

# Bulletin

2024-2025

Strathfield  
**Rotary**  
Club



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President 2024-2025

**Ying Ho**

President 2025-2026

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CHANGEOVER

28 JUNE 2025



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**Warwick Richardson**

District Governor 2024-2025

**Alexey Prokopenko**

Club President 2024-2025

**Francesco Arezzo**

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1971-2026

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Allan Teale  
Allan Petersen  
Stephen Taylor  
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Arie Pappas  
Usha Garg  
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**CLAUDE AI**




## **From President Alexey**

It has been an incredible honour and privilege to serve as the proud and dedicated President of the Rotary Club of Strathfield in 2024-2025 years.

I want to express my deepest gratitude to all Rotary members and to our broader community for entrusting me with this opportunity. Leading this club has been both an inspiring and humbling experience, and I am truly thankful for the trust, encouragement, and friendship you have extended to me throughout this journey.

To my fellow Rotarians, thank you for your unwavering support, thoughtful challenges, and the remarkable spirit of collaboration that has defined our time together. Your tireless dedication, especially in helping to organise and deliver meaningful events, has been nothing short of inspiring. Each gathering, project, and initiative we brought to life was a testament to your generosity, creativity, and shared passion for making a difference.

Looking back on the past year, I am filled with immense pride in all that we have accomplished not just in the tangible goals we've achieved, but in the camaraderie, resilience, and heart that brought them to fruition. Every success stands as a reflection of our collective commitment to service above self, and of the powerful impact we can create when we work hand in hand.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alexey', with a stylized flourish at the end.

President of  
Rotary Club of Strathfield



# Strathfield Event Centre

## 28 June 2025

### PRE-DINNER DRINKS

Master of Ceremonies Dimitry Chugg-Palmer  
Pre-dinner drinks  
Call to Order

### WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Acknowledgement of Country  
Toast to Rotary International - Past District Governor Janice Hall  
Response to Toast  
Raffle Announcement  
Music - Sonare String Quartet from the Sydney Chamber Music Project

- Nicole Wang - violin
- Jonah Shi - violin
- Tina Dong - viola
- Franco Fan - cello

### MAIN BREAK

Dinner  
Fellowship

### OUTGOING PRESIDENT'S RECOGNITIONS

The Maurie Awards  
Paul Harris Fellow Recognition  
Special Recognition - Past President Keith Byrn, 30 years of Service  
Outgoing President's Address  
Musical Interlude - Alla Meunargia, participant of The Voice' Russia

### INTERMEDIATE BREAK

Fellowship

### CHANGEOVER CEREMONY

Presentation of Collar of Office and Pin to Incoming President  
Presentation of Past President Pin to Outgoing President  
Incoming President's Address - President Ying Ho  
Introduction of 2025-26 Board and Club Officers - President Ying Ho

### CLOSING PART

Remarks - Lindy Hedges, Director, ADHD Foundation  
Raffle Draw  
Closing Remarks  
Music  
Fellowship

# CLUB INFORMATION

PROJECTS, COMMUNITY EVENTS







# Inspiring Speakers

We had a great variety of speakers throughout the year from many different industries and organisations.

In the first half of the year, we had Milla Krivozhnya from the St Alexander Nevsky Russian School, a non-profit language school for children aged 3-18, run voluntarily by the parent committee; Doug Keen from Family of League, a grassroots Rugby League Charity; Barbara Whitten from Anywhere Travels who gave us an informative talk on the travel industry and Rotary's International Youth Exchange Program; Joris Nap from Australian Boom and Scissor Lift and Anna Ruth from Freedom for Humanity.

Our own club member Anjali Jain gave us an insightful interview into her life and even sang for us!





International Service Director Professor Philip Newall from Carlingford Rotary shared their club's international projects with us. Dave O'Brien and Auntie Dianne from the Indigenous Community shared their personal stories. Ruby Hasse gave us financial insights into philanthropy, and lawyer Kathryn Lewis spoke about new workplace legislations. Inspirational speaker Jo Cooper talked passionately about bullying and Anita Robinson from our Rotary District gave a thoughtful presentation on ROMAC.

