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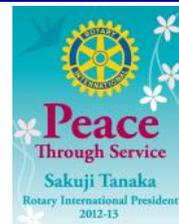
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## Club Information



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

## This Week... be propelled!

<b>Tonight</b>	<b>July 3:</b>	<b>Club Night + My Year in Australia —</b> Exchange student Victoria Blichfeldt's recollections of her year with us prior to returning home to Norway on July 11
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## Tonight's Roster

Welcomers	Patrick Longfield, John Mazlin
Loyal Toast by	Duncan Taylor
Guest Speaker introduced by	Charles Kilby
Guest Speaker thanked by	Adrian Hallett



If you are unable to fulfill this duty, please arrange your own swap and inform President Burkhart of the change.

**The "Meeting Night Roster" for the next 3 meetings appears on Page 11**

## Burkhart's Blog



**G**reetings to all RYDE Rotarians and all Rotary friends. This is my first of some 66 Blogs to follow. Firstly I would like to thank you all for the kind wishes at the Changeover last Tuesday. Also again I would like to put on record my great appreciation and thanks to **IPP Ken Allen** and the previous directors and chairs of services, for the superb work done for our club in the last year and the many great achievements and awards received during their watch and the help, advice and mentoring I have received. I will endeavor to fill the very big shoes left for me to the best of my ability.

Last Friday we had another changeover, where our very own **John Dodd** became the next and last District Governor of District 9680, before it changes to another bigger size and number. Also our very own **Bob Kaye-Smith** was awarded the district's Graham Turner Shield for outstanding performance as District Vocational Chairman. Congratulations and best wishes to both.

Tonight's club assembly will give everybody a chance to gather in their respective committees to look at the plans and projects for the coming year and talk and see what is possible to achieve, bearing in mind that our task of organising the next district conference in March 2013 will take some time and effort.

Also tonight is our exchange student from Norway **Victoria Blichfeldt's** last presentation and report, before she returns home. We all enjoyed her lively presence during the last 12 month, wish her the very best for her future endeavors and look forward to keeping in contact with her.

Burkhart



## Last two meetings ... as recalled by Allen Horrell

**P**resident Ken opened the 19th June meeting with several announcements, among them that **Terry Kerim** has resigned due to his semi-permanent residence in the Philippines and that Ken himself will soon be Past President Ken: Some wag saluted him with "Good evening, soon-to-be-past President Ken!"

He then congratulated **Patrick Longfield** on 71 years of ...life. "It's life, Jim, but not as we know it!" quoted a trekkie at one table.

**David Johnston** then launched a Channel 10 advertisement which included a nearly legal 'XXXX' sponsored set of tickets to the State of Origin decider to see NSW storm to victory over the Queensland side. **Arch-Deacon Ken Allen** looked on in professional admiration - seldom had he seen such display of faith! To be in the draw you need to go to our website and in the "latest news" section donate money to the Diabetes Foundation.

**Victoria's** Exchange Student report covered the Friday night rostered trip with **Jan & Kalma** to the Museum of Contemporary Art, which unfortunately was closed so they carried on to Lowenbrau for German sausage, which strangely tasted to Victoria like Christmas. After this they bussed to Top Ryde for hot chocolate. Saturday was a lazy day watching TV on her laptop, and Sunday was the farewell BBQ for Exchange Students: all good things must come to an end.

Not the Spackle though, **PP Jan** called and won the ticket draw but had exhausted her psychic powers and cut the 8 of clubs, not the Joker.

The fine session hit **Duncan Taylor** for his trip to Kimbriki tip: "Were you looking for furniture or for food?" asked the Serjeant. Our website was charged with being ageist (I think they meant sexist) for showing men's birthdays with their ages, and women without. **Charles** won the BBQ kit at the Epping Rotary Changeover Dinner, but couldn't assemble it for the next day's Gladesville BBQ. **Richard and Hendo** were congratulated for their welcoming, and no fisticuffs! "Not yet!" yelled Hendo.

**David Johnston** was fined for his Channel 10 commercial, and then it was time for bits and pieces. It was also time for dinner – Chicken Breast with Broccoli and Rice Risotto with a mystery ingredient: I think it was the leftover pumpkin from making the soup. "This chef can't cook breast properly!" growled one Rotarian, "but he was great with the Lamb Shanks two weeks ago." "He must be a leg man," mused another. About then my table ran out of water: "My shout!" said **Ron Thomson**, disproving the adage that a Scotsman will never get a round.

