

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 Dec</i>		
-	Rotary	Disease Prevention and Treatment Month
<i>Weeks of Dec</i>		
6th-12th Dec	Aust	Coastcare Week
<i>Days of Dec</i>		
1st Dec	UN	World AIDS Day
2nd Dec	UN	International Day for the Abolition of Slavery
3rd Dec	UN	International Day of Persons with Disabilities
4th Dec	UN	International Day of Banks
5th Dec	UN	International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development
5th Dec	UN	World Soil Day
7th Dec	UN	International Civil Aviation Day



President's Report



Thaya Ponniah
President

My fellow Rotarians and friends of Rotary,

Time to celebrate!

Most of us in Australia think of Christmas as a time of goodwill, peace and giving.

Many of our Rotary clubs make extra donations to charitable organisations and to international projects.

Christmas in our world community reminds us that we have differences but share a concern for one another and enjoy giving and value peace and cooperation.

Our Club Christmas Party is on Wednesday 15 December at 6:30 pm for 7:00 pm at Strathfield Golf Club. It is

shaping up as a night not to be missed. There will be lots to do - fellowship, dining, dancing, having fun, enjoying each other's company, and celebrating the coming Christmas Season. If you have not already booked for this very special evening, please get in touch with our organisers, PP Grahame True and Anita Sajo.

jumping castle. Keep your eyes peeled for a particular visitor from the North Pole. Also, stay after the Carols for a special 'Movies-in-the-Park' screening of a Christmas Carol (2009). So, pack a picnic, bring a blanket, and with your family and friends enjoy this traditional and fun-filled start to the festive season. Covid safety restrictions apply, including QR code check-in, proof of full vaccination, capacity limits and social distancing.



After a brief break due to the pandemic, the much-loved Strathfield Christmas Carols is back for 2021 and will be at Strathfield Park on Saturday, 4 December. The Rotary Club of Strathfield is collaborating with the Strathfield Council to embark on this night of celebrations.

"Christmas is most truly Christmas when we celebrate it by giving the light of love to those who need it most." - Ruth Carter Stapleton

Yours in Rotary,

Thaya Ponniah

Please join the fun with carols singing, dancing, face painting, a petting zoo, and a

Member Announcements

Janelle Watson

speaker from the Gallery present to our Club.

On the next page is an invitation to the McGlade Gallery at the Australian Catholic Uni, Strathfield. If you recall, we had a

Janelle Watson

WHAT I SEES WHAT I

2021 GRADUATION EXHIBITION
BACHELOR OF VISUAL ART AND DESIGN
AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY
MCGLADE GALLERY

OPENING NIGHT
Wednesday 8 December
6 - 8pm

Continuing until
Friday 17 December

To be opened by Professor Diana Glenn, National Head, School of Arts
Faculty of Education and Arts

Please RSVP
Diane.Merrilees@acu.edu.au
Or 9701 4140 if you wish to attend.

This will be a COVID-safe opening
Please check in the QR code at the Gallery entrance
Proof of vaccination is required.

LOCATION
McGlade Gallery
Australian Catholic University
Strathfield Gate 3
25A Barker Road
Strathfield NSW

GALLERY HOURS
11am to 4pm Monday to Saturday

Speaker from last week: Mark Anderson

Last Wednesday evening, we were treated to a fantastic presentation by Mark Anderson, the Senior Coordinator for the International Fund Development

at Rotary International, South Pacific and Philippines Office, Parramatta.

A real veteran of Rotary, Mark has been part of Rotary International since 1987. He is currently a member of the Rotary Club of Beecroft and was club president from 2017-18.

