



Rotary

Club of Strathfield



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Rotary, United Nations and Australian Themes

<i>Year 2022</i>		
-	UN	International Year of Basic Sciences for Sustainable Development
-	UN	International Year of Glass
-	UN	International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture
<i>Month of Feb</i>		
-	Rotary	Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month
<i>Weeks of Jan</i>		
7th–11th Feb	Rotary	International Assembly (virtual only)
12th–13th Feb	Rotary	Presidential Conference – Foz do Iguaçu, Brazil
<i>Days of Feb</i>		
2nd Feb	UN	World Wetlands Day
4th Feb	UN	International Day of Human Fraternity
6th Feb	UN	International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation

President's Report



Thaya Ponniah
President

My fellow Rotarians and friends of Rotary,

COMMUNITY'S CHALLENGES =
ROTARY'S OPPORTUNITIES!

We sometimes forget how much we need human contact to keep us happy, so for some of us, our weekly Rotary Club meetings have been a very welcome

boost. A large part of this is due to the varied and interesting speakers who have regaled us with their presentations, entertained us with their stories and intrigued us with their experiences. The credit must go primarily to our Program Chair Gulian Vaccari for all the guest speakers he has brought to the club, in this Rotary Year.

Last month, we also had a good start with two significant events. Firstly, the Australia Day Celebration of the Strathfield Council, supported with BBQ by the Rotary Club of Strathfield. Given the pandemic condition, several

Rotarians participated. It was a great Rotary engagement with our local community, and we managed to make a little more than \$1,000 for our charity endeavours. My sincere appreciation to all our members who worked very hard despite spending quality time with their families on a public holiday. Many thanks, Roy Ellis, Charles Pitt, Steven Argyris, Mathew Elias, Nella Hall, Nick Hamilton-Kane, Arie Pappas and Andrew Aravanis. A notable absentee was Rod McDougall, who helped us organise before going out of town. As usual, Andrew donated all the meat items, and we thank Andrew for his generosity.

The other significant event last month was launching the Rotary's 'Adopt a Tree Project'. The launch was an opportunity to show Rotary's dedication to growing our communities through a coordinated tree planting project. In addition, Rotarians were asked to encourage the public to take home an information flyer and adopt their trees via their own phone or computer.

Members of the public and Rotarians could adopt as many trees as they wish at \$5.00 each via the website:
<https://rotaryadoptatree.org.au/adopt-a-tree>

In addition, they can choose to have the names of their children, grandchildren, pets, etc., on the certificate.

Rotary Clubs were asked if their members would like to roster at the five Bunnings sites to promote the project. Our members Rod McDougall and Roy Ellis volunteered at Greenacre Bunnings on Tuesday, the 26th of January. Yours truly volunteered on the 27th of Wednesday.

As you all know very well, the Rotary Club of Strathfield has been embarking on many programs, namely, 'Food for All' Program, 'Mind Your Health' Program, 'Education and Empowerment' Program, 'Local Community First' Program and 'Rise to the Occasion' International Programs. Most of our community service projects are confined to the abovementioned programs, which will help our club to focus and address a few selected critical needs of our society. I wholeheartedly appreciate all our members for their generous and tireless contribution, leadership and support this Rotary year so far, and the best is yet to come!

"Volunteers are unpaid not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless." – Anonymous

Yours in Rotary Service,

Thaya Ponniah

Speaker from 2 weeks ago: Rtn Anita Sajo

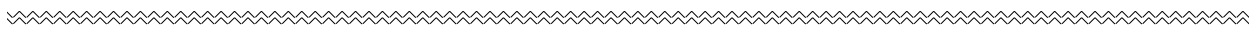
Speaker for this week: Clare Pearson

Clare Pearson is from the Little Wings Charity.

Little Wings is a non-profit organisation that provides free, professional and safe flight and ground transport services for children in rural and regional NSW in need of specialised medical services that are only available in major locations. Volunteer pilots have a commercial pilot's licence, instrument rating and are highly experienced.

Clare is the CEO and has dedicated her career to the not-for-profit sector.

She has authored a book titled "Threads of Hope" celebrating the lives of human trafficking survivors and highlighting many amazing stories of triumph. Clare is a strong believer in the power of people, whereby a united effort can effect meaningful and significant change.



