

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 25 July 2016

Our Toast

Bob Rosengreen proposed a toast to the Battles of Somme, Pozieres and Fromelles, whose centenaries are being commemorated this year. The Battle of Pozieres started on 24 July, 1916 and continued for three days, killing more than 6,700 Australians, of some 4,000 are still missing. Bob said the remains of about 30 Allies soldiers were found each year under roads, fields, car parks and industrial estates. Some 420,000 Australians enlisted for World War 1, from a population of 4.9 million, almost 40 percent of the eligible male population, and more than 60,000 died. But Australians won a total of 63 Victoria Crosses.

Book Launches

PDG Barry said that Parramatta was now aspiring to be a cultural centre and in keeping with that it was expected there might be more book launches. He envisages our club becoming involved in book launches, possibly at Novotel, which would be a win-win situation for the publishers, for the hotel, and for our club. President Phil said it might be possible to work in with the Northcott Society and have some of the clients help in the events, thereby improving their workplace skills. Barry said if we could do a book launch once a month then the clients could get experience in event management. Malcolm undertook to make inquiries about the possibilities of publishing companies choosing such a venue.

The Newspaper Spread

PP Malcolm distributed a copy of the Ryde-region publication, TWT, 20 July edition, which had a four-page spread devoted to Rotary International and featuring the Rotary Clubs of Epping, Ryde, North Ryde, Chatswood, Gladesville, Concord, Eastwood, North Ryde, Carlingford, Hunters Hill and Macquarie Park and carrying messages of support from such luminaries as John Sidoti MP, Damien Tudehope MP, Anthony Roberts MP, Victor Dominello MP, and John Alexander, Federal member for Bennelong. Malcolm suggested we might be able to do something like this with a Parramatta newspaper, with a number of clubs participating. President Phil said it might be more useful putting

something in a specialist Parramatta business publication, Access, although, as Johnny Ching pointed out, space in that publication is very expensive.

Pride of Workmanship

PE Natalie said the Pride of Workshop eventing would be on October 31, at a venue to be decided, and having, on her account of herself, replaced her “L” plates with her “P” plates as organiser of such an event, she was going to ensure it was a success.

Membership

PP Malcolm said that Gerard Hayes, employment officer at the Northcott Society, who has stepped into the shoes vacated by Don Thomson, had agreed to become a member of the club and would be coming to our combined meeting with the Parramatta Rotary Club on Monday evening next week. Gerard has been to two of our meetings as a guest and was present during our recent visit to the Northcott Society premises.

The Central African Republic

PP Keith said he had had communication from our travelling member, Kaheba Honda, from the Central African Republic, who sent a summary of that the International Medical Corps was doing there, providing services to the populace which the government was unwilling, or unable to provide. They included a wide range of services, including those for mental health. From Google, the International Medical Corps is working to relieve those suffering of those impacted by war, natural disaster and disease by delivering vital health care services that focus on training, helping devastated populations return to self-reliance.

Bunnings Barbecue

Sadly, we must inform members that the Bunnings Barbecue scheduled for August 7 has been cancelled.

Community Chest 2016 - Winners

Result of the draw of the Holroyd Rotary Community Chest 2016 raffle drawn at 7pm on Monday 18th July at the Merrylands Bowling Club in Oxford St. Merrylands

1st Prize – Toyota Yaris Car OR \$16,000.00 Cash

**HR 0381 – R. Andrews –Singleton
(sold by Rotary Club of Granville)**

2nd Prize - \$1,000 worth of Jewellery

**HR 37100 – N. Archer – St. Marys
(sold by Rotary Club of Mt. Druitt -Colyton JRL)**

3rd Prize – Netbook / Tablet

**HR 17763 – K. Sterritt – Kensington Vic.
(sold by Challenge Southern Highlands)**

For Your Diaries

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

6-7 August. RAWCS Eastern Region conference at Port Macquarie.

8 August. Regular club meeting

15 August. Regular club meeting

20 August. FOLIA dinner at St Stephens Normanhurst.

19 August. District 9675 Presidents Meeting

22 August. Regular club meeting

29 August. Regular club meeting