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DISTRICT 9675

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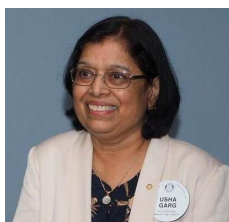
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Rotary, United Nations and Australian Themes

<i>Year 2021</i>		
-	UN	International Year of Peace and Trust
-	UN	International Year of Creative Economy for Sustainable Development
-	UN	International Year of Fruits and Vegetables
-	UN	International Year for the Elimination of Child Labour
<i>Month of April</i>		
-	Rotary	Maternal and Child Health Month
<i>Weeks of April</i>		
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<i>Days of April</i>		
7th April	UN	World Health Day [WHO]
7th April	UN	International Day of Reflection on the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda
12th April	UN	International Day of Human Space Flight
14th April	UN	World Chagas Disease Day [WHO]

President's Report



Usha Garg
President

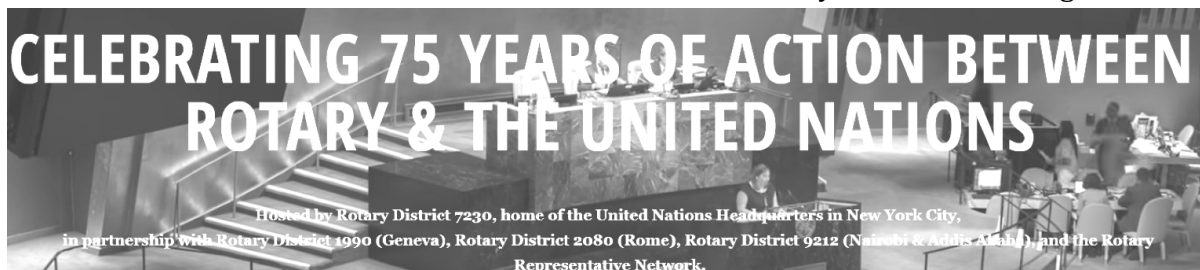
"Without Strategy, Execution is aimless; without Execution, Strategy is useless."

Morris Chang (Founding Chairman and CEO, Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company, the world's largest silicon foundry).

Today we take these words into consideration as we discuss our new draft Strategic Plan, a plan that will give us a path, a guideline and clear goals for many years to come. This plan has been in the

making for some time with a committee of knowledgeable and experienced minds sharing and comparing ideas to bring this about. I encourage members to attend and participate actively in the discussion.

being more responsible, lots of fun and creating a friendlier attitude. You may find another feature/story that catches your attention - it takes less than an hour to read the magazine and be informed about Rotary stories of our region.



On 10th April 2021, Rotary International commemorates its 75 years of history with the United Nations (UN).

Since helping to charter the UN in 1945, Rotary members and the UN have worked together toward peace and addressing humanitarian issues worldwide. At the heart of the UN are 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and this event is designed to inspire action in support of the SDGs. Rotary members carry out humanitarian projects in their seven areas of focus that address many of the same issues as the SDGs and frequently partner with other organizations as a way of maximizing resources, increasing the project's impact and ensuring its longevity.

<https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals/>



NYSF is back on track and in 2022, will deliver a 12-day program from 10-25 January via a combination of in-person and digital STEM experiences. Applications for the 2022 NYSF Year 12 Program are now open and more details are available from

<https://www.nysf.edu.au/>

The March issue of RDU magazine has been out and I hope you have had a chance to browse through. Always concerned about the issue of disposable waste, one article was quick to catch my attention. In **OUR EARTH OUR HOME**, Jonathan Engels, asks us to now to take the important next step up from recycling to reusing and repurposing things. Recycling was a good step up from rubbishing, but today we need to do more. Jonathan cites seven simple reasons for doing this - cost saving, energy saving, reducing pollution, quality over quantity,

Our Anzac Day Service is coming up on Sunday, 25th April followed by breakfast at the Strathfield Event Centre. I encourage all members to attend and bring family and friends with them. Our 50th Anniversary Celebration is coming up on 29th May. COVID-19 guidelines will be followed for spacing, limiting seating capacity. Please buy your tickets as soon as possible, no later than Friday 7th May. (flyer below). The 50th Anniversary outdoor banners would also soon be seen at strategic locations in Strathfield.

Last week we had the privilege of hearing from Narelle Brown, Community Engagement Officer, (Energy & Water Ombudsman NSW) on the “Role of the Energy & Water Ombudsman”. A very interesting talk providing practical and useful information that many of us were not aware of.

This week we enjoy our mini assembly as we discuss our draft Strategic Plan moderated by our own PP Rick Vosila. Look forward to our meeting.

