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This Week... Pride of Workmanship

Tonight	May 29:	Pride of Workmanship Awards Guest Speaker: John Neish, General Manager, City of Ryde
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Tonight's Roster

Welcomers	David James, Ron Thomson, David Johnson
Loyal Toast by	Ashley Peake
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 all. Our busy time continues tonight as we welcome our 14 Pride of Workmanship nominees and their family and supporters. We are pleased to recognise people who others have long observed as having pride in their work. 'Do it once, do it well' is a Rotary byline for our work ethic and we are pleased to commend it in others. A big thank you to Jan Cutler for her organisation of the evening.

At our Board meeting last week we approved our support for an outbound Youth Exchange student John Goris and a contribution toward the cost of expenses for Lisha Lobo from Marsfield should she be successful with her application to attend the National Youth Science Forum. The board approved continuing negotiations with Ryde Council and Frasers Property Group to conduct an annual fund raising event at Lardelli Park which should provide helpful ongoing public relations for the club. We also spent time apportioning our year's end donations from our funds. These amounted to some \$18,000 and include amounts to Australian Rotary Health and the Foundation.

To all our members and families who are on the sick list we offer our best wishes. Get well soon. Finally don't forget to ask your spouse/partner /friend about the two Changeovers – Ours on the 26th and the District's on the 29th June.

See you on Tuesday

Ken

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. Rotary projects get priority.



Last week ... as recalled by Kalma McLellan

Our night began with a very chatty gathering, **President Ken** finding it difficult to break through for necessary formalities, and as a result, throwing the usual sequence out the window! We eventually (at a cost to the President) got to grace, and a noble toast from Val Payne before dinner of delicious and spicy pumpkin soup with warm rolls, just as our very newest member, **Julie Thorpe**, snuck into the room (that also at a cost!).

President Ken read a report from **Nora** in follow up to the enormously successful **Red Shield Appeal** last weekend, raising a total of \$16596 and involving a cast of thousands: 11 Rotarians as drivers, navigators, moneymen and morning tea providers; plus provision of vehicles from Ryde Toyota, Tom Kerr Mazda, Hunter Holden (including generously a driver) and Brad Garlick Ford; plus over 80 students from James Ruse High School as enthusiastic collectors around our designated streets in Ryde. Ken also shared with us the special Thank You which Nora had received from Nick Flaskas from Brad Garlic Ford in thanks for all her hard work in the lead up to the weekend – well done Nora!

Charles Kilby (Jnr) from Macquarie Rotaract described to us his new project launching **HandyCamp** for handicapped people and for which he is seeking funding for research towards a business case. He is planning a trip to a European camp run successfully for 19 years as part of his research and hopes to come up with a 2 week Rotary sponsored program for 18-35yr old handicapped persons, full of activities and distractions, supported by a 1:1 carer ratio. A business plan is the next step and our Projects Committee looks forward to his proposal.

Jan reminded us that next week is Pride of Workmanship night when over 50 guests will be joining us, including 14 awardees! A very exciting night awaits.

Then the sad news of the night as President welcomed our very own **Rayne** to the microphone, who then announced that she is leaving us after Pride of Workmanship, retiring from her job after 6 years to take a year off and revisit all her host families. President Ken insisted that she attend our club changeover so that we can embrace her with an appropriate farewell!!

Serjeant Thorpe took to the floor, however the spackle could not be picked by **Peter Cooper**, so the odds (and the money!) go up again next week. The nice change to this session was to see those at the front table earn their keep and collect the fines; good to see them walking around! There were lots of hat fines after last week's shenanigans, as well as fine to **Charles Kilby**, caught out at the Prince Concert, instead of Rotary – just where are his priorities??

Rob Mitchell thanked all (20) who had assisted at the Lardelli Park event last Saturday with a very successful event reported (no sausages left over!) He then introduced our guest speaker, Emeritus Professor **Stewart Rees** AM, Director of the not-for-profit organisation Peace with Justice. He paralleled the organisation's goals to those of our theme for the next Rotary year – **Peace through Service**, explaining the professor's qualifications and his establishing of the \$50,000 annual Sydney Peace Prize. The professor went on to explain that the prize provides the public engagement with social

Last week ... continued



Professor Stuart Rees

justice and enables funding appeals beyond their major sponsor of the City of Sydney. He went on to explain that sponsorship has been an interesting journey for the organisation, which commenced with prolific corporate sponsorship in the first years of the Prize from 1998 until 2003. However after the award of the prize in that year to Dr Hanan Ashwrawi, who promoted global dialogue and democracy through the organisation she founded called the Palestinian Initiative, all corporate sponsors eventually withdrew.

The organisation is now supported through private benefactors and public appeals, but this has not slowed its pace at all. Other prize winners have come from many nations and include both known (Desmond Tutu, Xanana Gusmoa) and less known (John Pilger, Patrick Dodson) recipients. He also explained the infrequent and special award of gold medals to special people under extraordinary circumstances - the four so far awarded to Nelson Mandela, the Dalai Lama, Daisaku Ikeda and Julian Assange. The Professor explained that their major challenge with peace negotiations was global job creation, because massive unemployment leaves communities heading to hostilities to vent their frustrations.

