

## COMMUNITY NETWORKER No 21/2017-8

### 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 4th December 2017*

#### Our Toast

Bob Rosengreen proposed a toast to the Rotary Club of London and in that context reminded us that long before the introduction of the internet, the good burghers of London constructed a system that could get mail moving quickly and cheaply. The Post Office Railways had been built underground. It had driverless trains and the trains flitted about unseen taking mail from sorting offices. When it started the system was handling 12 deliveries a day. The museum had operated between 1927 until 2003. A museum within the former railway system was opened in September this year.

#### The New Board for 2018-2019

As part of the Annual General Meeting, which was held this day, the following positions were announced for the board of 2018-19:

President. Malcolm Brown;

Secretary. Joy Gillett;

Treasurer. Barry Antees;

International. Bob Rosengreen;

Club Service. Phil Brophy;

Vocational and Club Administration. John Stamboulie;

Youth. Jerry Tan;

Community Services. Natalie Cowell.

Membership and Public Relations. Malcolm Brown.

PE Malcolm that the position of President-elect for 2018-19 had yet to be determined. It was noted that Keith Henning and Amit Patel have stepped down from positions on the board. Amit said he is not sure about his employment position from April next year and does not want to commit himself.

The contribution of both directors has been appreciated. PDG Barry Antees said it should be put on record that the club appreciated the hard work that Keith had put in as the club treasurer over many years.

## **Finance**

In his Statement of Income and Expenditure for the Year Ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017, Past-Treasurer Keith said the gross proceeds from Fundraising Appeals was \$58,545.70, compared with \$70,576.15 for the previous 12 months. The total revenue taking into account grants, subscriptions and lunch and dinner functions, was \$82,227.00, compared with \$98,049.88 for the preceding 12 months ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016. The total expenditure for the last financial year was \$72,226.15. The comparable figure for the previous 12 months was \$66,873.63. The net surplus for the last financial year was \$10,001.24, compared with \$31,176.25 for 2015-16. We donated \$13,326.22 in 2016-17, almost half of what we donated the previous financial year, and the net result was that we had a loss of \$3,324.987, whereas in 2015-16 we had a surplus of \$4,803.85. As Past-Treasurer Keith pointed out, we gave away more money in 2016-17 than we took in. The total accumulated funds as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017 was \$9,574.88, compared with \$12,899.86 at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

John Stamboulie said that we had been given a grant of \$10,000 for the Top Bloke Foundation program and we had been able to do something with that.

## **Membership**

PDG Barry said he had spoken to Vandana Setia who said she hoped to become an active member of the club again next year, though she had an ill husband and the responsibilities of running the restaurant, home and family.

## **Australia Day BBQ in Parramatta Park**

John Stamboulie said there would be a setting-up session on 24th January. On Australia Day, we would be starting at 5 am and would be cooking by 6 am. We needed about 10 volunteers for the day. The session would end at about noon.

## **The Novotel**

Secretary Joy said the club had agreed to a further six months at the Novotel.

## **Christmas Tree Sales**

The weekend was successful. A total of 156 trees were sold, The Scouts took 30 of them and the Parramatta City and Parramatta Day break Rotarians sold just about everything else. At the end of the weekend there were only four trees left. John Stamboulie thought that \$70, which was a \$5 increase from last year, was a fair price. PE Malcolm said it was important for all future occasions that the electrical connection that powered our EFTPOS machine be kept dry.

## **Speakers**

PDG Barry said that once a month we should get a good speaker. He said that at the Rotary Club of Campsie, the daughter of the club treasurer had created Think Inc, a not-for-profit organisation that provided key speakers for lunch at key places. He said he would like to talk to the woman about getting key speakers. At present we were struggling to see who we could get to be keynote speakers.

John Stamboulie said we needed to build a stronger base for the club to go forward. There were other things we could be doing. We needed things to attract people. Natalie thought if we were to get key speakers we should think of doing it collaborative with the two other Parramatta Rotary Club and having joint meetings.

Bob Rosengreen said he was quite happy with the speakers we had had and he said we could be inclined to be too critical. Amit Patel said he thought it had been "a pretty good mix". "I don't think I have been to meetings where I have thought, 'This is not so good'," he said.

### **Pride of Workmanship.**

President Natalie said that the effort she and Amit had put in "pounding the pavement" and distributing flyers had been unproductive. PP Keith said he was at a loss to know how to get the information out to the public. Amit said that future Pride of Workmanship Awards programs should be joint projects of all three Rotary clubs. At present, Parramatta Daybreak Rotary club was not involved. Manly Rotary Club had a Pride-of-Workmanship event every two years. We needed a higher proportion of paying diners and their guests, he said. PP Keith said the idea initially had been to get members of the public to nominate people for the awards. It had been a way of getting Rotary out into the community and making Rotary known.

### **Joke of the Week**

A middle-aged woman visited a dentist and saw what she thought was a very old man who bore a resemblance to a very presentable chap who had been her classmate at Newcastle High School. She thought it was him, but he was too old, but she might as well ask whether he was Brian Griffin from Newcastle High. "Indeed, I am", he said. "I left in 1965." Taken aback, she said: "Well, I was at the school at the same time." "My goodness!" he exclaimed. "What were you teaching?"

### **For Your Diaries**

Thursday, 7th December. The club will have a Christmas party either at Sahra on the River

18th December. The club will have its Christmas lunch.

2nd January 2018. RYLA camp at Yarramundi commences

2nd – 4th March District 9675 Conference at Mudgee. Registrations now open.

<https://www.trybooking.com/311829>

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

<https://arinex.eventsair.com/rippc-2018/form1/Site/Register>

26<sup>th</sup> March. Australian Rotary Health PhD Scholars Evening