Usha Garg

Reports from Directors



Janice Barrett
*Vocational Service
Director*

Save the date!

ANZAC DAY

The Rotary Club of Strathfield is having a brunch at Strathfield Golf Club on Sunday, 25th April to commemorate Anzac Day. The Service will commence at 9.00 a.m. Cost will be \$30.00 per person.

A silent auction and raffle will be held with the proceeds going to Frontline Yoga, a group associated with Open Arms. Frontline Yoga is a National Yoga Program for First Responders, Emergency Services and Military Veterans. Handmade poppies will also be available by way of a donation. The CEO of Frontline Yoga will be the guest speaker at the Service. An invitation will be issued shortly.

If you would like to donate a prize for the raffle, could you please contact me. Many thanks.

Jan

Reports from Members

Janelle Watson

Correspondence from Narelle Brown:

“HI Janelle

Thank you - your group are absolutely wonderful and thank you for allowing me to listen in.

Here is the information to share with your members.

The Energy & Water Ombudsman NSW is a free, fair and independent dispute

resolution scheme for customers and small business experiencing difficulties with their energy and some water providers in NSW.

EWON Ph 1800 246 545

www.ewon.com.au

Our online information sessions and other events:

www.ewon.com.au/events

or email: community@ewon.com.au

Australian Energy Regulator (AER):

<https://www.aer.gov.au/>

EnergyMadeEasy is the government energy comparison website:

<https://www.energymadeeasy.gov.au/>

(unfortunately the State government's Energy Switch that your member found so helpful has now closed)

As mentioned last night we can provide basic articles for newsletters and we have resources that can be handed out at your

Our fact sheets on hot topics:

<https://www.ewon.com.au/page/customer-resources/factsheets>

which includes the rebate information.

events if appropriate along with promotional items such as fans, magnifying bookmarks and pens etc.

Best wishes with the wonderful work of Rotary.

Regards

Narelle Brown

Community Engagement Officer

Energy & Water Ombudsman NSW"

Bradley Ayres

The Trish Foundation is holding an on-line raffle. Details can be found at

<https://trishmsresearch.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Raffle-Prizes.pdf>

Speaker from last week: Narelle Brown

EWON looks after energy and water consumers (private and business) who are in dispute with their provider. Consumers should try to discuss the matter with their provider before approaching the Ombudsman. EWON can try to assist with any matter regardless of the size or nature. If EWON cannot assist then they will refer the consumer to another appropriate area of government.

Issues handled by EWON include billing issues, affordability, bill comparisons, compensation issues and service levels amongst others. Sometimes it turns out all a consumer wants is an apology!

Narelle gave us some examples of issues handled by EWON including one where one consumer was paying another consumer's account. EWON assisted in getting it all sorted.

Rebates for energy accounts are available to pensioners, commonwealth senior's card

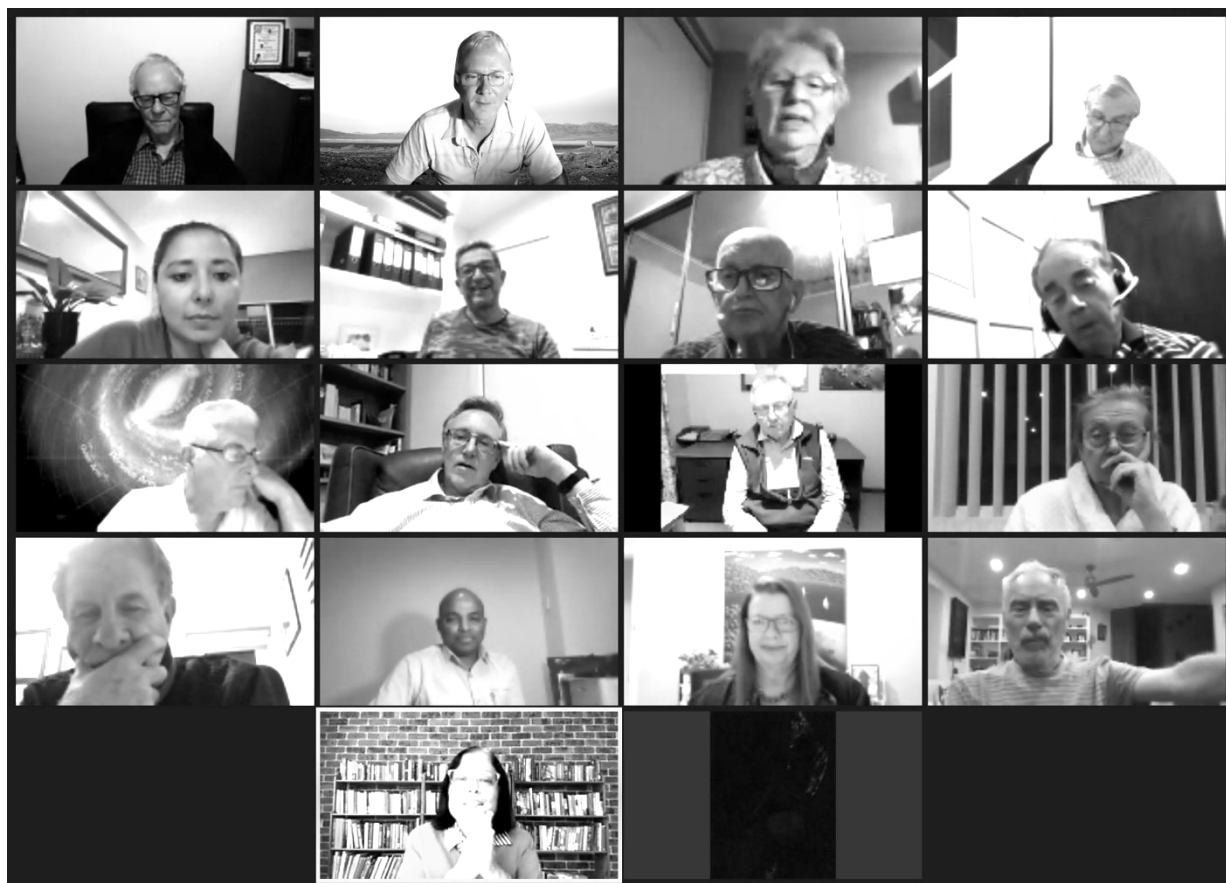
holders and other low income households. for gas and electricity. Also available are, family energy rebates for families on Family Tax A or B) medical energy rebates, life support rebates, essential medical equipment rebates.

