

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 24 February 2014

International Toast – Rotary Club of Chicago, first Rotary Club, chartered 23 February 1905.

Our 1.2 million-member organization started with the vision of one man—Paul P. Harris. The Chicago attorney formed one of the world's first service organizations, the Rotary Club of Chicago, on 23 February 1905 as a place where professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas and form meaningful, lifelong friendships. Rotary's name came from the group's early practice of rotating meetings among the offices of each member.



Paul Harris

Guests

President Keith welcomed Steve Ryan, our guest speaker.

President's Report

Presentation to Ray Reed. President Keith called a very surprised Ray forward to accept a Certificate signed by a Rotary International President. Ray appeared mystified and so he should have. The certificate was signed by Glenn Estess, RI President 2004-2005 and was to commemorate Ray's membership of the Club at the time of Rotary's 100th birthday in February 2005. The certificate was issued to all Rotarians at that time. It seems that Ray's copy was not presented to him and has only recently been given to President Keith. This meeting, a day after Rotary's 109th birthday, seemed an appropriate time to give it to Ray.

President Keith reported on a number of decisions from last week's Board meeting

1. John Surian was granted six months leave of absence due to work pressures.

2. John Totonjian agreed to take over as Convenor of the **Police Officer of Year award evening to be held on 12th May**. This function will be run by a committee representing the 3 Parramatta Rotary Clubs.
3. **Australian Rotary Health PhD scholars evening 7th April** – note change from 31st March. As Joy will be overseas until just prior to the event she will arrange for acceptances to be taken by Jenny Towe from her office.
4. **International Night planned for Tuesday 3rd June** (during Rotary International Convention). Acceptances have been received for Bob Selinger, an American volunteer who works with Rotary Club of Livingstone and others in Africa and Robert Opira, Founder of St Peters Junior School in Northern Uganda. It is expected that members from Rotary Club of Livingstone and also members from our sister Club, Rotary Club of Ramon Magsaysay, will also be present.

The death of Past RI President Royce Abbey was noted. Past RI president Royce Abbey was a member of Rotary Club of Essendon in Victoria, and was a friend and business associate of the late Ray Wells, a charter member of our club.

President Keith also called for volunteers for the Pink Triathlon BBQ which is being held at Parramatta Park on Sunday 16th March. The following members have volunteered Phillip Brophy, Vandana Setia, Ray Reed, John Totonjian and Barry Antees. There were also a couple of maybe's who will need to consult their calendars. Attendance will be required during the morning.

Treasurer Vandana reminded members that half yearly subscription notices had been sent and that payment was now due.

Guest Speaker

President Elect Ron introduced Steve Ryan, a friend of many years, who is a criminal lawyer. (We were assured that the friendship did not arise out of a professional relationship.).

Steve Ryan – spoke on the topic 'Community Economics'.

Steve first became interested in this topic when he presented it at a tutorial during university studies.

His idea is that people need to become more involved in the care and administration of public assets in communities in which they live.

This would involve changes in the way in which communities are structured – existing boundaries may not be appropriate, assets which are currently administered by elected boards may need more community input, residents need to be more involved in local activities.

A thought provoking talk, which prompted a number of questions and comments from members.

Steve Burfield thanked our guest speaker with a token pen.

The speaker for next meeting will be **Ross Waldron** – 'Stroke and stroke prevention'

Apologies and Guests

Apologies to Joy Gillett on 8837 1900 before 9.30am on Monday morning.

This is the latest time apologies can be accepted as numbers must be given to the hotel by this time.

If you are bringing a guest please also advise this to Joy by that time to ensure a meal is prepared.

The Club is required to pay for the number of lunches ordered. Invoices for the cost of a meal will be sent to members by Vandana if you do not apologise for non- attendance by 9.30am on Mondays.

Dates for Diaries

1 March. SHIFT2014 District 9675 Conference

15 March. PETS (President Elect Training Session) Liverpool Catholic Club.

16 March. BBQ Parramatta Park – Triathlon Pink

5 April. BBQ Bunnings.

7 April. Australian Rotary Health PhD Scholars Evening.

13 April. District Assembly. Liverpool Catholic Club. **All incoming Board members.**

12 May. Police Officer of the Year.

25 May. Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal.

3 June. Special Club Night for Rotary International Convention

30 June. Changeover.