



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 March</i>		
-	Rotary	Maternal and Child Health Month
<i>Weeks of March</i>		
1st Apr-31st May	Aust	Australian Heritage Festival (National Trust)
8th Apr-19th Apr	Aust	Sydney Royal Easter Show
<i>Days of Mar/Apr</i>		
14th April	UN	World Chagas Disease Day [WHO]
18th April	Int	International Day on Monuments & Sites
20th April	UN	Chinese Language Day

President's Report



Thaya Ponniah
President

My fellow Rotarians and friends of Rotary,

TODAY'S "TRANSITION" FOR TOMORROW'S "TRANSFORMATION"

Rotary leadership is an act of service undertaken to realise positive change for our community and its people. New leaders take charge with high aspirations

to transform their clubs, their districts, or the Rotary International headquarters. Efforts to realise these goals rely on both strategic planning and good strategic execution or implementation.

We, at the Rotary Club of Strathfield, are going through a transition today for a transformation tomorrow. Why the transition now? There are many reasons, but I would like to highlight three important reasons. Firstly, our club just celebrated its golden jubilee last year, completing 50 years of service, locally as well as globally. We finished at the half-century mark with an award as the best

club in the district. It is time for us to prepare ourselves for the next 50 years. It has to be intentional. Therefore, we are going through a transition to transformation. Secondly, our club is also conscious of the post-COVID-19 scenario. Just like everything else in the world, Rotary will also change. If we embrace that change with proper planning and strategies, it will definitely bear fruit and we will leverage it to serve our community better. Thirdly, Rotary is working on a strategic plan at every level. We have four strategic priorities (as you can see in Figure 1). It was originally developed by Rotary International and promoted by our district, and our club adapted it very well, customising it for the Rotary Club of Strathfield. Our strategic plan gave us clarity and focus for us to move forward. We are in a transition phase now in order to transform our club for the future.

concept this year with our own programs (as you can see in Figure 2), which will help us mainly expand our reach and increase our impact. We are progressing with more than 30 projects. The value ranges from a \$300 sponsorship for student leadership training to a \$120,000 global matching grant project.

What did we do differently? An approach with three core steps has consistently worked:

1. Ensure that you aim high enough.
2. Complete a rapid, inclusive planning process.
3. Focus relentlessly on execution, accountability, and sustainability.

In our subsequent edition, we will take a deep dive into each step of our approach in our future edition.



Figure 1: Strategic Priorities

It is also prudent to see, very briefly, how we are progressing with our strategic execution. As we had our club assembly last week, we briefly discussed all our projects this year. But most importantly, we introduced the "Programs of Projects"

After this year's transition, our new leaders will quickly shape and implement the change management we seek. The challenges are great, but with the right approach, we can meet it. The secret is to define a high aspiration, drive a rapid and



“PROGRAMS” for Sustainable Growth and Impact

- Food for All Program
- Mind Your Health Program
- Education and Empowerment Program
- Local Community FIRST
- Rise to the Occasion – GLOBALLY

Figure 2: Programs of Projects

inclusive planning process, and to focus on execution. Leaders who can do this will leave behind a positive impact that lasts well beyond their tenure of service. All I can say is that if transition is not painful, then we are not making progress. When transitions shake us to our core, see that as a sign that something bigger and greater is about to happen; a gradual and progressive transformation.

"For most of us, the problem isn't that we aim too high and fail. It's just the opposite: we aim too low and succeed." - Sir Ken Robinson

Rotary Service to you,

Thaya Ponniah

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*Event from last week: Club Assembly*  
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Speaker for this week: Anoop Nair

Anoop Nair is an entrepreneur and a technology evangelist with close to two decades of experience in the software industry.

He was born in a beautiful state in India called Kerala. He has a bachelor's degree in electronics and communication engineering and a master's degree in robotics. He has worked across countries from Indonesia, the US, Latin America, the UK, Singapore, Hong Kong, and Australia and played multiple roles, from technical to leadership roles, in Tier-1 IT

companies around the world. He is a technology evangelist and a core panel member in the IETs IoT forum in the UK and India, as well as a speaker at numerous technology events.

On his personal side, he lives in Nipper Street, Homebush, along with his wife and two children. His wife is Manju Sasikumar, a software engineer by profession, working for Westpac as a consultant through TCS. His elder daughter, Aradhya, is 9 years old, and the younger one is Adhya, who just turned 2.

Dates for the Calendar



Rotary Events				
Day/Date	Event/speaker	To introduce	To thank + Speaker write-up	Venue
Wed 13th Apr	Anoop Nair Experiences in the software industry	tba	tba	Golf Club
Wed 20th Apr	Member Induction Evening	-	-	Golf Club
Mon 25th Apr	ANZAC Day	-	-	Carnarvon Golf Club
Wed 27th Apr	Social event	-	-	tba
Wed 4th May	Luke Borreggine	tba	tba	Golf Club

Birthdays	
16th April	Andrew Aravanis
19th April	Charter Night 1971

Anniversaries	
-	-



The Rotary Statistics

Attendance last meeting (6-04-22) – in person	19
Club membership	48
Partners	0
Guests	4

<i>Funds raised</i>	
Raffle	Not held
Sergeant's session	\$75.90

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

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

District News

This is to announce that after a rigorous selection process, the District Governor Nominating Sub-Committee last night (7th April) recommended Ron Browne as the nominated District Governor for the year 2024-25. Ron is from the Rotary Club of Darling Harbour and is currently Chair of the District Governance Cttee and also Chair of our Rotary Emergency Services Community Awards.

You will be aware that this Nominating Sub-Committee comprises three Rotarians elected from the Regions plus the current DG-train, namely the DG, DGE and DGN. Their decision was made on the basis of the best candidate available to lead the District in the assigned year. If there is any challenge to this decision, it must be made from at least 5 Clubs, within the next 15 days. In the absence of any challenge, I will declare and confirm Ron Browne's nomination and encourage Ron to start preparing for his role as Governor.

Yours in Rotary
Jeremy Wright AM
District Governor,
D9675 Sydney to the Illawarra

Out and About: Street Festival 2140

Saturday 9th April (Weekend #3)

@ Rochester Street, Homebush



...and the lucky winner is...



Upcoming event: ANZAC Day

Monday 25th April



PRELIMINARY NOTICE

ANZAC DAY BRUNCH

ROTARY CLUB OF STRATHFIELD

Further to requests from members, the Rotary Club of Strathfield is again holding an ANZAC Day Brunch.

Monday, 25th April

Commencing 9.00 am.

CARNARVON Golf Club

Price \$45.00 per person adults; \$20.00 for children (4 - 12 years).

Recitals of the Last Post and Reveille by Liam McCrae

Friends and visitors welcome.

Please note CHANGE OF VENUE. A detailed flyer will be forwarded shortly.

Jan Barrett

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*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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