The main complaints handled are excessively high bills, consumption queries, meter access issues, incorrect installations, crossed wiring between consumers.

High bill issues, when the bill is correct can be due to 'time of day' usage, old/faulty appliances, windows left open with air condition/heating,

Narelle concluded by explaining that EWON can assist community groups with articles for newsletters or guest speakers).

Write-up by Gulian Vaccari



Who is the mystery person in darkness? (bottom right hand corner)

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*Event for this week: Club Strategic Planning Meeting*  
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Dates for the Calendar



<i>Rotary Events</i>				
<i>Day/Date</i>	<i>Event/speaker</i>	<i>To introduce</i>	<i>To thank + Speaker write-up</i>	<i>Venue</i>
Wed 7th Apr	Club Strategic Planning Meeting	Usha Garg & Rick Vosila	-	Golf Club
Wed 14th Apr	TBA	-	-	Zoom
Wed 21st Apr	Transfer meeting to 25th April	-	-	-

Sun 25th April	Anzac Day Service and brunch	Jan Barrett	-	Golf Club
Wed 28th Apr	Anthony Garagounis National Delivery Manager MIRVAC – Build-to-Rent.	Janelle Watson	Janelle Watson	Zoom
Wed 5th May	Youth Awards	-	-	Town Hall
Sat 29th May	50th anniversary of the Rotary Club of Strathfield	-	-	Golf Club
Sat 26th June	Club Changeover	-	-	Golf Club

<i>Birthdays</i>	
10th April	Allan Teale

<i>Anniversaries</i>	
11th April	Ross and Joan Brown (wedding)
11th April	Paul Anton (Rotary)



The Rotary Statistics

Attendance last meeting (31-03-21) – Zoom	16
Club membership	44
Partners	0
Guests	2

<i>Funds raised</i>	
Raffle	Not held
Sergeant's session	Not held

Your Committee 2020-21

President	Usha Garg	Secretary	Dimitry Palmer
President Elect	Thaya Ponniah	Sergeant	Nick Hamilton-Kane
Immediate Past President	Arie Pappas	Treasurer	Rod McDougall
Youth	Peter Smith	Community	Allan Teale
International	Thaya Ponniah	Vocational	Janice Barrett
Public Officer	Rod McDougall	Club Service	Alexey Prokopenko

Bulletin Editor	Bradley Ayres	Web master	Raymond McCluskie
Bulletin Printer	Selectprint	Apologies	Gulian Vaccari
Facebook master	Raymond McCluskie		

District News

“Dear Rotarian

A Reminder that the D 9675 PO Box will change on 31st March. The new address will be:

**Rotary International District 9675
PO Box 161
Westgate NSW 2048**

Centenary of Rotary in Australia Commemorative Coins



The release consists of \$1 Uncirculated coin priced at \$25 each and the \$5 Silver Proof coin at \$110 each. The price includes packing, insurance and postage.

