



# Strathfield Rotary Club



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### President Nick's Message

Dear Rotarians,

I have now been President for a couple of weeks. In that time there has been the Changeover, a Board meeting and a Club Assembly. A fair amount of time at each of the events was listening to me waffling on about plans for the year so I'm sure everyone welcomed the breather this week for the last State of Origin match, which finally went the right way!

A few months ago, when I was contemplating the year ahead, one of my concerns was whether we would be able to identify new events and projects in which the Club could be meaningfully involved. In fact, I now realise that the issue is not the lack of potential programmes but the sheer number of ideas which Board and Club members (as well as the District) are approaching me with in all avenues of service. The challenge will be to choose events and projects which are realistic, and particularly those in which Club members are interested and will become engaged. Of course, some ideas can be put into effect relatively quickly. Others are inevitably slow burners, the benefits of which may take longer to put into practice. Anyway, I am very grateful for the enthusiasm showed by our members.



President Nick Hamilton-Kane with AD Bharathi and Presidents or representatives of Western Harbour Rotary Clubs.

I attended a get together of the Western Harbour Clubs last night, organized by our AG Bharathi. It is interesting that each of these Clubs faces similar challenges to ourselves, often even more acutely. In line with what I said at the Club Assembly, there is a hope that we can achieve a measure of cooperation in identifying a couple of projects/events to work together on.

As I mentioned at the Club Assembly, I have proposed setting up a number of committees: an **Innovation and Technology** Committee to look at the technical innovations the Club might introduce into its meetings and communications. Alexey has already put together (and researched) a number of ideas to discuss with the Committee and the Board; a **Women's Committee** to look specifically at events and projects focused on women and which might attract more women to participate in the activities of the Club; a **Membership Committee** to focus on recruiting new members and, most importantly, to help ensure new members are properly integrated and engaged in the Club's activities; a **Finance Committee** to support the Treasurer; and a **Brand and Publicity Committee** to spearhead our efforts to raise the profile of the Club and its activities. Of course, these overlap to some extent, so it is important for these teams to work together.

You will recall that the Rotary International theme for the year is "Create Hope in the World". In the latest Rotary Leader, Gordon McInally highlights a number of his ideas: prioritising mental health; peacebuilding through virtual exchanges; and empowering girls. To some extent these priorities reflect some of the ideas and approaches we are looking at in the Club this year.

A few events which I would like to highlight:

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July and we will have an excellent speaker: Dr Joanneke Maitz from the Concord Hospital Burns Unit. As I mentioned at the Club Assembly last week, it would be great if we could reach out to some of Strathfield's many medical practitioners to invite them along as guests of the Club. If you think your doctor (or any medical acquaintance in the area) would be interested in coming along, please let Secretary Steven have their email so we can invite them, or feel free to invite them yourself. I really would like to leverage on the area's huge medical community.

On 23<sup>rd</sup> July, our local MP (and member of the Club) Jason Yat-sen Li will be holding a community event, a Wellbeing Walk and Talk to help improve physical, mental and social wellbeing, in the morning, at Wangal Park Croydon. Strathfield Rotary will be doing a BBQ and we intend to use this opportunity to raise awareness of the Club in the area.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the meeting this week.

Best wishes to all.

Nicholas Hamilton-Kane  
President

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
<i>Wed 19 July</i>	<i>Dr.Joanneke Maitz – Concord Burns Unit</i>
<i>Sunday 23 July</i>	<i>BBQ – Strathfield Walk &amp; Talk - 9:00 to 11:00</i>
<i>Wed 26 July</i>	<i>Fellowship Night</i>
<i>Wed 2 August</i>	<i>Michelle Davies – Principal Chalmers Rd. School</i>
<i>Wed 9 August</i>	<i>Rowann O'Mullane – CEO Strathfield Private Hospital.</i>