



Rotary Club of Strathfield



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District 9675

Immediate Past President Thaya Ponniah is still at the helm of the Club and **Thaya** recently lead a workshop at the Belonging Festival as part for our Rotary District 9675

National Tree Day - held Sunday 31 July. **Thaya** thanked **Peter van der Sleen** and everyone else who worked hard on Sunday with the BBQ. See the photos online. Thanks to **Bradley Ayres**.

St. Merkorious Charity is holding a Ladies Luncheon at Ecco Ristorante, Drummoyne on 25 August. For reservations call 0478 760 450 or email sponsorship@stmerkorious.com.au

Thaya advised that Grant applications have now closed for the Strathfield Council. **Thaya** and **President Andrew Aravanis** submitted an application for the Graffiti Project. **Ying Ho**, as Youth Director, has also submitted two grant applications – one for youth and the second one for the garden project.

Strathfield Seniors Celebration - **Thaya** advised that Council has a significant amount of money available to support the various senior groups in the municipality. **PP Thaya** and **PP Raymond McCluskie** are working on ideas for a grant submission.

PP Rod McDougall – Our Rotary Club has donated money to three local schools Homebush Boys High School, Strathfield Girls High School and Chalmers Road Special School for garden projects. This idea was started during **PP Usha Garg's** year. At Strathfield Girls, 35 students and two teachers are involved with this project. **Rod** accompanied them to Bunnings for the purchase of planter boxes, soil, fertilizer and seedlings.

There will be a Trivia Night in November hosted by the Chalmers Road School. Past Trivia evenings have been fun, so hopefully many Rotarians will be available to support this event.

Jan Barrett advised that she had visited one of the foodbanks that our Club supports. They are in much need of food and volunteers. Contact Jan for more info. **Father James**, from St Paul's Parish Pantry, advised **Thaya** that the demand for foodstuffs and assistance has increased threefold. **Thaya** will be setting up a small committee to look at the homelessness situation.

PP Keith Byrn, as Welfare Officer, advised that Secretary **Steven Argyris**, is unwell at the moment but he will be back next week.

Both **Past District Governor David Croft**, and **PP Grahame True** commented on the funeral service for **PP Bob Templeman**. David said that Rotarians had formed a Guard of Honour and that the service was indeed very moving and special. A fitting tribute to a very good person and a true Rotarian.

Guest Speaker Report

The guest speaker – yours truly - Bulletin Editor **Janelle**. I talked about growing up on a sugar cane farm and the work involved with planting, growing and harvesting the crop. From the days of manually cutting the cane to the mechanization of the parts of the industry. I do hope that the audience learnt something and enjoyed the photos. **PP Raymond McCluskie** thanked me on behalf of the Club. I appreciated that very much, as Raymond was the one who got me involved with Rotary. It has been a good journey, lots of volunteering and making very special friends.



“Then and now”. Rotarians Raymond McCluskie and Janelle Watson