



13. GROWING OUR DIGITAL AUDIENCE

Our photography, Photo Video Essays and event recordings are helping more people discover the Rotary Club of Strathfield online. Thank you to Steven Argyris for his professional photography and to Mohan Yamsani for video recording our meetings and events. Our Facebook page has grown to more than 900 followers, while our YouTube channel has achieved approximately 1,600 views, 37.3 hours of viewing time and 16 subscribers.

14. CALENDAR NOW ONLINE

Our upcoming meetings, guest speakers and events have been added to the Club's online calendar for this year and 2007. Members are encouraged to visit the website regularly, register for events and invite partners, friends and prospective members. Strong attendance supports our speakers, strengthens fellowship and helps create a welcoming and vibrant Club.

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LOOKING AHEAD

I am pleased to see our Club making progress on the priorities established during our June brainstorming session.

Thank you to our members for the many hours contributed behind the scenes, to our Board and advisers for helping plan and deliver our meetings, events and future projects.

There is still much to accomplish, but with teamwork, positive energy and a willingness to embrace change, I am confident that this Rotary year will be a year of achievements and meaningful impact.

Together, let us continue to Create Lasting Impact.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

My fellow Rotarians and friends of Rotary.

August was another busy and rewarding month for our Club, featuring inspiring guest speakers, progress on community & international projects, new communication initiatives, technology transformation and preparations for our 21st Annual Police Officer of the Year Awards.

"SERVICE ABOVE SELF" • THEME 2026-27: "CREATING LASTING IMPACT"

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the second edition of "In The Spotlight" for our 2026-27 Rotary year.

As we move further into our Rotary year, I am encouraged by the enthusiasm and contribution of our members. Our goal this year is not simply to organise more activities, but to make what we do meaningful, visible and impactful. Every meeting, project, fundraiser and community partnership gives us another opportunity to strengthen our Club and demonstrate what Rotary represents.

Thank you to our Board, Directors, committee members, volunteers and every member who has contributed during August.

Rotary has always believed that ordinary people, united by a shared purpose, can achieve extraordinary things. For more than a century, our motto "Service Above Self" has inspired millions of Rotarians around the world to put the needs of others before themselves and to turn compassion into meaningful action.

This year, our focus will be on strengthening our club, members engagement, building new friendships, welcoming new members, developing impactful local community projects, technology modernisation, and creating partnerships that deliver real benefits to the people we serve. Together, we will continue to build on the proud legacy of the Rotary Club of Strathfield and create a lasting impact for generations to come.

Rotary is more than a club. It is a movement of people who believe that service can change lives. Together, let us embrace this year with enthusiasm, compassion, and purpose. Let us continue to be the change we wish to see in the world and "Create Lasting Impact" through service.

"Ordinary people, united by purpose, can achieve extraordinary things."

Thomas D'Souza
President 2026-27

Rotary Club of Strathfield (Estd 1971)



1. MEETING WITH THE FRESH COLLECTIVE CATERERS (STRATHFIELD GOLF CLUB)

On 4 August, we met with representatives from The Fresh Collective to strengthen our partnership and discuss future meetings and events at Strathfield Golf Club. The Golf Club provides an excellent venue, supported by quality meals and friendly service that our members and guests enjoy. As we plan a busy year of weekly meetings, social evenings, fundraisers and major events, strong member attendance will be essential. We encourage all members to attend regularly, enjoy the fellowship and help us maintain this valuable partnership.

2. GUEST SPEAKER: SOUMEN MONDAL

5 August Guest Speaker: Soumen Mondal: We began our August speaker program by welcoming Soumen Mondal from MLINA. Soumen shared his professional knowledge and experience in commercial property, providing members with valuable insights into this specialised sector. His informative presentation generated interest and provided an engaging start to the month. Our guest speaker program gives members the opportunity to learn from experienced leaders across different industries, broaden their knowledge and gain new perspectives.

3. OUR WEEKLY HYBRID BULLETIN LAUNCHED ON 8 AUGUST

August marked the launch of our new Weekly Hybrid Bulletin, created to keep members informed about meetings, speakers, projects, announcements and upcoming activities. A special thank you to Rotarian Steven Argyris for developing the concept, producing the bulletin and providing professional photography of our meetings and events. This new initiative will complement our monthly **"In the Spotlight"** bulletin and help keep members connected between meetings.

