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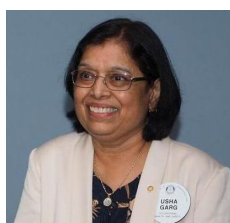
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Rotary, United Nations and Australian Themes

<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 February</i>		
-	Rotary	Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month
<i>Weeks of February</i>		
1st – 11th Feb	Rotary	International Assembly, virtual
<i>Days of February</i>		
10th Feb	UN	World Pulses Day
11th Feb	UN	International Day of Women & Girls in Science
12th Feb	-	Lunar New Year – Year of the Ox
13th Feb	Aust	Anniversary of the Apology to members of the Stolen Generations
13th Feb	UN	World Radio Day

President's Report



Usha Garg
President

"True humility is not thinking less of yourself, it is thinking of yourself less."
C. S. Lewis

In literary circles, Salman Rushdie is as much talked about today for his courage and the troubles it brought him as he was yesterday and the day before. Last week, author and poetess Pooja Mittal Biswas analysed one of his most famous books and took some in-depth questions. For some discussions one meeting is just too short, so we hope to catch up another time. Besides, Janelle Watson has many

more interesting speakers lined up for the coming weeks and none of them are worth missing

International Women's Day 2021 is being celebrated around the world on 8th March. As professionals in the outside world and as home makers in our inner world, women make immeasurable contributions which are not often obvious. This year Women's Day falls close to our club completing fifty years and this gives us a unique opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate women who are and have been an integral part of Strathfield Rotary as partners, members or volunteers. Please reserve **Wednesday, 10th March** on your calendar and lookout for more details.

you have any item(s) that you would like discussed, please forward these to any member of the Board.

February is **Peace and Conflict Resolution month**. *"This month let's celebrate our history and the many ways that Rotary Opens Opportunities to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace, our ultimate mission"* said RI President Holger Knaack.

Many informative articles and interesting stories are available in the **RDU magazine** this month. One article talks quite frankly about the **growing conflict in the clubs** and how to keep the clubs calm. *"One of the watchwords we use is - get curious before you get furious"* says

author Jean Best, who herself had left one club to join another to avoid conflict.



Our **Grand 50th Anniversary Dinner and Celebration** originally planned to be held on 13th March has been postponed by a few months due to COVID19 concerns. With the vaccination program so close at hand, holding this event after the vaccination rollout makes a lot of sense as we expect a large gathering of the present and past members and friends travelling from far to be here on this day.

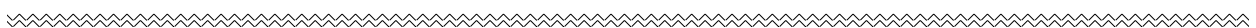
Graffiti Removal action comes up on **28th March** and as it happens every year, PP Peter Smith will be co-ordinating the volunteers. Please contact him if you are interested. Vocational Service Director Jan Barrett is planning for our Anzac day service on **25th April**. All things going well, perhaps this year we may be able to hold the Youth Awards around the Youth Week in May. Our first Board Meeting of this year is coming up on 15 February. If

Incoming Rotary International **President Shekhar Mehta** a member of the Rotary Club of Calcutta-Mahanagar, West Bengal, India, revealed the 2021-22 presidential theme, **Serve to Change Lives**. He asked members to become more involved in Service projects, saying that caring for and serving others is the best way to live because it changes not only other people's lives, but also your own.

<https://www.rotary.org/en/shekhar-mehta-says-serving-others-changes-lives-including-our-own>

This week hear from RAFAELE JOUDRY, the Founder & Director of Sound Therapy International on "How to wake up ear & brain vitality with Sound Therapy."

Usha Garg



Speaker from last week: Pooja Mittal Biswas

The title of Pooja's presentation was: "Salman Rushdie: Myth and Memory in Midnight's Children." Pooja spoke about how Rushdie used myth and legend to reconnect with his homeland India.

The themes woven into this book by Salman Rusdhie revolved around travel outside India and reconnecting with the story of homeland via a central character in the narrative. Rusdhie spoke of the distance between "destination and origin"

and how this often leads to myth-making and imaginary homelands which have been amplified by time and space. There was also a sense of loss and longing.

Pooja Mittal Biswas is the author of seven books, including a novel, four books of poetry and two books of academic non-fiction. Pooja was recommended as a speaker by Strathfield Rotary Club President Usha Garg.

Speaker for this week: Rafaele Jourdy

Rafaele has a background in social work and community education and holds a Masters of Psychology specializing in Sound Therapy.

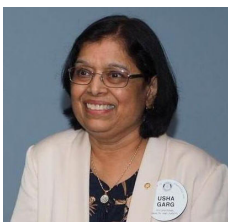
She has toured Australia, Europe and the USA to educate about the impact of sound upon our health.

Rafaele has authored dozens of articles plus three best-selling books:

- Sound Therapy: Music to your Brain
- Triumph Over Tinnitus
- Why aren't I Learning

Sound Therapy has enabled individuals to improve ear function and brain integration, relieve tinnitus and enhance hearing, learning and brain performance.

Reports from Directors



Usha Garg
President

Dear friends,

International Women's Day 2021 is being celebrated around the world on 8th March. This global UN Women theme for International Women's Day 2021 is "Women in Leadership: Achieving an equal future in a COVID-19 world". This theme celebrates the tremendous efforts

by women and girls around the world in shaping a more equal future. I believe that professionally and behind the scenes as partners, as family makers, women always make immeasurable contributions.

