



Community Networker

Rotary Club of Parramatta City, District 9675 | Meeting 18 August 2014



Our Guests

The meeting was chaired by Past President Keith, who was deputising for President-Elect Malcolm. Malcolm was in Canberra attending the official handover of Michael and Lindy Chamberlain's Holden Torana Hatchback to the National Library. The Torana was the car the couple took to Ayers Rock in 1980 and was the scene of Lindy's alleged murder of her baby.

A number of visiting Rotarians and guests were welcomed.

Mark Wallace, Editor, RDU Magazine, and a member of Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong, who was the guest speaker.

Terry Davies, member of Rotary Club of Penrith Valley, and a staff member of Australian Rotary Health.

Sze Chuah, a prospective member attended for his 4th visit.

Greg Williams, a friend of Phillip Brophy, who may also be a prospective member.

Youth Service

Ben Jackson reported that the two students nominated for National Youth Science Forum had been accepted into the program.

As this is the first time we have had two nominations accepted it was possible that one of the students may be able to be sponsored by another Rotary Club. He is following this up. The students will attend a club meeting later.

Ben also reminded members of the 'My Career, Your Career' event planned for October. Honorary member, Geoff Lee, had agreed to be a presenter and some other members had volunteered to take part.

Parramatta High School project

Ralph Cadman reported on his mentoring role at the school. He has a number of students involved fortnightly and is helping them to develop their own leadership skills to assist others. He is hoping to involve them in an indigenous project with some contacts he has in Alice Springs.

District Governor Barry Antees

Barry reminded everyone about the District Conference and the need for registration. Newer members will receive free registration.

The club's responsibilities at the Conference will not be onerous – perhaps some ushering duties and , perhaps, assistance with transporting speakers/guests from Sydney to Canberra.

Barry will be attending his 2nd last DG's official visit at Kiama in the near future.

Aust Rotary Health – Parramable

Terry Davies advised that this event will be held again in 2015 – Sunday May 24th. It is being sponsored by Parramatta City Council and will related to the 100th anniversary of the truce at Gallipoli when a cease fire occurred and troops were able to recover their dead comrades.

It will take a different form to the 1st Parramable – more an adventure trail – and will involve ideas of sharing, mateship and multiculturalism.

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?



Phillip Brophy thanked Mark for his most interesting and challenging address.

Mark Wallace, Editor, Rotary Down Under.

Mark was ably introduced by Barry Antees who had known Mark since his employment as editor over 7 years ago.

Mark told of the development of RDU from a printed magazine to the fully fledged content provider it has become today. It is available as a digital subscription and Mark suggested that, if you do not read the mailed magazine, you should transfer to digital subscription.

All content is available for clubs' to use – it is written by Rotarians for Rotarians – unique ideas which can be used as a template by another club or a project in which other clubs can assist/join – financially or in other ways.

Most articles relate to Australian & NZ clubs but a certain amount of content is prescribed by Rotary International. This mandatory content provides the 'big picture' of Rotary – necessary knowledge if we are to recruit new members. Polio eradication, World Peace Scholars and the six areas of focus of Rotary Foundation were the cornerstones mentioned by Mark.

Mark said it was the responsibility of each Rotarian to know the 'Big picture'. We all need to educate ourselves.

Recent public image campaign adopted by all Australian District Governors has been an outstanding success. Radio adverts and the setting up of website www.rotaryaustralia.org have been real winners. The website has facebook and twitter feeds and clubs can join in and add content. It's possible to upload information from the site to our own Club's website also. Mark's team is available to assist with this set up.

Mark also emphasised the need for Rotarians to 'get with it' in relation to language used when engaging with non-Rotarians - emphasize 'humanitarianism and service', 'come to lunch' rather than 'come to a meeting', 'opportunities for self-development and friendship'.

Dates for Diaries

25 AUGUST.

Speaker: Neil Thacker.

1 SEPTEMBER.

Speaker: Patrick Milligan, brother of Spike.

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.

14-16 NOVEMBER.

District Conference, Canberra