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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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## This Week... Donna Hendry

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



### Tonight's Roster

Welcomers	Jan Cutler, Nora Etmekdjian
Loyal Toast by	Ross Rocca
Guest Speaker introduced by	Bill Payne
Guest Speaker thanked by	Ashley Peake



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



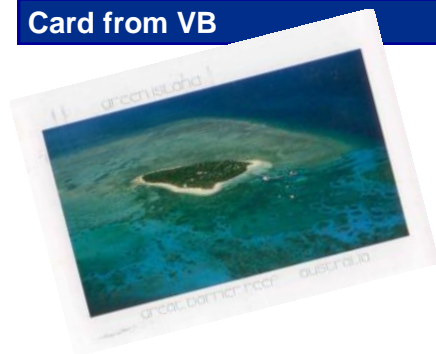
**W**elcome to another week at Ryde Rotary. Last week was a wonderful evening of recognition of people with pride in their chosen vocation and in one case, pride in their chosen volunteer activity. It was also a wonderful opportunity to connect with our local community. A happy evening too with the news that **Siddharth** has his visa arrangements and employment sorted and will still be a member of the Club. A sad evening when we knew it would be **Rayne's** last evening waiting on us at Next Generation. Our best wishes go with you Rayne.

Make sure you have let **Geoff Brennan** know about whether you are planning to attend the District Changeover on the 29<sup>th</sup> June, time is running out. We will start circulating an attendance sheet this week for our own Changeover 26<sup>th</sup> June as well. Are your reports in to David James for inclusion in the Changeover Programme?

This week we are pleased to welcome as our Guest Speaker Donna Hendry from the Macular Degeneration Foundation. See you then.

**Ken**

### Card from VB





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

The meeting was a buzz of activity with all our Pride of Workmanship awardees, their sponsors and supporters. 14 Awards this year is something of a record, so it was always going to be a longer than normal meeting, but with **Jan Cutler's** organisational ability behind the event, and **Geoff (Mike) Brennan** as Master of Ceremonies it was also going to run like a well-oiled machine. **President Ken** opened the meeting with a welcome to all then Rotary Grace was sung, and **Ron Thomson** proposed the loyal Toast to the Queen. The visitors took part in both rituals with enthusiasm, and comments were passed about how the formalities added dignity to our meeting. There were some brief announcements, the good news was that **Siddharth Maheshwari** is now a permanent resident of Australia, the bad news is that **Rayne** is leaving us, as reported in last week's Hub, courtesy of Cub Reporter **Kalma McLellan**, who did a superb job covering for me.

**Victoria Blichfeldt** gave her weekly report from Safari by Post card; and the Salvation Army thanked the Club and **Nora Etmekdjian** in particular for the Red Shield collection effort last week. After all the help we received from the James Ruse Interact members it was humbling to receive a letter of thanks from their president for letting them take part – there is a fine example of Service above Self for us.

**Adrian Hallett** called for volunteers to help clean up Tebbutt Lodge this Saturday from 9-12 – a good old-fashioned working bee.

**Charles Kilby** called for his Graffiti Action Group to assemble this Sunday for the vital task of paint vandalism eradication. He also spruiked the Epping Club's Changeover on the 16<sup>th</sup> June, as the \$100 ticket price goes in part to support his CCA charity in its good works in the local community. If you have never heard Superintendent Deborah Wallace of the NSW Police speak, it is well worth the \$100 to hear her anecdotes of life in the force bring Law and order to Cabramatta in the bad old days, and in the Middle Eastern crime unit in more recent times.

The Pride of Workmanship awards began and as I listened to the sponsors and the awardees speak I was struck by just how appropriate the words "Pride of Workmanship" are. Some of the comments bear repeating:

- "I take pride in finding the best outcome for our clients."
- "It is easy to excel when you are part of a great team."
- "I wouldn't work at Ryde Hospital if I wasn't proud of our work."
- "I come to work each day to make things better in Ryde."
- "It must have been a hard decision choosing me from such a high achiever group at Eastwood LAC, but you got it right: I am the best!"
- "No, Ryde Toyota is the best!" according to MC Geoff Brennan.

