



# Rotary

## Club of Strathfield



# 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 Sept</i>		
-	Aust	National Biodiversity Month
-	Rotary	<b>Basic Education and Literacy Month</b>
<i>Weeks of Sept</i>		
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<i>Days of Sept</i>		
15th Sept	UN	International Day of Democracy
16th Sept	UN	International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer
17th Sept	Aust	Australian Citizenship Day
17th Sept	UN	World Patient Safety Day
18th Sept	UN	International Equal Pay Day
21st Sept	UN	International Day of Peace



## President's Report



**Thaya Ponniah**  
*President*

My fellow Rotarians and friends of Rotary,

September is Rotary International's Basic Education and Literacy Month. Rotary

supports activities and training to improve education for all children and literacy for children and adults.

The Rotary Foundation enables Rotarians to ensure that all people have sustainable access to basic education and literacy by:

- Involving the community to support programs that strengthen the capacity of communities to provide basic education and literacy to all.



- Technical skills - For trade specialities, it will open the opportunity to learn about new tools, such as digital levels, understanding electrical principles, mobile apps for construction sites, managing types of machines and so on.
- Soft skills - It will link and open the basic skills of presentation, understanding people skills, understanding how to speak, how to use presentation materials and how to write cover letters.

The Rotary Club of Strathfield plans to run a 3-stage approach to delivering this program:

- Facilitate the structure of online courses and in-person workshops and seminars for entry-level students.
- Set collaboration with educational organisations such as TAFE or similar for further studies
- Package a guide for other clubs or institutional organisations to scale up this program.

The project is planned to be run on a yearly basis. The course materials would be available for distribution throughout the year to indigenous students. Students who pass the program will receive certificates. Their acquired technical skills will enable them to work more easily with modern technologies in the workplace and identify their passion and interests to further their technical education.

The main differentiators of this program compared to other similar educational institutions would be:

- Collaborating with Indigenous Community Organisations, we will be going to the community instead of the students coming to the institutions.

- Programs will be based on all three modes, online, face-to-face as well as hybrid.
- Short courses designed to be the catalyst between the fresh students and the established institutions such as universities, TAFE and technical institutions.
- Designed to enable the students to test their aptitude for education, including their passion, direction and career guidance and development.
- Professional career guidance and counselling will be integrated into our programs at a high level.

Our ultimate objective is to bring the underprivileged community to a level playing field and give them a platform to enter the workforce in Australia.

As I mentioned in our last week's bulletin, in order to take this program to the District level after piloting it from the Rotary Club of Strathfield, we approached our District Governor Jeremy Wright for assistance. We are glad to note that the DG Jeremy is looking at our request very favourably.

This ambitious program with a worthy cause will be led by our own experts, Vocational Service Director Alexey Prokopenko and the former TAFE College Principal PP Raymond McCluskie.

***“Education is a universal human right, essential to bridging gaps in human well-being, equity and opportunity”*** – Gina Cosentino (Indigenous Peoples Advisory Consultant)

Yours in Rotary,

*Thaya Ponnia*

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## Director Reports



**Arie Pappas**  
Club Service

The Rotary Club of Strathfield now has its very own WhatsApp group! The group is a way for Strathfield Rotarians to stay connected - particularly during the current situation.

The group is used for reminders, updates or sharing funny stories and jokes!

Members are encouraged to join via their mobile device with the following link:  
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/GDCdlHQA0ab7sx6KeT27a7>

or by scanning the QR Code below.



### 100% Attendance Monthly Winner

Congratulations to the following members who are the monthly winners of our draw for a bottle of wine (delivered to their homes).

August 2021 – Steven Argyris

July 2021 – David Croft AM



**Dimitry Chugg-Palmer**  
Secretary

STAY CONNECTED ON WHATSAPP

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## Speaker from last week: Fiona Martin

Dr Fiona Martin – MP for Reid, joined us in quarantine, she just got back from parliamentary meeting. I am very thankful that she spares her time to update us on what is going on locally, state and federal during this COVID uncertainty. She was hoping to finish at 8PM to rest, but was generously stayed to answered our questions till around 8.20PM.

