



**STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS  
ROTARY CLUB OF STRATHFIELD**

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I rise today to commend the work of the Rotary Club of Strathfield. Our local Rotarians create opportunities for genuine connection and community service, and this is more important now than ever in a time where COVID-19 has kept us socially isolated. As a teenager, I completed RYLA courses, and so, recently, I was very proud to be made an honorary member of the Rotary Club of Strathfield, a position that will last the duration of my service as the member for Reid. I would like to particularly thank the president, Dr Usha Garg, for a great honour. Through my work as the federal member for Reid, I hope to uphold the same values that guide our local Rotarians: service, integrity and community focused leadership.

Whether it is removing graffiti in Homebush, raising funds for the Chalmers Road School or holding events like the Pride of Workmanship Awards, the Strathfield Rotary Club goes above and beyond in their community work. I would also like to congratulate the outgoing committee, as well as the president elect, Thaya Ponniah, and the 2021 committee. I am confident that they will bring the same energy and dedication to the work of the Strathfield Rotary Club in the year to come.

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Federal Member for Reid**