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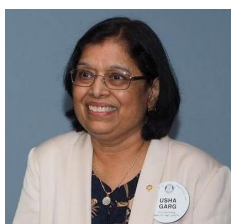
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Rotary, United Nations and Australian Themes

| Month of July | | |
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| - | Rotary | Start of new Rotary year |
| Weeks of July | | |
| 5th – 12th July | Aust | National NAIDOC Week |
| Days of July | | |
| 11th July | UN | World Population Day |
| 15th July | UN | World Youth Skills Day |

President's Report



Usha Garg
President

What a wonderful start to the year. A warm welcome to the incoming Board of Strathfield Rotary Club. Good to see all in good health.

Last meeting I had the honour to share the reigns and responsibility of this wonderful club with our new board and the opportunity to plan for the year ahead. It was a great pleasure to introduce a board with members coming from different backgrounds armed with illustrious

educational credentials and extensive experiences in different fields.

This year's Rotary theme is "**Rotary Opens Opportunities**". Interesting coincidence as this year we have no choice but to open new doors and we will. The Directors are keenly looking for members to expand their teams.

The board met on Monday of this week, and based on the responses to the survey, took the decision to start in-person meetings from the 5th of August on an alternate basis ie. in-person meetings alternating with a zoom meeting.

Also discussed was the question and challenges of raising revenue this year. Besides the opportunity to tap into the

grants and community funding available, the option of an innovative style of raffles is on the cards. Equally important, is prudence in the use of funds that we raise. This year (20-21) is an important year for us. We have reached our 50th year as a club - a very important landmark. A big year for celebration and connecting with and commending all our charter members who had the vision of creating this club that has contributed so positively over these years. We owe this celebration to many people, to us and to the Strathfield community.

The District Website has been updated and all members are encouraged to make use

of the information available there as the first point of reference. This can be accessed at <https://rotarydistrict9675.org> The District Directory and the District Organisation Chart is also available for all Rotarians to access at district9675mylearning.com.au

This week we will hear from our new board members and some Committee chairs as to how they plan to make the year interesting and worthwhile.

Usha Garg

Reports from Directors



Dimitry Chugg-Palmer
Secretary

2020 Rotary International Convention Recordings

Strathfield Rotarians,

On 20-26 June, the annual Rotary International Convention went online for the first time.

For those that didn't get a chance to tune in live (it was at 11pm Sydney time after all), recordings of the two General Sessions are available at:

<https://convention.rotary.org/en/honolulu/general-sessions> and give a good overview of the convention.

Yours sincerely,

Dimitry Palmer.

Event last week: Club Changeover, with guest speaker Renga Rajan

Our guest speaker at our Zoom handover meeting was assistant governor Renga Rajan. He was accompanied by his wife Bharathi.

Renga talked to about thirty of our members and friends giving us some

pertinent advice as we develop as a Rotary Club. He acknowledged the wonderful work we have already accomplished, and we have a lot to celebrate in our 50th year next year. But there is always room for improvement.

Renga reminded us of what Gandhi said, "be the change you wish to see in the world" and consequently you must ask yourself "who am I?" To try and answer this question we should address what Renga called the 4 R's.

These 4 R's are: root, rise, responsibility and respect and he used the analogy of a tree as it grows to maturity. As we come to grips with the solution, we will arrive at our core values.

As a Rotarian we should apply what we have discovered as our core values to the way we manage our tasks in our Rotary Club. It is how we present that we can be successful. A good example is our Rotary image. It can get things done. Renga gave the example of how action was achieved at Strathfield Council simply because they recognised the Rotary image and associated it with good works.

Summary by Raymond McCluskie

Event for this week: Club Assembly

That time of year to review what we have been doing, tabling of suggestions to improve, and hear what Usha's Year will

entail as the new Directors outline initiatives in their portfolios.

Rotary News - from RI

Supporting the environment becomes a new area of focus

<https://my.rotary.org/en/supporting-environment-becomes-new-area-focus>

26-Jun-2020

The Rotary Foundation Trustees and Rotary International Board of Directors have added a new area of focus: supporting the environment.

More than \$18 million in Foundation global grant funding has been allocated to environment-related projects over the past five years. Creating a distinct area of focus to support the environment will give Rotary members even more ways to bring

about positive change in the world and increase our impact.

Supporting the environment becomes Rotary's seventh area of focus, which are categories of service activities supported by global grants. It joins peacebuilding and conflict prevention; disease prevention and treatment; water, sanitation, and hygiene; maternal and child health; basic education and literacy; and community economic development.

Grant applications for projects will be accepted beginning on 1 July 2021. Gifts and commitments from Rotarians and others will be sought to provide global grant support for the new area of focus. More information about this new area of focus will be announced soon.

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> |
| Wed 8th July | Club Assembly | - | - |
| Fri 10th July | Centenary of Rotary Australia - Virtual Launch | - | - |
| Wed 15th July | Tony Benner Social Media Chair - District 9675 | Rick Vosila | tba |

| <i>Birthdays</i> | |
|------------------|------|
| - | none |

| <i>Anniversaries</i> | |
|----------------------|------|
| - | none |



The Rotary Statistics

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| Attendance last (Zoom) meeting (1-07-20) | 23 |
| Club membership | 45 |
| Partners | 1 |
| Guests | 3 |

| <i>Funds raised</i> | |
|---------------------|-------|
| Raffle | \$n/a |
| Sergeant's session | \$n/a |
| Heads and tails | \$n/a |



Your Committee 2020-21

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|--------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------------|
| President | Usha Garg | Secretary | Dimitry Palmer |
| President Elect | tba | 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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