

## COMMUNITY NETWORKER No 10/2017

### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017*

#### Our Toast

Bob Rosengreen proposed a toast to The Rotary Clubs of Cape Town in South Africa and Jacinto Araus in Argentina. It was now 50 years since Dr Christiaan Barnard performed the world's first heart transplant in Cape Town. There were now about 3,500 heart transplants in the world each year now, about half in the United States, and the average post-operative survival rate was 15 years. Transplants were not a cure for disease, but did give more life and greater quality of life for recipients. In Argentina, Rene Favaloro, who became town doctor in Jacinta Araus in La Pampa Province, had gone to the United States to learn about heart transplants and went on to pioneer a new vein coronary bypass graft, which achieved world-wide attention. There were now an estimated 800,000 coronary artery bypass graft surgeries performed each year in the world. Favaloro returned to Argentina and founded a heart clinic along the lines of the heart clinic he had studied at in Cleveland, Ohio, and financed with his own money.

#### Northcott Society

President Phil said he had spoken to Kerry Stubbs of the Northcott Society regarding the desirability of having someone from the society belong to our club. She had undertaken to look into it but had not yet come back with a reply. He added that there were hopes the Salvation Army would send along someone as a member.

#### Working with Children

President Phil said it was important that all members have current Working with Children approval.

## **Red Shield Appeal**

President Phil said it was an open question whether we should participate as a club in this year's Red Shield Appeal or in future Red Shield Appeals, though it was up to individuals whether they wanted to participate anyway.

## **Amanda Chadwick**

President Phil said there were hopes the club might be addressed by the administrator of Parramatta City Council, Virginia Chadwick, about what was going on in town. He had spoken to the president of the Parramatta Rotary Club, Graham Cook, about the possibility of a joint meeting at which Virginia would appear.

## **Model United Nations Assembly**

President Phil said the club had had a request from Holroyd Rotary Club whether we might sponsor a team from Merrylands High School to attend the assembly, which would be at State Parliament on 20<sup>th</sup> May. Nominations closed on 15<sup>th</sup> April so we had better make a decision. The cost would be \$280. PP) Malcolm, seconded by Bob Rosengreen, moved that we support the team and that was accepted.

## **Paul Harris's Seedlings**

PDG Barry Antees has approached Parramatta Council with a series of proposals. He got support for the proposal that we sell seedlings from the Illawarra Flame tree in Prince Alfred Park, the tree planted in 1935 by the founder of Rotary, Paul Harris. That can be taken up with the council's nursery.

## **The George Street Walk**

PDG Barry received less enthusiasm about his proposal to found an history "George Street Walk" in which historical plaques, sponsored by businesses, would be established every 50 metres or so. Council would have to refer the matter to its strategy team but warned that the plan "may cut across strategic plans for George Street".

## **The Lantana Question**

PDG Barry did on the other hand receive enthusiastic endorsement of his plan to establish a "community corps", supported by our club, to clear lantana from the Parramatta landscape, lantana being a noxious weed, which would have to be removed mechanically and its roots poisoned. There would have to be consent from owners to go onto that land. Barry had seen a community corps work elsewhere, as in the St George area where the Nepalese community had formed a corps to raise money for the earthquake-struck country. Graffiti removal Day was a model to work on. Barry thought a corps of perhaps 150 people would do the job with lantana. PP Malcolm said that if Barry was able to get the corps up and running, he could organise some publicity.

### **Rotary Bowelcare program**

PE Natalia Cowell said she had distributed bowel testing kits to pharmacists so this year's screening was up and running.

### **Cambodia's Deaf**

PP Malcolm said he had been approached by Lloyd Chatfield, president of the District RAWCS team, to get our club to take on a project, which was for support of a project in Cambodia to help the nation's deaf. The club agreed in principle and Malcolm undertook to get some more information.

### **For Your Diaries**

18 April. Board Meeting

6 May. District Assembly for all incoming Board members

26 June. Club Changeover