

## **ROTARY CLUB OF PARRAMATTA CITY Inc. DISTRICT 9675**

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### **COMMUNITY NETWORKER No 07/2018-2019**

#### **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 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018*

#### **Our Toast**

International director Phil Brophy proposed a toast to the Rotary Club of Norfolk, Virginia, Norfolk where the USS Enterprise, the world's first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier, was launched in 1960 and went on to serve for 51 years.

#### **Our Guest**

Our guests were Ian Goldthorpe, a member of the Rotary Club of Parramatta Daybreak, and Ingeborg Brown, a Paul Harris Fellow and wife of the club president, Malcolm Brown.

#### **Meeting Times and Venue**

President Malcolm said the present system, of meeting twice a month at the Coffee Emporium, was still on trial. He said the difficulty he had was that the club meeting only every two weeks "lost momentum". A lot happened in two weeks and memories of what had transpired faded. There was a lot going on in Rotary and the fortnightly program meant there was a loss of communication, despite emails and social media. He said he could see the point of keeping a meeting within the hour framework, which made it easier for working people, but he was not sure whether "every two weeks" made it easier. He also pointed out that if there was a public holiday falling on one of the scheduled dates or there were five Mondays in a month, then there would be a three or four-week gap between meetings.

#### **Joint Presidents' Meetings**

President Malcolm said he had been to the first of the presidents' meetings of the three Parramatta Rotary clubs. I met with Joe Allen and Conrad Saldanha on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> September, prior to the presentation of the Rotary Youth Vocational Awards at the Hills Sports High School, Seven Hills. We discussed the Roar and Soar event for the Special Olympics on 6<sup>th</sup> December, the Bohemian Rhapsody screening on 4<sup>th</sup> November, transfer meetings when we get really interesting speakers, Parramatta Daybreak's networking meetings, a presentation of trachoma equipment to Westmead Hospital and Parramatta Rotary Club's role in promoting Police Officer of the Year next year.

## **Communications**

President Malcolm said that as RAWCS chairman and club president he was getting weighed down not starting to lose track. PP Phil Brophy said there was a need of a special email to go out to alert members as to the priorities of what was going to happen. We needed to broaden our audience, he said. If we had a barbecue or Christmas tree sales coming up and needed numbers, we could reach out to past members to lend a hand. Secretary Joy Gillett said there were many Rotary events, and we had to decide as a club what our priorities should be.

## **Rotary Youth Vocational Awards**

President Malcolm said he and PP Keith Henning had represented the club at the Rotary Youth Vocational Awards at the Hills Sports High School at Seven Hills on 18<sup>th</sup> September. Parramatta Rotary Club was represented by Conrad Saldanha and several others who had made the night a transfer meeting from their normal Monday night. Parramatta Daybreak was also well represented by Joe Allen. There was a host of very successful youngsters to receive awards. PP Keith said Malcolm had not publicised the event to our club and he had only found out about it because he had intended to go to a meeting of the Parramatta Rotary Club. President Malcolm said that was a fair criticism and he would take that on board.

## **Child Rescue Presentation**

President Malcolm said he had attended a presentation of Destiny Rescue at Rotary House in Hunter Street on Tuesday last week, as representative of our club and of RAWCS. It was presented by Damian May, one of the rescuers. Mr May painted an horrific picture of human trafficking in Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, India, the Philippines, Nepal and the Dominican Republic. The child rescue team were volunteers and they needed financial support. Malcolm had received some information from them, which we might include in our list of good causes.

## **Presentation to Westmead Hospital**

The Kellyville Rotary Club has sponsored equipment for trachoma treatment at Westmead Hospital. The presentation will be at the hospital on Thursday this week, 27<sup>th</sup> September.

## **End Polio Train Ride and Collection**

President Malcolm said he was perplexed about the End Polio Train Ride on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September. The club had not prepared anything for it and people asked to give for polio eradication would be mystified, as they had not heard about any polio problem and the disease was on the verge of being wiped out anyway. PDG Barry said the club could make a contribution by members purchasing Paul Harris credits. The object was to help Rotary raise more than \$1 million, which would include a Bill Gates double funding offer. Keith said that each club was being asked to pay \$1,870. Treasurer Barry said that at this time the club's fundraiser account was near bottom, after he paid \$13,000 to the PCYC/Police Legacy from the POOTY night. Since the meeting, Keith has done an exercise on how we are saving money. Keith's reckoning is: "As we have moved from Novotel weekly meetings, where our lunch was \$35 each week, to the fortnightly meeting, we save \$35 and then an average meal at the Coffee Emporium is reduced to \$20, thus saving of \$15 per fortnight. The sums are assuming we attended before 37 weekly meetings now reduced to 18, the savings are: 19 meals at \$35 equals \$665, 18 meals at \$15 equals \$270, thus on savings on an annual basis \$935.00." Treasurer and PDG Barry Antees said: "I am not going to ask for the full amount, but I am going to offer a tax deduction as well. Last year, we offered the Paul Harris Fellow credits we held as a club and we reduced it

