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NEXT MEETING

Guest Speaker Zoom Meeting 28th September 2021

Adjunct Prof. Nicola Sasanelli



The Australian space ecosystem, why space is considered a priority for this country

Meeting Responsibilities

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Speakers

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The Australian space ecosystem, why space is considered a priority for this country

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Researching family history at the State Library of Victoria

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Farming in a flash

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Living with Polio

Since 2016 pivotal organisations have been established in Australia such as the Australian Space Agency, SmartSat CRC and the Andy Thomas Space Foundation as well as specific task forces created in national organisations (CSIRO, GA, ADF, BOB etc.) dedicated to space activities. Moreover this 'infrastructure' which includes significant government investments has stimulated a vibrant new high-tech industry specialised in innovative satellite design, launch technologies and innovative downstream applications of satellite technologies.

What will the Australian space ecosystem look like in five years from now?

Nicola Sasanelli graduated from the University of Bari, Italy with a degree in Electronic Engineering. He went on to work as a researcher in microelectronics components before being appointed as Scientific Attaché at the Embassy of Italy in Canberra from 2001 to 2008.

In 2009, Nicola joined the South Australian Government as Director for International R&D Collaborations. From 2003 to 2013 he was appointed as Adjunct Professor of Science and Technology at the University of Canberra, Australia, and in 2007 he became a Member of the Order of Australia (AM).

In September 2017 the South Australian Space Industry Centre was created with Nicola as Director. In 2018 Nicola was appointed Adjunct Professor at the University of South Australia and he was appointed to the board of the Space Industry Association of Australia. In the same year he was also appointed to the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic by the Italian Government. In 2019 Nicola joined SmartSat CRC as Director of Communication and Outreach and in 2020 he founded the Andy Thomas Space Foundation, of which he is now CEO.

Nicola's main passion, outside of his interest in space, is painting.

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[Charles Allen](#)

Rotary and Institute of Economics and Peace strategic relationship

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FROM THE LAST MEETING - 21st September

Posted by David JONES

Rotary Central Melbourne Report: 14th September 2021

Chair: Campbell Chambers

President Elias opened the meeting with an acknowledgement to Country.

Guests: Chanti Bou;

Guest Speakers; Dr Dein Vindigni and Dr Prasad Podugu.
RMIT Bundoora Campus

Topic. "Pathways to Healthy Ageing" ['PHA']

Dein outlined the establishment of the PHA project, a multidisciplinary initiative sustained by collaborative partnerships with a range of community organisations. It all began when he visited his grandmother in an aged care facility and she asked him to massage her shoulders during a family visit. Dein, then a practicing chiropractor, was wary of whether he should -he was not an approved provider for that particular institution! It was soon that other residents sought him out and he realised there was a genuine need that was not being met by existing structures. The project was born.

The model draws on skills and knowledge of academics, clinicians and researchers coupled with the reach by community organisations in contact with older adults to facilitate delivery.

The multidisciplinary nature involves skills of nursing, psychology, pharmacy, osteopathy, chiropractic and Chinese medicine. The evidence-based approach and unique mix of skills has developed clinical science into developing improved outcomes, often involving less dependency on pharmaceutical remedies. Amongst several examples Dein quoted one of an elderly woman, withdrawn from much of the rest home community found her "Purpose in Life" when given a simple opportunity to grow some vegetables.



The basil blossoms at Amici dell'orto (friends of the garden) project

Prasad, a psychologist, spoke of Dementia in aged care facilities; the stress it causes and aspects of 'Quality of Ageing'. The PHA project collaborates with the staff of aged

care facilities and improves skills in this special aspect that affects many when ageing.

PHA has developed a podcast to facilitate carer's delivery of remedies to aged people who often, more so in Covid lockdowns, have limited contact with their families. The podcast covers 'How to manage' units on loneliness, depression, memory difficulties and pain.

In response to Campbell's question asking for the one single healthy living recommendation for peeps our age; Dein stressed the importance of regular walking, at a reasonable pace and distance.

Prasad said from the psychological view he has three recommendations; 1. Physical exercise, 2. Physical exercise, 3. Physical exercise.

The question for us as a club is how we can become one of the community organisations working with PHA, such as we do with Royal Talbot Rehabilitation Centre.

Our speakers were thanked by Chairman Campbell.

