

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 12 May 2014**

**Police Officer of the Year**

The Monday night function at the Oatlands Golf Club was predictably good, with our DG Garry Browne, along with our State MP, Dr Geoff Lee, among our official guests and Glenn Gardner giving his normal, good-humoured performance as Master of Ceremonies. There was the usual sparkling array of nominees for the award. We cannot mention them all but I think two stand out, one being Sergeant Kylie Hedge, who won the overall award of Police Officer of the Year, the other being Rosemary Kariuki-fyfe, Kenyan-born, a civilian employee of the force who has contributed to community liaison.

First, Kylie, who is the licensing supervisor at the Parramatta Local Area Command. Her citation reads: "The command has an abundance of problematic locations in the Parramatta CBD which required a co-ordinated licensing approach. She is instrumental in the commands response to many of the issues attributed to alcohol within the CBD. Sergeant Hedges leads a team of licensing operatives in the commands strategy to reduce alcohol related crime. Through her leadership the command has conducted numerous licensing operations in both the overt and covert capacity.

"Sergeant Hedges leads the commands response to challenging venues. She provides clear and accurate advice to the commander in her role as the licensing supervisor. Sergeant Hedges implements command based strategies, venue management plans, local licensing agreements and conditions. In that role Sergeant Hedges is also responsible for the command compliance audits. She leads in the field with enthusiasm and purpose. She has the ability to influence her team as well as senior management through her superior communication skills."

Kylie, who was a tower of strength to the command when a member of her team died of cancer, and a support to his family, “is a fantastic supervisor whom officers in the command look up to and aspire to imitate”.



Accepting the award, Kylie said she had been in the police force almost 20 years, of which 11 had been at Parramatta Local Area Command. It was a busy and difficult command, she said, and a lot of police came through the doors. But police who left the command “invariably want to come back”. There was a lot of camaraderie and the last six to 12 months, when she had been with the small licensing team, had been the best.

She was obviously on good terms with her superior, Superintendent Wayne Cox, commander of the Parramatta Local Area Command. “I love working for you boss!” she said. “You are such a good fellow”.

Rosemary Kariuki-fyfe is a multicultural liaison officer at the Parramatta Local Area Command. A native of Kenya, she has been employed by the NSW Police Force for seven years and in the past 12 months she has been very active in the local community. Her citation reads: “She has a passion for working with the culturally and linguistically diverse community in the Parramatta Local Government area. Rosemary’s passion is evident in her recent activities in the Parramatta Park area.



“She has lead in conjunction with her colleagues the Parramatta LAC’s attempts to engage a challenging group of persons who are dependent on alcohol. Her passion has assisted greatly in bringing a number of agencies together to have a concerted effort to assist these people. Her nomination goes beyond her activities and is directly attributed to her commitment for achieving better outcomes for disadvantaged people from the CALD community. Rosemary’s efforts go beyond her normal duties and the excitement she holds when someone she has been engaging gains employment or enters an education program is

testament to character and her compassion.”

## **International Evening Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

This is everybody's chance to experience some of the atmosphere of the RI Convention being held in Sydney (Sydney Olympic Park) from June 1 -4.

International visitors from a number of countries will be attending our special meeting (about 12 people from at least 4 countries) and will need our members and their partners to act as hosts for the evening.

The function will be held at Ginger Indian Restaurant (Vandana's place) from 6pm onwards, Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Cost will be \$45 per person.

A small committee has been formed to arrange the evening.

Let's make it a huge success and an enjoyable experience for all.

## **Rotary Meeting this Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May.**

The speaker will be Past President Mark Wallace, Editor of our magazine Rotary Down Under.

We also expect Bernd Eggers, a Rotarian from Halberstadt in Germany, to attend and tell us something of his Club's activities.

## **Member Resignation.**

After correspondence with the Board, Past President Luba Charlton has allowed her membership to terminate from 30<sup>th</sup> April 2014.

Would all members please remove Luba's contact details from emails circulated to members of our club.

## **Our Rotary Foundation Centurion Club Program**

Are you a member of the Rotary Foundation Centurion Club?

If not, why not? All it takes to become one is to agree to contribute the amount of \$100 per annum to your Rotary Foundation. To obtain the application form go to <http://www.rotary.org.au/en/FOUNDATION/Pages/default.html> . Click on "Direct Deposit Form", then open and print form by following the prompts.

*If you are already a member, but have not contributed this Rotary year, then you should do the same.*

*Note that, due to the amalgamation of Rotary Districts no reminders have been, or will be, issued as has been done in the past.*

It would be great to have 100% of members participating in this program.

## **Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal**

Director Phillip Brophy will soon be contacting all members regarding participation in the Salvation Army's annual Red Shield Appeal. This year we will be doorknocking on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> – Sunday week.

This community service activity has been a very important project in which our Club has been involved for nearly 40 years. We need to mobilize as many helpers as possible. So join in yourself, invite friends and neighbours, and meet at Bob Rosengreen's home in West Pennant Hills early in the morning. Exact times will be given to you by Phillip.

By the way, Bob and Glenys put on a great BBQ at lunch time.

## **Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA)**

Last weekend MUNA was held at Blacktown High School. Our Club sponsored a team from Parramatta High. We hope to have them speak of their experiences at A Club meeting soon.

## **Dates for Diaries**

25 May. Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal.

1 June. BBQ at Sydney Olympic Park – Rotary International Convention

3 June. Special Club Night for Rotary International visitors – Ginger Indian Restaurant

30 June. Changeover.

5 July. Bunnings BBQ

Malcolm Brown