

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 13th August 2018

Our Toast

Bob Rosengreen proposed a toast to the Rotary eClub of Silicon Valley in the United States. He said he had selected that club because Silicon Valley had been a source of so much change in the world, and it was a change, in the form of the technological revolution, that we had to embrace. Most of its members lived or worked in the Silicon Valley and the greater San Francisco Bay area but there were members as far afield as Brazil and South Africa. While most of the meetings were held on-line, there were social and service events in person through the San Francisco Bay area every month. In short, they ate and drank just like us and gave back to their communities through collaboration and community service.

Our Guest

Our guest was Ingeborg Brown, wife of President Malcolm. Ingeborg thanked the club for awarding her a Paul Harris Fellowship.

The New Meeting Arrangements

President Malcolm said the new meeting area, in the sunlit and airy upstairs of The Coffee Emporium, seemed a good place to meet. The twice-a-month meeting format had yet to prove itself. Malcolm said he was thinking that the three reconstituted Rotary clubs of Parramatta could have an article written and some advertising taken out in the Parramatta Advertiser. PDG Barry said that should be put on hold till things had settled down. Our change committee is Barry Antees, John Stamboulie, Natalie Cowell and Jerry Tan. The board meeting on August 14 discussed further interaction with the other two Rotary clubs in Parramatta.

Letter from Charter Member Richard Oakden

Well well well! Twice a month meetings! Surely it's got to be the biggest change in the Club's 46 year history. I have been wondering what the rumblings were over the last few weeks and now realise there was probably quite a lot "turning in the grave" going on from old diehards! Well done and congratulations for taking a radical step into today's world of "not enough time". I do hope and trust that it will bring a boost in membership numbers and participation. My best wishes to the new Board and all RCPC members and especially to the last of the Charter members still actively with you (Keith?). Many members will probably have never seen a Charter Member's badge (if they are still in existence) so I've attached a photo of mine, highly illegal as I believe it was to keep

it after being given a President's badge donkeys years later! If meetings can be changed to twice monthly, perhaps it wouldn't be too much of a dispensation for me to be allowed to keep this badge and my ex President's badge?? Please don't tell Keith H I've got them - he'll be humiliated (or should be) having been such a good secretary and/or Club Service Director so often and let me get away with it!! 😊 😊

Kind regards

Richard O

PS: Congratulations also for such a great Police Officer of the Year Awards night. John obviously did a phenomenal job and combining the Clubs certainly added to the numbers and financial success. (I assume that the "Poignant Picture" was just to show how John felt at the end of it??!!)



Sydney Welsh Choir Concert.

President Malcolm said a proposed performance by the Sydney Welsh Choir which had been set for Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School in November had now been postponed, possibly till April next year but there were still issues to be sorted out, in particular whether the school hall would be available on a Sunday.

The LAMB Hospital Project – RAWCS project 38/2008-2009

Members of the club attended the FOLIA celebration night at St Stephen's Anglican Church, Normanhurst, on Saturday 11th August. From the night, a total of \$16,660 was raised for the LAMB hospital in Bangladesh. FOLIA organisation has now disbanded but our International Director, PP Phil, has accepted a continuing commitment on behalf of the club to manage the RAWCS project for the LAMB Hospital in Bangladesh.

Parralink

President Malcolm said Parramatta Daybreak Rotary Club had established a program where business and community groups had a networking session on a Wednesday night every two months. There had already been one, and the next night would be in October.

The Linen Service

President Malcolm said RAWCS Donations in Kind would be calling for Rotary volunteers to fold sheets, towels and pillow cases being disposed of by the NSW Health Service and which were

deemed suitable for use in Third World countries. President Malcolm said he would be joining a team to do a pilot exercise on 22nd-23rd August to see how it could be done.

The Rotary ANZ Conference

President Malcolm said the Rotary ANZ Conference would take place in Hobart from 14th to 16th September. DG Sue Hayward would be hosting a dinner for District 9675 representatives at the Ball & Chain pub in Hobart. PDG Barry and Secretary Joy said they would be attending.

End Polio Now

President Malcolm said Rotarians were invited to join a campaign on Friday, 28th August to go on a train ride with PP Mark Anderson and his son David to visit all stations on Sydney's train network. Rotary clubs were urged to build their own promotion/public relations event around the "Train Challenge" pointing to World Polio Day on 24th August.

