



Rotary

Club of Strathfield



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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 April</i>		
-	Rotary	Maternal and Child Health Month
<i>Weeks of April</i>		
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<i>Days of April</i>		
2nd April	UN	World Autism Awareness Day
4th April	UN	International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action
5th April	UN	International Day of Conscience
6th April	UN	International Day of Sport for Development and Peace
7th April	UN	International Day of Reflection on the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda
7th April	UN	World Health Day

President's Report



Usha Garg
President

Excellence is not a gift, but a skill that takes practice. We do not act "rightly" because we are "excellent", in fact we achieve "excellence" by acting rightly".
Plato

The Rotary Virtual Convention

https://twitter.com/hashtag/Rotary?src=hashtag_click is coming up on 12-16 June and event registrations will open in mid-April. More information is now available <https://on.rotary.org/31bzyJP> and I recommend a visit to this page.



With the COVID19 re-emerging in different part of the world, here is a nice Rotary story from Sri Lanka where members, Rotaractors, and Interactors launched a 'Stop the Spread' campaign to promote wearing masks, washing hands and social distancing. More than 280 athletes, including Olympians, joined the campaign. "We have done a great job at keeping COVID-19 at bay, but our next focus is making sure Sri Lanka can adequately provide vaccinations to its people," said Athukorala, the organiser.

District news

The District Conference held on the weekend of 19-21 March was a great success: a credit to the organisers. On 27th March, as part of leadership training, I attended the **President Elect Training** held at Canada Bay Club. Once again, a very well organised and run program with much information covered in this short time. The focus was on governance issues, growing membership and creating vibrant clubs.

The **Rotary Service Summit** (previously known as the District Assembly) will be held on Saturday **May 1** at Bankstown Sports Club from 9.00 to 3.30pm. All

incoming Board members are expected to attend this summit to ensure they have the latest information in order to run a successful and vibrant club.

Club News

Dr. Fiona Martin, recently spoke in the Australian Parliament about our work and her sense of pride in being a member of our club. *"It was an honour to acknowledge the hard work of the Rotary Club of Strathfield in this way, and I look forward to continuing to work with you during my time as Federal Member for Reid."* Last week we received the **Hansard Excerpt**, a copy of which is further down in this bulletin. [Image in "Out & About" on p.8 – Ed]

At the last meeting, PP Roy Ellis presented the funds raised from the IWD to Father James Collins and Rosemary King representing St. Paul's Parish, Burwood. [Photo in "Out & About" on p.7 – Ed] Thanks to all the members and guests for their generous contributions.

While we have all been busy in our activities, one of our members has quietly tied the **nuptial knot** at the weekend. **Congratulations, Trudy and Kyo** and best wishes from all of us. May you both be blessed with a very happy and exciting life ahead.



The eventful weekend continued with **Graffiti Cleaning Action** at two locations, Liverpool Road - Enfield, and Parramatta Road, Homebush. A team of Strathfield Rotarians met behind Dan Murphy's early in the morning led by PP Rod McDougall and the second team of Interact Boys from Homebush High and friends met at Parramatta Road supervised by PP Peter Smith. I gather all had a great time. Looks like I missed out on some fun! [Photos in "Out & About" on pp.9-10 – Ed]

Later in the afternoon, the **IWD** team met for a de-brief and an early dinner at my place to share the positive outcomes and lessons from IWD10MARCH21. One thing was certain - this was going to be an annual event on our calendar regardless of format. Thank you all for taking the time out and for the wonderful messages received afterwards.



The Strategic Planning Committee has an early draft report ready for circulation. We will have an opportunity to discuss this at our next in-person club meeting/assembly on **7th April**. Let us have a good attendance on this night.

Vocational Service Director Jan Barrett has planned a great **Anzac Day Service** on Sunday, **25th April** followed by breakfast at the Strathfield Event Centre. I encourage all members to attend and bring family and friends with you.

Meriden Interact Club is growing from strength to strength with a record membership of 90 members now, adding 67 new students this year. The Interact dance will be held on **14th May** to raise funds for Mission Australia. Anyone interested in volunteering for the night should contact Roger Vince.

