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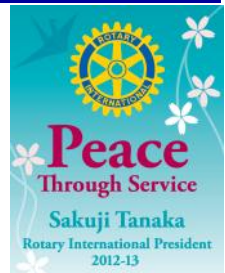
### Club Information



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.  
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## This Week...

### Tonight 30 October The Chinese Market Gardens & Gardeners of Ryde & Eastwood

Did you know that Ryde Bus Depot was once the site of a market garden? Angela Phippen, Local Studies and Family History Librarian, City of Ryde, will relate interesting Chinese history in the Ryde area.

## Tonight's Roster

Welcomers	Ross Rocca, Stefan Sojka
Loyal Toast by	Patrick Longfield
Guest Speaker introduced by	Martin Aston
Guest Speaker thanked by	John Brown



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 Rotarians and Rotary friends.

*I hope everyone had a splendid and interesting time at our fellowship weekend away in Newcastle. At last week's board meeting we approved the purchase of a laptop as part of our essential equipment and the training of some members to operate it. 1,640 'Tree of Joy' cards have been distributed to 13 charity organizations and the 3 Christmas trees will be set up on Saturday, 10th November in the Eastwood, West Ryde and Top Ryde shopping centres.*

*Tonight's guest speaker is Angela Phippen, who is going to tell us all about Chinese market gardens and gardeners in Ryde and Eastwood. I wonder whether Granny Smith might get a mention.*

*Next week we hear from Gabrielle Eynon about Destiny Rescue. This is a Christian NGO founded 2001 in Brisbane, to rescue children from hunger, poverty, human trafficking and sexual exploitation in South East Asia and Africa.*

*Burkhart*

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



**S**erjeant Duncan started our meeting, only realising as he introduced our President that Burkhart Foertsch has AWOL at the bar, "Something to do with Oktoberfest?" one Rotarian theorised. Soon enough he started the meeting with Rotary Grace, then Nora Etmekdjian led the Loyal Toast to the Queen.

The announcements included a 32nd Wedding Anniversary for David and Sally James on Thursday, which maybe explains the facelift scar on David's head! All jokes aside, it was good to see David James, Ron Taffa and Doug Thompson all back on their feet and at our meeting — the family of Rotary is real in our club.

A minute's silence was observed for the passing of Val and Reg Style. At my table the silence was followed by literary references which gradually developed into an erudite discussion of poetry: TS Elliot, Dylan Thomas and the Quadrant magazine all featured. "What does erudite mean?" asked Martin Aston in an unconvincing claim of everyman ignorance—I think he lives the word.

**President Burkhart** spoke on our three 'Trees of Joy' and appealed for volunteers. This is of course a pointless act unless accompanied by an attendance sheet with times and places for Rotarians to commit to, no doubt a list for each tree will circulate closer to the date so that each tree's roster can be manned, womaned or personned (or whatever PC term will clear me of accusations of misogyny).

**PR Director Kalma McLellan** spoke on the sales of the diet-busting Christmas fodder, and threatened intensive marketing if sales do not pick up. The healthier option of Christmas cards is now available for payment and collection.

**PP Charles Kilby** invited more volunteers for the 'Graffiti Busters' squad at Top Ryde to meet at 8 am on Saturday 3rd November. All those members who bewail the passing of our old 'Cash for Cans' project should see this as its moral equivalent and fellowship successor.

**PP David James**, freshly released from North Shore Private and scarred from his recent operation, gave a eulogy for Val and Reg Style and sought numbers for the Thursday funeral at Leppington.

**Onni Kivimaa** had been on the Narrabeen Surf safety weekend where he had to share a tent with two European giants. At our meeting he was selling chocolate bars to raise funds to support the Narrabeen Surf Club.