In the second half of the year, we had Grange Chung, Liberal candidate for the seat of Reid, and our own member and Mayor of Strathfield J.P. Baladi. The Interact leadership teams from Homebush Boys High School and Meriden Girls visited our club and listened to a presentation by Rotary District Interact Chair Kerrie Guillaume. Robin Baird from Sydney Metro shared exciting developments and future Metro plans. Greg Molloy shared his financial wisdom, and finally Anthony Hartcher led an enthusiastic interactive discussion about well-being.







# The Zonta Project

The Zonta Project was a wonderful youth service project initiative from the Strathfield Girls High School Zonta Club, the Homebush Boys High School Interact Club, and the Zonta Club of Sydney West Inc. Together, the girls and boys assembled 1,000 birthing kits to send to developing countries. It was a great opportunity for collaboration between the two local schools to work together on a project which was educational, raising awareness of the challenges of childbirth still facing many women around the world and making a real contribution to those in need.

This project showed how young people can make a real difference in the world through kindness and teamwork. It helped support mothers in need while also encouraging the students to grow as caring and thoughtful leaders. The experience was a reminder that helping others can be both meaningful and rewarding for everyone involved.





# International Service

This past year has been a rewarding chapter for Bradley Ayres in his role as International Director, marked by consistent engagement and meaningful contributions. He had the privilege of attending the weekly Meriden Interact meetings throughout the year, offering support and mentorship to future leaders. A key highlight was the annual Meriden Interact Dance on Friday, 23 May 2025, made memorable with the invaluable support of Steven, Nicholas, Janelle, and Anjali.

Beyond Interact, it was a fulfilling year of supporting initiatives that celebrate youth achievement. Bradley was actively involved in the end-of-year Rotary Citizenship Prizes, where sixteen outstanding students from local schools were recognised for their exemplary service and character. His contribution to the Strathfield Youth Achievement Awards was also both busy and deeply rewarding, with 36 awards presented to young people who live, work, or study in Strathfield and surrounding LGAs.

On the international front, a major milestone was the club's participation in the District Polio Train event on 24 October 2024. Meeting the train at Strathfield Station, the club proudly presented a cheque for \$1,950, symbolising \$10 for each unique station visited by the campaign team. Special recognition goes to Aruna, a dedicated club member who played a key role in the district team's journey.

As Bradley looks ahead to continuing in the International Director role, he is inspired by the opportunity to build on this momentum. With a strong foundation in place, the coming year will focus on deeper engagement in international partnerships, expanded global service initiatives, and meaningful cross-cultural collaboration. He looks forward to broadening the club's international relationships, fostering impactful connections with Rotary clubs abroad, and leading projects that reflect a shared commitment to service beyond borders. The year ahead promises to bring even greater global impact and connection.





STRATHFIELD ROTARY

# Community BBQs

BRINGING ROTARY VALUES TO LIFE BY  
FOSTERING FELLOWSHIP, FUN, AND  
SERVICE WITH EVERY SAUSAGE, WHILE  
BUILDING CONNECTIONS AND  
STRENGTHENING LOCAL TIES





## Social Events

This year, we brought fresh energy to our social calendar with the introduction of some wonderful new events, including a Board Game Night and a Past Members' Reunion Night.

The Board Game Night was an exciting first-time experiment and what a hit it was! Members came together to enjoy a variety of games including Azul, Botany, Istanbul, and even a lively round of Mah Jong. Laughter, strategy, and shared fun filled the evening, making it a fantastic addition to our club traditions.

The idea for the Past Member's Reunion Night came from Keith Byrn at the Club Assembly. The night was a huge success attended by over 50 past and present members. There was a real excitement and buzz in the air of past Rotary members re-connecting with each other, some haven't seen one another for decades!

President Alexey shared videos of recent club events created by our resident photographer, Steven Argyris. A montage presentation of photographs of past members from past gatherings was also on display.



