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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...

**Tonight 31st July: *Side By Side Advocacy* — Coralie Jensen**  
*Coralie will reveal how the needs of vulnerable people are supported through her charitable organisation.*

## Tonight's Roster

Welcomers	Geoff Nix, Stefan Sojka
Loyal Toast by	Ron Taffa
Guest Speaker introduced by	David James
Guest Speaker thanked by	Allen Horrell



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 our guest speaker is Coralie Jensen, who will be talking about "Side by Side Advocacy", a charity organisation, whose volunteers advocate on behalf of the needs of vulnerable people with disabilities, particularly intellectual disabilities. A very important work and help, especially at this moment, where our politicians are in a deadlock quarreling about the National Disability Insurance Scheme.*

*Last week we had a very informative, successful and productive meeting essentially run by President elect Adrian Hallett about our graffiti removal project and its expansion into areas outside our own local area. We had some 16 interested and interesting guests, ranging from our State MP for Ryde to members of our local Council, representatives of the local Police, Vandal trak, Chambers of Commerce, Neighbourhood Watch, local Progress Association and other Rotary Clubs. Well done Adrian.*

*Burkhart*

## 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**?

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



**P**resident Burkhart showed he has settled into the role as he introduced our many guests to a major meeting to showcase the Graffiti Eradication Project. Local Member and State Minister Victor Dominello spoke in support of Ryde Rotary's war on paint vandalism. He said he was in South Korea recently and was struck by the fact that there is no graffiti there – it is apparently an exclusively western vice. Why then, is there graffiti in Eastwood, I wondered?

Our club announcements followed: International Chair PP Rob Mitchell showed slides of the foundations being laid for the Salman-e-Fars School in Borjagai, Afghanistan. Rob told us he has been asked to write a case study on the first Borjagai School as an example of a complex project for a project management text book, quite a coup for him and the club. I reflected that the complexity of the project must have come from Rotary working with the Indigo Foundation (an NGO) and local community groups in a remote area of a foreign country, with different languages, culture and world view, in the middle of a war zone, but as Stefan pointed out they probably saw it as a complex project because it contained both a donkey and a wheelbarrow!

I reported that the Projects Team had scored Community Chair Nora's proposal for a new Interact Club at Ryde Secondary College, giving it 11/11 or 100% against our 11 point new Projects criteria, so this is a 'goer'.

Stefan followed his donkey comment with an impassioned appeal for the club to race a dragon boat at Putney Park, inspiring us all by announcing he won't be there! He then announced to our bemused visitors that he had burned his bra decades ago. The interjection from the floor "That was probably a mistake!" probably bemused them even more.

After a wine raffle, Serjeant Duncan fined Stefan for his bra-burning, proving that telling us about it was probably a mistake of the own-goal variety. Steve Thorp was fined for deserting his role as fine collector, and then everyone with a visiting Rotarian at their table was fined. In a sort of Serjeant feeding frenzy, he followed this up by fining everyone without a visiting Rotarian at their table!

In the cross-fines John Dodd fined President Burkhart for introducing his District Governor as "Kathryn Dodd's Dad." Kathryn then counter-fined her Dad for criticising "The best introduction he's ever had!"

Adrian spoke on Graffiti removal and introduced "Constable Shane from Gladesville LAC" only to find the man he was introducing was Shane Carne's boss at Gladesville, who was himself there to introduce Shane. We got there in the end. Shane pointed out that rapid removal is the best deterrent to taggers, and that policing graffiti is difficult without the support of the community, but that collectively we can reduce the problem.

Anthony Krkac from Rouse Hill Rotary and the founder of VandalTrak spoke next, explaining that VandalTrak aimed to bring together all the information from the community to the police and other stakeholders. This enables the effective support of the community that Shane was asking for.

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### Last meeting cont'd ...

