture started 4 years ago in Hobart. The aim of the project was to assist resident migrant families establish their own gardens to grow fresh food. There needed to be an understanding of the climate, soils and plants.

Workshops were run, initially at a community centre, with very basic information on how to start a home garden. The Nepalese community were the first group involved. Due to its success programs with various other community groups followed.

There are four workshops - each has a different focus. Firstly, learning what plants and vegetables are suitable for the climate. Secondly, making inexpensive newspaper pots for vegetable seeds and seedlings. Then on to understanding a gardening calendar and

finally actually planting potatoes and vegetable seedlings in garden beds.

A workshop manual has been produced with detailed guidelines which can be adapted by Rotary clubs interested in developing community or school gardens.

Rotary and Rotaract have been partners in these projects. Kate Domeney is a Rotarian in Hobart.

Kate Domeney was recommended as a guest speaker by President Usha Garg. Write-up by Janelle Watson.

For further information can be viewed at these two websites.

<https://foodplantsolutions.org/programs/fresh-food-for-families/>

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nXeE4qzU2z_cAHG5ppBC5-77k73DWrZD/view?usp=drive_web

Write-up by Janelle Watson

Speaker for this week: Harry Kimble

Topic – “Travel adventures on Easter Island”

Harry has always enjoyed travelling having spent some time in the Navy.

Since 1985, he has travelled extensively - having been to over 70 countries in all seven (7) continents.

During his early travels he kept diaries of each trip. Since 2003 he has kept photo diaries and he will share with us photos and his story of his trip to Easter Island.



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 19th May	Harry Kimble “Travel adventures on Easter Island”	Janelle Watson	Janelle Watson	Golf Club
Wed 26th May	Rotarian Nella Hall “My Story”	Usha Garg	Janelle Watson	Zoom
Sat 29th May	50th anniversary of the Rotary Club of Strathfield	-	-	Golf Club
Wed 2nd June	Tracy Burjan & Margaret Coote “The importance of music in young people” Strathfield Symphony Orchestra	Gulian Vaccari	Janelle Watson	Golf Club
Wed 9th June	No speaker	-	-	Zoom
Wed 16th June	Craig Wood “Undercover Rescue Ops – setting captives free”	Janelle Watson	Janelle Watson	Golf Club
Fri 18th June	Youth Awards	-	-	Town Hall
Wed 23rd June	Transfer meeting to 26 June	-	-	-
Sat 26th June	Club Changeover	-	-	Golf Club

<i>Birthdays</i>	
15th May	Charles Pitt
17th May	Cheryl Ayres
19th May	Rick Vosila

<i>Anniversaries</i>	
-	-



The Rotary Statistics

Attendance last meeting (12-05-21) – Zoom	12
Club membership	45
Partners	0
Guests	1

<i>Funds raised</i>	
Raffle	n/a
Sergeant's session	n/a



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
Bulletin Printer	Selectprint	Apologies	Gulian Vaccari
Facebook master	Raymond McCluskie		





NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN

The Strathfield Youth Achievement Awards recognise the outstanding achievements of young people who go to school, live, work or train in the Strathfield Local Government Area. Running for the past 13 years, the Awards are organised by the Rotary Club of Strathfield (with sponsorship from Strathfield Council), and feature categories of Arts and Culture, Environment/Community Service, Science and Technology, and Sport.

Do you know an exceptional young person who deserves their achievements to be recognised?

Nomination forms can be obtained on-line at:
<https://www.strathfieldrotary.org.au>
Enquiries: info@strathfieldrotary.org.au

Nominations close 5:00pm Tuesday 18 May 2021

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