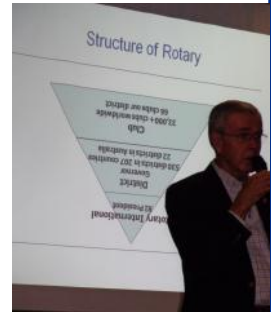
In the 'Spackle' **Rtn Siddharth Maheshwari** had the winning ticket but drew the Queen rather than the Joker. Undeterred, he chose a bottle of Red, and being teetotal, his table were soon enjoying the trickle-down effects of his win. Cross-fines included PP Geoff Brennan fining himself for being astounded by something fairly ordinary, the note-taking for this column. He noted that I stopped taking notes when some speakers went on too long. This was followed by DG John's attempt to introduce the custom of 'happy fines' to our club, 'happy fines' being a name which relies on 'cross' being defined as in the adjective meaning 'annoyed', of course in the context of cross-fines it has the same meaning as in cross-fire, as fines ricochet about the room, with the Serjeant taking incoming from all directions. In any case his fine concerned him commenting to Kathryn, "At last my duties permit me to attend my own Rotary Club this Tuesday!" to which Kathryn replied, "you mean **my** Rotary Club!"

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

**President Burkhart** bravely attempted to sell tickets to a Peace Dinner at \$375 per head. At this price they can "Give Peace a Chance" without us.

**PP Rob Mitchell** took a long swallow on his Siddharth-supplied Merlot before taking the lectern for his Rotary Training course, prompting interjections of "Dutch Courage" from the crowd.

For his first course, he asked us to consider what it means to be a member of Rotary. "If you can serve the community on your own, why be part of something bigger?" Rotary International and our own Rotary club give us presence, numbers, enabling structures, values and a brand. The instruction manual for Rotary is the MOP, as revised from time to time by the COL. If you don't know what these acronyms mean, go to <http://ryderotary.org.au/> downloads and download Acronym Buster - Rotary, and find out. Rob said it was a flat structure with RI President, DGs, and Clubs, which of course ignores what he later called its "large infrastructure" with hierarchies at RI World, Zone and District levels.



"What is a member?" Rob asked. "We don't have members, we have Rotarians!" I replied. "That is a pedantic New Zealander!" yelled another even more pedantic New Zealander.

"We are talking in circles!" cried PP Duncan some time later, but Rob proved him wrong with his next slide, clearly displaying a rectangle of stakeholders. "We are both the workers and the owners of Rotary," concluded trainer Rob. "No, we are not!" interjected DG John, and went on to develop an alternative interpretation at some length, which I won't try to reproduce here. Moving on from this sustained attack on his training material, Rob discussed Service Projects, and I think we can all agree that good projects contribute much to making a good Rotary club, generating good public relations, involvement, fellowship and satisfaction for our members.

**PP Ken Allen** says it is about engagement and connection. In any organisation (Church or Rotary) people will stay if they are given something worthwhile to do, and form relationships with other members. A Rotary Club then has elements of both a business and an extended family, or at least that is how it seems to me in Ryde Rotary. Thanks, Rob for taking on the training session, it provoked a lot of thought among your audience. After the Anthem, a Board meeting inspired by this example approved sending more of our Rotarians to the Rotary Leadership Institute at Thornleigh.

Allen

## Notice Board

### Can't attend a meeting?

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

30 October	}	
6 November	}	- Bob Kaye-Smith 0411 263 294
13 November	}	



Val will be back for the 20 November meeting.

## Weekly Report — Membership

This is the second report for my year for The Hub.

In my last report, I let my mind wander over the idea of membership in a rotary club. This time I go in a different direction. Firstly, what has been the year to date with respect to membership.

We have inducted two new members, Katherine Dodd and Rob Senior. I have one person actively engaged in exploring being a member, but he has yet to be able to attend a meeting. I hope to be able to introduce him to you soon. I am also aware of at least two others being 'cultivated'. One critical point to make here: we need to manage the number of potential members we have in the 'pipe-line'. We certainly do not need a flood of potential members.

