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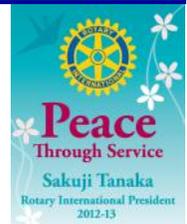
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### Club Information



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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 PO Box 90 Ryde, NSW 1680  
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**Deadline for material in The HUB is Friday 5pm unless otherwise arranged.**

## This Week...

**Tonight 11th Sept**

**'Splice the Mainbrace' - Alan Maclean**

For hundreds of years rum has played many roles in society — it remains a beverage of celebration — integral part of powerful navies, a sedative for childbirth, motivation in battle, anesthesia, substitute currency, integral part of the life of British aristocracy and much more.

## Tonight's Roster

Welcomers	Jan Cutler, Noel Dunn
Loyal Toast by	Peter Cooper
Guest Speaker introduced by	David James
Guest Speaker thanked by	Graham Metcalfe

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**

## Adrian's Advice



**G**reetings fellow Rotarians and friends of Rotary.

*Tonight will be interesting being my first as President Elect. What a night it promises to be with the induction of a new member – Rob Senior. Tonight we also welcome Alan Maclean and his topic of "Splice the Mainbrace". We will see what the wind blows!*

*I trust all members who participated in the Ryde Rivers Festival have survived their ordeal and will put their hands up for next year.*

*As you may remember our Club has been invited to send some members to a RYDA day with Holy Cross College. For our newer members:*

*RYDA is a not-for-profit company (limited by guarantee) that has developed a road safety education program delivered to the youth of our community through Rotary Clubs. The Program is directed towards our young people about road safety as they approach the period in their life when they start driving a car and ride as a passenger in a car driven by one of their peers.*

*The RYDA Program is a one day out of school program delivering practical road safety information targeting attitude and awareness of young drivers and their passengers.*

*RYDA targets 16-18 year old students and includes six interactive sessions delivered to small student groups covering topics such as hazard perception, distraction management, vehicle safety, stopping distance, fatigue and experiences of a crash survivor.*

Adrian

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



**P**resident Burkhart opened the meeting welcoming our guest speaker Toni Cavalenes, a Social Worker from Staten Island New York; repeat visitor Rob Senior; Rotary Exchange Inbound Onni Kivimaa and Outbound John Goris to name a few. He spoke on the Father's Day visits, and questioned whether the Aged Care visits on Mothers' and Fathers' Days actually achieved anything worthwhile. They are certainly well-intended and show Ryde Rotary's compassion to the elderly, but our President may have a point. If we stopped the visits, would anyone outside our club notice? I don't know the answer, but it is within our President's purview to ask us these hard questions.

Soon we were tucking into Chicken Parmigiana with some members questioning why it was served with eggplant. This turns out to be a tribute to the original pre-chicken Sicilian Parmigiana dish, the earliest version was made with a filling of sliced eggplant (aubergine). As PP Ross could no doubt tell you "parmigiana" is the Italianization of the Sicilian dialectal word "parmicana", which refers to the slats of wood which compose the central part of a shutter and overlap in the same manner as the slices of aubergine in the original dish. It was served to us with salad and chips! This confirms that our latest chef, in addition to knowing the historical origin of parmigiana, has also recognised the utility and versatility of the humble potato, which means he will not require the usual tutorial from Hendo on the subject!

**PP Peter Cooper** circulated an attendance list for the fellowship weekend away in Newcastle 26th-28th October. Peter and Ron Taffa have organised entertaining outings for the weekend, including a Saturday night cruise. This destination is less than two hour's drive away, rather more sustainable than the 5 hours or more to the originally selected Young. "Good," I thought, "we'd have all been feeling old before we got to Young!"

**Rtn Julie Thorp** circulated an accommodation booking list for Conference, so members could indicate whether they needed a room on Thursday or even Sunday, in addition to the obligatory Friday and Saturday nights. "I don't think I'll be going this year," said Peter. "I hope you have a note from your mother for Julie!" was the reply.

**PE Adrian Hallett** reported on the Graffiti clean-up on Saturday, and the fact that our clean-up zone had been re-vandalised by the following Monday: "I will be removing that tomorrow!" he announced. Don't forget that the 23rd September is Rotary Clean-up Graffiti Day – I think of this as the Hallett Paint Vandalism Removal Day. Adrian was followed by Rtn Julie explaining the complexities of her Conference accommodation list, and then it was time for **Onni Kivimaa's** weekly report.

