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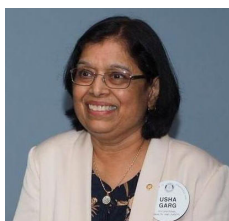
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Rotary, United Nations and Australian Themes

<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 March</i>		
-	Rotary	Water and Sanitation Month
<i>Weeks of March</i>		
6th-14th March	Aust	Sea Week
6th-14th March	Aust	Parks Week
7th-13th March	Aust	National Groundwater Awareness Week
8th-14th March	Rotary	World Rotaract Week
8th-14th March	Aust	Sustainable Seafood Week
15th-21st March	Aust	Harmony Week
<i>Days of March</i>		
8th March	UN	International Women's Day
14th March	Int	π day (Thanks Rick Vosila for pointing this one out)
16th March	Aust	National Close the Gap Day

President's Report



Usha Garg
President

"The deepest principle in human nature is the craving to be appreciated."

William James, Philosopher and "Father of American Psychology" (1842-1910)

Many people often feel bemused by this culture of profuse thanking and appreciation in Rotary meetings. This

happens notwithstanding the fact that all volunteering and contributions made by people are in the spirit of service and rarely performed with the desire to seek recognition. It takes time, sometimes years to absorb the significant positive footprint of this simple regular ritual of appreciation. And this happens in 35,000 Rotary club meetings worldwide among 1.2 million Rotary members. Let us imagine the impact if we could extend this ritual of appreciation to 7 billion people of the world!

This week we celebrate **International Women's Day** (IWD), a day of appreciating the achievements of women in society, politically and economically. The journey to where women are today has neither been easy nor too soon. The roots of this day lie in painful struggles and mass protests to raise awareness of inequality. We have come a long way from 1908 when the first 15,000 women marched through New York City demanding shorter working hours, better pay and the right to vote.

challenging perceptions and bias, including in oneself. When we challenge the status-quo, we start the process of change and then transformation. Through this process women can reclaim their own original person.

*Let us all raise our right hand high to show we are in and **we choose to challenge inequality.***



The idea of this wonderful evening which we have gathered together to celebrate was originally conceived in the **fertile mind of a man**, none other than our president-elect Thaya Ponniah. However it did not take long for all of us to jump on the bandwagon and our newest member Rtn. Ying Ho passionately took on the onerous responsibility of organising this evening. Thank you team **IWD10MARCH21** (P-E Thaya Ponniah, Rtn. Ying Ho, PP Rod McDougall, PP Roy Ellis, Dir. Jan Barrett and Sgt Nick HK) for all your imagination and hard work.

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*International
Women's Day*
2021



IWD was first celebrated in 1911, in many European countries and this year we are celebrating the 110th IWD. Surprisingly, it was only in 1975, that IWD was first declared by the United Nations and only in 1996 that the first theme was adopted (by the UN) which said "Celebrating the Past, Planning for the Future".

#Choose to Challenge is the theme for IWD 2021. Every individual has the ability and the responsibility to 'call out' gender inequity in everyday situations. This can come through voicing dissent or

Rotary International news:

This year, on 25th February, Rotary presented the United Nations and its agencies, the WHO and UNICEF, with its highest recognition: **The Rotary Award of Honour**. Receiving the award on behalf of WHO, Director-General Dr.

Tedros tweeted, *"Very humbled to receive the Rotary Award of Honour. The world is on the cusp of a historic victory over polio due to the remarkable perseverance of Rotary & other partners, along with communities. Together we will travel the last mile to End Polio"*. Lessons learned from the Polio programs are now assisting efforts to control COVID19 worldwide.

Last week March 3 was World Wild Life Day. Rotarians all over Australia are helping save endangered species by volunteering and raising funds. Here are some of the wild life stories. The **Rotary Club of Bordertown, South Australia**, recently built shelters for Bordertown Wildlife Park's famous mob of white kangaroos. The **Rotary Nest Box Project (ROBIN)** has provided more than 5,000 nesting boxes to help animals that have lost their nesting hollows in trees through land clearing or fires. **The Rotarian Action Group for Endangered Species (RAGES)** has projects aimed at helping some of our planet's most threatened animals: rhinos, gorillas, orangutans, and the African and pygmy elephants. Rotary clubs are helping rapidly disappearing hairy nosed wombats at Rocklily Wombats, a wildlife refuge in North West Shelf, Australia.



