



Rotary

Club of Strathfield



Strathfield Rotary Bulletin

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District 9675

Immediate Past President, **Thaya Ponniah** is still leading the Club while President **Andrew Aravanis** is on leave. Points to note from the meeting 27 July, 2022:

Thaya Ponniah – The Rotary Club of Five Dock is holding their “Ferragosto Ball” on 6 August. Contact ferragostoball.2022@gmail.com for details

Thaya and the Board members are investigating new ways of engaging with members; those newer members, as well as long-standing members, to encourage them to more involved with meetings and club activities.

Alexey Prokopenko advised that a draft has been written for the Tribal Warrior Indigenous Education program and meetings held to develop the program further.

Steven Argyris– Police Officer Awards. The state awards will be held in November so the Strathfield Club function is planned for October. Steven and Thaya will confirm date shortly.

Grahame True – planning underway to have two guest speakers each month.

Grahame – as Director of Club Service has provided a listing of responsibilities within that portfolio. The listing is on the [web page \(click\)](#)

Rod McDougall – thanked those members who have paid their bi-yearly dues. The Club has already received the invoice from District and Rotary International for the Club contribution.

Rod – National Tree Day Sunday 31 July. Strathfield Council has invited our Rotary Club to run the BBQ 8:30am – 12:30pm. This is a great opportunity for volunteering and fellowship.

Nella Hall – Graffiti Removal. This is an annual project for club members – Strathfield Council has a budget for this project and Nella will keep club members informed.

Although only a small number of Rotarians were at the meeting (15) it was an excellent night for chat, laughter and fellowship. Everyone was generous as a good sum was raised with the Sergeant’s session (thanks P.P.Keith Byrn) and the raffle (P.P. Grahame, thank you).

The guest speaker this week is Janelle Watson – your Bulletin Editor.

In Memoriam

In memory of Past Present Bob Templeman, I thought it would be of interest to members to read a summary of his "Job Talk" to the Club on Wednesday 9 October, 2002

PP Bob Templeman



The Bulletin (16 October 2002) reports:

Growing up on a wheat farm, Bob moved to Yass and sat for the Leaving Certificate before joining the Commonwealth Bank at Dee Why. He spent some interesting years on migrant ships, doing the banking, before going to Canberra for three years, where he finished his accounting credentials.

Bob then worked with Speedo Knitting Mills for 10 years before investing in his own business, a newsagency first in West Lindfield, then in Strathfield. Bob also operated a hospital television hire business for some time.

He is now retired. Bob joined Rotary in 1979, and was inducted on the same night as Harley Tarrant. In 1983-4 he was President of the Strathfield Club. Bob and his wife, Jan, have three children and 12 grandchildren.

Highlights from the Rotary Year 1983 -1984 with President Bob Templeman

Guest speakers included Dame Leonie Kramer and Dr. Michael Jones.

The Christmas Stocking and the 200 Club raised over \$10,000 which was distributed locally.

Formation of the second Probus Club – Strathfield South with President George Hallworth.

International Service – a Group Study Exchange team heading to Kentucky. Ann McGillick, a Rotary Foundation Scholar, returned from the USA.

Hosting of a student from American Samoa under the PACE program and selection of an outbound student.

The Youth portfolio was also busy with 5 students attending the RYLA seminar.

There was an Inter-school debating competition between Meriden School and Santa Sabina College.

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