Then Club Assembly kicked off with **PE Burkhart** introducing the Board and as he said, stealing my thunder by also introducing the Projects Team. **Kalma** spoke on PR, and said **David James** is "in her zoo," a fitting place for a Mail Chimp I thought. Foundation Director **John Mazlin** spruiked the noble state of Centurion, and reminded us of the importance of Matching Grants. He told us "Future Vision is coming!" It sounds like a first person shooter video game, but (sorry Stefan) it isn't.

I skipped the thunderless slide listing the Project Team, and covered the challenge of 2012 Conference, our No.1 Project, the Projects Program for the year, the Committee

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workload analysis and the Committee allocations based on that: Community has 50% of the club members and 100% when needed.

I then gave **PP Rob Mitchell's** International report: Borjagai (underway), Tamil Nadu (deferred) and School of St Jude Sponsorship (confirmed). Rob will also be our Trainer and head our Funding Committee this year.

As **Nora** pointed out, being in one committee is not an excuse for not helping on another committee's project. When I joined Rotary back in 2003, I understood that when a fellow Rotarian asked for your help, whether you were in his committee or not, you better have a really good reason for saying no. Nora finished up with saying Community Service has 46 members right now. She is correct, all of us are here to serve the Community.

**Graham Metcalfe** explained that because of Conference, Pride of Workmanship has been deferred for 2012/13, but will be back in 2013/14 good as new. There will however, be Vocational Visits, Apprentice of the Year and the Four Way Test speech competition. His 2IC is John Brown.

Youth Director **Charles Kilby** promised to spent lots of money on Youth programs and his 2IC is Geoff Nix. The inexorable logic of the Conference risk mitigation dictates that the same team who ran the Junior Schools Public Speaking Competition shall do so again next year, so a new team doesn't have to learn the ropes in the busiest part of the year.

Last up was **David James** as Programme Director, who already has July's meetings booked. He acknowledged the high standard set by PP Martin Aston in this position. As immediate past president I can attest to this and add my thanks for Martin's 'Service above Self'.

#### **Changeover—26th March 2012**

Before we knew it another week had flicked past and it was time for the 2012 Ryde Rotary Changeover dinner at the Ryde-Eastwood Leagues club—a time for us to celebrate **President/Arch-Deacon Ken's** year, and welcome **President Burkhardt** to the lead role for the coming year. As one wag put it, "we've gone from Church to Foertsch!" The evening was ably managed by **MC PP Martin Aston** who overcame the handicap of not being Geoff Brennan to introduce the proceedings with dignity and aplomb.

**PDG Les Whitcroft** spoke on Service in his toast to RI, pointing out that Rotary International is just a mechanism for empowering individual clubs to achieve more in Rotary service, and that within clubs it is usually one individual who comes up with the vision for a new project, be it Polio Plus, Shelter Box, or a School in Afghanistan. Rotary gives that individual the reach to achieve what a single person could not, however good their idea. **DGE John Dodd** replied, reminding us that Les Whitcroft is a legend in Rotary International's highest circles.

The toasts and flowers were presented in accordance with the very professional Programme designed by soon to be ex-Hub Editor **David James**. The main course arrived, and was well received, as was **President Ken's** address after dinner. He

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announced the donations to charities for the year, available for members to peruse in the inside back cover of the programme, and presented what was probably the highlight of the night, a Paul Harris Fellow recognition to **Rayne Small** for her 6 years' service to Ryde Rotary, a decision all the club applauded. Earlier I had presented her with a Ryde Rotary trifold brochure, telling her that we give these to people whom we would really like to join Ryde Rotary, and she should become a member after her year of globe-trotting around Europe. She said she would like that, so after her PHF presentation I told her she now needed a member's badge to go with it, hopefully we will see more of Rayne in a year's time.

In a surprise to both Rotarians, the next Paul Harris Fellows were presented to **Allen Horrell** and **Doug Thompson**. Apparently my recognition was largely due to the efforts of the members of my Junior Schools Public Speaking Committee who did such good work this year. Doug's recognition for his decades of service is well-deserved, and we commented on the fact that this year the club recognised two Kiwis and an All Black supporter; probably appropriate with a Kiwi as District Governor this year!

Resident entertainer **Stefan Sojka** managed to combine commentary, "Ken, I think of you as the Allen Key to the club," with rap that rhymed Church with Foertsch, and (less obviously) Julie with shins, and a rendition of "Bridge over Troubled Water" that was directed to various members and guests:

Singing "Feeling Small" as he rubbed Rayne's shoulder, then "John Dodd, your time has come to shine," and finished with a Freudian slip, announcing we were to sing the "4-Way Toss Song." With a bit of coaching and practise we all sang the 4 Way Test Anthem to a tune which Bernadette said sounded like circus music. "More like gypsy music, but from a gypsy who has aspirations to perform in a Circus!" I replied.

