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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



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This Week... Social Media explained!

Tonight May 1: Social Media — Sam Lambert



Tonight's Roster

Welcomers	Erdem Toner, Tony Abboud
Loyal Toast by	Rob Mitchell
Guest Speaker introduced by	Charles Kilby
Guest Speaker thanked by	Patrick Longfield



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



After a great evening at Il Vicolo last week to celebrate 66 years of Ryde Rotary it's back to Next Generation this week for our regular meeting. Our guest for the evening will be Sam Lambert talking to us about social media which, we are told, is the way of the future as well as being the way so many now choose to communicate. Should be interesting!

Thank you to those who came to Tebbutt Lodge to celebrate Anzac day with the staff and residents. Adrian Hallett and David James deserve special thanks for organising the set up of the equipment

Don't forget to indicate your availability for the Red Shield Appeal or the Barbecue on the 19/20 May. Looking ahead we will still have a busy time ahead of us for the next few months before Changeover. This reminds me — as well as our own changeover we make a special effort to attend the District Changeover this year to support John and Janelle. Keep those dates free.

See you on Tuesday

Ken

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?**

Last week ... as recalled by Allen Horrell



We crowded into Il Vicolo Restaurant, the Club having booked every table but one. The people who took the table at the back must have wondered what they had struck – a claustrophobically crowded restaurant full of Rotarians who insisted on standing up and yelling announcements around the room. I doubt half of us heard the announcements, although **President Ken** had situated himself strategically at the corner where he could see and be seen (and possibly heard) by the whole club.



The noise barely diminished when we paused from Rotary business to enjoy our meal – Ryde Rotary was in Party mode, and the hum of conversation threatened at times to become a roar. I didn't see anyone who wasn't enjoying themselves, except for the four non-Rotarians at the back table.

Considering the numbers, the meals were delivered in commendable time, and were of the best quality if my Pollo Mango and my wife's Spaghetti Arrabbiata were anything to go by.



Julie Thorp being inducted into Ryde Rotary by President Ken Allen

President Ken inducted **Julie Thorp** between courses, and while some thought a restaurant wasn't the place for an induction, I can't think of a better way to celebrate our club birthday. Some thought we should dispense with the tradition of giving flowers to the partner, since the partner was a man, but our gender equality policy triumphed and Ken presented PP **Steve Thorp** with a large bunch of flowers, to the general hilarity of the crowd when Hendo interjected: "I always said the Serjeant was a big girl!"



Il Vicolo owner Sam Galati with President Ken Allen

Some also thought we should have had the Birthday at our normal venue, "Just with better food", as the restaurant had no sound system, and it wasn't easy to run the meeting itself there, but this objection was withdrawn when President Ken revealed that the owner, our host, was also a major sponsor of our Golf Day. He received a sitting ovation, it being too difficult for us all to stand up!

And as we left, many of us clutching sprigs of Rosemary sold by Rotarian **Maureen Mulheron** for use on ANZAC Day the next morning, we could all agree that Ryde Rotary had celebrated our birthday in style.

Allen Horrell



ROTARY CLUB OF BEECROFT

BLANKETS FOR MISSIONBEAT AND THE SYDNEY HOMELESS

Can you imagine what it would be like living on the streets of Sydney? Sleeping rough every night with your only belongings in a plastic bag?

In November The Rotary Club of Beecroft organised a collection of BackPacks for MissionBeat. About 90 backpacks were handed over and these have now all been distributed.

So we at Beecroft Rotary have a new quest!

We are now in desperate search for blankets, quilts and sleeping bags! Perhaps you don't go camping anymore, so the sleeping bags are surplus and just taking up room in the garage.

Please look through your cupboards and storage for spare blankets and quilts.

Blankets and sleeping bags can be brought to The Beecroft Pharmacy and placed in the storage container near the door.

We must finish collecting by Saturday 2nd June



About MissionBeat

Mission Australia's homeless outreach service, patrols inner Sydney streets seeking out those in distress and offering them support.

The iconic vans transport homeless men, women, children, families and intoxicated or drug affected men and women to services to meet their immediate needs, including safe accommodation, medical care or food and clothing.

Ryde Rotary @ 66 ...

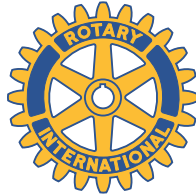




... Celebrating in Style



Hat Day for Mental Health



The Rotary Club of Ryde
 Requests the pleasure of your company for
 dinner, drinks, and nibbles at our
Tuesday Night Meeting on 15th May, 2012 6pm to 8pm.

Address: Next Generation Function Centre
Level 2, 504A Victoria Road, Ryde. (Situated next to the aquatic centre.)

* We have a special speaker **Professor Philip Boyce**
 Professor of Psychiatry at Westmead Hospital Clinical School.

* The cost is \$40 per person and Rotary will donate \$10 from each person to
 Mental Health Research. Included in this cost is pre-dinner nibble platters, silver service
 main meal, followed by a yummy desert, and then tea / coffee.

Wine, beer, and soft drinks available at the bar on a cash only basis.
 Dinner payable on the night by cash or cheque.

* This will be a **fun night wearing a hat, any hat, pretty hat, formal hat, make your own
 hat, or a crazy hat.** Prizes will be given for the best hats.

R.S.V.P before Tuesday 8th May by contacting Nora Etmekdjian.

norartin@hotmail.com Mobile: 0417 699 955

Below are a few suggestions to make this night a success:



Can't attend next week's meeting? — Ring Val

Mothers Day Gift Wrapping

Mothers' Day is on Sunday 13th of May. Our club has the tradition of visiting nursing homes and wishing the ladies a happy day and present them a gift from the members of our Club.

