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The HUB

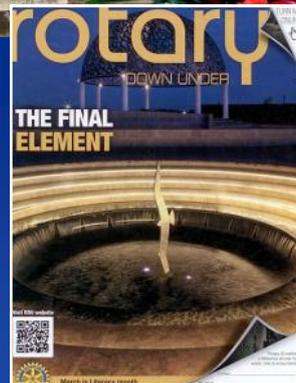
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Chartered: 22nd April 1946
 Club: #18039 / District: #9680 in NSW, Australia
 Meeting Place: Level 2, Next Generation Club, next to
 Ryde Aquatic Centre, 504 Victoria Road, Ryde
 Meeting Time: Every Tuesday — 6:00pm for 6:30pm
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 PO Box 90 Ryde, NSW 1680

RSVP extras or absences to: Val Payne 9874 5787



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

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This Week... Club

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

Tonight's Roster

Welcomers	Ross Rocca, Stefan Sojka
Loyal Toast by	John Mazlin
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



Welcome to another week at Ryde Rotary. We had a great vocational visit to Tom Kerr's Mazda and Subaru dealerships last week. Thanks are due to Ron Thomson for organising it.

As we enter the last quarter of this Rotary year we are beginning with a Club Assembly tonight to keep us up to date, particularly with our projects. As indicated last week Bob Kaye-Smith will be addressing us on next years District Conference at Nowra which we are running as John Dodd will be the DG.

President Elect Burkhardt is busy finalising his Board and Committee structure for next year as the Rotary wheel prepares to keep spinning around for another year of service above self.

Thanks are due to our members who this year have reached within to embrace humanity as our World President has asked (and those who've been doing it for many years).

See you Tuesday

Ken

Useful websites

- Rotary Club of Ryde www.ryderotary.org.au
- Rotary International www.rotary.org
- Rotary Down Under www.rotarydownunder.com.au
- ShelterBox Australia www.shelterboxaustralia.com.au
- School of St Jude www.schoolofstjude.co.tz

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



Last week ... as recalled by Kalma McLellan

As we all pulled up to Tom Kerr autos this week, the most magnificent sunset greeted us – all crimson and pink – a glorious way to start the twilight gathering in the carpark. It was great to have **Artin** and **Tony Abboud**, back as well as **Stefan**, who have all been missed over recent weeks, and with a few members keen to sniff new leather and kick a few tyres, we soon entered the showroom.

Ron Thompson introduced Scott Kerr, son of business founder Tom, and General Manager of Service Ian Fisk. Scott explained that the business was started by his Dad in 1971, the day after Easter, making the business (almost) 42 years old. Tom still has a keen interest in what is going on and visits regularly to make his continuing presence felt. The business started in Blaxland Road, then moved to Victoria Road before outgrowing this site and acquiring the block at 54 Buffalo Road about 24 yrs ago. Their newest site now keeps their combined service levels to 45 Mazdas per day, and 35 Subarus per day. The purpose-built Subaru centre is wholly undercover from car drop-off to car collection, including the kids play area and business centre, complete with mobile wifi.

The organisation continues to be involved in apprenticeship schemes supporting 2 new apprentices per annum at both service sites, allowing them to determine the industry's potential in their future. PP **Ron** again invited Tom Kerr to submit nominations for Apprentice of the Year and PP **Jan Cutler** offered the same suggestion for support staff with the Pride of Workmanship program. The Tom Kerr philosophy is 'fix it right first time!' to ensure minimum rework and to maximise quality outcomes with focus hitting staff hip pockets as an extra incentive. With 38 service staff (out of a total of 97) there is lots of competition to retain the best service record.

Scott reported that the GFC had not been a huge impact because of their concentration on individual rather than fleet purchases, however they had reviewed staffing levels just in case. The Japanese tsunami had a greater impact, particularly on their Subaru business creating 2 months of uncertain supply. Scott scoffed at government support for local manufacturers, given that none had ever been profitable, irrespective of the arguments as local employers.

Surinder questioned the shared technology approach of the 1980s with Scott explaining that it was less prevalent now although Toyota and Mazda were involved in a joint engineering project with separately badged outcomes expected.

Artin questioned the implications of environmental factors with Scott reporting some success but also the need for more development of technology and fuel economy. The Mazda CX5 is the most successful to date, while hybrid and electric vehicles simply cannot be marketed cheaply enough to make it worthwhile or to affect the environment. The focus now is on reducing overall fuel consumption and vehicle weight.

