



Rotary

Club of Strathfield



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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 Nov</i>		
-	Rotary	Rotary Foundation Month
<i>Weeks of Nov</i>		
9th-15th Nov	UN	International Week of Science and Peace
13th-19th Nov	UN	World Antibiotic Awareness Week,
<i>Days of Nov</i>		
18th Nov	UN	World Philosophy Day
19th Nov	UN	World Toilet Day
19th Nov	Aust	National Agriculture Day
20th Nov	UN	Africa Industrialization Day
20th Nov	UN	World Children's Day
21st Nov	Int	World Fisheries Day
21st Nov	UN	World Television Day
21st Nov	UN	World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims



President's Report



Thaya Ponniah
President

My fellow Rotarians and friends of Rotary,

How is our club benefiting from The Rotary Foundation this year?

There's a reason Rotarians donate to The Rotary Foundation: It's a simple way to achieve your philanthropic goals – whether it's supporting clean water, the eradication of polio or a particular global grant. Any gift can be donated to a specific fund – End Polio Now, an individual global

grant or one of Rotary's focus areas. You can also leave your gift unrestricted so that the Foundation has the flexibility to use the money where it is needed most.

When the Foundation awards a grant to fund a project, how does it ensure that your money will have a lasting impact?

"Sustainability begins with the community assessment," explains Philip J. Silvers, a past RI director and chair of the Foundation's Cadre of Technical Advisers.

Six elements of sustainability must be addressed in the design of a global grant project:

- Start with the community
- Encourage local ownership
- Provide training
- Buy local
- Find local funding
- Measure your success



The Rotary Club of Strathfield uses The Foundation funding for four of our great projects this year.

- The Strathfield Rotary Club aims to empower communities to support fundamental disparity in education and increase adult literacy. We are embarking on a program by **preparing indigenous communities for the workforce** through the Technical and Life-skills Training Program to achieve our goal. The Foundation provides the necessary funding from a philanthropist donor who has given

The Foundation a Direct Gift of AUD 50,000 for this particular worthy project for the indigenous community.

- Global Grant Project on COVID-19 and Maternal Health in Northern Sri Lanka to provide medical equipment worth USD 90,000 for an Operation Theatre and Covid-19 Treatment Centre at Chavakachcheri Base Hospital.
- Global Grant Project on COVID-19 and Basic Health in Southern India. Due to COVID, pregnant women cannot travel to Tiruvannamalai General Hospital; as such, they are equipped with these remote primary health care centres to save lives. Primary Health centres will be provided with medical equipment such as Ultrasound, Fetal Doppler, Autoclave, Multi-parameter etc. The total cost of the project would be approximately USD 45,000.
- The late Peter Smith scholarship is to commemorate Peter's life work and his tireless support for young people. Our District 9675 is providing the District Grant this year to provide the necessary funding for this significant new project. The award aims to promote youth empowerment and community service. It will be granted to outstanding individuals who demonstrate leadership in their fields and offer significant contributions to the community. Nominations are open to any youth under the age of 25.

We have a longing to be significant. We want to contribute, to be a part of something noble and purposeful. But many people assume significance is unattainable. They worry that it is too big for them to achieve. They think that they must have a fantastic idea, be a certain age, have a lot of money, or be powerful and famous to make a real difference.

The good news is that none of those things is necessary to achieve significance and create a lasting legacy. The only thing you need to achieve significance is to be intentional. And to do that, all you need to do is, start. You can't make an impact sitting still and doing nothing. Every major accomplishment that's ever been achieved started with a first step. Sometimes it's hard; other times, it's easy; but no matter what, you have to start somewhere if you want to get anywhere in life.

An unintentional life accepts everything and does nothing. An intentional life embraces only the things that will add to the mission of significance. - John C Maxwell

Yours in Rotary,

Thaya Ponniah

Director Reports



Nick Hamilton-Kane
Secretary

Dear Rotarians,

The AGM of the Rotary Club of Strathfield, Inc will be held on Wednesday 1 December, 2021 after the regular meeting.

