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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 Sept</i>		
-	Aust	National Biodiversity Month
-	Rotary	Basic Education and Literacy Month
<i>Weeks of Sept</i>		
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<i>Days of Sept</i>		
22nd Sept	Int	World Car-Free Day
23rd Sept	UN	International Day of Sign Languages
26th Sept	UN	International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons
26th Sept	Int	World Rivers Day
27th Sept	UN	World Tourism Day
28th Sept	UN	International Day for Universal Access to Information
29th Sept	UN	International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste



President's Report



Thaya Ponniah
President

My fellow Rotarians and friends of Rotary,

It is with great joy and pleasure we welcome all our new members to our

Rotary Club of Strathfield. Last Wednesday, 15th September, we inducted five new members. This was a great occasion for both the new members and our club as we reached the magical milestone of 50 members, in the presence of our DG Jeremy Wright AM who had graciously agreed to conduct the inductions.

Thank you everyone for your contribution and participation. As the meeting was online, the actual 'pinning' will be conducted once our in-person' meetings resume.

Rotary is not a political organisation, but all Rotarians are vitally concerned with everything pertaining to good citizenship. It is neither a religious organisation, but it is built on those eternal principles that have served as the moral compass for people throughout the ages.

We are not a charitable organisation, but our activities exemplify the service and sacrifices that one should expect from people who believe that they have a responsibility to help others.

Rotary is an organisation of business and professional people pledged to uphold the highest professional standards. Rotarians believe that worldwide fellowship and international peace can be achieved when businesspeople & professionals unite under the banner of service.



We have all been chosen at one time or the other for membership of this very fine institution, The Rotary Club of **Strathfield** because our introducers – **like my good friend, past president**

Arie Pappas, who introduced me to this club – believed in us to manifest those qualities of head and heart that fit us to interpret and impart the message of Rotary. They relied upon us to carry the principles and ideals of service that they inspired to those who shared our professional activity.

I would like to give below a brief about our new members which was prepared by our outstanding Club Service Director PP Arie Pappas:

Harpreet Bhatia – Introduced by Nella Hall

Harpreet Bhatia has been a resident of Strathfield since 2007 and holds a Masters degree in computer science. Harpreet currently works for various government and private clients in providing them with expertise in IT systems.

Harpreet is an IT architect by profession and has been in the IT industry for more than 15 years. He has a lot of interests in his local community and takes a keen interest in making life better for everyday living. Harpreet lives with his wife and 2 kids and likes to travel, when possible, around Australia. His recent travel just before the lockdown was towards the Dubbo region.

Robert Jordan – Introduced by Arie Pappas

Robert Jordan, who is usually referred to as Bob, was educated at Haberfield Primary (along with David Croft) and Newington College (Senior School)

Bob then went on to study pharmacy at Sydney University. In January 1962, two days after marrying Diane, who was also a pharmacist, they sailed to London where they worked in pharmacies and

toured the UK and Europe; returning to Sydney in May 1963.

Bob and his wife owned a pharmacy at Kingsgrove and then Dural from 1964 to 2003. He did locum pharmacy work until retirement in 2010. Bob retired to care for his beloved wife Diane who was then diagnosed and ultimately taken by ovarian cancer. Bob is a Community Ambassador for Ovarian Cancer Australia.

Bob has two children – Tracey a lawyer and David a barrister. He also has six grandchildren who are the apple of his eye. Bob is interested in and played many sports including cricket, rugby, golf, tennis, soccer, and squash. Like many of our current and past members, Bob was an Alderman at Strathfield Council.

He was a former Member of Strathfield Rotary between 1978-1985. Since retiring, Bob works three days a week in the Archives Department at Newington College.

Anita Sajo – Introduced by Arie Pappas

Anita is a technology enthusiast and an aspiring social entrepreneur, hailing from Kerala, better known globally as ‘God’s own country’. On the professional front, after pursuing a degree in Management, Anita has been working on delivering technology outcomes for her clients. After about 10 years of IT services and strategy in India and delivering some fantastic programmes for the Government of Kerala (India), Royal Netherlands Embassy, World Bank, etc., she moved to Australia in 2015 on a work permit.

