



Rotary
Club of Strathfield



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STRATHFIELD ROTARY BULLETIN

DISTRICT 9675
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Rotary, United Nations and Australian Themes

<i>Month of July</i>		
-	Rotary	Start of new Rotary year
<i>Weeks of July</i>		
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<i>Days of July/August</i>		
30th July	UN	International Day of Friendship
30th July	UN	World Day against Trafficking in Persons
31st July	Aust	Schools Tree Day
2nd August	Aust	National Tree Day
4th August	Aust	National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children's Day

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## *President's Report*



**Usha Garg**  
*President*

Last week we were privileged to enjoy a quite different guest speaker topic: Art and the art of curating an exhibition. Dr. Lachlan Warner Curator of The McGlade Gallery at ACU described his last 15 years of experience and career in curating

exhibitions from different parts of world, from Tibet to Africa to Korea, each one based on the individual country's cultural icons. Absolutely fascinating to watch and hear about his slides.

Interestingly, the current Archibald prize winners are residents of Strathfield (Strathfield has talent). In the near future, we hope to have one of our meetings in the McGlade gallery which is also a part of NSW Regional Galleries Association.

July is nearly gone and I am sure many of us would have thought of and missed the "Christmas in July" event. Yes, we have a good excuse at the moment. But the pandemic may not last forever and we will have an opportunity to make up for lost events.

PP Peter Smith informs us that slowly but surely student activities were coming back at Homebush high school and other schools. The BBQ trailer is also now ready and going in for some sign-writing.

You might remember, earlier in the year we had nominated Peter in the Westfield Local Heroes program for his work that makes a positive impact to the local community. The Scentre Group informs us that due to the Covid-19 pandemic, this has been extended by one month and the community vote will now be held on 25 August 2020.

This Monday, we had another meeting with Father James who oversees the Parish Pantry at St Paul's Church, Burwood, and made our humble contribution to replenish the pantry with grocery items, blankets, clothing and other non-perishables. In these times, it is commendable how he and his team reach out to people who could use some help.

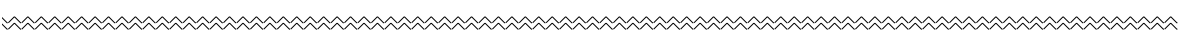
Michelle Davies, Principal of Chalmers Road School, has invited our club to be represented on the school P & C Committee. Suggested by Thaya, the idea was discussed at the time of presentation of a cheque to the school in June and the concept appreciated. This fills the gap of community representation on the P & C. Pending the consideration by the Board, Rod will attend the first meeting on the morning of 3rd August.

Alexey is now implementing an RSVP system in preparation for our in-person meeting next week, 5th August. We will be asking members to either confirm their attendance or register an apology. This information will be used by IPP Arie to confirm numbers with Forte at the golf club.

*One of the great joys of my life is to share experiences through generations and cultures - when we learn from each other and make friendships that transcend ages and borders we make the world a better and more peaceful place.*  
*- RI President Holger Knaack*

Looking forward to our first in-person meeting after this week. It will go ahead unless government regulations change. Hope to see you there. Partners and guests are very welcome. Our Celebration dinner committee informs me that preparations are in full swing and we eagerly look forward to this wonderful evening.

*Usha Garg*



## Reports from Directors



**Peter Smith**  
*Youth*

Peter advised of a recent email...

*“Dear Youth Directors and Club Members,*

*RYPEN will not be running this year.*

*The committee is designing a virtual RYPEN in case a vaccine isn’t found. We may run the virtual RYPEN in the first six months of 2021... we’ll let you know.*

*FYI RYPEN (face to face) is booked at Teen Ranch for 7 - 9 May 2021. We will confirm whether we run closer to the date.*

*Thanks to all of you for your support of this important program.*

*Cheers,  
Mark*

*Mark Tanner*

*Chair RYPEN Rotary District 9675  
Sec. Youth Exchange D9675”*



**Alexey Prokopenko**  
*Club Service Director*

Do you know a young girl who can fit the following criteria below?

- Bright and brimming with potential
- Attending a government high school (from Year 9) anywhere in Australia
- From a disadvantaged background
- Needs financial assistance and mentorship to reach her full potential

\$20k Scholarships paid over the last 4 years of high school. Scholarships for 2021 are now open until September.

For more information please use the link below or contact Alexey Prokopenko.