Our grand **Strathfield Rotary's 50th Anniversary Dinner and Celebration** preparations are in full swing. Members and guests are requested to register their interest as soon as possible to help the committee get some idea of the numbers expected to attend.

The **50th Anniversary outdoor banners** would soon be seen at strategic locations in Strathfield and I wonder who will be the first to get a picture for the bulletin. Thanks to sponsors Rtms Roy Ellis. Peter

Manenti and Dominic Alvaro, who made these banners possible.

There are a few **grant bulletins** out there and for those interested it is time to look at applying for some. The next round of the WestConnex/Transurban

Community Grant Program will open at 9am on Monday 29 March, 2021. Eligible community groups can apply for up to \$10,000 to deliver initiatives that provide long-term benefits to communities within close proximity to WestConnex.

This week on our Zoom meeting, we look forward to hearing from Narelle Brown Community Engagement Officer on the "Role of the NSW energy & water ombudsman".

Warm Regards.

Usha Garg



Reports from Directors



Janice Barrett
*Vocational Service
Director*

Save the date!

ANZAC DAY

The Rotary Club of Strathfield is having a brunch at Strathfield Golf Club on Sunday, 25th April to commemorate Anzac Day. The Service will commence at 9.00 a.m. Cost will be \$30.00 per person.

A silent auction and raffle will be held with the proceeds going to Frontline Yoga, a group associated with Open Arms. Frontline Yoga is a National Yoga Program for First Responders, Emergency Services and Military Veterans. Handmade poppies will also be available by way of a donation. The CEO of Frontline Yoga will be the guest speaker at the Service. An invitation will be issued shortly.

If you would like to donate a prize for the raffle, could you please contact me. Many thanks.

Jan

Speakers from last week: Julian Day & Bruce Wren

Julian Day, CEO Consensus Group, Australia

The Consensus group focuses on recognising excellence through a range of programs and Innovation Awards with many award winners going on to achieve world-wide success. Two such companies being Alllassian and Wisetech.

The Awards are in their 22nd year with the awards being held now twice each year. All of the 185 award judges are industry experts. There are 12 award programs covering a variety of technology – from the Innovation Awards to FinTech, Software, GreenTech, AgTech, EdTech, MedTech plus others.

An independent evaluation of the Consensus Award program was recently undertaken by the School of Global Management which assessed how successful the award winners have been. Evaluation results indicated that 90% of winners have gone on to be successful around the world. Some businesses have been acquired by bigger

companies though many are still operating in their own right with 82% still privately owned companies.

The success factor for these companies was deemed to be 72% right product, at the right time and in the right place.

Bruce Wren CEO, 1WordFlow

Bruce's organisation 1WordFlow helps companies manage their information in a web and mobile world. The objective being that all of your information is available on-line, on mobile and on demand.

Bruce's company was the winner of a Consensus Innovation Award in 2020. Bruce told the audience that winning a Consensus Award has cachet due to the heritage of the awards and the fact that it is an Aussie award. He continued by saying that Aussies are good at invention (eg WiFi and Black Box), but often these inventions get more financial backing from overseas than from onshore.

Technology has to have to have a purpose – to problem solve. Often a website looks good until one tries to navigate to the required document. Documents available on web sites have so much content, it is difficult find the particular segment of information that you want. The format needs to be changed to something more convenient.

Documents that are easy to access is the next wave – with tomorrow’s document a webpage that you can click to directly to access the relevant information that you need. The objective is to have Instant access to any page, any document, in any language,

and on any device. Instead, many companies are still more focused on content rather than usability.

For further information

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ICor9sck8HY>

An informative presentation by both speakers. Julian Day was recommended by Strathfield Rotarian Ying Ho).

Write-up by Janelle Watson

Speaker for this week: Narelle Brown

Narelle joined the Energy and Water Ombudsman NSW as Community Engagement officer in 2007.

