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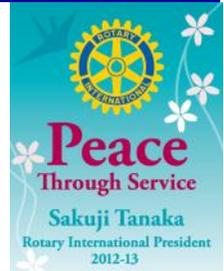


Chartered: 22nd April 1946
 Club: #18039 / District: #9680 in NSW, Australia
 Meeting Place: Level 2, Next Generation Club, next to
 Ryde Aquatic Centre, 504 Victoria Road, Ryde
 Meeting Time: Every Tuesday — 6:00pm for 6:30pm
 Postal Address: Rotary Club of Ryde Inc.
 PO Box 90 Ryde, NSW 1680

RSVP extras or absences to:

18/09/12 Meeting: Val Payne 9874 5787

25/09/12 Meeting: Bob Kaye-Smith 0411 263 294



This Week...

Tonight 18th Sept

'Floorball' - Jason Cowland

'Floorball' is an innovative new indoor sport that is quickly spreading across the world. It is fast paced and blends the greatest elements of ice hockey with some characteristics also found in soccer and basketball.

Tonight's Roster

Welcomers	Nora Etmekdjian, Ian Henderson
Loyal Toast by	Noel Dunn
Guest Speaker introduced by	David James
Guest Speaker thanked by	Rob Mitchell

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



Thanks for all the feedback following last weeks meeting. I still believe I have a way to go before my year in office but welcome the huge attendance figure. How long can we keep it at this level please?

*This week we welcome **Jason Cowland** and his presentation on 'Floorball'.*

Have you noticed the acronyms on our cover? PP Charles Kilby has given you a current roundup on most of the following in his Youth Report on Page 8 and 9:

RYDA: Rotary Youth Driver Awareness – which I touched on in last weeks column.

RYPEN: Rotary Youth Program for Enrichment – increased motivation and improved life skills.

MUNA: Model United Nations Assembly - part of an International Rotary project to educate senior high school students (years 10-12) on the United Nations organisation and its vital commitment to world peace along with health, education and living standards around the world.

NYSP: National Youth Science Program - operated since 1984, the program enables years 11-12 students to experience a wide variety of science in labs on university campuses and in other research or science-driven industry environments.

PUBLIC SPEAKING: Ryde Rotary runs this competition to give junior school students from the Ryde District the opportunity to demonstrate their speaking skills in a public forum.

ROTARACT - is a Rotary-sponsored service club for young men and women ages 18-30. Each year, Interact clubs complete at least two community service projects, one of which furthers international understanding and goodwill.

Adrian

Last meeting ... as recalled by Allen Horrell



Opinions differed on the cause for the late start to our meeting: was it the Apprentice President, the rusty Serjeant on his first day back, or perhaps a bit of both? We eventually sang grace, toasted the Queen and we were off and running.

Dinner was served as soon as the meeting started, chicken with sweet potato mash and fresh steamed runner beans, accompanied by some sort of leafy salad vegetable I wasn't able to identify but found to be edible anyway. Although it was chicken, I heard no complaints from my fellow members. Perhaps due to the recent improved cuisine, **Ross Rocca** was able to announce a 102.22% attendance after taking make-ups into account, this figure being received to general hilarity.

PE Adrian invited **Ron Thomson** to report on the Dragon Boat race the previous weekend. Apparently we came in 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the three races, or Gold, Silver and Bronze if they had been handing out medals! The celebration of our club's achievement was only slightly muted by the news that there were in fact only 3 boats in the race.

Kalma McLellan reported on the exploratory visit to the Nowra Conference venues on the same day as the Dragon Boat race, this plus Sunday worship perhaps explaining our limited turnout at the former event. She was impressed by the Shoalhaven Convention Centre, then again by the Fleet Air Arm Museum to the south of Nowra, which she reported to be a really big hangar with planes in it. Then it was off to inspect our accommodation where she praised the golf course we won't have time to use during Conference. We shall of course be working like navies running the Conference for DG John.

Peter Cooper advised that the cost of our Weekend away in Newcastle shall be \$130 per room plus \$14 Continental or \$19 cooked breakfast each: I sense a brekkie wrap in my near future. Friday dinner will be at the Hotel after happy hour, and on Saturday afternoon we shall cruise the harbour for a cost of \$44pp. Happy Hour by the pool shall be followed by dinner at a local Bowling Club. On Sunday morning we shall tour Fort Scratchley, at Nobby's beach before returning to Sydney. Peter thanked Ron Taffa for all his hard work organising the weekend: these things don't just happen. All members and partners are invited to attend the Fellowship Weekend, especially new members or those who haven't been before.

