

# 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 June</i> |        |                                                                      |
| -                    | Rotary | <b>Rotary Fellowships Month</b>                                      |
| <i>Weeks of June</i> |        |                                                                      |
| -                    | -      | -                                                                    |
| <i>Days of June</i>  |        |                                                                      |
| 15th June            | UN     | World Elder Abuse Awareness Day                                      |
| 16th June            | UN     | International Day of Family Remittances                              |
| 17th June            | UN     | World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought                      |
| 18th June            | UN     | International Day for Countering Hate Speech                         |
| 18th June            | UN     | Sustainable Gastronomy Day                                           |
| 19th June            | UN     | International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict |
| 20th June            | UN     | World Refugee Day                                                    |
| 21st June            | UN     | International Day of Yoga                                            |
| 21st June            | UN     | International Day of the Celebration of the Solstice                 |

## *President's Report*



**Thaya Ponniah**  
*President*

My fellow Rotarians and friends of Rotary,

**Rotarians and their "intentional" LIVING!**

Another Rotary year is nearing its end as we look to say farewell to "Serve to Change Lives" we enter to welcome "Imagine Rotary". As we finish our Rotary year, I think it is important to look back and reflect on our achievements as we make plans for the coming year. What a year we have had. One that we will not forget in a hurry.

This year, out of 25 RI President's Goals, we have achieved 21 of them. We have met all eight criteria specified by our Rotary District 9675, and we are happy that we had a remarkable year despite the COVID pandemic, lockdowns, and economic meltdown. Challenges didn't stop us; instead, they gave us opportunities to serve. We used every problem in the community as an opportunity and every opportunity challenged us to serve to change lives. Our dynamic leadership team and the progressive mindset of the members never took "no" for an answer.

Living intentionally means purposefully pursuing a life to serve others. Being intentional takes focused action and living for the betterment of our fellow human beings. We Rotarians always live with a purpose. By identifying our purpose, we allow that to shape our approach to life. This changes our attitude and makes our decisions based on the needs of the hour in our community.

What inspires me is the generous spirit of our Rotarians. Whatever the project, be it a foodbank for the homeless, a publicity initiative in the local vicinity, rehabilitating the war victims in Sri Lanka, educating school kids in Colombia, supporting the Indian COVID emergency

relief appeal, or the "Mind Your Health" program, our Rotarians contribute generously and act intentionally. That inspires me to lead better and do more.

Our compassion and our ability to open our hearts to those in need, combined with our commitment to share our time, talent, touch, and treasures with those who are less fortunate, is what causes ordinary Rotarians such as ourselves to do the extraordinary things that we do. It's what makes Rotary so magical, and Rotarians embrace intentional LIVING!

***"When you live each day with intentionality, there's almost no limit to what you can do. You can transform yourself, your family, your community, and your nation. When enough people do that, they can change the world. When you intentionally use your everyday life to bring about positive change in the lives of others, you begin to live a life that matters."***

**– John C. Maxwell, Intentional Living: Choosing a Life That Matters**

Rotary Service to you,

*Thaya Ponniah*

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*Speaker for this week: DG Jeremy Wright*

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## Club News: Letter from Thaya

Dear Rotarians and Friends of Rotary,

We are pleased to announce that our Strathfield Rotary Charity Ball was a huge success purely due to your kind presence and generous support and contributions.



Within five weeks of organising, we had more than 300 guests and about 30 donors, sponsors, and partners.

We raised a little over \$113,000. We also sold more than 1,200 raffle tickets and had 22 auction items to raise this overwhelming amount of money.

We had fabulous music and entertainment by Platinum Harmony from Platinum Vocal Studio. We also enjoyed the food and service at Le Montage Navarra Venues.

Strathfield Rotary is happy to announce that 100% of the funds raised with your support will be spent directly on projects and programs, including the Rotary Foundation.

Every dollar raised will definitely lift someone's life and help the underprivileged and the unfortunate.

Rotary is about caring for others, acknowledging we are more fortunate than others, and doing something to make a difference in our community.

Once again, our heartfelt appreciation to you for being a part of this wonderful Rotary Charity Ball.

Yours sincerely,  
*Thaya Ponniah*  
*President*  
*The Rotary Club of Strathfield*  
*0409 909 095*



See "Out & About" for reactions and photos [Ed]



## *RI News: June is Rotary Fellowship Month*

The month of June is considered as Rotary Fellowship Month.

