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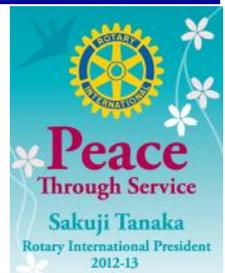
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Club Information



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 (or as advised)**



This Week...

Tonight 23 October Club Training Night.

Rob Mitchell will be our Trainer this evening.

Tonight's Roster

Welcomers	Bill Payne, Ashley Peake
Loyal Toast by	Nora Etmekdjian
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



Greetings to all Rotarians and Rotary friends.

It's good to be back again, after 4 weeks out of the country.

Thanks again to Adrian for filling in.

After last week's fireworks talk by Andrew Howard, we are coming down to earth to some solid work with an in-house club training night arranged by our training chairman Rob Mitchell.

The other very worthwhile training is done by the District's Training Institute in Thornleigh, which I recommend to all members to attend, when they run a course. The board has approved to cover the cost of any member participating. It is really essential to confront the challenges of the future, in order to be relevant and attractive in our changing society.

On Friday we leave for Newcastle, for a fellowship weekend arranged by Peter Cooper and Ron Taffa. Have a safe journey and a good time.

Burkhart

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Last meeting ... as recalled by Jan Cutler



Firstly my thanks to Kalma McLellan who so capably took over the reigns as Editor of The Hub over the last 4 weeks, while I enjoyed a fantastic time touring to Kangaroo Island and back. I'm now back at my desk and for the last meeting, also filled in as 'scribe'.

President Burkhart welcomed members and guests and following the Loyal Toast, our dinner of roast beef, baked pumpkin, broccoli and asparagus was served and later during the evening a very healthy slice of walnut cake!

PP Bob Kaye-Smith commended the visits by the Conference committee to District clubs and said they should be completed before November to incorporate the 'early bird' booking. The conference program is almost complete and has been organised by Rob Mitchell and Martin Aston. Stefan Sojka is looking after the Conference details on Ryde and District's web sites.

PE Adrian Hallett spoke of his son's participation in the 'Ride to Conquer Cancer' and thanked us for our support. The ride overall raised \$5.7 million for the 'Chris O'Brien Lifehouse at RPA'.



Adrian also announced that we have 2 nominations for RYLA and, an invitation calling for participants in the following:

- > GSE District 2004 to Turkey
- > North Sydney Rotary Lunch on 25/10/12 - Joe Hockey will be the guest speaker (*details Page 11*)

PP Rob Mitchell updated the Afghanistan projects and spoke of the great school results that have been achieved. Next week Rob will be our 'Trainer' for the Club night.

Onni Kivimaa gave his weekly report full of activities. Onni is presently staying with Victoria and Charles Kilby and enjoying the company of Charles Jnr and Lucas.

PDG Les Whitcroft emphasized the importance and reliance of sales from Christmas cards to support Australian Rotary Health. Kalma McLellan is looking after the sales of these cards.

PP Geoff Brennan attended the Indigo Foundation Dinner where Ryde Rotary was acknowledged several times and Rob Mitchell well recognised for his involvement in Afghanistan's school building projects.

PP Peter Cooper spoke of the club's social trip away to Newcastle (26-28 October) involving 34 people. Peter also thanked Ron Taffa for his administrative assistance for this weekend.

Assistant Serjeant **Rtn David Johnston** conducted the 'Spackle' – Nora Etmekdjian produced the winning ticket, but sadly it wasn't the 'Joker'. David then continued to fine us all for the usual minor offences and followed up by bits and pieces.

PP Martin Aston introduced our speaker for the evening – Andrew Howard from Howard & Sons Pyrotechnics.

Andrew's great grandfather Sydney Howard Snr, had a keen interest in the art of pyrotechnics and started his manufacturing business in Newcastle in 1922. As word passed around, his extraordinary skill demanded increased services. His son, Harry

... last meeting (cont'd)

joined his father at their new factory in Sydney where they produced Roman Candles, Mines, Fountains and Aerial Shells. At this time, both father and son each lost one hand working in the industry – today fireworks are much safer, technically controlled by banks of computers. Howard & Sons was commissioned to produce fireworks display for the opening of the Sydney Harbour Bridge in 1932 and many other major Australian festivals.