Charles Kilby reported that two more graffiti vandals were caught by police operating on our patch in the weekend (due to prompt action by a member of the public) and that they are now due for a mentoring session by Rotarians on our Graffiti removal patrol.

Nora Etmekdjian reported that there had been a citizen's arrest of another vandal right inside the shopping centre itself, with the colourful language used by the citizen being so sanitised by Nora that it was hard to tell what had actually been said, but I gathered that the perpetrator was given to understand that further acts of paint vandalism might put his future reproductive capability at risk.

Nora needs more help for the Christmas present wrapping and more volunteers to run the Trees of Joy again this year. Ron Taffa is in charge of West Ryde again, for which he received his second vote of thanks, but in spite of Conference-related activities, we still need to run Eastwood and Top Ryde as well.

... last meeting (cont'd)

Onni Kivimaa delivered his report on exams all this week, followed by dinner at the Longfield's on Friday night where Patrick and Yvonne fed him his first Australian fish dinner. He attended the Bulldogs' RFL game in the weekend, followed by a visit to the Blue Mountains, which he found to be beautiful, but cold. "Cold?" interjected one Rotarian, "Not compared to Finland!" The Ryde River Festival didn't go too well for Onni—in the dragon boat race he was blinded by water sprayed in his face and hurt his hand when a stray paddle came in contact with it. We were relieved that he looked fully recovered by Tuesday. Our Serjeant later fined all attendees for not taking better care of him.

Serjeant Duncan allowed Patrick to draw the winning Spackle ticket for the second week running, but unlike last week, Patrick was unable to find the 'Joker'. A pity really, as a second win might have generated enough winnings to make it sustainable to draw a prize cheque for him!

We all then got fined for being unable to identify 'Charlie' (alias Charles Kilby) on a Harley from the photo in the Hub; for being at the Dragon Boat River Festival; for being absent from same, with a second fine if your excuse was swanning around Nowra instead. Patrick was fined for winning the spackle again, as well as for leaving his bottle of wine behind last week. Duncan then attempted to auction 6 bottles of home made jam donated by Patrick. In spite of the complete lack of Fig Jam, in the offering the bidding by the usual suspects was intense, with Bob Kaye-Smith eventually taking them away.

David James introduced **Alan Maclean**, an ex-Rotarian from the former Balmoral Club, who spoke of the history of rum after some AV hitches that further laid waste to our timetable. The first recorded fermentation of sugar cane juice was in India and China, and the name rum may come from the Latin name *Saccharum Officinarium* for sugar cane, or it may not. There are many disputed reasons for the name for the drink made from fermenting and distilling molasses.



In the 1600's rum became the favoured drink of sailors principally because due to vast new cane fields in the colonies, it was so cheap. Rum was supposed to be 50% ethanol by volume but some traders watered their product leading to a proof of fitness test—could a sample mixed with gunpowder be ignited by a magnifying glass? The resulting failure, success or explosion gave modern English the terms 'Proof', 'Under-Proof' and 'Over-Proof'. The Naval rum issue was a daily tradition for over 200 years, being only abandoned as warfare became more mechanised and complex, with the effect of rum believed to impair a sailor's ability to perform his duty.

The last Navy to abandon the rum tot was the Royal NZ Navy, who were perhaps made of sterner stuff. After his death Admiral Nelson's corpse was preserved in a barrel of rum for his return to London for burial. On arrival it was supposedly found that enterprising sailors had tapped the cask and had drunk most of the rum. This led to the phrase 'Tapping the Admiral' for drinking rum against regulations; later the phrase was used for drinking surreptitiously from a cask by means of a straw inserted through a small hole.

... last meeting (cont'd)

When Admiral 'Grog' Vernon decided to water the rum issue by 50%, the resulting underproof issue became known as 'grog', later the term was applied to any alcoholic drink which when imbibed, might make one 'groggy'. It was discovered that the rum issue could cure scurvy, but only when it was mixed with lemon juice. Thanks to Captain James Cook who trialled this on his expeditions, and astonishingly for the time, lost not a single man to scurvy. Lemon or the cheaper lime juice was added to the issue from the late 1770's, thus giving Englishmen the epithet 'Limey'. Rum was used as an anaesthetic during amputations and as a woman's sedative during childbirth.

British naval sailors who performed the arduous and vital task of splicing two huge ropes together to make the Mainbrace cable for a sailing ship were routinely given an extra tot of rum as a reward. After Queen Victoria announced an extra rum issue to every man on the ship she was visiting, 'Splice the Mainbrace' passed into common parlance for having a drink.

