

Rotary Connects.....the World



Rotary Club of Parramatta City

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Our biggest fund raiser is under way and thanks to Phil Brophy and Bob Rosengreen who have worked with Keith Stapley to erect a steel monolith to house our trees this year at Cherrybrook. This structure should withstand anything that mother nature may throw at us this year. The first delivery of trees surprised us this year whilst smaller still look to have a good shape with plenty of greenery. The next delivery is expected this Friday and while our supplier has cut the numbers back, Phillip is hoping she will still meet our ordered quantities. The problem is again the drought and the effect of not enough water to stimulate growth during the season. When explained to our customers, about the effect of the drought they are all understanding and accept these trees as they are.

The weekend should be our biggest selling weekend and for all our volunteers a big thank you for your efforts last weekend and these two weekends coming.

On Monday we have our Christmas lunch and Treasurer Keith will be able to keep us up to date on the progress.

PP Malcolm Brown's book , *A Dingo Took My Life*, is being launched on Sunday at Gleebooks in Glebe and anyone wanting order a copy could refer to this website:

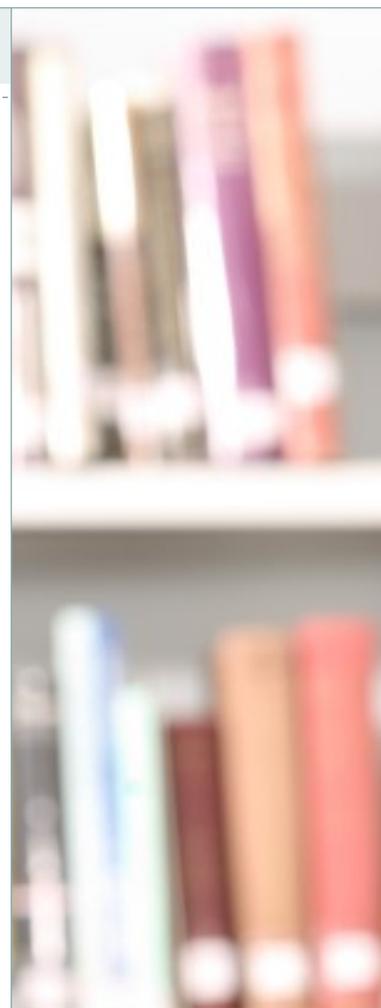
<https://www.amazon.com.au/Dingo-Took-Over-My-Life/dp/1922355089>

Malcolm is a renowned writer having a number of publications and this should be a ripper and a nice Christmas read.

If I don't see you at our Christmas Lunch, I wish everyone a enjoyable break with your family and friends and I will catch up you again 13th January 2020.

Cheers

President Barry Antees



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MEETING NOTES-MALCOLM BROWN

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9th December 2019

Our Guest

The club's guest for the meeting was DG Di North, who said she was on a busy round of club visits. She had just been to a Christmas carols event hosted by the Rotary Club of Padstow and was obliged to keep moving, especially when Rotary clubs were having anniversaries. She had left a full-time paid job to take on the governorship but had found it a lot of fun and did not miss work at all.

Our Toast

President Barry proposed a toast to the Rotary clubs of Japan, which were obliged to withdraw from Rotary International in 1940 but continued to meet as groups under a different name, an example, Barry said, of "how human beings like to find solutions to problems".

Christmas Tree

PP Keith Henning said that takings for the first 3 days of sales amounted to \$9,359. We had sold 116 trees at the Cherrybrook site and Scouts had taken 45, leaving about 39 left, hopefully to be sold next weekend. We had sold some tree stands and 113 raffle tickets for the \$16,000 car. President Barry said the coming weekend would be a big weekend for sales. Another 200 trees were to be delivered at Cherrybrook and the Woodville Road site would operate for just the one weekend, Friday to Sunday, and would be manned by Barry and granddaughters.

The Mega Raffle

PP Keith said 200 tickets were meant to have been sold at \$50 each but sales of tickets had come to only 120, which gave us a \$700 profit. President Barry said club members had fallen a little short in being salesmen and it was necessary to have a look not just at that but how we could market the club and persuade people of the benefits of membership. He thought that was a good subject to take up at a club assembly next year.

DG Di North drew the winners' tickets, and the first prize of \$5,000 went to Mark Thomson, John Stamboulie's insurance broker. There were three \$100 consolation prizes as well, which went to Ken Engsmyr, of Cowra, Brook Antees, President Barry's daughter-in-law, and Gabriela Visini, an Australian Rotary Health PhD scholar.

