



Rotary

Club of Strathfield



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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 Nov</i>		
-	Rotary	Rotary Foundation Month
<i>Weeks of Nov</i>		
31st Oct-12th Nov	UN	Glasgow Climate Change Conference
8th Nov-14th Nov	Aust	National Recycling Week
9th Nov-15th Nov	UN	International Week of Science and Peace
<i>Days of Nov</i>		
10th Nov	UN	World Science Day for Peace and Development
11th Nov	Aust	Remembrance Day
14th Nov	UN	World Diabetes Day
16th Nov	UN	International Day for Tolerance

President's Report



Thaya Ponniah
President

My fellow Rotarians and friends of Rotary,

Why should we give to The Rotary Foundation?

The month of November is The Foundation month in the Rotary

Calendar. When you donate to The Rotary Foundation, you are helping Rotary members make a difference in the lives of millions of people around the world. By contributing to the Foundation, you advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace by improving health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

We can always ask ourselves why we should make The Rotary Foundation our charity of choice. I want to outline a few

compelling reasons to support The Rotary Foundation, as there are many other ways to do good in the world.

Accountability

Our accountability and transparency have earned The Rotary Foundation 12 straight years of four-star ratings — the highest possible — from independent evaluator Charity Navigator. More than 90% of Foundation funds are spent directly on programs. No high administrative costs dilute your gift.

Impact

The Foundation partners with other organisations to increase our impact and make your donations work even harder. When you give to Polio-Plus, for example, you have the satisfaction of knowing that every \$1 Rotary commit to polio eradication is matched by \$2 from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Thanks to this partnership, all donations to end polio (up to \$50 million per year) are tripled, providing critical funding toward creating a polio-free world.

A record of success

Rotary unites leaders who have the skills and resources to tackle some of the world's most challenging problems and deliver sustainable, long-lasting results. For example, for decades, Rotary has been a leader in the battle against polio. With the help of our partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, we have reduced cases by 99.9% since 1988. In addition, the infrastructure developed to facilitate both immunisations and eradication is being used to fight and protect against other diseases. For example, the method known as contact tracing was critical to contain an Ebola outbreak in Nigeria in 2014.

Global reach

Our 1.2 million members span the globe, uniting people who have a common desire

to serve others. From teaching children to read in Ecuador, to a microcredit program in Indonesia, Rotary members identify local problems and use Rotary's vast network and the resources of The Rotary Foundation to take action in their communities.

As people of action, Rotary members want to find ways to respond to COVID-19, and to help people affected by COVID-19. The Rotary Foundation offers several options that Rotarians can use to help care for and protect people in their own communities and others around the world.

Bringing about peace

Peace holds a unique status in Rotary. We approach peace not as an abstract concept, but as a living, dynamic expression of human development. As a humanitarian service organisation, it is both a cornerstone of our mission and one of our six areas of focus – one of the main ways our members make their mark in the world.

Each year, the Rotary Peace Centres train some of the world's most dedicated professionals to resolve conflicts and promote national and international cooperation. Rotary Peace Fellows study in a two-year Masters Degree program, or a professional certificate program, at Rotary's partner universities. Rotary members also address the underlying causes of conflict, including poverty, inequality, ethnic tension, lack of access to education, and unequal distribution of resources.

Rotarians trust The Rotary Foundation. It has a proven legacy of transparency, stewardship, and effective investment practices. One has only to check with Charity Navigator to learn that The Rotary Foundation enjoys a perfect score of 100 per cent and is rated number three in the top ten charities.

With the unprecedented pandemic, the demand to assist the need is enormous for The Foundation. As a result, the Rotary Club of Strathfield plans to run an extra mile this year to contribute to The Foundation. Our International Service Director, PP Roy Ellis is communicating with our members to find ways and

means to support the Rotary Foundation this year.

Yours in Rotary,

Thaya Ponniah

Director Reports



Rick Vosila
Community

I would like to draw your attention to the District 9675 Conference 2022, which will be held next March, and I would encourage you to attend.

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=808939>

The early bird discount may have expired, but you can still register.

Please use the trybooking link to register today!

Regards,

Rick Vosila

Correspondence

"Dear Thaya,

It was great to see you along today.

Can you please thank the members of the Rotary Club of Strathfield for their ongoing generosity and support for the Parish Pantry at St. Paul's? Thank you.

In particular, I am most grateful for the very generous donation towards the cool room at St. Paul's. I am glad that you got to see the cool room being built today so that you can report to the members of the Rotary Club of Strathfield that their kind donation is being put to good effect and that the cool room will soon be fully operational.

I am truly grateful to you and to the members of the Rotary Club of Strathfield for caring for others at this challenging time.

I look forward to seeing you again soon.

With every blessing.

Peace,
James.

