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The HUB

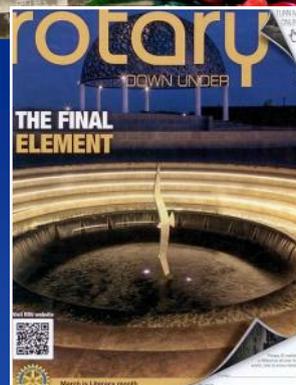
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Chartered: 22nd April 1946
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 Meeting Place: Level 2, Next Generation Club, next to
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Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

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This Week... in a Subaru and then a Mazda*

**Tonight April 3: Vocational Visit and Club Meeting at Tom Kerr Autos
Subaru Service Centre — 39 Buffalo Road, Gladesville**

*showroom

Tonight's Roster

Welcomers	Val Payne, Ashley Peake
Loyal Toast by	Siddharth Maheshwari
Guest Speaker introduced by	—
Guest Speaker thanked by	—



If you are unable to fulfill this duty, please arrange your own swap and inform President Ken what you've done.

The "Meeting Night Roster" for the next 3 meetings appears on Page 11

Ken's Korner



Greetings as we begin another week at Ryde Rotary. After the full meetings of the last two weeks we will have a change of pace this week with a Vocational visit to Tom Kerr's Mazda and Subaru dealership. It begins at **6.00 for 6.30 pm** at the site at 39 Buffalo Road before moving to the Victoria Road site. Thanks to Ron Thomson and the Vocational team for organising it for us.

At the Board meeting this week the Board was given a further proposal to consider from the Indigo Foundation who would like to continue their association with our club. Following the District Conference a number of other clubs are keen to assist these projects. The proposals are still under consideration along with other possibilities. Our fund-raising committee also presented a number of possible fund-raising options. These, along with other things, will be presented at a Club Assembly on the 10th April. The board also approved a ten day notice going out for a prospective member and 6 months leave of absence has been granted to Mick Nelson for personal reasons. Whilst on a personal note I would like to record our sympathy and best wishes to Bob Kaye-Smith and his family following the death of Bob's mother this week.

Looking ahead a little Bob would like to address the Club at the Club Assembly on next year's District Conference as our club has the responsibility to help DGE John organise and run the Conference. A full attendance by club members would make the task a lot easier so please start thinking about it.

See you on Tuesday.

In Rotary

Ken

Deadline to submit material in The HUB is Friday 5pm unless otherwise arranged.



Last week ... as recalled by Allen Horrell

The meeting room was packed as President Ken welcomed Rotarians, Partners, Parents, Teachers, Speakers and friends to the 7th Annual Ryde Rotary Junior School Public Speaking Competition Finals.

After a dinner customised to be child friendly, the competition kicked off with **President Ken** handing over to me to introduce MC **Kalma McLellan**.

I thanked our main sponsor, the Ryde-Eastwood Leagues club for sponsoring the prizes for the finalists and their schools. They also funded the medallions handed out to all participants at the preliminary competition. I acknowledged **Jack King**, a Director of the **Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club** and the Rotary Club of Ryde's guest at the event.

Thanks also go to **West Ryde Woolworths** for sponsoring the refreshments that first night and to **Stylesetter International** for the printing of programmes and certificates. Finally I thanked **Lynda Roy** of **Westpac West Ryde** who had agreed to present the first prize winner with a Westpac bank account with some money in it!

All sponsors assisted in making this event a success, and their participation sends a message to the children that public speaking is worthwhile, and is valued by their community.

Rtn **Kalma McLellan** introduced each child, and PP **David James** adjusted the mike each time to the height of each speaker. The three finalists delivered their prepared 3 minute speeches, and then adjourned for 10 minutes to prepare a 1 minute impromptu speech on the subject of "I am inspired by... "

Joanna Crawford told us about "Our Country", its lethal fauna, and that the word "Kangaroo" means "I don't understand" in the indigenous language.

Conan O'Connell exhorted us to "Reach for the Stars!" He quoted Martin Luther King, Jr. "I have a dream!"

Natalia Reale-Bryant reversed her topic and told us to "Turn on that TV!" She enumerated the emotional, educational and entertainment virtues of the Television set, to the approval of Rtn **David Johnston**.

Natalia was first up for the impromptu speech and told us she was inspired by her parents and her family, and by Rotary's ethos of "Service above Self!" Well said, that last bit, I thought: know your audience!