One of her first assignments in Australia was to provide technology consulting to the Commonwealth Bank of Australia for their big data initiatives and has been continuing with them on various

technology roles ever since. She was joined in 2016 by her young children, Ardra, then aged 5 and Aditya, aged 8, while her spouse Sajo shuttled between India and Australia for his work. Her husband, Sajo, is an Advertising and Marketing professional who has been running his own venture in Kerala and heading the communications for an UK-based engineering firm. Being a resident of Homebush, her children attend the local public schools and have been part of the Strathfield-Homebush community ever since. Seeing her children thrive and embrace Australia as their home, she embarked on a pathway to Permanent Residency and became a Permanent Resident in May this year!

With this caveat having been met, she is now fully engrossed in working on her area of passion, which is to give back to the community through social endeavours that make an impact. It is with this aspiration that she has sought out voluntary organizations which support underprivileged individuals and try to make a difference through volunteering. She has been associated with two Australian NFPs – Purpose & Growth and Opportunities Australia since 2020. She is keen to be further embedded in philanthropic ventures in Australia that drive global outcomes and hence the initiative to join the RC of Strathfield.

Joanne Baldwin – Introduced by Alexey Prokopenko

A dual-qualified (the UK and New South Wales, Australia) solicitor with 9 years of experience in Australian Immigration Law and 8 years of experience in UK Commercial Property Law. Joanne is a Registered Migration Agent and currently specialises in corporate and skilled migration in Sydney, Australia.

Joanne is passionate about Junior Chamber International (JCI) and has been involved with JCI in both Australia and the UK. JCI has given her so much confidence in herself and so many opportunities – to organise nationwide events, to improve her debating and public speaking skills, to people-manage, to run a growing organisation in a democratic manner – dealing with the finances, admin, marketing, etc.

Rodney Ormes – Introduced by Arie Pappas

Our next member to be introduced is Rodney John Ormes. Rod's membership represents our 50th current member and is a major milestone for our club. Rod proudly claims that he has lived in the same postcode his entire life 2118 (Carlingford)!

Rod is 51 years of age, happily married to Merrilyn, & they have twin 19-year-old daughters, Emily & Katelyn.

Rod left school at the ripe old age of 15, completed an engineering apprenticeship with Dairy Farmers before joining NSW Police at 19.5 years of age.

Rod has been a NSW Police Officer for 31 years and currently holds the rank of Chief Inspector. He has worked in many areas of NSW Police, with a large portion of service on the front line in Western Sydney Commands. Rod tells me he has seen the absolute best in people and witnessed & commanded many challenging serious events, many of which you may have seen as the lead stories on the nightly news bulletins.

Rod's family is the most important aspect of his life. He is a family man who loves

travelling, creating memories, and sharing experiences with his wife and girls, and no doubt one day their families. Rod loves the garden, outdoor life, and doing unplanned acts of goodness & kindness to those in need. This is underpinned by his Christian beliefs.

His daughter Merilyn is the Director of Curriculum, Primary Years Programming at the Trinity Grammar Junior School, Summer Hill. Merilyn has been employed with Trinity for 20 years. Emily and Katelyn have been students at Meriden since year 3 and are now following their mum's footsteps in studying the role of teaching at the University of Notre Dame and Sydney University. Rod is known to numerous members of this club through his association with the Meriden School.

Yours in Rotary,

Thaya Ponnia



Director Reports



Rick Vosila
Community

Dear Members,

At last week's DG Visit meeting, we launched an online fundraising campaign on the GoFundMe platform in response to our inability to raise service funds in our usual ways. There are many good works we still need to do which will need some significant financial resources. Please take a look inside the campaign which describes the projects we will support with this.

Can I ask that you share this campaign with your friends, colleagues and business associates as broadly as possible with your own covering appeal for support. We would particularly like to target businesses in our local areas seeking their contributions, as well as corporates we may have connections with.