The weekend before last I had taken Onni to Sydney on the River Cat from Meadowbank, and he expressed his interest in which of the properties along the Parramatta River was the most expensive. Sadly I could only guarantee that all of the riparian properties were well out of my price range, and suggested he consult PP Tony Abboud whose real estate knowledge hopefully exceeds my own. When we arrived at King's St Wharf we strolled to Sydney tower (while it has the "Westfield" name on it, that is not its name, and AMP and Centrepoint are no longer correct either), watched the Sydney Eye 3D movie, and visited the observation deck. When asked where the most expensive real estate



## ... last meeting (cont'd)

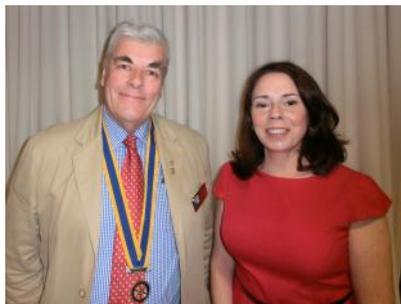
was I pointed in the general direction of Point Piper: "Over there, I think." The rest of the week Onni had school exams, each consisting of '15 minutes of work followed by 2 hours of sleep'. He went to the Bourne Legacy on Saturday night and yachting with John on Sunday, which brings us up to date.

**Corporal David Johnston** presided over his second Spackle win in three draws—we'll have to get him a "Lucky Serjeant" badge like the "Lucky Lotto Shop" awards.

PP Patrick was able to find the Joker in a fresh new pack only two weeks after Kalma last did so, so netting a truly sustainable Jackpot! David Johnston attempted to fine the noisy table of two, but the two Rotarians had departed to more populous tables where they could hide in the herd, as a result everyone got fined. Then he fined us all again for leaving two Rotarians sitting alone in the first place. In the cross-fines PP Ken Allen chastised PP David James for the previous week's guest speaker introduction, where he spoke for five minutes about upcoming events, stealing President Burkhart's thunder in doing so, before finally acknowledging the speaker; the fine was for not keeping to the topic.

**PP Martin Aston** introduced Toni Cavalenes (without diverting to other topics), and Toni told of her personal experience of 9/11 where she was on the Critical Incident Response Team based at the Staten Island Psychiatric Hospital. The CIRT was founded to deal with stress management at airline crashes but had been dealing with ever wider incidents such as deaths by accident, murders and suicides, and even counselling downsized employees during company reorganisations. Nothing could have prepared the team for 9/11, which combined the worst features of multiple airline crashes, multiple suicides and the cold-blooded murder of 2750 people.

Her 9/11 slideshow of the crashes, the fires, the jumpers and the fall of the towers made it all horribly real all over again. Not only those on the site were traumatised, it is no overstatement to say America itself was traumatised by this attack. The initial panic led to every bridge from Staten Island being closed for fear of further terrorist attacks, so the Critical Incident Response Team were unable to get to Manhattan. Even Toni's hospital went into lockdown mode, halting all deliveries and visitors to the hospital to ensure patients and staff were safe from terrorist attacks.



The CIRT thus spent the first day dealing with stress management of patients and staff within the facility, many of whom feared for their loved ones who worked in Manhattan, and could see out their windows the fires at the site where the Twin Towers had stood. When they were deployed to the World Trade centre, Toni described the three stages of the mission:

**Heroic:** Nothing is too much to ask of any team member, in the face of such need.

**Honeymoon:** We are a team, and we support each other, and cover each other's backs.

**Disillusionment:** By December, many team members were burning out, and could no longer face the demands of the job.

## ... last week's meeting (cont'd)

Eventually in April (months too late) the team went on a Retreat, hosted by the Jesuit order, where they were themselves debriefed and counselled, rewarded with a Thanksgiving Dinner and free massages, in an attempt to thank them for what they had done as volunteers in the aftermath of 9/11.

**Rtn Kalma McLellan** thanked Toni for her talk, and gave her a copy of "Humanity in Motion" as a token of our thanks. This is exactly what they are for.

Allen

## Who Am I?

I was photographed leaving the scene of a graffiti attack.

I am rumoured to be old enough to give advice to others.

I was observed to be 'shakey' on my bike.

I was silly enough to catch the flu as a result of my antics.