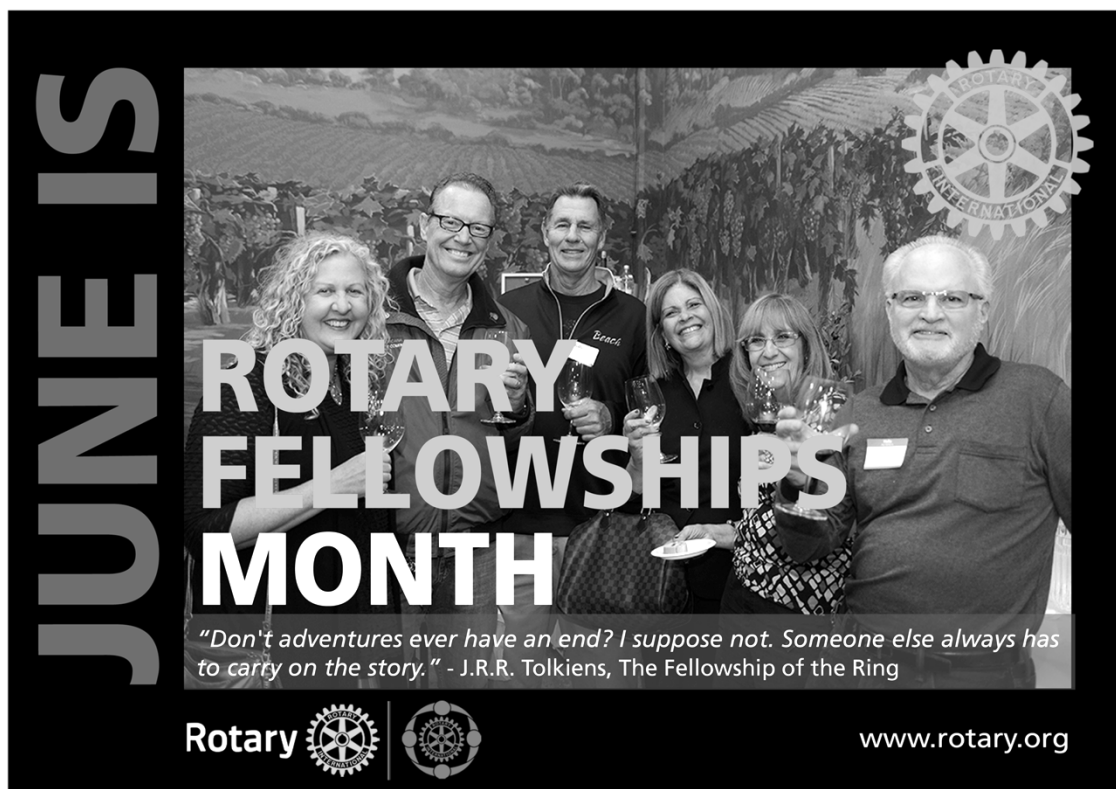
June is designated Rotary Fellowships Month to recognize the importance of international fellowship and goodwill among Rotarians with similar recreational and vocational interests, promote increased participation in fellowships, and increase understanding of this program.

What are the benefits for Rotarians in joining the Rotary Fellowships? Fellowship provides opportunities for Rotarians to make lasting friendships

outside their own Club, District or country. Fellowships contribute to the advancement of world understanding and peace. Also, Fellowships serve as an incentive for attracting new members to Rotary and retaining our existing members. Indeed, Rotary Fellowship, together with the Rotarian Action Groups, serve as an effective tool in promoting membership development and should be actively promoted in our Districts.

There are many Fellowships that would be of interest to our members, and they are detailed on:

<https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/more-fellowships>



A black and white promotional graphic for Rotary Fellowship Month. On the left, the word "JUNE" is written vertically in large, bold, sans-serif capital letters. To the right of this, a group of six people (three men and three women) are smiling and holding glasses, standing in front of a vineyard. Overlaid on the image in large, bold, white capital letters is the text "ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS MONTH". Below this text, a quote reads: "Don't adventures ever have an end? I suppose not. Someone else always has to carry on the story." - J.R.R. Tolkiens, The Fellowship of the Ring. In the top right corner of the image area is a large, stylized gear logo with the words "ROTARY INTERNATIONAL" inside. At the bottom left, the word "Rotary" is written next to a small gear logo. At the bottom right, the website "www.rotary.org" is displayed.