I attach the following documents for your information:

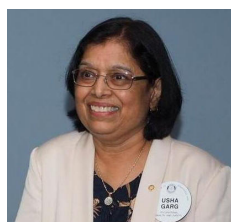
1. Notice and Agenda of Annual General Meeting
2. Call for Nominations for the 2022-2023 Board
3. Board Nomination Form
4. Draft minutes of AGM held on 2 December, 2020

[See pp 10-12 – Ed]

Best regards,

Nicholas Hamilton-Kane
Secretary
Rotary Club of Strathfield, Inc

Member Reports



Usha Garg
IPP

Rotary International Project in Rewari India

In August 2020, Rotary Club of Strathfield signed an agreement with the Rotary Club

of Bhiwadi to be an International Notional Partner (no financial commitment) to rebuild the facilities in a school in Rewari, India and the details were published in our bulletin (see below). This project is now completed, and the school has renovated classrooms, washroom, library and laboratories (pictures attached). A handover ceremony was held on 21 September 2021, and I received the following message:

"With your partnership our project is going to handover today. Thank you very much for your kind cooperation and support. The inauguration was not on zoom, but I am sharing the pictures. It was an impressive launching ceremony. The CSR team was impressed with our (Rotary) work - IPDG Harish Gaur".

Our club was acknowledged on the inauguration banner



Toilet block



Textbook library



The inauguration



The entrance

From Bulletin 19 August 2020

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.



Speaker from last week: Vimla Hayman

Last week at our zoom meeting, we had PP Vimla Hayman as our guest speaker who provided us an insight into the work of Interplast.

Interplast and Rotary have been working together to 'repair bodies' and 'rebuild lives' throughout the Asia pacific region. Interplast is a team of volunteer plastic and reconstructive surgeons, anaesthetists, nurses and allied professionals, who visit many countries to:

- identify the needs and provide life changing surgery to the locals
- provide teaching to local partners in many specialities to develop their skills to be able to do the same or better quality of surgical work
- provide continued virtual support through e-learning sessions
- provide medical equipment and funding (in some situations)

Interplast, in collaboration with Rotary, has served in 17 countries, performing 26,510 patient surgeries and supported over 8,000 training opportunities for partners in the medical professions. Many PDGs from Australia and NZ, including Di North, are members of the Interplast

Rotarian Committee that oversee the administration of Interplast. Interplast raised \$228,000 with the help of Rotary in the year 20-21.

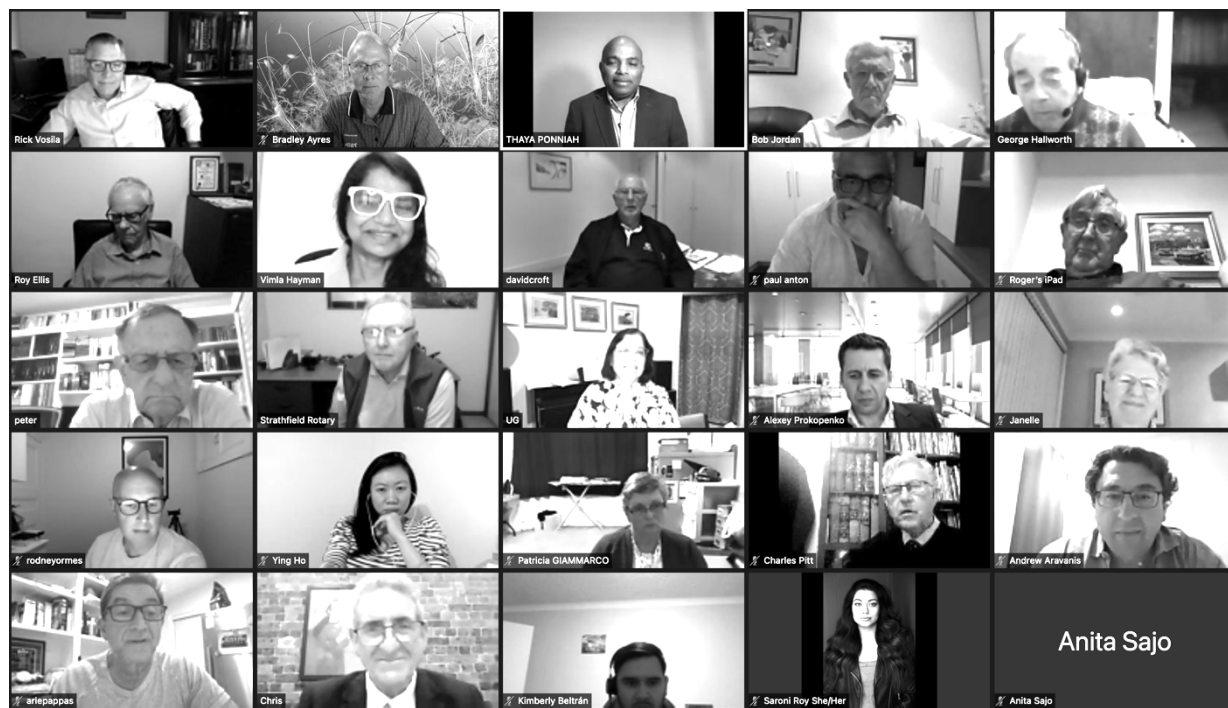
While discussing the work of Interplast, Vimla presented many graphic images of patients before and after surgery, and through our screens, we witnessed the drastic reduction, or elimination, of disfigurement and disability in many patients, giving them and their family a new lease of life. Removal of a massive tumour in a young girl, or plastic surgery on a young boy suffering from severe skin problems from burns, were some of many examples. She also presented the interesting case of a 62-year-old man with injuries from an accident, where the locals provided bone surgery but did not have the skills to close the wound. Fortunately, Interplast were there to help with skin graft surgery, and in the process, were able to train the local partners on this procedure.