Last meeting two people spoke about 'membership', Rob Mitchell formally, and John Dodd raised issues, to which Tony Jones (Q&A) might say, "I'll take that as a comment". Rob started to speak about 'members' then morphed between that and 'membership'. No doubt what each said added value to the conversations we are having around 'membership', with points I shall comment on from my perspective as membership director.

Rob asked what it is to be a member of a rotary club. This is important for if we cannot communicate critically why we are a member – and I felt those that did speak in answer to Rob's question were having some difficulty fully clarifying this for themselves - how can we explain it coherently to a prospective member?

John, made two observations I picked up on. First, that we should focus on targeting specific vocations, the second describing the type of person we should look for. Each of these comments made me think further about how this could all be managed. This though still begs the question about how we actually go about finding and attracting these sort of people.

During the board meeting that followed, the idea that we could have a club session where members might explore how they might develop a relationship with a prospective member, that hopefully ends up with that person joining the club. Perhaps this could be included as part of Rob's initiative that he started this evening. I'll have to speak with him on this.

During my time in rotary there have been many such sessions as this evening's, from which have developed a number of initiatives. Yet, we still find ourselves covering the same ground. This leaves me with a question or two:

- Why do we have trouble finding people who wish to join and stay?
- What is it that we are looking for? John's second point went a long way in answering this.

I am interested in asking members to answer, in writing and anonymously, two questions:

- Why did you become a member?
- Why are you still a member?

In conclusion, would any member who is having a conversation with a potential prospective member please inform me. This will assist me to keep some hold on this process.

- This task is the responsibility of each member. Maybe some form of recognition to a successful sponsor of a new member?

Enough for the moment, and thank you for your patience.

Patrick (to be continued)

## VALE— Val and Reg Style

### Obituary



Val Style — 21 February 1938 - 17 October 2012  
and  
Reg Style — 7 August 1935 - 21 October 2012

**M**embers of several local Rotary clubs were saddened to learn last week of the passing of two valued former Rotarians - Val and Reg Style.

Members of Ryde and other Rotary clubs attended their funeral on Thursday 25th October at Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Leppington.

Val joined the Rotary Club of Rydalmere in 1992 where she remained an active member until she retired due to ill health in 2003. She served as President in 1997, instigating new projects including the Probus Club of Dundas Valley.

Past District Governor Les Whitcroft who contributed one of the obituaries at the funeral, met Val when he became manager at National Can in 1966.

Recognising her special talents, he soon appointed her as his secretary where she excelled in promoting a happy relationship between customers, employees and management. She subsequently worked at 'Rotary Down Under' and was also active in the Secretaries' Association introducing state wide 'Job Skill' events to students and opening opportunities for employment.

Reg was proud of his military service, having done National Service in 1955. He then joined the Citizen Military Forces until he enlisted in the Australian Regular Army in 1958. He served for 21 years including twelve months in Vietnam. He was active in Legacy, frequently taking busloads of war widows on excursions.

Val was admitted to a nursing home in 2005, and as Reg's health was also declining, in 2010 members of the Rotary Club of Ryde assisted in clearing out a portion of their family home prior to sale.

Reg and Val were both residents at the Frank Whiddon Masonic Nursing Home, Glenfield. Val passed away on 17th October, followed by Reg only four days later. They will be remembered as staunch Rotarians, always ready to help, with a smile for everyone they met.

David James

## Roaming Photographer



*Left: Noel Dunn congratulates Ashley Peake on his 92nd birthday!!*

*Below: It was great to see and welcome back, Doug Thompson and David James after their time in hospital. Also returning last week was Ron Taffa after illness.*





## Graffiti Removal - Appreciation from the Community

I received the wonderful comments below about the work our Club has done and in particular **Bill Payne** in West Ryde who has been cleaning certain spots regularly and making sure no one can enjoy their art work. Di commented during our last West Ryde Chamber meeting that she can feel the difference.