Graham Metcalfe thanked our guest with suitable nautical terms such as 'Shiver my timbers' and we ended our meeting with the Anthem.

Allen

Ryde Rivers Festival

Sunday the 9th of September broke to a beautiful morning. Deirdre and I collected drinks, hats, sun cream, and snacks and headed off to Kissing point Park to meet with the other members of the Ryde Rotary Dragon Boating team.

Paul Burnett, our team manager for the day and Jenny were already there with Clair, our dragon boating coach for the day. The tent was up and the seats laid out, drinks in the esky, music, sun, friends, heaven!

Paul and Clair attended to the registration formalities, whilst the team warmed up with a few exercises. We were called up to the starters assembly area, were we ready? You bet!

Our first serious practice session was on the way out to the start line, we were like poetry in motion, smooth, sleek and lightning fast. The starter fired the gun and we were off, spray gushing off the bow as we lifted to a plane and powered down the 200m course. **FIRST PLACE, YEA!**

I won't go into too much further detail, except to say that the competition in the next two races was somewhat superior. As a result we just missed out on a place in the finals. I have to say that some of our team didn't seem too upset by this and were seen happily packing up their gear, having had a somewhat strenuous but enjoyable day.

Thanks to Paul Burnett for organising such a good day and to all the members of the team. Bring it on again next year!



Ron Thomson

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	CCA—Major Fund Raising Event
Saturday 17 November	ROMAC—Roger Woodward Playing Chopin, Chatswood

More details of the above events, see Page 11

... one step ahead!



A sales rep, an admin clerk and their manager are walking to lunch when they find an antique oil lamp. They rub it and a Genie appears.

The Genie says, "I'll give each of you just one wish."

"Me first! Me first!" says the admin clerk. "I want to be in the Bahamas, driving a speedboat, without a care in the world." Puff! She's gone.

"Me next! Me next!" says the sales rep. "I want to be in Hawaii, relaxing on the beach with my personal masseuse, an endless supply of grog and the love of my life." Puff! He's gone.

"OK, you're up", the Genie says to the manager. The manager says, "I want those two back in the office after lunch."

Notice Board



The Editor
is taking a
holiday!



Please note, all contributions to 'The Hub' for editions:

25th September

2nd October

9th October

must be sent to the Sub-Editor, Kalma McLellan

kalmamclellan@optusnet.com.au

Can't attend?

— WHO DO I RING FOR THE NEXT 2 MEETINGS?

- ▶ If you can't make it to the **18/09/12** meeting, please ensure that you call Val Payne (9874 5787) no later than 10.00 am Monday 17/09.
- ▶ If you are unable to attend the **25/09/12** meeting, please let Bob Kaye-Smith know (0411 263 294) no later than 10 am Monday 24/09.
- ▶ For the first meeting in October, it's back to Val.



Weekly Report: Youth

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)

Applications are now open www.d9680ryla.org.au RYLA runs Sunday 13 to Saturday 19 January 2013.

The RYLA program is designed to:

- Encourage leadership development of young adults by young adults.
- Publicly recognize and reward young adults who give their time and serve as leaders in a range of youth organisations in our local community.
- Provide a Seminar Course to improve and enhance leadership skills for Youth Leaders and potential Leaders.

Who is it for?

- Young adults - 18 to 27 years of age and at least one year out of school. Young leaders in the community or those who aspire to leadership
- Young adults seriously committed to development of their leadership skills
- Young leaders from Sporting Clubs, Scouts & Guides, Church Groups, Surf Clubs, Businesses, Tertiary Institutions and all Community Groups

Outcomes:

The objective of RYLA is to empower each participant with leadership and management skills, which will assist them in becoming effective community leaders at the youth level and beyond.

A major benefit of this program is that young adults are given the opportunity to spend a full week of their life focusing on their own personal skills and directions while being supported and challenged by peers and inspirational experiences. This is a unique opportunity provided by the RYLA program.

On an informal/anecdotal level we constantly hear from past RYLArrians who tell us that they have had a 'life changing' experience and how the things they learned at RYLA have benefited them in ways far beyond the course objective. Some very strong friendships and networks are made.

Selected RYLArrians make up the facilitator team each year and many others come back to volunteer their services during some activities in the program each January. The cost is \$815 per attendee and our board has approved to sponsorship one attendee.

Interact:

Interact is Rotary International's service club for young people ages 12 to 18. Interact clubs are sponsored by individual Rotary clubs, which provide support and guidance, but they are self-governing and self-supporting. We currently sponsor one club and are in the process of setting up another one.