Past President Geoff Brennan kindly provides us with gifts that we need. This year we are visiting six nursing homes and the total number of gifts we need to prepare is 286.

Artin Etmekdjian, Mayor of City of Ryde kindly made the Mayor's meeting room available for us to use to prepare the gifts. We will get together to prepare the gifts on Thursday 3rd of May from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. The venue is level 6, Civic Centre. Please bring your own drinks and I will provide the nibbles.

The room can accommodate up to 30 people comfortably. There will three tables to work on.



Each table will be assigned a task to do:

Table 1: sticking and folding

Table 2: knotting and treading

Table 3: making a bow and curling

If you are interested in curling ribbons, please bring a pair of scissors with you.

If you would like to join in for a fun evening please contact Nora Etmekdjian.

Bowelcare Report

This year we serviced 11 pharmacies – last year 13. With the aid of these pharmacies we were able to distribute 520 kits within our community. This was an increase of approx. 11% when we last had 11 distributors in 2010.



This enabled our Club to return \$5,200 to Rotary Bowelcare.

Unfortunately our Club reaps no financial gain from this project but we hope that this simple test may indicate and warrant further possible professional assistance .

My thanks to Ron Taffa, Charles Kilby and Noel Dunn for their assistance in my overall collecting of the kits, carried out twice a week for the last two months.

This Rotary Project like many others, I believe promotes Rotary to the community and shows - ROTARY AT WORK -.

Bill Payne

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



Attendance last meeting

Attendance Last Meeting: 89.36%

Makeups: Adrian Hallett, Geoff Nix, Kalma McLellan
Apologies: Artin Etmekdjian, Jan Cutler, John Higgins, Mick Nelson, Adrian Hallett, Geoff Nix, Kalma McLellan, Terry Kerim
Guest: Victoria Blichfeldt
Partners: Sylvia Abboud, Janice Brennan, Dee Brown, Lorraine Carroll, Margaret Cooper, Janelle Dodd, Faye Dunn, Patricia Foertsch, Enid Goodsir, Ruth Henderson, Bernadette Horrell, Sara Kely, Victoria Kilby, Swati Maheshwari, Carolyn Metcalfe, Judy Mitchell, Marie Peake, Janis Redford, Rose Rocca, Margaret Taffa, Marli Taylor, Vanessa Thorp, Judy Wang.

Looking Ahead...

May 8: **Not a Poor Man's Field** - Michael Waterhouse talks about his new book which tells the story of the PNG Goldfields prior to WWII.
May 15: **Hat Day for Mental Health:** Speaker Phillip Boyle, Professor of Psychiatry, Sydney University. An initiative of Ryde Council to promote Mental Health Awareness - members and guests must wear hats (provided) and bring partners!
May 22: **The Sydney Peace Foundation**
May 29: **Pride of Workmanship Awards**



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

Birthdays and Anniversaries

May 1: 28 year Club Anniversary for **Bill Payne**
May 1: 68 year Birthday celebration for **Graham Metcalfe**
May 3: 67 year Birthday celebration for **Duncan Taylor**
May 5: Birthday celebration for **Linda Hallett**
May 6: Birthday celebration for **Jan Cutler**



Friday Night Roster for Victoria

Victoria is presently hosted with Charles & Victoria Kilby

Who	When	Who	When
John Brown	4/5/2012		
Geoff Nix	11/5/2012	Safari until 2 June	

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Other events ...

- ▶ **Mothers Day Gift Wrapping**
Date: Thursday 3rd May
Time: 6.30 — 8.30pm
Venue: Ryde Civic Centre, Level 6, Mayor's meeting room
- ▶ **Paint Vandalism (Graffiti) Removal**
Date: Saturday 5th May (first Saturday in the month)
Time: 8am — 10am
Details: Charles Kilby
- ▶ **Ryde Rotary Friday Night Dinner**
Date: Friday 11th May
Venue: Ryde-Parramatta Golf Club, Victoria Road
Time: 7 for 7.30pm
Details: Peter Cooper
- ▶ **Ryde Rivers Festival Wine Tasting Event**
Date: Wednesday 16th May
Time: 5.30 — 7.30pm
Venue: Club RydeX, Phoenix Room, 724 Victoria Road
Donation: \$35
Contact: Ulrike Eichmeyer 9807 6666
- ▶ **Salvation Army's Red Shield Appeal**
Dates: Saturday and Sunday 19th & 20th May
Requirements: Rotarians as drivers
- ▶ **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
Time: 3pm, Sydney Theatre, Walsh Bay
Details: John Dodd is collecting your money.



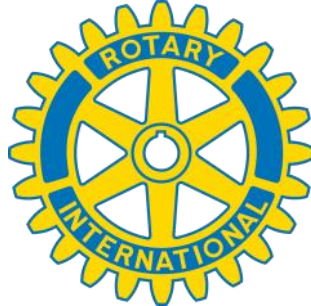
If you have a Rotary-related item for this calendar, please e-mail it to editor@ryderotary.org.au

Meeting Night Roster

Date	Welcomers	Loyal	Intro	Thanks
8/05/12	John Brown Geoff Nix	Maureen M.	Siddharth M.	John Mazlin
15/05/12	Geoff Brennan Paul Burnett	Bill Payne	Kalma McLellan	Rob Mitchell
22/05/12	Bob Carroll Peter Cooper	Val Payne	Rob Mitchell	Maureen M.

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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!