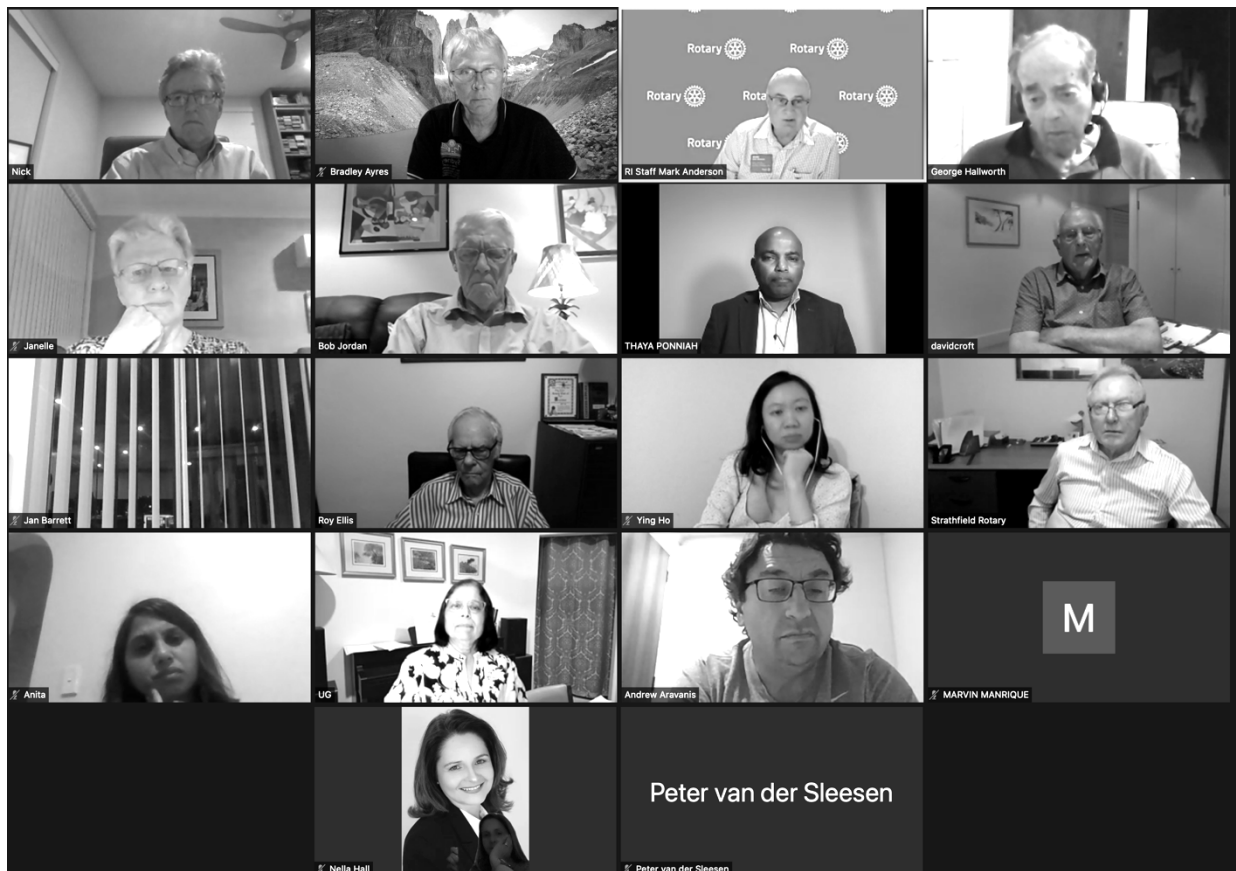
Mark spoke passionately about the fundraising work of the Rotary Foundation. It was particularly valuable to hear about his branding strategy for Rotary, shifting the emphasis from fundraising to delivering impactful projects that represent the needs of the community and the Rotary 7 Areas of Focus.

It was great to learn about the structure of the foundation, and the low overhead costs attached in comparison with most other charitable organisations. For the would-be donors, it is important to note that only 9% goes to administration costs,

and that the Rotary Foundation is one of the highest rated charities, in the top 10 in the world.

Another plus is the DDF matching grant model which significantly contributes to the total sum in donations. Mark challenged our club to conduct a community assessment within our local community to help assess what the real community needs are instead of our perception of what they might be. It is a wonderful strategy to identify and implement projects according to those needs, thus fulfilling our mission of “to do good in the world”.

Ying Ho



Event for this week: Annual General Meeting

Chaired by PDG David Croft, tonight we hold our AGM.

Rotary Club of Strathfield for another dynamic year in 2022-23.

PE Andrew Aravanis and his new board will provide a glimpse forward for the

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 1st Dec	AGM Chaired by David Croft	-	-	Golf Club
Wed 8th Dec	Anita Sajo and Doug Abel How one small business hired 26 of our newest Australians and wants to help you do the same	TBA	TBA	Zoom
Wed 15th Dec	Club Xmas party	-	-	Golf Club
Wed 22nd Dec Wed 5th Jan	Club recess	-	-	-
Wed 12th Jan	Croquet	-	-	Strathfield Croquet Club

<i>Birthdays</i>	
2nd December	Arie Pappas
3rd December	Roger Vince
3rd December	Toni Virgona
4th December	Neena Sinha
4th December	Trevor Hall

<i>Anniversaries</i>	
1st December	Edmund Brown (Rotary)
1st December	Paolo Giammarco (Rotary)
1st December	Peter Manenti (Rotary)
1st December	Keith Byrn (Rotary)
7th December	Prabhat and Neena Sinha (Wedding)



The Rotary Statistics

Attendance last meeting (24-11-21) – Zoom	17
Club membership	50
Partners	0
Guests	1

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

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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