down with club members purchasing eight, so we are offering the same deal but the \$100 will be directed to the Polio Fund. The nomination can be for yourself, or as an example, I will get one for my mum and two of my daughters-in-law.

Since the meeting, President Malcolm has undertaken to join Parramatta Rotary president Conrad Saldanha and two other Parramatta Rotary members to join the Rotary train at Parramatta station at 9.01 am on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September. He will ride the 16 stations to Richmond, sponsoring himself at \$5 per station, and will take along a cheque for \$90. Parramatta Daybreak Rotary has decided that because of the short notice of the Ride, it will not participate.

### **Parralink**

President Malcolm mentioned Parralink, an initiative of the Rotary Club of Parramatta Daybreak, which is a meet-and-greet session for the local community, on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October from 5.30 to 6.30pm at the Coffee Emporium. People can chat and have coffee, and perhaps stay for dinner.

### **Training and Personal Development**

This will be conducted by Bruce Farquharson at the Sydney Fire Station on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October from 9 am till 4.30 pm. There will be a number of courses available this day, concerned with Rotary leadership.

### **Women in Rotary Forum**

Chair Bharathi Rengarajan invites Rotarians and Friends to discussions on the contribution and participation of women in Rotary on 14<sup>th</sup> October, at Bankstown Sports Club, 8 Greenfield Pde, Bankstown. \$10.00 pp. Registration opens at 9.00am. Workshops and speakers from 9.30am to 12.30pm. Bookings <http://bit.ly/WIR2018-T> or <http://bit.ly/WIR2018>.

### **Police Officer of the Year**

A cheque presentation to the YMCA is being organised for Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October. More details to come.

### **A Night with Researchers**

This will be held at Dooleys Catholic Club, 17 Church Street, Lidcombe, on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> October. Cost will be \$60 per person. **Book now:** <https://events.humanitix.com.au/a-night-with-our-researchers-dinner>. Speakers are: **Professor Jane Pirkis, Professor Vera Morgan and Professor Allison Waters.**

### **Epiphanies**

This is a musical theatre gala concert at the York Theatre, Seymour Centre, Sydney University, on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2018. There will be two sessions at 2 pm and 7.30 pm. Prices are adult \$70 and pensioner \$63.80. **Bookings:** <https://www.seymourcentre.com/events/event/epiphanies-concerts/>

### **Bohemian Rhapsody**

Conrad Saldanha has contacted Shane Burette, president of the Rotary Club of Wetherill Park. Tentative arrangements for the screening of Bohemian Rhapsody are Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> November, at 12 or

12.30 pm at Hoyts Cinema Stockland Mall in Wetherill Park. We can have a room there, small if numbers are not large. We can organise meals, cheese and wine at eating places in the mall, or buy at the movies. The cost is \$20 for Rotarians. Hoyts say they can get the ticket below \$10. Conrad has promised 50 from all three clubs. Wetherill Park Rotary will have its board meeting on Thursday to decide on further details.

### **Rotary Foundation Seminar**

This will be at the Bankstown Sports Club on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November from 9 am till 12.30 pm.

### **Roar and Soar**

This is a project proposed by Parramatta Daybreak. Our club, along with Parramatta Rotary Club, has agreed to support this event, which involves turning up to Parramatta Park on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 6 am and running a barbecue till 9 am. Volunteers are required from each of the three Parramatta Rotary clubs. Parramatta City is to provide the barbecue. Daybreak is to provide the food. Parramatta Rotary will provide volunteers as required. The event is to cater for the gathering point for disabled athletes who are going to be transported to the Olympic venue for the Special Olympics. We will also be distributing hats.

