



# Rotary

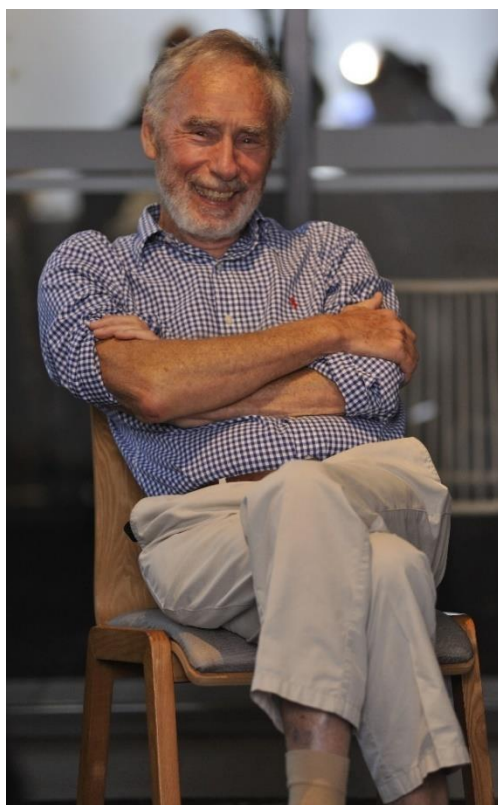
## Club of Strathfield



### Strathfield Rotary Bulletin 15 February, 2023 District 9675

#### Meeting held 8 February, 2023

Fellowship and friendship is the mainstay of our Club. I think caring and support can well be added to that – particularly as three of our members, **Arie Pappas, Gulian Vaccari and Rick Vosila** have each lost a parent recently. We hope that we can give you all the support and friendship that you need.



**Peter van der Slessen** was the “guest speaker”, in conversation with **Andrew Aravanis**.

We learnt a lot about Peter’s early life, education, career, business and family. Peter emigrated with his family to Australia from the Netherlands in 1951, settled in Albury and moved to Sydney in 1962 to attend the University of Sydney on a PMG Cadet-ship.

He has been a Rotarian since 2002 and now lives part of the year in Vanuatu with his wife Rotarian Jan Barrett.



Rotarians Peter van der Slessen and Jan Barrett.

**PP Thaya Ponniah** advised that registrations are open for those wishing to attend the Rotary Convention to be held in Melbourne 27 – 31 May, 2023. There will be a special function for those from our District 9675.

**PP Keith Byrn** reminded members that as the Welfare Officer for the club he is certainly available if anyone needs assistance. Keith thanked **PP Grahame True** for stepping into the role while Keith was on leave.

The Raffle this week was a great success. \$235 was raised. Many thanks to **Patricia Giammarco** for her efforts in organising one of the prizes.

***Dates for your diary including guest speakers.***

*15 February            **RYLA speakers** -Michael Awad, Sarah Safvat & Ishveen Sehgal.*

*22 February            **"Sydney Beer Co."** – Mathew Sealey*

*1 March                **Club Assembly Part 2.***

*8 March                **Cathy & Les Milgate.** Partners & friends welcome.  
The Milgates - please keep this date available for coming along to meet and listen to Cathy and Les Milgate talk about their journey with fostering very young children. It will be interesting, inspiring and fascinating to learn about their experiences over many years.*



Peter van der Sleesen with Andrew Aravanis.