

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 12th March 2018

Our Toast

PP Bob Rosengreen proposed a toast to a future club in Vietnam. There followed general discussion on the devastating effects of war, the millions who died and the futility of war. The three US Presidents involved were Kennedy, Johnson and Nixon. All came to regret their involvement.

Our Guest

Acting President PDG Barry welcomed Alex Palma who works with FORM architects, Ron Edgar's firm.

PhD Scholars Night

PP Keith said he was still desperately seeking final numbers for the PhD Scholars night at Oatlands Golf Club on 26th March. Registrations ASAP at <https://www.trybooking.com.au/354550>. Bookings close 12th March. He indicated an attendance in excess of 50 people

Ray Reed

PP Keith reported on his visit to see Ray in hospital. Ray was able to converse, but is very weak. Maureen has been an amazing support to Ray and the family have been visiting often.

Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker, Alex Palma started working with FORM architects after being introduced, by Moya Maffey, to Ron Edgar at a 'Transition to Work' seminar at Northcott School and asking for 2 weeks work experience as a draftsman. That was 3 years ago and he is still there.

The work that Alex showed Ron was some computer modeling of buildings in Parramatta that he had devised using SketchUp and PhotoShop that he assembled from aerial photographs, street maps, photographs that he had taken. During his work experience he started to build up a 3 dimensional model of Parramatta.

At the end of his work experience Ron offered Alex a job and he has now developed the in ArchiCAD to show all of the existing buildings, those being developed currently and the likely envelope of sites yet to be developed. He has, since, completed his Diploma in Architectural Technology at Granville

TAFE and has applied his skill to help develop a flyover and fly through animated movie sequence for Rotary Health series of city 'ambles' starting with ParraAmble in 2016.



Alex showed various views of the model to club members giving them an idea of the probable skyline of Parramatta over the next decade. He has used his skill He told us how FORM have used the model to test the impact of overshadowing and solar path of prospective developments in Parramatta.

In the last 6 months, Alex has been experimenting with his new ASUS 'augmented reality' camera phone that he imported from China. He demonstrated the scope of that as a measuring tool and recording places in 3 dimensions that can be manipulated to be viewed from positions it would impossible to capture normally.

Alex has been following the progress of the Civic Square project using the augmented reality functions of his camera phone and showed the incredibly high resolution that can be achieved on such a portable device.

Alex finished his presentation by showing us his augmented reality version of a 'CatScan' of his father's cat.

Dates for your diary

19th March. Club meeting, to be addressed by Louise Skilbeck of the Top Blokes Foundation.

20th March. Meeting of the club board.

26th March. Evening transfer meeting, the occasion of a PhD Scholars night.

12th-18th November. Waterline Challenge.