### **Christmas Tree Sales**

PP Phil Brophy said he and Keith Stapeley had got together to discuss the program for this year's sale of Christmas trees from his home on Castle Hill Road, Cherrybrook. Phil's main concern was whether we would have the numbers to sell the trees, even when we were joining Parramatta Daybreak for the operation. The board of our club had decided the days we would be selling and it was now necessary to get a roster out quickly and put out next month. Bob Rosengreen said the venue for the Scout Christmas tree sales further along on Castle Hill Road was in doubt because of changes to the area and it was possible we could get the Scouts to work with us, thereby eliminating the competition we provided for each other.

### **RAWCS Eastern Region Meeting**

District 9675 will be hosting the RAWCS Eastern Region quarterly conference in February next year on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> February. It will be held at Hunts Motel, Camden Valley Way, Casula. As RAWCS District Chairman, Malcolm would be hosting the conference and he would be asking his club for some support.

### **The Mindanao Mission**

President Malcolm said he had been in touch with Walter Bock, of the Rotary Club of Burwood, who is instigator and director of the RAWCS project, MinPRA (Mindanao Poverty Relief Action). Walter was pressing ahead with his idea of getting his Mindanao team to Australia. Malcolm said he had informed him that Parramatta City Rotary was not keen, on the grounds that there were so many worthy causes and this trip would amount to a little more than a holiday. Walter had sent me the following: "Malcolm, I have had several exchanges with Juvie and the girls on Skype. They are all keen to come, and they would like to all come together. I am advising against that. I am suggesting that Jong & Juvie come first and the 3 girls, Jessil, Sheila & Kelly come together, it is too cumbersome and not the best to come in one group. Obviously we have more experience in travelling than they do. Right now I am trying to get them to suggest and agree to many of the details, and that will take some time. Then comes the big problem of getting a visa for them. Then we can plan properly, they

do not realise how much needs to be considered. I want them to have as much input as possible to hopefully make everyone happy.

Yes, Ramon Magsaysay Rotary on the face of it wouldn't be much help. The Rotary clubs work differently and the local clubs are not as active. Your 'Captain's call' would seem a good move. Burwood gave all their spare money in June to MinPRA, I think it was a sympathy vote because of Franziska, I didn't go to that board meeting. I am happy to speak to the clubs, any time."

Malcolm said: "There is no easy way of dealing with this. Walter will bring the parents out. But I have not got the resources to bring all three girls out and the club does not wish to participate. Subject to their getting visas, the cost would only be the air fares because I am sure once they were here we could call on the resources of Rotarians to host them. Walter has launched an appeal for a vehicle for his team. So far we have more than \$1,000, but it will take a lot more money to get that. The Burwood Rotary Club is supporting the project. I have a longer-term idea that perhaps our club could join with Burwood and make Mindanao a project."

### Poignant Photos



### For Your Diaries

27<sup>th</sup> September. Presentation of medical equipment, Westmead Hospital.

28<sup>th</sup> September. Train campaign for End Polio Now.

3<sup>rd</sup> October. Parralink meeting, Coffee Emporium.

8<sup>th</sup> October. This will be a transfer meeting with the Rotary Club of Parramatta to hear from our DG, Sue Hayward. PP Keith Henning said he hoped to bring along our nominee for the National Youth Science Forum as a guest. 5.45pm for 6pm, Parramatta RSL Club.

11<sup>th</sup> October. Golf for Research Day at Camden Lakeside Golf Club.

13<sup>th</sup> October. Holroyd Rotary Expo. Also, Rotary Training and Personal Development, Sydney Fire Station.

14<sup>th</sup> October. Women in Rotary Forum.

16<sup>th</sup> October. Cheque presentation from POOTY night.

21<sup>st</sup> October. Graffiti Removal Day.

20<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> October. Invictus Games.

22<sup>nd</sup> October. Club meeting, Coffee Emporium.

25<sup>th</sup> October. Annual Research Dinner for ARH at Dooleys Club, Auburn.

27<sup>th</sup> October. Musical Theatre Gala Concert.

4<sup>th</sup> November. Screening of The Bohemian Rhapsody.

11<sup>th</sup> November. Rotary Foundation Dinner.

12<sup>th</sup> November. Club meeting, Coffee Emporium.

12<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> November. Waterline Challenge.

26<sup>th</sup> November. Rotary Foundation Dinner.

9<sup>th</sup> December. Roar and Soar, Parramatta Park.

23<sup>rd</sup> February 2019. RAWCS Eastern Region meeting, hosted by District 9675, at Casula.