



Community Networker

Rotary Club of Parramatta City, District 9675 | Meeting 21 July 2014



New Appointments

Malcolm Brown has accepted nomination as president-elect of Parramatta City Rotary, to take over the reins for 2015-16 and in the meantime to fill in for President Ron in August when he is overseas for three weeks. He has also taken up the role of providing speakers for meetings and is happy to receive suggestions.

John Stamboulie has accepted nomination as our club's representative on the Police Officer of the Year Committee. This event recognises the extraordinary efforts of members of the Police Force and logistics support. The event this year is being organised by the Rotary Club of Parramatta and will culminate in an awards function in mid 2015.

Barbecues

The club will be holding a barbecue to assist with the Walk With Me Triathlon on Friday, 12 September. It will be between 10 am and 2 pm and we are looking for volunteers to nominate their time slots.

John Stamboulie would be organising the Triathlon “Pink” Barbecue in Parramatta Park on Sunday, October 12.

On Saturday, October 18, we will be holding a Bunnings barbecue in North Parramatta, being coordinated by Ben Jackson.

The Website

President Ron said the club was developing its website which would be linked to our Facebook page through an app that would be available to download onto iPhones and iPads. He said the web page should be the source of all information about the club and should be the site for the club bulletin. The development of the website will be coordinated by Natalie Cowell and John Stamboulie and should be up and running in two to three months.

UN Day of Peace

President Ron said he had been approached by Sydney City Rotary to have our club as the focus for Western Sydney on the UN Day of Peace on September 21. He said that day also happened to be the equinox, which might be seen to have some implications for peace: moving from one season which might have been troubled to a new season full of hope.

“The whole point is it is the one day you can count on as the one moment in time when you have a call for a truce, people coming together and releasing the doves,” he said. Church bells would be rung and the community would unite to celebrate the idea of a world at peace.

Ron has the support of the Lord Mayor of Parramatta, John Chedid, and the other 4 Rotary Clubs associated with Parramatta. The venue for the centre of the celebration had not yet been decided. It might be in the new Town Hall Square if it is completed in time or possibly the very historic Amphitheatre in Parramatta Park.

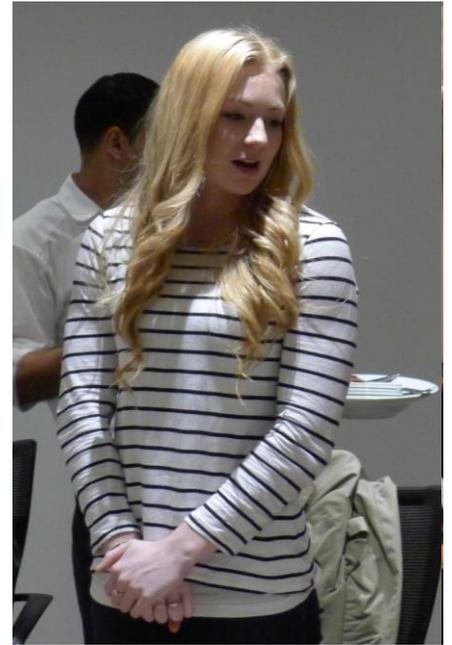
Club Updates

The Rotary Four-Way Test

The Four-Way Test challenges Rotarians, in everything they do, to ask 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?



Our Guest

Past-president Keith introduced Amy Hawker, a 20-year-old physiotherapy student from Sydney University, who has received an Indigenous Health Scholarship through Rotary Health, funded by the David Henning Foundation.

Amy, who comes from Campbelltown and went to Mt Annan High School, is in her second year of Physiotherapy at Sydney University, studying at the Lidcombe Campus. She has an indigenous background but has not had much of a chance till now to learn much about the culture.

Amy is from the Kamilaroi people, who range across northern New South Wales and Queensland. She is now part of an Indigenous program at Sydney University. She also has the distinction of

having met the then president of Rotary International, Ron Burton, on a pizza queue.

“In physiotherapy I would like to go and help people who are not able, or cannot, afford to have it, such as indigenous people,” she said.

Amy has been commuting from Campbelltown to Lidcombe each day, which is two hours each way. She has been living with her parents but they are soon to go to America so she has rather a problem finding a roof to go over her head. Her situation was being greatly helped by the Indigenous Health Scholarship which she said provides “really amazing” support.

Dates for Diaries

12 SEPTEMBER.
Northcott “Walk With Me”
Barbecue.

21 SEPTEMBER.
UN Day of Peace.

12 OCTOBER.
Triathlon Pink Barbecue,
Parramatta Park.

18 OCTOBER.
Bunnings Barbecue, North
Parramatta.