

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 25th June 2018

Our Toast

Bob Rosengreen proposed a toast to the Rotary Club of Moscow, by virtue of Russia's hosting the World Cup. Russia had been regarded as a "rogue nation" but now it was hosting the World Cup, and Rotary was involved, people would be able to see a connection. Rotary arrived in Russia in 1990 and had continued ever since. A Rotary International Club was established in Moscow 17 years ago and it was open to any Rotarian visiting Moscow to look in on it. All these little things making Russia involved with the rest of the world was "very positive", he said.

Our Guest

Our guest was Conrad Saldanha, president-elect of the Parramatta Rotary Club, who will be installed as president at the same event as PE Malcom Brown, at Oatlands House, on Monday night, 2nd July. Conrad and Malcolm will each donate a dozen bottle of wine, to make the event more memorable.



Malcolm Brown and Conrad Saldanha

The Changeover

President Natalie said that as of Sunday night there were 71 confirmed bookings. "It should be good," she said. "I am looking forward to it." (As of Tuesday this week, there were 88)

Our Meeting Place

President Natalie said the meeting was the last on our contract with the Novotel. The Novotel had offered us another six-month contract but we were to consider our options. John Stamboulie said it might be time for a change. If there were a new venue, it might make a difference to our numbers. President Natalie said the Emporium in Phillip Street, Parramatta, had a separate room for meetings. John Stamboulie said the Business Chamber of Parramatta met there every fortnight. He thought we should take a couple of weeks to make a decision. Natalie said she would do her own check on the Emporium but we would be meeting there on Monday, 9th July, then make a decision on where we should go.

Police Officer of the Year

John Stamboulie said he had picked one table on the night for our club, which he would fill. He would put one aside which he would try to fill with another four. He had spoken to our State MP, Geoff Lee. But what we needed to do was to fill five tables with Rotarians, representing each club supporting the event. It would not be nice to have 60 or 70- people at the event including many police and councillors and not many Rotarians. Joe Allan, the president of Parramatta Daybreak Rotary Club, had said he would get a table together.

Promotion of Rotary

John Stamboulie said there was need to promote ourselves. He said that when he had joined the club there were about 20 people at each meeting. John Surian said that in the 1980s, the club had 35 members, of whom 30 were active. Foundation member Keith Henning said the club had never got to 40 but had come close. At this meeting there were eight members present. John Stamboulie said there was need for Rotarians to go out and make themselves known to the community in general for what they were doing. President Natalie said there was need to approach people in the corporate sector to get the corporations involved in our club.

John Stamboulie said it might be possible to organise a meeting with the Parramatta Business Chamber. He said there were 230,000 people in the Parramatta LGA and it was growing by three to five percent a year, making it the fastest-growing LGA in Australia, so there was a potential response to Rotary making itself known. Bob Rosengreen said we should have more of an outreach to the ethnic community.

John Surian said it was necessary to take into account the cost of Rotary to an individual. It might come to \$2,000 per annum. Ron Edgar said the Rotary Club of Parramatta Daybreak had instituted a business networking meeting which would occur every three months. He had advised Joe Allen that it would work better if more frequent and he suggested once every two months.

John Stamboulie said that if the whole issue was membership, then we would have to get out and do some marketing. He said that in business, if the product was not advertised, it went nowhere. John Surian said that if we were to advertise ourselves, some of the support for that should come from RI.

Conrad Saldanha said the perception by the public was that Rotary was flush with money. People would come into Rotary and find that was not the case and feel quite dejected. But elsewhere in the world there was money, particularly so in the Indian city of Mumbai. He added that the advertising issue was difficult. RI said it was up to the clubs and the clubs said RI should take some responsibility. So it kept ping-ponging". But at the moment, because of the way the tax deduction system worked, the structure was not in place for people to donate to a club.

Rotary Foundation Facts

In 2016-2017 the Rotary Foundation expenses totalled US\$269 million, slightly less than the US\$304 million received in contributions.

91% of the expenditure was for program awards and operations.
Only 9% of the expenditure was for fund development and administration.

Program awards and operations expenditure included

Polio Plus	US\$108 million
Global Grants	US\$ 73 million
District Grants	US\$ 26 million
Other Awards	US\$ 9 million
Program Operations	US\$ 23 million

Poignant Pictures



For Your Diaries

2nd July. Changeover meeting where new board takes over.
9th July. First Club meeting of new Rotary year.
23rd July. Farewell to Amit Patel.
30th July. Police Officer of the Year Awards.
20th – 28th October. Invictus Games.
12th -18th November. Waterline Challenge.