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This Week... be propelled!

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

Tonight's Roster

Welcomers	Ian Henderson & Richard Henricus
Loyal Toast by	Ron Taffa
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 to all who read the Hub. This week at Rotary our President –Elect Burkhart Foertsch and his team will outline some of their plans for the up coming Rotary year. As has been said on a number of occasions it will be a busy year with John Dodd assuming the role of District Governor so the busyness of our Club will continue as we sort out what we can do in addition to helping run the District Conference next year.

This will be my last Ken's Korner as President. I have enjoyed my year very much due in large part to the fabulous support that I have been given by all. I have certainly learned much more about Rotary in the District and in general. Thank you all for your support. I trust we will all give Burkhart similar support.

After this week there will be two changeovers left in the year. Our District Changeover attendance is 40, an excellent support to John. For our own Changeover — if you haven't indicated your attendance at the Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club for the 26th or otherwise please contact Bob Kaye-Smith our hard working secretary.

See you Tuesday

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 Allen Horrell

On the occasion of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee", Rtn. **Stefan Sojka** proposed a very loyal toast to the Queen. "The Queen!" we roared in unison.

President Ken read the absences, a veritable flood of them. As PP. **Ross Rocca** was absent too, we didn't find out how bad our attendance was. President Ken also launched a Birthday card around the room in recognition of Victoria's 18th birthday last Thursday, for us all to sign.

DGE **John Dodd** reported back from the final District President's meeting where the club received two awards for our Hub, one for our website, one for ARHF giving, and a Change-maker award for the whole club from RI President **Kalyan Banerjee**. As we revelled in the degree of recognition for Ryde Rotary Club achievements at both District and World level, Ken called me up to make a special presentation. In spite of President Ken's generous words about my role in preparing club Award applications, Stefan and David have prepared their own award applications this year – I just nagged them to do so.

Over the Queen's Birthday weekend we have all been wondering who is going to be honoured this year: I don't mean the relatively trivial Queen's Birthday honours of course – I'm talking about the 2012 Ryde Rotary FIGJAM award for self-promotion. In the interests of decency I shall translate this great Aussie Acronym as "**Flip I'm Good, Just Ask Me!**"

Last year it was awarded to Rtn **Stefan Sojka** for taking all the credit for his wife **Lata's** winning the Norm Roach Website award, and many expected Stefan to be a shoo-in for this year's award again, but he has been narrowly beaten by a surprise contender who scooped not one, but **two** District awards!

Yes, I'm talking about our wordsmith Hub publisher, the Mail Chimp himself, PP **David James**. I called David to the front and presented him with the newest trophy in Ryde Rotary (I bought the jar of Fig Jam the day before at Coles):

"David this is a Rotary Award you can display on your mantelpiece, or store in the pantry; you can admire it from a distance or spread it on your toast. It will regularly remind you of your achievement, and if eaten regularly, it will also keep you regular. Congratulations, FIGJAM 2012 winner!"

I later remembered to pass on the Bulletin Award congratulations from honorary member **Ed Berlage**, who said "I always read the Hub with great admiration. David James has set a very high standard and it is good to see his efforts being rewarded. He has raised the bar for the next editor, quite a challenge!" This is high praise indeed from a legendary former Hub editor.



Allen Horrell presents HUB-editor David James with the Ryde Rotary FIG JAM Award.

Last week ... continued

Membership Director-Elect **Patrick** reported that our Ryde Rotary Club member's average age was 65 years old, and our average length of service is 15 years. At least it doesn't sound like we have a retention problem.

President Nominee **Adrian** reported that "The Block" BBQ at Taffa's Mitre 10 had raised over \$500 – Thanks, Ron! Various upcoming events were spruiked, but see page 11 of the Hub for details.



Victoria Blichfeldt examines the present given to her by the club for her 8th birthday.

A birthday cake and a present were presented to **Victoria Blichfeldt** before she gave her report. Rtn **Paul Burnett** took her to the Vivid light show in the CBD on Friday night. The next day **Adrian** took her on a steam train trip from Central to Clyde and back, and then she was off to Lake Macquarie with the Dodds. Apparently on Sunday morning they had Norwegian Cheese Strudels for breakfast as a special birthday treat. Victoria finished with a smile: "Thanks for the cake and the present!"

Serjeant Steve's penultimate spackle was won by PE **Burkhart**, but he drew the Jack rather than the Joker, so retired with a bottle of red.

The fines session predictably targeted **John Dodd's** noisy table, the winner and the presenter of the FIGJAM award, and most of the usual suspects. The cross-fines were a treat: **Geoff**

Brennan fined everyone who was wearing tie and jacket for being so far behind the "Winds of Change" and told them they were expected to be low-riding by next week's meeting.