Roger Norman from Turramurra Rotary asked "Is our war on Graffiti successful? Yes – Turramurra is virtually graffiti-free!" There are now 17 Rotary clubs fighting paint vandalism in NSW, including Bathurst, Dapto and Windsor. His mission now is to spread the word.

PE Adrian then spread the word that Sunday, 23rd September is Graffiti Removal Day in NSW!

Allen Horrell

### An email from Rayne!!



**G**reetings from London!

Leaving Sydney was pretty easy, the longest part of the entire process was checking in, where we were waiting for about 30 min or so. After that we headed to Immigration where we expected to wait a long time but to our surprise there was no one there! The place was empty which is just a lovely surprise but then things got even better - no one was at the security check point! For the first time in a long time it took us about 90 seconds to go through security! We asked one of the guards if this was normal and they said it wasn't, so I guess we were just lucky!

We boarded our Qantas A380 without any issues and then we noticed something really strange - there were plenty of spare seats! In fact, it turned out that the plane had 175 passengers instead of the usual 500! We spoke to the flight attendant and it turned out that it was just an empty flight! Talk about being lucky! The moment we took off and the seat belt sign was turned off, I took off to one of the empty rows and scored myself a 4 seater row! So for the entire 20 hour flight (including the stopover in Singapore) I had 4 seats where I could lay down and sleep for pretty much the majority of the flight!

So the trip to London was pretty good, no complaints at all.

Arriving in London was also pretty good. There was a massive line at Immigration but fortunately there were plenty of staff on and the line kept moving pretty quickly. I would say that the Immigration line and baggage collection took about 30 min!

We are staying with Susie, friends in South East London, SE13 5LT. Apparently it's the postcode which means a lot in London where back home it's the suburb name. Their place is nice, it's a duplex. The room we have is small but it's nice and we are close to the overland train so getting into the city is pretty easy, only about a 10 min trip.

We've been pretty busy getting our bank accounts set up with Lloyds and mobile phone numbers with "3". The phone numbers have unlimited data so we can access Facebook, Twitter, email and Skype all the time - which is great, but unfortunately there isn't any international call or SMS access. It's a good thing that we're all connected via technology which makes it a lot easier to remain in touch.

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### Email from Rayne cont'd ...

I have noticed that a lot of the pub food here is either a burger, fish'n'chips, or sausages'n'mash - I'm already over it! Been cooking quite a bit and making dinners for everyone so they have some dinner to come home to. Still crook - we are both still battling our colds - it's been a long time, but we are feeling better than we were a couple of weeks ago and I am hoping that it won't be long till we're feeling healthy again.

The one thing that we didn't really expect to encounter is the change in weather, everyday we go through about 4 seasons in one day! The sun will come out for a couple of hours, followed by light rain, then heavy rain, then sunshine...then repeat! You can tell who the tourists are because they are the ones you hear saying "I can't believe it's raining again" while the locals just seem to ignore it and carry on...

We've seen heaps - Buckingham Palace, Trafalgar Square, Downing Street, Westminster Abbey, Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament and The Thames, and we've seen the Olympic Rings on Tower Bridge. Spent a whole day in St Paul's & Churchill War Rooms where Churchill ran the war. incredible and so interesting. Waiting for my bus to arrive for a trip to Birmingham. Why not! Later in the week we're off to Brighton. Soon maybe Paris too!

Hope you're all doing well. Not a Tuesday goes by when I don't think of all of you.

Russell & Rayne

### Comedy Corner



**D**o you remember the famous US Olympic skier named Picabo Street (pronounced Pee-Ka-Boo). Well, Picabo is not just an athlete. She is now a nurse currently working at an Intensive Care Unit of a large metropolitan hospital. However, she is not permitted to answer the hospital telephones any longer. It caused too much confusion when she would answer the phone and say, "Picabo, I.C.U."

*(Hey, a good clean joke is hard to find these days!)*

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### **P**ARAPROSDOKIANS...