## Up-and-Coming Rotary Events

**Sunday 23 September** ROTARY's GRAFFITI REMOVAL DAY

**Tuesday 30 October** RYDA—Holy Cross College, Ryde

**Tuesday 30 October** Rotary Spectacular Charity Golf Day

**Saturday 17 November** ROMAC—Roger Woodward Playing Chopin, Chatswood  
Matinee: 2.30 pm - Evening 8.00 pm

## 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?**

## Graffiti Removal Day — Media Release



11 September 2012

### Media Release

#### GET INVOLVED IN THE FIGHT AGAINST GRAFFITI

The NSW State Government is joining forces with Rotary to run a campaign to remove graffiti from sites across the Ryde City Council area on Sunday 23 September. The Day will be known as "Graffiti Removal Day".

The Day will provide a great opportunity to highlight the problem of graffiti and encourage people to volunteer their time and get involved in the removal and prevention of graffiti. According to Rotary District Governor John Dodd.

"Graffiti is a major problem which costs NSW Government, local councils, businesses and households millions of dollars each year."

"Rotarians are passionate about combating graffiti, which is why we are proud to be working with the NSW Government, Ryde City Council and great sponsors such as Dulux, Rokset and Smart Graffiti on this campaign."

"Our local Rotary volunteers lead by (insert name of Rotary District and Local Government Co-ordinator) are doing a great job. However we cannot win the war against graffiti on our own. We need more people to get involved." said DG John Dodd.

"Graffiti Removal Day provides a great opportunity for individuals, community groups, sporting clubs, businesses and other organisations to join the fight against graffiti and make a real difference to the appearance of our local community."

"We would encourage everyone to get involved and support this great event by volunteering to help at a clean-up site on 23 September, nominating a clean-up site or simply promoting the Day." DG John Dodd said "People who volunteer to help out on the Day will be supplied with cleaning material, safety equipment and training on how to safely remove graffiti."

"Those people unable to attend can still support the event, by promoting the Day on Facebook or Twitter or simply telling their friends, family and work mates about the Day."

"People can volunteer or nominate a clean-up site by completing the on-line registration form available on the website [www.graffitiremovalday.org.au](http://www.graffitiremovalday.org.au) or visiting our Facebook Site." concluded DG John Dodd.

Graffiti Removal Day will take place on Sunday 23 September between 10am and 4pm. For more information visit the official website [www.graffitiremovalday.org.au](http://www.graffitiremovalday.org.au)



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 Phone: 1300 865310  
 Fax: 02 9851 5884



## Weekly Report: Club Administration

I am pleased to report that all matters relating to the Club's administration are proceeding satisfactorily and in accordance with protocols.

You may well ask what the Administration Director and the Administration Committee are expected to do?

What should be included in any Administration report to the members?

I will expect to be placed in much hot water for asking such questions but all members should know so that you are prepared to accept any tasks asked of you.

The Administration role is responsible to conduct activities associated with the effective operation of the Club. It is through these efficient club operations that any Rotary club provides service to its community, retains members and develops leaders for the club, the district and Rotary International.

The responsibilities of club administration include:

- Develop committee goals to achieve the club's annual goals.  
(These are usually planned at our Club forums)
- Organise weekly and special programs.  
(Our programs officer David James has been doing this very well)
- Produce the club bulletin and maintain the club website.  
(Jan Cutler and Stefan Sojka are the able bodies assigned these tasks)
- Help track club attendance.  
(Club secretary Bob Kaye-Smith and Attendance Officer Ross Rocca)
- Promote fellowship among club members.  
(The Social Secretary, Peter Cooper and others)
- Conduct any other activities associated with the effective operation of the club.  
(Our club plan details some of the many activities we undertake during the year and fall within the Avenues of Service activities)

It is through the efforts of a number of people that our club functions as well as it does and the thanks of ALL club members is extended to them for the roles they fulfil.

I hope our members find this information helpful.

Adrian Hallett  
Administration Director

## Next Week: Youth

## Comedy Corner



**A** distraught senior citizen phoned her doctor's office. 'Is it true,' she wanted to know, 'that the medication you prescribed has to be taken for the rest of my life?'

'Yes, I'm afraid so', the doctor told her.

There was a moment of silence before the senior lady replied, 'I'm wondering then, just how serious is my condition because this prescription is marked 'NO REFILLS'.

