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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?

Club Meeting 10th October 2016

Our Toast

Bob Rosengreen proposed a toast to the Rotary Club of Haiti, which has had its hands full dealing with the aftermath of Cyclone Matthew, which created such havoc in that country. He noted that the Rotary clubs of Florida had been working hard to prepare the state for events when Matthew made landfall there.

Secretary Joy had sent out a notice about the need for shelter boxes.

Bob said these events highlighted how well off we were in Australia, not being subjected to such extreme events. President Phil, recently returned from a tour of the Mediterranean and Europe, said he had been in Rome when the windows of the hotel had shaken from the effects of an earthquake not too far away.

Our Guests.

We welcomed again Prospective Rotarian Praboda Geengangae, only recently arrived in Australia, who had some good news and some bad news. The good news was that he had found a job, with the Westpac Bank. The bad news was that it was in Kent Street, Sydney, which meant that he would not be able to attend lunchtime meetings in Parramatta. It was pointed out to him that he could join the Rotary Club of Sydney, the Rotary Club of Darling Harbour, or the Rotary Club of Parramatta, the latter meeting in the evenings.

Our other guest was Douglas Brown, son of PP Malcolm. Douglas was on holiday from Beijing, where he had travelled in 2014 to marry his sweetheart, Liu Fang, and take up work with an expatriate law firm. Douglas planned to stay in Beijing for another year or two, then resettle. PP Malcolm asked for general advice to Douglas what he might do re a job and accommodation. President Phil and John Surian were able to provide Doug with the benefits of their knowledge and experience. It was pointed out to Doug that he might consider joining the Rotary Club of Beijing.



Douglas Brown with niece Liesel

Australian Rotary Health Hat Day

Our club had its hat day, with a fine array of headwear produced, the prize, if there was one, going to John Surian with his jester's hat. The dummies who did not turn up with hats at all were PP Malcolm, who forgot, and Bob Rosengreen, who mumbled some sort of excuse. PP Malcolm shared the hat quiz prize with PDG Barry.



A collection on the day resulted in a donation to Australian Rotary Health.

Celebration of the Centenary of the Rotary Foundation

Members are invited to a meeting of the Rotary Club of St Marys on Tuesday October 25 at the Twin Creeks Golf and Country Club, 6.30 to 8.30 pm, costing \$30 A HEAD. The club is at 2-8 Twin Creeks Rd Luddenham



Rotary
Club of St Marys



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INVITATION

You are cordially invited to attend a meeting of
Rotary Club of St Marys
on
Tuesday 25th October
at
Twin Creeks Golf Club
6.30pm—8.30pm
\$30 per person—with a cash bar

Rotary International Director,
Noel Trevaskis OAM
will be our Guest Speaker



**Celebrating
the Centenary of
the Rotary
Foundation**

Noel Trevaskis recently retired from a long career in the agricultural industry, mainly in sales and marketing. He also served as an adviser to university researchers at the Centre for Mental Health Research at Australian National University. In 2005, he was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia for his commitment to de-stigmatising mental illness in Australia.

A Rotarian since 1996, he has served as Rotary coordinator, regional Rotary membership coordinator committee chair and member, and district governor. Noel also served as Chair and member of the Board of Australian Rotary Health.

He is a recipient of the Service Above Self Award. Noel is a Rotary Foundation Major Donor and Paul Harris Fellow.



NOEL J. TREVASKIS OAM
DIRECTOR 2016-18
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Bookings to President Cheryl Deguara Email: cdd@maxi.net.au - for more details m: 0419 465 962

The Pink Triathlon

We are reminded of the Pink Triathlon at Parramatta Park on October 30. Our duty begins at 5.30 am.

Pride of Workmanship

PDG Barry said he had lined up a speaker for the Pride of Workmanship evening on October 31. This would be Brian Wexham, chief executive officer of WorkSkills Australia.