*(Winston Churchill loved them) are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected; frequently humorous:*

- 1 *Where there's a will, I want to be in it.*
- 2 *The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it's still on my list.*
- 3 *Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.*
- 4 *If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.*
- 5 *We never really grow up, we only learn how to act in public.*
- 6 *War does not determine who is right - only who is left.*
- 7 *They begin the evening news with 'Good Evening,' then proceed to tell you why it isn't.*

## Rotarian carries the Olympic Torch



*Rotarian Bob Izon carries the Olympic torch through Hereford, England.*

In 1958, Bob Izon ran the mile in world-record time in the under-16 age category, becoming the English schools champion.

But the most meaningful run of his life took place in May, when the founding member of the Rotary Club of Hereford Wye Valley, Herefordshire, England, carried the Olympic torch through his hometown.

Izon is one of several Rotarians who have carried the torch on its relay to the new Olympic Stadium in London for the opening ceremony of the 2012 Summer Olympics on 27 July.

"I consider myself very fortunate to have been chosen, as half the bearers are ages 15 to 25," he says. "It gave me a chance to pursue three objectives: inspire the younger generation, publicize

Rotary's good works, and show that a diagnosis of Parkinson's disease does not always condemn one to a non-active life".

Izon was diagnosed with the disease in 1992 but has remained active as a Rotarian, a justice of the peace, and a school board member at St. Paul's Church of England Primary School in Hereford.

The school's students and their parents lined the road on 24 May for Izon's portion of the torch relay. Members of his club bore a huge banner publicizing Rotary and their upcoming charity duck race. During an all-school assembly the next day, students spent more than two hours taking turns holding the torch that had carried the flame and having their photographs taken.

"The atmosphere within the school hall was highly emotional, and quite a few of us were close to tears," recalls Izon. "This was truly the most remarkable week in the 144-year history of the school."

Courtesy Rotary International

For your diary

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REMOVAL DAY

**SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012**

**Within Gladesville Police Local Area Command.**

The Rotary Club of Ryde has been tackling the problems of paint vandalism or graffiti since mid 2010 and is pleased to say it has been having success in slowing this community menace. A significant number of sites are not being re-attacked and the problems have not moved to new areas within our targeted areas.

The Rotary Club of Ryde is pleased to be able to extend its activities within the Gladesville Local Area Command and will be participating in Graffiti Removal Day and undertaking removal of graffiti at a number of nominated sites within the Gladesville LAC.

On site training will be provided to community minded volunteer participants on the day, so anyone can assist with this vital community service.

Suitable sites are currently being evaluated for treatment on this date.

To volunteer your services, or that of your community based group, please visit the Ryde Rotary website at [www.ryderotary.org.au](http://www.ryderotary.org.au) or contact Rotarian Adrian Hallett on 0409 037 701.

For details of other Rotary Clubs and the areas they will be covering on GRAFFITI ACTION DAY

Telephone: 1300 665 310 or

Email: [info@graffitiremovalday.com.au](mailto:info@graffitiremovalday.com.au)

Full planning details and general information for Graffiti Removal Teams is available on our

Graffiti Removal Day website: [www.graffitiremovalday.com.au](http://www.graffitiremovalday.com.au)



Graffiti Removal Day is a Rotary Down Under community action program in partnership with the NSW Government



... all about it!

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## REMOVAL DAY

### INFORMATION SHEET

The New South Wales Government is committed to reducing the incidence of graffiti vandalism by encouraging local communities to get involved in the removal and prevention of graffiti. To support this goal the Government has established a State wide graffiti removal and prevention day known as "Graffiti Removal Day".

**The aim** of Graffiti Removal Day is to encourage people to volunteer their time and get involved in the removal and prevention of graffiti.

To deliver and promote Graffiti Removal Day the NSW Government has partnered with Rotary Down Under. This year the event will take place on 23 September 2012 in the 50 local government areas with the highest reported incidence of graffiti.