[https://www.hardingmillereducationfoundation.org.au/?fbclid=IwAR2R6BK2cB-mDpKkHw2MAU-LQ9v1bGoF63dJ\\_aQT9OhIEo9RBIJ3n4vHFTQ](https://www.hardingmillereducationfoundation.org.au/?fbclid=IwAR2R6BK2cB-mDpKkHw2MAU-LQ9v1bGoF63dJ_aQT9OhIEo9RBIJ3n4vHFTQ)

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Speaker last week: Lachlan Warner
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## Speakers for this week:

*Charmaine Langley and Nick Rinaldi*

We are honoured this week to have Ms Charmaine Langley and Mr Nick Rinaldi talk to us about the Toastmasters.

Charmaine is the Immediate Past President of Rotary Club of Concord and a Toastmaster for over 5 years. She has competed thrice at district level for Toastmasters and mentors new Toastmasters. Charmaine is currently a Senior Project Officer at AbSec, an Aboriginal Peak Body.

Nick is the Immediate Past District Director for Toastmasters, a post he previously held in 2006-2007. He has been associated with a number of Toastmaster clubs for over 30 years. In 2013 Nick was presented the prestigious Presidential Citation and the District 70 Toastmaster of the Year award. Nick is passionate about the Speechcraft courses where he introduces public speaking beginners to develop speaking skills in a 6-week course.

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## Rotary Updates

### District Update:

#### *Presidents Meeting:*

A zoom meeting with our AGs on coming Tuesday the 4th of August.

#### *DG Visit:*

District Governor Warwick Richardson is scheduled to visit our club on the 16th of September. Looking forward to his visit.

#### *Climate Meeting:*

Environment and Sustainability is now the 7th Avenue of Service. Clubs are being asked to nominate an Environment and Sustainability Champion, someone new and energetic that needs a “Rotary job”! The first event in this space is a 75 minute free webinar on 6th August | 5.55PM for 6PM AEST. Presented by the Rotary Clubs of Sydney.

#### *Important Logins:*

Please see Rotary Tips here for your 3 important logins to assist you to access all your district information. It is also an attachment for you to print if you wish.

The graphic is titled "Rotary District 9675" and "3 IMPORTANT LOGINS". It lists three login options: 1 MyDistrict, 2 MyRotary, and 3 MyLearning. Each option includes a brief description and a list of features or information available through that login. At the bottom, there is an important note about data synchronization and a footer with "Rotary District 9675", "MyLearning Tips", and "No 1".

| 1 MyDistrict                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 3 IMPORTANT LOGINS   |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| <a href="http://www.rotarydistrict9675.org">www.rotarydistrict9675.org</a><br>Click on <b>MyDistrict</b> in the menu bar (login or create account)                                                                                                                                        |                      |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Manage your profile</li><li>• Grants Information</li><li>• Manage Club Information</li><li>• Rotary District 9675 Information</li><li>• Club Governance Information</li><li>• District News &amp; Media</li></ul>                                 |                      |
| 2 MyRotary                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                      |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Exchange Ideas, Take Action, Member Center</li><li>• RI Learning &amp; Reference</li><li>• Manage your Club for RI</li><li>• The Rotary Foundation</li><li>• RI News &amp; Media</li></ul>                                                        |                      |
| 3 MyLearning                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                      |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How to Use the Rotary District 9675 website</li><li>• Everything you need to know about Rotary District 9675!</li><li>• All the contacts</li></ul>                                                                                                |                      |
| <b>IMPORTANT:</b> Member & Club information entered through <b>MyDistrict</b> automatically goes to <b>MyRotary</b> , however, information entered through <b>MyRotary</b> does not automatically go to <b>MyDistrict</b> , so please make sure it is entered in <b>MyDistrict</b> first. |                      |
| Rotary District 9675                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | MyLearning Tips No 1 |



**Message from RI Secretary John Hewko:**

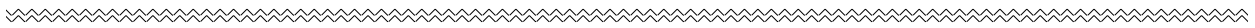
An updated My Rotary that’s faster, easier to navigate, and accessible on your mobile devices launches later this month. Here are five ways the new My Rotary will make your job as a club officer a bit easier:

1. Streamline accounts with ease. The updated registration process makes it possible to match existing records and eliminate duplicate accounts for the same person.
2. Quick access to your club pages. When a member signs in, their home menu will provide access to pages that display information about their club, including its finances, goals, and reports. As a club officer, you can easily update meeting information, add club officers, and make changes to your club’s roster right from your homepage.

3. Add detailed meeting information. Not only can you add the time, place, and format of your club meetings, you can also list the many ways your club interacts. This level of detail makes the new meeting search capabilities more robust.