I noted that our Eastwood Senior Fire-fighter **Guy Mangan** had volunteered for Urban Search and Rescue work in Christchurch after the earthquake, and that SES volunteer **Michael Canty** had worked out of State during the recent Brisbane floods.

And our three awardees from the Royal Rehabilitation centre have 58 years of service between them, in the Spinal injury, Aged Care and Brain Injury units. Their pride in their service to these patients in their time of need was obvious.

### Last week ... continued

Some say we should split the Pride of Workmanship awards into two nights, one for emergency services, the other for employees of other companies and organisations in Ryde. For what it is worth, in my opinion we should keep it combined. There is something powerful in Police, SES, Council, Charity and Private Enterprise employees seeing each other all being rewarded for doing their jobs well. It would be a shame to lose that cross-pollination between all worthy Vocations. PP Geoff ended with an invitation for all awardees and sponsors to consider Rotary membership as something to aspire to.

Guest Speaker and General Manager of the City of Ryde **John Neish** spoke on how to create a culture of pride in an organisation, and just how hard that can be. You must set standards and enforce them, but the focus should be on catching people doing exceptional things and rewarding them for it, not on catching them doing the wrong thing and punishing them. The Leader's role should be to reward and encourage excellence and achievement in their teams, and this is critical: "Leaders fail first, and then Organisations fail."



City of Ryde General Manager — John Neish

DGE **John Dodd** thanked John, and then we closed the meeting with the National Anthem. Guests and members stood around talking for some time afterwards, but the meeting closed at 8:30pm, a creditable effort given the number of awardees. Well done Jan and Geoff: you can take Pride in your Workmanship of this event!

Geoff's comment was "I get the compliments for being the tip of Jan's iceberg!"

**Allen Horrell**



### BBQ Volunteers Needed



**R**on 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**



**Pride of Workmanship —2012**



*Lyn Mann, with Joss DeRobillard - Salvation Army Employment Plus*



*Const Christopher Wilson with Insp Dave Robins - Gladesville Police*



*Roger Zhou, Matthew St Clair, Linda Morson with Linda Davidson - Ryde Hospital*



*Guy Mangan with Insp Geoff McAllister - Fire & Rescue NSW*



*Harry Muker with Terry Dodds - City of Ryde*

**Pride of Workmanship —2012**



*Grant Hodson with Anthony Tafta - Tafta's Hardware\**



*Det Senior Const Andrew Linsell with Det Inspector Jim Bilton - Eastwood Police*



*Diego Morales with David Tompkins - Ryde Toyota*

Photos — David James & \*The Weekly Times



*Michael Canty with Mark Pittaway - NSW Emergency Service*



*Maureen DiTano, Marina Borzuola accepting the award for Marisa Kotuwegedera and Satina Murgida with Stephen Lowndes - Royal Rehabilitation Centre*

**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](http://www.rotarydistrict9680.org)  
Enquiries to [changeoverregistrations@rotarydistrict9680.org](mailto:changeoverregistrations@rotarydistrict9680.org)



## Rotary Success Conference

### *Who should be attending?*

**A**ll Rotary Leaders, Presidents and Presidents Elect, PR Chairs, Membership Chairs and Future Rotary Leaders and Rotarians who want to be involved in the continuing success of Rotary in Australia.

**Everything is in place  
for the National Rotary  
Success Conference on  
July 21st-22nd**

At this conference you will be able to participate in breakout sessions on various topics such as Membership Retention, Membership Recruitment & Extension, Diversity in Rotary, Flexibility and Innovative Clubs in the Future, Leadership, Public Image and Media, Club Visioning and more. As well people will be able to learn about the IT behind setting up an E Club.

Social Media will play a big role in the future of Rotary, Mark Wallace the Editor of Rotary Down Under is an acknowledged expert in this field and he will be leading two breakout groups on Social Media and how it can help your club to grow.

Philip Archer the Rotary Public Image Coordinator for the Zone is a leader in his field of Public Relations and public Image. Philip is a visionary and has good practical ideas that all Clubs and Districts can use in promoting Rotary.

