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SYDNEY ROTARY UPDATE



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Incoming Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta has announced the 2021-22 presidential theme – Serve to Change Lives.

He has urged members to become more involved in service projects, saying that caring for and serving others is the best way to live because it changes not only other people's lives, but also our own.

During his theme address to incoming district governors at the Rotary International Assembly on 1 February, he said that Rotary kindled a spark within him to look beyond himself and embrace humanity.

"Service became a way of life for me and I, like many others, adopted the guiding philosophy that 'Service is the rent I pay for the space I occupy on this earth, and I want to be a good tenant of this earth'."



At Sydney Rotary's lunchtime meeting on **Tuesday 9th February**, the secrets of some of our Committees will be revealed.

If you are not already a member of one of our Committees, this is an ideal opportunity to find out how they operate. As a club committee member you help make your club a successful, thriving, and fun place.

Committees being featured next Tuesday will be:

- **International - Bernard Macleod**
- **Peacebuilding - David Hirsch**
- **Youth - Mark Dyer**

A committee makes decisions on behalf of the club and takes on duties to ensure everything runs smoothly. Its purpose is to serve the club members. This means we need the right people with the right skills, the right experience and lots of enthusiasm.

Please **Book Online** for this Zoom event.

Democracy in Danger

Sydney Rotary Peacebuilders will be holding a special meetup at 6pm on **Wednesday 10 February** with veteran journalist, Hugh Riminton as the guest speaker.

To help us navigate some of today's challenging issues, Hugh will discuss "Democracy in Danger, media in the modern World."

Over 40 years as a journalist and foreign correspondent, Hugh Riminton has been shot at, blown up, threatened with deportation and



thrown in jail. He has reported from some 40 countries, witnessed massacres in Africa, wars and conflicts on four continents, and every kind of natural disaster.

Please [Book Online](#) for this Zoom event.

Empowering People Experiencing Homelessness



Sydney Rotary Club's lunchtime guest speaker on **Tuesday 16 February** will be Suzanne Hopman, the co-founder and CEO of Dignity, a charity providing emergency shelter, food, clothing, advocacy and education to people experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

Suzanne will discuss gaps in service provision, the growing categories in homelessness, and why government policy is not agile enough to effectively tackle the crisis.

With more than 20 years experience working in the social services sector, Suzanne helped establish Dignity five years ago with proceeds from the sale of her house.

The charity operates 25 houses, spread throughout New South Wales in both city and rural areas. On any given night Dignity could have up to 220 guests, who would otherwise have no safe place to sleep.

Please [Book Online](#) for this hybrid event.

Who will become President in 2022-2023?

Sydney Rotary Club needs to identify and appoint a President Nominee who will become President for the 2022-23 Rotary year. If you are interested or would like to nominate/suggest another member of the club then please send such expressions of interest or nominations to the Chairman of the Nominations Committee (James Allen, james@elvo.com.au) by Feb 28, 2021.



Our First Hybrid Meeting



A hybrid meeting refers to the physical location of participants. In a hybrid meeting, a subset of the people attending the meeting is located together in the same place. Other participants join the meeting by Zoom or similar platform.

Last Tuesday, Sydney Rotary's first hybrid meeting was held which the Club's Sergeant Glenn Stafford reported went reasonably well. Our newest member, Adriane Lozano, as well as being inducted, was kept busy on the technical side.

Around 18 people enjoyed a two-course lunch from the Castlereagh Hotel whilst 12 people "zoomed" in.

The next hybrid meeting will be held on 16 February.

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- Information about our Rotary District 9675

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Briefly

- Members of **Sydney Rotary's Climate Action Group** and friends are reminded there will be no meeting tonight. However, everyone is invited to a Climate & Peace Webinar at 7:30am on 16 February. [Details and Booking site.](#)

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