

## ROTARY CLUB OF PARRAMATTA CITY Inc. DISTRICT 9675

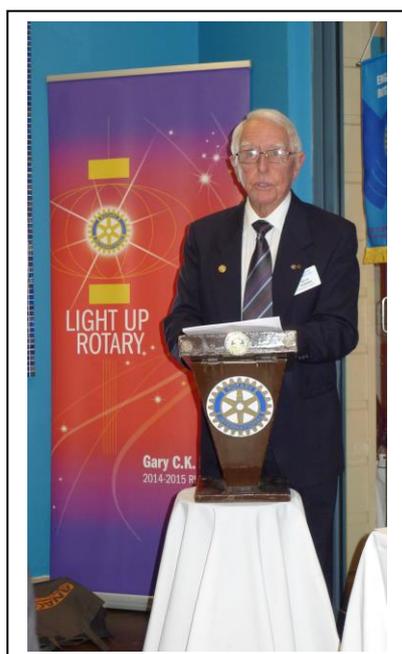
[www.parramattacityrotary.org.au](http://www.parramattacityrotary.org.au)**Rotary Four Way Test****The Four Way Test challenges Rotarians, in everything they do, to ask of themselves:**

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 30 June 2014****Farewell President Keith**

Keith Henning, who took over the presidency last year when president-elect David Ross suddenly became unavailable, finished an exemplary term as club president, it was not for the first time he has done that. In his final speech at Vandana's Ginger Restaurant in Harris Park, Keith said there had been significant progress with new members and service activities. There had been some disappointments, including shortage of numbers for activities such as this year's Red Shield Appeal. He was disappointed that, for the second year in a row, the club had failed to host a "Pride of Workmanship" award evening. These were was good public relations opportunities and a source of prospective new members.



But there were also positive aspects. Very recently, the club had been in a position to support the outgoing Youth Exchange program. Natalie Poschl, a Year 10 student from Concord, was at the dinner. Natalia was the daughter of John Poschl and a former member of our club, Daniella Poschl. Keith was delighted by Natalie's selection. The club had not had an exchange student for several years. "I am also very pleased to report that it is becoming much more likely that we will be able to host an incoming Danish Youth Exchange student," Keith said. "Daniella has advised that she is willing to host, and yesterday I was thrilled when member Natalie Cowell advised that she and David were also offering to act as host parents. As there are a couple of other members considering the possibility of acting as host families I think incoming President Ron and his Board may be able to make a decision

on this in the very near future.”

Keith said the club had identified a number of worthwhile community projects and had made a financial contribution to major Rotary projects, Australian Rotary Health and the Rotary Foundation. The club was now privileged to produce District Governor from within its ranks. “I know that Barry depends on the support of members of the club during his year in office,” Keith said. Keith thanked his wife Glennis for her unfailing support during a very busy year.

### **Ralph Cadman**



Keith said Ralph Cadman had sold his business and planned to spend more time away from Sydney. He wanted to retain his club membership but the club would not be able to call on him so often in the future. Ralph would be continuing his association with Parramatta High School, where, for years, he had been a mentor to students moving into their senior years. He had encouraged them to make something of themselves, contributing to their lives in the manner of a true Rotarian. For that, Ralph was presented with a Paul Harris Fellow badge with a sapphire.

### **Mike Cuming**

Keith named Mike Cuming as a Paul Harris Fellow. Mike, who is not a Rotarian, but came within the guidelines of a person to whom such a fellowship could be awarded. This involved “tangible assistance” given to other people which assisted in producing a more peaceful and harmonious world. Mike had for years been a volunteer, at major events such as the Olympics, Paralympics and the World Masters Games. Mike was a volunteer at the Dobroyd Branch of Sailability, taking disabled people sailing every second weekend during the sailing season. He has held executive positions at the Branch and is a very keen advocate for the organisation. He had also assisted with the club’s contribution to the Salvation Army’s Red Shield Appeal.



### **The Outgoing Board**

Keith presented bottles of wine to members of the board who had supported him during the last year, including Joy Gillett, Vandana Setia, Ben Jackson, Johnny Ching, John Totonjian, Ron Edgar and Malcolm Brown. Ron was singled out for special

mention, as he was the incoming president. Keith presented him with his President's Pin, his Chain of Office, and a banner which will proudly proclaim that our club is "Home to the District Governor".



### Long-Suffering Wives



Sandra Cadman and Glennis Henning, who had supported their husbands, Ralph and Keith respectively, over decades, were also named as Paul Harris Fellows. They had given much support in the many Rotary activities and had made a valuable contribution to the welfare of exchange students. In fact, Sandra had been able to "snag" one of them as a daughter-in-law. This support had been happening for as long as Keith could remember in Rotary,

which was more than 40 years.

### President Ron Edgar's Opening Address

President Ron, proudly taking office, said he had come back into Rotary only because the now Governor Barry had kept putting it to him over a drink, but was now happy Barry had prevailed. He said part of his vision for the new year was to make the club more inclusive, both in age, culture and ethnicity. It would help to bring out the depth of skill and knowledge in the club and to develop longer-term projects. He said that in for future membership, Rotary had to be compatible with family life. It was not a substitute for family. But with that qualification, there were many things that could be done.



“There are lots of things being developed by government and it needs organisations like Rotary to become involved with cultural awareness, caring for refugees and caring for people like we used to do in the 1970s with Vietnamese refugees,” he said. “We need to try to make the country up to this connection. Twelve months is not a long time and I think, that by creating diversity we will be going a long way.”

Ron thanked Keith for his service, for his good humour, knowledge and experience, and for providing the impetus for projects that engaged him. He thanked Barry for the personal input into Ron’s Rotary career and said it would be a privilege for the club to be home for the district Governor.



Ron’s Board for Rotary Year 2014-2015

### **Dates for Diaries**

5 July. Bunnings barbecue

7 July. Club Meeting

14 July. District Governors Visit – our own DG Barry – combined evening meeting with other clubs in area. Oatlands Golf Club – evening meeting.

**Malcolm Brown**