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The District Conference

DG Di said the District Conference, scheduled for the Exhibition Centre in Wollongong on March 20 – 22 next year, was being well organised and a series of great speakers were being organised. She expected up to 900 people to attend. Tickets were on sale at \$240 a head till the end of December, after which they would rise. Speakers included Tania Pitt, from the Rotary Club of Ulladulla, who had been so severely injured she required morphine but had recovered and she was now an ambassador for Interplas.. Also speaking was Munjed Al Mureris, a surgeon who had had to flee Iraq after refusing to follow an order from Saddam Hussein to cut the ears of captured insurgents. He was now working on integration in Australia. A third speaker would be Rebecca Tolstoy, who was doing a lot of work on domestic violence and human trafficking, She had spoken at the 2017 Peace Conference in Sydney.

Selling the Club

President Barry said it was “a worrying fact” that members were not persuading people of the merits of belonging to our club. There were many good things to be said about the club, including what we could do if we had extra members. It was possible to point out that in the wider spectrum of Rotary, such as RAWCS , member mind find something that really suited them. John Stamboulie said that if present members felt they were not getting enough out of Rotary, it was up to them to “tell us how we can change”. These were matter that could be dealt with at a club assembly next year.

Cycling Without Ageing

Barry said that a chapter of Cycling Without Ageing could be established in Parramatta, promoted and supported by our club. This was a system where volunteers could take elderly people out cycling, with the elderly sitting in front and the volunteer riding the machine, assisted by an electric motor. It had been established elsewhere and was shown to provide a huge boost for the elderly.

Barry was talking with the Council of the Ageing (COTA) which had raised \$10,000 from donations for the chapter and had paid \$40,000 in writing up how it would operate and how it could be coordinated. Rotarian Elaine McRory said her company, which was in aged care, was looking at putting in some funding.

PhD Scholar's Night

PP Keith said the PhD Scholar's Night scheduled for next year would have to be postponed because one of the scholars would be overseas. He would come up with a new date.

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Poignant Pictures



(Word has got around. Barry has thought up a new joke!)

2020 Districts 9675 & 9685 Conference

CONFERENCE WEBSITE: [BIT.LY/REASONSCONFERENCE2020](https://bit.ly/reasonsconference2020)

Friday night is filling up fast.....don't miss out!

We are looking forward to seeing Rotarians, Partners, Rotaractors,

Youth Exchange Students and Friends at our 2020 Districts 9675 and 9685 Conference. At this stage we only have **100** Full Conference Registrations left available. If you are planning on attending the Full Conference and **want to be there on Friday night**, NOW is the time to register. Before 31st December, it is \$240 per person. Don't Delay, register and pay today!

Sweet Home Wollongong!

On Saturday Night at the Conference, we'll celebrate the roaring 20s. Gather your club members, come dressed up together — there will be prizes. *Sweet Home Chicago*, Australia's leading Blues Brothers

Show, brings their acclaimed high energy show to our Conference.

Colin Harcastle and Dave 'Quini' Quin head the 12 piece line up, including a full and brilliant trio of horns, a soulful blues rhythm section and heavenly backing chorus,

featuring the dynamic voice of Susie Melbert.

Rob Edwards — Guest Speaker

Rob is one of Australia's leading speakers and regularly delivers his keynote "It's All About You" across Australasia — find out more here: <https://robedwards.co>.

He has been a business leader for 25 years in the well-being industry where the corporate health appraisal program he established has had over 25,000 business staff participate. Prior to that he worked for five

years in a cardiac rehabilitation program where he developed programs to motivate people who had heart attacks, bypasses, diabetes and the like to get back on their feet and get the most out of their lives. There he wrote the internationally distributed book "Better Blood Pressure". He also happens to be a Rotarian. Check the Conference website for more fabulous and inspiring speakers.

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WE CONNECT PEOPLE

Rotary unites more than a million people

Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

WE TRANSFORM COMMUNITIES

We take action locally and globally

Each day, our members pour their passion, integrity, and intelligence into completing projects that have a lasting impact. We persevere until we deliver real, lasting solutions.

Giving to Our Causes



Promoting Peace



Fighting Disease



Providing Clean Water



Saving Mothers and Children



Supporting Education



Growing Local Economies



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