

ROTARY CLUB OF PARRAMATTA CITY Inc. DISTRICT 9675

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Rotary Four-Way Test

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 8th April 2019

Our Toast

PP Phil Brophy proposed a toast to the Rotary Club of Dublin Central. He did this in commemoration of the Gladstone Irish Home Rule Bill of 1886. There was a degree of similarity about the issues then and those facing Ireland in the present era, when Brexit is the focus of controversy. He said the Rotary Club of Dublin was from its website a worthy organisation fully committed to the ideals of Rotary.

2019-2020 Board Positions

PE Barry Antees has made the following appointments for the new board: Phil Brophy –Foundation and International; Malcolm Brown-Youth and PR; Natalie Cowell- Community; Jerry Tan-Membership; John Stamboulie-Membership.

Membership

Melissa Dsouza, who attended our last meeting in March, has made a formal application to join the club and that is being processed. President Malcolm said there had been a membership inquiry from Shirley Singh, an employee of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia which he was following up. PDG Barry said he was to have coffee with three young women from Guildford who worked in an aged care facility in Greystanes and had expressed interest in becoming members.

At the board meeting on Monday, President Malcolm said that the meal for the first visit by a prospective member should be paid by the club but in subsequent visits, the prospective member would be required to pay for the meal cost.

Also, at the board meeting, it was decided that the club should reach out for membership to the Parramatta Chamber of Commerce by attending their monthly networking meetings on the first Tuesday of each month. PDG Barry, a member of the chamber, said it was intended that two members of our club should attend each meeting as a guest of a Rotary club member who is also a Chamber of Commerce member, and that we should have cards to hand out giving details of our Rotary club.

Community Engagement

PDG Barry said there were other things we could do as Rotarians that would allow us to feel we were more integrated with the community. Every Rotarian, he said, should be a blood donor. He also thought that every Rotarian should be registered as an organ donor.

Finances

The financial statement from treasurer Barry Antees indicates that the net surplus from Club's fund raising activities to 31 March was \$3,142.53. The bank balance was \$7217.53 at 31 March. The Club's administration activities for the same period showed a small surplus of \$183.89 and a bank balance of \$6317.72

Coordination of Local Rotary Club Events

John Stamboulie said the Parramatta Daybreak Rotary Club was arranging an awards night for some sections of the police force, including the Police Boys Club and the railway patrol, which do not participate in Parramatta Police Officer of the Year (POOTY) awards. There was a concern that, because it was a month prior to POOTY it may tend to detract from it. It was suggested that the three Parramatta presidents should have a system where they periodically met to swap notes and try to avoid clashing club events.

Meetings Schedule

President Malcolm said that meeting on only the second and fourth Monday of a month could mean that there were five weeks between meetings if there was a Public Holiday on one of those Mondays. The board agreed that because the fourth Monday of this month, 22nd April, happens to be Easter Monday, we should have a Monday meeting the following week, 29th April. That was agreed. The scheduled meeting after that is 13th May.

Rotary Emergency Services Community Awards (RESCA)

President Malcolm said the club has been contacted and asked to target at least one fire station to get nominees for the Emergency Services Awards. The Parramatta Rotary clubs had been allocated four fire units to contact to get nominees for awards, these being fire stations at Toongabbie and Seven hills the Sydney Regional headquarters at Seven Hills and The Hills Fire Unit at Baulkham Hills. The Rotary state RESCA presentation night would be at the Concord Golf Club on 15th June.

Concert at Northmead High

President Malcolm said that he, along with Joe Allen, president of Parramatta Daybreak Rotary Club would meet with the music master at Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School, Daniel Wilson, on Thursday to see how the school was preparing and the venue where the choir would be performing, and to attend to other administrative details. The concert would be on Saturday, 15th June. President Malcolm said a flyer would have to be prepared and circulated to the school community and elsewhere.

Model United Nations Assembly

This is the day for the MUNA event at State Parliament House on 1st June. Applications for this close on 17th May. Two teams sponsored by District 9675 are to attend the national MUNA in Commonwealth Parliament House in Canberra in August.

Australian Rotary Health PhD Scholars Night

President Malcolm said the PhD Scholars evening on 1st April was a success, with some brilliant students speaking to us. PDG Barry said we had a net profit of about \$1,000 on the night, and made \$626 on the raffle. Financially, the night was better than expected.

Rotary National Youth Science Forum

President Malcolm said he had received a letter from Alison Ma, a student at Sydney Giros High School, asking for sponsorship to go to the National Youth Science Forum. Keith Henning said she would have to supply her details. It was club policy that an endorsed applicant either attend school, and/or reside in our local area. If she fits the guidelines, she would have to be interviewed, along with any other applicants.

Mothers' Day Classic BBQ

President Malcolm said our club would be holding a barbecue at the Mothers' Day Classic at Parramatta Park from 6.30 am till 11.45 am, 23rd May. PDG Barry said it was important that our club display its logo at the barbecue so that nobody was in any doubt as to who we were and what we do.

Rotary Foundation Seminar

President Malcolm said there would be a Rotary Foundation Seminar at the Bankstown Sports Club from 8/30 am till 12.30 on Sunday, 4th May. It was necessary for someone from the club to attend this to enable us to qualify for grants. PDG Barry said he would be attending the seminar.

District Assembly & Training Days

President Malcolm reminded the club that the Rotary District Assembly would be at the Liverpool Catholic Club at 8.30 till 9 am on Saturday, 11th May. PDG Barry said all members of the club were encouraged to attend the District Assembly. District has also organised training days for the various Rotary activities and incoming Board members need to attend the appropriate event. PDG Barry said that before the District Assembly and the training days, the club should hold a meeting to work out plans which the club wished to prioritise.

Poignant Pictures



For Your Diaries

29th April. Club meeting at Novotel 12.30pm.

4th May. Rotary Foundation Seminar at the Bankstown Sports Club from 8.30 am till 12.30pm.

11th May. Rotary District Assembly at the Liverpool Catholic Club at 8.30am till 12.30pm.

12th May. Our club is to put on a barbecue at the Mothers' Day Classic at Parramatta Park.

25th May. Community Service and Membership seminar at the Bankstown Sports Club 8.30am till 12.30pm

1st June. MUNA event at State Parliament House. Applications for this close on 17th May.

2nd June. Rotary training seminars at Bankstown Sports Club
New Generations and Vocational Service 8.30am to 12.30pm.
International Service and Public Image from 1 pm till 4.30 pm.

15th June. Sydney Welsh Choir concert at Northmead High.

28th July. National Tree Planting Day

12th August. This is the tentative date for the Police Officer of the Year Awards (POOTY). This will be a joint program of all three clubs. The date has yet to be confirmed with the police.

24th – 25th August 2019. Rotarians Against Malaria convention in Melbourne.

14th October. District Governor Di North will visit our club.