

THE ROTARY CLUB OF RYDE—DISTRICT 9680 CHARTERED 1946

# The HUB

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at Next Generation



July is

**LITERACY MONTH**



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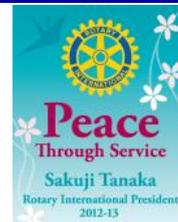
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## Club Information



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  
 Postal Address: Rotary Club of Ryde Inc.  
 PO Box 90 Ryde, NSW 1680  
**RSVP extras or absences to: Val Payne 9874 5787**



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

**This Week...**

<b>Tonight</b>	<b>11th July:</b>	<b>Zone Meeting with DG John Dodd</b> We are the hosts to our neighbouring Riverside Clubs in a combined Zone Meeting.
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**Tonight's Roster**

Welcomers	District Team have meeting
Loyal Toast by	responsibilities tonight
Guest Speaker introduced by	-
Guest Speaker thanked by	-

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 Rotary friends.

Tonight being a Wednesday, is not our usual meeting night however, we are delighted to welcome our own member and **District Governor John Dodd**, visiting us together with all the **Riverside Zone Clubs** combined at our meeting place.

Thus we welcome all the members and partners of **Eastwood, Gladesville, Hunters Hill, Macquarie Park and North Ryde** Rotary Clubs and their respective Presidents **Safar Samed, James Wood, Peter Maniscalco, Topher Holland and Julie Stone**.

Last Tuesday we had the last presentation and yearly report from our Norwegian Exchange student **Victoria Blichfeldt**, before flying home today, the 11th of July. We all observed the change from a shy young girl to a self confident young lady after one year at Ryde Rotary. We wished her well for the future with a typical Australian gift of an Opal necklace and a silver Kangaroo charm for her Pandora bracelet.

Our club assembly, to look at all our projects and activities for the coming year, was postponed due to lack of time and the absence of various committee chairs and will be held at a time to be advised in the very near future. A preliminary report of our goals to the District Governor will be given by me tonight and respectively by all other Riverside Zone Presidents.

Burkhart

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



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

**W**e sang the grace and toasted the Queen, and then **President Burkhart** introduced the guests, many of whom were attending to hear Victoria's presentation on her Exchange year in Australia. Burkhart wisely decided to postpone the Club Assembly as Victoria's guests didn't deserve being subjected to our committee meetings, and in any case her presentation filled the available time leaving no time to spare.

**Bob Kaye-Smith** reminded us that we meet here next Wednesday for a Riverside Zone meeting and a visit from our illustrious District Governor. I announced the postponement of the Club Assembly, but that our Projects team would still meet immediately after the club meeting.

**Geoff Nix** postponed the anti-Graffiti day from next Sunday till two weeks later, so that Charles won't get out of it. "It's supposed to be on the first Sunday of the Month!" interjected Foundation Chairman John Mazlin.

**Paul Wynn** thanked our club for our long term support for the Youth Exchange program.

Novice Serjeant-at-Arms **Duncan Taylor** gave a two minute talk on his beloved Men's Shed, making us aware that the Serjeant's session now has a sponsor advertiser. Then it was on to his Joker-less Spackle draw where **Paul Burnett** was unable to find the Joker because it was secreted in a hidden compartment in the card pack. After speculation on how many weeks the winning card may have been AWOL, the 4 Way Test kicked in and Paul had a second draw with the Joker in the pack with only 8 other cards, yet still was unsuccessful.

The fines session that followed saw the entire club fined for booing at the Serjeant at Changeover, and again for taking Victoria out during her year. In the individual fines Duncan featured **Geoff** for being too loud on the microphone, **Julie** for pyromania, her table for being too loud, and anyone who couldn't make it to District Changeover lost a gold coin.

**Nora Pacey** was dyslexially fined for winning the Ron **Etmekdjian** Shield, plus **Doug and Allen** for their Paul Harris recognitions. When the Serjeant's slaughter was finally over, **Graham Metcalfe** announced that club dues are now due! Oh, my aching wallet!