Patrick astounded us by recanting his Republicanism, having seen the light when he saw the unifying effect of the Monarch "Something no mere President could do" at the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in London. What next? Perhaps next week we can expect him to announce that he has reviewed the evidence and is now a Climate Sceptic!

Serjeant Steve's "Kaneesian" Economics was firmly under past president Duncan's spotlight, and Val revealed that she can still wear the dress and shoes she bought in 1987...

Then **Stuart Heal's** "Winds of Change" DVD expounded the currently fashionable "Engagement vs. Attendance" culture for Rotary Clubs. Due to computer glitches we got an alternative view from DGE John "Coffee clubs are the answer!" while David James restarted the DVD which we eventually got to view. Stuart Heal is a fellow Kiwi and a great guy, but is much better in person than on this DVD, and the soundtrack was an annoying distraction from the message. I've heard him speak at the last two National Rotary Success Conferences, and he is better than this DVD made him look. He did manage to challenge many of our stereotypes about how a Rotary Club should be run though, and that can't be a bad thing. He also admitted that some clubs function well with Rotary Grace, Loyal Toast, National Anthem and Flag, as we demonstrate each week.

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Last week ... continued

At the end President Ken asked if DGE John wanted to speak, and so he did on his forthcoming year, when he will look at rejuvenating our smallest clubs. "Clubs need to look vibrant to attract new members!" he said.

Geoff quoted the DG of the neighbouring district with whom we are soon amalgamating, who said to his clubs some 8 years ago, "If we don't change, soon we won't exist!" Prophetic words.

Allen Horrell



FIG JAM

It was an honour (and an even bigger surprise) to win the (now) Annual Ryde Rotary FIG JAM AWARD for self-promotion.

To put this in context, the self-promotion part of receiving the District bulletins and website awards is just that; the club doesn't get considered if an application isn't put forward. Clubs are encouraged to nominate themselves. Some clubs might not bother, but I'd like to think there was some stiff competition.

The HUB is produced by me in my little home-office. Most of the material comes from YOU. Some of it I plagiarise from other sources and I try to provide an international or 'wider-than-just-Ryde-Rotary' view in most editions. The President's Korner is written by Ken and, aside from cleaning up some formatting, is published without change. The Recollections article is provided mostly by Allen Horrell, with the occasional stand-ins – Kalma McLellan and Stefan Sojka. These three members have different, refreshing, writing styles. Graham's official attendance figures arrive within a day or so of the meeting. This is a grand start to producing each issue.

I've also tried to include relevant and up-to-date articles by the Avenues of Service Chairs.

One of the challenges of this job is to get material in on time; Allen's Recollections are often "in" by the Wednesday morning after the meeting.

Photos are supplied mostly by John Mazlin (sometimes he even beats the Friday deadline). Sometimes I back this up with my own photographic efforts.

The HUB is a combined effort, I just manipulate the words and images to make it a publication worth viewing; you make it a publication worth reading. Our partial, parallel transition to MailChimp is a step into the digital delivery of the information in this bulletin which I am proud to have edited over the past two years. Stefan had set the bar high when I took over in 2010.

Jan Cutler is the Editor-elect and we're gradually synchronising our files so the transition will be seamless.

On behalf of all the HUB contributors I thank you for the 2nd FIG JAM Award. I shall treasure the bottle and eat the contents.

David James

District Awards 2011—2012



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



Rotary Success Conference

Who should be attending?

All 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

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

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: 86.05%

Makeups: Charles Kilby, Geoff Nix, Kalma McLellan
Apologies: Surinder Joson, Artin Etmekdjian, Charles Kilby, John Higgins, Martin Aston, Mick Nelson, Noel Dunn, Ron Thomson, Ross Rocca, Tony Abboud, Erdem Toner, Geoff Nix, John Brown, Terry Kerim
Guests: Victoria Blichfeldt

Looking Ahead...



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: Dress for Success — Sara Keli
July 24: Graffiti Night

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

Birthdays and Anniversaries



19th Birthday Celebration for **Janice Brennan**
20th 6 year Club Anniversary for **Stefan Sojka**
24th 71 year Birthday Celebration for **Patrick Longfield**

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.nz

Meeting Night Roster

Date	Welcomers	Loyal	Intro	Thanks
26/06/12	John Higgins Allen Horrell	—	—	—
3/07/12	Charles Kilby Patrick Longfield	Duncan Taylor	Charles Kilby	Adrian Hallett
11/07/12	District team have meeting responsibilities this night.			

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

Other events ...

- ▶ **Blue Light Disco**
Date: Saturday 23rd June
Venue: North Ryde RSL
Details: Macquarie Uni Rotaract
- ▶ **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 John & Janelle Dodd

Who	When	Who	When
Artin & Nora E.	22/6/2012	Burkhart Foertsch	6/7/2012
District Changeover	29/6/2012	Gone! :-)	

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!