Conan was inspired by his parents to strive to do his best for this speech, for tests, scholarships and selective school entrance tests, practising every night after school.

Joanna was inspired by her teachers and her parents who "are the best!"

The adjudicators conferred while **Adrian** warned us of the dangers of plastic water bottles with binary Drano-based explosives inside, and **Nora** appealed for drivers to help with the Red Shield collection in West Ryde 19th - 20th May.

Donna Fernandez summed up for the adjudicators, and in the end, the winners were

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Last week ... continued

Place	School	Name	3 Minute speech topic
1st	St Michaels Primary School	Natalia Reale-Bryant	Turn Off that TV!
2nd	Hunters Hill Public School	Conan O'Connell	Reach for the Stars
3rd	St Kevin's Primary School	Joanna Crawford	Our Country

The Children were presented with their printed certificates and their prizes, and then photos were taken by John and Ulrike from TWT. The teachers then collected their book vouchers from the Children's Book Shop in Epping for their school libraries, and the adjudicators **Donna Fernandez**, **Vanessa Thorp** and **Michele Hilder** were presented with gifts of brightly coloured indoor plants by Kalma McLellan.

Youth Director **Charles Kilby** had prepared a framed memorabilia as a token of thanks for the Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club: I invited Director Jack King to come forward and accept this trophy on their behalf. It will look very impressive on the club wall.

President Ken closed the meeting with the National Anthem, sung with extra volume by 63 voices. After the meeting I fielded questions from parents who had read about our school in Afghanistan in the trifold brochures I gave them on arrival. They were impressed that Ryde Rotary had achieved such a good thing from so far away and that it was a co-ed school. They also thanked us for putting on such an outstanding competition to extend their children's speaking ability.



I would like to thank all our members who helped in any way with this project: Rotarians Maureen Mulheron, Kalma McLellan, Geoff Nix, Erdem Toner, Jan Cutler, Steve Thorp, Duncan Taylor, Geoff Brennan, David James and David Johnston. Special thanks goes to Sylvia Abboud for inventing the Ryde Junior School Public Speaking Competition in the first place, and to Nora Etmekdjian who documented last year's project so thoroughly it was easy to pick it up and run with it.

Allen Horrell

Letter from St Michael's School

Hi Allen,

I am writing to thank the Rotary Club of Ryde, and you as the organiser, for inviting our school, St Michael's Meadowbank, to participate in this year's annual Primary Schools Public Speaking Competition.

We were particularly thrilled that our student representative, Natalia Reale-Bryant, was awarded first place from a very competitive field of speakers.

I would be most grateful if you would be able to forward this "Thank You email" onto the very generous sponsors of the competition, without whose support such a worthy event would not be possible.

Kind regards,
Anne Evans
Literacy Team
St Michael's Meadowbank

Presentation to Ryde-Eastwood Leagues' Club



Ryde-Eastwood Leagues' Club Director Jack King receives Ryde Rotary's presentation from Allen Horrell and Kalma McLellan

Our Birthday at Il Vicolo

Our meeting on 24th April will be at Il Vicolo Restaurant, Church Street, Ryde. Start time is 6.00 for 6.30 and we'll be asking members and guests to pre-order their meal. So, work out how hungry you'll be in three weeks time, make sure you don't cook the same meal at home the night before and be sure not to have lunch that day. Save yourself! The menu is reproduced below. Don't make a decision right now but be prepared for Martin Aston to say a few words, soon.



Dinner Set Menu at \$35.00 Per head

**TO START, A SELECTION OF IL VICOLO'S FAVOURITE
ENTREES**

Herb / Garlic Bread
YOUR CHOICE OF

SPAGHETTI ARRABBIATA

*Linguine tossed with prawns, chilli, garlic, baby spinach, cherry
tomatoes,
olives and extra virgin olive oil*

Pollo Mango

*Tender Chicken Breast cooked in a Mango, Apple & cream sauce
served on a bed of rice*

Scaloppini "Pavarotti"

Scaloppine of veal with bacon, mushroom, shallot, sherry & cream sauce

YOUR CHOICE OF BEVERAGE

One Glass of House Wine & Beer and Soft Drink, Tea & Coffee

DESERT

Gelato

&

Tiramisu



What is Rotary — Your version

In 1976 the Rotary International Board of Directors was interested in creating a concise definition of the fundamental aspects of Rotary. They turned to the three men who were then serving on Rotary's Public Relations Committee and requested that a one-sentence definition of Rotary be prepared. After numerous drafts, the committee presented this definition, which has been used ever since in various Rotary publications:

- **Rotary is an organization of business and professional persons united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace in the world.**

Challenge

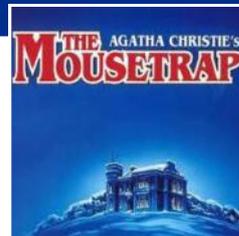
Do you have a better "elevator speech" when asked what Rotary does? Do you have a version that you think is more succinct than this one? Send your suggestions to The HUB editor — editor@ryderotary.org.au

Answers to last week's riddles

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| 1. The letter "m" | 5. Your shadow |
| 2. River | 6. A towel |
| 3. A hole | 7. Ton |
| 4. Wind | 8. Friday is his horse |

Theatre Party — The Mousetrap

DGE John Dodd has secured some seats for the Agatha Christie play, *The Mousetrap* which commences its Sydney run at the end of June. *The Mousetrap* has been running continuously in London's West End for 60 years. The date is Sunday 15th July, 3pm. Cost is \$85 each. Secure your seats with John (who, by then will be a busy man!).



So... whodunit?!

At Monkswell Manor, the news on the radio reports that a murder that has recently taken place in London. Mollie and Giles Ralston, the young owners of the once-regal estate recently converted into a guesthouse, hardly notice the news. They are far too busy preparing for the arrival of their first guests and concerned that the heavy snowfalls may prevent the guests reaching their destination. As the guests arrive safely and the Manor becomes snowed in, a policeman arrives on skis suspecting that one of the seven occupants may be the killer. After a second murder occurs in the Manor, Sergeant Trotter is convinced.

Suspects include the young married couple, a spinster with a curious background, an architect who seems better equipped to be a chef, a retired army major, and an unexpected visitor who claims his car has run into a snowdrift. During his interrogation, Sergeant Trotter uncovers the many mysterious secrets of everyone present, as he tries to solve the murder in true Christie style.

Rotary International signs Partner Agreement with ShelterBox

Rotary International and ShelterBox, a grassroots disaster relief organization, signed a project partner agreement this month, allowing the two organizations to collaborate more closely to provide relief and temporary shelter to survivors of natural disasters.

“Project partner” is a special status RI gives to groups started or managed by Rotary clubs. The agreement will build on the strengths of both organizations in responding to disasters all over the world.

“Our Rotary friends have always been there ready to assist – from generous donations to direct operational support on the ground Rotary has always been part of our DNA,” said Tom Henderson, ShelterBox CEO. “I feel like we have 34,000 ShelterBox offices around the world working together to help those who have lost everything when they need us the most.”

Saving lives

RI General Secretary John Hewko said the agreement will enable Rotary club members to have an immediate, lifesaving impact in communities hit by natural disasters. “ShelterBox will be able to ensure that local Rotarians are provided an opportunity to participate in the distribution of ShelterBox containers,” he said.

Each ShelterBox typically provides a bespoke tent designed to withstand extreme weather conditions, stove, water purification kit, blankets, tools, and other necessities to help a family survive for six months or more after a disaster.

Henderson, a civil engineer and former search-and-rescue diver for the British Royal Naval, founded ShelterBox in 2000. Its response teams of trained volunteers have brought lifesaving supplies to victims of more than 175 disasters in nearly 80 countries.

Mutual goals

“For more than 10 years, ShelterBox has given light to over one hundred thousand families worldwide in their darkest hour,” said Hewko. “This project partner agreement represents our mutual goal of helping those in need. It gives RI a forward-facing approach to immediate disaster relief.”

Noted Henderson: “This partnership with Rotary International is a formal recognition of our good work over the past 12 years. It will help Rotarians get a better understanding of what we do. I hope Rotarians worldwide will see us as a coherent and able disaster relief organization.”

Earlier this month, a ShelterBox team distributed more than 550 tents to communities in Madagascar where powerful cyclones left more than 250,000 people homeless.

By Ryan Hyland, Rotary International News, 30th March 2012



*Top: Tom Henderson, CEO of ShelterBox, and John Hewko, RI general secretary, during the signing of a project partner agreement this month.
Bottom: ShelterBox teams distributed more than 550 tents to Madagascar for families left homeless by a powerful cyclone.
Photo by Angela Spencer-Smith/ShelterBox*



Attendance last meeting

Attendance Last Meeting: 88.64%

Makeups: Charles Kilby, Burkhart Foertsch, Kalma McLellan
Apologies: Artin Etmekdjian, Bob Carroll, Geoff Brennan, John Dodd, Martin Aston, Mick Nelson, Tony Abboud, Stefan Sojka, Terry Kerim.
Guests: many, including parents, teachers, partners
Guest Speakers: Conan O'Connor, Joanna Crawford, Natalia Reale-Bryant
Guests of Members: Sylvia Abboud, Dee Brown, Bernadette Horrell, Rose Rocca, Julie Thorp

Looking Ahead...



