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# The HUB

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**50th**  
*Anniversary*

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**Congratulations Ashley Peake — 50th Club Anniversary**

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## Club Information



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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Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

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### This Week... Mental Health Awareness

**Tonight May 15:** **Hat Day for Mental Health:** Speaker—Phillip Boyce, Professor of Psychiatry, Sydney University.

### Tonight's Roster

Welcomers	Geoff Brennan, Paul Burnett
Loyal Toast by	Bill Payne
Guest Speaker introduced by	Kalma McLellan
Guest Speaker thanked by	Rob Mitchell



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

**W**elcome to Ryde Rotary for another week. This week is our special night to focus on mental health and to raise some money for mental health research. We welcome all our guests and are especially honoured to have Professor Philip Boyce, Professor of Psychiatry at Westmead Clinical School as our guest speaker.

Remember its our **Hat Day for Mental Health** so you 'can leave your hat on' at this week's meeting!

A big thank you to Nora and Maureen for their organisation of the evening

At this week's meeting, we will begin circulating a list for those who will be attending the District Changeover on the 29<sup>th</sup> June to particularly support John and Janelle Dodd as John begins his year as District Governor.

I visited Bob Carroll in hospital last Friday at which time he was keen to go home but he was told it may be a few more days. He is going well.

This coming weekend will be a big one with the Red Shield Appeal and The Putney Hill/Lardelli Park Opening. I trust we have all indicated how we are able to assist to either Nora or Adrian at these events.

Thank you again to all the members of our club whose willing participation makes our club meetings and events so successful

In Rotary

**Ken**



### Last week ... as recalled by Allen Horrell

After grace was sung, and the Queen toasted, we were saddened to hear that **Faye Dunn** was ill, and that PP **Bob Carroll** has had another stroke last week and is in hospital. On a brighter note President Ken welcomed **Marie Peake**, here to help PP **Ashley** celebrate his 50<sup>th</sup> Rotary Anniversary.

The first course was a fluoro green zucchini soup that fortunately tasted much better than it looked. Apparently the chef has decreed that soup shall replace dessert during the colder weather. PP **Peter Cooper** was next up to remind us of the social night at the Ryde-Parramatta Golf club on Friday night.

Community Chair **Nora** appealed for Mothers' Day delivery volunteers, and told us that Hat Day is all planned for next Tuesday, and Red Shield is also fast approaching. Nora thanked Rtn **Maureen Mulheron** for all her help in organising these projects.

**Victoria** reported that **David Johnston** had taken her on a tour of Channel 10, and she learned that TV production requires lots of people and technology and even more buttons to push. She and a friend went to Manly and ate lunch on the beach, but the rest of the week was spent anticipating Safari: on Sunday she will fly to the Gold Coast and begin a 20 day Coach tour of Australia, a large part of it anyway. The itinerary includes Cairns, the Great Barrier Reef, Alice Springs, Uluru, Victoria Harbour, then Melbourne from whence she shall fly home to Sydney.

Club Historian PP **Doug Thompson** read an account (see Page 9) of Ashley Peake's 50-year career in Ryde Rotary, an inspiration to us all: President in 1967/68, and described by legendary past President **Ron Pacey** as "Mr Rotary" for his intimate knowledge of all things Rotary from our By-Laws to the RI Manual of Procedure. President Ken presented Ashley with a second Sapphire Paul Harris Fellow pin, before a letter of congratulations from PP **Eric Bond** was read to the club, to universal applause.

Ashley replied with reminiscences of those 50 years, of which the remarkable conferences at Macquarie University and Canberra were highlights. There have been many changes in those 50 years, but although different today, the club is still doing the same sort of great things as it was back then.

PDG **Les Whitcroft** commented that in the 67 years of the club's existence, 350 people have been inducted into Ryde Rotary. Of all these, only two have reached the status of 50 years of service. PP **Ashley Peake** has now joined this select group.

The second course of marlin steaks and chat potatoes arrived and was consumed by the time Corporal **David James** rose to deputise for the absent Serjeant **Steve**. Some men are born to greatness; others have it thrust upon them when the Serjeant gets a better offer and ropes them in as replacement. The rostered greeters **Geoff Nix** and **John Brown** acted as tax collectors for the acting Serjeant, who announced that since there were no birthdays or anniversaries this week, he was fining everyone in the room without a birthday or anniversary this week! It was a slaughter. He then fined **Bob Kaye-Smith** for smashing Ryde Council's crockery, **Nora** for looking cosy, and perhaps

### Last week ... continued

crossing a line, **Ashley Peake** for his 50 years' Service above Self! He then fined **Siddharth** for his impending deportation and **Ron Taffa** for being on "The Block" sometime soon.

