

Rotary Opens Opportunities

# Rotary

## Club of Strathfield



# Namaste

## STRATHFIELD ROTARY BULLETIN

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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	<b>Maternal and Child Health Month</b>
<i>Weeks of May</i>		
25th – 31st May	UN	Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories
27th – 3rd June	Aust	National Reconciliation Week
<i>Days of May</i>		
26th May	Aust	National Sorry Day
26th May	UN	"Vesak", the Day of the Full Moon
27th May	Aust	Australia's Biggest Morning Tea
29th May	UN	International Day of UN Peacekeepers
31st May	UN	World No-Tobacco Day [WHO]
1st June	UN	Global Day of Parents

### *President's Report*



**Usha Garg**  
*President*

**"To be in someone's prayer is priceless. To pray for someone selflessly is equally priceless."**

Acharya Chanakya

**The big day is here.** The countdown has started, and the excitement begins. The event is, I daresay oversubscribed. Such

an overwhelming response is humbling. Fabulous work by the team in putting this landmark event together. Thanks to Roger Vince, David Croft, Peter Manenti, Rod McDougall, Raymond McCluskie, Rick Vosila, Alexey Prokopenko, Ying Ho, Andrew Aravanis, Thaya Ponniah and many others). Great thinking and great effort. We look forward to an amazing program, great fellowship from old times, speakers, music, exotic food, surprising glimpses of old photos and our fabulous MC Rick Vosila.



has shown interest with many. There is still time to register if you intend to join. Thanks to many of you who have contributed generously to the call for emergency relief work for **essential Covid19 supplies to India**. We have close to our mark of \$10,000 mark. Please contact Thaya Ponniah for more information.

**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.



The **Youth Awards** preparations are going great with Ed Dunlop and his team (Peter Smith, Arie

Pappas, Steve Argyris, Bradley Ayres) making good progress.

**The Changeover** will be held on Saturday 26th June evening. Please reserve the date.

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 arranged by Steven Argyris for Friday, 28th May 11am

Last week we had this opportunity to hear from **Harry Kimble** about **Travel adventures to Easter Island**. More from Janelle Watson later in the bulletin.

And **Sergeant Nick** seems to have thoroughly enjoyed the fashion parade as did the members in the meeting. I missed the evening due to family reasons.

This week we will have the opportunity to hear "my story" talk from our own Nella Hall. This is a virtual meeting.

Look forward to our meeting.

*Usha Garg*

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## Directors Reports



**Nick Hamilton-Kane**  
Sergeant at Arms

Last week I delivered a Sergeant's session celebrating fashion trends around the world and through the decades. I rather jumped the gun of course....Australian Fashion Week doesn't start until the end of the month but I hope this gives Rotarians enough warning to take out their subscriptions to Vogue, Elle or GQ magazine in time for the big event. I was delighted that a number of our members rose

to the occasion and donned their favourite fashion items from their past. Jan's 1980s leather biker jacket was particularly evocative of the era and, I understand, brought back some happy memories.

Just as every decade brings both classic pop songs and excruciating one hit wonders, so it also brings both elegant styles and unforgiveable fashion crimes. For every chic mini-dress of the swinging sixties there is a tie dye tee shirt with matching hippy beads. The eighties brought us not only high couture and investment banking power dressing but also legwarmers and shell-suits. That said, I'm not sure that the seventies, the "decade that style forgot", brought us anything other than flairs, platforms and Merv Hughes moustaches.

In researching the session I was delighted to find fashion delights, and embarrassments, in countries around the world, ranging from the smart but stuffy outfits from my own nation, the sophisticated and elegant clothes of Italy, the floaty and diaphanous classical dresses of Greece, to the colour and flamboyance of India and Sri Lanka. Unfortunately, on the other hand, we can't unsee Princess Beatrice's toilet seat fascinator, Demis Roussos's kaftan or those lampshades... Inevitably, the Aussies had to come in for a bit of flack – what else could we expect from the land of thongs, singlets and Uggs. But even here we can hold our heads up with some pride – after all, where else can boast that icon of sartorial taste, our very own Paul Hogan.

[see the 'stunning' images in "Out & About", later in this bulletin – Ed]

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### *Speaker from last week: Harry Kimble*

Easter Island is part of the Polynesian group of islands, though it is a territory of Chile. The island is 23 km long and 4 km wide and composed of extinct volcanoes.

Harry was recommended as a speaker by Janelle Watson.

*Write-up by Janelle Watson*

Harry spoke of the known history of the island and the statues.

Harry has visited the Island twice – in 1987 and again in 2008. He said that of the over 800 statues, there are only two that he has not sighted. Each of the statues having recently been allocated a number.

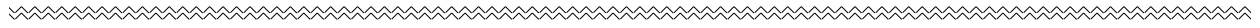
Of the many photos shown, the audience could see statues on platforms, others in various stages of restoration and many have been fully restored.

This was a very interesting and informative talk by someone with much passion for travel and learning about the world.



## *Speaker for this week: Nella Hall*

Rotarian Nella Hall will share with us the story of her background, her interests and her professional life.



## *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 26th May	<b>Rotarian Nella Hall</b> “My Story”	Usha Garg	Janelle Watson	Zoom
Sat 29th May	<b>50th anniversary of the Rotary Club of Strathfield</b>	-	-	Golf Club
Wed 2nd June	<b>Tracy Burjan &amp; Margaret Coote</b> “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	<b>Craig Wood</b> “Undercover Rescue Ops – setting captives free”	Janelle Watson	Janelle Watson	Golf Club
Fri 18th June	<b>Youth Awards</b>	-	-	Town Hall
Wed 23rd June	Transfer meeting to 26 June	-	-	-
Sat 26th June	<b>Club Changeover</b>	-	-	Golf Club

<i>Birthdays</i>	
20th May	Peter Smith
22nd May	Ying Ho

<i>Anniversaries</i>	
21st May	Dinesh and Usha Garg (wedding)
23rd May	John-Paul Baladi (Rotary)
23rd May	Thaya Ponniah (Rotary)
1st June	David and Margaret Croft (wedding)





## The Rotary Statistics

Attendance last meeting (19-05-21) – in-person	19
Club membership	45
Partners	0
Guests	21

<i>Funds raised</i>	
Raffle	\$235.00
Sergeant's session	\$103.40

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

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## Out & About: Rotarians 'celebrating' Fashion Week

Wednesday 19th May







## 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](mailto:info@strathfieldrotary.org.au)

*Nominations close 5:00pm Tuesday 18 May 2021*

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