## Dates for the Calendar



| <i>Rotary Events</i> |                                                   |                     |                                               |                       |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <i>Day/Date</i>      | <i>Event/speaker</i>                              | <i>To introduce</i> | <i>To thank<br/>+ <b>Speaker write-up</b></i> | <i>Venue</i>          |
| Wed 15th Jun         | <b>DG Jeremy Wright</b>                           | tba                 | tba                                           | Strathfield Golf Club |
| Wed 22nd Jun         | <b>Rtn Paula Nicolas</b><br>St Merkorious Charity | tba                 | tba                                           | Strathfield Golf Club |
| Wed 29th Jun         | <b>Changeover dinner</b>                          | -                   | -                                             | Strathfield Golf Club |

| <i>Birthdays</i> |                  |
|------------------|------------------|
| 7th June         | Edward Dunlop    |
| 11th June        | John-Paul Baladi |
| 13th June        | Afaf Helou       |
| 18th June        | Anita Sajo       |
| 22nd June        | Bill Carney      |

| <i>Anniversaries</i> |                                       |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 6th June             | A and Devi Bala (Wedding)             |
| 10th June            | Domenico and Johanna Alvaro (Wedding) |
| 13th June            | Jaya Challa (Rotary)                  |
| 19th June            | Peter van der Sleen (Rotary)          |
| 22nd June            | Janice Barrett (Rotary)               |

## ~~~~~ *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        |

|                  |                   |                |                     |
|------------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Bulletin Editor  | Bradley Ayres     | Web master     | Raymond McCluskie   |
| Bulletin Printer | SelectPrint       | Apologies      | Peter van der Sleen |
| Social Media     | Alexey Prokopenko | Programs Chair | Gulian Vaccari      |

## *Out & About - Gala Ball*

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June

Some comments on the event...

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Connie Day  
It was a great night which raised significant funds which I was humbled to attend. Congratulations Rotary club of Strathfield 🍷🍷🍷

Like Reply 1w
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Shelle Davies  
**Congratulations** to all 🌟 you do amazing work locally and internationally in the community. A fun night too!

Like Reply 1w
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Paul McKenzie  
**Congratulations** and well done to all those involved at Strathfield Rotary Club - Great event - Many thanks 🙌🙌 Alexey Prokopenko Ying Ho

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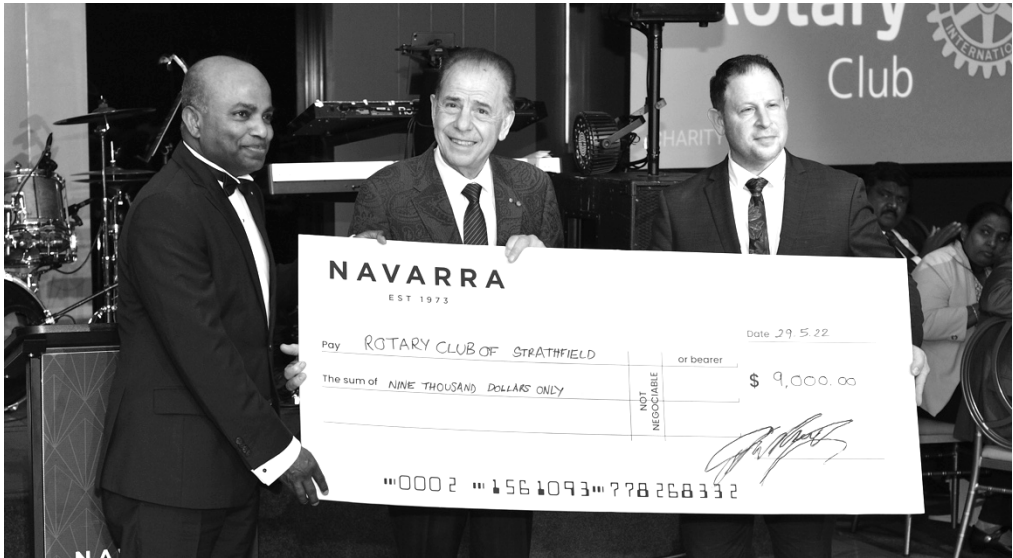
Suresh Mirando  
A grand function that was organised in 5 and a half weeks for a worthy cause. Well done to you and your team. God's blessings

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Stephen Judith Humphreys  
**Congratulations** on a wonderful event. It was a great night.

Like Reply 1w





## *Out & About - Youth Achievement Awards*

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June



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