

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 23rd May 2016

Our Toast

Bob Rosengreen proposed a toast to the Rotary Club of Fort McMurray, Canada, in an area prone to fire because of the bushfires that surrounded it and the oil-rich sands of that location. He said that despite their ferocity, the Canadian bushfires had cost no lives where in Australia some had been very deadly. In the Victorian bushfires in 2015, 173 people had been killed, including 123 killed at Kinglake. The Victorian bushfires, releasing energy equivalent to 1,500 Hiroshima A-bombs, had destroyed 3,500 structures, including 2,090 homes. But at Fort McMurray, there had been no loss of life, and he thought the reason might be the very good Canadian freeways that allowed people to get out quickly and the readiness of people in that part of the world to evacuate when told to rather than linger, as Australians had tended to do, in many cases at the expense of life and limb.

Our Guest

Major Barry Fischle from the Salvation Army came to speak to us and tell us about the Red Shield Appeal, which will be occupying the attention of club members next Sunday. Barry has worked with the Salvation Army for 27 years, and now works in auditing at the Salvation Army's city office. He has lived at Pendle Hill for eight years and belong to the Army's Parramatta Corps. He is married to Ruth, who retired as a major from the Salvation Army. He has two sons, one holding down a job as a signwriter, the other working for a company that makes cabs for utilities.

Club Affairs

Volunteers are to turn up to Bob Rosengreen's home at West Pennant Hills on Sunday at 8.45 am for about three hours of patrolling the streets collecting donations for Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal.

John Stamboulie said 11 club members and associates would be turning up to the Police Officer of the Year event at the Novotel on Monday evening next week. There would be no lunchtime meeting.

President Malcolm lamented that only six people turned up to Monday's meeting. He said members had to realise that the club depended on people turning up to every meeting unless there was a

specific reason not to. It was not a case of saying that the member “does not feel like it”. The club was too low on numbers to afford the luxury of casual membership.

The Red Shield Appeal

Major Barry Fischle said the annual Red Shield Appeal had been going for more than 50 years. It was a national operation and this year it was hoped that \$8 million would be raised on the day. The Salvation Army’s national expenditure would be \$80 million this year. It was \$76 million last year. The philosophy of William Booth, who founded the Salvation Army in 1865, was that for people to hear the Gospel, their physical and social needs had to be satisfied first. The Salvation Army adhered to that philosophy today, in providing homes for the homeless, feeding the hungry and answering all manner of needs, which were stronger today than they had ever been.



Police Officer of the Year

This year’s Police Officer of the Year event is in the competent hands of John Stamboulie. It will be held at the Novotel, Parramatta, on 30 May. Book up and go.

For Your Diaries

27 May. District Presidents’ meeting.

29 May. Red Shield Appeal.

30 May. Police Officer of the Year Awards. There will be no lunchtime meeting today. We will meet at Novotel Hotel.

2 June. Combined meeting of presidents and presidents-elect for the three Parramatta Rotary Clubs at the Parramatta RSL Club, starting at 6 pm, Vera Liondas, AG for our zone, said: “would love to have the current Presidents and Presidents Elect of the three Parramatta clubs to meet to exchange where each is up to, your future directions and possible collaboration amongst the clubs.’

6 May. Regular club meeting – Speaker Billy Jovcevski, Aust Rotary Health PhD researcher in field of Alzheimer’s disease.

13 June. Public Holiday – No meeting.

20 June. Regular meeting

21 June. Board meeting at the Australian Rotary Health office in Parramatta

27 June. Changeover Dinner – Details to be advised