Rotary District 9675 Conference is coming up on 19-21 March at Sydney Masonic Conference and Function Centre, 66 Goulburn St Sydney. Booking details are on the District website. There is an urgent call for **Volunteers at the Conference** to help meet the COVID19 distancing requirements. If interested, you can register as a volunteer (for \$75) for one or more shifts. For more information, go to the district web page. Many programs that had to be suspended last year are all scheduled to be held this year. **Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA)** is back in 2021 and will be held at the Parliament House with reduced numbers to allow physical distancing. Rotary Youth Program for Enrichment (**RYPEN**) also returns on the weekend of 7-9 May. **Police Officer of the Year** will return on the 5th of November 2021. There is much more happening, so check out the district website.

Back to our home base, I take this opportunity to thank members for diligently carrying out the obligations and responsibilities as required for this year and ensuring that we move forward. Many projects and activities are happening and some of them are mentioned here.

Graffiti Removal action comes up on 28th March. As happens every year, PP Peter Smith is co-ordinating the event assisted by PP Rod McDougall. Many Interactors, Rotarians and friends are expected to participate. If you are interested, please contact them for more information.

PP Peter Smith also informs me how the HBHS Interact Club boys are working hard - they will be having their annual **World's Greatest Shave**, in support of the Leukaemia Foundation on 11 March. Last year they raised in excess \$1,000.

This year their funds will be boosted by a bucket collection at the previous two Concord Rotary Markets.

Vocational Service Director Jan Barrett has a meticulously planned **Anzac Day Service** coming up on Sunday, 25th April. This will be followed by a delightful breakfast, a rare morning meeting for us. We welcome members of the public to join us in this poignant service and breakfast.

Tentatively, **Strathfield Youth Awards** have been scheduled for 7th May at Strathfield Town Hall and Rtn. Bradley Ayres and PP Peter Smith will no doubt have their hands full when preparations start for this event. More details would be available soon.

Our grand **Strathfield Rotary's 50th Anniversary Dinner and Celebration** date is now confirmed for 29th May this year. A great day for our Rotarians to catch up with the members they have not met or heard from for some time. We expect this to be a grand evening and enquiries can be directed to PP Roger Vince.

We are thankful to Strathfield Council for granting permission to hang our **50th Anniversary outdoor banners** at strategic locations in Strathfield. With thanks to sponsors PP Roy Ellis, PP Peter Manenti and Rtn. Dominic Alvaro, preparations for the banner are moving rapidly forward.

The **Strategic Planning Committee** chaired by PP Rick Vosila is continuing with regular meetings and working towards an early draft expected to be circulated in the coming weeks. This will be discussed in the face to face club meeting on 7th April

Last week we celebrated Rotary International's 116th birthday. Many thanks to President-elect **Thaya Ponniah** for the surprise 116th Birthday Cake. Fancy singing a birthday song for Rotary, yes we did it!

Our **International projects** with Sri Lanka, Colombia and India are proceeding smoothly. Last week we shared the zoom meeting with the President and Secretary of the Rotary Club of Fusagasuga, Colombia, with whom we signed and exchanged sister club agreement.

Concord Cancer Survivorship Centre is a place where cancer survivors have access to a dedicated team of multidisciplinary professionals to support their individual needs following a cancer diagnosis. Last week they received a donation of \$3,000 from our club.

Wisdom-Connect, a videoconferencing facility in development by two young entrepreneurs received a donation of \$2,100. This charity project aims to help residents of Aged Care Residential Facilities connect with their loved ones, each other, and the outside world.