### Update 1: Effect of COVID on mental health

There will be a report release around November 2021 for “Mental Health and Suicide Prevention”. Some of the recommendations include:

- Extending the standard consultation hours from 19 to 40 hours, as some conditions are treatable but take longer.



- Engage the GP network, have programs to train GP so they can also help their patients.
- There is a shortage of psychologists in Australia hence looking at ways to incentivise or encourage people to take up study in mental health (universities and colleges).

### Update 2: COVID restrictions

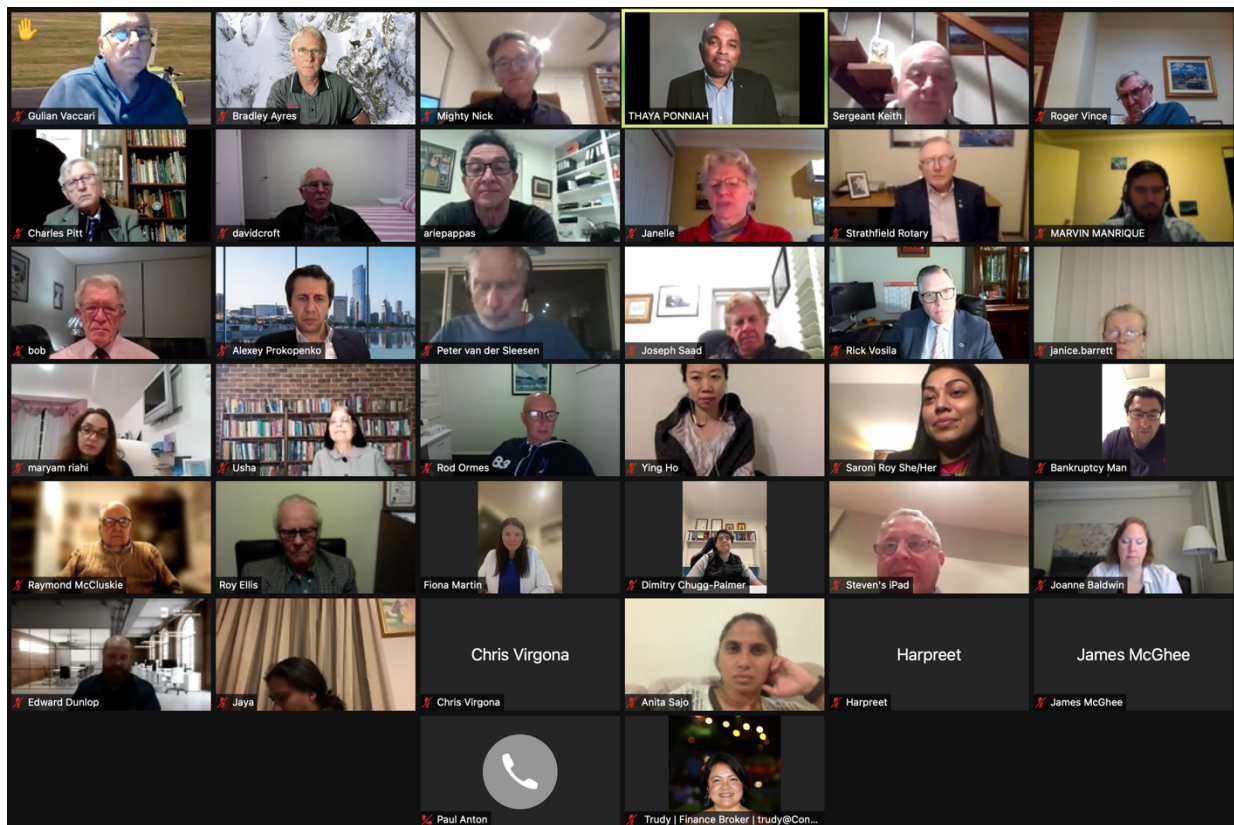
- Lobby with the state government to ease restrictions to LGA Strathfield and Burwood as there are low active cases and high vaccination rate.
- The NSW government will open slowly (ease some restrictions) when the vaccination rate hit 80%, which is estimated to be around mid-October. {Since the Wed night meeting, Premier Gladys have announced the roadmap and the expected date is 18th October}.
- Travel passport : people who are coming to Australia need to have

vaccinated and the vaccination brand needs to be part of the Australia government endorse list.

