



Community

Rotary Club of Parramatta City, District 9675

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Meeting 02/2015 19 January 2015, Board Meeting 27 January

The Rotary Four-Way Test

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Rotarians, in everything they do, to ask themselves:

- 1 Is it the **TRUTH**?
- 2 Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- 3 Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
- 4 Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

Club Updates

New Banners

President Ron pointed out that our present banners are out-of-date because the streetscape depicted is gone.

Presentations to Speakers

President Ron said that normally we gave speakers a pen and a Rotary booklet, *Humanity in Motion*. We had run out of pens but the booklets were well received, showing people what sort of organisation we were. He suggested we buy 25 or 30 more booklets.

Friends of Rotary Health

David Ross said that in past years donors who had made significant donations to the health fund would be nominated as "Friends of Rotary Health", which along with presentation of a booklet on Rotary would be a major initiative in promoting Rotary. Major donors would be honoured at a "Speaker' Dinner". They would be presented with a certificate of appreciation and would also get a lapel badge.

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)

DG Barry, who had been to a RYLA Leadership Awards camp at Stanwell Park, said we needed to get more 18 to 24-year-olds going to RYLA camps. One way would be to approach Probus clubs to see whether any of their grandchildren would be interested. The program was very valuable. Young people who had participated had described it as a “life-changing experience”.

Barbecues

John Stamboulie said he felt there was a need to put an “Australian spin” on our Australia Day BBQ by offering lamb rolls and vegemite.

At the board meeting on Tuesday 27 January, he said the barbecue had been successful, making a profit of about \$1,300. The lamb roll sales had gone well. However there had been a critical shortage of volunteers. We would have to get over this by working out earlier in advance who would be available.

The Parra-Amble

The Parra-Amble ANZAC day in Parramatta for Australian Rotary Health is Sunday 24^h

May. Terry Davies from Australian Rotary Health is the organiser of the Parra Amble would like to come to the club on the first available Monday meeting day and explain what the event is all about. The club will then decide whether it wants to be involved.

Geoff Lee

It was confirmed at our board meeting that our local MP Geoff Lee would be inducted as an honorary member of our club at the next meeting, February 2.

Christmas Tree Sales

Phil Brophy said the Christmas tree sales had gone well, consistent with the previous year’s results. He has had trouble reconciling numbers of tree stands, large and small, that had been sold, mainly because not all people manning shifts had kept accurate records. But leaving that aside we had ended with an estimated \$11,500 profit.

Secretary Joy said there was need to have a meeting dedicated to the future of Christmas tree sales. John Stamboulie said there were a lot of things we could do but for the moment we should “just sell and focus on the site”.

Speakers

President Ron said there was need for more organisation of our speakers.

DATES FOR DIARIES

2 February Induction of Geoff Lee, who will speak at the club.

9 February Club meeting – speaker - to be advised

16 February Moya Maffey from the Northcott Society will be our guest speaker

17 February Board Meeting

21 February Pre PETS 2 – President Elect Malcolm to attend

23 February Kelly McJannett, Director, Food Ladder will be our guest speaker.

22 March BBQ catering for Triathlon Pink, Parramatta Park



Right: Pictured are participants and leaders. In the front row seated are PP **Boi Carandang** (second from left), IPP **Mina Bonita** (third from right) and Rotarian **Riza Ragup** (extreme right).

Malcolm Brown said that each member of the club should have a prepared spiel on something to give, with pictures, if a speaker suddenly became unavailable. Bob Rosengreen said that in the Anzac Centenary Year we should get a military speaker in. There were plenty of potential military speakers around, including those at Lancer Barracks.

Secretary Joy said that one idea might be to donate books to schools in the names of people who had spoken to us.

The Urban Design Forum

President Ron said the forum would be on 13 March. He was trying to organise it with Bob Perry and David Borger. People

attending would be charged a fee and proceeds would come back to Rotary. He said there would be presentation and discussion of ideas. One of the things Parramatta needed was a museum. He said Parramatta was developing physically but not culturally. He envisaged creation of a centre similar to the Museum of Old and New Art (MONA) in Hobart which had been a big hit.

The Financial Position

Phil Brophy said the club was in a reasonable financial position. Secretary Joy said there were 25 active members in the club and it was time to get membership fees in.

News from our sister Club, Rotary Club of Ramon Magsaysay, Manila

It is great to see our sister club's involvement in their District activities.

Club members have been active as leaders in D3810 RYLA event held recently.