Adding even more fun to the night, Sergeant Nick Hamilton-Kane hosted an amusing "Guess-Which-Past-President-Is-This?" session, and Past President Andrew Aravanis led a thoughtful and engaging interview with the Women of Rotary. Stories were shared, memories revisited, and plenty of laughter echoed throughout, a true celebration of fellowship and history.

We also enjoyed a charming evening at Quatre Café, showing support for our local eateries while sharing great conversation and delicious fare. And of course, our much-loved Croquet Night at the Croquet Club made a joyful return complete with friendly games and a delicious barbecue to finish the evening in style.

Together, these events have brought us closer, sparked new traditions, and reminded us of the joy of community and connection. Here's to many more wonderful moments ahead!





## Barbecue Trailer

For many years, the club's BBQ trailer had been stationed at the Strathfield Council facilities, quietly serving as a symbol of past events and community service. In 2024, the Council requested its removal to free up much-needed space. In response, the club invited members to help find a practical solution—whether through sale or responsible disposal.

Thomas D'Souza took the lead in coordinating the effort, successfully arranging a sale to Top Dollar, who purchased the trailer for its scrap value of \$500 and also managed its removal. The Council expressed satisfaction with the outcome, having regained valuable space while maintaining a positive partnership with the club.

This simple yet effective action reflects the club's responsiveness, resourcefulness, and commitment to service—values central to Vocational Service. It also demonstrates the club's active role in responsible asset management and its dedication to fostering strong, respectful relationships with local stakeholders throughout the 2024–25 Rotary year.





# Treasurer Matters

As the Rotary year draws to a close on 30 June 2025, Treasurer Charles Pitt expresses his sincere gratitude to former Treasurer Rod McDougall for his invaluable support in facilitating a smooth transition into the role. Rod's guidance has been instrumental throughout the year, particularly during a period of operational change.

With the change in caterers at the Strathfield Golf Club, the club implemented a new pre-booking system requiring members to confirm attendance and prepay for meals ahead of meetings. This marked a shift from the traditional practice of paying on arrival. While the change was initially met with hesitation, members have gradually adapted—and flexibility remains in place to ensure all are welcomed to dine together, regardless of prepayment.

Special thanks go to Rod McDougall for his assistance in implementing the new payment system, including the setup of a debit card facility with the bank. Additionally, the club has adopted the MYOB accounting system, which offers the benefit of bank feed integration and will significantly streamline accounting processes moving forward.

As always, the club has remained committed to its mission of supporting youth, community, and health-focused initiatives. This year has been no exception. A detailed list of beneficiaries of the club's financial support is included in this report, along with a record of members and friends who have generously contributed financially to the club's efforts.

While the final financial statements are pending, early indications suggest the club will finish the year with a modest surplus. Retained income and reserve funds remain in place, including a \$40,000 Reserve Fund held in an interest-bearing deposit, with interest credited to the club's operating account. The audited financial statements will be circulated to members prior to the Annual General Meeting



The club extends its sincere appreciation to James Heesh, Partner at Hales and Redon Chartered Accountants, who has once again provided a professional audit of the club's accounts on a pro bono basis.

During the year, the Board made the decision to retire the Club's Utility and BBQ trailer. With storage facilities no longer available and the equipment in disrepair and underused, the Board determined that hiring equipment when needed would be a more cost-effective and practical alternative. Although this marks the end of an era in how the club managed its BBQ operations, the decision reflects a thoughtful approach to resource management and future needs.







# SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT

**“WE MET AS STRANGERS: WE PARTED  
A FELLOWSHIP”**

*LILIAN STEVENSON*



# Vocational Awards

The Vocational Awards ceremony, held on September 25, 2024, was a vibrant celebration of excellence, service, and the positive impact individuals and organisations have on our community.

A sincere thank you goes to Ying Ho and Alexey Prokopenko, whose dedication was instrumental in bringing this event to life. From completing the website to preparing promotional materials, their hard work helped generate enthusiasm and ensure a smooth and memorable evening.

