



# Rotary

## Club of Strathfield



### **Strathfield Rotary Bulletin 8 February, 2023 District 9675**

#### **Club Assembly held 1 February, 2023**

This proved to be a very useful evening for those members who attended. Everyone had an opportunity to comment on areas of club operations. Given there was much discussion and not all areas were covered, it was agreed to continue on Wednesday 1 March.

Discussions centred around the Club Strategic Plan 2021-2024 and focused on -

- Membership – growth and diversity
- Capacity to implement impactful service programs
- Public recognition and image in the community
- Member satisfaction, enjoyment and fellowship
- Transition from old style to modern club, maintain traditions

**New member engagement** – how and when will many of the newer members become more involved with club activities and meetings. Is it being involved with a project? or more social events? dinners? Feedback from the newer members would be appreciated.

**Attendance** - the responsibilities of Rotarians to participate, to attend meetings and to be involved – not just pay “dues” twice a year.

**Projects** – does the club focus on a single project/cause or retain several as is the custom for many existing clubs? Or indeed focus on large projects. It was agreed that vocational/ youth projects/ youth awards will continue to be held annually.

**Events** - perhaps every two years have a major fundraising event with external sponsors. What type of event? Need for more communication and more lead time prior to events. Important to note that success of an event does not need to be measured by \$. An example being the Police Officer of the Year Award.

**Communication** - how can the wider club membership have ownership and take pride in club projects when perhaps we haven't communicated well enough with all members.

**Committees** - utilize committees effectively; more involvement, better reporting.

**Guest speakers** – frequency and quality of guest speakers, particularly when the numbers attending meetings are not high enough to engage a significant speaker.

**Weekly raffle** – discussion as to whether or not the weekly raffle be continued. It was agreed to retain the weekly raffle.

Prior to the Club Assembly, Directors gave their reports to the members.

**Alexey Prokopenko**, Vocational Services Director, gave a brief overview of the Indigenous Program. The background to this program is included below. Alexey will provide an update shortly on the current status of the program.

The Vocational Awards will be held in May.

**Ying Ho**, Youth Services Director, advised that the three young people sponsored by this club to attend RYLA will speak at the club meeting on 15 February. See the club webpage for a link to the RYLA 2023 photos taken by **Bradley Ayres**. (in the centre panel of the webpage and scroll down to the section ["Photos of Activities and Events"](#) (click)). Also note the fabulous pic. of **Roy Ellis** at the Croquet afternoon.

**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.

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

<i>8 February</i>	<i><b>Peter van der Sleesen</b></i>
<i>15 February</i>	<i>RYLA speakers</i>
<i>22 February</i>	<i>"Sydney Beer Co." – Mathew Sealey</i>
<i>1 March</i>	<i>Club Assembly Part 2.</i>

### **Preparing Indigenous Communities for the Workforce.**

The Strathfield Rotary Club is undertaking a project to help the indigenous community to get trained in beginner skills in the new digital and technological world.

The program objectives are to teach and deliver.

1. IT skills
2. Technical skills
3. Communication and presentation skills.

The Club plans to run a 3-stage approach to delivering this program:

1. Facilitate the structure of online courses and in-person workshops.
2. Collaboration with educational organisations such as TAFE.
3. Package a guide for other clubs or institutional organisations.

The project is planned to be run on a yearly basis. Students who pass the program will receive certificates. Their acquired technical skills will enable them to work more easily with modern technologies in the workplace and to further their technical education.

This program is being led by our own experts, Vocational Service Director Alexey Prokopenko and the former TAFE College Principal PP Raymond McCluskie.