Nora Etmekdjian

Hi Nora

Graffiti! What graffiti? There is none to be seen in West Ryde and Denistone and I am sure it's not because it does not happen. As soon as it happens, it is removed. Living in a community that is graffiti free creates a clean environment, one where it feels good to live and work in. For me it is in keeping with the country feel of the area, instead of a ghetto like some other suburbs! Over the four years I have lived and run my business in the area, I feel there has been a victory against the graffitists. The Rotary are to be commended on their efforts in keeping our community as natural as nature intended. I would like to personally thank everyone involved in the fight to keep our community clean and unspoilt. Thank you!

Thanks,  
Di

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## Up-and-Coming Rotary Events

<b>Tuesday 30 October</b>	RYDA—Holy Cross College, Ryde
<b>Tuesday 30 October</b>	Rotary Spectacular Charity Golf Day
<b>Saturday 17 November</b>	ROMAC—Roger Woodward Playing Chopin, Chatswood

**More details of the above and other events, see Page 11**

## Bit of a Giggle!



**D**o you remember this fellow? A few of his famous quotes:

- The most terrifying words in the English language are: *I'm from the Government and I'm here to help!*
- Government is like a baby: *An alimentary canal with a big appetite at one end and no sense of responsibility at the other!*
- It has been said that politics is the second oldest profession. *I have learned that it bears a striking resemblance to the first!*
- Politics is not a bad profession. If you succeed, there are many rewards; if you disgrace yourself, you can always write a book!
- Socialism only works in two places: *Heaven where they don't need it and hell where they already have it!*

## Friday Night Roster for Onni Kivimaa

Onni is presently hosted with Charles & Victoria Kilby

Who	When	Who	When
Ross Rocca	2/11/12	Duncan Taylor	16/11/12
Ron Taffa	9/11/12	Ron Thomson	23/11/12



## Rotary Anniversary

2nd November 36 year Club Anniversary for George Bouckley

## Christmas Cakes and Puddings — Order Now!!



Kalma will take your order

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**\* WIN \$3,000 CASH PRIZE**

**Share the Spirit of Giving this Season,**  
**Plum Puddings, Whisky Cakes**  
**and Shortbread Biscuits**



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## Rotary and Other Events ...

### ▶ 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



### ▶ DRAMA—'Doubt'—Zenith Theatre Chatswood

Date: Saturday 16-24 November  
 Time: Evening 8.00 pm (Matinee Sunday: 3.00 pm)  
 Details: www.zeniththeatre.com.au

## Attendance last meeting

**Percentage Attendance Last Meeting: 90.70%**

**Makeups:** Julie Thorp

**Apologies:** Surinder Joson, Artin Etmekdjian, Bob Carroll, Ross Rocca,  
 John Mazlin, Julie Thorp, Stefan Sojka

**Guests:** Onni Kivimaa

## Looking Ahead...

November 6th Destiny Rescue—Gabrielle Eynon  
 13th Apprentice of the Year Awards  
 20th Aboriginal Child Youth & Family—Adam Cryer

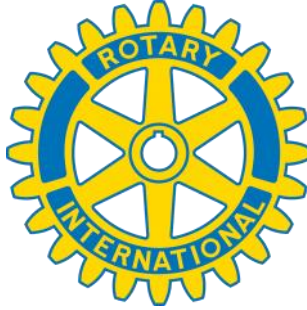


## Meeting Night Duty Roster

Date	Welcomers		Loyal	Intro	Thanks
<b>6/11/12</b>	Ron Taffa	Duncan Taylor	Kalma McLellan	Martin Aston	Geoff Brennan
<b>13/11/12</b>	Erdem Toner	Julie Thorp	Graham Metcalfe	-	-
<b>20/11/12</b>	Tony Abboud	Ken Allen	Jan Cutler	Martin Aston	Paul Burnett

*If you are unable to fulfil any 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!