

## COMMUNITY NETWORKER No 11/2017-8

### 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, 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017*

#### **Our Toast.**

Bob Rosengreen proposed a toast to the Rotary Club of Debham in Essex, in whose area the great British artist John Constable was born. Constable, son of a corn merchant, who was not entrepreneurial in his life but whose talent ensured that his art would be listed among the greats and would be an inspiration to many artists who followed.

#### **Our Guest**

Our guest was prospective member Ian Goldthorpe, who is apparently still assessing us but remarked this time on the lively banter between members.

#### **The Raffle**

President Natalie said the club was introducing a weekly raffle, for a prize on the day, such as a bottle of wine, and a chance to enter the main raffle where the prize was a motor car. To make it work, there had to be a donation. Natalie would draw up a roster for provision of weekly prizes.

#### **The DG's Visit**

President Natalie said that DG Stephen Britten and his wife Jane would attend next weeks' meeting. Jane's special project was PhD research into teenage mental health and she thought it appropriate that the club make a donation to that.

#### **Dream Cricket**

President Natalie said it was intended to introduce our Dream Cricket program in March next year. She would like to liaise with the Northcott Society to see how many children would be available on the day. The program would be about four hours in duration and would be during the daytime and would not impact on our PhD Scholars' night scheduled for that month.

#### **Frequency of Meetings**

Secretary Joy said RI had decreed that clubs no longer had to meet each week but could decide for themselves the frequency with which they met. It was up to the club to review its own arrangements

if it wished. After discussion, the consensus of members was that we should retain the weekly meeting format.

### **Pride of Workmanship Awards Evening 23 October**

Applications are now being sought for this event. Details of how to apply are on the Club's website and the brochure and application form are shown below. Forms can be downloaded from the club website [www.parramattacityrotary.org.au](http://www.parramattacityrotary.org.au) and are shown in the 'Latest News' sector

Club members need to be active in promoting this event in the community. Applications close in a little over 2 weeks time.



Rotary Club of Parramatta City Pride of Workmanship Awards 2017 **Nominations Now Open**

#### **Do you know an outstanding worker in the Parramatta area?**

It could be the barista at your favourite coffee shop who always greets you with a great big smile that makes your day, or it could be your local accountant who always goes that extra mile.

It could be one of your own employees or colleagues who always goes out of their way to help others and make everyone's working day just that little bit easier.

#### **Why not nominate them for a Pride of Workmanship Award?**

Since 1976 Pride of Workmanship Awards have recognised enthusiasm and commitment to high quality work in the local community. **Nominations Close 3rd October**

**For more information**

**Contact Amit Patel**

**Phone 0435853017 or email [amitleeds@gmail.com](mailto:amitleeds@gmail.com)**

**Winners will be presented with their awards at a dinner ceremony on Monday 23rd October at Oatlands Golf Club (94 Bettington Road, 2117) at 6.30pm**

**Tickets \$65pp can be purchased at <https://www.trybooking.com/315913>**

**All award recipients receive complimentary tickets as guests of our Rotary club.**

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**Over 40 Years of Service to the Community**

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## **Christmas Tree Sales**

President Natalie said Joe Allen, president of the Rotary Club of Parramatta Daybreak, had asked that his club combine with us again this year to sell Christmas trees. PP Phil Brophy said the selling arrangements with regard to venue and supplier would be the same this year as last. PP Keith Henning said it was necessary for us to fill the personnel roster quickly to ensure an equal balance of members from both clubs so that the return from the sale could be shared equitably between the two clubs. The Christmas tree sales will begin on Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December and continue till 20<sup>th</sup> December, subject to seeing how we are then.

## **Ghost Stories**

Barry Antees put forward the idea of Rotary hosting a ghost stories evening. He had prepared a draft flyer. We could have them in a venue that seated 300 people who had \$5 a head would return \$1,500 for the night. Participants could be dressed up on a Halloween theme. We could involve the local musical, heritage and historical societies to get the best stories. School children could get involved as the audience. Getting story tellers would be the big issue but they would be doing it as volunteers. Barry will research the idea further

## **For Your Diaries**

17<sup>th</sup> September. Normal club meeting with the presence of DG Stephen Britten.

24<sup>th</sup> September. Club meeting – Guest speaker Shelley Whittington from Destiny Rescue

9<sup>th</sup> October. Australian Rotary Health Hat Day.

14<sup>th</sup> October. Mental health first aid course in Parramatta.

14<sup>th</sup> October. New Rotarians training day at Sydney Fire Station.

19<sup>th</sup> October. Aust Rotary Health Dinner – ‘A Night with our Researchers’. Dooleys Catholic Club, Auburn 6.30pm

23<sup>rd</sup> October. Pride of Workmanship evening.

24<sup>th</sup> October. World Polio Day.

29<sup>th</sup> October. Graffiti Removal Day.

17<sup>th</sup> November. District AGM will be held at the Liverpool Catholic Club.

20<sup>th</sup> November. Rotary Foundation Dinner, Blacktown Workers’ Club.

2<sup>nd</sup> December. Start of Christmas tree sales on Castle Hill Road.

17<sup>th</sup> March 2018. A Peace Conference was being held at the Sydney Town Hall