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Rotary
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Rotary
District 9685



WELCOME TO THE NEW ROTARY YEAR - THE YEAR WE '*SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES*'

Our new leaders are -

Rotary International President **Shekhar Mehta**
from the Rotary Club of Calcutta-Mahanagar,
West Bengal, India.

Shekhar Mehta has been a Rotarian since 1985. He trained as an accountant and founded a real estate development company, Skyline Group, which he also chairs. But his professional title tells only a small part of the story of who he is. He is also a director of the India arm of Operation Eyesight Universal, a Canada-based nonprofit focused on preventing avoidable blindness. He helped establish more than 15 eye hospitals, in



**Shekhar Mehta
and his wife Rashi**

several Indian states, that together carry out nearly 50,000 surgeries each year. And he started Saving Little Hearts, a project that has facilitated more than 2,500 heart surgeries for children from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, and some African countries and that is now an India-wide program. (*This is just a snapshot of our new RI President*).

District Governor Lindsay May OAM and wife, Tania, commenced their year as leader of District 9685 on Sunday at a zoom Changeover meeting. We had the privilege of having Lindsay and Tania at our recent Pride of Workmanship Awards night. Lindsay and Tania are long-time members of the Rotary Club of Lane Cove. They will visit us again on Wednesday 1st September.





The Program This Week

NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life. The week is a great opportunity to participate in a range of activities and to support your local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

This week, members are invited to give a 3 - 5 minute talk about an Indigenous person of their choice, so join our zoom meeting prepared for your turn.

President's Corner

Hi everyone

Welcome to the new rotary year, which has already had its challenges due to the restrictions of Covid 19. Even so, I can truly say that it's an honour to serve as your Club President for 2021-22.

I have taken over the reins from an amazing and very experienced Rotarian, PP David Firth, who is to be congratulated for everything he has done for our club over the past year. Indeed, he has been like The Rock of Gibraltar, and will be a very hard act to follow.



Meetings have gone back to zooming, but we will survive as we are a strong club with Service to the Community at the heart of what we do. We have a new team, most of whom were in the old team, so there is a wealth of experience and knowledge for us to succeed in our future projects.

This will fit in well with the Rotary International theme this year of 'Serve to Change Lives'. If we can care and serve others, it is the best way to live. Our lives are changed as we change other people's lives with the work in the community that we do. And, this is our aim for the coming year - to build on what PP David has achieved and expand our input into the local community where we can have a notable presence and make a valid difference.

Over the past year, PP David has provided us with some memorable quotes, and I intend to carry on his tradition.

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give".

So, fellow Rotarians, let's enjoy giving in the year ahead.

President Kaye

The Rotary Club of North Ryde has a couple of interesting Guest Speakers at the next club ZOOM meeting on Friday 9 July 2021, starting at 7:15am.

The Guest Speakers are:

Mario Millo - guitarist, singer, song writer, movie and television composer.

Jim Towers - band booking agent, venue entertainment agent and promoter.

They will be speaking to us about the 'Australian Music Industry - 1960s', 70s', 80s' and beyond'

These are the login details for the meeting if you would like to join us:

Topic: North Ryde Rotary Club - Zoom Club Meeting

Time: July 9, 2021 07:30 AM Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87821656014?pwd=S1I0T1hBVDVXSVB4OFhTL2p1cFhhdz09>

Meeting ID: 878 2165 6014 Passcode: 2113

Meeting report 30th June 2021

On what was to be 'Change-over night' for the Rotary Club of Pennant Hills, and as a consequence of COVID19, we zoomed some time instead. PP Jim Fraser introduced the evening and then handed over to Pres David on this his last night as President and in the chair.

David welcomed those present, including soon to be inducted Daisy, and a great supporter of our Club, AG Robert Erskine. David also noted the passing of past, long term member Jack Townsend who will be sadly missed.

PP Theo thanked members for donations received for the work in East Timor. He noted that the Foundation passed on their contribution within 24 hrs of being advised that the Club's contribution had been provided.

PP Jack Reid presented a vote of thanks to Pres David noting that this was his 3rd time in the job, and he was pleased to advise that Pres David seemed to have (and I quote), "nearly got it right".

Pres David thanked Ian Chappell for his work as treasurer, this particularly so given a period of ill health, and a move to the Blue Mountains.

Incoming Pres Kaye was then somewhat surprised to see the reins being tossed her way, but she picked them up and started to get into stride. She noted that it would be her intent to have monthly Board meetings on the first Monday of the month. It was of course noted that zoom meetings will have to continue until the COVID advice changed.

Kaye did suggest that next week's meeting comprise members giving a short sharp info piece, but recognising a NAIDOC connection.

Some other matters of interest:

Claude it seems is not well, Jack to check on him;

Ida will be sergeant this year, with Theo assisting as corporal;

Daisy's induction will take place at the next 'non zoom' meeting;

The annual report has been completed and will be distributed to members along with the new Club Directories.

There was a good deal of discussion re future activities it being noted that it would be to our benefit to be somewhat more in evidence in the local community. This could include an expansion of our presence into what was the Thornleigh area, that Rotary Club having closed.

In his closing remarks, David noted with thanks the great contribution of Pam Hudson, despite her not being well, Jim Fraser for his consistent set up sergeant duties, and collective contribution of all members during the year. He did include special wishes to Kaye for her upcoming year in the chair.

Finally, and to ensure the homework is understood, Terry Pankhurst was encouraged to keep watering the plants!

Reporter: Phil Stanton



Conference 2022
"Navigating Change"
March 18th & 19th at
West HQ, Rooty Hill

WHAT'S ON

2021	Program	Speaker	Chair	Reporter	5 - minute interview	Meal Status
July 5	Board Meeting By Zoom Kaye's zoom link				NAIDOC Week 4-11 July	
July 7	Mtg by Zoom Members' Night NAIDOC Week	Members to choose an Indigenous person to talk about for 2-5 minutes	TBA	David Firth	Ida Shi	
July 14	Members' Night Club Forum			Jim Fraser	Adrian Bell Phil is away 12/7- 5/8	Plated
July 21	Possibly Club Changeover Social Night	Nil	Jim Fraser	John Ellis		Plated 2 Course
July 28	Update on Rotary Foundation Bring a guest	Mark Anderson	Kaye Carter	Pam Hudson	Pat Parker	
Aug 2	Board Meeting By Zoom					
Aug 4	Member's Night			Pat Parker	Terry Pankhurst	
Aug 11	First Aid Survival	Wendy Bell		Terry Pankhurst	Daisy Huang	Plated
Aug 18	Planning for Charity Golf Day			Phil Stanton	Jack Reid	
Aug 25	What are they doing now?	Past youth reps	John Ellis	Adrian Bell	David Firth	Plated

Members are reminded that semi annual dues are now payable - \$225 each. If you prefer, you may direct debit this amount into the club account BSB 032-087 and Account No. 334578. Please put your name into the payment details.

Last Week's Meeting

Attendance - 82.35%

Apologies:

A Ameen, I Huckel, C Rigney

Guests:

AG Robert Erskine

Daisy Huang

July Anniversaries & Birthdays

Birthdays:

Esther Fraser - July 23rd

Anniversaries:

Lyn & Phil Stanton - July 6th

Induction Anniversaries:

Theo Glockemann - July 10th