



Rotary

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Report from interview of the President, Wednesday 3 May, 2023

Interviewer Rick Vosila put the hard questions to Present Andrew Aravanis at our last meeting. We learned that Andrew could have met his wife, Danielle, in Primary school, had she not been a year ahead of him! However, their paths were to cross again several years later at the Roundabout night spot in Hurstville; and the rest is history.

Andrew grew up Lakemba and Roselands, he settled in Strathfield with Danielle and their two children, Gregory and Patrice.

Andrew first tasted 'working life' as a 14 year old, wielding a mop and bucket to clean out public busses. Realising that manual work of this sort was not his preferred career path, Andrew obtained his B.Economics degree from Sydney University. He then went on to found a successful business in Aravanis Insolvency.



Report from Interact Dance, Friday 5 May, 2023

The Interact girls at Meriden held another very successful dance to raise money for the White Ribbon Foundation. Several Rotarians were in attendance to assist with the arrival, and departure, of about 400 girls and boys from Meriden and Trinity.

Many thanks to Usha Garg, Cheryl Ayres, Andrew Aravanis, Nick Hamilton-Kane, Rick Vosila and Bradley Ayres, for giving up their Friday night to assist.

Report from Vocational Awards, Wednesday 17 May, 2023

The 2023 Vocational Excellence Awards were held on 17th May and were an outstanding success.

The event gave the Club the opportunity to recognise eighteen dedicated men and women working in the Strathfield Community in numerous vocational and volunteer areas, ranging from education, medicine and business, to government, recreation and not for profit organisations. All were recognised as making a wonderful contribution to their vocation and the community and hopefully were as proud to receive their plaques as the Club was to award them.

The Club's unique vocational trophy, the Ray Sherry Shield, was awarded to Fina Nainoca, Civic and Protocol Officer, at Strathfield Council. The award was well-deserved for her work supporting numerous mayors and councillors over the years, and especially for organising the regular citizenship ceremonies for which she is passionate.

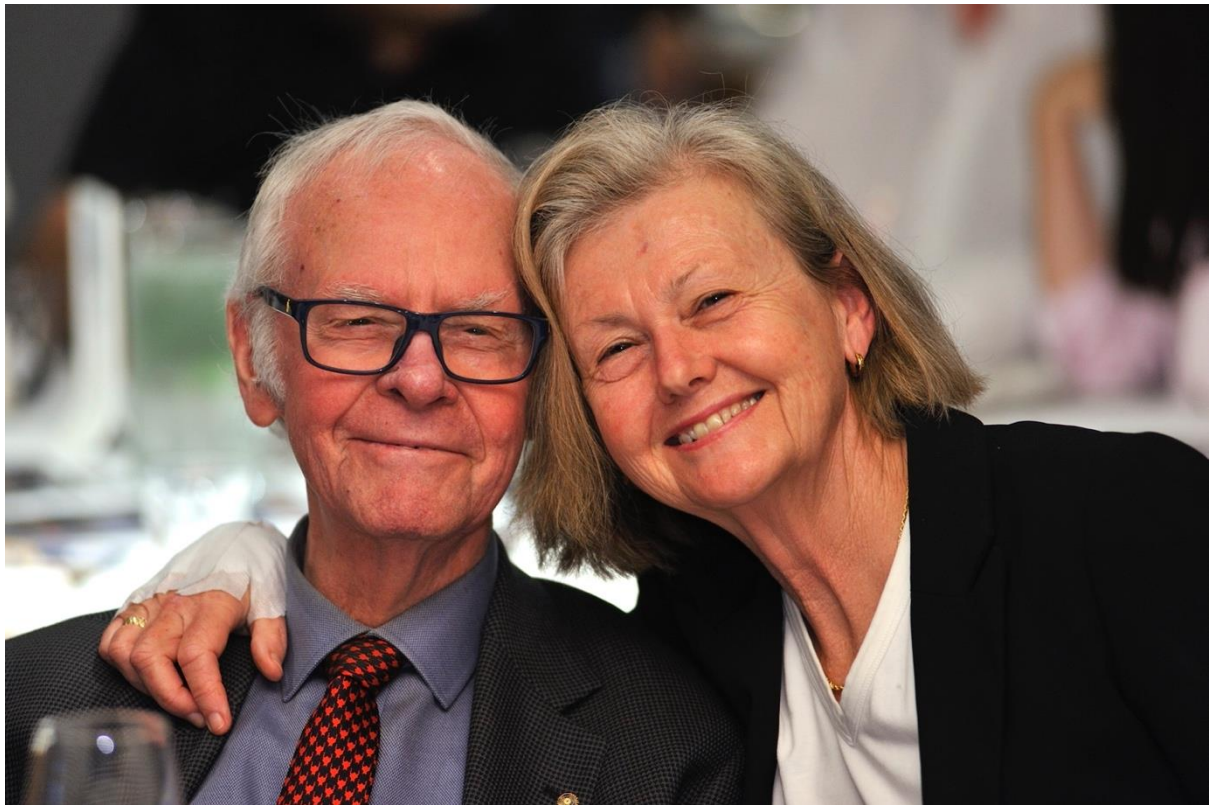
We were pleased to have the presence of DG Janice Hall, DG-elect Tonia Barnes and DG-nominee Ron Browne (the entire current DG train!) as well as Strathfield Mayor Karen Pensabene and Cr Raj Datta. We were also delighted to welcome back Mrs Nancy Sherry, as well as the many nominators and supporters of the awardees.

The Awards were organised through the extremely hard work of the Committee and other Rotarians under the leadership of Chair Ying Ho and Vocational Service Director Alexey Prokopenko.

Well done on a splendid event.

Nicholas Hamilton-Kane
President-elect





<i>Date</i>	<i>Event – guest speaker</i>
<i>Wednesday 24 May</i>	<i>Strathfield Library Update - Jack Britton</i>
<i>27-31 May</i>	<i>Rotary International Convention - Melbourne</i>
<i>Wednesday 31 May</i>	<i>No meeting (State of Origin)</i>
<i>Thursday 8 June</i>	<i>Youth Achievement Awards</i>
<i>Saturday 1 July</i>	<i>Club Changeover</i>

Upcoming event: Youth Achievement Awards, Thursday 8 June, 2023

The Rotary Club of Strathfield recognises the important contributions young people make within the community and believe that achievement deserves recognition.

The Youth Achievement Awards are open to all people aged 12-25 who live, attend school, study, train, or work in the Strathfield Municipality.

First held in early April 2003¹, the Strathfield Youth Achievement Awards has been a long-running event organised by the Rotary Club of Strathfield. Rotarian Tony Lazafame was the driving force behind the first awards event.

This will be the 20th year of the Strathfield Youth Service Awards. The event will, for the first time, be held at the Homebush West Community Centre.



¹ Reference: Rotary Club of Strathfield Bulletin, p.1 Edition 40 of 2002/3, 23 April 2003. Under President Stephen Taylor.