While all this was going on, **Geoff Nix**, egged on by his personal Wikipedia **John Brown** decided to correct John Mazlin on the "first Sunday of the Month" interjection. In doing so he became the first Rotarian in Ryde history to lose an argument with John Mazlin on a point of fact — the first Sunday in July was in fact, actually the 1st, not the 8th! When he returned to his table a beaten man, he was encouraged by PP Rob Mitchell, "There's nowhere to go from here than up!"

About then PE **Adrian Hallett** announced we have won a grant towards buying a covered lock-up Graffiti trailer. He then did an introduction of our Exchange Student and my host-daughter **Victoria Blichfeldt**, and Victoria began her presentation on her year. The quivery voice was some indication of her emotional distress as she summarised her year with Host families the Horrells, Dodds, and Kilbys. She showed us the cape she made for her Textiles project at Ryde College, and told us how much she will miss

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### Last meeting ... *continued*

Tuesday night Rotary meetings and the Friday roster. Safari was a great experience and Victoria realises that she has been to many places most Australians never get around to visiting. Her thanks were clearly sincere, delivered in the end with tears. Adrian thanked her for her presentation and showed a last photo of Victoria in a Viking helmet, and said this was how she dressed for dinner most nights. He presented Victoria with an Opal necklace and a Kangaroo charm for her charm bracelet, before we closed the meeting with the National Anthem.



After the meeting, **Kathryn Dodd** asked me how she could secure a speaking slot at next week's meeting to seek sponsors for her Polio Plus City to Surf run: I told her that as it was a Riverside Zone meeting, it was District event, so Rotary Protocol demanded that she ask her Dad!

Allen Horrell

### Victoria's Farewell

A very confident Victoria giving us her farewell presentation.

Below left: Victoria with Bev and Bob Davison from Rotary District 9680 Youth Exchange Committee

Below Right: President Burkhart, Victoria, PE Adrian and Linda Hallett



**Mark this in  
your diary**



## THE VICTORY BALL

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(02) 9438 7050 | [www.victoryball.org](http://www.victoryball.org)

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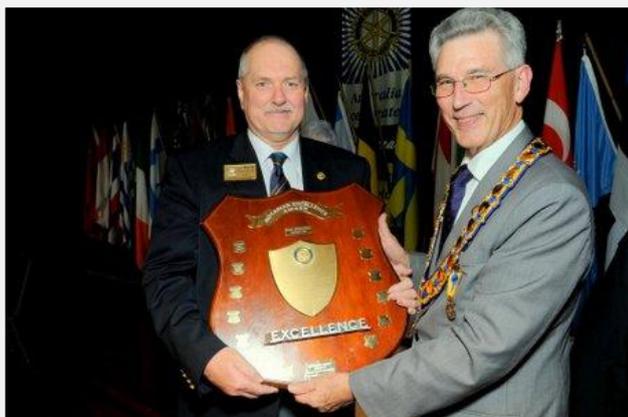
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## 2012-13 District Changeover—the last as District 9680



PP Bob Kaye-Smith receiving the Graham Turnidge Shield from DG David Rands. Awarded to an exemplary Rotarian who has enhanced the image of Rotary through commitment, integrity and excellence in their vocation and service to Rotary.

more photos from District Changeover ...



PDG Les Whitcroft with PP Ross Rocca & Rose



PP John Higgins and Eleanor



PDG David Rands congratulating incoming DG John Dodd



Elaine Turnidge with Bob Kaye-Smith

## Our Inbound Exchange Student Onni Kivimaa—Finland



Onni Kivimaa with his family— arrives in Sydney on 22nd July



Onni writes: It's only two weeks to go and it will be nice to meet you soon. I attach a photo of myself and my family from my little sister's confirmation party last week. See you in a couple of weeks.

Kind regards,

## Comedy Corner



A man was dining alone in a fancy restaurant and there was a gorgeous redhead sitting at the next table. He had been checking her out since he sat down, but lacked the nerve to talk with her. Suddenly she sneezed, and her glass eye came flying out of its socket towards the man. He reflexively reached out, grabbed it out of the air, and handed it back.

