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Chartered: 22nd April 1946
 Club: #18039 / District: #9680 in NSW, Australia
 Meeting Place: Level 2, Next Generation Club, next to
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 Meeting Time: Every Tuesday — 6:00pm for 6:30pm
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Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

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This Week... Michael Waterhouse

Tonight 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.

Tonight's Roster

Welcomers	John Brown, Geoff Nix
Loyal Toast by	Maureen Mulheron
Guest Speaker introduced by	Siddharth Maheshwari
Guest Speaker thanked by	John Mazlin



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 Ryde Rotary for another week. This week our guest speaker is author Michael Waterhouse. His new book **Not a Poor Man's Field** tells the story of the PNG goldfields prior to WW11. Welcome Michael.

We will also celebrate (a week early) 50 years of membership of the Club by Ashley Peake. A very significant achievement indeed and our heartiest congratulations and thanks go to Ashley for all those years of service.

The board meeting was told by Jan that we had 14 nominations for our Pride of Workmanship evening. The board has approved accepting them all but suggestions for having several POW evenings in future were made e.g. having one for those in the Public Service and Emergency Services followed by one of a more general nature.

The board has agreed to host an Exchange student from Finland next year though the incoming Project Director Allen will in consultation with others seek to shorten the list of projects and activities for next year in view of our commitment to the District Conference.

The board has given a small amount of \$500.00 to the Lane Cove Club to assist them obtain a simplified Matching Grant for a humanitarian project in a remote village in West Timor in association with Aus Aid.

On the 22nd of May there will be a joint board meeting for the incoming and outgoing boards. And a reminder to Directors and Chairs of Service Committees that reports have to be in to David James by the 5th of June for publication at our Changeover.

See you Tuesday

In Rotary

Ken



Last week ... as recalled by Allen Horrell

In the small room we gathered for our meeting, with me welcoming guests as arranged by Rtn **Erdem Toner** who could not be there. **President Ken** opened the meeting with Rotary Grace, skipping the usual "*Greetings Fellow Rotarians!*," an oversight he was later to regret. The pumpkin soup was well received, and then President Ken presented a letter to visitor Cynthia Grant, Borjagai Project manager for the Indigo Foundation, confirming the Club's continuing support of the Schools in Afghanistan, albeit at a reduced level from the past three years.



Borjagai Project Manager Cynthia Grant receives letter from President Ken Allen

Victoria Blichfeldt reported on a busy week with ANZAC Day, a BBQ at **Steve and Julie Thorp's** place where Julie cooked her first Pavlova, and apparently prepared the New Zealand confection superbly. After this she went to the Hunger Games, a brutal movie about a reality TV game where the contestant children compete to kill each other until only the winner survives. And I thought our Biggest Loser, Talent Shows and Cooking competitions that pass for TV programming these days couldn't get any worse: apparently they can. She also attended **Kathryn Dodd's** Birthday dinner, then followed that with 10-Pin Bowling, and helped with Meals on Wheels on Sunday.

Rtn. **Maureen Mulheron** encouraged our attendance at Mothers' Day present wrapping 6:30-8:30pm Thursday in the Mayor's office. Typically she has introduced a fun element to the night where we bring a photo of our Mother and our childhood self for other members to attempt to match as sets.

"Thanks for sending me to the Rotary Leadership Institute," she said, flashing her RLI pin; "I learned about RAWCS and the Rotary Community Corpse!"

Serjeant Steve cunningly arranged for guest **Ron Lambert** to draw his own ticket, and Ron took away a bottle of Chardonnay as a souvenir of his visit to Ryde. The Serjeant fined people for birthdays, **Hendo** for calling the Serjeant a big girl last week. "I don't retract the comment!" he returned. **Bob Kaye-Smith** was fined for arranging a meeting to clash with Nora's present wrapping: "I've cancelled it!" didn't get him off the hook either. At this point District Presidential Trainer PP Geoff Brennan chastised both President Ken and Serjeant Steve for their public speaking sins of skipping agenda items and slouching at the lectern, a mentoring effort I'm sure they both appreciated.