Youth Chair **Charles Kilby** thanked the troops for their help on paint vandalism clean-up duties the previous Sunday. Once again the Justice department provided a volunteer to assist in cleaning his own graffiti off Ryde walls. Charles also spruiked the benefits of hosting an exchange student, asking members to consider hosting our inbound student from Finland due in July.

**Siddharth** introduced **Michael Waterhouse** to speak on the New Guinea Gold Rush between the wars. Following WWI Australia was granted protectorate status over New Guinea by the League of Nations, which essentially made it Australian territory. Gold was discovered in 1926, only 32 miles from the coast, but in such rugged country that this was a 6 day trek for porters carrying all supplies in on their backs, making the necessities of life very expensive: it cost £1000 to live on the goldfields for six months, meaning that this was "No Poor Man's Field", giving Michael's book its title. Since 90% of the white population had served together in the Great War, there was a core value of mateship which helped make life bearable on the goldfields. Vast amounts of Gold and Silver were extracted from the region, much of it by dredges flown in by Junkers freight planes and assembled on site. In an 11 year period 40,000 tonnes of goods were flown into the New Guinea hinterlands, more than all of Australia's pre-WWII airfreight. This aviation feat continued until both Junkers aircraft were destroyed by Japanese Zeroes in 1942. Michael knew his material well and was passionate about the story he had to tell, and this combination made for a gripping presentation. His cousin **John Mazlin** thanked him on our behalf, and the applause was genuine before we closed the meeting with our National Anthem.

*Allen Horrell*

### Graffiti .... First you see it. Now you don't!



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



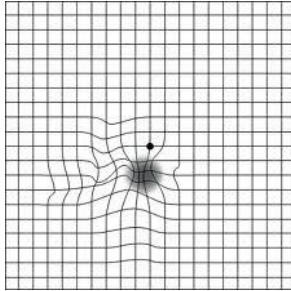
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## Macular Degeneration Program



**R**otarians around Australia have partnered with Macular Foundation to carry out a giant public awareness campaign. The last week in May is officially Macular Degeneration Awareness Week and will be promoted as such through all media outlets.

The material to be distributed comprises an Amsler Grid and an information sheet. These will be delivered to your club in the next few weeks and each club will receive 10 per member, ie. a club of 20 will receive 200. The idea is to deliver this material to the relevant demographic groups

within your area. The target group is anyone over age 50.

The obvious groups are Probus, Bowls clubs, Doctor's surgeries, Golf Clubs, Retirement Villages, Chemist counters, and very important, your own members and their extended family.

In doing this task, you have the power to save someone's sight. The earlier treatment is started the better the result. The Amsler Grid is a ten second eye test card which is magnetised to sit on your fridge so that a check can be done at any time.

This project was the initiative of the Rotary Club of Yea, District 9790 after their President-elect lost his sight because he did not have access to the right information.

The setting up, printing and distribution has cost over \$100,000 so we would really appreciate it if you could undertake to make sure that all material is distributed during Macular Awareness Week to coincide with the publicity campaign.

When you start handing these out you will be amazed at how many places you can find to distribute them and the public are extremely grateful to be given such a simple tool to help them maintain their sight.

If anyone has any queries or needs more supplies could you just drop me an email ([jeannie@eck.net.au](mailto:jeannie@eck.net.au)).

This is an opportunity for the public to see our wonderful organization at work.

Yours in Rotary,  
Jeannie Handsaker,  
Macular Degeneration Program Director,  
Rotary Club of Yea District 9790, Victoria.

## Material for publication

**A**rticles 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. Rotary projects get priority.



## Tribute to PP Ashley Peake



Exactly fifty years ago next Tuesday night, President Bill Stacey inducted a young Eastwood dentist, Ashley Peake, into the Rotary Club of Ryde. Ashley's desire to involve himself fully in Rotary saw him accept directorships in three different services before the Club appointed him as President for the 1967-68 year.



