

Department Executive Services

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REPORT

I would like to welcome to Council, members of our four local Rotary Clubs of Five Dock, Drummoyne, Concord and Breakfast Point, namely:

- Five Dock President Daniel Patterson and Past President Tom Peric
- Drummoyne President Lou Casmiri and Secretary Dale Larsen
- Concord Joint Presidents Grant Xu and Cr Helen McCaffrey and member Judy Love
- Breakfast Point President Ali Khalessi and Secretary Margery Foss

Rotary Clubs are an important asset to our community, with these Clubs managing community projects, partnering with Council and raising valuable funds that directly benefit many organisations and our community.

Five Dock Rotary

With a rich history, Five Dock Rotary's involvement with both City of Canada Bay and previously Drummoyne Council extends over 40 years. They were instrumental in the Rodd Park Project, which included the refurbishment of the cross memorial; the establishment of the Croker Park Tennis Courts and Clubhouse; and installation of the first cricket nets in Timbrell Park. They are widely known as the "catering club" as they support various community organisations managing the barbeque, including the City of Canada Bay Team Up to Clean Up event at Rodd Park and Concord Hospital.

Drummoyne Rotary

Proudly serving the community for over 60 years, Drummoyne Rotary received a City of Canada Bay Sustainability Award in 2012. Past projects have included the replacement of the Sea Scouts hall roof, purchasing a community bus for Drummoyne Community Hall and renovations at Lucas Gardens School. They run the barbeques for the annual Mayor's Golf Day and our ANZAC Day commemorations. They also started the Sailability program at Dobroyd Aquatic Club, purchasing boats that provide ongoing assistance for people with disabilities to learn sailing.

Concord Rotary

Chartered by Burwood Rotary in 1956, major projects from Concord Rotary include working closely with Council to promote the fortnightly Concord Farmers Markets and the intergenerational exercise equipment at Bayview Park. Recently they have been instrumental in the re-establishment of the Sid Money Memorial Garden at Concord West Railway Station and the establishment of the first walking school bus for our newest school in Concord West. Concord Rotary also supports the community with barbeques and raising funds for Concord Hospital.

Breakfast Point Rotary

Our newest Rotary Club was established in 2008, chartered by Strathfield Rotary, Concord Hospital has been the Club's major beneficiary, donating \$10,000 per year for whichever current project the hospital is undertaking. They were instrumental in working with Council to refresh and renovate the Cabarita Park Rotunda, raising \$5,000 towards these works, due to be completed later this year. They have been actively engaging with the various new local businesses in the area by hosting Welcome to Business evenings. Breakfast Point Rotary have also hosted art shows and an antiques fair.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council acknowledge our four local Rotary Clubs and thank them for their ongoing support and dedication to our community.