Thanks for your help with this, as together we Serve to Change Lives.

Regards,

Rick Vosila

Simply click <https://gofund.me/f44f0ce3> to go direct to the campaign



Roy Ellis
Internatiuonal Service

A Global Grant for US \$90,817.00 has been approved by the Rotary Foundation to provide medical equipment to establish an operating theatre and a Covid-19 treatment centre at the Chanakacheheri Base Hospital, Jaffna, Sri Lanka, submitted by The Rotary Club of Colombo South and The Rotary Club of Strathfield.

Details are:

Project Summary

Name of the Project:

Essential Medical Equipment to Address Critical Medical Needs and Treat COVID Patients

Location:

Chavakachcheri Base Hospital,
Chavakachcheri, Jaffna, Northern Province,
Sri Lanka

Project Overview:

Main objective of the project is to provide medical equipment to establish an operating theatre at the Chavakachcheri Base Hospital, Jaffna, Sri Lanka. The Chavakachcheri Base Hospital is the main hospital serving the needs to over 100,000 people living in the surrounding areas where the Hospital is located. The hospital currently does not have an operating theatre. Patients from the region in desperate need of life-saving operations are forced to transfer by ambulance to the main Jaffna hospital. Approximately 2000 patients were relocated to Jaffna Teaching hospital every year for urgent operations due to the lack of facilities

available at Chavakachcheri Hospital. Besides, Chavakachcheri hospital has to treat Covid patients from the area.

Jaffna hospital is the main centre for COVID 19 treatment in province. Due to large number of Covid patients the hospital is required to utilize the available space and staff for treatment of Covid 19 patients. Besides the ICU beds of the hospital have to be shared by Covid patients. As a result of this, patients requiring other lifesaving operations are required to wait for longer periods of time. Establishing an operating theatre at the Chavakachcheri hospital will greatly reduce the waiting period and enable the Jaffna hospital to provide more effective treatment to Covid patients from other areas of the province.

Rotary Clubs that are implementing the project:

- Host club: Rotary club of Colombo South, RID 3220
- International club: Rotary club of Strathfield, RID 9675

Partners:

- Rotary Club of The Hills-Kellyville
- RAWCS Project 6/2017-17 - Sustainable Community Development Programs India and Sri Lanka
- Rotary District RID 9685
- Thenmaradchi Development Association, UK

Budget:

USD 90,817.00

List of equipment:

Ventilators, Oxymeters, Multipara monitor, Operation theatre light, Operation theatre table, Anesthesia workstation, Patient warmer, Blood warmer, Infant warmer, Diathermy, Automatic autoclave sterilizer.

Funding:

Source	Amount (USD)
RC Strathfield, RID 9675	\$10,000
RC The Hills-Kellyville	\$5,000
RC Colombo South	\$617
DDF – RID 9675	\$5,000
DDF – RID 9685	\$5,000
DDF – RID 3220	\$1,500
Thenmaradchi Development Association	\$54,500
TRF	\$9,200
Total =	\$90,817



Dimitry Chugg-Palmer
Secretary

Stay connected on WhatsApp

The Rotary Club of Strathfield now has its very own WhatsApp group! The group is a way for Strathfield Rotarians to stay connected - particularly during the current situation.

The group is used for reminders, updates or sharing funny stories and jokes!

Members are encouraged to join via their mobile device with the following link:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/GDCdIHQA0ab7sx6KeT27a7>

or by scanning the QR Code below.



Member Announcements

Usha Garg

THINGS TO CONSIDER WITH MEDIA

Extract from an article in the Regional Bulletin Sep 21.

<https://hail.to/rotary-zone-8/publication/pyMjUAl>

In this informative article Angela challenges us to think about our objectives and goals and our desired audience before we engage with media. Here is how she explains the different media and how we can use them:

Earned media refers to the content and conversations about Rotary that we've influenced but is created by someone else and published somewhere other than your channels. This includes news media coverage, social media mentions, shares and retweets, and blog posts. Earned media carries a lot of credibility. It tends

to be measures by its advertising value times four.