Rtn **Stefan Sojka** introduced **Sam Lambert** who told us social media evolved out of old-fashioned gossip. He pointed out that 90% of internet users trust peer recommendations, while only 14% trust advertisements. Facebook is apparently still growing, Linked-In is Facebook for grown-ups, and something called Ecademy is worth a look. If anyone was stupid enough to print Wikipedia, it would make 2250 Britannica-sized volumes of 1000 pages each. When question time came, Patrick exclaimed "How do I deal with 50,000 Facebook friends? I can't deal with the 5 real friends I have now!"

"Name them!" challenged a wag in the crowd. After thanks and our Anthem another meeting was over, apart from the Board meeting that followed.

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.

Soar into History
The Final District 9680 Changeover

**ROTARY
DISTRICT
9680
CHANGEOVER**

**Friday 29th June 2012
6.30pm for 7.00pm**

**Hornsby RSL Club
4 High St, Hornsby**

\$50 per person
incl. 2 course dinner, welcome drinks
& wine on table

RSVP: Friday 15th June 2012
Register at www.rotarydistrict9680.org
Enquiries to changeoverregistrations@rotarydistrict9680.org

Mothers Day Gift Wrapping

A willing bunch of Rotarians with their partners, family, and friends converged on the Mayor's Meeting Room on Thursday night to wrap gifts for presentation to the local nursing homes on Mothers' Day 2012. Tables with sticky tape and scissors were prepared by Nora Etmekdjian, and each table had tempting cheese, dips, and nibbles in the centre. Thanks to the computer skills of David James designing the gift cards, and Maureen Mulheron printing, cutting and folding them; the group got off to a great start. Sylvia Abboud swung into action creating a production line with the first influx of workers, and this small team rolled up their sleeves cutting, sticking, and attaching ribbon and cards to the 285 soaps that had been generously donated by Geoff Brennan.



The members continued to trickle in and tables had to be joined together to cope with growing crowd. As you can imagine we could not play any music because it would have been drowned out with the usual hum of Rotarians at work. Did I say hum? It was more like drum! David Trenear counted, packed, and labelled the finished goods as they constantly ran off the assembly line.

Bob Kaye-Smith rocked up fashionably late and swanned around looking for a position on the team that was heading for the finish-line. He fluttered his eyelids at making bows, and was allocated to the position of 'Tea Lady.' Full of enthusiasm he stacked cups and saucers, on top of cups and saucers, and rushed to the kitchen like he was on Master Chef. Next there was an enormous crash and the Mayor's beautiful china was scattered in every direction. As the laughter and heckling of noisy Rotarians rung in the air; (usual agitators including Bob Carroll) Nora rushed off to find a broom. May I add that Mayor Artin Etmekdjian was presiding over a new citizen ceremony close by, and I'll bet he covered up by telling his visitors that there was a union meeting of 'Garbos' going on next door.

Maureen prepared a game of match-the-child to their mother using photos that were numbered. The game went down a treat, and when Rose Rocca gave up trying to match the photos she decided to play it like Lotto, by making an auto pick. We had two winners on the night Steve Thorp and Allen Horrell. The prize was to pay up on Tuesday night during the Sergeant's session. May I whisper here that our future MasterChef contestant got one correct, and that was the photo of himself! Thank you everyone for making memories and providing what we do the best – serving the community.

Maureen Mulheron



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. (Situating 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

Letter from Rotary Club of Lane Cove

Dear President Ken,

I am delighted that Ryde Rotary Club has agreed to donate \$500 to our NTT Small Grants Project. Please thank your members on behalf of the Rotary Club of Lane Cove for their contribution to a very worthwhile program. As you know, the money will become part of a matching grant application to the Rotary Foundation and will be matched 50% so that it will become \$750 by the time it is put to use for the benefit of the farmers and children of Eastern Indonesia. As you say, every little helps and \$750 goes a long way where the need is great.

I will keep you informed of progress on the project,

Thanks again and best regards,

Chris Curtis

Lane Cove Rotary

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

Former Sudanese soldier pumps up the volume

Emmanuel Jal began his keynote speech at the 2012 Rotary World Peace Symposium in Bangkok, Thailand, not by talking about peace but singing about it.

