



Rotary Club of Strathfield



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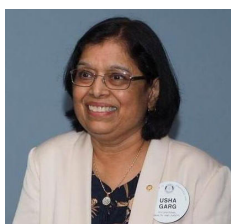
DISTRICT 9675
27th January 2021

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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 January</i>		
-	Rotary	Vocational Service Month
<i>Weeks of Jan/Feb</i>		
1st – 7th Feb	UN	World Interfaith Harmony Week
<i>Days of Jan/Feb</i>		
27th Jan	UN	International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust
2nd Feb	Int	World Wetlands Day. 2021 is the 50th Anniversary of the Ramsar Convention; Australia was one of the 5 founding nations to sign the Convention.

President's Report



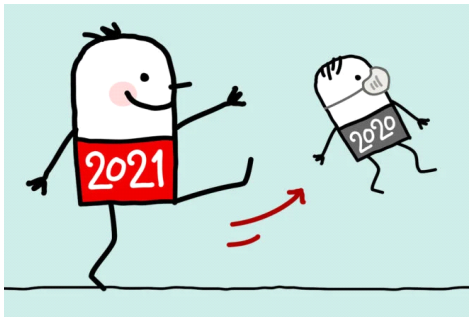
Usha Garg
President

Fear never builds the future, but hope does - Joe Biden

It is safe, and you can't get safer than safe - Jonas Salk (on Polio vaccine).

Welcome back and Happy New Year. Hope you had a good break and have returned refreshed. Last year was a strange year, a year of experiencing difficult conditions and developing a new kind of resilience. Now we enter the New

Year with a stronger human spirit. We see 2021 with a spirit of renewal.



With the vaccines now being rolled out in many countries around the world, life is definitely looking brighter. We in Australia look forward to the vaccinations commencing sometime in March, if not earlier.

We closed 2020 on marvellous Pride of Workmanship Awards and Christmas evenings. Thanks to many Rotarians who got together to make these evenings memorable. Last meeting of the year was our AGM on 9th December when President-elect Thaya Ponniah announced his new team for 2021-22: President-Nominee Andrew Aravanis, Secretary Nick Hamilton-Kane, Treasurer Rod McDougall, Directors Alexey Prokopenko, Arie Pappas, Rick Vosila, Roy Ellis and Peter Smith. Strathfield Rotary Club is in very safe hands.

Traditionally, we would kick start the new year with a game of croquet. However as this was not possible due to Covid 19 safety considerations, we had a virtual social evening last week, as a warm up to the start of the year. The attendance was low but those that did attend enjoyed the chit-chat.

This is the year Rotary in Australia turns 100 and celebrates the Centenary with much flair. This is also the year our club turns fifty and celebrates the semi-Centenary or as we would say in Latin the Quinquenary. With this theme in mind,

I was tempted to browse some old issues of "The Rotarian" and ended up back in 1951. As expected, the stories were different but the Rotary humour was amazingly *timeless*.

This is good time to remember the earlier words of RI President Holger Knaack, "*Rotary is not a club that you join; it is an invitation to endless opportunities for others and for ourselves. We believe that our acts of service, large and small, generate opportunities for people who need our help, and that Rotary opens opportunities for us to live richer, more meaningful life, with friends around the world based on our core value, Service above Self*".

Let us also spare a thought for our hard working district volunteers. The District Conference coming up on 19-21 March is a face to face event at the Sydney Masonic Centre, Goulburn Street, Sydney. However, if Covid19 prevents a gathering, it would be an equally interesting virtual conference with the same line up of speakers. Registrations are open although the early bird savings are closed. Bookings can be made from our district webpage. For enquiries, call David on 0401 465 898.

January is Vocational Service month. Vocational service is the essence of Rotary from which we serve the community all around the world. Our district vocational service director explains in detail what it means and what we can achieve (see below).

Australia day is being celebrated this Tuesday by a wonderful Rotary zoom event which will showcase messages, talks and performances from well-known personalities. Hope some of you will be attending.



the tradition, this meeting is our bi-annual assembly – an opportunity to discuss our programs and come forward with suggestions. The board members will welcome ideas and answer questions and / or concerns.

Look forward to the meeting you.

Usha Garg

We recommence our regular meetings today, the 27th January. In keeping with

Reports from Directors



PP Rod McDougall
Treasurer

From an email sent 2-1-21 from Rod:

“Dear Strathfield Rotarian,
Club Dues

All the best to you and your family for 2021.

Please find attached an invoice for your club dues for the current six months.

Please note that the board recently approved the following:

- Membership dues for January to June 2021 to be maintained at **\$220.00** per member

- Discounted dues (50%) will continue for members under 30 years of age and for partner members

- The dinner voucher system will be discontinued, although existing vouchers will be honoured indefinitely.