Syd's sons, Les & Syd Howard were the next generation to join the company, and their achievements included the Bicentenary celebration of Captain Cook's 1770 landing in Australia, the opening of the Sydney Opera House in 1973 and Australia's Bicentennial in 1988. They also won the prestigious contract to supply Disneyland and Disneyland in the US, the largest users of fireworks in the world.

Today, Les' sons, Christian and Andrew Howard continue the Howard dynasty. They have offices in all states of Australia and New Zealand – their modern, secure factory is situated in Wallerawang NSW. Andrew has a unique style of designing and choreographing and is justly proud of his work displayed in his presentation of the many cities where they have worked, including the Middle East, Asia, US and Canada. His brother Christian specialises in developing new and unique pyrotechnic devices winning many international fireworks competitions in recent years. An ancient science, state-of-the-art technology, spanning 90 years and four generations.

PE Adrian thanked Andrew for his interesting talk and spectacular presentation, and presented him with our Polio Plus Supporter Certificate. Additionally, Adrian presented Andrew with Maureen Mulheron's book 'The Lewis Children', duly signed by Maureen.



President Burkhart closed a very enjoyable meeting, announcing there would be a Board Meeting after our regular meeting next week.

Jan

Notice Board

Can't attend a meeting?

Who do I call ... before 10.00 am Monday mornings?

23 October		- Val Payne 9874 5787
30 October	}	
6 November	}	- Bob Kaye-Smith 0411 263 294
13 November	}	



Val will be back for the 20 November meeting.

Weekly Report

After a small break, the Avenues of Service Roster is up and running!

Watch this space!!

Rotary Peace Fellow passionate about water

As a child growing up in Montreal, Ryan Rowe resented his parents' requirement that he learn a second language. "I hated having to learn French," says the 2010-12 Rotary Peace Fellow, who earned a master's degree in public health from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in May, along with a certificate in peace and conflict resolution. "I never expected that I would come to love learning new languages."

Rowe, 34, now speaks Spanish and Portuguese in addition to English and French, and he's recently taken up Mandarin Chinese. Learning new languages is something Rowe does as a hobby. His official line of work – the stuff he's really serious about – is water and sanitation. That was his specialty at UNC, where he studied at the internationally acclaimed Water Institute. Today he is a part-time communications officer at the institute and quenches his thirst for volunteer opportunities on water projects in Africa, with Rotary and other organizations.



"A lot of people think the water crisis is just too daunting," he says. "I believe if we work together and remain committed to investing our energy, our skills, and our money, we can have a positive impact."

To hear Rowe tell it, that blend of optimism and determination has been part of his outlook at least since college. While an undergraduate at Concordia University in Montreal, Rowe took a semester off and travelled by bus through Mexico and Central America, immersing himself in the language and cultures to prepare for an exchange program in Colombia, where he took most of his courses in Spanish.

That bus trip, he says, is what opened his eyes to the impoverished conditions that many people face. "But instead of seeing poverty," he says, "I saw opportunity. I've always had an entrepreneurial quality, and I saw how the issues of poverty related to lack of infrastructure."

After earning a bachelor's degree in commerce and finance, Rowe pursued an international master's in strategic management at York University in Toronto. He studied in Brazil, taking a third of his courses in Portuguese and conducting an independent-study project on private-sector investment in water infrastructure in Latin America.

Rowe recalls that during his childhood, he heard tales of world travel and service projects from an aunt and uncle who are Rotarians in Ottawa. "But I wasn't clued in to Rotary's impact on the world," he says. That changed in 2009, when he was living in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, and working in infrastructure development for the Australian investment bank Macquarie Group.

... passionate about water (cont'd)

While doing volunteer work, Rowe learned about the Rotary Peace Centers program and saw an opportunity to help address water issues with some of the world's best experts.