A number of us questioned the unexpected cleanliness of the entire workshop – not a drop of oil, spec of dust, dirty rag or tyre mark in sight! Honestly — you could have eaten off the floor! Scott explained that part of the organisational culture was pride in the workplace with oil spills immediately cleaned with a floor scrubber, waste oil recycled

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Last week ... continued

downstairs, and an air extraction system to keep the air clean and cool in the workshop. Quite a feat!

We then made a mad dash from Buffalo Road to the new Tom Kerr palace in Victoria Road at West Ryde – looked a bit like a geriatric car rally!! New Car General Manager Steve explained that the 4-month building project actually took over a year and was very frustrating, but worth it in the end! We nibbled courtesy of Tom Kerr while ogling over the new cars in the showroom, as well as admiring Tom Kerr's pride and joy – a 1976 Mazda B1600 ute in pristine condition – what a beauty!

The pizzas and pasta were gobbled down – need to check our cholesterol and blood sugar, but oh! It tasted good!! There was almost nothing left over which is always a good sign! Scott showed us through the Family Album, with shots of the original business site, formerly a butchers shop in Blaxland Road, and renamed the Rust Bucket Sale Yard (unkindly) by a young writer for the local paper (no names!).



Ron thanked Scott and his staff for the opportunity to visit and tour their interesting business and premises and for the information shared during the evening. **Nora** thanked Scott for his assistance with the Red Shield Appeal last year, and for volunteering again this year, pushing the friendship by requesting 2 vehicles this time!! **Doug Thompson**

mentioned that Scott's Dad Tom was a member of the Ryde Club from 1977-1980, opening the door for Scott to join in the future! President **Ken** thanked Ron for organizing the interesting event. As an aside, it was good to note 100% attendance by lady club members at this event.

Kalma McLellan

Material for publication

Short articles for The HUB are welcomed. As a guide, each page contains approximately 540 words. Announcements and notices should be graphical and in A4 format (PDF or JPEG) which can be reduced to this page size. Allow plenty of time so that your article receives the appropriate exposure. Deadline is 5pm Fridays. The HUB is published on or before the Sunday prior to the meeting date.

Ryde Hunters Hill Symphony Orchestra — inaugural dinner

Join us for the inaugural dinner of the newly formed Ryde Hunters Hill Symphony Orchestra

7.00pm Friday April 13
The Epping Club
45-47 Rawson Street, Epping

For a sneak preview of our string section followed by a 3 course meal including beer, wine, soft drinks and entertainment.
\$95.00

Ryde Hunters Hill Symphony Orchestra is a newly formed community group supported by the Ryde Council Local Media and sponsors: Cav's Road Mail - North Ryde | ABC Carpet Court - North Ryde | HomeSmart Property Group

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Cheques should be made out to:
Ryde Hunters Hill Symphony Orchestra
P.O. Box 5564, North Ryde 2113

Direct Deposits
Banking Bank BSB: 633 000 Account No: 14365 7054
(Don't forget to include your name for direct deposit)

Save the date for our inaugural concert Sunday 6th May, 2012 | At 3.30pm | St. Josephs College Gladesville

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RYDE HUNTERS HILL
SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Epping Rotary—50th Anniversary & Changeover

President Chris O'Brien & President-Elect Bruce Jacob

invite you to celebrate the

50th Anniversary & Changeover

of the

Rotary Club of Epping

Premium tickets include
\$25 donation
to The Shack

Supporting:

The Shack Youth Outreach

Special Guest:

**Detective Superintendent
Deborah Wallace**

Commander of the Middle Eastern
Organised Crime Squad



WHEN: 6.30 for 7.00pm on Saturday 16th June 2012

WHERE: The Epping Club, Rawson Street Epping

COST: Standard \$65 per person
(Includes drink on arrival, dinner with wine/soft drink)

OR

Premium \$100 per person
(as above plus champagne & \$25 donation to The Shack)

DRESS: Black Tie or Bow Tie

RSVP: Monday 28th May 2012

Enquiries: Graham Stevens
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Building Community Changing Lives
Celebrating 50 years of Rotary

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 two 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 challenge

Do you have an "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

What is Rotary — your contributions

It is an interesting exercise to try to say what Rotary means, in less than 2 minutes!

"Anyone of good will can make a difference in the World, but Rotary gives you the leverage to change the World!"

"What is Rotary? It is the World's largest volunteer organisation for Business and Professional people. In the words of our President:

"Rotary is the best in the world at linking people of goodwill around the globe and then gaining their cooperation and support to make the world a much better place to live and work."

What do I believe about Rotary?