In the lead-up to the event, Thomas D'Souza organised the production of the award plaques, ensuring they were professionally prepared and ready to honour our recipients. On the night, we proudly presented 10 beautifully crafted plaques, over 35 certificates, and the prestigious Ray Sherry Shield.

Guests were genuinely moved by the diversity, quality, and inspiring stories behind each nomination. The event highlighted a rich tapestry of contributions from personal achievements to business excellence and meaningful community service.

Looking ahead, we're committed to continuing the growth and evolution of the Vocational Awards. Our goal is to make it even more engaging, inclusive, and impactful with a stronger focus on recognising career path development, honouring outstanding local businesses, and celebrating initiatives that drive positive community change.

We believe these awards not only honour individuals but also serve as a powerful platform to foster connections, showcase leadership, and inspire others to strive for excellence in their own journeys.







# Ray Sherry Shield

2024 WINNER: DR MOHIT TOLANI

















## The Police Officer of the Year Award 2025

The "20th Police Officer of the Year Award 2025", held on June 4, 2025, proudly stood as our club's signature event of the year. Planning for this milestone celebration began as early as October 2024, with regular and collaborative meetings held with the Burwood Police Area Command to coordinate nominations, citations, and other essential preparations.

Under the capable leadership of Committee Chair Thomas D'Souza, and with the dedicated support of Aruna Chandrala and Nick Hamilton-Kane, the organising team worked tirelessly to ensure a meaningful and memorable event.

The event was generously supported by several Rotary club members through sponsorships. Additional funds were raised through raffle ticket sales and an exciting auction of cricket bats, thoughtfully organised by Aruna Chandrala. These efforts helped raise an impressive \$3,500, which was proudly donated to NSW Police Legacy—supporting the families of fallen and injured officers.

Following the event, the club received a warm note of appreciation from the Police, thanking us for hosting such a well-organised evening that honoured the dedication and service of our brave men and women in uniform.

This event not only celebrated excellence in policing but also reinforced the club's strong community partnerships and unwavering commitment to service and recognition.



# International Women's Day

The International Women's Day event, held on 5 March 2025, was a tremendous success, led with dedication and vision by committee chair Aruna Chandrala.

The program featured inspiring speakers, including Federal Member for Reid, the Hon. Sally Sitou MP, and Councillor Rory Nosworthy from Strathfield Council, who shared powerful messages that resonated with attendees. A vibrant BollyFit dance performance added a lively cultural element, and funds raised through raffle ticket sales were donated to WAGEC (Women's and Girls' Emergency Centre), extending the event's impact.

Support was also provided in preparing presentation slides, helping ensure the event ran smoothly while offering valuable experience in event coordination. Overall, the celebration honoured women's achievements, strengthened community connections, and reflected the club's ongoing commitment to inclusivity and service.



# Christmas Dinner

The Christmas Dinner committee welcomed additional support in bringing this year's celebration to life, with contributions to both planning and creative direction. Held on 14 December 2024, the event dazzled with a vibrant Bollywood theme, infusing the evening with rich culture, joyful colour, and spirited energy. The fusion of festive cheer and cultural expression created a warm, inclusive atmosphere that delighted all in attendance. By every measure, it was a joyous and memorable night—and yet another shining success for the club.



# Digital Transformation

This year, the club made a bold and exciting leap into the future with major strides in automation and digital transformation.

One of the most impactful changes has been the move to online registration and payment for our Wednesday night meetings via Humanitix. The traditional methods of cash payments, door lists, and paper records have been replaced by a seamless, automated system. Members and guests can now easily register their attendance, select meals, make payments, and even include optional donations all in just a few clicks. The platform also keeps a comprehensive record of attendance and event history, significantly improving efficiency and transparency.

While the transition initially met with some hesitation, it has since been fully embraced by members, proving to be a smooth and successful shift toward modern convenience.

Our club's digital evolution continues in other areas too. Photographs and documents are now securely stored and managed in the club's official Google Drive, and our financial systems are being transitioned to MYOB for improved oversight and reporting.

