

# STRATHFIELD ROTARY BULLETIN

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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 May</i>		
-	Rotary	<b>Youth Service Month</b>
<i>Weeks of May</i>		
1st Apr-31st May	Aust	Australian Heritage Festival (National Trust)
<i>Days of May</i>		
11th May	Aust	Hairy Nosed Day
14th May	Int	World Migratory Bird Day
15th May	UN	International Day of Families
16th May	UN	Vesak, the Day of the Full Moon
16th May	UN	International Day of Living Together in Peace
16th May	UN	International Day of Light
17th May	UN	World Telecommunication and Information Society Day

## *President's Report*



**Thaya Ponniah**  
*President*

My fellow Rotarians and friends of Rotary,

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

Constance Smith learned about Anna Jarvis' effort to honour America's moms

by establishing an annual "Mother's Day" in 1913. Constance was inspired by this idea and decided to recreate Mothering Sunday, promoting it as a day to honour mothers and the mother church. As a result, Mothering Sunday is celebrated early in the year throughout the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth.

Throughout history, poets and orators have been lavish in their praise of motherhood. George Washington said, "My mother was the most beautiful

woman I ever saw. All I am, I owe to my mother. I attribute all my success in life to the moral, intellectual, and physical education I received from her."

Abraham Lincoln wrote, "My mother's prayers...have always followed me. They've clung to me all my life."

And Charles Haddon Spurgeon said, "I cannot tell you how much I owe to the solemn word of my good mother."

There is no other job on the planet that involves the wide range of skills and knowledge that a mother needs to carry out her daily responsibilities. Take a moment to consider what her job entails. She'll need to work as a resident psychologist, doctor, theologian, educator, nurse, chef, taxi driver, fire warden, and occasional cop. Consider how much it would cost you to hire all of those skill sets. Even if you could, how would you know if they were trustworthy?

The remarkable thing is that most mothers would be able to complete this task with love and knowledge. That's because God gave them the ability to excel at what they do. He also instilled in them a love for their children. To protect the children entrusted to their care, they would actually lay down their lives. That is why, on Mother's Day and every other day of the year, they are deserving of our admiration.

**So, my message to you is - 'Give your mother a reason to be glad; honour your mother with your words and deeds'.**

**Could there be a worthier tribute?**

Rotary Service to you,

*Thaya Ponniah*

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*Speaker from last week: Luke Borreggine*



## *Speaker for this week: Chris Haseldine*

Our very own Chris Haseldine will address us tonight on the topic of

initiatives in combating domestic violence.



## *Club News: Huge milestone for Rtn Roger Vince*

### GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Past President Roger Vince celebrated his Rotary Golden Jubilee at our recent Rotary meeting at the Coronation Club in Burwood

Roger received a standing ovation from all the members present as he recounted his induction into the Rotary Club of Strathfield in May 1972

Congratulations to Roger for his continuous 50 years of Rotary service.



Roger reading from the Rotary book he received upon joining (image from first pages in book shown below)



This book is presented

to Rotarian Roger Vince

who starts his

## Adventure in service

as a member of the Rotary Club of

Strathfield

on Wednesday 3rd May 1972

Don J. Killip *pres.*  
president

W. R. Vardell  
secretary

## Dates for the Calendar



<i>Rotary Events</i>				
<i>Day/Date</i>	<i>Event/speaker</i>	<i>To introduce</i>	<i>To thank + <b>Speaker write-up</b></i>	<i>Venue</i>
Wed 11th May	<b>Chris Haseldine</b> Domestic Violence Initiatives	tba	tba	Strathfield Golf Club
Wed 18th May	<b>Steve Goldsmith</b> Climate change	tba	tba	Strathfield Golf Club
Wed 25th May	<b>Transfer to 29-5-22</b>	-	-	-
Sun 29th May	<b>Rotary Charity Ball</b>	-	-	La Montage

<i>Birthdays</i>	
15th May	Charles Pitt
15th May	Sumeet Chawla
17th May	Cheryl Ayres

<i>Anniversaries</i>	
-	-



## The Rotary Statistics

Attendance last meeting (04-05-22) – in person	19
Club membership	<b>54</b>
Partners	0
Guests	4

<i>Funds raised</i>	
Raffle	\$175.00
Sergeant's session	not held

## *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
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## *Rotary International News*

### **International Convention**

The International Convention will be held from the 4<sup>th</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 2022 in Houston Texas. The theme is Discover New Horizons.

For details, head to: <https://convention.rotary.org/en>

And do you know where and when the 2023 International Convention will be held?

Answer... Melbourne, from 27<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023.

*Upcoming event: Gala Ball*

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May

*Save The Date*

Strathfield  
**Rotary**  
Club



# Rotary Charity Ball

Sunday 29 May 2022 

6:30 for 7:00 pm  
Le Montage Function Centre  
\$150 per person - all inclusive

All Proceeds To  
The Rotary Foundation  
Strathfield Rotary  
Local Community Projects



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*Upcoming event: Youth Achievement Awards*  
**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June**



**NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN**

The Strathfield Youth Achievement Awards recognise the outstanding achievements of young people who go to school, live, work or train in the Strathfield Local Government Area. Running since 2003, the Awards are organised by the Rotary Club of Strathfield, and feature categories of Arts and Culture, Environment/Community Service, Science and Technology, and Sport.

**Do you know an exceptional young person who deserves  
their achievements to be recognised?**

Enquiries: [info@strathfieldrotary.org.au](mailto:info@strathfieldrotary.org.au)

*Nominations close 5:00pm Wednesday 18 May 2022*

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