During his presidential year, Ryde sponsored the Rotary Club of Eastwood, and ran the District Conference at Macquarie University. Such was the great organisation and diligence of Ryde Rotarians that the success of the Conference brought generous praise from DG Gordon Harman and all District Clubs. Of the many local projects undertaken that year, one stood out. That was the Child Accident Survey, run successfully in conjunction with the Health Department and Ryde Council. Volunteers conducted a survey of accidents to children in the District, and gathered much valuable information. This was publicised widely and created great interest. The main international project, arranged through Community Aid Abroad, provided a water supply and irrigation for the village of Mohanpur, 120 miles from Calcutta. Funds for this were raised from an Art Show.

In the years following, PP Ashley showed continued leadership skills in diverse areas, particularly Programs, Classification and Membership Development. The early eighties saw him appointed as an Unattached Director because his contributions were so highly regarded. The Board in February 1988, recognised him as a Paul Harris Fellow.

Let me use a quotation from our longest-serving Charter Member PP Ron Pacey. Ron wrote "The Rotary Club of Ryde over the years has been blessed with many fine Rotarians, but only two of them ever earned the title of 'Mr Rotary' because of their intimate knowledge of the Ideals of Rotary, and because of their thorough understanding of the Constitution and By-Laws of Rotary International, of the Club Constitution and By-Laws, and of the 'Bible' of Rotary – the Manual of Procedure. The first was Eric Allars and the second Ashley Peake". This quotation sums up PP Ashley's ongoing Ryde Rotary involvement. In June 2001, the Board awarded Ashley a Sapphire Pin.

Those of us who were fortunate enough to attend our Club's 66th Birthday Celebration recently, were privileged to hear PP Ashley propose the toast to our Club. Every word underlined what has been already said. PP Ashley's intimate knowledge of our Club and its history was clearly and definitely expressed. How many of us are aware that those wise words were spoken so ably by a Rotarian in his ninety-second year?

For such long and meritorious service to the Rotary Club of Ryde, our Board wishes to honour PP Ashley Peake with a second Sapphire Pin.

**Doug Thompson**



### Attendance last meeting

**Attendance Last Meeting:** 86.36%

**Makeups:** John Dodd, Steve Thorp, Julie Thorp, Richard Henricus

**Apologies:** Artin Etmekdjian, Bob Carroll, John Dodd, Mick Nelson, Noel Dunn,  
Patrick Longfield, Ron Thomson, Steve Thorp, Julie Thorp, Tony Abboud,  
Erdem Toner, Richard Henricus, Stefan Sojka, Terry Kerim

**Guests:** Victoria Blichfeldt

**Guest Speaker:** Michael Waterhouse

### Looking Ahead...

**May 22:** The Sydney Peace Foundation

**May 29:** Pride of Workmanship Awards

**June 5:** TBA

**June 26:** Club Changeover



*Any suggestions? Contact Martin Aston: [maaston@optusnet.com.au](mailto:maaston@optusnet.com.au) 02 9808 2574*

### Birthdays and Anniversaries

**May 15:** 50 Year Club Anniversary for Ashley Peake

**May 20:** 62 year Birthday Celebration for Ron Thomson



# END OF YEAR REPORTS

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## Tuesday 5th June

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and give printed copy to David James

## Other events ...

- ▶ **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
- ▶ **Opening of Lardelli Park, Putney Hill—BBQ & marshalling**  
 Time: 9.30am — 1pm  
 Contact: Adrian Hallett or Rob Mitchell
- ▶ **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



## Friday Night Roster for Victoria

Victoria is presently hosted with Charles & Victoria Kilby

Who	When
Paul Burnett	8/6/2012
Jan Cutler	15/6/2012

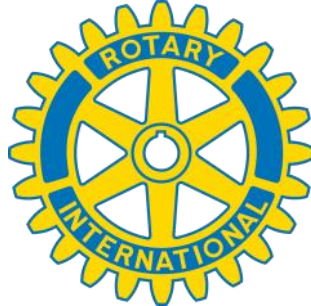
Who	When
Artin & Nora E.	22/6/2012
District Changeover	29/6/2012

## Meeting Night Roster

Date	Welcomers	Loyal	Intro	Thanks
<b>22/05/12</b>	Siddharth M.    Peter Cooper	Val Payne	Rob Mitchell	Maureen M.
<b>29/05/12</b>	David James    Ron Thomson	Ashley Peake	—	—
<b>5/06/12</b>	Jan Cutler    Nora E.	Ross Rocca	Bill Payne	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!