



# Rotary

## Club of Strathfield



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# STRATHFIELD ROTARY BULLETIN

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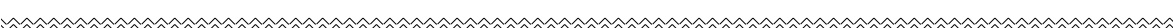
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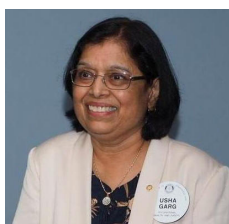
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### *Rotary, United Nations and Australian Themes*

<i>Month of August</i>		
-	Rotary	Membership Month
<i>Month of September</i>		
-	Rotary	Basic Education and Literacy Month
-	Aust	Biodiversity Month (1- 30 September)
<i>Weeks of August</i>		
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<i>Days of August</i>		
29th August	UN	International Day against Nuclear Tests
30th August	UN	International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances



## *President's Report*



**Usha Garg**  
*President*

Our last in-person meeting at the SEC was a runaway success. After a long time, we had 'job talks' from our very own fellow Rotarians Chris Virgona and Prabhat Sinha. We had the opportunity to hear first-hand from the people at the coal face whose businesses have a continuous stream of clients walking in off the street

day after day in these covid-19 times. The talks were on a serious subject, yet presented beautifully in a light hearted manner, that kept the room breaking out in laughter. Through these talks, we got a glimpse of myriad challenges businesses are facing and how creatively and continuously these are being managed. Our thanks for these interesting talks.

With our meetings alternating between zoom and in-person, scheduling the guest speakers has been challenging, where many of them prefer a specific mode of presentation and some changing their

mind altogether. We are thankful to our Program Manager Janelle Watson for dealing very efficiently with these challenges in this uncertain climate.

This Saturday, I had the privilege of joining the NYSF panels to interview around 50 students. Although it was a long day (from 9am to 5pm), the impeccable organisation by the NYSF Committee made it worthwhile and time flew. Students were run through three panels with 5 minutes for each, a total interviewing time of 15 minutes. It was a great pleasure meeting 50 talented and capable students and also working side by side with many of our District leaders and the NYSF Committee members. We will meet again this coming Saturday, to complete the remaining interviews virtually for students who are in Covid19 isolation and were unable to attend last week.

Hurrah! Our raffles are back. We found the way forward last week with our first 'bonus' raffle, thanks to PP Peter Manenti. Now the raffle will be conducted weekly regardless of the meeting being in person or via zoom. Members wishing to participate should make a one-time payment for a ticket to all weekly club raffles (excluding events), even if you are unable to attend a meeting.

The Celebration dinner is coming up soon and the seats are filling fast. With strict limit on the number attending, members are reminded to book early to avoid disappointment. Thanks to all those members who have already booked for the

event. The committee has assured me that it will be a great evening with many attractions including live music.

The August RDU magazine had a great column by K R Ravindran, Foundation Trustee Chair titled 'Emerging Stronger', which I liked a lot. Here is an excerpt from this article:

*"As of June 4, we have funded 208 disaster response grants for \$5.2 million and 159 new global grants at \$13.8 million – all in 3 months. We have leveraged individual Rotarians' generosity with Foundation funds, and in many cases other corporate funds, to make projects larger and more impactful.*

*We never allowed the pandemic to overpower us. Indeed, history shows that Rotarians are a curious breed. We are visionaries, an idealistic lot that dreams big dreams for a better world. At the same time, we are resilient and are able to withstand challenges that others might succumb to*

*We were not idle during the pandemic lockdowns. We raised funds and did projects just as we would have if there had been no lockdown. We remembered that it's the same business that we always do - reaching out to people in distress - except the methodology by which we did it changed."*

This week we will hear from Maria Calibo-Sales on an interesting topic 'Capability with Conscience', for the program for the Disadvantaged.

*Usha Garg*



## *Speaker for this week: Maria Calibo-Sales*

Maria has over 22 years of proven expertise in early adaptor technologies, business systems integrations and learning ecosystems. She is experienced in

global training program design, strategic capability planning and functional implementation.

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## *Rotary Updates*

From Janice M Hall  
District Governor Nominee/District  
Secretary 9675:

**1)** Just a gentle reminder that if you have not yet viewed DG Warwick's message for the month please go to our D9675 home page on this link <https://rotarydistrict9675.org/> and view it at your leisure. There is also information about Rotary Inspirational Women Awards with a direct link to the nomination forms.