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 2nd Feb	Clare Pearson Little Wings Charity	tba	Jan Barrett	Golf Club
Wed 9th Feb	George Ellis Q and A with George Ellis	tba	tba	Golf Club
Wed 16th Feb	Louise Murphy Australian First Responder Foundation	Raymond McCluskie	tba	Golf Club
Wed 23rd Feb	Social event	tba	tba	tba

<i>Birthdays</i>	
5th February	Danielle Aravanis
7th February	Prabhat Sinha
8th February	Helen Pakchung

<i>Anniversaries</i>	
1st February	Charles Pitt (Rotary)
1st February	Rod McDougall (Rotary)
1st February	Marvin Manrique-Velasquez (Rotary)
4th February	Harpreet Bhatia and Sumeet Chawla (Wedding)
8th February	Ray and Ann McCluskie (Wedding)
8th February	Dimitry and Abbie Chugg-Palmer





The Rotary Statistics

Attendance last meeting (19-01-22) – in person	13
Club membership	50
Partners	0
Guests	1

<i>Funds raised</i>	
Raffle	\$160.00
Sergeant's session	\$56.85

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## *Your committee 2021-22*

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|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------------|
| 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        |

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| Bulletin Editor  | Bradley Ayres     | Web master     | Raymond McCluskie     |
| Bulletin Printer | SelectPrint       | Apologies      | Peter van der Slessen |
| Social Media     | Alexey Prokopenko | Programs Chair | Gulian Vaccari        |

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District News

District Conference Update - A message from Conference Chair PDG Sue Hayward

Dear Rotary friends

A big thank you to all of you who have registered for the conference so far (18-20 March). Numbers are looking good, and we are very busy putting together a spectacular range of speakers for the conference. I want to reassure all Rotarians in our district, that we are taking every precaution to make sure our event is safe and that it will be a rewarding experience for everyone.

The Warwick has a huge conference venue, that will take at least three times the number of people that will register for our conference. We will ensure that we spread out to make our event as risk free as possible. We also have an indoor/outdoor area where we will hold our well-ventilated cocktail event on the Friday night. This will also minimise the risk of forming large groups of people together. We will be asking everyone to confirm their vaccinations, again to ensure the

safety of all. If there is some reason why you can't have a vaccination, and you do want to attend the conference, please write to me and I will pass your request on to DG Jeremy.

My details are on the District Website and Directory.

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Rotary Theme 2022-2023 announced

Rotary International President-elect Jennifer Jones (who is also our first female president) has announced the 2022-23 theme 'Imagine Rotary'.

"Imagine, a world that deserves our best, where we get up each day knowing that we can make a difference." The theme is a special one: the theme graphic was designed by an Australian Indigenous artist to link with the Melbourne Convention in 2023. Some of the symbolism includes:

Circle - connections to one another

Dots around it - our people

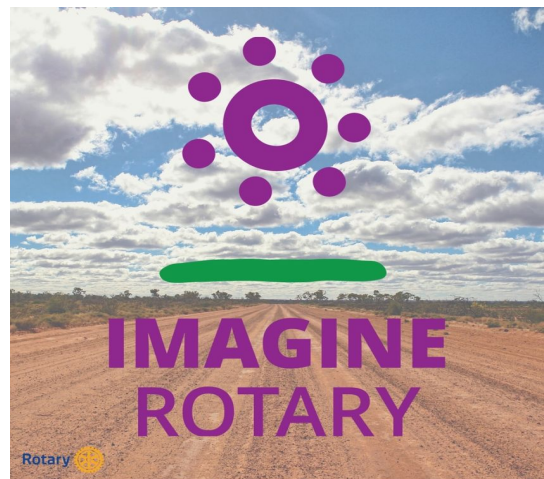
There are 7 Dots for Rotary's 7 areas of focus

Circle + dots around it - a navigation star, our guiding light

Green solid line - digging stick (used when doing hard work; for us it's People of Action), represents the tools for getting things done

The colours purple, green & white - celebrate diversity, equity and inclusion

- Freedom to express ourselves differently but still with a special connection
- Purple is also the colour of Rotary's Polio campaign
- Green represents the Environment
- White stands for peace; it also represents Empowerment and Newness, and also the colours were utilised for the women's movement, highlighting the opportunity to grow our female membership.



Out and About

26th January 2022

Rotary BBQ at Strathfield Australia Day celebrations – with “The magnificent Seven”



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26th January 2022

Congratulations to Rtn Seroni Ray – Strathfield Citizen of the Year!




27th January 2022  
Adopt a Tree event



#australiaday  
#reflectrespectcelebrate  
#rotaryadoptatree  
#rotarydistrict9675

Australia Day  
Reflect Respect Celebrate



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Rotary District 9675 Sydney to the Illawarra

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