#### How it will work

Rotarians will work with local councils, property owners, government agencies, community groups, businesses and volunteers to; identify, remove and prevent graffiti. People can nominate clean-up sites which have been vandalised by graffiti through the Graffiti Removal Day website ([www.graffitiremovalday.org.au](http://www.graffitiremovalday.org.au)). Nominated sites will be assessed by a trained representative from local Rotary clubs who will work with the local council and property owner to determine if they are suitable and safe. The aim is to select at least three clean-up sites in each Local Government Area.

People can volunteer to participate in Graffiti Removal Day by completing the volunteer registration form which will be available on the website from 1 August 2012.

Rotary Down Under will be responsible for the organisation, management, training and insurance of all volunteers. To facilitate this, Rotary District Governors have appointed one trained co-ordinator for each of the 50 Local Government Areas and one supervisor for each clean-up site.

The Local Government Area co-ordinator will be responsible for selection of sites, management of volunteers and promotion of the day in their local area. The site supervisor will be responsible for the training and safety of volunteers on the day.

#### Promotion

To promote and encourage participation in Graffiti Removal Day 2012, Rotary will undertake a comprehensive marketing campaign.

The campaign will focus on promoting the Day through major and local media outlets as well as online through Facebook, You Tube and Twitter. Brochures, posters and large signs will also be made available to; local Rotary Clubs, councils, businesses, community organisations and government agencies who wish to participate in or promote the Day.



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## Attendance last meeting



**Attendance Last Meeting: 87.80%**

<b>Makeups:</b>	Artin Etmekdjian, Julie Thorp
<b>Apologies:</b>	Surinder Joson, Les Whitcroft, Artin Etmekdjian, David James, Tony Abboud, John Brown, Julie Thorp, Kalma McLellan
<b>Guests:</b>	David Tomkins, George Dedes, Jessica Merideth, Jessica Merideth, Julius Pucci, Kathryn Dodd, Michael Southerden, Onni Kivimaa, Philip Brown, Robert Senior, Roger Nodman, Irika Echmeyer, Victor Dominello
<b>Guests of Members:</b>	Russell Nash
<b>Rotarian Guests:</b>	Margaret Lee, Peter Casey, Peter Maniscaico

## 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...

<b>7th August</b>	<b>Salvation Army's Employment Plus—Lyn Mann</b>
<b>14th</b>	<b>Hello from Finland! - Onni Kivimaa</b>
<b>21st</b>	<b>Westmead Childrens' Hospital—Murray Stone</b>
<b>28th</b>	<b>ROMAC—Philip Smith</b>



*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)

### Other events ...

- ▶ **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)
- ▶ **Graffiti Removal Day**  
Date: Sunday 23 September  
Details: 1300 665 310 or [www.graffiti-removal-day.com.au](http://www.graffiti-removal-day.com.au)
- ▶ **2012 AIM Rebecca Gregory Indigenous Scholarship**  
Applications close: 12 October 2012  
Details: [www.aim-nsw-act.com.au](http://www.aim-nsw-act.com.au)



### Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 4th August** 3 year Club Anniversary for Siddharth Maheshwari  
**6th** Birthday Celebration for Marie Peake  
**6th** 82 year Birthday Celebration for Ed Berlage



### Meeting Night Roster

Date	Welcomers		Loyal	Intro	Thanks
<b>31/07/12</b>	Stefan Sojka	Geoff Nix	Ron Taffa	David James	Allen Horrell
<b>07/08/12</b>	Bill Payne	Ross Rocca	Doug Thompson	David James	David Johnston
<b>14/08/12</b>	Duncan Taylor	Ron Thomson	Erdem Toner	David James	Charles Kilby

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

### Friday Night Roster for Onni Kivimaa

Onni is presently hosted with John & Janelle Dodd

Who	When	Who	When
<b>Allen Horrell</b>	03/08/2012	<b>David James</b>	17/08/12
<b>John Higgins</b>	10/08/2012	<b>Bob Kaye-Smith</b>	24/08/12

## 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!