Each year, Interact clubs complete at least two community service projects, one of which furthers international understanding and goodwill. Through these efforts, Interactors develop a network of friendships with local and overseas clubs and learn the importance of :

- Developing leadership skills and personal integrity
- Demonstrating helpfulness and respect for others
- Understanding the value of individual responsibility and hard work
- Advancing international understanding and goodwill

... Youth Report (cont'd)

As one of the most significant and fastest-growing programs of Rotary service, with more than 10,700 clubs in 109 countries and geographical areas, Interact has become a worldwide phenomenon. Almost 200,000 young people are involved in Interact.

The proposed Interact Club of Ryde Secondary College is progressing. Nora Etmekdjian is championing this project. An interest meeting has been held and there are 31 students and 3 teachers who have registered an interest. Maureen Mulheron has volunteered to be the Rotary Club of Ryde Liaison officer.

The Interact Club of James Ruse Agricultural College is going well with over 130 members. Members were a huge help with Red Shield Appeal this year and will be assisting with our Christmas present wrapping in December. Duncan Taylor is our Liaison Officer.

National Youth Science Forum (NYSF)

One of the 6 applicants we submitted was successful. Her name is Lisha Lobo who resides in Ryde. Lisha is being co-sponsored by the Rotary Club of Eastwood. Our Board has approved \$500 towards her costs to attend the Forum in Canberra next January. Lisha will be presenting her experiences to our club on her return.

Road Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA)

We have 4 volunteers attending the RYDA program with Holy Cross College to be held 30 Oct 2012 at Sydney Olympic Park (near the tennis centre)

About the RYDA Youth Driver Awareness program:

Young people aged 17-25 years represent 13% of the population that account for 30% of motorists killed or seriously injured in road crashes.

The Rotary Youth Driver Awareness program focuses on attitude and awareness with the aim of helping young adults become better people on the road. The program highlights the privilege and responsibilities of owning and driving a motor vehicle and also illustrates their rights and responsibilities as passengers and pedestrians.

It is a one-day event held at a non-school site which co-ordinates the efforts of local road safety experts, driving instructors, the Police, recovering survivors of road crashes, drug and alcohol educators and financial services personnel.

The delivery of the RYDA Program is managed by Rotary clubs.

Rotary Youth Exchange Program (RYEP)

Inbound: Onni Kivimaa from Finland is settling in well to the Australian Culture. Onni is slumming it at the Dodd's place at the moment and it may prove difficult to extract him.

(See The Hub for your rostered Friday night out with Onni and hear his weekly reports at the meetings.)

Outbound: John Gorris has been approved to go to Finland next calendar year. John is currently completing his HSC and will attend a few more of our meeting before he heads O/S next January.

Charles Kilby
Youth Director



Attendance last meeting

Percentage Attendance Last Meeting: 97.62%

Makeups:	John Dodd, Geoffrey Brennan, Stefan Sojka, Steve Thorp, Charles Kilby
Apologies:	John Dodd, Surinder Joson, Doug Thompson, Geoffrey Brennan, Martin Aston, Tony Abboud, Burkhardt Foertsch, Stefan Sojka
Guests:	Onni Kivimaa

Friday Night Roster for Onni Kivimaa

Onni is presently hosted with John & Janelle Dodd

Who	When	Who	When
John Mazlin	21/09/12	Rob Mitchell	05/10/12
Graham Metcalfe	28/09/12	Maureen Mulheron	12/10/12

Looking Ahead...

Sept	25th	Travel management - Barry Mayo
Oct	2nd	Salvation Army's Employment Plus—Lyn Mann
	9th	Afghanistan Schools Project Celebration



Birthday



18th Sept	62 year Birthday Celebration for Bob Kaye-Smith
24th	16 year Club Anniversary for Noel Dunn

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.tz

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

Other events ...

▶ **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.graffitiremovalday.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

▶ **CCA—Major Fund Raising Event**

Date: Saturday 17 November
 Time: 7.00 for a 7.30 pm start
 Details: Email: deretta@yahoo.com.au or
Amanda.worgan@ccas.org.au



▶ **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
25/09/12	John Higgins	Allen Horrell	Ian Henderson	David James	Maureen Mulhern
02/10/12	Charles Kilby	Patrick Longfield	John Higgins	David James	Geoff Nix
09/10/12	Kalma McLellan	Siddarth Maheshwari	Allen Horrell	David James	Bill Payne

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!