



# STRATHFIELD ROTARY BULLETIN

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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 April</i>		
-	Rotary	<b>Maternal and Child Health Month</b>
<i>Weeks of April</i>		
1st Apr-31st May	Aust	Australian Heritage Festival (National Trust)
<i>Days of April</i>		
20th April	UN	Chinese Language Day
21st April	UN	World Creativity and Innovation Day
22nd April	UN	International Girls in ICT Day
22nd April	UN	International Mother Earth Day
23rd April	UN	World Book and Copyright Day [UNESCO]
23rd April	UN	English Language Day
23rd April	UN	Spanish Language Day
24th April	UN	International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace
25th April	UN	World Malaria Day
25th April	UN	International Delegate's Day
26th April	UN	International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day
26th April	UN	World Intellectual Property Day



## *President's Report*



**Thaya Ponniah**  
*President*

GREAT MEMBERS - BACKBONE OF ROTARY

The Rotary Club of Strathfield will continue to demonstrate our value by staying connected to our members and responding to changing needs in the

My fellow Rotarians and friends of Rotary,

community. Our club uses new and different club models to attract diverse leaders to our Rotary Club.

Clubs around the world approach membership in very different ways. Recognizing and acting on the unique needs, customs, and changes in your community, will enhance your ability to bring in new members and inspire existing ones.

In summary, we use the following methods to enhance the quality and increase the quality of our membership in order to grow as a club and add value to our community:

- Work with a strategic plan.
- Focus on strategies for retention and recruitment.
- Engage current members through service and fellowship.
- Connect with prospective members at every opportunity.
- Make new members feel welcome and involved.
- Stay current and develop adaptability and agility.

Under the leadership of our Club Service Director, Past President Arie Pappas, we have six new members joining our club this week, in addition to the four new members who joined during the first half of our Rotary year. I am confident the following six new members will be a great asset to the Rotary movement and particularly to our club, the Rotary Club of Strathfield.

**Thomas D'Souza - Proposed by PP Arie Pappas**

One of the directors of ClipArt, a Parramatta-based social media company. He has been helping us with the social media based Mind Your Health program, and he is also a social worker and a musician. He offers digital consultancy for

your marketing or promotional campaign across the internet.

**Paula Nicolas - Proposed by Nalla Hall**

A local social activist and the President of St. Merkorious Charity. She has participated in all our recent functions. The St Merkorious Charity specialises in food services, giving out cooked meals, fresh fruit and vegetables, and dry goods hampers.

**Kavitha Sankaran - Proposed by PP Rod McDougall**

Kavitha is a local bank manager of Bendigo Bank Homebush and is looking forward to serving the local community together with the Rotary Club of Strathfield. A local resident, her whole board of Bendigo Bank is supporting Kavitha to build a strategic synergy with the Rotary Club of Strathfield to serve our community.

**Pallavi Sinha - Proposed by IPP Usha Garg**

Pallavi is a multi-award winning lawyer and notary public who was named to the AFR and Westpac 100 Women of Influence lists. She has served on several boards, including the NSW Ministerial Council for Women's Economic Opportunity, the Multicultural Consultation Council of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Board. A well-known social activist who championed gender equality.

**James Cook - Proposed by PP Arie Pappas**

An American who now resides in the area and a corporate executive who was a Rotarian while working in Thailand.

**Aruna Chandrala - Proposed by PP Arie Pappas**

A prominent local community leader of the Indian (Telungu) community and a

political election candidate for the Upper House in 2019.

Although James and Aruna are joining our club this week, they will both be inducted later as they are overseas.



As one of the most effective clubs, the Rotary Club of Strathfield reflects the demographics of the communities we serve. The club's goal is to increase the number of women, young professionals, and members of various ethnic groups. The Rotary Club of Strathfield brings together diverse perspectives to address the needs of our communities more creatively. As a diverse club, we also have greater credibility in our communities, a wider range of skills, increased volunteer resources, expanded leadership prospects, and enhanced fundraising potential. Our club focuses on diversity in order to bring unity through diversity amongst the community we serve.

