



Rotary

Club of Strathfield



STRATHFIELD ROTARY BULLETIN

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Rotary, United Nations and Australian Themes

<i>Year 2022</i>		
-	UN	International Year of Basic Sciences for Sustainable Development
-	UN	International Year of Glass
-	UN	International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture
<i>Month of April</i>		
-	Rotary	Maternal and Child Health Month
<i>Weeks of April</i>		
1st Apr-31st May	Aust	Australian Heritage Festival (National Trust)
8th Apr-19th Apr	Aust	Sydney Royal Easter Show
<i>Days of April</i>		
6th April	UN	International Day of Sport for Development and Peace
7th April	UN	International Day of Reflection on the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda
7th April	UN	World Health Day
12th April	UN	International Day of Human Space Flight



President's Report



Thaya Ponniah
President

My fellow Rotarians and friends of Rotary,

ROTARY'S RELEVANCE TODAY!

Rotary is still relevant because there is a greater need for Rotarians and Rotary clubs to help with the problems that humanity faces. We are facing many

calamities: a health crisis due to COVID-19, an economic crisis as a result of the health crisis and rising geopolitical tensions due to egoistic world leaders. All these challenges are an opportunity for Rotary to serve to change lives; an opportunity for Rotary to be the catalyst between the haves and the have nots; a challenge for Rotarians to uphold our motto "Service above self".

Make no mistake, people want to do something that makes a difference, and making a difference will always be

relevant. I would like to outline a few different events from last week to emphasise how the Rotary Club of Strathfield is doing everything possible to stay relevant together with all other clubs in our district 9675.

Rotary Fellowship

Rotary Fellowship provides opportunities for Rotarians to make lasting friendships and serves as an incentive for attracting new members to Rotary and retaining our existing members. Our Club Service Director, PP Arie Pappas, always wanted to focus more on fellowships for the very reason outlined above.

Although Arie allocated the last week of each month as fellowship to dine out and focus on fellowship and fun, COVID-19 didn't give us an opportunity to do so last year. However, the last few months, we have been dining out, and last week's fellowship dinner was a huge success. The seafood restaurant in Concord was an excellent choice by our Club Service Director, and we had Rotarians, their families, friends of Rotary, and young Rotaractors, as well as prospective Rotaractors. The food was exceptional, and the service was excellent.

Our sincere gratitude to Arie for his outstanding groundwork and of course, our ever-willing treasurer, PP Rod McDougall, for all his tireless work in the background.

They say in Rotary, "Service First and Fellowship Foremost". The Rotary Club of Strathfield exemplifies that.

Community Engagement

The Rotary Club of Strathfield's key to our longevity has been getting the community involved. And that means not just selling sausages or seeking donations but building meaningful partnerships with

our community and being seen in their eyes as "needed and relevant".

As you all know, we have been engaging with our community during the last two weekends with a Rotary Information Desk at the "Street Festival" organised by Strathfield Council.

Despite the prevailing COVID-19 situation and the changing weather forecasts, it was encouraging to see our club members volunteering to man the booth. While we thank all the members who got involved, our special gratitude goes to our Treasurer, PP Rod McDougall, for leading the team in organising everything in detail.

We are also grateful to our club member, Chris Virgona, and his company, Richardson & Wrench in Strathfield, for sponsoring our raffle prizes: a Smart TV, Smart Phone, and Smart Watch. The draw will take place this Saturday, April 9th, 2022, on the final night of the Street Festival.

As we go into the future, we undoubtedly will face challenges, but as long as we are able to remain needed and relevant to our communities and look for ways to bring in new members from a wide variety of backgrounds and experiences who, like us, want to join and make a contribution to the community, then our relevance and need into the future is assured.

International Peace and The Rotary Foundation

As a humanitarian organisation, peace is a cornerstone of our mission. We believe when people work to create peace in their communities, that change can have a global effect. By carrying out service projects and supporting peace fellowships and scholarships, our members take action to address the underlying causes of conflict. This

includes poverty, discrimination, ethnic tension, lack of access to education, and unequal distribution of resources.

