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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 6th February 2017

Our Toast

Bob Rosengreen proposed a toast to the Rotary Foundation, which was voted by the Association of Fundraising Professions, a US-based professional association of fundraisers, last year as the World's Outstanding Foundation for that year. The highly-regarded award placed the Rotary Foundation in the company of previous winners, the Kellogg, Koman and MacArthur Foundations. Jason Lee, president and chief executive officer of the foundation, said: "Whilst almost everyone is familiar with Rotary, not everyone may realise just how much of an impact Rotary and The Rotary Foundation have had on countless people and communities across the globe. On behalf of the entire charitable sector and people around the world, all of us at AFP are honoured to be able to recognise the Rotary Foundation as our 2016 Outstanding Foundation No 1 in the world".

Rotary International 'Making a Difference'

The RI President for 2017-2018, an Australian, Ian Riseley, has chosen as his theme for the year:

Rotary: Making a Difference.



Jacques Landgraf

John Surian suggested that Jacques Landgraf, of Adelaide, could make an excellent speaker at a Rotary function. He had had a rich and varied life. Of German-French parentage, and originating in Paris, he had been a foreign legionnaire, and had served as secretary to high-flying French bureaucrat in Tahiti during the nuclear testing at Mururoa Atoll. Mr Landgraf, whom John called "Jacques 11", was a quiet, humble man who could nevertheless hold an audience, but to have him we would need a good-sized audience.

The George Street Walk

President Phil said the board had endorsed PDG Barry's proposal that we sponsor a "George Street Walk", where plaques are erected in George Street, Parramatta, pointing out the historical significance of the place to visitors. Barry would need to proceed the proposal including going to council to see what their attitude was towards the idea

The Long Lunch

President Phil said PDG Barry's suggestion of the Long Lunch, closing off George Street and have diners sit at an elongated row of dining tables, served by local restaurateurs, would take a lot of organising and for the moment was "on the backburner".

Parramatta Swimming Pool Closure

President Phil said the board had raised concerns about the prospective closure of Parramatta Swimming Pool. It had invited our local MP Geoff Lee, who is an honorary member of our club, to come to a meeting of the club so that we could talk about it.

Max Employment

President Phil said the board had discussed an approach by Max Employment for the club of mentor disadvantaged people catered for by the service. But he said that the club had had a long association with Northcott and if there was any mentoring to be done then we should be giving priority to Northcott. John Surian said it was appropriate for organisations such as Rotary to assist with Northcott. He thought it was a good idea.

Phil said if we mentored such people, we could have them at our meetings and they could help with such things as barbecues.

Aust Rotary Health PhD Scholars Night – 13 March.

This event is one of our showpiece events. We need as many members and their partners and friends to attend.

A great evening at which to introduce prospective members to Rotary.

Note that all bookings are through website <https://www.trybooking.com/252842>

For Your Diaries

11 February. President-Elect Training

13 February. Club meeting. Speaker- Robert Jordan, Ovarian Cancer Australia

17 February. Presidents' Meeting

20 February. PP Bob Rosengreen – Time line continuum project

27 February. Taylor-Jai McAlister on her RYLA experience.

6 March. Dr Geoff Lee, MP for Parramatta

10-12 March. District Conference at Wollongong

13 March. ARH Scholars Night

1 April. President Elect training 2

6 May. District Assembly for all incoming Board members