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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, 9th October 2017

Our Toast.

Bob Rosengreen proposed a toast to the Rotary Club of Brussels, in Belgium where serious fighting occurred 100 years ago. Fighting had then gone underground, with tunnelling operations producing mines in which mass explosives were deposited. The deep mine at St Eloi was the largest of the mines in the Battle of Messines. Into it was packed 43,400 kilograms of ammonal. When the combined mines at Messines were detonated, they produced the largest non-nuclear explosion of all time. Steel hats were mass produced to cope with the demands of war. At the outbreak of the war, soldiers went into battle wearing cloth, felt or leather headgear. The huge number of head injuries soon gave rise to the steel helmet. The Brodie helmet was patented in London in 1915 and became the standard. It was first used in battle in 1916 and by the end of the war some 7.5 million had been produced.

Australian Rotary Health Hat Day

Our club had its hat day, with a fine array of headwear produced. President Natalie won the hat quiz competition conducted by Secretary Joy, proving that she had the best memory, as the quiz was the same as the one conducted 3 years ago!



Mental Health Support

The project to have Rotarians at Parramatta railway station on Tuesday morning to collect money from commuters to support mental health has been abandoned because of lack of response by the three Parramatta Rotary clubs.

Pride of Workmanship Awards

President Natalie said there were five nominations for the Pride of Workmanship presentation evening, to be held on October 23. She said the lack of response was regrettable. There was lack of response despite the distribution of flyers. PP Keith said he had sent out a number of emails advertising the event and he had only received one response, this to tell him that the boss did not want to discriminate against other employees by making a selection. Secretary Joy said there seemed to be a lack of interest by people to do anything. John Stamboulie said he personally was obliged to attend many things and had spent a lot of money doing so. He added that the Police Officer of the Year event had been strongly supported. Keith said we would have to review how we would handle Pride of Workmanship next year. Joy said one possible solution was to combine Pride of Workmanship with Emergency Services Awards.

Police Officer of the Year

John Stamboulie said he had done the Police Officer of the Year event for three years and did not want to continue beyond 2018 event. He said the event was strongly supported, it had attracted 116 people last time.

Murder on the Orient Express – Rotary Foundation Fundraiser

President Natalie said there would be a fundraising movie night on Wednesday, 8th November, at the Events Cinema at Westfield shopping centre, Parramatta, starting at 7 pm

Graffiti Removal Day

PDG Barry said he was looking for volunteers for the Graffiti Removal Day on Sunday am 29th October. He would be seeking out sites in Auburn and it might be necessary to get permission from property owners to carry out the removal. In the meantime, there were plans to hand out flyers at Parramatta station advertising the operation.

RI Conventions

PDG Barry said the next RI Convention would be in Toronto in Canada next year and in 2019 it would be in Hamburg, Germany.

RYLA

PP Keith said he was still looking for candidates for the RYLA program. They had to be aged between 18 and 25 years.

All Ears Cambodia

PP Keith, who is handling the RAWCS project, All Ears Cambodia, said he had sent \$590 to the program. Our club's responsibility was just to act as a conduit to get donations to the program.

Ray Reed

PDG Barry said our oldest member, PDG Ray Reed, had had fall and been hospitalised but was in the rehabilitation ward of the Sanitarium Hospital and expected to be back home at the weekend.

Barbecues

Bob Rosengreen said it was a pity we were not doing more barbecues because our unit, which he had custody of, was lying idle.

Dream Cricket

At the board meeting, President Natalie said Northcott was still interested in the Dream Cricket project. Ruth Callaghan of Northcott had said we should liaise with her.,

Our Website

In terms of promoting the club and increasing membership. Bob Rosengreen said the internet was a very effective way of spreading our message and that more work should be done in upgrading our website.

The Indian Blood Bank

Pawan Sapra of the Rotary Club of Gurgaon South in India had written to our club asking for a contribution of \$US 30,000 to help establish a blood bank to deal mainly with casualties from the many accidents experienced in the district. Pawan, wjhop has visited our club and plans to do so again in December, said the entire product would cost \$US250,000 and he wa asking for contributions for elsewhere. The board felt hat \$US30,000 was beyond our resources but we might be able to contribute a smaller amount.

Christmas Tree Sales

The sales will be on again this year. Rotarian Keith Stapely had generously let his property be available this year on Castle Hill Rd. John Capello, who supplies our trees, says the cost this year will rise from \$30 to \$40 a tree. Accordingly, our price for a tree must rise to \$70 or \$75.

Top Blokes Foundation

From PP Phil, we have a report on the Top Blokes Foundation program, in which two groups, involving 17 young men, have been mentored at Parramatta High School and one group, including 120, has been mentored at Kanbahooka Boys High School, Dapto. The Junior Top Blokes Program has been well received by both schools and the local community youth workers have stated that both groups are responding extremely well to the program. The Foundation continues to address extremely challenging behaviour from young men, including various attitudes and behaviours around violence, relationships and disrespect towards teachers. Its youth workers have increased their behavioural management techniques and adaption to the program to meet the cultural needs

of the groups, a challenge it welcomes as it ensures our program continues to meet the needs of diverse groups of young men.

Top Blokes Foundation has been engaged in a research project led by the Behavioural Insights Team, examining ethical development and online behaviours in young people. It has been invited and joined the advisory board of the Men's Health and Information Resource Centre. It has also been invited to several Men's Health round tables and consultation projects at Parliament House in Canberra and various through Sydney. The Top Blokes Foundation board of directors have recruited four new directors across Sydney. This supports future succession planning and brings new and diverse skills sets to the board. Media generated for Top Blokes Foundation includes ABC TV, CPA In the Black Magazine, Parramatta Advertiser and Central Coast local newspapers.

For Your Diaries

14th October. Mental health first aid course in Parramatta.

14th October. New Rotarians training day at Sydney Fire Station.

16th October. No meeting. The meeting is to be transferred to 10 October ARH dinner.

19th October. Aust Rotary Health Dinner – 'A Night with our Researchers'. Dooleys Catholic Club, Auburn 6.30pm. Bookings closed.

23rd October. Pride of Workmanship evening. Bookings close 16th October
<https://www.trybooking.com/315913>

24th October. World Polio Day.

29th October. Graffiti Removal Day.

8th November. Screening of Murder on the Orient Express at Parramatta.

13th November. Closing date for RYLA nominations to Club.

17th November. District AGM will be held at the Liverpool Catholic Club.

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

2nd December. Start of Christmas tree sales on Castle Hill Road.

2nd January 2018. RYLA camp at Yarramundi commences.

2nd – 4th March District 9675 Conference at Mudgee. Registrations now open.
<https://www.trybooking.com/311829>

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