Due to variable insurance and postage costs the prices shown are for one coin per order. If you would like to purchase more than one coin please contact District Treasurer Ian with your requirements and he will invoice you accordingly.

Ian's e-mail address is ianmckensey@me.com

This may be a suggestion for a gift for guest speakers or acknowledgement of community members.

2) The Dolly Parton Imagination Library (DPIL)

During the District 9675 conference Rotarians heard Dr Elisabeth Murphy, Senior Clinical Advisor, Child and Family Health, NSW Ministry of Health, talk about the “First 2000 Days” of a child’s life (5 ½ years) and the importance of this time for the child’s brain, emotional and language development. Her talk confirms the value of the DPIL.

The DPIL is particularly beneficial for children experiencing disadvantage, and children from non-English speaking backgrounds. The Imagination Library Illawarra is a collaborative project of the Rotary clubs of the Illawarra and has been providing the DPIL books to children referred to us by community support organisations and preschools since 2014. Enrolled children receive a free, home delivered, age-appropriate book each month until their 5th birthday. Attached is a flyer advertising a raffle to ask you to support this very valuable project. **BUY A RAFFLE TICKET TODAY** at <https://www.rafflelink.com.au/ili2021>.

3) Win a Toyota Corolla Hatch Hybrid Ascent Sport Car!

The Rotary Clubs of Kiama & Gerringong have come together to offer you the opportunity to win a Toyota Corolla Hatch Hybrid Ascent Sport Car!.* Net proceeds of the raffle will be in support of Rotary Club of Kiama Inc and Rotary Club of Gerringong Sunrise Inc to assist with each clubs respective Community Projects to help make a difference in their communities.

2,500 tickets available for purchase at a cost of \$25.00 each. Scan the QR code (see attachment) for a direct link to purchase tickets or visit www.raffletix.com.au/2021kiamagerringongraffle.

See 2 attachments with more information or contact The Rotary Club of Kiama Inc, PO Box 226, Kiama, NSW, 2533 or m: 0408 388 287 or secretary@rotarykiama.org.au

4) Conference 2021 follow up

a) Speaker Q&A session

Cam Calkoen proved to be one of the highlights of the district conference and has offered a Q&A session to conference attendees. DG Warwick has approved for us to extend the session to others. Here are the details if you wish to listen to this awesome man!

Cam Calkoen is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.
Topic: Awesomeness with Cam Calkoen
Time: Apr 8, 2021 07:00 PM Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83554101220?pwd=bFlKeSsvUGRTQ3NnRUtIVXQwNXk1UT09>
Meeting ID: 835 5410 1220
Passcode: S83Hnn

b) Conference Photos

Peter Komander (RC Five Dock) took many great photos at the conference events. They can be found here...

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/ekmhtgtoqyulgbg/AABiUwkCTm8XvPFauq5yNLfla?dl=0>

If you would like any high-res copies, then contact Peter at komanderpeter559@gmail.com.

5) Available community grants.

In these COVID days of reduced fund raising opportunities many clubs have explored other opportunities, such as community grants. Please see attachment for information about currently available community grants.

6) 2022 NYSF Year 12 Program

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For further information contact Vera Liondas on 0414 394 950
NYSF Chair, District 9675

7) Mitigating Climate Change - Tree Planting Events

Any Rotarians who know of any farmers who are interested in combatting climate change by planting trees on their property, please contact Dilys Hoser RC Corrimal dilyshoser@bigpond.com. The Oatley Flora and Fauna Conservation Society (OFF) www.oatleyflorafauna.org.au are very keen to assist farmers to plant more trees and this does align with Rotary's new 7th Area of Focus, Support the Environment. See attachment for more details.

I do hope you are able to enjoy this Easter break with family and friends. Please keep well and stay safe."

Janice M Hall

District Governor Nominee/ District Secretary 9675

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**SAVE THE DATE!**

**ANZAC  
DAY**



**Rotary Club of Strathfield  
ANZAC Day 2021 Breakfast**

**Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> April 9.00 a.m.**

SIDA Room, Strathfield Golf Club Event Centre  
52 Weeroona Rd, Strathfield NSW 2135

Breakfast \$30.00 person (registration available soon)

Dress smart casual

COVID-19 safe environment

**Keynote Speaker**

Rachael Day, CEO, Frontline Yoga  
Australia's only national yoga program for first responders,  
military veterans and emergency services workers

**Brief Overview of History of Wars**

Rotarian Paolo Giammarco

Please feel free to wear your medals or those of family members

**All proceeds to Frontline Yoga**

*Event raffle*

*Handmade poppies available for purchase by donation*

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