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STRATHFIELD ROTARY BULLETIN

DISTRICT 9675
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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 June</i>		
-	Rotary	Rotary Fellowships Month
<i>Weeks of June/July</i>		
4th – 11th July	Aust	National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) Week
<i>Days of June/July</i>		
30th June	UN	International Asteroid Day
30th June	UN	International Day of Parliamentarism
3rd July	UN	International Day of Cooperatives

President's Report



Usha Garg
President

Homo proponit, sed Deus disponit
(Latin phrase translating as Man proposes, but God disposes)

The Changeover could not happen as planned on 26th of June.

With the changed NSW COVID19 restrictions and keeping your health and safety in mind, regrettably the decision was taken and communicated to all via email to postpone the club changeover. A new date will be decided as soon as the opportunity arises. The way forward for now, is to keep communication going

strong using all possible means available to us.

We will have the transfer of responsibility to President-elect Thaya Ponniah and his Board on coming Wednesday 30th evening 7.00pm at a virtual changeover meeting. (The formal pinning honours will happen at a later date). As President-elect Thaya and the new Board assume responsibility of the club, you will hear more from them on the format of future meetings.

Before I close and pending the formal occasion, I would like to thank you all for working together with me in the year 2020-21 to make it a successful year. My sincere thanks to the Board members and the Committee chairs for managing all events and meetings brilliantly under much uncertainty and unpredictability. It

was early COVID times when I started, and we came out of the woods with your support, your participation and your generous contributions of knowledge, time, effort and resources.

This is my last story in the Bulletin as President, although not the last story. I will be catching up with you and the bulleting when I can.

We wish the incoming President Thaya Ponniah and his Board all the best in the coming year and look forward to working with them in every possible way.

Look forward to our meeting.

Usha Garg

Member Announcements

Bradley Ayres

In addition to the photos taken by Steven Argyris and myself at the 50th anniversary celebration night, a video of the evening has been produced. If you are interested in receiving a copy, please contact me and advise if you want a DVD (mpeg2) or USB flash drive (mpeg4) version. Please note that

I will need to charge to cover the cost of the raw materials, ie DVD and case is \$12 and/or the USB flash drive is \$13.

All the photos from the night, the majority of which were taken by Steven, can be found at:

<https://www.flickr.com/gp/159392105@N08/1p3xph>

Speaker from two weeks ago: Craig Wood

Topic – “Undercover Rescue Ops – setting captives free”

Destiny Rescue is an Australian funded organization and is an internationally recognized NGO (Non-Government Organization). Destiny Rescue is “dedicated to removing children from sexual exploitation and human trafficking and

helping them to stay free”. Craig said that human trafficking and sexual slavery is the hidden crime of our century and generates enormous money for those involved.

Destiny Rescue works in eight different countries – Cambodia, Dominican Republic, Nepal, Philippines, Thailand and other undisclosed countries. In South East Asia

over one million people are trafficked. Girls from villages are trucked in to work as slaves. The children are treated as objects – they are merely numbers to those involved in these crimes. Destiny Rescue states that “Every child is worth the risk, worth the fight & worth the love”.

The process of rescuing and then helping survivors to stay free involves many people – those working undercover, from undertaking intelligence, planning, to reconnaissance then a raid which involves surveillance, arresting the pimps and then closing the establishments.

Then there are the rescue workers, case workers, education and health professionals. Each child gets a case worker. Caseworkers assess each child rescued to see whether they can go back home to their family or to a new safe home run by Destiny Rescue. Children can then become involved with education and training in a safe environment. These children, mostly girls, are surprised to think that someone thinks they are worthy enough to rescue. They have given up hope and all their energy goes to survival each day.

To rescue can take a long time - other operatives and police are often involved, dependent upon country. Then the court system involvement can take up to eight months. To fund a raid costs A\$10,000. How we can help – by making a donation to Destiny Rescue.

Craig is from the Penrith area and he grew up with Rotary. His father is an Honorary

Rotarian. Craig is a RYLA graduate and for some years he was a speaker at RYLA conferences.

Hearing a TED talk titled “Slavery in the world” had an impact. Although Craig had been involved in youth justice programs he decided to join the Destiny Rescue organization. Now Craig is an advocate, speaking at Rotary clubs all over NSW, to raising awareness of slavery and sexual exploitation and the impact that Destiny Rescue has made and continues to make. Craig’s role is NSW/ACT Partnerships Manager for Destiny Rescue Australia.

He has participated in undercover reconnaissance work and managed building projects overseas for Destiny Rescue though he does not specialize in these areas. His main focus is raising awareness about sexual exploitation and the trafficking of children. Craig speaks at Rotary clubs all over NSW, to raising awareness of slavery and sexual exploitation and the impact that Destiny Rescue has made and continues to make.

Craig Wood recommended as a speaker by Janelle Watson and write-up by Janelle Watson.

Further information at
<https://www.destinyrescue.org.au>

Writeup by Janelle Watson

Speaker for this week: (Zoom) Fellowship

District news

Dear Rotarian

This message has been sent to all Changeover Attendees and I am now sending it to every Rotarian so you are aware of the change of date and the duty of care that is exercised by Rotarians in D9675. We believe we have exercised due diligence in this matter.

In addition, with the new date, perhaps you are now able to rearrange your calendar and are now free to attend.

CHANGEOVER POSTPONEMENT to SUNDAY 25TH JULY 2021

In line with the latest NSW COVID restrictions and perhaps more restrictions pending in the next few days, it is with regret that DG Warwick Richardson and DGE Jeremy Wright postpone the District 9675 Changeover.

In light of the information of NSW COVID Health News, the policy of The Warwick and Rotary Duty of Care, it would seem morally reprehensible to risk the health and well being of Rotarians and their families, and the staff of The Warwick.

The rescheduled event will take place on Sunday 25th July 2021.

If you have booked for others, please ensure that this information is forwarded to them.

DGE Jeremy will assume the responsibilities of the District Governor on July 1 but the celebrations will be held on July 25.

Yours in Rotary Service

DG Warwick, DGE Jeremy and DGN Janice

Keep safe and please stay well.

Kindest regards

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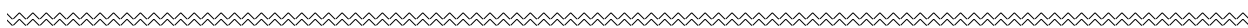
Dates for the Calendar



<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 30th June	TBA	-	-	Zoom
Wed 6th July	TBA	-	-	TBA

<i>Birthdays</i>	
4th July	Sue Byrn

<i>Anniversaries</i>	
1st July	Grahame True (Rotary)
2nd July	Usha Garg (Rotary)



The Rotary Statistics

Attendance last meeting (16-06-21) – in-person	19
Club membership	46
Partners	0
Guests	2

<i>Funds raised</i>	
Raffle	\$165.00
Sergeant's session	\$82.45



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
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