

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 2nd July 2018 - Joint Changeover with Parramatta Rotary Club

Our Paul Harris Awards

There were seven Paul Harris Awards presented this night. They were:

- **Kathleen Davies**, of the Parramatta Rotary Club who has provided quiet, selfless service to Rotary since her joining in 2000.
- **Terry Burgess**, father of Natalie, who has supported her in all things Rotary, including attending events such as Pride of Workmanship evenings and PHD Scholarship night
- **Lisa Surian**, whose dynamic personality was soon felt by the club and was always first to volunteer for everything.
- **Maureen Reed**, already a Paul Harris Fellow, recognised again for her commitment to Rotary over the years.
- **Paula Jesse**, a Rotarian for three years, who has brought a fresh perspective to the Parramatta Rotary Club.
- **Ian Wilson**, a tireless worker at Burnside Public School Country Fairs and P&C events over many years and volunteering for Sailability NSW and also for our club.
- **Ingeborg Brown**, who has been married to Parramatta City Rotary club president Malcolm Brown for 40 years and has selflessly devoted herself to husband and family.

The Presidencies

This was a joint changeover meeting for Parramatta and Parramatta City Rotary Clubs, held at Oatlands House, Oatlands. Natalie Cowell stepped down as president of Parramatta City Rotary Club and handed over the baton to Malcolm Brown. Chris McSeveny stepped down as president of the Parramatta Rotary Club and handed over to Conrad Sandanha. The event, meticulously planned by Parramatta Rotary Club's Paula Jesse, had more than 90 people present. Guests included the DGN, Warwick Richardson, ADG Chris Benneke, PDG Stephen Humphries and his wife Judith, and the newly-endorsed Labor candidate for the State seat of Parramatta.

Our Record

Natalie, in handing over the presidency, said she had graduated from being an "L-plate president" to have a full licence after a "baptism of fire" over the last 12 months. "Whilst I don't want to intentionally leave anyone out I specifically do want to highlight a couple of people who have supported me tremendously during my year as L Plate President, and one of them is immediate past president to me, Phillip Brophy," she said. "Phillip was a fountain of knowledge when I needed him, and even when I didn't – which wasn't very often! I remember in particular about a week and a half

before our Pride of Workmanship awards late last year, I phoned Phillip all in a tizz about the lack of numbers we had for bookings, and he calmly said to me, 'Natalie, you know what us Rotarians are like, they will all book last minute and everything will be all right'. And he was right, and it was all right on the night. Phillip I am very grateful for your past support during my year as President, thank you."



President Malcolm being pinned.

"The other person who deserves to be singled out is Barry Antees. Barry has supported me both on a personal level and a professional level over the past year, always there to let me bend his ear. The words of support go something like "Oh mate, that's really easy, you just do this and that, and then it's all done". He has the ability to speak to me like I'm five years old, without condescending me at all. To my other board members, Keith Henning, Malcolm Brown, John Stamboulie, Bob Rosengreen, Joy Gillett (who can't be here with us tonight), Amit Patel (who also can't be here tonight), you have all been very tolerant of me and always willing to help and support both me and our club. Thank you all."

Natalie said the club had had a very successful year, with the Police Officer of the Year Awards in July and the Australian Rotary Health Night with Researchers and the Pride of Workmanship Awards in October. "Keith Henning also worked tirelessly to ensure that the PHD Scholar's night in March of this year was a success and once again we combined with the Parramatta Daybreak club in selling Christmas trees," she said.

"In conclusion I would like to say a few words about our club's incoming president, Malcolm Brown. Malcolm has the experience of having been president before and when I asked him to follow me he immediately accepted.....I'm sorry to do this to you again Inge! Malcolm is both inappropriate and witty all at the same time. He makes us laugh even though we know we shouldn't. But he is passionate about our club and about Rotary in general, which is demonstrated by his strong connection with the RAWCS project and his recent trip to the Philippines.....our club were scratching our heads though, as Malcolm was tasked with speaking to adolescent boys in the Philippines about reproduction. As Malcolm is pretty black and white and doesn't mince his words I would rather not imagine how his presentation went!!" She wished Malcolm well for his term as president and assured him he had the full support of the club.



President Malcolm celebrating with friends Reg Mitchell and Roy Figgett

The New Club Board

President Malcolm, who has taken on the portfolios of Membership and Public Relations, introduced his board of directors for the following year, these being Joy Gillett, Secretary (not present on the night because of illness); Barry Antees, Treasurer; Natalie Cowell, Service Director; John Stamboulie (Club Administration Director); Phillip Brophy, Director of Foundation Affairs and International Director; Jerry Tan, Director of Youth Affairs (not present). He presented them with their director's badges.

Cutting of the Cake



Malcolm and Conrad jointly cut the cake.

Changeover of Sergeant-at-Arms

Parramatta Rotary Club's Ron Fox handed over the baton to club member Julia Eggleston.

The Musical Item

President Malcolm introduced a leading piano student, Amy Haryanto, brought by her mother on the eve of the pair going on overseas tour, where Amy will play in international piano competitions. Amy played some beautiful pieces including two by Beethoven, and was warmly applauded.

Jennifer Philp



Our keynote speaker for the night was Jennifer Philp, communications officer for the Children's Medical Research Institute (CMRI) at Westmead Hospital, who in the broadest of Scottish accents explained to us the virtues of medical research and the value of Rotary's support over the years. Jennifer said CMR had pioneered microsurgery, immunisations against lethal childhood illnesses and care for premature babies, all of which has improved the lives of countless Australian children over the last 60 years.

"Today CMRI is the site of world-leading research with no guaranteed government funding and relies on the support of the community of which local Rotary Clubs have played an important part," she said. "They want to find new cures for cancer. Every type. They want gene therapy cures for rare genetic diseases in children. They want new treatments for epilepsy, autism and infectious diseases."

Paula Jesse



Paula, a relatively new member of Parramatta Rotary Club, is a highly-skilled management, sales and administrative professional with over 20 years' experience and proven success in the airline and travel industries. She has had 10 years' experience in event management and hospitality and 12 years' entrepreneurial management in a landscaping business. Paula spent six years with Air Niugini in various locations in Papua New Guinea, finishing as sales supervisor in the Boroko retail office. Returning to Australia, she was appointed manager of World Travel Headquarters, Parramatta. She spent seven years there, then left to start her family and join the family business. In 2004, she joined Qantas Airways in National Sales, serving in various roles, including National Account Coordinator and eBusiness Coordinator. Paula spent 10 years in the event management and hospitality arena, working with some of Sydney's most prestigious event and hospitality companies. In July 2016, she joined HelmsBriscoe as Manager, Global Accounts. Her expertise and experience finding the right venue and negotiating with management, saving time and money, certainly showed itself on this occasion.

By the Numbers – from RI and Rotary Foundation Annual Report.

Why Rotary, Rotarians and Rotary action are needed today

250 million children don't have basic reading & maths skills, even though half are enrolled in school.

Less than 75% of primary school teachers are trained according to their nation's standards.

59 million children of primary-school age are not enrolled in school

750 million adults are illiterate, and about 2/3 of them are women.

For Your Diaries

9th July. The club will meet at the Coffee Emporium, 51 Phillip St, Parramatta at 12.30pm. As always please let Joy know prior to 9.30am Monday morning if you are unable to attend.

23rd July. Farewell to Amit Patel. Time & Venue to be advised

30th July. Police Officer of the Year Awards. Novotel Hotel 6.30pm Bookings

<https://www.trybooking.com/book/sessions?eid=386027>

20th – 28th October. Invictus Games.

12th -18th November. Waterline Challenge.