



# Rotary

## Club of Strathfield



*Namaste*

## STRATHFIELD ROTARY BULLETIN

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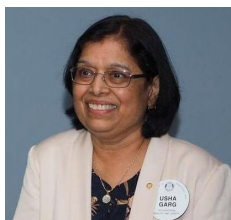
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### *Rotary, United Nations and Australian Themes*

| <i>Month of August</i> |        |                                                                                             |
|------------------------|--------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| -                      | Rotary | Membership Month                                                                            |
| <i>Weeks of August</i> |        |                                                                                             |
| 15th – 23rd August     | Aust   | National Science Week                                                                       |
| 17th – 23rd August     | Aust   | Keep Australia Beautiful Week                                                               |
| <i>Days of August</i>  |        |                                                                                             |
| 19th August            | UN     | World Humanitarian Day                                                                      |
| 21st August            | UN     | International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism                    |
| 22nd August            | UN     | International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief |
| 23rd August            | UN     | International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and Its Abolition                  |

### *President's Report*



**Usha Garg**  
*President*

Rotary is changing! Jennifer Jones, a member of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario, Canada, will be the first woman to be the Rotary International President in 2022-23; ground-breaking in

its 115 year history. A current Rotary Foundation trustee, Jennifer has been a Rotarian since 1997 and has served Rotary as RI vice president, director, training leader, committee chair, moderator and District Governor.

The Board met on Monday the 10th August and some decisions are discussed here. The Awards events have been postponed to late October and November and will be subject to government regulations in force

at the time. A club banner will be prepared for our 50th celebration year and would be on display at our meetings and events. Alexey is co-ordinating ideas for the banner and would be happy to receive your inputs. The request for an international notional partner from the Rotary Club of Bhiwadi, India was approved and formalities are being completed. (More information further down the bulletin). A letter of thanks was received from the Rotary club of Wellington (NSW) for our contributions toward drought relief and this has been much appreciated by the club.

Some time ago, our AG Angela Bradley had asked clubs to nominate a member as the environment and sustainability representative. I am glad to inform that PP Allan Teale has kindly volunteered for this role. Very appropriate for someone who has many years of experience in Rotary and a keen interest in climate change issues.

Like me, many of us are missing the "Rotary Raffle" and it is time to resurrect it. One way, as I proposed in the last meeting to avoid handling money and tickets, is to transfer the money for many weeks together into the Club Account and then you become part of every raffle, whether attending or not.

Preparations are in full swing for our Club Celebrations (changeover) dinner on 12th September. Contributions towards raffle prizes would be appreciated by the committee.

With pleasant memories of our last joint meeting with the Rotary Club of Fusagasuga, we will soon be organising a reciprocal virtual meeting with them. A minor barrier is the time difference, our meeting time is their best sleep time, i.e. 4am. SO WHAT DO YOU WANT TO SAY HERE YES OR NO?

Good news ! Alexey has qualified to be our back up photographer. However I cannot yet confirm if he is our back up story writer as well. May need a lesson or two from PP Raymond McCluskie.

With the progressive re-design of "My Rotary" continuing, many of us have been struggling to get information. There is one person in our club who is constantly working behind the scenes to keep our club information updated on this complicated system. Often this can be tedious, especially at the start of new rotary year. Thanks to PP Rod McDougall for keeping the wheels turning. Thanks also for the patience with the endless phone calls and correspondence. Diana Ibanez of SEC has appreciated your email providing feedback on the good food and good ambience at the last meeting and she looks forward to having more guests attending in the weeks ahead.

Last week we were privileged to hear from Father James Collins. An informative and emotional talk on how he and Rosemary King have been able to help and provide for many of those to whom life has not been so kind. Starting in a small way, now they are reaching out to many people in need in different ways. We are thankful to him for giving us the time and for all the good work they do. More about this further down the bulletin.

This week we look forward to hearing from our own members Dr. Prabhat Sinha and Chris Virgona on contemporary issues and working in COVID-19 times. This should no doubt lead to an interesting discussion.

