

## Biographies for Strathfield Rotary Club

### **TING LEE Associate Director, Development (Children's Medical Research Institute) The University of Sydney**

Ting has been a part of the University of Sydney for over 15 years. She undertook her Bachelor's degree in violin performance at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music, the University's music faculty, while gaining working experience within the Con's administrative departments. Upon graduation she leapt at the chance to run two of the Con's major community outreach programs, 'Rising Stars' and 'Kids at the Con', a role she loved for its connection to children, families and music education. During her six years in this role she also completed a Master of Arts Management through the University of Technology Sydney. Finally, it was time for a sea change and she joined Sydney University's Division of Alumni and Development in event management and major gift stewardship roles.

Ting was given the opportunity to join the CMRI family in 2019, where she helps connect the University's friends and supporters to the Institute in ways that are most meaningful to them. She has been wholly inspired by CMRI's incredible world-leading research, their shared passion for helping children in need, and the warm community spirit embodied by every member of the Institute.

### **JENNIFER PHILPS Community Relations Manager Children's Medical Research Institute**

Jennifer started a teaching career in Glasgow in 1965 after majoring in genetics at Glasgow University. After her marriage, to a veterinarian, Jennifer and her husband set off to Uganda on the Overseas Development Program where she taught in a remote village on the Sudan border. These were turbulent times in Uganda, so they ventured into the safer climate of South Africa where they stayed for 20 years raising three daughters. After teaching in many parts of South Africa, Jennifer immigrated to Australia in 1987 and continued her teaching career at Barker College.

In 1992 Jennifer had a sea change, leaving teaching to join a bio-medical company which fortuitously led her, a year later, to join CMRI as Community Relations Manager. The intention was to continue for a few years, but 28 years later she still has "the best job in the world" giving her the ability to renew her avid interest in genetics and medical research. An added bonus has been assisting the fantastic work carried out by CMRI's fundraising committees and being involved in the Jeans for Genes Campaign since its inception.

### **JANE RUSTON Fundraising Operations Manager Children's Medical Research Institute**

Jane spent over 20 years in the Banking Sector with NAB reaching senior leadership levels within the Retail Bank. Jane made the intentional move to the not-for-profit sector over 12 years ago and was the NSW State Manager for World Vision for 8 years. After a 2 year stint in the aged care sector running an in-home care business in the eastern suburbs, Jane returned to the NFP sector commencing in her current role with CMRI as Fundraising Operations Manager in October last year.

Jane is an alumna of Meriden Anglican School for Girls, was President of the Meriden Old Girls' Union for 3 years until May 2019 and is a Rotarian & Past President having joined the Rotary Club of Five Dock 14 years ago. Jane has lived in the inner west for over 30 years and currently resides at Breakfast Point.