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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 22nd May 2017

Reporter Barry Antees

Guests

President Phillip Brophy welcomed a number of guests from CUA, being Maureen Pang, Donny Perry, Nicole McCarthy, Tongi Newton, Jason Moussa. Andrew Wilson former Parramatta City Councillor & a judge of the CUA Mutual Good Grants Program in Parramatta area. Also welcomed were Andrew Gokel Deputy Principal of Parramatta High School, Louise Skilbeck from Top Blokes Foundation and visiting Rotarian Sher Afzal Khan from Rotary Club of Mirpurkhas-Satellite Town.

International Toast

Our International toast was to the Rotary Club of St Albans Priory, Hertfordshire UK, one of 3 clubs in St Albans, because St Albans was the site of the opening battle in England's 30-year Wars of the Roses. Richard of York took St Albans, capturing King Henry VI.

Speakers

Our First speaker today was Louise from Top Blokes Foundation who thanked our Club for organising the \$10,000 grant application and also our actions also enabled Top Blokes to also lodge an application with the Dapto branch of the CUA where they were also successful.

She outlined the program where the \$10,000 will be spent at Parramatta High School

Building Blokes is a four week mentoring and development program for young men aged 18-24 years. Using interactive and experiential learning, participants are challenged to address the social barriers to gaining and retaining employment.

This program qualifies under the Office of State Revenue, State Debt Recovery Working and Development Order program which enables participants to reduce their fines by participating in the program.

This program runs for a total of 12 hours and is delivered over 4 weeks (1 x 3 hour workshop per week). The weekly topics for these workshops include:

- Communication and Conflict Resolution
- Leadership and Teamwork
- Mental Health and the Workplace
- Young Workers Rights and Responsibilities

- Alcohol and Drugs
- Risk Taking and Peer Pressure

Jason Moussa, spoke on behalf of CUA, mentioning that were 27 applicants and our application covered all the areas they were looking to cover, but the important factor was the involvement of our club and that the brand Rotary is held in high regard. Jason did say that this is a pilot grant system and they are hoping the roll out will improve the lives of the young boys of Parramatta.

Tongi Newton of CUA did say it was wonderful to see so much enthusiasm from the applicants and we are absolutely delighted that we have this opportunity to support the local community here in Parramatta. We are thrilled to be contributing towards the Junior Top Blokes Mentoring Program at Parramatta High School and helping young people positively engage with the community



President Phillip wrapped up the meeting with these words “The Rotary Club of Parramatta City has had a long association with Parramatta High School and with limited funds which must be widely distributed, we have been only able to do what we can. This \$10,000 grant from CUA will enable us in conjunction with Top Blokes Foundation to fulfil our mission to help the school in a wonderful way and provide a program for the healthy development of tomorrow's young men.

For Your Diaries

27-28 May, RAWCS Eastern Region Meeting at Belmont

16 June. Rotary Club of Parramatta Daybreak, 25th Anniversary Dinner & Changeover

19th June Club Meeting Guest Speaker Kathleen Rome past NYSF student

26 June. Club Changeover – Novotel Hotel 6pm for 6.30pm

1 July. Parramatta Rotary Changeover Bookings <https://www.trybooking.com/277591>

2 July, District 9685 Changeover. 12 noon. St George Motor Boat Club
Bookings <https://www.trybooking.com/283732>

10 July. Police Officer of Year event.

15 July. Volunteers' day at RAWCS depot Minchinbury.

2 September. Sydney Welsh Choir Concert at St Kevin's Church, Eastwood