



Rotary

Club of Strathfield



STRATHFIELD ROTARY BULLETIN

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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 Oct</i>		
-	Rotary	Community Economic Development Month
<i>Weeks of Oct</i>		
18th-24th Oct	Aust	National Bird Week
18th-24th Oct	Aust	Aussie Backyard Bird Count
18th-24th Oct	Aust	National Water Week
24th-30th Oct	UN	Disarmament Week
<i>Days of Oct</i>		
20th Oct	UN	World Statistics Day
20th Oct	Aust	National Ride 2 Work Day
24th Oct	Rotary	World Polio Day
24th Oct	UN	United Nations Day
24th Oct	UN	World Development Information Day
27th Oct	UN	World Day for Audio-visual Heritage



President's Report



Thaya Ponniah
President

My fellow Rotarians and friends of Rotary,

In February 2020, as the COVID-19 crisis was beginning, a newspaper columnist's concerns struck me. Would we willingly self-isolate, she wondered, changing our work, travel, and shopping habits so others wouldn't get sick? "This isn't just a test of clinical resources," she wrote, "but of our willingness to put ourselves out for others." Suddenly, the need for virtue was front-page news.

It can be hard to consider others' needs while we are anxious about our own. Thankfully, we're not left with willpower alone, to meet the demands. We as Rotarians always practise our motto, "Service above self". This gives us love to replace our indifference; joy to counter sadness; peace to replace our anxiety; forbearance (patience) to push out our impulsiveness; kindness to care about others; awareness to see their needs; faithfulness to keep our promises; gentleness instead of harshness; and self-control to lift us beyond self-centeredness.

Do we have the capacity to make sacrifices for the sake of others?



At times, it would be interesting to do a self-analysis to see how our club changes and evolves through new generations, diversity and most importantly, an unprecedented pandemic. We, the Rotary Club of Strathfield, as a human service organization, adapt and grow. But we also make sure our community adapts and grows. During the last few years, the

nature and the complexity of our community's problems and challenges experienced by them continuously evolved and expanded. These challenges call for us to lead and facilitate social change that can have a lasting impact on communities.

The Strategic Plan we developed to align our goals, is helping our club. It is always good to recall our strategic priorities and the main characteristics of our strategic plan.

We always focus on Our Strategic Priorities:

1. Increase our impact
2. Expand our reach
3. Enhance participants' engagement
4. Increase our ability to adapt

As we unite and take action to create lasting change, we aspire to be a Rotary club with the following characteristics:

1. Truly, **diverse membership**
2. A strong and sustainable **financial base**
3. A powerful **fundraising engine**
4. A genuine, warm and satisfying **friendship**
5. A **pillar of service leadership** in our community
6. A **modern club**, leveraging technology to do good

A firm plan will always help any institution to stand firm withstanding any adversity and external debacles.

"I believe we can change the world one life at a time" - Paul Harris

Yours in Rotary,

Thaya Ponniah



Director Reports



Rick Vosila
Community

Please use the trybooking link to register today!

Regards,

Rick Vosila

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.

Please note there is an early bird discount up until 31 October after which prices go up; so please act now! 😊



Early bird price \$195 pp up to 31st October.

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



Member Announcements

Bob Jordan

Reported that the house 26 Angelo Street Burwood, sold at auction for \$2,060,000 (Thanks Paul Anton for confirming - Ed).

Why is this relevant? Well, all proceeds from the sale will be donated to Ovarian Cancer Australia to help women living with Ovarian Cancer across Australia.

David Croft

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)

The District 9675 RYLA committee has advised that the 2022 RYLA program is going ahead from the 3rd-9th of January 2022 at Stanwell Tops.

The committee is monitoring the COVID-19 situation and developing a response plan.

RYLA is a life-changing leadership program for young adults aged around 19 to 25. The committee has advised that they will consider applications from 18 year olds.