4. Find members and clubs quickly. Looking for a Rotarian you met at the Rotary International Convention? Thinking of visiting another club’s meeting during your vacation? You can use My Rotary to search for a member or club. Member profiles may include a person’s name, club, role, and contact information, depending on their settings. Club profiles, which are displayed on a map, include meeting times, locations, and the meeting language.

5. Secure your personal information. When you create your member profile, you determine what information you want to share and with whom.



*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 29th July        | <b>Charmaine Langley/<br/>Nick Rinaldi</b><br>Toastmasters Cooperation | Jaya Challa         | Matthew Elias                      |
| Wed 5th Aug          | <b>First face-to-face meeting<br/>at the Golf Club</b>                 | -                   | -                                  |
| Sat 12th Sept        | <b>Strathfield Rotary<br/>Celebration Dinner</b>                       | -                   | -                                  |

| <i>Birthdays</i> |            |
|------------------|------------|
| 3rd August       | Paul Anton |

| <i>Anniversaries</i> |   |
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## *The Rotary Statistics*

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|-------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Attendance last (Zoom) meeting (22-07-20) | 23        |
| Club membership                           | <b>45</b> |
| Partners                                  | 0         |
| Guests                                    | 4         |

| <i>Funds raised</i> |       |
|---------------------|-------|
| Raffle              | \$n/a |
| Sergeant's session  | \$n/a |
| Heads and tails     | \$n/a |

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## *Your Committee 2020-21*

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|--------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------------|
| 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        |
| International            | Thaya Ponniah | Vocational   | Janice Barrett     |
| Public Officer           | Rod McDougall | Club Service | Alexey Prokopenko  |

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|------------------|---------------|------------|-------------------|
| Bulletin Editor  | Bradley Ayres | Web master | Raymond McCluskie |
| Bulletin Printer | Selectprint   | Apologies  | Gulian Vaccari    |
| Facebook master  | Charles Pitt  |            |                   |

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*Out and About: Strathfield Rotary visit to St Paul's church  
to donate goods for the parish pantry*

27.7.20

Organised by: Thaya Ponniah

Rotary visitors were:  
President Usha and Dinesh  
Thaya Ponniah  
Jaya Challa  
Charles Pitt  
Paul Anton  
Rod McDougall

Letter of thanks from Fr James Collins, Rector, St Paul's Anglican church:

*From: James Collins [mailto:rector@stpaulsburwood.anglican.asn.au]  
Sent: Monday, July 27, 2020 1:36 PM  
To: Thaya Ponniah <thaya@australdynamics.com>  
Cc: 'Rosey King' <rosemaryfking@hotmail.com>  
Subject: Thank you*

*Dear Thaya,*

*It was great to see you along with everyone else today.*

*Can you please thank the members of the Rotary Club of Strathfield for their ongoing generosity and support for the Parish Pantry at St. Paul's? Thank you.*

*I am truly grateful to you and to the members of the Rotary Club of Strathfield for caring for others at this challenging time.*

*I look forward to seeing you again soon.*

*With every blessing.*

*Peace,  
James.*





Photos by Usha & Dinesh:





Photos by Rod:



## *Out and About: Sydney Cancer Survivorship Centre Concord Hospital*

Last Wednesday we welcomed a guest of Peter Smith, Brother Jude. Known to Peter for over 25 years, Jude was an educator at ACU for about 40 years and just prior to retiring he was awarded an AM. With some 30 publications to his name, he had interesting lecture tactics and one of them being never to use a microphone - the theory being that his students had to be quiet to catch his words. He is also a cancer survivor and often meets Peter at the Concord Cancer Survivorship Centre. He recently wrote a piece on Cancer Survivorship which is give below:

*The diagnosis of cancer consumes a person's energies, health and life. As patients we lament this major change to our health and wellbeing. We experience very deeply the challenges cancer presents in terms of our overall sense of self and life.*

*Shock and anger are often our initial reactions as patients to the news of the cancer. We ourselves, together with our family and friends, realise that life as a cancer patient will be a very different journey and path. Our family and friends are very important companions for us on our new journeys. Together as patient, family and companions we enter a new phase of our life journeys.*

*Our shared commitment, hope and life together with our own personal sense of the spiritual are central to our being positive in this new phase of our life journeys as cancer patients and as family and friends. Our journeying together beyond the diagnosis to a new sense of life and hope is our key focus*

*The Sydney Cancer Survivorship Clinic is integral to our new journeying. At the Survivorship Clinic a very specialist and dedicated group of doctors, clinicians, exercise physiologists, dietitians, nurses, artists, musicians, researchers and yoga trainers walk with us as cancer survivors. The atmosphere is rich in hope, life and in people's concern for each other*

*Bro Jude Butcher cfc AM PhD*



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