The Ron Pacey Award was deservedly won by **Nora Etmekdjian** who has been our hardest working Rotarian this year.

100% attendees were all the usual suspects: **Geoff Brennan, John Dodd, Burkhart Foertsch, Adrian Hallett, Bob Kaye-Smith, John Mazlin, Bill & Val Payne, Doug Thompson and Steve Thorp**. I note that if we wish to reward engagement rather than attendance in the New Rotary, there is a clear relationship between the two – these are among our most dedicated members.

In the door prize, **Maureen Mulheron** won the "Teddy Bear" which turned out to be a sheep, and **Sylvia Abboud** won the raffle prize of a bottle of Red, with **DGE John** taking third place with a set of 3 silver photo frames.

There was then a changing of the Guard, with new **President Burkhart** being collared by now **Past President Ken**. President Burkhart presented IPP Ken with his Past President's pin, and then the Serjeant's regalia were taken up by Duncan Taylor, who was welcomed with the obligatory boos from his soon-to-be victims. You'd think he was Speaker of the House, not just Serjeant at Arms!

**President Burkhart** humbly accepted his ascension to President with the words "I'm only a 'primus inter pares' - a 'first amongst equals' and continued tongue in cheek ... "you don't have to call me 'Your Excellency', a simple 'Kaiser' will do!"

Allen Horrell

## Club Changeover 2011-2012

### Ron Pacey Award



The Ron Pacey Shield is awarded by the President each year to a Rotarian who has made an outstanding all round contribution to the club's life and activity in that year - a difficult task as many have put in exceptional hours on club activities and projects. This year President Ken honoured Rotarian Nora Etmekdjian for her outstanding contribution.

Being Lady Mayoress would be enough extra activity for most women however in addition, Nora has been an outstanding model of service above self. As chair of the Community avenue of service this year she has led by example, been innovative, involving our Interactors from James Ruse in two projects lifting those projects to another level. Also together with Maureen, Nora organised the very successful Hat Day for Mental Health which raised over \$1,000 for mental health research - all this while working and studying and having other community involvements. Not even a severe bout of pneumonia could keep her down for long. With much admiration, President Ken presented the Ron Pacey Shield Awardee for 2011-2012 to Our Lady Mayoress Rotarian Nora Etmekdjian.

### Paul Harris Fellow Awards



PP Doug Thompson receives his PHF Sapphire Pin Award



Rayne Small after receiving her Paul Harris Fellowship Award. PP Allen Horrell also received the same award.



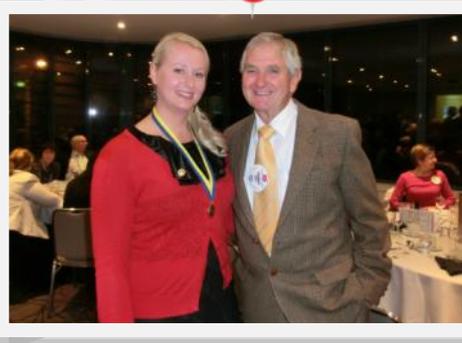
### Ryde Rotary 2012-2013



IPP Ken Allen with incoming President Burkhart Foertsch, the Ryde Board and associated Service Chairs for 2012-2013.

*Congratulations All!*

... more Photos



## International News

### Progress in Pakistan for Polio Eradication

By Robert S. Scott, Rotary International PolioPlus Committee Chair  
(an extract from Rotary International)

**R**otary International is aware of the recent news reports on the polio vaccination program in Pakistan. We continue to work closely with our partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative and the government of Pakistan to ensure our progress continues.

The good news is that Pakistan has recorded only half as many new polio cases so far this year as it had at the same time last year — this is the best proof that overall immunization coverage is improving as we adapt to the many challenges we continue to face in Pakistan.

Pakistani Rotarians also continue to work diligently toward polio eradication. They are actively working alongside health workers, monitoring immunization activities in their communities. District teams and club president-elects received training earlier this year. Public awareness events have included polio walks, field hockey tournaments and a “Kick Polio out of Pakistan” football tournament. Pakistan Rotarians have partnered with CocaCola Pakistan, which donated billboards and signs.

