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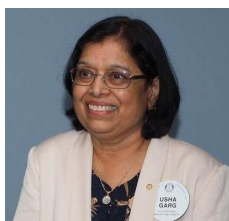
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Rotary, United Nations and Australian Themes

<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 May</i>		
-	Rotary	Maternal and Child Health Month
18 April – 19 May	Aust	Australian Heritage Festival
<i>Weeks of May</i>		
2nd – 8th May	Int	International Composting Awareness Week
6th – 12th May	UN	Global Road Safety Week
<i>Days of May</i>		
8th May	Int	World Red Cross/Crescent Day
8th May	UN	World Migratory Bird Day
8th & 9th May	UN	Time of Remembrance and Reconciliation for Those Who Lost Their Lives During the Second World War
10th May	Int	World Lupus Day
12th May	Int	International Nurses Day

President's Report



Usha Garg
President

“Remember, engaged members stay with Rotary, and through Rotary they can accomplish great things”

John Hewko, General Secretary, Rotary International and Rotary Foundation



We need to look beyond ourselves and our year, at the long-term health of our clubs, communities and our organisation. That is how we get closer to achieving our vision. It's never the role - it's always the goal. It is about helping those doing poorly, to do well, and those doing well, to do even better. (Extracted from an inspiring speech by RI PP Kalyan Banerjee at the International Assembly).

<https://rotarynewsonline.org/leading-in-rotary-means-you-are-leading-your-equals-kalyan-banerjee/>



Rotary Foundation Scholarship links with COVID19 vaccine!

"The Rotary Foundation's Scholarship bolstered my ambitions and allowed me to pursue my MS from the University of Hawaii, and subsequently a PhD, at the University of Wisconsin- Madison." says Krishna Ella.

https://www.uwalumni.com/awards/daa_ella/

<https://www.forbesindia.com/article/take-one-big-story-of-the-day/krishna-ella-how-a-farmers-son-gave-india-its-first-successful-indigenous-covid19-vaccine/66799/1>

Ella, a farmer's son has given India its first successful indigenous Covid-19 vaccine, COVAXIN, developed and produced at Bharat Biotech, with an interim efficacy of 81%. Ella's entrepreneurial journey has seen him develop and supply 1.5 billion different vaccine doses to more than 65 countries. His mission is to provide the

5.8 billion people of developing nations with this safe, affordable vaccines. While many countries of the world, particularly India and Brazil, face endless suffering and loss of lives through the COVID 19 and its mutants, Ella brings help and hope.

District Assembly/Rotary Service Summit

One of highlights of this week was ten members of our club attending the Rotary Service Summit (District Assembly) on Saturday, the 1st of May. Great opportunity to hear a message from the incoming RI president Shekhar Mehta, our incoming district leaders and from Jessie Harman, first Australian women on the RI Board. It was a well-planned, informative program for the day and a great opportunity to network with other club members and district representatives. Please catch up with board members for more details.

Club News and Events Coming up

President-elect Thaya Ponniah has dived into the deep end with a great pre-planning session over breakfast with his team on Saturday, the 17th of April. Hopefully we are closer to the end of the pandemic and with a safer world we can open out to many more fund raising activities.

This week we formally welcome our newest member Steven Argyris and I take this opportunity to thank Rtn. Bradley Ayres for introducing such a worthy member to our club.

The **50th Anniversary** preparations are in full swing and Chair Roger Vince would appreciate receiving all bookings as soon as possible. Please note that the deadline for purchase of tickets is this week, 7 May 2021. It is a once-in-50-year event!



District Assembly/Rotary Service Summit

The Youth Awards are now set for 18th June by the Awards Committee in consultation with Strathfield Council. Rtn Ed Dunlop and his team have kicked off the planning for this important event in our Rotary Calendar.

RYPEN camp is coming up and we have sponsored two students from HBHS.

Last but not the least, the Changeover will be held on Saturday 26th June. Please reserve the date, more details will follow later.

This week, we will hear about Malcolm Brown's professional experiences as a long-time journalist for SMH reporting on major disasters.

The following weeks also bring interesting speakers and I recommend not to miss any evening.

<https://www.strathfieldrotary.org.au/guestspeakers.htm>

Look forward to our meeting.

Usha Garg

Speaker from last week: Anthony Garagounis

This was a very interesting presentation with Rotarians given an insight into the Build to Rent concept which is relatively new to Australia though the norm in the UK and Europe. Overseas, there is commonly an institutional investor, like a superannuation fund or a bank, with the developer and the apartments are kept and operated in perpetuity. Very few people rent through a landlord. It is usually the institution and the developer in partnership.

In Australia, Mirvac's Build to Rent means that Mirvac is the developer and owner with the apartments all held in one lot. Mirvac operate, manage and maintain the

apartments. The apartments are all leased directly to the tenants.

