



STRATHFIELD ROTARY BULLETIN

DISTRICT 9675
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Rotary, United Nations and Australian Themes

<i>Year 2022</i>		
-	UN	International Year of Basic Sciences for Sustainable Development
-	UN	International Year of Glass
-	UN	International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture
<i>Month of March</i>		
-	Rotary	Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month
<i>Weeks of March</i>		
5th-13th March	Aust	SeaWeek
5th-13th March	Aust	Parks Week
7th-13th March	Rotary	World Rotaract Week
<i>Days of March</i>		
1st March	UN	Zero Discrimination Day
3rd March	UN	World Wildlife Day
4th March	Aust	Schools Clean Up Day
5th-6th March	Rotary	Presidential Conference – Maputo, Mozambique
6th March	Aust	Clean Up Australia Day
8th March	UN	International Women's Day

President's Report



Thaya Ponniah
President

My fellow Rotarians and friends of Rotary,

Greetings from Colombo, Sri Lanka!

As many of you know, I am in Colombo right now with my mother, who has some health challenges due to old age. Many thanks to our Rotary family for all your kind and best wishes and prayers.

Last week, at the Rotary Club of Strathfield, we celebrated Rotary's 107th birthday. For 107 years, our guiding principles have been the foundation upon which our values and traditions stand. The Four-Way Test, the Object of Rotary,

and the Avenues of Service express our commitment to service, fellowship, diversity, integrity, and leadership.

We've identified four priorities that are the stepping stones to helping Rotary realise its new vision and serve as the foundation for Rotary's new action plan. They will increase our impact, expand our reach, enhance participant engagement, and increase our ability to adapt.

It is also prudent to remind ourselves how we direct our efforts to enhance our local and global impact. Our most successful and sustainable projects and activities tend to fall within the following areas:

- Promoting peace
- Fighting disease
- Providing safe drinking water
- Saving mothers and children
- Supporting education
- Growing local economies
- Protecting the environment

We had great fellowship last week with dinner together with our partners. Rotary

Fellowships are for diverse members that share a common passion and purpose. Being part of a fellowship is a fun way to make friends around the world, explore a hobby or profession, and enhance our Rotary experience.

I would like to thank our Club Service Director, Arie, and the ever willing to help Rod McDougall for organising our first monthly social evening at the Da Franco Restaurant in Concord, with excellent seafood. Finally, I also would like to thank all our members for being part of an excellent club in both great service and fulfilled fellowship.

"This is a changing world, and we must be prepared to change with it. The story of Rotary will have to be written again and again". - Paul Harris

Yours in Rotary Service,

Thaya Ponniah

Speaker from two weeks ago: Louise Murphy

Event from last week : Fellowship Dinner

Our first social event got off to a good start. Club Service Director PP Arie Pappas' initiative that the last Wednesday club meeting be a social event got off to a wonderful start. It was a Seafood

extravaganza, an Italian meal, held at Da Franco Incontro Italian Restaurant. We also celebrated Rotary International's 117th birthday.



Ref: [https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=rotary club of strathfield](https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=rotary+club+of+strathfield)

Speaker for this week: Thomas D'Souza

Thomas D'Souza has spent most of his career in IT, Digital Marketing, Web designing, Marketing Consultancy, Sales Trainer, CRM solutions and Business coaching.

With formal qualifications in tech, and experience that goes back 2 decades, he is reputed to be able to take the jargon of the technical world and explain them to clients to help them make sense, and understand, how they can meaningfully apply the 'genuinely useful' solutions they offer, to their business.

Besides possessing the knowledge and skills to code and build 'secure' web based assets for clients he comes from a development background and is well versed with HTML, Java script, PHP ASP,

WordPress, WooCommerce, Shopify, OpenCart, Big Commerce, Joomla, Druple, Magenta, Salesforce & Zoho CRMs etc). He also understand media very well, thanks to the 5 years he spent working with TrueLocal & News Digital Media Australia.

With experience that goes across multiple industries that include legal, transportation, telecommunications and many more, he has taken www.Clixpert.com.au, the award-winning digital agency he founded in 2011, from strength to strength, and later establishing another international agency in www.9Pinn.com in the city of Bangalore (India).

Today, Clixpert, the agency Thomas started by thinking small and focusing on

clients in the small and medium enterprise sector, has close to 15 talents in strategy, creative, media, development, SEO, SEM and analytics. The agency has grown by 100% every single year of its existence and key clients' relationships average ten years or more.

A solution-driven, digital marketing professional who also consults on CRM and Business Process Engineering, Thomas also coaches entrepreneurs and others in small business.

Described by his clients and staff as an excellent mentor, coach, solutions architect, and all-round great personality

to work with. Thomas is a pleasure to talk to and do business with.

Besides his professional career, he also has passion for music; playing a few instruments ie piano/keyboard, acoustic guitar, and saxophone. Thomas also loves singing ballads, rock & roll, country, and classic songs. If you're looking for a musician to entertain your guest at your next event, do reach out to me to see what he can offer you musically.

Thomas' goal is to work with clients to understand their ambition, so they can better serve it.