### **2) Festival Of Pangaia**

The Rotary Clubs of Sydney North West last year developed a plan to celebrate United Days in 2021. They are organising three festivals to invite people of all nationalities and cultural communities (5 million) to celebrate by coming together and offering food and entertainment, highlighting their cultural heritage. At this stage of the development we are looking for people of talent who have organisational and logistics skills. We are also looking people with relationship skills to work with our partners at Council, Government and commercial supporters. They need not be Rotarians. You may have friends or family members who are willing to volunteer a few hours here and there to develop as a team to deliver this project.

Please contact myself for further information, Barry Antees Rotary Chair of Festival of Pangaia Committee. 0413 880 267 or [baryantees@gmail.com](mailto:baryantees@gmail.com)

### **3) Polio Free Africa**

Within the next few days, as reported in the current issue of Rotary Down Under, the World Health Organisation African Region will be officially certified free of wild poliovirus.

August 25 is the red letter day and certification will come four years after Nigeria – the last Polio endemic country in Africa – recorded its last case of wild Polio! When the African region is certified as wild Polio-free, FIVE of the six WHO regions – representing over 90% of the world's population – will be free of the wild poliovirus.

This progress is the result of a decades-long effort across the 47 countries of the African region. It has involved millions of health workers travelling by foot, boat, bike and bus, innovative strategies to vaccinate children amid conflict and insecurity, and a huge disease surveillance network to test cases of paralysis and check sewage for the virus.

In 1996, Rotary and our partners joined with Nelson Mandela to jump start Africa's commitment to polio eradication with the launch of the 'Kick Polio Out of Africa' campaign. Mandela's call mobilized African nations and leaders across the continent to step up their efforts to reach EVERY child with polio vaccine.

Since 1996, nine BILLION doses of oral polio vaccine have been provided, averting an estimated 1.8 million cases of wild poliovirus on the continent - thanks to the dedicated efforts of thousands of Rotary members,

health workers, traditional and religious leaders, parents, and country leaders. Rotary and its members have contributed nearly US\$980 million to eliminate polio in the African region.

These are amazing statistics and they were highlighted during a recent END POLIO NOW Zoom meeting – involving 60 EPN Coordinators, Rotary senior leaders and Rotary International staff

RI Past President and TRF Trustee Chairman Elect John Germ announced Rotary’s fund

raising details from the 2019/20 Rotary year – in which we just scrambled over the line to reach the coveted goal of US\$50 million to ensure the two for one bonus of US\$100 million from the Gates Foundation was achieved.

Cash income totalled US\$32,873,000  
 DDF – US\$8,360,000  
 World Fund bonus – US\$9,562,000  
 For a final total of US\$50,795,000!



## 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>
Wed 26th Aug	<b>Maria Calibo-Sales</b> “Capability with Conscience” program to assist disadvantaged groups	Paolo Giammarco	Janelle Watson
Wed 2nd Sept	<b>tba</b>	-	-
Wed 9th Sept	<b>No meeting</b> Transfer to 12-Sept	-	-
Sat 12th Sept	<b>Strathfield Rotary Celebration Dinner</b>	-	-
Wed 16th Sept	<b>District Governor’s visit</b>	-	-
Wed 23rd Sept	<b>Ying Ho</b> The keyboard in Education	tba	tba
Wed 30th Sept	<b>Danjela Prahovic</b> Improving the life skills of young people via technology	tba	tba

<i>Birthdays</i>	
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<i>Anniversaries</i>	
28th August	Nick Hamilton-Kane (Rotary)
1st September	A Bala (Rotary)



## *The Rotary Statistics*

Attendance last meeting (19-08-20)	19
Club membership	<b>45</b>
Partners	1*
Guests	1

<i>Funds raised</i>	
Raffle	Not held
Sergeant's session	\$141.10
Heads and tails	Not held

\* Margaret Croft was welcomed as our first partner at an in-person meeting this year.



## *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
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# Strathfield Rotary Celebration Dinner 2019-2020

Join us for a gala evening to celebrate the achievements of our members during 2019-20

Our members of parliament, local council representatives, district governor and immediate past governor will join us

Good fellowship, fine dining, great Rotary

Saturday 12 September 2020 6:30 for 7:00 pm  
Strathfield Golf Club Event Centre  
Dinner \$60.00 pp (children under 13 \$25.00 pp)  
Cash bar Dress formal or lounge suit  
COVID-19 safe environment

**REGISTRATION** (payment due 5 September 2020)

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



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