- I believe a person's greatest possession is their character and that no calling bestows this more abundantly than service to others.
- I believe community service nurtures the friendships that make life rich in ways that money just can't buy.
- I believe my children are learning values that will last them a lifetime and can be learned in no other way than by example.
- I believe in Rotary because it makes all these things possible.

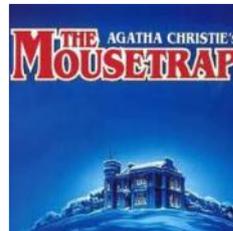
Allen Horrell

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. Book with John. 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.



Receiving the gift of sight in Nicaragua

Wwalking through the hall of a small clinic in Managua, Nicaragua, I met Stanley.

Stanley had cataracts and had lost all hope of keeping his eyesight. He was slowly slipping into a life of dependency on others. But physicians at the clinic were able to perform a simple procedure on Stanley, and today, he can see.

I visited the clinic in July 2011. People from all over Nicaragua travel to receive free eye-care for medical issues like cataracts, minor eye injuries, and complications from diabetes which are easily treatable in the United States. But because of their poverty and lack of access to medical care, people in Nicaragua lose their eyesight to these treatable issues.

Before Rotary began helping the clinic, it didn't have the supplies needed to perform necessary surgeries. The physicians made do with what they had and were able to help only a handful of patients a day.

Several years ago, Dr. Jonathan Walker from Fort Wayne, Indiana, was introduced to the clinic. He saw the potential for sustainability and a real willingness on the part of the physicians to help people and teach new physicians. He reached out to Rotarians in District 6540 and over the past few years, he and the organization have raised enough money to provide the clinic with diagnostic equipment, surgical tools, sterilization machines, teaching tools and more. Today, the clinic sees over 600 patients a day.

I heard many stories like Stanley's about how things used to be and how they had to cope with what they had. One doctor told us this story: a man came in with something in his eye. The doctor's only choice was to slash it open and ask the patient to lean forward so she could smack him on the back of the head in order to dislodge it. That was the extent of their technology.

Now they can screen, diagnose, treat and perform surgeries at the facility. With the new equipment, they are able to train new doctors and send them into remote villages, reaching people who would have never received the care they need.

My Rotary moment occurred that afternoon in the clinic administrator's office. I am so proud to be a Rotarian. I am forever changed because of the people of Nicaragua who give so much to each other every day.

**By Amber Recker,
president-elect of the Rotary Club of
Anthony Wayne (Fort Wayne),
Indiana, USA.**



Stanley received cataract surgery at the clinic in Managua, Nicaragua, supported by Rotarians in Fort Wayne, Indiana, USA. Photo by Amber Recker



Attendance last meeting

Attendance Last Meeting: 80.49%

Makeups: Allen Horrell, Bob Kaye-Smith, Charles Kilby, Geoff Brennan, John Dodd

Apologies: Les Whitcroft, Allen Horrell, Ashley Peake, Bob Carroll, Bob Kaye-Smith, Charles Kilby, David James, Geoff Brennan, John Dodd, Martin Aston, Mick Nelson, Noel Dunn, Patrick Longfield, Rob Mitchell, Steve Thorp, Erdem Toner, Richard Henricus, Terry Kerim.

Looking Ahead...



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,
20A Church Street, Ryde.

May 1: Social Media — Sam Lambert

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

Birthday



April 10 13 year Wedding Anniversary for **Artin Etmekdjian**

April 10 13 year Wedding Anniversary for **Nora Etmekdjian**

April 10 Birthday celebration for **Ruth Bouckley**

April 10 29 year Wedding Anniversary for **Tony & Sylvia Abboud**

April 12 9 year Wedding Anniversary for **Patrick & Yvonne Longfield**

April 16 60 year Wedding Anniversary for **Eric & Pat Bond**

Friday Night Roster for Victoria

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

Who	When	Who	When
Ken Allen	13/4/2012	Geoff Brennan	27/4/2012
Martin Aston	20/4/2012	John Brown	4/5/2012

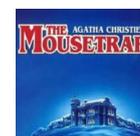
We'll be sad if we don't SEE YOU ON TUESDAY ...



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?**

Other events ...

- ▶ **Ryde Hunters Hill Symphony Orchestra—
Inaugural Dinner and sneak preview**
Date: Friday 13th April
Time: 7pm
Venue: The Epping Club
Details: see notice page 6
- ▶ **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 (see notice page 6)
- ▶ **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

Meeting Night Roster

Date	Welcomers	Loyal	Intro	Thanks
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
1/05/12	Erdem Toner Tony Abboud	Rob Mitchell	Charles Kilby	Patrick L.

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!