Donations in Kind

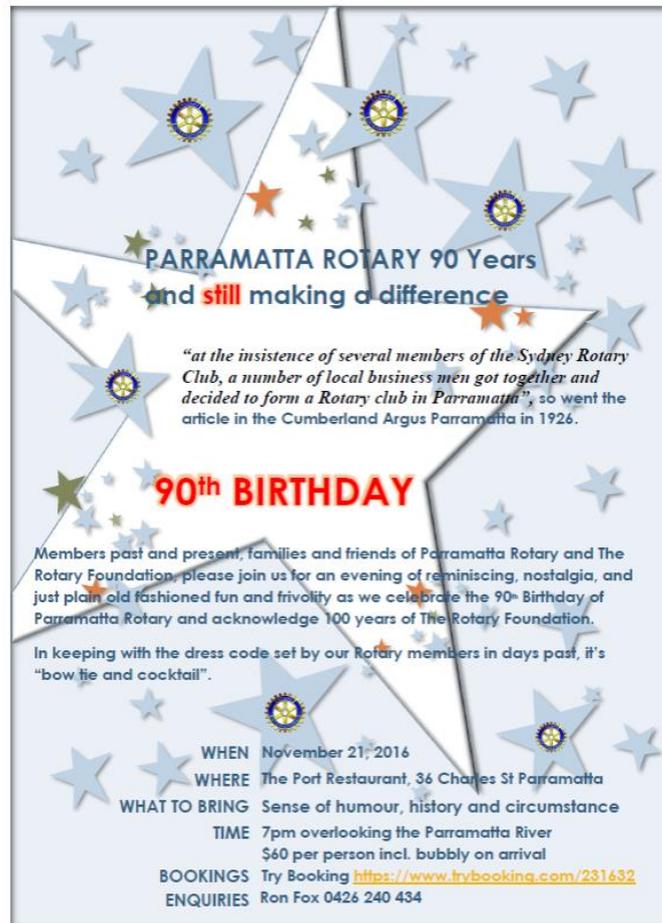
There is to be a working bee on Saturday at DIK's warehouse in Castle Hill, beginning at 8.30 am. The work involves loading a container with beds and mattresses.

The Good Work of Rotary

Bob Rosengreen said that despite the relatively small number of Rotarians in the Australian population, Rotary was doing a huge job anyway. Not everyone was doing everything but cumulatively, over a period, Rotary was making a big difference. He had been to a working bee where he had seen Rotaractors, including Moslem women in headdress, busy loading a container with beds and other materials into a container to go to the Philippines. Rotaractors at Western Sydney University were keenly setting about their program and there were moves to establish a Rotaract club in Parramatta. PDG Barry said that a look at the value of materials being shifted by RAWCS and other organisations within Rotary was a testimony to what Rotary was doing.

Parramatta Rotary Club's Ninetieth

The Parramatta Rotary Club, founded in 1926, will be holding a significant birthday celebration on November 21. We are told that a great, great granddaughter of one of the founding members, H.W."Mick" Shepherd, will be there.



Phil's Meanderings

President Phil said he had enjoyed his holiday to the Mediterranean and Europe. He had met several Rotarians on his cruise ship round the Mediterranean, including George Richards, of the Rotary Club of Wahroonga, a former work colleague of PP Malcolm. There were enough Rotarians, including Americans and Brits, to hold their own meeting on board ship and tell each other of the contributions their clubs were making to the world.

President Phil noted that in some countries not in the European Union, the Euro was used as currency, and in some countries that were in the Union, the Euro was not used. He saw the refugee problem at first hand and thought that perhaps German president Angela Merkel's tolerant attitude towards refugees were fuelled by a demand for cheap labour. That was not a philosophy that would work in Greece where there were not enough jobs to go round anyway. He noted that there was a big problem accommodating refugees in Paris.

Christmas Trees

President Phil said details were still being worked out but the venue for this year's sales would be on Castle Hill Road. He said that for the future there were several options, one being joining in with another Rotary club and sharing the profits. There was a possibility of asking other organisations to

contribute volunteers to help with sales. He said there would be another meeting of the Christmas Tree Committee.

For Your Diaries

17 October. Combined meeting of Parramatta Clubs 5.45pm for 6.15pm Parramatta RSL Club

25 October. Centenary of the Rotary Foundation Meeting, Rotary Club of Mt Druitt

30 October. Pink Triathlon, Parramatta Park, Rotary duty beginning at 5.30 am.

31 October. Pride of Workmanship Awards night, Oatlands Golf Club

4 November. Police Officer of the Year Awards in Sydney.

18 November. D9675 Presidents Meeting

28 November. Rotary Foundation Million Dollar Dinner at the Epping Club

8 December. Australian Rotary Health Christmas Dinner, Epping Club

10 March 2017. District Conference at Wollongong