

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 18 July 2016

Visit to Northcott

The club convened for its meeting at the Northcott Society centre in North Parramatta for a most convivial meeting with staff who gave us a conducted tour of the facilities, including classrooms where clients are being prepared for entry into the workplace. Historically there has been a close association with Rotary, whose initiative through the Sydney Rotary Club gave rise to the formation of the NSW Society for Crippled Children, which, taking on the name of its patron, Sir John Northcott, Governor of New South Wales, became the Northcott Society Parramatta City Rotary Club, which was originally the Rotary Club of North Parramatta, is historically and geographically situation to have close ongoing ties with the society. Former member of our club, Glenn Gardiner, was chief executive officer of the society for many years.



The meeting with Northcott Society

Staff meeting us on Monday, 20 July, included Annette Sneyd, the community relations officer, and Andrew Manning, who worked with Don Thomson as an employment officer. In Don's place is now Gerard Hayes. Moves are afoot to have a member of the Northcott Society join our club. As it was, when the club had lunch with society members, John Preston, regional director of the society for Western Sydney, Northern Sydney and the Central Coast, said: "We have had such a long history with Rotary, we should do this more often."

Donate Life

President Phil said that on 1 August, there would be no lunch meeting. Instead, we would be meeting with the Rotary Club of Parramatta at the Parramatta RSL as a joint event. The meeting, starting at 5.15 for 6.16 pm, was part of a Rotary initiative to raise awareness of organ and tissue donation. Partners are welcome. The cost will be \$5 a head but people attending order and pay for their own meals. Phil said this was also important in that we should be working more closely with the two other Parramatta clubs. Special guests will be the Transplant Surgery Team from Westmead Hospital.

Christmas Trees

President Phil and Bob Rosengreen have been looking closely at the venue for this year's Christmas tree sales. We will no longer have Dick Smith's place, but there is a good spot not far away on Castle Hill Road, near the Glenhope Road intersection, which will make the sales much more visible to the public, though passing traffic will have difficulties getting straight there if it means they have to turn right from Castle Hill Road. Phil and Bob have been talking to Keith Stapley, of the Hills Kellyville Rotary Club.

Australian Rotary Health

President Phil said there had been a request for Rotarians to join the District Australian Rotary Health Committee. Part of their duties is to go to clubs and raise awareness of this important service.

David Ross's Resignation

The board at its meeting this week regretfully accepted the resignation of David Ross, whose job and location make it impossible for him to continue membership.

RAWCS

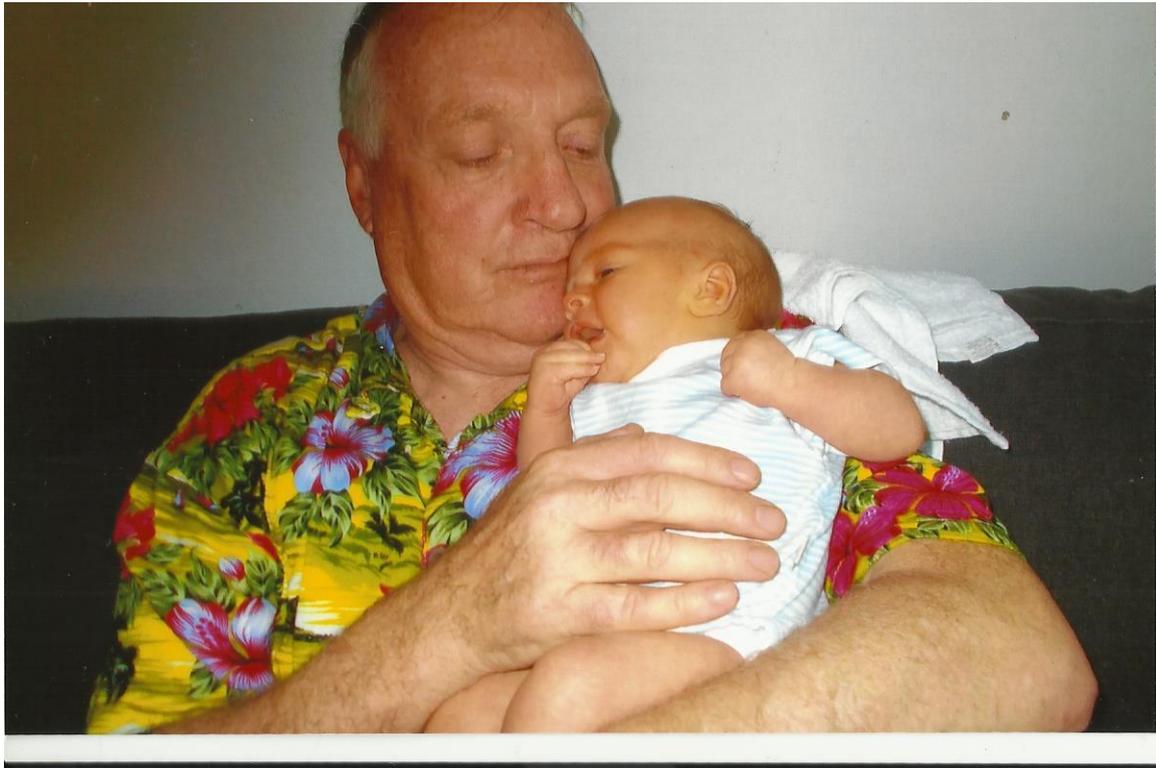
Dr Rinna Ly, President of Liverpool West Club, who spoke at our 11 July meeting about a RAWCS project, is, by resolution of the board, to be given a donation of \$500 towards the project.

PP Malcolm and PP Keith have signalled that they will be attending the RAWCS conference for the Eastern Australian Region, at Port Macquarie on 6-7 August. They expressed concern that they would be away for the Bunnings barbecue at North Parramatta on Sunday, 7 August.

Rotary Club of Darwin

PP Malcolm, having returned from Darwin where he and his wife saw their grandson Benjamin, attended a meeting of the Darwin Rotary Club when there. It is a male-only club with about 40 members present. Asked why the club had no women, he was informed that other Rotary clubs in Darwin did have women but it had been found that male-only clubs were more successful. The guest speaker on the night, however, was a woman. The other thing noticeable about the

club was that all those attending had to wear a bright shirt. PP Malcolm bought one for the occasion.



PP Malcolm with Darwin Rotary shirt and Darwin grandson

For Your Diaries

25 July. Regular club meeting

1 August. **No lunchtime meeting.** The meeting will be jointly with Parramatta Rotary Club at the Parramatta RSL, 5.45 for 6.15 pm.

7 August. Bunnings Barbecue North Parramatta.

8 August. Regular club meeting

15 August. Regular club meeting

20 August. FOLIA dinner at St Stephens Normanhurst.