Maureen offered formal thanks to the Professor, noting the many women who had received the Sydney Peace Prize, and explaining the donation made on his behalf to Polio Plus.

The evening ended with a rousing anthem followed by the next to last Board Meeting for President Ken!

Kalma McLellan

BBQ Volunteers Needed



Ron Taffa, through their family hardware store has offered our Club the opportunity to run a sausage sizzle in conjunction with a promotion day being held at Mitre 10 West Ryde to promote the TV show, "The Block". Brad and Lara, from the show, will be in store between 10.30 and noon so we need staff to do BBQ 'prep, cook and serve' between 9.30 and 12.30 on Friday 8th June.

Please send a note to Adrian Hallett (halletts@bigpond.net.au) if you are available to help or make a mark on the sheet doing the rounds at our next meeting.

Duties will include cooking, preparation and serving so there will be jobs to suit all abilities.

This is a good chance to make some extra revenue for our Club so any help would be greatly APPRECIATED.



Adrian Hallett

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



Polio eradication shifts into emergency mode

Despite the dramatic drop in polio cases in the last year, the threat of continued transmission due to funding and immunization gaps has driven the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) to launch the Global Polio Emergency Action Plan 2012-13.

The plan aims to boost vaccination coverage in the three remaining polio-endemic countries -- Nigeria, Pakistan, and Afghanistan -- to levels needed to stop polio transmission. Health ministers meeting at the World Health Assembly in Geneva adopted a resolution on 25 May that declared "the completion of polio eradication to be a programmatic emergency for global public health."

Polio eradication activities have resulted in several landmark successes since 2010. India, long regarded as the nation facing the greatest challenges to eradication, was removed from the list of polio-endemic countries by the World Health Organization (WHO) in February. Outbreaks in previously polio-free countries were nearly all stopped.

During that same time span, however, polio outbreaks in China and West Africa due to importation from Pakistan and Nigeria, respectively, have highlighted the continued threat of resurgence. Failure to eradicate the disease could lead within a decade to paralysis of as many as 200,000 children per year worldwide.

"Polio eradication is at a tipping point between success and failure," says Dr. Margaret Chan, director-general of WHO. "We are in emergency mode to tip it towards success -- working faster and better, focusing on the areas where children are most vulnerable."

Eradicating polio would generate net benefits of US\$40-50 billion globally by 2035, with the bulk of savings in the poorest countries, based on investments made since the GPEI was formed, savings from reduced treatment costs, and gains in productivity.

"We know polio can be eradicated, and our success in India proves it," says Rotary International President Kalyan Banerjee. "It is now a question of political and societal will. Do we choose to deliver a polio-free world to future generations, or do we choose to allow 55 cases this year to turn into 200,000 children paralyzed for life, every single year?"

Global emergency action plan

The GPEI's emergency action plan was developed in coordination with new national emergency plans. The plan builds on India's success and outlines a range of new strategies and initiatives to better support polio eradication efforts, including:

- Intensified focus on the worst-performing areas of Nigeria, Pakistan, and Afghanistan to increase vaccination coverage by the end of 2012 to levels needed to stop transmission
- New approaches tailored to each country to tackle persistent challenges and improve polio vaccination campaign performance
- Heightened accountability, coordination, and oversight to ensure success at every level of government and within every partner agency and organization
- A surge of technical assistance and social mobilization capacity

Polio eradication shifts into emergency mode ... *continued*

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Full funding of new plan critical

Already, funding shortages have forced the GPEI to cancel or scale back critical immunization activities in 24 high-risk countries, leaving more children vulnerable to the disease and polio-free countries exposed to the risk of reintroduced transmission.

“All our efforts are at risk until all children are fully immunized against polio -- and that means fully funding the global eradication effort and reaching the children we have not yet reached,” says UNICEF Executive Director Anthony Lake. “We have come so far in the battle against this crippling disease. We can now make history -- or later be condemned by history for failing.”

Full implementation of the emergency action plan is hindered by a funding gap of nearly \$1 billion through 2013.

“We are all responsible for creating a polio-free world while we still can,” says Chris Elias, president of global development at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. “Achieving this goal is a critical step in protecting all children from vaccine-preventable diseases.”

Working in emergency mode

Since the start of 2012, the GPEI has moved its operations into emergency mode. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has activated its Emergency Operations Center, UNICEF has officially activated an Interdivisional Emergency Coordinating Committee operating directly under the deputy executive director, and WHO has moved its polio operations to its Strategic Health Operations Centre.

Such measures are reserved for responding to global health emergencies, such as the H1N1 pandemic and the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami -- and will generate a massive surge in technical capacity, real-time tracking of program performance, and immediate implementation of corrective action plans as necessary. In March, The Rotary Foundation Trustees reaffirmed that polio eradication is the Foundation's urgent priority. In addition, Rotary senior leaders have launched a series of one-on-one meetings with the heads of state of the polio-endemic countries.