Anthony Garagounis then talked about the Build to Rent Indigo Pavilions project in the Sydney Olympic Park. The site at the Olympic Park is located in Figtree Drive. There are three buildings; two of which have been sold in the traditional way while the third building was built and designed specifically for the build to rent concept. Being a new model for Australia, the resident/tenant leases directly from the owner and when the lease expires the tenant has first right of refusal. The idea is that a long term tenant is of benefit to both the tenant and the owner.

Anthony explained that designing the building and apartments for tenants is different from traditional developers who build to sell because they, Mirvac, are thinking of the long term when designing. An example being that when building, the developer can increase the number of solar panels on the roof. Mirvac has given due consideration to the design and fitouts of the apartments with many facilities available to residents such as common dining areas, conference facilities, library, gym and six staff on duty to provide support for residents and maintenance for the apartments.

The building has a five star green rating and much water is recycled giving tenants the

same access to clean technologies as home owners. Much use is made of technology with energy monitoring and smart storage solutions.

Anthony Garagounis, the National Delivery Manager, Build to Rent, Mirvac, was recommended by Janelle Watson.

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Write-up by Janelle Watson



Anthony (top left)

Speaker for this week: Malcolm Brown

Malcolm Brown is president-elect of the Rotary Club of Parramatta City. He is also District Coordinator for RAWCS. Malcolm was born in Dubbo, NSW, in May 1947, educated at Dubbo High School and At Newington College in Sydney. He completed an Arts degree at Sydney

University and started his cadetship in journalism with the Daily Liberal newspaper in Dubbo in 1969. Six months later he was called up for National Service, did a crash course to become a second lieutenant in the Infantry and did 18 months in a training role at Singleton in the NSW Hunter.

He returned to journalism in 1972 as a staff reporter on the Sydney Morning Herald, where he was to spend the next 40 years. In that time he was a general reporter, police reporter, court reporter and correspondent in Newcastle, Brisbane, and London. He was sent to cover the New Zealand Rugby tour in 1981, which was marked by anti-apartheid riots, the Gulf War in 1991 and a number of political uprisings in Fiji.

Malcolm's career story was the Azaria Chamberlain case, where he was assigned in 1980. He dropped early in the episode to the fact that the Chamberlains were innocent and were being unjustly persecuted and stayed with them for 30 years, at one time being probably the only voice in the media speaking up for them.

He has had several books published where he was either author or co-author. These include a book on forensic science, several on general crime, one on disasters, another

on fraud, one on the Vietnam war, a biography of lawyer Bruce Miles and an account of the career of Stuart Tipple, the solicitor who represented Michael and Lindy Chamberlain.

Malcolm has a special interest in safety, having covered numerous disaster, including the Granville Rail Disaster, the Thredbo landslide disaster, the Newcastle Earthquake, the implosion of Canberra Hospital, the Sydney-Hobart yacht race disaster, the terrible bus crashes on the Pacific Highway, bushfires, floods and other catastrophes.

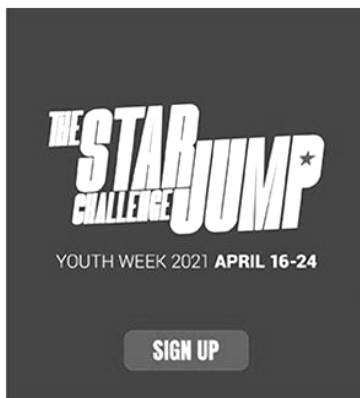
He was particularly keen to make contact with our president, Usha, who has made safety her profession. Malcolm is an Anglican churchgoer and a member of the Sydney Welsh Choir. He has just celebrated his 43rd wedding anniversary. He has three children, being a lawyer, engineer and social worker, and four grandchildren.

District News

From Warwick Richardson

I am seeking your support for the PCYC Star Jump Challenge by either registering yourself – The Star Jump Challenge.

<https://www.starjumpchallenge.org.au/register/star-jump-2021>



Register or by supporting my challenge - The Star Jump Challenge - Rotary District Stars.

This is an ideal opportunity to support PCYC which Rotary started 84 years ago.

The \$ goal is conservative. We can all make a difference.

Thank you all.

Best Regards,
Warwick Richardson
District Governor 2020/21
Rotary District 9675, Australia
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From Janice Hall

Dear Rotarian

PLEASE NOTE

District Assembly (Rotary Service Summit) is to be held 1 May 2021 at Bankstown Sports Club, 8 Greenfield Parade, Bankstown NSW 2200 from 9.00 to 3.00 with coffee on arrival, morning tea and lunch provided. Please advise all current and potential board members.

1) Flood Disaster in Timor-Leste

There have been inquiries from some clubs regarding the Flood Disaster in Timor-Leste. Recent flooding has damaged much of the infrastructure and housing. Many people have lost their homes. Projects will be established to assist with the repairs and rebuilding of medical centres, homes and infrastructure.

Quick action in collaboration with the local Rotary Clubs and the Timor-leste Government will assist in getting life back to normality. Donations can be made here: <https://directory.rawcs.com.au/69-2020-21>

More information on the floods from the UN Resident Coordinator's Office (RCO) can be obtained here:

2) Flood Relief Appeal

In addition, RAWCS have also launched a Flood Relief Appeal to assist people impacted by the floods in March 2021. Your donations will assist local Rotary clubs to work with their local communities. This assistance will be both short term and long term in allowing them to get back to some form of normality.