Without reinventing the wheel, we adapt the following diversity assessment questions developed by Rotary International to grow our club with a stable membership development program:

- What is the gender balance of our club?
- How many of your club's members are under the age of 40?
- Is the ethnic makeup of our community represented our club?
- Do our club's leaders reflect the diversity that one would expect based on its members?
- Different perspectives are welcomed.
- Be open to suggestions.
- Consider all perspectives.
- Be creative and make it fun.

Strong membership enables our club to do good in your local community and around the world. A strong membership also raises the public's awareness of Rotary and increases support for The Rotary Foundation and its programs. As you can see, building membership is a top priority for the Rotary Club of Strathfield."

***"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give"***  
**- Winston Churchill**

Rotary Service to you,

*Thaya Ponniah*



*Speaker from last week: Anoop Nair*



*Event for this week: Member Induction Evening*

Tonight, we welcome new members who will be inducted by DG Jeremy Wright AM.

*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 20th Apr	<b>Member Induction Evening</b>	-	-	Golf Club
Mon 25th Apr	<b>ANZAC Day</b>	-	-	<b>Carnarvon Golf Club</b>
Wed 27th Apr	<b>Social event</b>	-	-	tba
Wed 4th May	<b>Luke Borreggine</b>	tba	tba	Golf Club

<i>Birthdays</i>	
23rd April	Patricia Giammarco
25th April	Olga Pitt
25th April	Johanna Alvaro
25th April	Mira Carney
<i>Anniversaries</i>	
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## The Rotary Statistics

Attendance last meeting (13-04-22) – in person	18
Club membership	<b>48</b>
Partners	0
Guests	4

<i>Funds raised</i>	
Raffle	\$115.00
Sergeant's session	\$108.10

## 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 Slessen
Social Media	Alexey Prokopenko	Programs Chair	Gulian Vaccari

## Out and About: Street Festival 2140

And two of the lucky winners from our raffle.

Prizes courtesy of Chris Virgona – Richardson & Wrench Strathfield





*Upcoming event: ANZAC Day*

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April**

**ANZAC DAY**  **Strathfield Rotary Club** 

**Anzac Day Brunch**

**Monday 25 April 2022**  
**9:00 – 11:30 am**

Transfer meeting for the social originally planned for  
Wednesday 27 April 2022

**Camarvon Golf Club**  
65-95 Nottinghill Rd, Lidcombe NSW 2141

Brunch \$45.00 person Children (4 -12 years) \$20.00  
Bookings [events.humanitix.com/rcs-anzac](https://events.humanitix.com/rcs-anzac)  
Bookings close 18 April 2022  
Family, friends and colleagues welcome

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**Sumptuous hot brunch - Served at the table**  
**Overlooking the golf course**  
**Recitals of the Last Post and Reveille by Liam McRae**  
**(Member Strathfield Symphony Orchestra)**  
**Dress smart casual**  
**Feel free to wear your service medals**  
**or those of your family / friends**

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*Upcoming event: Gala Ball*

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May**

*Save the Date* Strathfield Rotary Club 

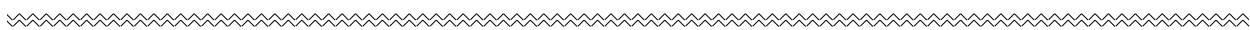
# Rotary Charity Ball

Sunday 29 May 2022   
6:30 for 7:00 pm  
Le Montage Function Centre  
\$150 per person - all inclusive

All Proceeds To  
The Rotary Foundation  
Strathfield Rotary  
Local Community Projects



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*Upcoming event: Youth Achievement Awards*  
**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June**



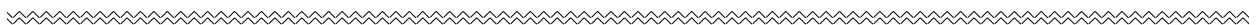
## **NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN**

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 since 2003, the Awards are organised by the Rotary Club of Strathfield, 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?**

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*Nominations close 5:00pm Wednesday 18 May 2022*



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