Meanwhile, our Facebook page and YouTube channel have come alive with engaging content regularly showcasing photos, videos, and highlights from meetings and events, helping to broaden our reach and celebrate club activities.

Together, these changes mark a significant step forward in modernising club operations, improving member experience, and positioning us as a forward-thinking, connected, and vibrant organisation ready for the future.







# Social Media

While social media does not officially fall under the Vocational Services portfolio, Thomas D'Souza took the initiative to contribute in this area by leveraging his marketing expertise and the support of his team to strengthen the club's online presence.

To keep the Rotary Club of Strathfield's social media channels active and engaging, a range of digital assets was developed to enhance visibility and outreach. One of the key achievements was the creation of the club's official YouTube channel, where video content now showcases the club's events, projects, and community impact:

**Strathfield Rotary Club YouTube Channel**  
<https://www.youtube.com/@strathfieldrotaryclub>

The results have been highly encouraging. The videos have generated an impressive 210,473 impressions, reflecting a growing level of interest and engagement from the wider community.

This initiative not only aligns with the club's broader goals of community awareness and connection, but also opens exciting new avenues for storytelling and digital promotion. The club is proud of this progress and looks forward to expanding its reach even further in the year ahead.







To elevate the branding and visibility of the Rotary Club of Strathfield, a strategic initiative was undertaken in collaboration with Steven Argyris to capture and share photos and videos of every club meeting and event. These visual assets are regularly shared through the club's social media channels, primarily YouTube and Facebook to showcase the meaningful work being done and to connect with a wider audience.

As part of this initiative, a dedicated promotional video titled "About Our Club and What Rotary Does" was produced. This video serves as a powerful introduction to the club's values, projects, and community impact. It is used at meetings, public functions, and recruitment events to deliver a clear and inspiring message for potential new members, while also supporting broader goals around club growth and community engagement.

In addition to video production, the Facebook page has been consistently maintained and updated with fresh content throughout the year. This ongoing effort ensures that the club's digital presence remains vibrant and engaging, keeping members informed and reaching new audiences.

These digital efforts have already shown positive results with over 900 followers and 600+ likes, the club has built a growing and active online community. The page now serves as both a communication hub and a brand awareness platform, generating social buzz and highlighting the club's values and impact. Collectively, these initiatives are helping to share the club's story, expand Rotary's visibility, and encourage others to get involved in making a difference.





# Members New and Old

In March 2025, the club warmly welcomed Trisha Lin Kyi as its newest member. Originally from the United States and currently studying International Governance, Trisha had already become a familiar face through her active participation in meetings and events. With a strong background in volunteering, she brings both passion and experience to the club. We are excited to announce that she will take on the role of Youth Service Director for the 2025–26 Rotary year a role in which she is sure to thrive.

This year also marked a proud milestone for two of our most dedicated members, Janelle Watson and Keith Byrn, who both celebrated 30 years of continuous service. To honour their outstanding commitment, they each received a letter of recognition from Rotary International President Stephanie A. Urchick a well-deserved tribute to their decades of contribution.

As we celebrate new beginnings, we also bid a heartfelt farewell to two cherished members: Past President Peter Manenti and Roy Ellis. Peter, a valued member for 50 years and President in 1996–97, leaves behind a remarkable legacy of leadership and service. Roy, who has decided to relocate to Hobart, Tasmania to be closer to family, has also been a beloved part of our Rotary family. Their dedication and spirit have left a lasting mark on the club, and while we will miss them greatly, we send them our deepest thanks and best wishes. We hope they will visit us whenever they can.

Strathfield Rotary continues to grow, reflect, and honour the incredible individuals both new and long-standing who shape our journey together.

















# ANZAC Day

ANZAC Day is a significant date in the Australian calendar. In place of the traditional ANZAC Breakfast event, a BBQ was held at Strathfield Park in collaboration with Strathfield Council on April 25, 2025. The event was a great success.

President Alexey played a key role in organising the BBQ and liaising with Strathfield Council on logistics, catering, and setting up the marquee, among other responsibilities. Thomas D'Souza provided valuable assistance in coordinating with Rotarians to ensure a strong Rotary presence on the day.

