



### Strathfield Rotary Bulletin 24 August, 2022 District 9675

#### Club Meeting 17 August

**Immediate Past President Thaya Ponniah** welcomed **Assistant District Governor Usha Garg**, who was able to join her fellow club members this evening. Also welcomed back from leave was Rotarian **Nick Hamilton-Kane**.

Thaya advised club members of the following:

- ❖ Regionalization of Rotary Clubs – an email was sent to all club members by **Past District Governor (PDG) David Croft**, with a summary of the proposed changes. **PDG Phil White** will be the guest speaker at our club on Wednesday 7 September to discuss the proposal in greater detail.
- ❖ Parish Pantry Burwood – a reminder that there will be a brunch with Strathfield Rotary Club members on 24 September to say thank you for the donations by Strathfield Rotarians. A plaque for the coolroom will be presented.

The guest speaker was **Councillor Raj Datta**. His topic was "Indian Independence Day and its relevance for Australia". Raj lives locally in Homebush and has been involved with the Strathfield Council for five years. This being his second term on Council. He said that he has been grateful for the educational opportunities in Australia for both him and his two now adult children.

Raj said that India and Australia have much in common.

Both countries are founding members of the United Nations and are part of the Commonwealth. The security quad in the Indian Pacific region is significant as both India and Australia are working together for peace and prosperity for future generations.

India has a long history. This year is the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Indian Independence and the celebration of a great democracy.



Guest speaker - **Raj Datta**  
Councillor, Strathfield Council.

Rotarian **Bradley Ayres** has agreed to take on the role of representing Rotary with the Interact Club at Meriden School. A role previously undertaken by **Past President Roger Vince**.

**Club Service Director Grahame True** is organizing a restaurant evening at the Golden Coronet for members and partners on Wednesday 31 August. \$55pp. A commitment sheet will be circulated shortly.

**Treasurer Rod McDougall** advised that a commitment sheet for the Strathfield Spring Fair (Saturday, 3 September) will be distributed electronically to give everyone an opportunity to be involved.

Rotarian **Chris Virgona** ran a fun and successful raffle and the Sergeant was Rotarian **Nick Hamilton-Kane** who always has a relevant theme.



A formal thanks to **Councillor Raj Datta** (r) was given by **PP Joe Saad**.

The photos were supplied by **Rotarian Steven Argyris**.