“We need everyone's commitment and hard work to eradicate polio and cross the finish line,” says Dr. Thomas Frieden, director of CDC. “It won't be easy, but together we can eradicate polio forever and for everyone.”

Rotary International News—May 2012

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

Hello everybody!



After a bit of silence, here I am with a lot of news to share with you!

The past months have been like trekking in the Alps... a lot of ups and downs! But let's start from the ups.

After the summer holidays (which are in August here!!), I had the great opportunity to step in the United Nations Campus here in Torino. I worked there full time as intern from September to February, during which I produced a promotional video for them and gave some help in the Communication Department. I was really satisfied from that experience and from the abilities I developed thanks to that internship. However, unfortunately I had no chance to stay there longer and work for them, due to the famous European crisis. A lot of workers lost their jobs even there and, you can imagine what a little chance I had to be hired there!

So, a bit upset, I started looking for other possibilities... and that's where I am now! I found a job in a fashion company, where I am in charge of developing four brands and their networks of distribution in Italy and across the world. I am back to organizing fairs, internationally, (hopefully in OZ too!!). I should admit that I am very satisfied and happy with this job. It's a big chance I've been given and there is a lot to be done, so I can't complain!

However, there are some reasons why my heart knows that, even if I like this job and I have a house here and my friends, I will stay here in Torino just as much as I am needed.

Mom is doing just ok, unfortunately the cancer has reached her head in 2 different spots, so now she is on radiotherapy for that. Luckily she is strong and she doesn't complain, but these doctors talked to me very clearly.

Sometimes I can't stop my mind and think about it, think about the future and how it will be without her. Now there is no doubt: I want to be here on her side, but after, I have no idea on what will happen after... I believe it will be too hard to stay here without her and also I don't think I will be able to keep on being so far away from my boyfriend. Indeed, I think I never told you - I am a bit shy on these matters - my boyfriend, who I met at Macquarie University, is Spanish and now lives in Madrid. There might be the chance that I will find a job in Spain, but being rational and realistic, that's really a small chance, again because of the crisis. So.... Here comes the exciting idea... me and Marcelo started discussing about coming back to Australia, for good, and start all over. =))

We don't know when and we still have to figure out how, since the Australian government doesn't help us much and it's hard to be sponsored from here. However, we decided to start looking for ways and opportunities to make it real! For reasons that you can imagine, I never told my Mom about this project and probably never will. It's just a confidence between you and me!!!

So, if you hear anything around, please let me know! I am about to become an auntie... we are all really excited!!!!

I hope you are all good and hope to hear from you!! Lots of love,

Raffy



Attendance last meeting

Attendance Last Meeting: 80.95%

Makeups: Charles Kilby, John Dodd, Rob Mitchell, Nora Etmekdjian, Ian Henderson, Richard Henricus

Apologies: Surinder Joson, Les Whitcroft, Allen Horrell, Artin Etmekdjian, Nora Etmekdjian, Bob Carroll, Charles Kilby, David James, John Dodd, Mick Nelson, Noel Dunn, Patrick Longfield, Stefan Sojka, Terry Kerim

Other Guests: Charles Kilby Jnr (Macquarie Rotaract), Francesca Tang (Macquarie Rotaract, Melissa and Juliet

Guest Speaker: Prof Stuart Rees

Looking Ahead...



June 5: **Macular Degeneration** — Donna Hendry
Macular Degeneration Foundation

June 12: **Travel Management** — Barry Mayo

June 19: **Club Night**—Burkhart and the team will propel you into next year.

June 26: **Club Changeover**

July 3: **Club Night**

July 10: **My Year in Australia** — Exchange student Victoria Blichfeldt's recollections of her year with us prior to returning home to Norway on July 11

Any suggestions? Contact David James: david.w.james@gmail.com 02 9712 7290

Birthdays and Anniversaries



May 29: 22 year Club Anniversary for **Martin Aston**

June 3: Birthday Celebration for **Carolyn Metcalfe**

Meeting Night Roster

Date	Welcomers		Loyal	Intro	Thanks
5/06/12	Jan Cutler	Nora E.	Ross Rocca	Bill Payne	Ashley Peake
12/06/12	Burkhart F.	Adrian Hallett	Stefan Sojka	Val Payne	Ross Rocca
19/06/12	Ian Henderson	Richard Henricus	Ron Taffa	—	—

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

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

Other events ...

- ▶ **Paint Vandalism (Graffiti) Removal**
Date: Sunday 3rd June (first Sunday 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
- ▶ **Theatre Party—The Mousetrap**
Date: Sunday 15th July
Time: 3pm, Sydney Theatre, Walsh Bay
Details: John Dodd is collecting your money.



END OF YEAR REPORTS

ARE DUE

Tuesday 5th June

MS Word or plain text format
E-mail to: editor@ryderotary.org.au
and give printed copy to David James

Friday Night Roster for Victoria

Victoria is presently hosted with Charles & Victoria Kilby

Who	When	Who	When
Paul Burnett	8/6/2012	Artin & Nora E.	22/6/2012
Jan Cutler	15/6/2012	District Changeover	29/6/2012

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!