Special thanks go to Nick Hamilton-Kane and Bradley Ayres for being the first to arrive in the morning to set up the marquee, to Aruna for managing the purchase of food and drinks, and to all the members who attended and contributed to the smooth running of the barbecue.









# CLUB PRESENTERS

SPEAKERS AND GUESTS





# ST. ALEXANDER NEVSKY RUSSIAN SCHOOL

07 JULY 2024

St. Alexander Nevsky Russian School in Sydney, was established in 1971. St. Alexander Nevsky Russian School is one of the oldest and largest Russian-language schools in New South Wales, with approximately 190 students and 23 teachers.

Presented by Milla Krivozhnya & Natalia Takhtaganova

<https://www.russianschoolsydney.org.au>









# FAMILY OF LEAGUE

07 AUGUST 2024

Family of League exists to ensure those most in need in the rugby league community can access financial, social and emotional support. Presented by National Manager for Fundraising, Partnerships & Events, Doug Keen

<https://familyofleague.org.au/>









14 AUGUST 2024

# YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM

BARBARA WHITTEN

Anywhere Travel stands the test of time where other travel management companies come and go, 42 years of continuous service speaks for itself

<https://anywheretravel.com.au/>



Anywhere  
Travel







# INDUSTRY KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE

04 SEPTEMBER 2024

Australian Boom & Scissor Lift was founded in 1997, ABS is a trusted name in premium access solutions, delivering over 20 years of personalised, high-quality service across Sydney and beyond. Presented by Joris Nap

<https://www.abslift.com.au/>







# Partnering with Community

Australian Boom & Scissor Lift (ABS) has been a trusted provider of premium access solutions since 1997, proudly supporting a wide range of community-based and local projects across Sydney. With a fleet of over 250 specialised machines including scissor lifts, boom lifts, and telehandlers ABS plays a key role in enabling schools, councils, volunteer groups, and local businesses to carry out important work safely, efficiently, and on time. Whether it's for maintenance of community facilities, setup for local events, or support for construction in public spaces, ABS's reliable equipment and responsive service help make these projects possible.

Beyond equipment hire, Australian Boom & Scissor Lift offers a tailored, customer-focused approach that includes delivery, training, and technical support. Their commitment to safety, flexibility, and personal service ensures even small-scale initiatives can access the same high-quality solutions as larger commercial clients. By empowering local organisations with the right tools and guidance, ABS actively contributes to building stronger, more connected communities.



# FREEDOM FOR HUMANITY

11 SEPTEMBER 2024

Aim is to contribute directly to organisations at the coal face that achieve results in freeing innocent people from the tyranny of slavery. Presented by Anna Ruth

<https://freedomforhumanity.org.au/>



**FREEDOM**  
for humanity  
End Human Trafficking







# INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS IN ROTARY

**18 SEPTEMBER 2024**

International Service encompasses actions taken to expand Rotary's humanitarian reach around the globe and to promote world understanding and peace. In this area, Rotarians strive for the advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service