Our Rotary District 9675 hosted an amazing evening "Pathways to Hope" – resolving intractable conflict from the Northern Island to the Middle East. It was held at the Bankstown Bryan Brown Theatre & Function Centre on Thursday, March 31st, 2022. The Rotary Club of Strathfield was one of the five hosting clubs from District 9675.

The evening highlighted the work done by PROJECT ROZANA AUSTRALIA, an international not-for-profit organisation that actively develops and funds:

- Transportation of patients (mainly children) from the West Bank and Gaza, to hospitals in Israel.
- Training Palestinian doctors and other health professionals in Israel, to improve healthcare in Palestinian communities.

- Treatment for seriously ill Palestinian children in Israeli hospitals.

Our District 9675 also hosted a luncheon last Sunday, April 3rd, 2022, at the Strathfield Golf Club to recognise major donors' contributions to The Rotary Foundation and to acknowledge the good it brings to the millions around the world who depend on our support. The luncheon was a very successful function, with fifty distinguished guests, and the Rotary Club of Strathfield was the host club.

"Whatever Rotary may mean to us, to the world it will be known by the results it achieves" – Paul Harris (Founder of Rotary Movement)

Rotary Service to you,

Thaya Ponniah

Event from last week: Social night at Da Franco Italian Restaurant





Member Announcements

Janice Barrett

Lismore Library Appeal

Libraries are an important community connector, particularly in times of crisis. Lismore Library was devastated in the recent floods, so we are donating books from our collection to help Lismore Library rebuild its collection for the Lismore community.

As a valued library supporter, you can help too by donating new or 'like new' books to add to our Lismore Library donation collection by 3.30pm Sunday 24th April. We will arrange to transport all book donations to Lismore.

Here are some guidelines to help you select books before bringing them to the library:

- only donate books that are new or look 'like new'
- books must have been recently published
- consider all genres for all age ranges
- no textbooks of any description
- no reference books such as encyclopedias

Drop off your donation during library opening hours by Sunday 24th April.

There will be a dedicated book trolley for donations available at each of our three library locations:

- Lionel Bowen Library, 669-673 Anzac Pde, Maroubra.
- Margaret Martin Library, Level 1, Royal Randwick Shopping Centre
- Malabar Community Library, 1203 Anzac Pde, Matraville:

Your address
Date of deposit
Amount of deposit

If you would like to make a cash donation, here are the details:

Richmond Tweed Regional Library gift account:
Account Name: Lismore City Council – RTRL Tax Deductible Gift Recipient Account
BSB: 062-565
Account Number: 10864916

Please send an email to Amanda Binney (Management Accountant)
amanda.binney@lismore.nsw.gov.au
at the time of any donations being made with the following information:
Your name



The library will provide a Tax-Deductible receipt. This may take a little while to get out based on resources – but they will get them out as soon as they can.

Thank you for supporting Lismore Library!

Event for this week: Club Assembly

A great chance to be updated on the direction our club is heading and an

opportunity to define this path moving forward.

Dates for the Calendar



Rotary Events				
Day/Date	Event/speaker	To introduce	To thank + Speaker write-up	Venue
Wed 6th Apr	Club Assembly	-	-	Golf Club
Wed 13th Apr	Dr Sarah Dalton Clinician Experience during COVID	tba	tba	Golf Club

Wed 20th Apr	Member Induction Evening	-	-	Golf Club
Wed 27th Apr	Social event	-	-	tba
Wed 4th May	Luke Borreggine	tba	tba	Golf Club

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

<i>Anniversaries</i>	
11th April	Paul Anton (Rotary)



The Rotary Statistics

Attendance last meeting (30-03-22) – in person	11
Club membership	48
Partners	9
Guests	16

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

Your committee 2021-22

President	Thaya Ponniah	Secretary	Nick Hamilton-Kane
President Elect	Andrew Aravanis	Sergeant	Keith Byrn
Immediate Past President	Usha Garg	Treasurer	Rod McDougall
Youth	Ying Ho	Community	Rick Vosila
International	Roy Ellis	Vocational	Alexey Prokopenko
Public Officer	Rod McDougall	Club Service	Arie Pappas

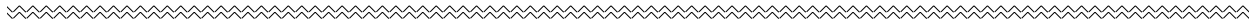
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Out and About: Street Festival 2140

Friday 1st and Saturday 2nd April (Weekend #2)

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