Pakistani and Indian Rotarians also are working together to share best practices and lessons learned from India’s recent success at stopping the spread of indigenous polio, an incredible milestone that removed India from the list of polio-endemic countries. Pakistan too has made great progress toward polio eradication this year, and we will continue to work in every polio-affected country toward our goal of a world *where* this terrible disease is no longer a ***threat to children anywhere.***

## Comedy Corner



During a dinner party, the hosts’ two little children entered the dining room totally nude and walked slowly around the table.

The parents were so embarrassed that they pretended nothing was happening and kept the conversation going. The guests cooperated and also continued as if nothing extraordinary was happening.

After going all the way around the room, the children left, and there was a moment of silence at the table, during which one child was heard to say, “You see, it is vanishing cream!”



### Attendance last meeting

**Attendance Last Meeting: 91.30%**

**Makeups:** Nil

**Apologies:** Surinder Joson, Artin Etmekdjian, Charles Kilby, Mick Nelson

**Guests:** Victoria Blichfeldt, Dita Allen, Rayne Small, Sylvia Abboud, Janice Brennan, Dee Brown, Lorraine Carroll, Margaret Cooper, David Trenear, Janelle Dodd, Deidre Edmonds, Lucas Foertsch, Patricia Foertsch, Linda Hallett, Ruth Henderson, Elenor Higgins, Bernadette Horrell, Sally James, Yvonne Longfield, Swati Maheshwari, Carolyn Metcalfe, Judy Mitchell, Marie Peake, Janis Redford, Rose Rocca, Marek Sojka, Margaret Taffa, Marli Taylor, Judy Wang.

**Rotarian Guests:** Robert Erskine (Gladesville), Jade Catherall (Roseville Chase), PDG Bruce Allen (Castle Hill)



### Housekeeping

*If you or a speaker you have organised needs use of the audio visual facilities at one of our meetings, it helps if the source material arrives early and the President knows about it. If material arrives just before a meeting, it may conflict with other presentations being loaded for the night, so try to get PowerPoint presentations and photos in by **5:45pm** so that everyone gets a fair chance. Normal set-up for our meeting is to have the wireless microphone. At some meetings we opt to have no screen, projector, or laptop at all, so its best to check well in advance.*

### Looking Ahead...



**July 11:** Zone Meeting with DG —  
**Next week we meet on Wednesday**

**July 17:** Dress for Success — Sara Keli

**July 24:** Graffiti Night — Adrian Hallett

**July 31:** Side By Side Advocacy — Coralie Jensen

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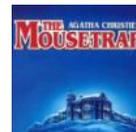
### Useful websites

- Rotary Club of Ryde [www.ryderotary.org.au](http://www.ryderotary.org.au)
- Rotary International [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)
- Rotary Down Under [www.rotarydownunder.com.au](http://www.rotarydownunder.com.au)
- ShelterBox Australia [www.shelterboxaustralia.com.au](http://www.shelterboxaustralia.com.au)
- School of St Jude [www.schoolofstjude.co.tz](http://www.schoolofstjude.co.tz)

### Other events ...

▶ **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>



▶ **Paint Vandalism (Graffiti) Removal**

Date: Sunday 5th August (first Sunday in the month)  
Time: 8am — 10am  
Details: Charles Kilby



### Birthdays and Anniversaries (last two meetings)

<b>28th June</b>	72 year Birthday Celebration for <b>Ian Henderson</b>
<b>1st July</b>	4 year Club Anniversary for <b>Paul Burnett</b>
<b>2nd</b>	92 year Birthday Celebration for <b>Les Whitcroft</b>
<b>3rd</b>	Birthday Celebration for <b>Judy Mitchell</b>
<b>4th</b>	6 year Club Anniversary for <b>Rob Mitchell</b>
<b>6th</b>	16 year Wedding Anniversary for <b>Ken and Danielle Allen</b>
<b>8th</b>	53 year Birthday Celebration for <b>Richard Henricus</b>



### Meeting Night Roster

Date	Welcomers	Loyal	Intro	Thanks	
<b>11/07/12</b>	District team have meeting responsibilities this night.				
<b>17/07/12</b>	Charles Kilby	Patrick Longfield	Duncan Taylor	David James	Ian Henderson
<b>24/07/12</b>	Kalma McLellan	Graham Metcalfe	Ron Thomson	Adrian Hallett	—

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

### Friday Night Roster for Victoria

Victoria is presently hosted with John & Janelle Dodd

Who	When	Who	When
<b>Burkhart Foertsch</b>	6/7/2012		
<b>Flying home :-)</b>	11/7/2012		

## 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!