# ROTARIAN ANJALI JAIN IS INTERVIEWED BY PP ANDREW ARAVANIS

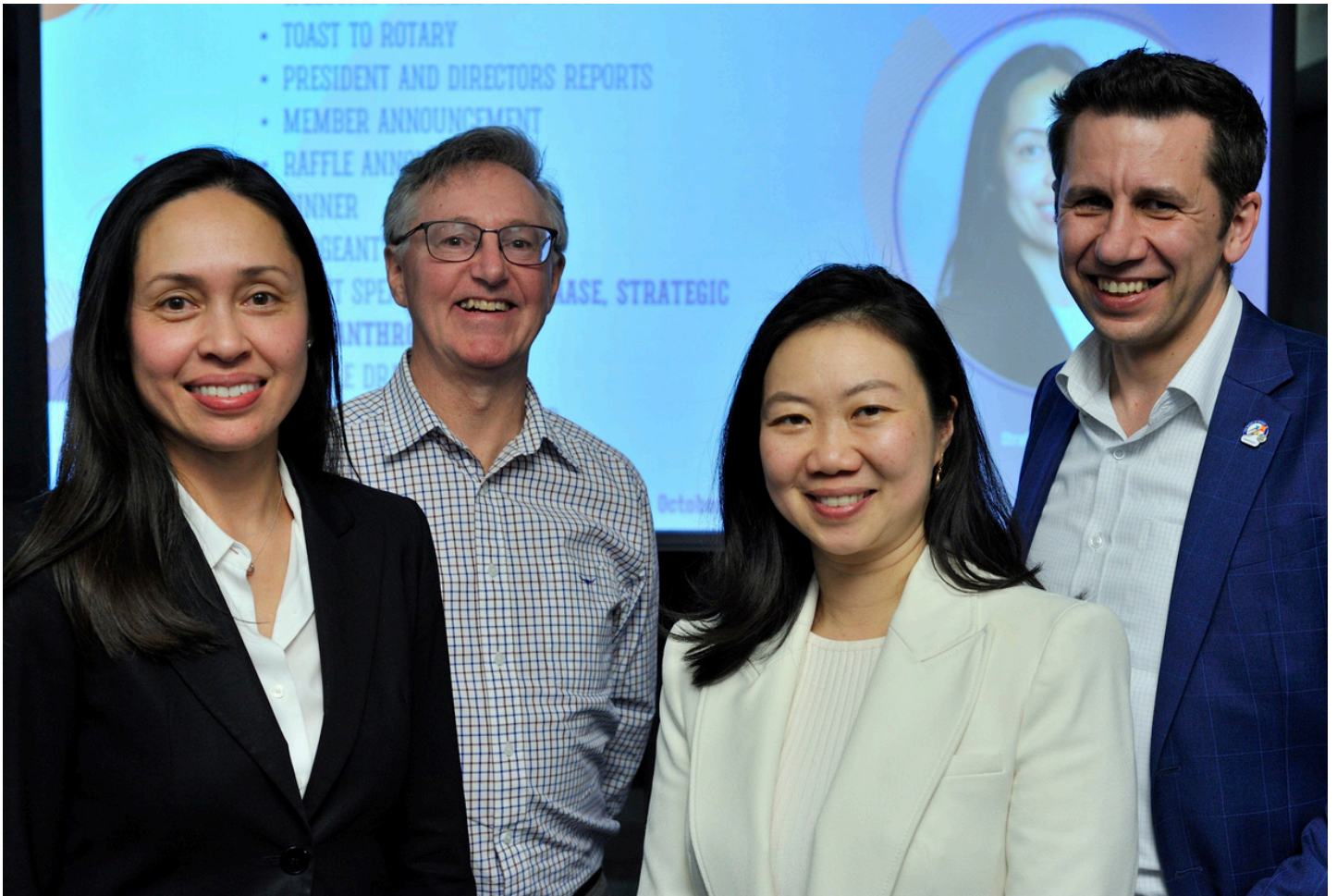
10 OCTOBER 2024











# STRATEGIC PHILANTHROPY

9 OCTOBER 2024

Strategic Philanthropy delivers lasting benefits for individuals, families, and charitable organisations. It fosters meaningful family conversations around giving, enables charities to plan long-term projects. Presented by Ruby Haase

<https://www.perpetual.com.au/>





# EMPLOYMENT LAW UPDATE

16 OCTOBER 2024

At Voice, everything we do is built on two powerful principles. First, every client deserves to be truly heard in a way that's meaningful to them. Second, when everyone communicates better, the chances of achieving positive outcomes increase dramatically. That's the difference Voice makes. Presented by Kathryn Lewis