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 2nd Mar	Thomas D'Sousa Social Media in today's world: pros and cons	Grahame True	tba	Golf Club
Wed 9th Mar	Transfer meeting to 12th March	-	-	-
Sat 12th Mar	Celebration of International Women's Day	-	-	Golf Club
Wed 16th Mar	Belinda Noonan Should children be at the Olympics	David Croft	tba	Golf Club
Fri 18th – Sun 20th Mar	District Conference	-	-	Warwick Farm
Wed 23rd Mar	Terry Chapman and Matthew Webb Westconnex	tba	tba	Golf Club

<i>Birthdays</i>	
7th March	Christopher Virgona
8th March	Kate Teal
8th March	Usha Garg
8th March	Kim Dunlop

<i>Anniversaries</i>	
7th March	Nick and Helen Hamilton-Kane (wedding)
7th March	Dimitry Chugg-Palmer (Rotary)
8th March	Christopher Haseldine (Stathfield Rotary)
9th March	Andrew and Danielle Aravanis (wedding)



The Rotary Statistics

Attendance last meeting (16-02-22) – in person	11
Club membership	48
Partners	1
Guests	3

<i>Funds raised</i>	
Raffle	\$135.00
Sergeant's session	\$65.10

Your committee 2021-22

President	Thaya Ponniah	Secretary	Nick Hamilton-Kane
President Elect	Andrew Aravanis	Sergeant	Keith Byrn
Immediate Past President	Usha Garg	Treasurer	Rod McDougall
Youth	Ying Ho	Community	Rick Vosila
International	Roy Ellis	Vocational	Alexey Prokopenko
Public Officer	Rod McDougall	Club Service	Arie Pappas

Bulletin Editor	Bradley Ayres	Web master	Raymond McCluskie
Bulletin Printer	SelectPrint	Apologies	Peter van der Sleen
Social Media	Alexey Prokopenko	Programs Chair	Gulian Vaccari

District News

This is an appeal for you to consider attending the District Conference coming up on the 18th-20th March, at Warwick Farm in Sydney.

For Inspiration, Fellowship and knowing more about Rotary – it is unmatched. And we will have a range of Covid-safety measures in place.

And the speakers this year (listed in the attachment) are top class:

- Norman Swan – top Health Journalist talking about the 'Ageing Myth' & what next for Covid!
- Karem Webb APM – our new Police Commissioner, talking about her amazing journey in the NSW Police Force
- Peter Johnstone AO – our NSW Chief Magistrate who revolutionised our Children's Court
- Nyadol Nyuon – a Sudanese Lawyer from Melbourne who is changing the face of refugee support
- Simon Griffiths – famous for his organisation 'Who Gives a Crap' building toilets for needy communities worldwide
- Jessie Harman – Our 1st Australian female Rotary International Director talking about worldwide changes in Rotary
- Craig Reucassel – top 'War on Waste' ABC journalist and professional media stirrer
- David Pointon – Founder of the 'Men's Table', mental health support group, and
- Rob Edwards – our own (Rotarian) Well-being advocate and Environmental campaigner

There are more speakers, less well-known but with inspirational stories that will be so relevant to our Rotary journeys.

Especially if you are relatively new to Rotary – this will be an eye-opener for you – to also experience the Showcase of Rotary projects and people from around the District.

And for all Rotarians, a golden opportunity to introduce non-Rotarians to the peak Rotary experience of the year – and there's a big discount if you can bring a friend.

Registration Options are via this link <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=808939>

This is a great opportunity and I look forward to welcoming you to this terrific event,

My Regards
Jeremy

Jeremy Wright AM
District Governor, Sydney to the Illawarra, D9675



Dear Rotarians,

Attached is tragic news that was forwarded to me on Saturday from RI PolioPlus Chairman Mike McGovern and the Afghanistan Ministry of Public Health via PDG Bob Aitken.

In spite of these setbacks, it is inconceivable if there is any doubt that we keep our resolve and eradicate this disease once and for all. Whether you believe it or not, consider the alternative and accept that our young children are still at great risk.

In this country, the only way we can help is by providing funding, funding for vaccines, funding for the logistics, funding to keep the vaccinators safe and ***funding to prevent the virus flying back into Australia.***

Please do not be complacent about this, only a decade ago a young person brought the virus into Melbourne, prior to that it was detected in our sewage system near Sydney airport. Recently it flew into Malawi – East Africa from Pakistan.

Please... reconsider your club's and your personal giving to Polio Eradication and please do it now. Whether it is \$1 or thousands of dollars, ***again, please do it now...*** Funding is needed now more than ever.



Thank you.

Best regards

KEITH ROFFEY

District Rotary Foundation Chair 2021 - 2024


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Ref: <https://moph.gov.af/en/moph-condemns-senseless-killing-polio-workers-kunduz-and-takhar-provinces>

<https://www.globalissues.org/news/2022/02/24/30166>


International **Rotary** 
Women's Day 2022 **PEOPLE OF ACTION**

**Celebrating the Contribution of
Women in Our Community**


Strathfield Rotary Dinner

Saturday 12 March 2022 6:30 for 7:00 pm
Strathfield Golf Club Event Centre
Dinner \$50.00 per person (children under 12 \$25.00)
Dine and Discover vouchers accepted
Cash bar Dress Smart Casual
Bookings events.humanitix.com/rcs-iwd

Keynote Speaker
Ms Victoria Weekes
Business Leader
Company Director
Gender Equity Champion



International Women's Day



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