3) Trivia Night Rotary Club of Five Dock

RC Five Dock are hosting a fun night which is a trivia Fundraiser in support of an Inner West Women and Children's refuge on Saturday 15 May, 6.30pm. Club Five Dock. 66 Great North Road Five Dock.

Cost \$25 a head (finger food included).

Online bookings:

www.trybooking.com/BQONK

Please contact Alan Laughlin for more information

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4) Reminder: Win a Toyota Corolla Hatch Hybrid Ascent Sport Car!

The Rotary Clubs of Kiama & Gerringong have come together to offer you the opportunity to win a Toyota Corolla Hatch Hybrid Ascent Sport Car!* Net proceeds of the raffle will be in support of Rotary Club of Kiama Inc and Rotary Club of Gerringong Sunrise Inc to assist with each clubs respective Community Projects to help make a difference in their communities.

2,500 tickets available for purchase at a cost of \$25.00 each. Scan the QR code (see attachment) for a direct link to purchase tickets or visit

www.raffletix.com.au/2021kiamagerringongraffle

5) Conference 2022

Dear Rotary Friends

I know it seems as though we have only just finished one lovely conference, but I've had requests from some clubs to book the accommodation for next year. As a reminder, the dates for the conference are Friday 18 March 2022 – Sunday 20 March 2022. The venue is 'The Warwick Conference Centre' (now how could you forget that?) at 355 The Hume Highway, Warwick Farm. This is the same venue as our District Changeover on 27 June. The Holiday Inn is at the same location.

The link for booking the rooms at the Conference rate is below. This includes the daily room rate @ \$179 including 1 breakfast, for any of the nights of 18/19/20 March 2022. The Committee is working hard to bring you another fabulous conference next year. Do come along and enjoy the benefits of getting together, learning, being energised, inspired and refreshed for your Rotary journey.

For more information please contact PDG Sue Hayward JP D9675 Conference Chair on m: 0439 550 976

6) Climate & Peace Webinar

On Thursday last, President Biden's Earth Day Summit provided significant carbon reduction promises from many of Asia's leaders. Australia was the exception with a 'business-as-usual' pronouncement. And yet the new commitments from Asia will further pressure Australia and substantially impact our exports.

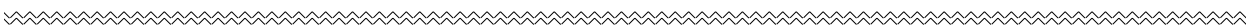
Don't miss this discussion in our Climate & Peace Webinar at 6pm on Tuesday 4th May, with Parliamentarian Zali Steggall OAM, Energy Finance analyst Tim Buckley and Climate Commentator Blair Palese as expert presenters. If you haven't already - register via: www.climateandpeace.com.au

Please see attachment for more details or contact DGE Jeremy Wright at jeremyw@optusnet.com.au

7) Community Grants Bulletin

Please find attached the April 2021 Community Grants Bulletin from the office of Julie Owens MP. Please ensure your grants committee receive this. For more information contact Michael Mazza RC Sydney Darling Harbour at mjmazza@bigpond.com

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District Secretary 9675
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Dates for the Calendar



Rotary Events				
Day/Date	Event/speaker	To introduce	To thank + Speaker write-up	Venue
Wed 5th May	Malcolm BROWN Journalist "Disaster Reporting"	Usha Garg	Janelle Watson	Golf Club
Wed 12th May	Kate DOMENEY "Fresh Food for Families"	Usha Garg	Janelle Watson	Zoom
Wed 19th May	Sonya FURLONG "Life Journey"	Alexey	Janelle Watson	Golf Club
Wed 26th May	Rotarian Nella Hall "My Story"	Alexey Prokopenko	Janelle Watson	Zoom
Sat 29th May	50th anniversary of the Rotary Club of Strathfield	-	-	Golf Club
Fri 18th June	Youth Awards	-	-	Town Hall
Sat 26th June	Club Changeover	-	-	Golf Club

<i>Birthdays</i>	
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<i>Anniversaries</i>	
10th May	Mathew Elias and Navya Mathew (wedding)

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## *The Rotary Statistics*

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|-------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Attendance last meeting (28-04-21) – Zoom | 14        |
| Club membership                           | <b>44</b> |
| Partners                                  | 0         |
| Guests                                    | 2         |

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|---------------------|----------|
| <i>Funds raised</i> |          |
| Raffle              | Not held |
| Sergeant's session  | Not held |

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Your Committee 2020-21

President	Usha Garg	Secretary	Dimitry Palmer
President Elect	Thaya Ponniah	Sergeant	Nick Hamilton-Kane
Immediate Past President	Arie Pappas	Treasurer	Rod McDougall
Youth	Peter Smith	Community	Allan Teale
International	Thaya Ponniah	Vocational	Janice Barrett
Public Officer	Rod McDougall	Club Service	Alexey Prokopenko

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