Vimla has been involved with Rotary from the early 80s. A schoolteacher by profession, she 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. She is passionate

about educating communities on sustainability and has worked with Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation, training teachers to teach kitchen and garden programmes in schools. Notable highlights of her Rotary journey include completing the Mt.

Everest Base Camp trek in 2019 to raise funds for Polycystic Kidney Disease Foundation and working with Jamie Oliver as a Food Revolution Ambassador promoting healthy eating in schools.

Writeup by Usha Garg



Event for this week: A night of acknowledgements

Organised by IPP Usha Garg.

District News

A message from Paul Reid - District 9675 Polio Plus Chair 2021-22

“Good Day Everyone,
PDG Barry Antees received this email from one of his D.G classmates in India who has come up with an unique idea to raise funds to End polio, namely in the form of a golf tournament titled “Rotary International President World Golf Cup”.

As you can see from the details listed below the competition is open to all

Rotarians and your friends subject to registration and payment of US\$50.”



“Dear PDG Barry Antees,
RI District 9675, Australia.
PDG Sanjay Khanna, your Buddy Governor, and our team mate to organise this event has refereed your name to support this event.

Today I am writing you to inform the innovative Golf fund raising event to support the Polio Plus Programme of Rotary International. I am confident that you are all dedicated to the cause having great resources and contacts in your area.

Today, I, Parag, District Governor of your Year 2015-16 and Founder Chair of South Asian Fellowship of Golfing Rotarians affiliated to IGFR- South Asia, would like to take the opportunity to introduce you to something new, exciting and never-been-there-before in Rotary history: the global **“Rotary International President World Golf Cup”**. Over the next few lines, we will provide you with all the details you need to know about this special initiative spearheaded by IGFR’s South Asian chapter.

So, mark your diaries, wherever golfers are in the world. We open the inaugural “Rotary International President World Golf Cup between 14th and 20th of February 2022. During these days, each participant will be asked to play a local course and log in their score. So, wherever golfers find their way to the golf course and join us in this first of a kind event, this is where IGFR’s global nature shows its true colours!

Prior to your round of golf, we ask golfers to register online for the event and for a minimum donation of USD 50 to End Polio now, the Rotary Foundation’s charity. Every donation will be matched by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. All details and exact instructions for registering, scoring and playing may be found in the attached Q+A document. [not included in this bulletin – Ed]

We have really topped this whole event off with a truly special gift: Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta

has attended the opening ceremony, as well as will attend the prize giving ceremony. Let me underline this again: we have the honour of the Rotary International president himself both at the start and at the end of this virtual tournament. Can it get better than this?

Our Goal:

- 50 Countries X 150 Cities X 300 Golf Courses: 5,000 participants
- Collective Donation of 1.5 UD\$ to Polio Plus Programme of Rotary Foundation.
- Donation be paid to Rotary Foundation from anywhere to all over world.

We request you to promote this event to Golfing fraternity in your area.

With best Rotarian Golfer’s wishes,
Parag Sheth
Event Chair & Chair SAFGR
info@safgr.org22. “

END POLIO NOW

RI PRESIDENT ROTARY WORLD GOLF CUP 2022

SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta

14th to 20th february 22

Registration Open!