- COVID symptoms in young kids are mild and not as severe, 2% of children who get COVID are hospitalise not because they need treatment but because their parents have COVID and are in hospital and so no one to look after them.
- On 14th September, Fiona and Associate Professor Thomas Gottlieb, Head of Infectious Diseases at Concord Hospital will be hosting a COVID-19 vaccine information forum with the local community of REID to discuss the importance of getting vaccinated.

<https://bit.ly/3DF04gQ>

*Writeup by Trudy Ho*



Our largest Zoom rollout to date!

## *Speaker for this week: Jeremy Wright*

Tonight we hear from District Governor, Jeremy Wright AM.

“Jeremy comes from a marketing and management background in advertising, the performing arts, the energy sector, communications, and health.

His community activities began in 1989 when, together with his wife Marilyn, they launched Red Nose Day in NSW, and a successful prevention campaign for Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS).

From 2004 Jeremy was the founding Chief Executive Officer of MS Research Australia.

Jeremy joined the Rotary Club of Sydney Cove in 2009 and has been involved in Indigenous Affairs, global grants and the Climate Action and Peace Committee.

Jeremy has been the Chair of the District Grants Sub-Committee for 5 years.”

[Ref: Camden Rotary Bulletin 5th August 2021]

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## *Rotary Acronyms*

As we know, one thing Rotary does not lack is acronyms for all the wonderful programs we have. President Thaya has provided the following:

### 100 Rotary Acronyms & Abbreviations :

1. RC - Rotary Club
2. CL - Classification
3. CP - Charter President
4. VP - Vice President
5. PE - President Elect
6. PN - President Nominee
7. PND - President Nominee Designate
8. IPP - Immediate Past President
9. PP - Past President
10. PETS - President Elect Training Seminar
11. SAA - Sergeant-At-Arms
12. LOA - Leave of Absence
13. DSA - Distinguished Service Award
14. AGM - Annual General Meeting
15. YIR - Yours In Rotary
16. YIRS - Yours In Rotary Service
17. RCC - Rotary Community Corps
18. CLP - Club Leadership Plan
19. RLA - Rotary Leadership Academy
20. RYLA - Rotary Youths Leadership Awards

21. RLI - Rotary Leadership Institute
22. ARPIC – Assistant Rotary Public Image Coordinator
23. TRF - The Rotary Foundation
24. APF - Annual Programs Fund
25. TWF - The World Fund
26. PEF - Permanent Endowment Fund
27. TPF - The Permanent Fund
28. DIK - Donations In Kind
29. EREY - Every Rotarian Every Year
30. PHF - Paul Harris Fellow
31. PHS - Paul Harris Society
32. MPHf - Multiple Paul Harris Fellow
33. AKS - Arch Klumpp Society
34. BS - Bequest Society
35. BEN - Benefactor
36. FRP - Foundation Recognition Point
37. MG - Matching Grant
38. NNPPC - Nigerian National Polio Plus Committee
39. NID - National Immunization Day
40. GMS - Grant Management Seminar
41. D - District
42. DA - District Assembly
43. DCh - District Chair
44. DGR - District Governor Representative
45. DiG - District Grant
46. DDF - District Designated Fund