Narelle has always been involved in community organisations and volunteering. Financial counselling took her interest in 1986 which lead to 18 years of working for low income and vulnerable consumers and establishment of programs and changes in the credit and debt industry. She has developed many community programs along

the way and also contributed to Rotary’s Young Driver Program in its early stages in 1998. Narelle established the first hardship program for a major retailer which is still operating today. She studied Financial Counselling and Management at UWS and also achieved a Post Graduate in Dispute Resolution. Narelle has always volunteered in some capacity – at present it is as dog training instructor for the Hills Dog Training Club – a side passion!

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 31st Mar	Narelle Brown Community Engagement Officer Energy & Water Ombudsman NSW “Role of the Energy & Water Ombudsman”	Janelle Watson	Gulian Vaccari	Zoom

Wed 7th Apr	Club Strategic Planning Meeting	Usha Garg & Rick Vosila	-	Golf Club
Wed 14th Apr	TBA	-	-	Zoom
Wed 21st Apr	Transfer meeting to 25th April	-	-	-
Sun 25th April	Anzac Day Service and brunch	Jan Barrett	-	Golf Club
Wed 28th Apr	TBA	-	-	Zoom
Wed 5th May	Youth Awards	-	-	Town Hall
Sat 29th May	50th anniversary of the Rotary Club of Strathfield	-	-	Golf Club
Sat 26th June	Club Changeover	-	-	Golf Club

<i>Birthdays</i>	
1st April	Peter van der Sleesen

<i>Anniversaries</i>	
-	-



The Rotary Statistics

Attendance last meeting (24-03-21) – Golf Club	20
Club membership	44
Partners	0
Guests	5

<i>Funds raised</i>	
Raffle	\$175.00
Sergeant's session	Not held



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

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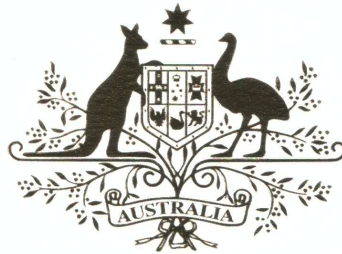
Out and About: Cheque presentation for the Parish Pantry

Wednesday 24th March



Out and About: Dr. Fiona Martin's speech

Monday 22nd February



STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS ROTARY CLUB OF STRATHFIELD

Federation Chamber, House of Representatives
Australian Parliament House, Canberra

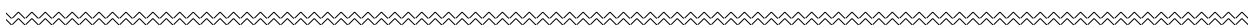
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Hansard Excerpt, page 163

I rise today to commend the work of the Rotary Club of Strathfield. Our local Rotarians create opportunities for genuine connection and community service, and this is more important now than ever in a time where COVID-19 has kept us socially isolated. As a teenager, I completed RYLA courses, and so, recently, I was very proud to be made an honorary member of the Rotary Club of Strathfield, a position that will last the duration of my service as the member for Reid. I would like to particularly thank the president, Dr Usha Garg, for a great honour. Through my work as the federal member for Reid, I hope to uphold the same values that guide our local Rotarians: service, integrity and community focused leadership.

Whether it is removing graffiti in Homebush, raising funds for the Chalmers Road School or holding events like the Pride of Workmanship Awards, the Strathfield Rotary Club goes above and beyond in their community work. I would also like to congratulate the outgoing committee, as well as the president elect, Thaya Ponniah, and the 2021 committee. I am confident that they will bring the same energy and dedication to the work of the Strathfield Rotary Club in the year to come.



Dr Fiona Martin MP
Federal Member for Reid



Out and About: Graffiti Clean up

Sunday 28th March

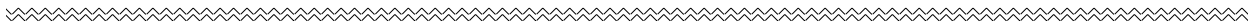
Hello Graffiti Busters,

Many thanks for your tremendous contribution yesterday with the 2021 Graffiti Removal program. Both sites worked exceptionally well - and a 100% site improvement was clearly evident. Our volunteers included members of the local community, Interactors and Strathfield Rotarians.

The clean-up of course couldn't have happened without you!

Regards and sincere thanks,
Peter Smith
Coordinator, Graffiti Removal Project
Rotary Club of Strathfield Inc





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