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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?

Meeting, 24th July 2017

Our Toast

Bob Rosengreen proposed a toast to the Rotary Club of Basinstoke Deane, Basingstoke Deane being the place where the author Jane Austin died in 1817, at the age of 42. The Rotary Club had involved itself with her memory and supported many good causes These included the eradication of polio, Shelterbox projects and water projects in Africa.

Our Guest

President Natalie welcomed Paul Reid, from the Holroyd Rotary Club, who is also the district chairman of the Rotary Foundation. Paul had come to speak about one of his club's projects, Dream Cricket.

The Police Officer of the Year Award

President Natalie thanked John Stamboulie for his assistance in making this year's Police Officer of the Year Awards night a very successful event. John said the night had raised \$6,000, \$3,000 of which went to Police Legacy and \$3,000 to the Children's Hospital Westmead. The expenses for the night had been covered. Police said it was our club's turn to organise the event next year. The State Police Officer of the Year event this year at the Hyatt Regency will be at Darling Harbour on Friday, 10th November, tickets costing \$95 each.

Natalie also thanked John for organising the social event on Monday last week at Enzo's in Northmead.

RAWCS Project - All Ears Cambodia

President Natalie said the All Ears Cambodia project, which is aimed at addressing deafness in that country, had been handed over to our club, with PP Keith as project manager and PP Malcolm his deputy.

Tree Planting

President Natalie reminded members about PI President Ian Riseley's injunction that each Rotarian should plant a tree this year and our club would be participating next Sunday in the Parramatta City Council's tree-planting program. We would be assembling at the Third Settlement Reserve at Edison Parade, Winston Hills.

Blood Donation

President Natalie said that Rotarians had made 58,471 donations in the latest drive and saved 175,400 lives.

Australian Rotary Health

PDG Stephen Humphreys has taken on the job of district representative for Australian Rotary Health and is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help him.

Dream Cricket

Paul Reid spoke about Dream Cricket, a project that had been taken on by his club, following the initiative of the Bowral Rotary Club which conceived the idea of giving very disabled children a chance to play cricket, or participate in a cricket-related activity, which might just be releasing a ball to go down a tube to knock over some stumps. Children who had never been able to do anything like that got great delight in the simplest of achievements, which brought great gratification to them and their parents and helpers.

One father burst into tears after seeing his 10-year-old son so delighted at being able to knock over some stumps. Paul said: "I think if I never do anything more in Dream Cricket, that is good enough for me."

Every year Bowral Rotary Club had Dream Cricket on the Bradman Oval, attracting some 200 children, but it could be done elsewhere, ideally with having older, able-bodied students, mainly from Years 10 and 11 at high school, acting as mentors for the younger, disabled children. For their participation, each youngster got a medal, and the mentoring students got credits for their contribution to the community.



Paul said a Dream Cricket kit comprised six stumps, four bats and balls, one ball having bells inside it for the sight-impaired. Holroyd Rotary Club had taken this project on and had had a Dream Cricket Day at Holroyd School. The day comprised two sessions, two hours in the morning, followed by lunch, and a session in the afternoon. His club put on a sausage sizzle for parents and spectators, and the money for that went to the school to buy more equipment.

Paul said a club wanting to participate would go through the website, then approach the school with the proposal. The principal of Balmain Public School had said he had 80 children with disabilities and had said: "Can I have my own Dream Cricket Day?"

For Your Diaries

29th July. Indigenous Health Scholars event, Rydges Parramatta.

30th July. Tree planting for Parramatta City Council.

12th August. The FOLIA dinner will be held at St Stephens, Thornleigh.

29th August. Rotary Vocational Youth Awards at Northmead High School.

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

Tickets <https://www.trybooking.com/295886>

23rd September. Pride of Workmanship evening.

3rd November. Holroyd Rotary Club's 18th Annual Golf Day with entry fee of \$480 per team of four.

20th November. Rotary Foundation Dinner, Blacktown Workers' Club.

17th March 2018. Rotary International Peacebuilding Conference was being held at the Sydney Town Hall, with heavy involvement of the Sydney Rotary Club.