The 7-day program typically has 75 participants and focuses on leadership,

personal development, teamwork and community awareness.

RYLA features presentations from many experts who generously donate their time and experience to further the development of young leaders. The program combines workshops and presentations to fully explore the fundamentals of effective leadership.

RYLA gives young people the chance to build their communication and problem-solving skills. They will learn from community leaders, peer mentors, special

guest speakers and Rotarians. This is both a challenging and rewarding program.

Awardees will form amazing connections with their fellow participants, and the impact on their lives will go well-beyond the 7 days they spend together.

Further details and the Registration form are now on the District website:

<https://www.rotarydistrict9675.org/page/ryla>

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding RYLA or to discuss any potential nominations.

Speaker from last week: Raymond McCluskie

Fellow Strathfield Rotarian and Past President Raymond McCluskie gave us an informative and insightful presentation on the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust and covered the following salient points.

Who was Sir Winston Churchill?

Winston Churchill was one of the most influential people of the 20th Century. He was the Prime Minister of Great Britain, a Sandhurst Educated Soldier who served in the Boer Wars, A POW who escaped and returned to liberate captives, a war hero, Noble Prize Winner, a passionate man and also prolific painter.



The RSL planned and executed a nationwide doorknock on 'Churchill Memorial Sunday' Sunday the 28th of February 1965 – only four weeks after Churchill's funeral. The Appeal raised the equivalent of \$70,000,000 today.

The Trust

The Trust was established to administer not only the total funds raised by the 1965 Appeal, but also the Churchill Fellowship award scheme. All Directors serve in an honorary capacity. The Patron of the Trust is Professor Tom Calma AO.

How the Trust Began

In 1962 the Duke of Edinburgh asked Sir Winston what type of memorial he would like so that the world could remember

Churchill Fellows

A Churchill Fellowship is offered to people who are talented, committed, exceptional and demonstrate a passion in a specific field. The motto of the Trust is “Learn globally, inspire Locally”. The Fellows return from their overseas studies and share their results with the wider Australian Community. Recipient projects have included studies on the following issues: liver cell plant, organ tissues, climate change, childhood obesity and racism prevention to name a few.



Raymond's Fellowship

Raymond was awarded his Churchill Fellowship in 1973. Raymond had a particular interest and passion for Environmental Education. As the recipient of the fellowship, he undertook research in the UK and visited various institutions including the Red Brick Universities and the fellowship also included a study trip to the World Health Organization in Geneva.

He returned to Australia and was successful in obtaining the first dedicated environmental science laboratory and established an undergraduate TAFE program in environmental studies. Raymond continued his own environmental studies including collaborative post graduate work for the ‘Sydney Oxidant Study’.

In 2021 Raymond was the recipient of the prestigious Recognition Award from the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust for his

work on the database and other contributions. He is an active member of the Alumni Committee who regularly organise Churchill chats, present research paper findings and mentor other Churchill fellows. More than 4,400 Churchill Fellowships have been awarded since 1965 resulting in research papers, knowledge and findings being shared with the broader community for Australia's benefit.

Raymond had a distinguished career leading the TAFE College Strathfield Campus. He continues his philosophy of Education via his business Mr Computer Tutor, helping seniors and those transitioning into employment needing computer skills. Raymond is a generous and vital member of the Rotary Club of Strathfield and has managed the social media and webpages of our club since inception.

Writeup by Andrew Aravanis



Last week's Zoom rollup

Speaker for this week: Hugo Robinson

Hugo is Manager - Policy & Government for the Restaurant & Catering Industry Association (R&CA); a role he commenced in September this year.

The R&CA's strategic focus is to ensure owners and operators within the hospitality industry remain profitable and sustainable. For the wider hospitality community, they aim to support continuous improvement of industry standards and professionalism.