"The Public health program at UNC is fantastic. This is an amazing partnership for Rotary," he says. "Applying to the Rotary Peace Centers program was the best decision I ever made."

In June, just four weeks after completing his fellowship, Rowe packed up his laptop, strapped on a backpack, and set off on his latest adventure: a six-month working tour of Africa that began with stops in Zambia, Malawi, and Mozambique, where he spoke at a conference sponsored by the World Health Organization and UNICEF. He plans to visit Nairobi, Kenya, where he serves on the board of trustees of the Tabasamu Education Fund, a nonprofit that provides funding to help children stay in school.

While Rowe continues his work for the Water Institute, his goal is to create a social investment fund to provide sustainable financing for infrastructure and development projects that improve the health and welfare of people in vulnerable areas.

He also expects that his career path will lead to collaborations with other peace fellows. "We're all in the same army," he says. "I'm following my passion, and I think that may be the most important thing a human being can do to be successful. I thank Rotary for enabling me to do that."

Rotary International—Weekly Updates

Test your General Knowledge—New High School Exit Exam

(Passing requires only 4 correct answers)

- 1) How long did the Hundred Years' War last? _____
- 2) Which country makes Panama hats? _____
- 3) From which animal do we get cat gut? _____
- 4) In which month do Russians celebrate the October Revolution? _____
- 5) What is a camel's hair brush made of? _____
- 6) The Canary Islands in the Pacific are named after what animal? _____
- 7) What was King George VI's first name? _____
- 8) What color is a purple finch? _____
- 9) Where are Chinese gooseberries from? _____
- 10) What is the color of the black box in a commercial airplane? _____

Check your answers on Page 8

Comedy Page



Murphy's Other 15 Laws

1. Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
2. A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.
3. He, who laughs last, thinks slowest.
4. A day without sunshine is like, well, night.
5. Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
6. Those who live by the sword get shot by those who don't.
7. Nothing is foolproof to a sufficiently talented fool.
8. The 50-50-90 rule: Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90% probability you'll get it wrong.
9. It is said that if you line up all the cars in the world end-to-end, someone from California would be stupid enough to try to pass them.
10. If the shoe fits, get another one just like it.
11. The things that come to those who wait, may be the things left by those, who got there first.
12. Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach a man to fish and he will sit in a boat all day drinking beer.
13. Flashlight: A case for holding dead batteries.
14. God gave you toes as a device for finding furniture in the dark.
15. When you go into court, you are putting yourself in the hands of twelve people, who weren't smart enough to get out of jury duty.

Answers to the High School Exit Exam (from page 7)

- 1) How long did the Hundred Years War last? *116 years*
- 2) Which country makes Panama hats? *Ecuador*
- 3) From which animal do we get cat gut? *Sheep and Horses*
- 4) In which month do Russians celebrate the October Revolution? *November*
- 5) What is a camel's hair brush made of? *Squirrel fur*
- 6) The Canary Islands in the Pacific are named after what animal? *Dogs*
- 7) What was King George VI's first name? *Albert*
- 8) What color is a purple finch? *Crimson*
- 9) Where are Chinese gooseberries from? *New Zealand*
- 10) What is the color of the black box in a commercial airplane? *Orange (of course)*

What do you mean, you failed?

Me too!

An Email from London



Hi Ryde Rotary!

Just a quick note to let you know my movements as it's been a while since I last wrote.

I'm well and truly settled in South East London and have my bearings in such a large city. Not sure if in my last email I had been to Paris but yes, we popped over The Channel for a couple of days to enjoy all things Parisian.

At the moment I am on the hunt for work. I haven't been as successful as I'd like. Applying for lots of jobs but being a jack of all trades yet a master of none, isn't in my favour apparently.

Russell has found a job working for Samsung. Standard working week is 42 hours and is shift work which is currently playing havoc on our travel plans.

I am heading to Liverpool in a couple of weeks. A high school friend of mine is celebrating her twin boys' first birthday so I shall head there and go to the temple where the celebration is to be held. I will get you a picture (if allowed!)