Our first in-person meeting a fortnight ago was enjoyed and appreciated by all who attended. The earlier fears and reservations were put to rest once we were all there. I look forward to a bigger

group this evening. Our rsvp system worked well and will continue for all in-person meetings. Apologies are also helpful and welcome.

*Usha Garg*

*"This does not seem like a time of great optimism, but it must be. Long before Rotary was started the world dealt with great crises that tested humankind's ability to progress and endure. In this age of Rotary, the world has faced many more catastrophes; however we have survived, and every step of the way Rotary has helped the world heal."*

*Holger Knaack*

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## *Reports from Directors*



**Peter Smith**  
*Youth Service Director*

The ranking of all the nominations for the Youth Awards has been completed. However, with the Town Hall still closed, and uncertainty about COVID-19, the form that the awards presentation will take is uncertain.

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## *Member Announcements*

**Bradley Ayres**  
*Bulletin Editor*

Thank you to those members who have sent back the bulletin content questionnaire.

However, with just seven responses to date, I am reluctant to make changes based on this small sample size. So if you can find the time, your feedback would be very much appreciated.

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## *Speaker last week: James Collins & Rosemary King*



## *Speakers for this week: Prabhat Sinha & Chris Virgona*

In place of the previously announced speaker, Rotarian Prabhat Sinha and Chris Virgona will address us tonight.

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## *Rotary Updates*

### **Notional Partnership in Rotary International Project**

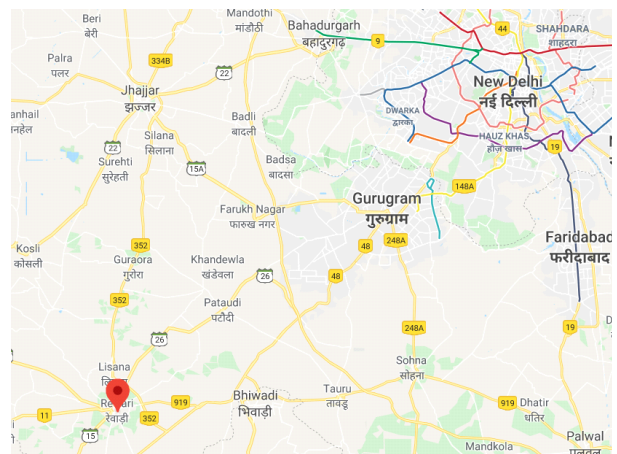
*Water, Sanitation and hygiene; Basic education and literacy*

This is a humanitarian project for providing facilities in a Government High School in Khatawali, Rewari INDIA to make it a Happy School. The participants in the project are The Rotary Club of Bhiwadi, District 3053 (host club) and the Rotary Club of Strathfield (notional international partner).



Project aims to fulfil and enhance the educational and basic needs of 178 students and overcome the shortfalls in Infrastructure. The rural schools do not get enough funds to provide all these facilities from the Government. Most of the students are from poor and under privileged groups. The fees are nominal and girl children are exempted from paying fees, creating a scarcity of funds. With the provision of these infrastructure facilities, it is expected that this will help

enrol large number of non school going children, raise the level of confidence, reduce the dropout rate and ensure good overall development of the students.



**Rotary Club of Concord** is seeking volunteers for the clean-up and recognition/marketing of the site where Bennelong was abducted by Governor Arthur Philip in 1789. This working bee event is scheduled for the weekend of 5-6th September 2020 and involves clearing the lantana. They have committed to provide at least 10 people. There will be a smoking ceremony, volunteers will help clear the weeds from the site guided by a botanist and a Portrait of Bennelong will be ceremonially transported from Manly to Parramatta at the conclusion. The activities and event will be filmed for a short documentary and the participants will be interviewed, so it will also be good publicity for the clubs. Lunch will be provided (by an indigenous chef). Gloves, masks and anything else needed by the volunteers will also be provided. If interested

please contact President Angela Porritt on [angela.porritt@terralilli.com](mailto:angela.porritt@terralilli.com).

128 106, and the Zoom link will be forwarded to you.