This week PP Rod McDougall is attending the **P&C meeting at Chalmers Road Public School** as a community member, just another example of our service to schools

In between all these activities, our **weekly meetings** continue to be interesting with a broad range of speakers organised by our Program Manager, Janelle Watson. And we are grateful to Rtn. Gulian Vaccari who never fails to remind us through his **weekly email** of the upcoming meeting and what we can expect.

As you are reading this **Bulletin** and perhaps enjoying the updates, special thanks to Rtn. Bradley Ayres for editing and publishing this important communication channel every week. And by the time this Bulletin reaches you, PP Raymond McCluskie would have completed the **web updates** - including my blog.

The current pattern of alternate Zoom and in-person meetings will continue for the time being as most members seem to have comfortably settled into this pattern. Last week we heard from our own Rotarian **Ed Dunlop** who had missed

some meetings as he was busy completing his MBA. Now he has made a great start towards a new career and we wish him well.

This week we **raise our right hand and say "WE CHOOSE TO CHALLENGE INEQUALITY" as we celebrate IWD10MARCH21.**

Usha Garg

Speaker from last week: Rotarian Ed Dunlop

Ed gave an update on happenings in his family during the past 12 months with home schooling and a partner on the frontline with COVID testing and now trained to providing vaccinations.

Significantly for Ed, he completed his Masters of Business Administration and changed career to work with the NSW Department of Education.

Ed's informative presentation provided detailed statistics on staffing ratios in direct frontline teaching and those who are employed in the corporate side of the Department. Ed's role is in the Human Resources Directorate, specifically involved with data analytics, robotics and AI (artificial intelligence). The purpose being to provide greater efficiency within the Department by reducing the number of systems (online and manual) used to

facilitate meaningful data that can improve the quality and outcomes for both teachers and students.

Ed also discussed methodology to improve standards and quality of educators both in Australia and overseas and the impact of teachers. Themes being high expectation, explicit teaching, effective feedback, use of data to inform practice, assessment, classroom management, wellbeing and collaboration.

There were many questions from Rotarians and much discussion. Recommended by Janelle Watson..

Write-up by Janelle Watson



Another great Zoom meeting

Speaker for this week: Lisa Moloney

Ms Lisa Moloney is a strong and compassionate educator, with exceptional experience from over 30 years in education in Australia and internationally.

Ms Moloney holds a Bachelor of Education in Environmental Science, a Graduate Diploma in Music Education and a Master's degree in Educational Leadership. She has recently completed advanced studies through the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

Ms Moloney began as a Geography and Science teacher. She spent time in USA working at COSI, which is one of the

country's leading science museums, before returning to Australia to take on educational leadership positions.



Prior to her appointment as Principal of MLC School, Ms Moloney was Principal of St Paul's Anglican Grammar School in Victoria, and before that she was Deputy Principal, Head of High School and Director of Strategic Planning at Radford College in Canberra.

Under Ms Moloney's leadership, MLC School was named No.1 IB School in Australia and Top 50 Global IB School in 2020.

Reports from Directors



Rod McDougal
Treasurer

"Fellows

Graffiti Removal Day will be held Sunday 28 March this year. I am assisting Peter Smith with the planning for our club's involvement.

The commitment sheet can be found at:

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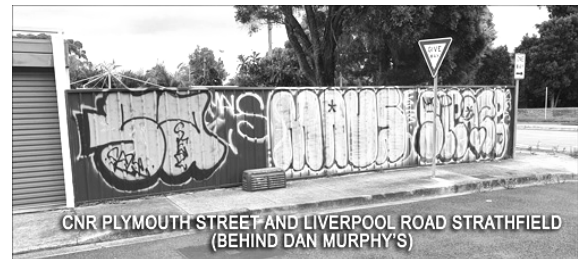
Please let Peter or me know if you can assist - by reply email, phone or SMS. The sheet will then be updated.

Peter has been very busy and a site to be cleaned has been identified (in Strathfield, behind Dan Murphy's). Paint and other supplies are being arranged by him.

Volunteers are now being sought. And you and your family, friends and colleagues are invited to assist on the day - between 8:30 and 11:30 am.