Owned media refers to any channel or profile controlled and maintained by Rotary, such as a club website, social media channels and blogs. You control both the content and media channel. This would be ideal for reaching the wider Rotary network.

Paid media is any form of media that a club or district pays to use. This includes sponsorships and advertisements. Ideal for fundraising goals.

For a younger demographic, she strongly recommends Instagram keeping content fun and engaging.

Angela is available to discuss marketing strategies on angela.stavro@rotary.org

Speaker from last week: Jeremy Wright

D.G. Jeremy on his official visit for our club – in zoom – was also the guest speaker outlining

The objectives of District 9675 for the year

D.G. Jeremy is a member of Sydney Cove Rotary Club and apart from his private life in marketing has an undeniable commitment to serving the community in a myriad of projects.

In outlining the district objectives D.G. Jeremy indicates that our district club should look to the future in building Rotary awareness, while still maintaining some of our traditional values.

In these times of lockdown it is vital that we embrace Virtual Rotary and electronic

communication to keep the wheels of Rotary turning - this evening would have impressed the D. G. with a record zoom attendance.

D.G. encouraged the construction and support of all youth programs and is a great supporter of youth vocations. He also touched on the finalization of the Polio Plus Program and assistance on World Vac for COVID in underdeveloped countries.

D. G. Jeremy spoke on Fund Raising and the availability of Rotary grants for special projects that this club is interested in discussing the objectives for this Rotary year D.G. is fully committed to program involving the environment, empowering girls especially in

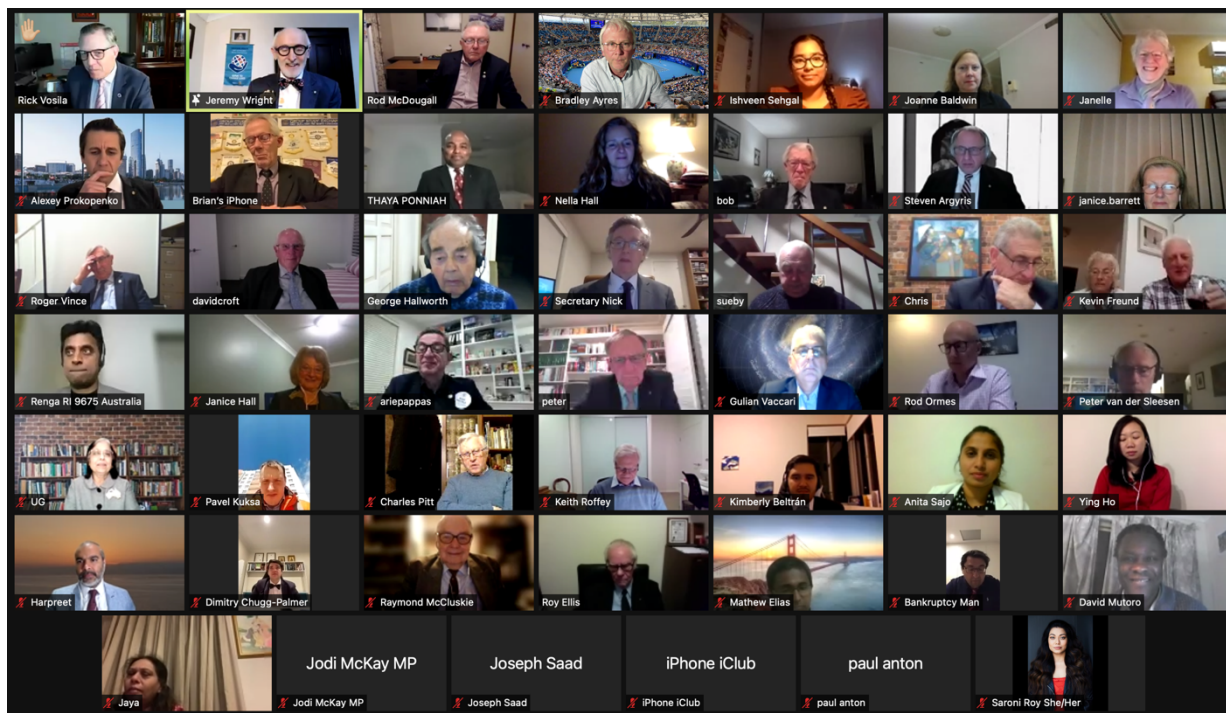
developing countries and a program for Indigenous Communities.