Options for payment are detailed on the invoice.

Please note that dues invoices from Rotary International and District are expected soon. Payment of your dues is requested within 21 days, that is by **23 January 2021**.

Feel free to contact me at any time.

Rod McDougall
Treasurer
Rotary Club of Strathfield”

Rotary News

'Five-Percenter' in Rotary?

by W S Brown, Secretary Rotary Club of Santa Barbara, California.

The term five-percenters is one coined and freely used during the past three decades in the mountains of America's west. Ninety five percent of the ever increasing millions of outdoor recreationists adhere pretty closely to a high code of ethics covering individual behaviour in the great outdoors. The other five percent are the trouble makers.

The "five-percenter" term can be applied to many things which take the joy out of everyday living.

Can we say that we have "five-percenters" in Rotary? I believe we do. You will find them among this group:

Rotarian A, who though a regular attendant has never been known to do active work on a committee; Rotarian B, who attends just often enough to keep his membership; Rotarian C, who rarely misses a meeting of his own club but seldom attends elsewhere when he travels; Rotarian D, who never stays through a meeting; Rotarian E, who believes good programs ceased when he finished his term of office as President; Rotarian F, who always is on the point of resigning because of dissatisfaction over this or that; Rotarian G, who believes he has done his share for the club; Rotarian H, who because of his affluence becomes the centre of a clique who have too large of a share of the world's goods; Rotarian I, who is always the last to pay his dues, though he has ample funds to do so; Rotarian J, who is a "concern Rotarian", all activities are carried on in the name of his company, which always pays his dues.

But perhaps rather than to exaggerate the faults and failings of the "five-percenters",

it would be better to exclaim, "God bless the Ninety-Five Percenters!"

Source: "The Rotarian", January 1951

January is Rotary Vocational Service Month.

While it's usually a quiet time for clubs, now is a good opportunity to take stock of what vocational service means and what might be achieved throughout the year. Vocational Service is the cornerstone of Rotary and was the key to the beginning of the Rotary ethos of service above self. Rotary's founder Paul Harris recognised that people could use their vocation to help others in the community.

The objective of Vocational Service is to: Adhere to and promote high ethical standards in all their business dealings, Recognise the worthiness of all occupations, and Contribute individual professional expertise and skills to addressing societal problems and needs. Vocational Service therefore asks Rotarians to be ethical leaders and to serve others through their professions. How can we support our Community? Now is a good time to plan for the year ahead. There are many ways to connect/support with people in our communities. I'm sure you and your club have many existing projects, but here are some ideas for you to consider:

- **Police Officer of the Year** (POOTY): Hold an event to support your Local Area Command; State Awards: 5 November
POC: John Given
M. 0414 188 711
E. jgiven@zions.com.au

- **Police Citizens Youth Clubs**

A great local source for New Generations projects. FIND A CLUB (pccynsw.org.au)
POC: Dot Hennessy
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- **Rotary Emergency Services Awards (RESCA)**

<https://nsw.rescawards.org.au/>
POC: Ron Brown
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E. r_browne@tpg.com.au

- **Rotary Inspirational Women's Awards (RIWA)**

Nominations close: 16 June Awards ceremony 19 September
POC: Rae-Anne Medforth
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- **Service Officer of the Year (SOOTY)**

A good opportunity to recognise other emergency services in your local area. Contact Tony to find out more!
POC: Tony Luck
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- **Supporting and Linking Tradeswomen (SALT)**

<https://youtu.be/RuqcMB5YwwA>
POC: Fi Shrewing
M. 0419 110 207
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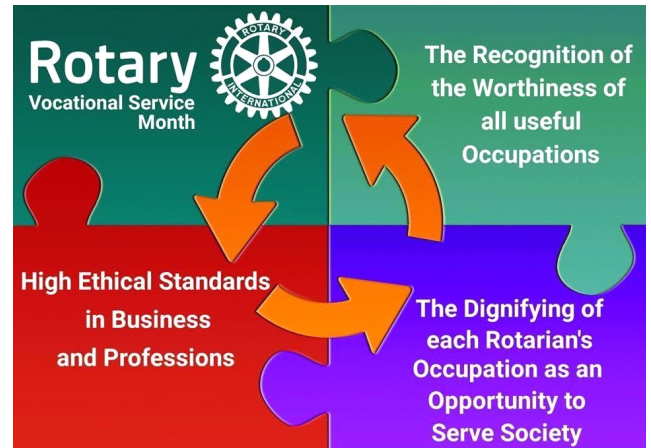
- **World Skills & NSW Vocational Training Awards**

<https://youtu.be/mtmbUFe66gc>
POC: Dot Hennessy and Shane Burette

Further information about these will be coming out in the next few weeks. In the meantime, if you would like to know more, then please reach out to the points of contact or myself. Obviously any activities need to take in consideration

COVID requirements, but it is a good time to plan and make contact / build relationships with people / organisations in your local area. Stay safe!