Holroyd Rotary's Expo

President Malcolm said the Holroyd Rotary Club would be having a Rotary Day Expo at Holroyd Gardens, Merrylands, on 13th October from 10 am till 3 pm to promote Rotary.

Inspirational Women

President Malcolm said a Young Inspirational Women's event, in which citations and awards would be presented, would be held at the Epping Club on 26th August, from 11.30 am for 12 noon. Our club, which had a superfluity of young inspirational women, was invited.

The Police Officer of the Year Awards

John Stamboulie, whose hard work and dedication made the night such a success, said there were good responses from people surveyed about the night and just a few comments that things might be improved, such as lack of space on tables, which we could keep in mind till next year.

The City to Surf Fun Run

PP Keith and Jerry Tan both took part in the City to Surf fun run on 11th August and were both fit enough to attend the club meeting the next day.

PP Keith had used the event to raise money for Australian Rotary Health's Indigenous Health Scholarship scheme through sponsorships. He had offered to match any donations given. He has raised just over \$4,000. With his contribution, and the Government contribution he would now be able to fund an indigenous health scholarship worth \$5,000 p.a. for three years.

Our 46th Anniversary

PP Keith said 29th August was the 46th anniversary of the charter night of our club. We might do something to mark their event. He also said there were Paul Harris Awards which still have to be presented to awardees.

The Mindanao Vehicle

President Malcolm, wearing his hat as RAWCS District Chairman, said he was exploring the possibility of getting a multi-purpose vehicle for a group of Rotary workers in Mindanao in the southern Philippines, who were being paid wages by Burwood Rotarian Walter Bock, but who needed transport. The vehicle would cost between \$21,000 and \$26,000. The problems, Malcolm said, included the fact that there did not appear to be many mechanical services available and none of the four women in the group could drive. There was one man in the group who could. But Walter Bock had pointed out that the group had a poor record in looking after previous vehicles. Malcolm quoted an email from one of the group, Kelly Daryl Sardan, who had said that this time they would look after the vehicle and they could practise driving. Malcolm had no doubt as to the honesty and sincerity of the group, who had a strong Christian commitment, but he was concerned that with a grant from the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, he would be accountable in a general sense for how that money was used, and it might be beyond the resources of such a group in Mindanao to maintain a vehicle in working condition year after year. PDG Barry said there was also a risk to passengers having an inexperienced driver at the helm in those conditions.

Bob Rosengreen said it might be possible for the group to get a much cheaper vehicle which had been built for that particular type of terrain. He said he would ask someone to check it out.

Branding Rotary

Bob Rosengreen said we needed to follow up on the idea being circulated that we have one common brand for Rotary that is used universally to give us an identity. John Stamboulie said branding and association with Rotary activities could work for good, but it could also be bad. He said the current Rotary partnership with Channel Nine with the drought relief campaign was good.

Poignant Pictures



Francois Lottering is at Kruger National Park. 2 hrs
· Phalaborwa, South Africa · 🌐

Got this from one of my ranger friends in S.A..Kruger National park; elephant helps lion cub after she and her mom got tired walking for miles to a water hole. The elephant- from nowhere- came out of the Bush and carried the lion cub for more than 2 miles to the nearest water spot. Nature is just awesome.

For Your Diaries

26th August. Young Inspirational Women's Awards

27th August. Club Meeting, The Coffee Emporium. The meeting will acknowledge the 46th anniversary of the chartering of our club.

10th September. Club meeting, The Coffee Emporium

20th September. A Destiny Rescue presentation at ARH Offices, Parramatta

24nd September. Club meeting, The Coffee Emporium

8th October, Club meeting, The Coffee Emporium

11th October. Golf for Research Day at Camden Lakeside Golf Club.

13th October. Holroyd Rotary Expo.

21st October. Graffiti Removal Day.

20th – 28th October. Invictus Games.

22nd October. Club meeting, The Coffee Emporium.

25th October. Annual Research Dinner for Australian Rotary Health at Dooleys Club, Auburn.

27th October. Musical Theatre Gala Concert in Aid of ARH, Seymour Centre, Sydney University.

12th November. Club meeting, The Coffee Emporium.

12th -18th November. Waterline Challenge.

26th November. Rotary Foundation Dinner.