Our Club has already shown a commitment to these programs.

To cap the D. G.'s evening he was given the task to induct five new members into this Club taking our Membership to 50.

The slogan of “each one bring one” was off to a good start for the District Membership Drive and Strathfield Rotary was congratulated on its initiatives and planned programs.

Writeup by Peter Manenti



A new Zoom rollup record

Speaker for this week: Jodi McKay

Being so well known to our club, Jodi hardly needs a ‘bulletin introduction’. However, from:

https://www.nswlabor.org.au/jodi_mckay

“Raised in the small town of Gloucester in country NSW, Jodi was an award-winning Newcastle journalist before moving into the private and non-for-profit sectors. She was one of the founding members of the Hunter Medical Research Institute and has been a non-executive director on a variety of health, research and advocacy boards.

In 2007, Jodi was elected to Parliament as the Member for Newcastle and quickly rose to hold several Ministerial portfolios including Tourism, Women, Commerce, Small Business and Science and Medical Research.

Her achievements include introducing landmark health laws to reduce tobacco-related cancers and overseeing the establishment of the Vivid Sydney festival, which now injects more than \$173 million into the NSW economy.

In 2011, Jodi's opponents started a campaign against her after she refused to accept a bribe over a proposed coal terminal in Newcastle. Jodi asked the corruption watchdog and police to investigate, but lost her seat at the election. A corruption inquiry was later launched into illegal political donations, which saw 10 politicians resign from Parliament or the Liberal Party. Jodi walked out of the inquiry with her reputation enhanced and one newspaper described her as "incorruptible".

Jodi knows that the only way to achieve real change in politics is to stand up and be counted. It's with this passion for real change that she has represented her community as the Labor Party Member for Strathfield since the 2015 election.

Jodi lives in Ashfield with her husband Stephen. As Strathfield's local member, Jodi is passionate about her community and will continue to work tirelessly to provide a strong local voice for her constituents.

COVID Capers

If you want to know exactly how your suburb is going wrt COVID case numbers, the ABC has the detail at:

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2021-08-25/how-quickly-is-covid-spreading-in-your-nsw-postcode/100402830>

Dates for the Calendar



Rotary Events				
Day/Date	Event/speaker	To introduce	To thank + Speaker write-up	Venue
Wed 22nd Sept	Jodi McKay State Electorate of Strathfield	Arie Pappas	Marvin Manrique	Zoom
Wed 29th Sept	Robert Jordan Supporting Ovarian Cancer Sufferers	TBA	TBA	Zoom
Wed 6th Oct	Paul Kougias Importance and challenges in grassroots sport	TBA	TBA	Zoom
Wed 13th Oct	Raymond McCuskie The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust	TBA	TBA	Zoom

NOTE: Due to the latest COVID outbreak and subsequent lock-down, the above program may change

<i>Birthdays</i>	
23rd September	Domenico Alvaro
23rd September	Georgia Anton
24th September	Keith Byrn
28th September	Joe Saad

<i>Anniversaries</i>	
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The Rotary Statistics

Attendance last meeting (15-09-21) – Zoom	32
Attendance by new members on 15-09-21	4
Club membership	50
Partners	0
Guests	12

<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 ¹	Community	Rick Vosila
International	Roy Ellis	Vocational	Alexey Prokopenko
Public Officer	Rod McDougall	Club Service	Arie Pappas

¹ Position was held by the late Peter Smith

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