April 10: **Club Night** - Report on the District Conference, Reports from Service Chairs, and other Club Business

April 17: **Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia— Wendy Farrow**
PCFA State Manager + presentation of Golf Day fundraising cheque

April 24: **Ryde Rotary's 66th Birthday celebration** at Il Vicolo, Church Street, Ryde.

May 1: **Social Media** — Sam Lambert

Any suggestions? Contact Martin Aston: maaston@optusnet.com.au 02 9808 2574

Birthday



April 3 11 year Club Anniversary for **Bob Carroll**
April 3 49 year Birthday Celebration for **Charles Kilby**
April 4 45 year Club Anniversary for **Les Whitcroft**
April 5 18 year Club Anniversary for **Jan Cutler**
April 9 21 year Club Anniversary for **John Higgins**

We'll be sad if we don't SEE YOU ON TUESDAY ...



If you need to give a late apology for non-attendance at any meeting please ring Val Payne **(9874 5787)** **before 10am Monday**. Club policy is that you will be expected to pay for your meal if you are absent without timely apology. Isn't that **fair to all concerned?**

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Other events ...

▶ **Anzac Day Service**

Date: Wednesday 25th April
 Time: 9am
 R. E. Tebbutt Lodge, 40a Stewart Street, Dundas
 Morning tea afterwards
 Date: Friday 4th May
 Hornsby RSL



▶ **Paint Vandalism (Graffiti) Removal**

Date: Saturday 5th May (first Saturday in the month)
 Time: 8am—10am
 Details: Charles Kilby



▶ **Salvation Army's Red Shield Appeal**

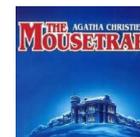
Dates: Saturday and Sunday 19th & 20th May
 Details: TBA from Nora Etmekdjian

▶ **Rotary Club of Epping 50th Anniversary celebration**

Date: Saturday 16th June
 Time: 6.30 for 7pm
 Venue: The Epping Club
 Details: Graham Stevens 9743 6974

▶ **Theatre Party—The Mousetrap**

Date: Sunday 15th July (see p8)
 Time: 3pm, Sydney Theatre, Walsh Bay
 Details: TBA from John Dodd



If you have a Rotary-related item for this calendar, please e-mail it to editor@ryderotary.org.au

Friday Night Roster for Victoria

Victoria is presently hosted with Daniel & Kristina Graham — 9873 6096

Who	When	Who	When
Tony Abboud	6/4/2012	Martin Aston	20/4/2012
Ken Allen	13/4/2012	Geoff Brennan	27/4/2012

Meeting Night Roster

Date	Welcomers		Loyal	Intro	Thanks
10/04/12	Ross Rocca	Stefan Sojka	John Mazlin	—	—
17/04/12	Ron Taffa	Duncan Taylor	Kalma McLellan	David James	Ron Thomson
24/04/12	Doug T.	Les Whitcroft	Graham M.	Surinder Joson	Bob Kaye-Smith

If you are unable to fulfil this duty, arrange your own swap and then advise President Ken

The Rotary Club of Ryde



The Rotary Vision

Rotary is a worldwide organisation of more than 1.2 million business, professional, and community leaders. Members of Rotary clubs, known as Rotarians, provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.

There are 33,000 Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas. Clubs are non-political, nonreligious, and open to all cultures, races, and creeds. As signified by the motto "Service above Self", Rotary's main objective is service — in the community, in the workplace, and throughout the world.

Rotary Grace

O Lord and giver of all good
 We thank you for our daily food
 May Rotary friends and Rotary ways
 Help us to serve you all our days.

The Four-Way Test

of the things we think, say & 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?

Advance Australia Fair

Australians all let us rejoice, for we are young and free;
 We've golden soil and wealth for toil;
 Our home is girt by sea;
 Our land abounds in nature's gifts,
 of beauty rich and rare;
 In history's page, let every stage, Advance Australia Fair.
 In joyful strains then let us sing, Advance Australia Fair!