The former Sudanese child soldier, now an international peace advocate and hip-hop star, energized the morning session crowd with his song “We Want Peace.”

At the opening plenary session of the symposium, Thursday, 3 May, Jal talked about what peace means to him, the atrocities he witnessed as a child soldier, and the horrors he experienced while escaping Sudan’s bloody civil war.

“Peace means different things to people all around the world,” said Jal, a spokesman for Amnesty International, who has also worked on behalf of Save the Children, UNICEF, the World Food Programme, and Christian Aid. “Peace is when you leave home and come back safely. Peace is when you have a full stomach. For me, peace is justice, equality, and freedom for all.”

Jal lost his mother and most of his family to the civil war and became a soldier for the Sudan People’s Liberation Army at the age of nine. Three years later, he was one of 400 boys who escaped the war by walking across the desert in search of refuge. In a poem, Jal described the journey and the effects it had on him.

“I was at my lowest point as a human being during my escape,” said Jal. “I was angry. I wanted to hurt those who killed my family and friends. But I learned to forgive. It’s a constant struggle for me. But forgiveness is a path to peace.”

A British aid worker found Jal and smuggled him into Kenya. Gradually, he discovered that music was a way to share his story. He founded GUA Africa, an organization that works with individuals, families, and communities to help them overcome the effects of war and poverty.

Rotary Peace Fellows discussed the successes of the Rotary Peace Center at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok. Former classmates Erinma Bell and Charles Allen discussed the scepticism they felt at first about having much in common. Bell is a grassroots peace activist in Manchester, UK, and Allen is a police officer in Victoria, Australia.

“We’ve had rough dealings with police officers where I work,” said Bell. “But I was interested in how [Allen’s] police dealt with crime in his area.”

After discussing ways to stem violence late into the night over tea, they both concluded they did have a lot in common.

“Eventually we realized that we did the same thing: we resolved conflict resolution through coproduction of communities, government, and nongovernment agencies,” said Allen. “Our professional relationship didn’t end when we left Chulalongkorn.”

Staying in contact, they developed a leadership program for Sudanese youth who live in Greater Dandenong, one of the neighbourhoods Allen’s police department patrols.

“Many of these teenagers were disengaged and lacked hope,” said Allen. “Our goal was to activate them in the community so they could see the difference they could make.”

The former classmates are also working on an initiative to help get guns off the street in Manchester, where Bell works.

Rotary International News



Attendance last meeting

Attendance Last Meeting: 86.67%

Makeups: John Dodd, Siddharth Maheshwari, Charles Kilby
Apologies: John Dodd, Siddharth Maheshwari, Charles Kilby, Artin Etmekdjian, Duncan Taylor, Mick Nelson, Noel Dunn, Tony Abboud, Erdem Toner, Richard Henricus, Terry Kerim
Guests: Victoria Blichfeldt, Cynthia Grant
Rotarian Guest: Ross Lambert (Ku-ring-gai)

Looking Ahead...

May 15: **Hat Day for Mental Health:** Speaker Phillip Boyle, Professor of Psychiatry, Sydney University. Promoting wareness of Mental Health - members and guests are encouraged to wear hats and bring partners!

May 22: **The Sydney Peace Foundation**
May 29: **Pride of Workmanship Awards**

June 26: **Club Changeover**



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

Birthdays and Anniversaries

None!



Friday Night Roster for Victoria

Victoria is presently hosted with Charles & Victoria Kilby

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

From the Doctor's Surgery



Doctor: "You'll live to be 60!"
Patient: "I *am* 60!"
Doctor: "See! What did I tell you?"

Patient: "I have a ringing in my ears."
Doctor: "Don't answer!"

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

Other events ...

▶ **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



▶ **Paint Vandalism (Graffiti) Removal**

Date: Saturday 2nd June (first Saturday in the month)
 Time: 8am — 10am
 Details: Charles Kilby

▶ **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)

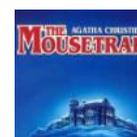


▶ **District Changeover**

Date: Friday 29th June
 Time: 6.30pm
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▶ **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
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.
29/05/12	David James	Ron Thomson	Ashley Peake	—	—

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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!