Shane Burette, Vocational Director, District 9675,
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1) D9675 District Conference Update.

We have been able to secure a special accommodation deal, for the 19 and/or 20 March, with Rydges World Square in Pitt St, which is a 5 minute walk from the Sydney Masonic Centre.

Rotary District Event rate
\$159.00 per room, per night, including:
Room upgrade to an Executive King Room
Late check out of 1pm
Two arrival drinks in the Cidery Bar
Breakfast for one person

To book this rate, please contact reservations 02 8268 1888 and quote "Rotary District Conference":
Reservations_rydgesworldsquare@evt.com

Ensure you book your conference tickets now on the D9675 website <https://rotarydistrict9675.org/>

One of the speakers is Dr Muecke, who is the Australian of the Year for 2020. He has a remarkable life story and has faced huge challenges which he has turned into opportunities to enrich both his own life and, more importantly, the lives of others. We will all learn great life lessons from him.

More information: PDG Sue Hayward, District Conference Chair m: 0439 550 976

2) Australia Day Council Celebrations

D9675 was successful in obtaining grants from the National Australia Day Council with the assistance of 6 clubs in our district. This is an Australia wide event, as other Rotary Districts are also participating.

In D9675, the largest number of clubs are participating in the delivery of our national icon, the 'lamington' to all essential workers in several locations across the District. Workers from 21 Hospitals, Police Area Command Stations, Rural Fire Brigade, and SES Centres, will receive lamingtons to say "Rotary Says Thank you" for their heroic efforts during 2020. This was judged to be the best and safest way, in these COVID times, to use the motto of the National Australian Day Council "Reflect, Respect & Celebrate".

The District has developed a COVID plan for all our Rotarians and Volunteers on the day. There are/were some other events planned but we are waiting on either an alternative event or confirmation they will proceed, due to COVID concerns. All AG's are being kept

up to date with the status of the events, so check with you AG for more information.

Cathy Mason (Public Image Chair) will be sending information in the next few days, on promotional ideas and is requesting Club Presidents reply no later than 12th January. Cathy will also have our media plan ready by the 14th January, for clubs to use via social media. In addition to this Cathy is having prepared media releases to all outlets leading up to, and during, Australia Day.

The media feedback has been positive and we may get some TV coverage on the day, we will keep you up to date with our progress.

More information: PDG Barry Antees m: 0413 880 267

3) Graffiti Removal Day on Sunday 28 March 2021

For clubs based in NSW, PDG Barry Antees, (Deputy Project Manager/Volunteer Manager, Graffiti Removal Day) has written to all Councils and Shires advising them of Graffiti Removal Day on Sunday 28 March 2021.

Each year we strive to create preventative measures against repeat graffiti. Last year we had great success with murals, which have a 10-12-year life span.

This year we thought of combing Rotary's 100 years in Australia with the green preventative measure. We have informed the Councils and Shires of Rotary's celebration and have asked them to provide for free trees where Councils do their own propagation, for sites where we can remove the graffiti, plant trees in front of the walls or fences thus preventing it being re-graffitied. It is suggested that Rotary Clubs could work

with local school children and plant 100 trees at these sites as a way of celebrating 100 years, greening the planet and preventing graffiti reoccurring. Having the school children involved will have them take ownership of the project, learn about greening the planet and the fight against graffiti. The added bonus of the promotional value to clubs, is enormous.

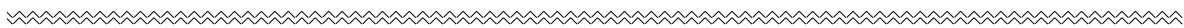
Of course, in addition to this activity we will be working with our community volunteers and Rotary Clubs to perform our normal Graffiti Removal Day operations where we regularly remove over 30,000 square metres of graffiti each year from residential and community assets with over 2,500 volunteers.

Contact details: Barry Antees - Phone: 1300 665310 Mobile: 0413 880 267
Website: www.graffitiremovalday.org.au

Keep safe and stay well. Enjoy the celebrations and challenges of 2021.

Kindest regards

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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 27th Jan	Club Assembly	-	-	Strathfield Events Centre
Wed 3rd Feb	tba	-	-	?

<i>Birthdays</i>	
30th January	Christopher Haseldine

<i>Anniversaries</i>	
30th January	Peter and Anne Manenti (Wedding)
30th January	Paolo and Patricia Giammarco (Wedding)
1st February	Peter and Marlene Smith (Wedding)
1st February	Charles Pitt (Rotary)
1st February	Rod McDougall (Rotary)
1st February	Marvin Manrique-Velasquez (Rotary)



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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