This year Women's Day falls close to our club's 50th Anniversary. It is a great opportunity to celebrate our women i.e. women of Strathfield Rotary. I believe this is also a unique moment in time to acknowledge and thank all women who are and have been an important part of Strathfield Rotary.

Wednesday, March 10th is our day of celebration. I invite all members to join this evening with partners and I also request you to invite friends and past Rotary members to attend if possible.

An exciting evening with fellowship, music, interesting speakers, fun, raffles and much more.

Please reserve the date and more details to follow soon.

Yours sincerely,
Usha

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District News

Dear Rotarian

REMINDER: D9675 AGM is scheduled for Friday 26th February at Strathfield Golf Club 6.00 for 6.30pm. Every president (or his or her representative) must be present to take part in the voting process. No proxy vote is allowed. An invitation will be sent very soon for catering and attendance.

BREAKING NEWS: Valarie Wafer has been announced as Rotary International Vice President for 2021-2022.

The 2021-2022 Rotary International President's Theme is



- 1) Amongst a busy month in Feb, we have our 3rd Climate & Peace Webinar – this time as a ‘Breakfast Webinar’ at 7.30am, as we have two outstanding speakers beamed in live from the USA. Please invite all Rotarian Friends to the

Webinar and spread this important and relevant message.

For more information please contact DGE
Jeremy Wright
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2) The Rotary Club of Kings Cross is showing “One Flew over the Cuckoo’s Nest” on the big screen at the Palace Verona in Paddington on Friday, 26th February 2021. Who wouldn’t want to see such an iconic movie on a big screen? Tickets are \$50 and include one free drink of choice as well as a free choc top or popcorn. The funds raised will support the work of St Vincent's Hospital Mental Health Unit. For more information contact Brigit Marx brigitmarx11@gmail.com

3) The Rotary Club of Parramatta invites you to a Magical Valentine's Evening on Saturday 13th February at Rydges Parramatta. Cost is \$65pp. Do pass this invitation on to family members, friends and Rotaracters. Book your night out on <https://www.trybooking.com/BOKHL>

For more information contact Christene McSeveny
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4) DGE Jeremy Wright advises that District Leadership Team Training will be held on Saturday 20th February at the NSW Rural Fire Service at Homebush. President Elect Training Seminar (PETS) will be held on Saturday 27th March, with more details to follow.

5) Michael Mazza of the Rotary Club of Darling Harbour sends the January 2021 Grants Bulletin from the office of Julie Owens MP information.

6) Nerrie Lacey, D9675 Directory Editor, sends an urgent request to all Presidents and Secretaries to please update all Board members in ClubRunner, after your AGM, for the upcoming Rotary Year 2021-2022. This is a matter of urgency as Nerrie is compiling the new District Directory for DGE Jeremy Wright. Please be informed that the current D9675 District Directory has been updated and is on the D9675 Website.

7) Save the Date: The Rotary Club of Iron Cove (formerly RC Drummoyne) will hold a charter celebration dinner on Friday 16th April. More details will follow in the next few weeks.

8) In Memorium Recognitions at the D9675 District Conference

We would like to honour any Rotarians and partners who have passed away in the past 24 months. Club president or secretary please send the following information:

A photo

Date of birth

Date of death

Club name.

Please send these to PDG Sue Hayward by COB 26 February

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9) The Illawarra Mercury ran a great coverage of the Australia Day Reflect, Respect Celebrate: Rotary Reaches Centenary. It covers many of the projects of the Illawarra Rotary Clubs.

10) The newest Rotary Club in D9675, the Passport Club of Sylvania Waters, is holding a Valentine's Black Tie Event on 12th February at Conca D'Oro, 269 Belmore Rd Riverwood at 6.30pm. Tickets are \$150pp. Please call 0416 377 329. Proceeds will be to fund an Australian Rotary Health Research Scholarship in the area of Multiple Sclerosis.

11) The latest edition of 'Rotary on the Move' is available at:

<https://rotaryclubofmiltonulladulla.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/2021-02-Rotary-on-the-Move-Newsletter-Zone-8.pdf>

This magazine always provides interesting news about membership and up-to-date Rotary News. For more information contact Rae-Anne Medforth
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Warmest regards and please keep safe and stay well.

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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 10th Jan         | <b>Rafaele Jourdy</b><br>“How to wake up ear & brain vitality with Sound Therapy”                                                 | Janelle Watson      | Janelle Watson                     | Golf Club    |
| Wed 17th Feb         | <b>Alan Kirkland</b><br>“Product & consumer – Choice for now & in the future”                                                     | Janelle Watson      | Janelle Watson                     | Zoom         |
| Wed 24th Feb         | <b>George Siopis</b><br>"The importance of physical activity and overall fitness to reduce the risk of adverse Covid-19 outcomes" | Ying Ho             | Janelle Watson                     | Golf Club    |
| Sun 28th Mar         | <b>Graffiti Clean-up Day</b>                                                                                                      | -                   | -                                  | tba          |

| <i>Birthdays</i> |             |
|------------------|-------------|
| 15th February    | Dinesh Garg |

| <i>Anniversaries</i> |                                 |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| 17th February        | Edward and Kim Dunlop (Wedding) |

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The Rotary Statistics

Attendance last meeting (5-02-21) – Zoom	20
Club membership	44
Partners	0
Guests	1



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## *Your Committee 2020-21*

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|--------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------------|
| 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  |

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