Hear about new innovative ideas on a wide range of topics, all practical ideas that you can use in your club.

RI President 2013-2014 Ron Burton will be a keynote speaker on the Saturday morning. The closing speaker will be Kirsty Sword Gusamao who will share how Rotary has been successful in her country of Timor Leste.


I am positive that every Rotarian will gain practical knowledge and new ideas to take back to their Clubs and Districts from this Conference. You will meet Rotarians from across Australia and be able to share with them your ideas and hear their ideas; it will be a great experience. Register now at the Rotary Down Under website. The cost is \$100 per person; this includes morning teas, afternoon tea and the Saturday night dinner.

***PDG RC Noel Trevaskis***

## 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?**



### Attendance last meeting

**Attendance Last Meeting:** 93.33%

**Makeups:** Duncan Taylor, Ian Henderson, John Mazlin, Richard Henricus  
**Apologies:** Surinder Joson, Les Whitcroft, Duncan Taylor, Mick Nelson, Patrick Longfield, Ian Henderson, John Mazlin, Richard Henricus, Terry Kerim  
**Other Guests:** Many  
**Guest Speaker:** John Neish, General Manager, City of Ryde  
**Guests of Members:** Sylvia Abboud, Janice Brennan, Margaret Cooper, Patricia Foertsch, Elinor Higgins, Victoria Kilby, Judy Mitchell, Rose Rocca, Margaret Taffa

### Looking Ahead...



**June 12:** **Travel Management** — Barry Mayo  
**June 19:** **Club Night**—Burkhart and the team will propel you into the next Rotary year.  
**June 26:** **Club Changeover**  
**July 3:** **Club Night + My Year in Australia** — Exchange student Victoria Blichfeldt's recollections of her year with us prior to returning home to Norway on July 11  
**July 11:** **Zone Meeting with DG** — **Note that this week we meet on Wednesday**  
**July 17:** TBA

*Any suggestions? Contact David James: [david.w.james@gmail.com](mailto:david.w.james@gmail.com) 02 9712 7290*

### Birthdays and Anniversaries



**June 6th** 34 year Club Anniversary for **Duncan Taylor**  
**June 7th** 24 year Club Anniversary for **Ian Henderson**  
**June 10th** 18th Birthday Celebration for **Victoria Blichfeldt**  
**June 11th** Birthday Celebration for **Danielle Allen**

### Meeting Night Roster

Date	Welcomers		Loyal	Intro	Thanks
<b>12/06/12</b>	Burkhart F.	Adrian Hallett	Stefan Sojka	Julie Thorp	Ross Rocca
<b>19/06/12</b>	Ian Henderson	Richard Henricus	Ron Taffa	—	—
<b>26/06/12</b>	John Higgins	Allen Horrell	—	—	—

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

### Other events ...

- ▶ **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
- ▶ **District Changeover**  
Date: Friday 29th June  
Time: 6.30pm
- ▶ **Paint Vandalism (Graffiti) Removal**  
Date: Sunday 1st July (first Sunday in the month)  
Time: 8am — 10am  
Details: Charles Kilby
- ▶ **Theatre Party—The Mousetrap**  
Date: Sunday 15th July  
Time: 3pm, Sydney Theatre, Walsh Bay  
Details: John Dodd is collecting your money.
- ▶ **National Rotary Success Conference**  
Date: 21-22nd July  
Venue: Hellenic Club, Woden, ACT  
Cost: \$100 per person  
Bookings: <http://www.rotarydownunder.com.au/events/AustralianRotaryConference2012/index.asp>



## Rotary Club of Ryde Inc. Changeover 2012-2013



Tuesday 26th June ~ 6pm for 6.30  
Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club



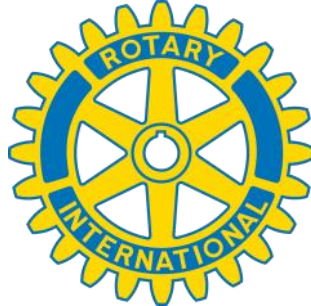
### Friday Night Roster for Victoria

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

## 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!