Anniversary Milestones

Member Birthdays

Nil

Partner Birthdays

Nil

Wedding Anniversaries

Rankin le Roux and Adele 26th September 1992, 29 years

Date Joined Rotary

Therese Robinson 27th September 2016, 5 years

Announcements:

- Therese spruiked the Rotary **Polio fundraising 'Walk with Us'** month of October. More to come but in meantime refer to web page; <https://www.rotarywalkwithus.org/>
- Rhys advised our club will have access to the **AUSTRALIAN PREMIER of "A Spirited Journey"** a video by Steph Woollard. The video is to be launched on 19th October. Cost \$25 with all proceeds toward 'Seven Women', the topic of Steph's recent talk to our club. Details by email next few days.
- Allan Driver announced a '**Lockdown Zoom Dinner**' for Thursday 7th October with food provided and delivered by Fairfeed. Supporting those in the hospitality community and visa holders who have been hit hard owing to Covid 19. Details by email to all members.
- Brett announced an **extension of his most popular Inquisition series**. The candidate pool amongst members is now dry, and is being opened to Spouses, Partners and family. A terrific opportunity to widen our fellowship and especially with Zoom meetings that have less logistic hurdles to cross.

President's Announcements:

- **Zoom meetings** to continue into early November owing to Covid restrictions
- The Board has approved **Team budgets** with a \$23k deficit for the year to 30th June '22. The view being that the pandemic is a 100yr event that justifies dipping into reserves. A budget deficit was proposed last year however excellent work by the Fundraising Team and response by members has seen a better result. The fund-raising team is now looking at how more funds can be raised from sources external of members.
- District has opened for nominations from Past Presidents volunteering to comprise the selection committee for **new DG 24-25 year**. Contact Elias if wishing to be involved.
- Save the date 30 April – 1 May 2022 for **District Conference**.
- Elias noted the item in District Networker covering completion of 12 water bores and 12 washrooms **project in Cambodia** supported by our club. It was a pleasure to note projects being completed notwithstanding the global pandemic. "Rotary changes lives, and this is a life-changing event for that community"

Next week's speaker will be **Adj Prof. Nicola Sasanelli**, Founder of The Andy Thomas Space Foundation; the topic is an Overview of the Australian Space Industry.

The meeting was formally closed but many continued on in fellowship such as we enjoy when meeting face to face.

YEAR 11-12 SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS AVAILABLE FROM OCTOBER 1st

Year 11-12 Scholarship Grants Available from October 1st

The District Foundation Year 11-12 Scholarship Program has been enormously effective in assisting talented and motivated students facing financial hardship to complete their secondary education. Most recipients so far have also gone on to commence tertiary education. Clubs have also used this opportunity to strengthen their relationship with local schools and inspire participation in other Rotary Youth programs.

The District Foundation Committee is once again inviting D9800 clubs to participate in this program. Ten Year 11-12 Scholarship Grants will be made available this year for clubs to offer to local schools for the 2022-2023 school years. The grant of \$1,000 will match your club's contribution of \$1,000 to provide the scholarship over the two-year period.

If your club would like to take this opportunity to participate, we recommend starting discussions with your candidate school now.

Applications will open on October 1st 2021 and will close on Friday November 12th 2021. Preference will be given to clubs who have not previously had a scholarship grant, after which it will be first come first served.

Application forms and grant guidelines can be downloaded from the District 9800 website:

<https://rotarydistrict9800.org.au/sitepage/district-and-global-grants/year-11---12-scholarships>

Alternatively, email the Chair of the District 9800 Humanitarian Grants Committee Richard Blakeman and request the forms be emailed to you:
foundation.grants@rotary9800.org

ROTARY WALK WITH US TO END POLIO



Rotary Walk with Us to End Polio

Following a very successful event in 2020 Rotarians, friends and the community are encouraged once again to take action from October 1st to 31st to raise awareness, funds, and support to end poliomyelitis, a vaccine-preventable disease that still threatens the children of the world today. As a founding partner of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, Rotary worldwide has helped to reduce polio cases from an average of 1000 cases per day in 1987 to a total of only 140 cases in 2020, a 99.9% reduction.

[Read more...](#)

HELP WANTED - SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Special Note from the Editor: An opportunity exists for a CPA to work at a non-profit organisation. If you know of someone who may be interested, please contact Roy Garrett.

CLUB FUND RAISING - How You Can Help

Posted by Rob HINES

Voluntary contributions

To everyone that has made or intends to make a donation towards club projects, thank you!

If you are in a position to make a donation or even a series of weekly donations please

arrange to transfer those funds directly to the club bank account with the reference "Donation".

Bank Account Details:

BSB 033-000: Account number: 791085

Thank you for your support!

GALLERY

Note from the Editor:

Regrettably, due to technical malfunctions (aka "dead computer") our photographer was unable to capture this week's meeting attendees.

We anticipate having the problem rectified in time for the next bulletin.



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