

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 27th August 2018

Our Toasts

International director Phil Brophy proposed a toast to the Rotary Club of Westminster International. He said that though there were upheavals in Canberra the previous week, the proceedings were nevertheless civilised. "We have to have the Westminster System which is based on the Westminster Model," he said.

Bob Rosengreen proposed a toast to Plymouth, the city Lieutenant Cook, RN, had left 250 years ago on his historic voyage of discovery. There was a memorial to Cook at Westminster.

The Mindanao Vehicle

President Malcolm proposed that the club initiate a RAWCS project to provide a group of five Filipinos working full-time for Rotary in Mindanao, in the southern Philippines, whose wages were being paid for by Burwood Rotarian Walter Bock. He said Walter had in fact launched an appeal in Malcolm's name for funds for the vehicle. Malcolm said he believed the club could take on another overseas project. PDG Barry Antees felt the matter could be referred to our sister club in Metro Manila, the Rotary Club of Ramon Magsaysay, which had local contacts and may be able to better handle issues of driver training and vehicle maintenance. Phil Brophy said that if we ourselves paid any money, it should be for the vehicle. John Stamboulie said the three Rotary clubs in Parramatta had their own commitments and buying a vehicle represented "quote a lot of money". Apart from that, we had no details whatever of what vehicle they wanted, its availability of anything else. Phil Brophy said that purchase of a vehicle was something we should consider but we needed more information.

Ron Edgar

Ron, who is a past president, said that his time with the club was coming to an end because his office was being shifted to North Strathfield. He would be attending one more meeting, on 10th September. The club extends its thanks to Ron for his years of service.

End Polio Film Evening - The Bohemian Rhapsody

President Malcolm mentioned the film, Bohemian Rhapsody, the biography/musical for Freddie Mercury, which was being planned for a charity screening in cinemas in November. It was movie event for End Polio Now and we needed to organise an event. John Stamboulie said the charity screening was “an easy night” and it raised money for Rotary.

Australian Rotary Health Musical Theatre Gala - Epiphanyes 27

President Malcolm said there would be a musical theatre gala night at the Seymour Centre, Sydney University, as a fundraiser for Mental Health Research on 27th October. There would be sessions at 2 pm and 7.30 pm at a price of \$75 a ticket.

Christmas Trees

PP Phil Brophy said planning for sale of Christmas trees was continuing but arrangements were being affected by the drought and this year we would be going back to our former supplier. The venue would be the same, Keith Stapeley’s home on Castle Hill Road, and we would again be selling in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Parramatta Daybreak.

Barry Antees said there were other ways of selling Christmas trees that could be considered in the longer term. He noted that on the Central Coast, one club had announced that it would sell all its stock of Christmas trees on one weekend and they did it. John Stamboulie said that to make up numbers of people working on Christmas tree sales, it might be possible to call on the services of some former Rotarians.

St Peters Junior School, Gulu, Uganda

In May 2018, a business plan to set up a social enterprise to provide quality, reliable and affordable tents, chairs, and public address systems for hire to customers in the districts of Northern Uganda was submitted to PP Keith Henning by the school. The project aimed at generating incomes to support education of vulnerable children in Northern Uganda. St Peter’s School Tents project was proposed as one of the sustainability strategies of the school which has been externally supported for many years.

It was estimated (probably very optimistically) that the capital cost could be recouped in a period of 12 months. The capital cost of establishment of the enterprise, estimated at approx. \$30,000, was not within the scope of resources available to our club.

More recently, with the social enterprise business being put on hold, a request has been received for some other items of equipment for the school.

Lightning arresters – recommended by District school inspector	\$1000
Metallic gate for new fence	650
Play material for nursery children	1100
Colour printer (for office printing)	350
Photocopier (for producing exams etc)	<u>1350</u>
	<u>\$4450</u>

Donations already held in the RAWCS project account for St Peters amount to \$3900 and these can be forwarded.

Hopefully further donations and contributions can be obtained to fully fund the above request.

Poignant Pictures



Dog For Sale. Excellent guard dog. Owner cannot afford to feed Jethro any more, as there are no more drug pushers, thieves, murderers, or molesters left in the neighbourhood for him to eat. Most of them knew Jethro only by his Chinese street name, Ho Lee Schitt.

For Your Diaries

10th September. Club meeting, Coffee Emporium

11th September. Board meeting at Phil's office, 10-14 Smith Street, Parramatta.

20th September. A Destiny Rescue presentation by Damien May, International Rescue Manager, 6.30pm at Rotary House, Level 3, 43 Hunter St, Parramatta. RSVP by 17 September to 0428 111 358

24th September. Club meeting, Coffee Emporium

28th September. Ride to End Polio Challenge

8th October, Club meeting, 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, Coffee Emporium.

25th October. Annual Research Dinner for ARH at Dooleys Club, Auburn.

27th October. Musical Theatre Gala Concert.

1st November. Screening of The Bohemian Rhapsody

12th November. Club meeting, Coffee Emporium.

12th -18th November. Waterline Challenge.

26th November. Rotary Foundation Dinner.

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