R&CA is the not-for-profit National Association that leads and represents the interests of over 45,000 restaurants, cafes

and catering businesses in Australia. In addition to actively pursuing National issues and projects of relevance to its members, R&CA is committed to ensuring that the industry is recognised as one of excellence, professionalism, profitability, and sustainability within its broader social and economic contribution. This includes promoting and advocating the value of the restaurant experience to the public. The members of R&CA are the owners and operators of restaurants, cafes, and catering businesses (full members) and representatives of industry supplier businesses (associate members).

District News (repeated from last week)

District Conference – see you there



“Yes, now is the time to be thinking about all the joys of being out of lockdown and one of those is meeting up with your friends and colleagues at the District Conference in March 2022. This will be held at The Warwick Conference Centre in Warwick Farm (near Liverpool), and we have some great speakers lined up for you. Registrations are now open for ‘Very early-bird’ tickets. On 31 October prices will go up. Please note that non-Rotarian partners will always be able to come along at the very early bird price, so why not make a lovely weekend of it? Rotaractors, don’t delay. This is the cheapest price you will pay for your ticket!

Visit the District Website and find the District Conference tab. This will take you to the Registration, and Accommodation, links. More to come on speakers shortly. Just a taster though... Craig Reucassel (War on Waste) has just confirmed his availability. What a great match for our seventh area of focus! See you there...

Click here to register.

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

- Full registration Very Early Bird tickets are available between 19 September and 31 October 2021 at \$195pp or \$390 for a couple. (1 Rotarian plus a non-Rotarian)
- Full registration Early Bird tickets are available between 1 November 2021

and 16 January 2022 at \$235pp or \$430 for a couple. (1 Rotarian plus a non-Rotarian)

- Normal registration tickets are available between 17 January and 13 March 2022 at \$275pp or \$470 for a couple. (1 Rotarian plus a non-Rotarian)

At all times full registration tickets for Rotaractors will be \$20pp cheaper than the prices quoted above.”

Shaping Rotary’s Future

“2021 marks the centenary of Rotary’s establishment in Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific countries, and the challenge is to secure our future. To do this, we need to ensure that Rotary remains relevant, contemporary and flexible.

At the recent Zone 8 Virtual Conference, Past RI President Barry Rassin announced that our Zone would be a pilot study for “Shaping Rotary’s Future”.

The Zone Pilot Strategy in Zone 8 (Australia / New Zealand / Pacific Islands / New Guinea & Timor Leste) will confirm the wider regionalisation structure for Rotary across the globe. The reason that Zone 8 was selected for this pilot is that we realised the need and moved towards a possible solution earlier than the other regions who are suggesting similar changes to Zone 8.

This Pilot Study will change the roles of District Governors and Assistant Governors where Governors will move to sectional Leadership roles Assistant Governors will have wider leadership roles for groups of 10 – 30 Clubs (yet to be determined), rather than just being a link to the District Governor. This will be a

“change management” process through 2022-2024.

Should the pilot go ahead under the current timeline a fully functional Regional Council will be in place and operating from 1 July 2024. An interim council, managed by the currently elected District Governors Nominee will operate during the lead up to year (2023 – 2024) as part of their responsibilities at the time.

The Regional Council will be **an elected body** with members being in the position for 3 years. The Sectional Leadership Group will **be elected** and will be required for a 4 year term. This will be 2 years in preparation and 2 years as a full member.

Some current District administration, grant management, membership, dues collection, insurance, international reporting, media contact and national entity functions will be transferred to the regional level to release Districts from the current operations requiring the leadership attention.

Further detailed information will be provided to Clubs as we are advised.”

Reminder to Clubs 'Empowering Girls Survey'

“One of Rotary International President Shekar Mehta’s key initiatives is

prioritizing projects that focus on improving the health, education, well-being, and economic security of girls across the globe. He is encouraging Rotary clubs and Rotary districts to empower women and girls in all of the service initiatives they undertake during the 2021-22 Rotary year.