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|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| 47. DRR - District Rotaract Representative                   | 77. RIVP - Rotary International Vice President               |
| 48. DIR - District Interact Representative                   | 78. RIPE - Rotary International President Elect              |
| 49. DG - District Governor                                   | 79. RIPN - Rotary International President Nominee            |
| 50. DGE - District Governor Elect                            | 80. RIPND - Rotary International President Nominee Designate |
| 51. DGN - District Governor Nominee                          | 81. RID - Rotary International Director                      |
| 52. DGND - District Governor Nominee Designate               | 82. RIDE - Rotary International Director Elect               |
| 53. IPDG - Immediate Past District Governor                  | 83. PRID - Past Rotary International Director                |
| 54. PDG - Past District Governor                             | 84. PRIP - Past Rotary International President               |
| 55. LG - Lieutenant Governor                                 | 85. PRIVP - Past Rotary International Vice President         |
| 56. DS - District Secretary                                  | 86. RFE - Rotary Fellowship Exchange                         |
| 57. ADS - Assistant District Secretary                       | 87. RYE - Rotary Youth Exchange                              |
| 58. PDS - Past District Secretary                            | 88. RAG - Rotary Action Group                                |
| 59. AG - Assistant Governor                                  | 89. VTT - Vocational Training Team                           |
| 60. PAG - Past Assistant Governor                            | 90. GSE - Group Study Exchange                               |
| 61. DLP - District Leadership Plan                           | 91. COL - Council on Legislation                             |
| 62. DLT - District Leadership Team                           | 92. PHSM - Paul Harris Sustaining Member                     |
| 63. DT - District Trainer                                    | 93. BOD - Board Of Directors                                 |
| 64. PDT - Past District Trainer                              | 94. BOT-Board Of Trustees                                    |
| 65. DTA - District Training Assembly                         | 95. RIC - Constitution of Rotary International               |
| 66. DTTA - District Team Training Assembly                   | 96. RIB - Bylaws of Rotary International                     |
| 67. DC/DISCON - District Conference                          | 97. RIA - Rotary International Assembly                      |
| 68. DSG - District Simplifies Grant                          | 98. GPEI - Global Polio Eradication Initiative               |
| 69. GETS - District Governor Elect Training Seminar          | 99. SRCC - Standard Rotary Club Constitution                 |
| 70. COG - Council Of Governors                               | 100. WAPF - West African Project Fair                        |
| 71. SAR - Semi Annual Report                                 |                                                              |
| 72. MOP - Manual of Procedure                                |                                                              |
| 73. RI - Rotary International                                |                                                              |
| 74. RIBI - Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland |                                                              |
| 75. RIP - Rotary International President                     |                                                              |
| 76. RIP Rep - Rotary International President Representative  |                                                              |

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## *COVID Capers*

From Brad:

Here is something a bit different to do as you kill time in lock-down. Using data from the USGS (U.S. Geological Survey), you pick a spot in the USA to drop a figurative drop of water, and it then

calculates the path that drop would take if it wasn't absorbed into the ground, or evaporated.

<https://river-runner.samlearner.com>

*Bradley Ayres*

## Dates for the Calendar



| <i>Rotary Events</i> |                                                                         |                     |                                                   |              |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| <i>Day/Date</i>      | <i>Event/speaker</i>                                                    | <i>To introduce</i> | <i>To thank<br/>+ <b>Speaker</b><br/>write-up</i> | <i>Venue</i> |
| Wed 15th Sept        | <b>DG Jeremy Wright AM</b>                                              | Rick Vosila         | Peter Manenti                                     | Zoom         |
| Wed 22nd Sept        | <b>Jodi McKay</b><br>State Electorate of<br>Strathfield                 | TBA                 | Marvin<br>Manrique                                | Zoom         |
| Wed 29th Sept        | <b>Robert Jordan</b><br>Supporting Ovarian Cancer<br>Sufferers          | TBA                 | TBA                                               | Zoom         |
| Wed 6th Oct          | <b>Paul Kougias</b><br>Importance and challenges<br>in grassroots sport | TBA                 | TBA                                               | Zoom         |

NOTE: Due to the latest COVID outbreak and subsequent lock-down, the above program may change

| <i>Birthdays</i> |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|
| 16th September   | Paolo Giammarco |
| 18th September   | Kyo Pham        |

| <i>Anniversaries</i> |   |
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## The Rotary Statistics

|                                           |           |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Attendance last meeting (08-09-21) – Zoom | 31        |
| Club membership                           | <b>46</b> |
| Partners                                  | 0         |
| Guests                                    | 7         |

| <i>Funds raised</i> |                 |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| Raffle              | n/a             |
| Sergeant's session  | Honesty system! |



## *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 <sup>1</sup> | Community    | Rick Vosila        |
| International            | Roy Elis             | Vocational   | Alexey Prokopenko  |
| Public Officer           | Rod McDougall        | Club Service | Arie Pappas        |

<sup>1</sup> Position was held by the late Peter Smith

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