**Rotary Zone 8** is conducting a ROTARY PUBLIC IMAGE Q&A on Sunday, 30th August 2020 at 1.00pm AEST by Zoom. If you have any question about Public Image you would like answered, you can join the virtual Webinar and have your question answered. This is open to all Rotarians. To register your interest, contact Rotary Public Image Coordinator, Gina Growden on [gina.growden@bigpond.com](mailto:gina.growden@bigpond.com) or mobile 0412

**Rotary Inspirational Women's Awards (RIWA)** were launched on the 5th August 2020. The Awards are open to all women above the age of 18 years across NSW and members of the public are encouraged to submit online nominations at [www.riwa.com.au](http://www.riwa.com.au). This year there is an additional category to recognise women from the health sector. Closing date is 23rd September 2020.



## *Dates for the Calendar*



| <i>Rotary Events</i> |                                                                                                        |                     |                                        |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------------|
| <i>Day/Date</i>      | <i>Event/speaker</i>                                                                                   | <i>To introduce</i> | <i>To thank<br/>+ Speaker write-up</i> |
| Wed 19th Aug         | <b>Prabhat Sinha</b><br>Topic tba<br><b>Chris Virgona</b><br>what's new in my business                 | tba                 | tba                                    |
| Wed 26th Aug         | <b>Maria Calibo-Sales</b><br>"Capability with<br>Conscience" program to<br>assist disadvantaged groups | tba                 | tba                                    |
| Wed 2nd Sept         | <b>tba</b>                                                                                             | -                   | -                                      |
| Wed 9th Sept         | <b>No meeting</b><br>Transfer to 12-Sept                                                               | -                   | -                                      |
| Sat 12th Sept        | <b>Strathfield Rotary<br/>Celebration Dinner</b>                                                       | -                   | -                                      |
| Wed 16th Sept        | <b>District Governor's visit</b>                                                                       | -                   | -                                      |
| Wed 23rd Aug         | <b>Ying Ho</b><br>The keyboard in Education                                                            | tba                 | tba                                    |
| Wed 30th Aug         | <b>Danjela Prahovic</b><br>Improving the life skills of<br>young people via<br>technology              | tba                 | tba                                    |

| <i>Birthdays</i> |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| 22nd August      | Praveen Challa |
| 22nd August      | Steve Marlor   |
| 22nd August      | Ann McCluskie  |

| <i>Anniversaries</i> |   |
|----------------------|---|
| -                    | - |



## *The Rotary Statistics*

|                                           |           |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Attendance last (Zoom) meeting (12-08-20) | 19        |
| Club membership                           | <b>45</b> |
| Partners                                  | 0         |
| Guests                                    | 2         |

| <i>Funds raised</i> |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| Raffle              | Not held |
| Sergeant's session  | Not held |
| Heads and tails     | Not held |

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## *Your Committee 2020-21*

|                          |               |              |                    |
|--------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------------|
| President                | Usha Garg     | Secretary    | Dimitry Palmer     |
| President Elect          | tba           | 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  | Charles Pitt  |            |                   |





# Strathfield Rotary Celebration Dinner 2019-2020



Join us for a gala evening to celebrate the achievements of our members during 2019-20

Our members of parliament, local council representatives, district governor and immediate past governor will join us

Good fellowship, fine dining, great Rotary

Saturday 12 September 2020 6:30 for 7:00 pm  
Strathfield Golf Club Event Centre  
Dinner \$60.00 pp (children under 13 \$25.00 pp)  
Cash bar Dress formal or lounge suit  
COVID-19 safe environment

## REGISTRATION (payment due 5 September 2020)

- 1) **By Humanitix Ticketing** (preferred)  
<https://events.humanitix.com.au/celebrate>
- 2) **By Electronic Funds Transfer**  
BSB 633000 Account 146249156  
Quote your last name and "celebrate"  
Confirm with email to [info@strathfieldrotary.org.au](mailto:info@strathfieldrotary.org.au)  
Please include guest names, any special dietary requirements
- 3) **By Cheque or Cash** (at a club meeting prior to event)



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