

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 29th April 2019

Our Toast

PP Phil Brophy proposed a toast to the anniversary of Croatia's declaration of independence in 1991. He said Croatia had had Rotary clubs but they had been disbanded as a result of World War 11. But with the coming of independence, Rotary was allowed to reopen clubs.

Our Guest

Our club welcomed Ian Goldthorpe, PE of the Rotary Club of Parramatta City, who has darkened our doorsteps before, always welcome.

The Year Ahead

PDG Barry Antees, due to take over as president of the club, announced his plans to stimulate the club's activities and turn it into a more vibrant organisation. He said that if the club were to make an impression in the next 12 months, it would have to be "up-to-date with everything Rotary". He said a number of programs were being organised and members would know the areas in which their expertise was required. One of his initiatives would be to ensure that new members were given jobs. Barry was also thinking of social events, on the occasions when there were five Mondays in a month and we had a Monday to fill in. Barry was also thinking of "flash crowds" where a member was going to something and in the spur of the moments invited other members to join him, or her.

Christmas Trees

PE Barry said there should be changes to the Christmas tree sales system. He said last year's venue, opposite the new Cherrybrook station, would open at the same time as this year's sales and there might be more marketing opportunities. But there was some uncertainty how long the site on Castle Hill Road would be available to us and he thought a second site might be opened, for one day, on Woodville Road south of Parramatta Road to shore up and protect our project. He had a site picked out and would be looking at it further.

Giving Blood

PE Barry said one way in which Rotarians could relate to the community was giving blood. There would be four blood drives through the year, on 1st October, 2nd December, 31st March and 2nd June. Members were encouraged to give blood and those not able to could transport those who could and take photographs to show what we were doing. Barry said that on the blood-giving days, we would

have “steak nights” at the Crown Hotel in Church Street, Parramatta, to provide protein to make up for the lost blood.

Who Gives a Crap?

Barry said that 2.3 billion people across the world did not have access to a toilet paper and 289,000 children under the age of five died each year from diarrhoeal diseases caused by poor water and sanitation. What Rotarians could do would be to order recycled toilet paper for our homes/business from <https://au.whogivesacrap.org>. 50% of the profits from this organisation are used to provide toilets for developing countries around the world.

Cash Prizes Raffle

PE Barry said that a cash prize raffle would be launched on 1st July, to be drawn on 9th December 2019. There would be 200 tickets each costing \$100, Each member would be given 10 ticket to sell. First prize to be \$10,000 in cash and with a one in 200 chance of winning, the tickets would be very attractive to gambling Ozzies. He had spoken to a number of members who liked the odds and said they would be keen to participate.

City to Surf Fun Run

President Malcolm said the then DG Di North has entered the City-to-Surf on 11th August this year and wanted a team from District 9675 to join her. President Malcolm, touching on 72, said he could not be put to shame by an octogenarian and he would participate too.

PP Keith said he had received an email from ARH telling him that they had appointed an indigenous health scholar from the proceeds they had obtained from his participation in last year’s event. The person who had received the award was Megan Torpey, a second-year Medical student at the University of New South Wales. He would be participating again this year.

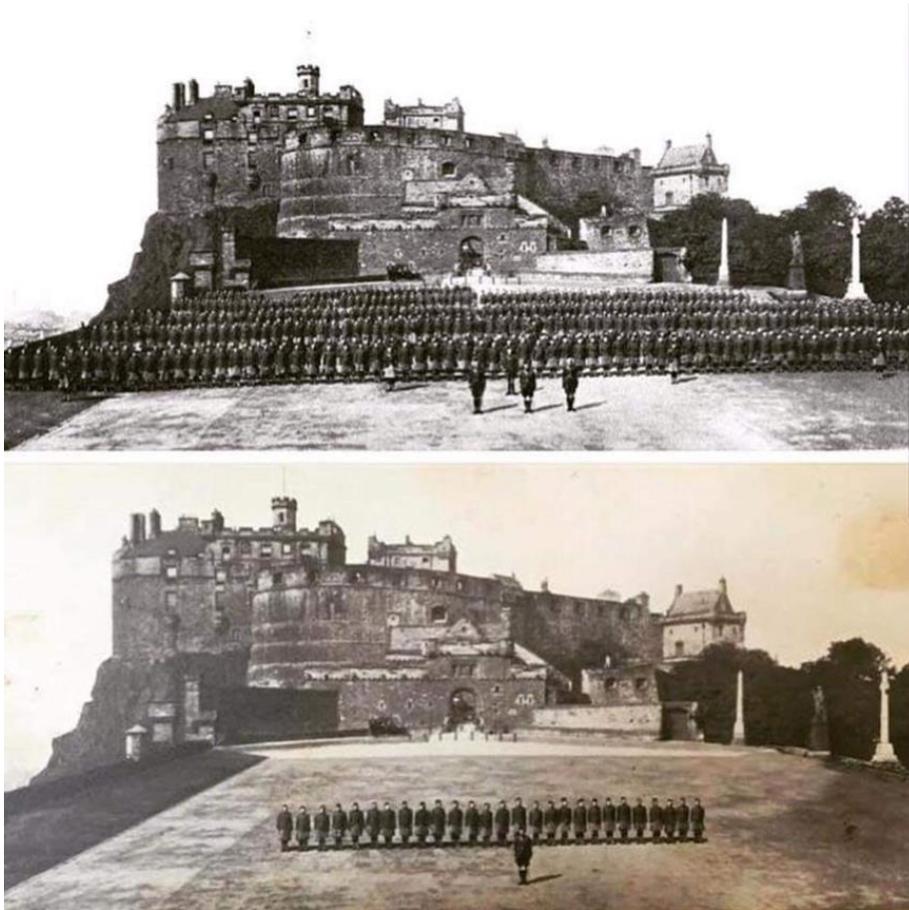
Indigenous Health Scholarships

Secretary Joy said there were now between 20 and 30 indigenous doctors, an encouraging development helped along by funding provided by ARH. Some of them went out into rural areas. Most of those would go to centres where there was a significant indigenous population. The Foundation supported by PP Keith Henning had received notification of the award of a scholarship to Allysha Baker girl who was studying Occupational Health through the University of Newcastle.

The Sydney Welsh Choir concert at Northmead High.

Brochures would be circulated re this event to be held on 15 June in the hall at Northmead High School. 50% of the profits to be donated to Northmead High School P&C Association, the other 50% to be shared by Parramatta City and Parramatta Daybreak Clubs. Ticket available at www.trybooking.com/494847

Poignant Pictures



(The Cameron Highlanders in 1914, and in 1918)

For Your Diaries

11th May. District Assembly, Liverpool Catholic Club.

12th May. Mothers' Day Classic barbecue at Parramatta Park from 6.30 am till 11.45 am.

25th May. Seminars on Community Service and on Membership at the Bankstown Sports Club.

1st June. MUNA event at State Parliament House.

2nd June. Two Rotary training seminars today at the Bankstown Sports Club.

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

1st July. Proposed launch of the Cash Prize Raffle.

20th July. Xmas in July (Indian style) at Ginger's Restaurant in Harris Park.

28th July. National Tree Day.