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Speaker from last week: Keith Roffey

Keith became a Rotarian in 2001. Rotary International attracted his attention after being invited to attend a meeting of the Rotary Club of Padstow – District 9675. Upon becoming a member, he realised a long-term goal to expand his interests outside of his industry, whilst enjoying a shared social life with his wife Marg. For the last twenty years, Keith has more than expanded his interest in Rotary; he has embraced being past District Governor, plus numerous positions and hats in Rotary and Rotary International. But last Wednesday, as we come back to the past and hopefully the future manner of meetings, Keith spoke to us as the District Rotary Foundation Chair D9675 2021–2024.

Founded in 1917 by an early Rotarian, Arch C Klump, The Rotary Foundation, is one of the largest charities worldwide, and one of the most respected.

Importantly, Keith gave us a rundown of the structure of the Foundation for the distribution of funding, and support worldwide. In place is an Annual Fund, as well as an Endowment Fund Polio Fund and a Disaster Fund.

The works of the Foundation are numerous- polio eradication, children's health, clean water in remote villages throughout world, education, and environment issues.

The project the Foundation has had unbelievable success has been the eradication of polio worldwide. Keith let us know the facts, for 2021 case numbers were now appearing to be single digit. New cases were appearing in only Afghanistan and Pakistan. But Africa was being monitored. It takes three (3) years, to announce, with confidence, that eradication has occurred.

Here in Australia, last case of polio was in 1971. But the writer remembers children and adults, in callipers, struggling through life.

Like all charities, the Foundation must promote and attract donations. The Foundation has in place tax accreditations to offer donors a tax deduction as it is registered as a Public Benevolent Institution (PBI). This important for attracting giving from the privately managed Foundations.

Our Club works closely with the Foundation, currently helping to fund the renovation of a war damaged training hospital in northern Sri Lanka. In Australia, with its assistance they are supporting the health of indigenous community.

To be in Rotary, also is to be part of the Rotary Foundation. Our thanks go to Keith for coming along and reminding us of the achievements of the Foundation. Our thanks go to Keith for coming along and reminding us of the achievements of the Foundation. As we come out of the pandemic, we can reflect on the future of the Foundation, and the problems of the world, and our part in helping others and, in fact, the future of the planet.

We sent away with Keith a bottle of wine to share with his coastal neighbours and our Past Presidents, Suzanne and Kevin Freund.

Thank you, Keith.

Writeup by Charles Pitt

Speaker for this week: Vimla Hayman

Vimla has been involved with Rotary from the early 80s. She is a school teacher by profession and has a passion for making a difference in the younger generation, and hence is the founder and Charter President of Rotary Club Of St George Next Gen which aims to encourage younger Rotarians to experience leadership while doing service above self.

The biggest highlight of her Rotary journey has been completing the Mount Everest Base Camp trek in 2019 to raise funds for Polycystic Kidney Disease Foundation.

Another passion of Vimla's is educating communities about sustainability. She has worked with the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation, training teachers to teach kitchen and garden



programmes in schools around Australia and she is also the founder of a school garden in a local school. Another highlight was when Vimla worked with Jamie Oliver as a Food Revolution Ambassador in Australia promoting healthy eating in schools and the community.

RI News

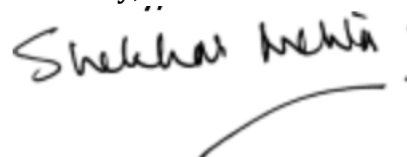
Dear Rotary member,

As part of our commitment to provide you with the best membership experience possible, we invite you to participate in the 2021 Rotary All-Member Survey. Your responses will help us learn what you like about being a Rotary member and how we can make your membership experience even better.

To begin the survey, click the link below.
[Please look for this email from President Shekhar Mehta in your in-box – Ed] It will take 15 to 20 minutes to complete and will be open until 10 December 2021.

Only one survey can be submitted using the link, so please do not forward or share this email. If you any have questions, contact us at surveys@rotary.org.

Sincerely, ..



Shekhar Mehta
Rotary International President, 2021-22.

Dates for the Calendar



Rotary Events				
Day/Date	Event/speaker	To introduce	To thank + Speaker write-up	Venue
Wed 10th Nov	Vimla Hayman Rotary Interplast	Chris Virgona	Usha Garg	Zoom
Wed 17th Nov	Usha Garg A night of acknowledgements	-	-	Golf Club
Wed 24th Nov	Mark Anderson Rotary Foundation Major Donor	TBA	TBA	Zoom
Wed 1st Dec	AGM Chaired by David Croft	-	-	Golf Club

Birthdays	
10th November	Janice Barrett

Anniversaries	
11th November	Ying Ho (Rotary)



The Rotary Statistics

Attendance last meeting (03-11-21) – In-person	19
Club membership	50
Partners	0
Guests	2

<i>Funds raised</i>	
Raffle	\$250.00
Sergeant's session	\$310.10

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
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* Position was held by the late Peter Smith

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