'Oh my, I am so sorry,' the woman said, as she popped her eye back in place. 'Let me buy your dinner to make it up to you.' They enjoyed a wonderful dinner together, and afterwards they went to the theatre followed by drinks... They talked, they laughed, she shared her deepest dreams and he shared his. She listened to him with interest. After paying for everything, she asked him if he would like to come to her place for a nightcap and stay for breakfast. They had a wonderful, wonderful time.

The next morning, she cooked a gourmet meal with all the trimmings. The guy was amazed. Everything had been so incredible! 'You know,' he said, 'you are the perfect woman.. Are you this nice to every guy you meet?' 'No,' she replies...

*Wait for it ... It's coming ... The suspense is killing you, isn't it?*

She said ... "you just happened to catch my eye!"

## Rotary International

A New Rotary Year—Welcome to the 2012-13 leaders as they pursue  
**Peace Through Service**

**RI President Sakuji Tanaka**



- Beginning 1 July, The Rotary Foundation and the Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group will work together to offer resources and consulting services on major water and sanitation projects to several districts through a one-year pilot called the project enhancement process.
- In order to focus goal setting at the club and district levels on membership activities, the RI Board has set a membership goal of 1.3 million Rotarians by 30 June 2015.
- RI will be launching Rotary Club Central in an effort to measure the organisation's global impact.
- A new convention website launches later this month, providing the latest news, travel tips, registration, housing information, and more on Rotary's largest annual gathering. Register now for the 2013 RI Convention in Lisbon, Portugal, 23-26 June.



### Attendance last meeting

**Attendance Last Meeting: 86.36%**

**Makeups:** John Dodd, Ken Allen, Kalma McLellan.  
**Apologies:** John Dodd, Surinder Joson, Artin Etmekdjian, Charles Kilby, David James.  
**Guests:** Victoria Blichfeldt, Bev Davison, Kathryn Dodd, Georgia Graham, Kristina Graham, Larissa Grotte, Cassy Norris, Tara Whiteman.  
**Guests of Members:** Linda Hallett, Rose Rocca  
**Rotarian Guests:** Bob Davison, Carol Shannon, Max Prince, Paul Wynn

### Semi-Annual Fees are DUE



**T**he Treasurer wishes to remind members that their semi-annual membership fees of **\$125** are **NOW DUE**.

You may write a cheque, give cash or pay by direct credit to —  
 Rotary Club of Ryde, Inc.  
 BSB: 112-879  
 Account #: 000589388

### Looking Ahead...

**July 17:** **Dress for Success** — Sara Keli  
*Helping disadvantaged women to be professionally attired in preparation for a job interview.*

**July 24:** **Graffiti Night — All you need to know about how to get rid of graffiti** — Adrian Hallett  
*This is an information night on how we get rid of graffiti and to invite anyone interested in helping — other clubs, chambers of commerce, service organisations — to come on board.*

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



*Inclusions in the Hub Contact Jan Cutler: [jancutler@bigpond.com](mailto:jancutler@bigpond.com) ... 0419 409 021*

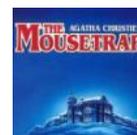
### Useful websites

- 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.nz](http://www.schoolofstjude.co.nz)

### Other events ...

▶ **Theatre Party—The Mousetrap**

Date: Sunday 15th July  
Time: 3pm, Sydney Theatre, Walsh Bay  
Details: John Dodd



▶ **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



▶ **The Victory Ball**

Date: Friday 21st September  
Time: 7 pm  
Details: 9438 7050 or [www.victoryball.org](http://www.victoryball.org)



### Birthdays and Anniversaries

11th July **Birthday Celebration for Sylvia Abboud**  
15th **4 year Club Anniversary for Bob Kaye-Smith**  
15th **4 year Club Anniversary for David James**



**SUBS are now due! \$125 can be paid to the Treasurer for July-December 2012**

### Meeting Night Roster

Date	Welcomers		Loyal	Intro	Thanks
17/07/12	Charles Kilby	Kalma McLellan	Ron Thompson	Richard Henricus	Ian Henderson
24/07/12	Graham Metcalfe	Rob Mitchell	Julie Thorp	Adrian Hallett	-
31/07/12	Maureen Mulheron	Geoff Nix	Ron Taffa	John Higgins	Allen Hiorrell

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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!