<https://www.voicelawyers.com/>





23 OCTOBER 2024

# HEALTH & WELL BEING PROGRAMS

FOR OUR ABORIGINAL  
COMMUNITY

by Auntie Dianne O'Brien  
& Dave O'Brien

<https://mingaletta.org.au/>









# BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF YOUR VOICE TO CREATE CHANGE!

6 NOVEMBER 2024

Jo Cooper is an Australian singer/songwriter, storyteller and advocate with a vivacious spirit and passion for standing up for what she believes in and refusing to be intimidated

<https://thegoodwarrior.com.au/>









# ROTARY OCEANIA MEDICAL AID FOR CHILDREN (ROMAC) 13 November 2024



Anita Robinson has a nursing background and worked for many years in the Pathology industry. In 2001 she undertook a Marketing Sales certificate with a desire to enter the pharmaceutical industry as a sales professional working with health professionals to ensure the best patient outcomes

<https://romac.org.au/>







# ROMAC

[WWW.ROMAC.ORG.AU](http://WWW.ROMAC.ORG.AU)

ROMAC facilitates medical aid for children in Oceania in the form of life saving and/or dignity restoring surgery, not accessible to them in their home countries. ROMAC is a project of Rotary Clubs in Australia and New Zealand.



# DECISION MAKING & LEADERSHIP

12 FEBRUARY 2025

Presented by Grange Chung





# RYLA EXPERIENCE

19 FEBRUARY 2025

Presented by Yana Leonteva



# CLARE'S LAW

19 FEBRUARY 2025

Presented by Samantha Bing





# FINANCE DISCUSSION

12 MARCH 2025

Mike Hughes & Partners – South West has a long and continuing history of supporting the community at various levels, enabling individuals and community organisations to achieve their goals. Presented by Greg Molloy

<https://www.mikehughespartners.com.au>





# AUBURN POLICE

19 MARCH 2025

SENIOR CONSTABLE JAMES DICKSON



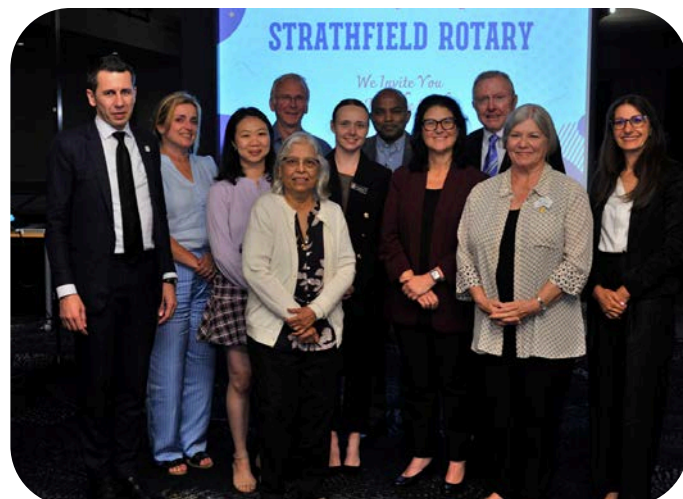




**MAYOR JOHN-PAUL BALADI**  
26 MARCH 2025





**INTERACT WITH KERRIE GUILLAUME****2 APRIL 2025**



# IDEATION WITH FEARLESS CREATIVITY



**7 MAY 2025**

Presented by Priya Mishra, CORPORALITY  
<https://corporality.global/>



**GUEST SPEAKER  
MR PRATIK KALBENDE**

**16 APRRIL 2025**





## ROBIN BAIRD, SYDNEY METRO

14 MAY 2025



## ME&MY WELLNESS ANTHONY HARTCHER

4 JUNE 2025

<https://meandmywellness.com.au/>









# Recognising Dedication

PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS AND MEMBER LIST





## PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

Warrent Abbott  
 Ian Albertson  
 Domenico Alvaro  
 Georgia Anton  
 Andrew Aravanis  
 Bradley Ayres  
 Janice Barrett  
 Kevin Beltrame  
 Bill Boyce  
 Joan Brown  
 Ross Brown AM  
 Keith Byrn  
 James Collins OAM  
 David Croft AM  
 Arthur Crossan  
 Michelle Davies  
 Shirley Del Prado  
 Max Douglas  
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