

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?

Police Officer of Year Awards 30th July 2018

This was a transfer meeting where the 3 Rotary Clubs of Parramatta jointly hosted the Police Officer of the Year Awards at the Novotel Hotel. It was sponsored by the Parramatta Leagues Club and by Parramatta City Council, and Bunnings donated \$3,000 worth of flowers for the tables, a touch initiated by Paula Jesse, of Parramatta Rotary Club, who assisted John Stamboulie, of Parramatta City Rotary Club, in John's extraordinary effort to bring this event about.

Our Guests

The event attracted 170 guests and was attended by the Lord Mayor of Parramatta, Cr Andrew Wilson; the NSW State MP for Parramatta, Dr Geoff Lee; the ALP candidate for the seat of Parramatta, Liz Scully; Assistant Commissioner Mark Jones, Commander of the Police Region North-West; the Parramatta Police Commander, Julie Boon; the chair NSW Police Legacy, Detective Superintendent Garry Merryweather; the CEO of NSW PCYC, Dominic Teakle; the DGN for Rotary District 9675, Di North, and John Given, chair of Rotary Police Officer of the Year Awards.

What We Owe to the Police

Dominic Teakle, as Master of Ceremonies, said the awards were recognition of the service of police officer who "every day potentially put their lives at risk" and allowed the rest of us to get about our daily lives with a good degree of security.

Assistant Commissioner Jones said the awards to be given out were "very, very precious". "It is a thankless job at the best of times and we recognise the achievements of our police officers the best way we can," he said. "Events like this mean the absolute world to us. We have some good days and bad days and some really, really tragic events. Events like this make us a lot more confident."

The Conquest of Polio

PDG Barry Antees gave an account of Rotary's extraordinary success in virtually eliminating the scourge of polio from the world. It had started in 1979 when an Australian, then the president of RI, announced a pilot program to eliminate polio from the Philippines. In 1988, the Philippines was declared polio-free. That year, Rotary had formed a partnership with other organisations to eliminate polio from 125 countries. The campaign, helped by the generosity of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, had been so successful that the scourge of polio is now present in just two countries, Afghanistan and Pakistan. This year, there had only been 123 new cases of polio in the world.

Parramatta Policing

Superintendent Julie Boon, Parramatta Police Commander, said Parramatta was undergoing huge development and the police were developing with it. Police today were far better equipped, and that included hand-held devices that could perform such things as taking fingerprints. "But we still need people who care about the community and have empathy for what people go through," she said. "The future is looking very bright. There are a lot of young [police] people here who will be the future of policing in Parramatta."

Parramatta Police Officer of the year award

There were three finalists in each of 5 categories.

The winners were:

Customer and Community Service: Acting Sergeant Gurneet Grewal;

Civilian Employee: Judith Cass;

Investigator of the Year: Detective Senior Constable Jacqueline Fraser;

Leadership in the Policing Vocation: Detective Sergeant Paul Fenwick;

Emerging Constable (Under two years' service): Probational Constable Greg Byrne.

The overall winner of Parramatta Police Officer of the Year was Acting Sergeant Grewal.

Police Legacy

Superintendent Merrylands said he had only been made chair of Police Legacy last year and had undergone a steep learning curve, dealing with families of police officers who had died in the line of duty. But part of that was the delight of giving special treatment to police legatee children, including taking a group of 40 of them on a trip to New Zealand

Fundraising

The profit from the event, including raffles and sponsorships was approximately \$12,000. These are to be shared equally between Police Legacy and the PCYC.

Rotary Membership encouraged

In winding up the evening DGE Di North said there were three wonderful Rotary Clubs in Parramatta. She always found it a pleasure to visit them and they were always open to new members.

Rotary Club of Paramatta City Business

- **Rejuvenating the club.** PDG Barry Antees' inspired rejuvenating of Rotary Club of Parramatta Rotary is starting now, with our next meeting on 13th August. From then, the meetings will be twice a month, on the second and fourth Mondays of the month, at The Coffee Emporium, 51 Phillip Street, Parramatta. Barry has already circulated a program to streamline proceedings to fit them into an hour, 12.30 to 1.30 pm. From the emails circulate in response, Barry has met with a favourable response.
- **Setting up the news club.** There needs to be a lot of investment in setting up our new club. Our last board meeting, on 17th July, had to be cancelled because it could not get a quorum.

- **Amit Patel.** The club had a very enjoyable send-off to Dr Amit Patel on 23rd July, at the Sicilian Restaurant in Church Street, Parramatta. Similar recognition must be made to John Surian, who has stepped down after many years of service with the club.
- **Recognition of John Stamboulie's hard work.** Special mention must again be made of the hard work and dedication John put into the Police Officer of the Year awards night and our club's thanks goes to him.
- **Support for LAMB Hospital.** Our PDG, Barry Antees, suggests that even after our support for FOLIA ends, we should still support the LAMB Hospital in Bangladesh. This has been put to us by Melinda Livingstone, chair of FOLIA. That is a matter for consideration of the club.
- **National Youth Science Forum.** One of the 3 students our club interviewed for the next NYSF, Tia Iaquinto, a student at Girraween High School, who resides in Old Toongabbie has been successful in obtaining a place in the January 2019 NYSF. She has been invited to attend a club meeting during the next school vacation.

City to Surf Fun Run – Indigenous Health Scholarship

PP Keith Henning is taking part in the City to Surf Fun Run on this Sunday 12th August and has previously sent members details about this.

He is seeking sponsorship to raise money to fund an Australian Rotary Health Indigenous Health Scholarship. To date sponsorships from his friends and family total just over \$3,000. He is hoping he can increase this amount to \$3,750 with further sponsors' contributions.

An Indigenous Health Scholarship supports a student to undertake training in medicine, nursing, physiotherapy, psychology, dentistry and other health related degrees at university.

It is now time for club members to help.

Please help by giving whatever you can using the 'Give Now' button on the following link
<https://city2surf2018.everydayhero.com/au/keith-henning>

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Poignant Pictures



For Your Diaries

14th August. Board Meeting, 4.30pm Aust Rotary Health, 2nd Fl. 43 Hunter St

17th August. Presidents Meeting

27th August. Club Meeting, The Coffee Emporium, 51 Phillip St, Parramatta

8th September. Rotary Foundation Seminar

21st October. Graffiti Removal Day

20th – 28th October. Invictus Games.

12th -18th November. Waterline Challenge.