4. PCYC AUBURN: SUPPORTING LOCAL YOUTH

Gary Farrelly and Tony Nguyen from PCYC Auburn presented the organisation's important work supporting young people through sport, mentoring, fitness and community programs. Members also learned about the proposed \$60,000 refurbishment of the PCYC Auburn basketball court. This project presents an opportunity for Rotary to help create a lasting community asset that supports youth development, confidence, teamwork and wellbeing. Thank you, Gary and Tony, for sharing the PCYC story.



5. HOLOGRAM ZOO SYDNEY

19 Aug 2026: Peter Sarju delivered an engaging presentation to the Rotary Club of Strathfield, introducing members to the exciting world of Hologram Zoo Sydney. Peter shared how innovative holographic technology is creating immersive experiences that bring animals and environments to life. Members enjoyed learning about this unique attraction, its journey to Sydney, and the possibilities this emerging technology offers for entertainment and education.



6. DISTRICT PRESIDENTS' MEETING

On 20 Aug 2026, I attended the Rotary District 9675 Presidents' Meeting, which provided valuable updates on District plans, the increasing use of artificial intelligence and the Rotary zoning process currently underway. The meeting was also an excellent opportunity to connect with fellow Club Presidents, exchange ideas and learn from initiatives being developed across the District. These relationships help our Club remain informed, connected and actively involved in the wider Rotary community.

7. UNLOCK YOUR POTENTIAL

26 Aug 2026: Life and business coach Jose Anzures presented "Unlock Your Potential – Transform Your Business and Life." Jose explored how positive changes in mindset, thinking and everyday habits can lead to meaningful personal and professional results. His practical and encouraging presentation generated thoughtful discussion among members. The message was also highly relevant to Rotary. Growing our club, increasing member engagement and expanding our community impact all begin with the right mindset and a willingness to embrace change. As we undertake meaningful projects and continue doing good in the world, we must become the change we want to see.



8. TECHNOLOGY MODERNISATION

Our new website was launched during August, bringing our website, membership information, meetings, events, communications and administration together on one platform. We now have a website committee (Raymond, Thomas and Mohan) managing regular updates. We'd like to acknowledge and thank PP Raymond McCluskie, Mr. Computer Tutor, who served as our webmaster for more than 30 years. Raymond's dedication helped communicate the work and activities of our Club to members and the wider community.

9. A REMINDER OF OUR CLUB'S GOAL

At our Club Assembly in July 26, we established our overarching goal: "To become the most impactful, financially sustainable and respected Rotary Club in District 9675." Achieving this goal requires us to embrace positive change, strengthen member engagement and think big, as PP & District Governor-Elect Rick Vosila recently encouraged us to: "Think BIG" in our recent meeting. With the commitment of our Board and members, we are building strong momentum for the year ahead.



10. ANNUAL CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

Our Annual Corporate Sponsorship Program commenced in Aug 2026 to generate sustainable funding for the Club's community and charitable projects. We are delighted that several sponsors have already generously supported the program. Some have nominated specific causes for their donations, and the Club will ensure that these funds are directed according to their wishes. We sincerely thank our sponsors for partnering with us and helping the Club expand its community impact.

11. TWO INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS

The Board approved two important international service projects during August:

- Freezer morgues for a remote community in India
- Digital X-ray equipment for a mission hospital in India

The X-ray project was introduced through a local Rotary District connection. Both initiatives address essential health and community needs and demonstrate how Rotary partnerships can deliver practical assistance beyond our local area. Further information will be shared as these projects progress.

12. MEET RTN. ENGINEER

August introduced Rtn. Engineer, our newest Rotary promotional ambassador. Travelling with a different Rotarian guardian each week, Engineer has quickly become a "beary" popular figure in our community, on social media and around Sydney. In just three weeks, the initiative has already raised \$60 toward our goal of \$1,000 for The Rotary Foundation by 30 June 2027. Members can become Engineer's guardian for one week by donating \$20 or more. Guardians are encouraged to take photographs, share Engineer's adventures and record the journey in Engineer's passport.

We look forward to following Rtn. Engineer's travels throughout the Rotary year!