DGE Janice Hall is the Ambassador for Empowering Women and Girls in D9675. She would like Clubs to complete the following survey so we can collate the successful and empowering projects that your club already sponsors. An email was sent to Presidents and Secretaries on 21 September, so this is a reminder – see the link to the survey below.”

<https://forms.gle/1Dx1n8AwDnMxBBvz9>

Australian Rotary Health seeks members for Philanthropy Committee

“ARH is seeking to expand its support base so that they can fund even more research than is currently being undertaken. To do this they are seeking Rotarians who may be experienced in the field of philanthropy to join this committee.

If that’s you – follow the links below...

ARH Philanthropy Committee Invitation and ARH Role Description Philanthropic Foundations Fundraising.”

<https://rotarydistrict9675.org/documents/en-au/eb025f36-b2e7-4a12-8e32-37ac57022f03/1/>

<https://rotarydistrict9675.org/documents/en-au/876a849b-4cc3-4082-8264-805949e51e53/1/>

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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<br/>+ <b>Speaker write-up</b></i> | <i>Venue</i> |
| Wed 20th Oct         | <b>Hugo Robinson</b><br>Manager - Policy &<br>Government -<br>Restaurant and Caterer's<br>Association | Brad Ayres          | Peter van der<br>Sleesen                      | Zoom         |
| Sun 24th Oct         | <b>World Polio Day</b>                                                                                | -                   | -                                             | -            |
| Wed 27th Oct         | <b>Transfer to<br/>Sunday 31-10-21</b>                                                                | -                   | -                                             | -            |
| Sun 31st Oct         | <b>Rotary<br/>Mind Your Health Event</b>                                                              | -                   | -                                             | Golf<br>Club |
| Wed 3rd Nov          | <b>Keith Roffey</b><br>District Rotary Foundation<br>Chair 2021 - 2024                                | TBA                 | TBA                                           | Golf<br>Club |
| Wed 10th Nov         | <b>Vimla Hayman</b><br>Rotary Interplast                                                              | TBA                 | TBA                                           | Zoom         |
| Wed 17th Nov         | <b>Clare Pearson</b><br>Little Wings Charity                                                          | TBA                 | TBA                                           | Golf<br>Club |
| Wed 24th Nov         | <b>Mark Anderson</b><br>Rotary Foundation Major<br>Donor                                              | TBA                 | TBA                                           | Zoom         |

| <i>Birthdays</i> |                           |
|------------------|---------------------------|
| 20th October     | Trudy Ho                  |
| 20th October     | Thaya Ponniah             |
| 24th October     | Marvin Manrique-Velasquez |
|                  |                           |

| <i>Anniversaries</i> |                                |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| 21st October         | Rick Vosila (Rotary)           |
| 21st October         | Bill and Mira Carney (wedding) |

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The Rotary Statistics

Attendance last meeting (13-10-21) – Zoom	23
Club membership	50
Partners	0
Guests	0

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

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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SUNDAY 31 OCTOBER 2021

5:30 FOR 6:00 PM

STRATHFIELD GOLF CLUB

THREE-COURSE DINNER

\$55 PER PERSON

DRESS SMART CASUAL



LIFT THE LID
on mental illness

Strathfield
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Club 

Your Health

Incorporating

Hat Day 2021

A special function to launch our club's **Mind Your Health** project
and to support Australian Rotary Health's **Lift the Lid on Mental
Illness** campaign for 2021

Partners, colleagues and friends of Rotary very welcome

Many special guests will join us for this unique occasion

BOOKING OPTIONS

- (1) Humanitix: events.humanitix.com.au/health
- (2) EFT: \$55 per person Acct name: Rotary Club of Strathfield
BSB: 633000 Acct: 146249156 Ref: your last name
- (3) C/Card: Call Rod McDougall 0416 163 090 with MasterCard or Visa

COVID-19 NSW Government requirements will apply

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<https://www.strathfieldrotary.org.au/sre/211031/mindyourhealth.htm>