Also, it looks like we have a quick trip to Krakow, Poland planned as an impromptu dash somewhere. Hoping we will be able to visit the Old Town and do an Auschwitz Tour which isn't too far from Krakow. Pictures and information to come.

I've considered joining Rotary here, does anyone have any connections in London?

Russell and I attended the local pub for a trivia night last week and had a couple of friends join us making a team of four. We came in SECOND!! I have never had such luck on trivia before. A few questions we were carried by our English teammate who answered all things English. One question I held my ground on was what year did France get the Euro which happened to be on my year of Exchange. So I held my ground and said 'absolutely unequivocally'. Glad I did! Helped my team to a 2nd place victory. Our prize was a £25 bar tab which we used towards paying for dinner. 1st prize was £150! We will be going back for another go at the jackpot prize.

Well that's it for me, my mum is doing well managing without me. We Skype rarely but hey its better than what I thought I'd get which was a letter in the mail every quarter. She's adapted to the internet quicker than I ever imagined - she has been avidly using it for her radio program - just got the shock of my life. I thought I'd give you the link to the radio site:

<<http://www.greatlakesfm.org.au/>> (incl webcam <http://www.greatlakesfm.org.au/studio_webcam.htm>

where you can actually see them in the studio!) and there she is! I forgot she would be on air right now! Anyway, Tuesday nights from 6pm you can stream it through the internet if you're interested.

A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE with ROB Music from the 30's/40's/50's

http://www.greatlakesfm.org.au/studio_streaming.htm

That's it for me, it looks like its about to bucket down outside. I need to grab my coat and head off before the rain sets in. Other than that I don't have a lot of news for you.

My love to each and every one of you (and your partners too!)

Till next time,

Rayne



Attendance last meeting

Percentage Attendance Last Meeting: 87.18%

Makeups:	John Dodd, Kathryn Dodd, Kalma McLellan
Apologies:	John Dodd, Surinder Joson, Kathryn Dodd, Allen Horrell, Artin Etmekdjian, Bob Carroll, David James, Doug Thompson, Duncan Taylor, Patrick Longfield, Ross Rocca, John Mazlin, Kalma McLellan, Stefan Sojka.
Guests:	Onni Kivimaa
Guests of Members:	Gemma Nix

Friday Night Roster for Onni Kivimaa

Onni is presently hosted with Charles & Victoria Kilby

Who	When	Who	When
Away in Newcastle	26/10/12	Ron Taffa	9/11/12
Ross Rocca	2/11/12	Duncan Taylor	16/11/12



Birthday



October 24	92 years young— Birthday Celebration for Ashley Peake
25	32 year Wedding Anniversary for David James and Sally ... and a speedy recovery David!

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Rotary and Other Events ...

▶ Ryde Rotary Fellowship Weekend

Date: Fri Oct 26-Sun Oct 28—Newcastle
Details: Peter Cooper

▶ RYDA—Holy Cross College, Ryde

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

▶ North Sydney Rotary Club—Lunch

Date: Thursday 25 October
(*Joe Hockey will be the guest speaker*)
Time: Arrive: 12.30 pm Start: 12.50 pm End: 2.00 pm
Details: North Sydney Leagues Club

▶ 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



If you have a Rotary-related item for this calendar, please e-mail it to editor@ryderotary.org.au

Looking Ahead...

October 30th The Chinese Market Gardens & Gardeners of Ryde & Eastwood - Angela Phippen
November 6th Destiny Rescue—Gabrielle Eynon
13th Apprentice of the Year Awards



Meeting Night Duty Roster

Date	Welcomers		Loyal	Intro	Thanks
30/10/12	Ross Rocca	Stefan Sojka	Patrick Longfield	Martin Aston	Ken Allen
6/11/12	Ron Taffa	Duncan Taylor	Kalma McLellan	Martin Aston	Geoff Brennan
13/11/12	Ron Thomson	Julie Thorp	Graham Metcalfe	Martin Aston	John Brown

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!