

ROTARY CLUB OF PARRAMATTA CITY Inc. DISTRICT 9675

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### **Rotary Four Way Test**

**The Four Way Test challenges Rotarians, in everything they do, to ask of themselves:**

Of the things we say or do:

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?

*Meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2015*

### **Our Toast**

The toast was for everyone.

### **President Ron**

The club noted the fact that this is the last meeting for our esteemed president Ron Edgar, who has fitted in his Rotary duties amid a very busy life as an architect. Ron has agreed to do the weekly bulletin for the time being though he warns that he will probably be out of the country for six months in the next year.

### **Christmas Trees**

Sadly, our venue for Christmas trees, Dick Smith's home at West Pennant Hills, is to be leased out, following Dick's decision to relocate to Beecroft. Dick will try to get the tenant to agree to us using the shed this year. Otherwise we are going to have to move. Several venues have been mentioned, one further up the same road, one at the bottom of a nearby park, another at the entrance to the Koala Park on the same road. It has been pointed out that wherever we go we will need a constant supply of water to keep the trees wet.

### **The Club Changeover**

There will be 38 people attending the changeover at Oatlands Golf Club. John Martin, an accomplished pianist, will accompany a former operatic soprano, Christine Beasley. They will both perform, but they are going to have incoming president Malcolm Brown join them in a duet. This will be put on first, on the grounds that after Malcolm has strutted his stuff, things can only get better.

## **Guidelines for Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS) Projects**

PP Keith has circulated guidelines from our RAWCS District Committee. The guidelines have recently been tightened. These state that all Rotary Australia Overseas Aid Fund (RAOAF) project comply with a set of criteria. The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the Australian Tax Office allow Rotary Australia World Community Service to issue tax deduction receipt to donors if these guidelines are followed.

He said the board would need to appoint someone to handle the paperwork.

Some of these guidelines require that the project under consideration must:

- Be in a developing country that is specified by DFAT;
- Be for sustainable development and/or relief NOT WELFARE for at least 12 months duration.
- Be a voluntary, non for profit & non-government..
- Have a sponsoring Australian Rotary Club or District (Community based organisation accountable to its members).
- Work through an indigenous overseas in-country partner Rotary Club or organisation.
  - Have an Australian identity – use the RAWCS logo, Australian Flag to identify the project as Australian.

At present a Project Name is limited to 150 character spaces and a Project Description to 250 character spaces. It is important that what is written about the project and available to the public is consistent with the DFAT guidelines.

RAWCS recommend that the following words are not used: • Charity • Aid • Welfare • Sponsorship • Feeding program • Funding or provision of education, fees, food, books, uniforms etc. • Provision of or free education. The words “orphanage” and “school”, if they are used, must not be taken out of context.

### **For Your Diaries**

28 June. District 9675 Changeover Luncheon, Campbelltown.

29 June. Our Changeover evening to welcome Malcolm as Club President. This will be at the Oatlands Golf Club, 6.30 for 7 pm. The meals will cost \$60 per person

6 July. Speaker being organised. Probably Les Miller.

13 July. Kylie Warry, communications specialist, speaker, author and trainer will address the club. She is the author of a book, *The Enlightened Communicator –Avoid the Common Communication Traps for Betty Connection at Work and Personally.*