50 COUNTRIES 150 CITIES 300 GOLF COURSES 5000 PARTICIPANTS

Rotary International Golfing Fellowship of Rotarians SOUTH ASIA

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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 17th Nov	Usha Garg A night of acknowledgements	-	-	Golf Club
Wed 24th Nov	Mark Anderson Rotary Foundation Major Donor	Nella Hall	Ying Ho	Zoom
Wed 1st Dec	AGM Chaired by David Croft	-	-	Golf Club
Wed 8th Dec	Anita Sajo and Doug Abdiel How one small business hired 26 of our newest Australians and wants to help you do the same	TBA	TBA	Zoom
Wed 15th Dec	Transfer to Friday 17th Dec	-	-	-
Fri 17th Dec	Club Xmas party	-	-	Golf Club
Wed 22nd Dec Wed 5th Jan	Club recess	-	-	-
Wed 12th Jan	Croquet	-	-	Strathfield Croquet Club

<i>Birthdays</i>	
18th November	Devi Bala
19th November	Nella Hall
22nd November	Subo Thayaparan
24th November	Simone Vaccari

<i>Anniversaries</i>	
18th November	Saroni Roy and Prateek Chakraverty (Wedding)
20th November	George and Catherine Hallworth (Wedding)





The Rotary Statistics

Attendance last meeting (10-11-21) – In-person	23
Club membership	50
Partners	1
Guests	1

<i>Funds raised</i>	
Raffle	n/a
Sergeant's session	n/a

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

* Position was held by the late Peter Smith

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**ROTARY CLUB OF STRATHFIELD INC
NOMINATION FOR 2022-23 BOARD**

I, _____
(full name of proposer)

being an active member of Rotary Club of Strathfield Inc, nominate

(full name of active member being nominated)

for a position on the 2022-23 board as follows:

*[For those positions being nominated, **mark them with an X**]*

- ☐ President-elect / vice-president *
- ☐ Director (one of five positions)
- ☐ Secretary
- ☐ Treasurer

** Will assume the position of president 1 July 2023*

*[Multiple nominations may be made, but an individual may occupy only **one** position on the board]*

Signed _____
(signature of proposer)

Date _____

I accept the above nomination.

Signed _____
(signature of active member being nominated)

Date _____

**Return completed form to Secretary Nicholas Hamilton-Kane by 1 December
2021,
preferably by email.
Email: nickhamiltonkane@gmail.com**



**ROTARY CLUB OF STRATHFIELD INC
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2022-2023 BOARD**

The 50th Annual Meeting of the Rotary Club of Strathfield Inc will be held on Wednesday, 1 December 2021 at Strathfield Golf Club (following the regular club meeting).

At the annual meeting, elections will be held for the members of the 2022-2023 board and nominations are now being called for the following positions:

- President-elect / vice-president (will assume the position of president on 1 July 2023)
- Directors (five positions)
- Secretary
- Treasurer

President Thaya Ponniah will serve on the 2022-2023 board as the immediate past president.

Nominations must be submitted to the Secretary by email at nickhamiltonkane@gmail.com by 5 pm, 1 December 2021. Nominations will **not** be accepted from the floor at the AGM.

The form is attached to this email.

Nicholas Hamilton-Kane
Secretary
Rotary Club of Strathfield Inc

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15 November 2021



**ROTARY CLUB OF STRATHFIELD INC
50TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

- Date:** Wednesday, 1 December 2021
- Time:** 8:00PM
(following the conclusion of the Club's scheduled Wednesday night in-person meeting)
- Location:** Strathfield Golf Club
52 Weeroona Road, STRATHFIELD NSW 2135
- Apologies:** Please send any apologies to Secretary Nicholas Hamilton-Kane via email at nickhamiltonkane@gmail.com

AGENDA

1. Open & Welcome by Chairman PDG David Croft.
2. Apologies.
3. Minutes of the 49th annual meeting, held 2 December 2020.
4. Business arising from the minutes.
5. Report on activities of the club during 2020-21.
6. Financial statement for year ended 30 June 2021.
7. Election of directors and officers for the year 2022-23.
8. Election of the president-elect / vice-president for the year 2022-23.
(who will assume the position of club president on 1 July 2023).
9. Appointment of auditor for 2021-22 review of financial accounts.
10. Other business.
11. Close.

Nicholas Hamilton-Kane
Secretary 2021-22
Rotary Club of Strathfield Inc