## Rotary Charity Golf Day



# Rotary Spectacular Charity Golf Day

Oatlands Golf Club, 94 Bettington Road, Oatlands

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2012

Registration Time: from 11:00am

Shotgun Start: 12:30pm

32 Trophies to be won

Men's and Ladies included



Oatlands is a group one Members course and is considered one of the finest inland par 70 golf courses in the country – ALL proceeds go to Father Chris Rielly YOTS 'Youth off the Streets' projects and associated Rotary Charities

Event: 4 Ball Ambrose with 4 Nearest the Pins and 4 Longest Drives plus lots of other prizes

All players are invited to join us for a Buffet Dinner, Trophy Presentations and Auction spectacular

RSVP to:

Philip Sigglekow (Hunters Hill Club - [philip@assetcorp.com.au](mailto:philip@assetcorp.com.au)) or FAX 02 9816 2399

Clive Denmark (WPH/Cherrybrook Club - [hamletc@optusnet.com.au](mailto:hamletc@optusnet.com.au)) or 0400 425 210

with player name, mobile and AGU handicap (max. 27)

Please also refer to the Club's dress regulations

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## Attendance last meeting

Percentage Attendance Last Meeting: 85%

<b>Makeups:</b>	John Dodd, Geoffrey, John Brown, Nora Etmekdjian.
<b>Apologies:</b>	John Dodd, Surinder Joson, Siddharth Maheshwari, Kathryn Dodd, Les Whitcroft, Artin Etmekdjian, Charles Kilby, Doug Thompson, Duncan Taylor, Geoffrey Brennan, Rob Mitchell, Steve Thorp, John Brown, Nora Etmekdjian.
<b>Guests:</b>	John Goris (2013 Exchange Student to Finland), Onni Kivimaa, Tom Joyce, Onni Kivimaa, Rob Senior.
<b>Rotarian Guest:</b>	Nick Aston

## Friday Night Roster for Onni Kivimaa

Onni is presently hosted with John & Janelle Dodd

Who	When	Who	When
Siddarth Maheshwari	14/09/12	Kalma McLellan	28/09/12
John Mazlin	21/09/12	Graham Metcalfe	05/10/12

## Looking Ahead...

<b>Sept</b>	18th	"Floorball" - Jason Cowland
	25th	Travel management - Barry Mayo
<b>Oct</b>	2nd	Lyn Mann, Salvation Army's Employment Plus



## Birthday

**Sept** 14th 80 year Birthday Celebration for Peter Cooper

## 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 ...

### ▶ **Men's Health Public Forum—Sydney Adventist Hospital**

Date: 12th September  
 Time: 6.15 for 7 pm start  
 Details: Bookings essential—9487 9871 or comrel@sah.org.au

### ▶ **The Victory Ball—Prostate Cancer Foundation**

Date: Friday 21st September  
 Time: 7 pm  
 Details: 9438 7050 or www.victoryball.org



### ▶ **Relay for Life—The Cancer Council**

Date: 21st-22nd September  
 Time: Overnight 18 hour Community Event  
 Details: Cancer Council Office 9334 1600  
 or katese@nswcc.org.au



### ▶ **Graffiti Removal Day**

Date: Sunday 23 September  
 Details: 1300 665 310 or  
 www.graffitiremoval day.com.au



### ▶ **2012 AIM Rebecca Gregory Indigenous Scholarship**

Applications close: 12 October 2012  
 Details: www.aim-nsw-act.com.au



### ▶ **RYDA—Holy Cross College, Ryde**

Date: Tuesday 30 October  
 Details: Email: liane@rse.org.au or Mobile: 0419 274 959

### ▶ **ROMAC—Roger Woodward Playing Chopin, Chatswood**

Date: Saturday 17 November  
 Time: Matinee: 2.30 pm - Evening 8.00 pm  
 Details: www.theconcourse.com.au or 1300 795 012



## Meeting Night Duty Roster

Date	Welcomers		Loyal	Intro	Thanks
<b>18/09/12</b>	Nora Etmekdjian	Ian Henderson	Noel Dunn	David James	Rob Mitchell
<b>25/09/12</b>	John Higgins	Allen Horrell	Ian Henderson	David James	Maureen Mulheron
<b>02/10/12</b>	Charles Kilby	Patrick Longfield	John Higgins	David James	Geoff Nix

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

## 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!