Everything will be provided. And the work very safe (no "ladder work" will be involved).

Some of the area to be cleaned is shown (top right). More will be undertaken depending on manpower resources!!!



Our club has supported graffiti removal for many years, providing a great community service for which we have been recognised by the NSW government. Hope you can assist this year. Rod!).



Peter Smith
Youth Service Director

"1) HBHS Interact Club

The lads will be having their annual World's Greatest Shave, in support of the Leukaemia Foundation on 11 March. Last year they raised in excess \$1,000. This year their funds will be boosted by a bucket collection at the previous 2 Concord Rotary Markets.

2) RYPEN will be held on 7, 8 and May at Camden,

3) The Youth Awards were booked for Friday 7 May - but because of RYPEN starting of 7/5/21 the Awards were moved to Wednesday 5 May. However. Due to Council bookings for the hall, the event is now planned for 14 May.

4) Please also mark your diaries for the following events:

Graffiti Removal Day - 28 March
Red Shield Appeal - 30 May."



Janice Barrett
Vocational Service Director

Save the date!

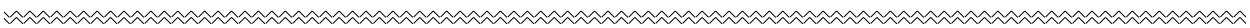
ANZAC DAY

Our Club is having a brunch at Strathfield Golf Club on Sunday, 25th April to

commemorate Anzac Day. The Service will commence at approximately 9.00 a.m. Cost will be \$30.00 per person.

A raffle will be held with the proceeds going to a group associated with Open Arms – Veterans & Families Counselling which assists veterans returning with PTSD. You may remember last year's Anzac Day Service and this is another opportunity to honour our veterans.

If you would like to donate a prize for the raffle, could you please contact me. Many thanks.



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 10th Mar	Lisa Moloney Principal MLC School, Burwood "Women in Leadership"	-	-	Golf Club
Wed 17th Mar	Peter Marzec & Alexey Prokopenko "The Magic behind bringing Technology and Processes together"	Alexey Prokopenko	Janelle Watson & Alexey Prokopenko	Zoom
Wed 24th Mar	Julian Day Founder & CEO Consensus Group "Predicting the future – Consensus Awards"	Janelle Watson	Janelle Watson	Golf Club
Sun 28th Mar	Graffiti Clean-up Day	-	-	Near Dan Murphy's
Wed 31st Mar	Narelle Brown Community Engagement Officer Energy & Water Ombudsman NSW "Role of the Energy & Water Ombudsman"	Janelle Watson	Gulian Vaccari	Zoom

Sun 25th April	Anzac Day Celebration Brunch	Jan Barrett	-	Golf Club
Sat 29th May	50th anniversary of the Rotary Club of Strathfield	-	-	Golf Club

<i>Birthdays</i>	
14th March	Strathfield Rotary (1971)
17th March	Joan Brown

<i>Anniversaries</i>	
10th March	Bradley and Cheryl Ayres (Wedding)
13th March	Keith and Sue Byrn (Wedding)
14th March	Strathfield Rotary (1971)



The Rotary Statistics

Attendance last meeting (03-03-21) – Zoom	22
Club membership	44
Partners	0
Guests	2

<i>Funds raised</i>	
Raffle	-
Sergeant's session	-

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
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Rotary stamps



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To celebrate 100 years of Rotary in Australia, Rotary is celebrating the past, but more importantly looking into the future, with many new projects that deliver real, long-term solutions to the world's most persistent issues. During the centenary celebration, there will be events, fundraisers and initiatives to bring about positive change in the region and throughout the world. Two significant projects are End Trachoma, and Rotary Give Every Child A Future. Australia is the world's only developed country with trachoma, an infectious eye disease that can be prevented with good hygiene practices. Rotary wants a trachoma-free Australia by 2021. Rotary Give Every Child A Future will give life-saving vaccines to 100,000 children across the Pacific and ensure generations of children and women are protected against cervical cancer, rotavirus and pneumococcal disease.

As People of Action, Australian Rotarians look forward to the next century of service.

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