

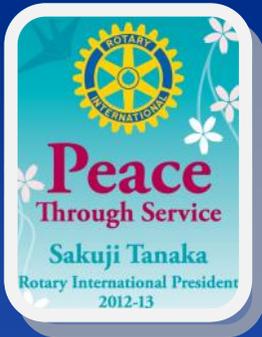
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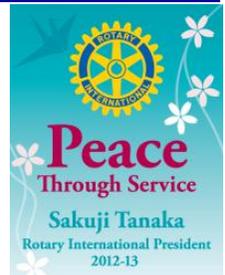
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Chartered: 22nd April 1946
 Club: #18039 / District: #9680 in NSW, Australia
 Meeting Place: Level 2, Next Generation Club, next to Ryde Aquatic Centre, 504 Victoria Road, Ryde
 Meeting Time: Every Tuesday — 6:00pm for 6:30pm
 Postal Address: Rotary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

**RSVP extras or absences to:
 Val Payne 9874 5787 (or as advised)**



This Week...

Tonight 27 November

Computers for PNG - Phil Isaacs
from the Rotary Club of North Ryde

Tonight's Roster

Welcomers	Martin Aston, Kathryn Dodd
Loyal Toast by	Paul Burnett
Guest Speaker introduced by	Rob Mitchell
Guest Speaker thanked by	John Higgins



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.

Last week, our guest speaker was Sue Pinckham, who spoke about the problems which confront our Aboriginal communities, especially children, youth and families. A theme with which I'm quite familiar, having lived in Eveleigh Street Redfern for 9 years. It is quite sad and disturbing to realize that a lot of the original Australians have fewer opportunities, more health problems and are less equal, than even the newest arrivals in this country.

Tonight we hear from Phil Isaacs, Past President of North Ryde Rotary Club about their Computers for Papua New Guinea Project.

*Remember: Saturday 1 December 10.00 for 10.30 am is the official opening of the **Ryde-Hunters Hill Men's Shed**. Do come along and check it out, it might come in handy one day.*

*Sunday 2 December 8.00 am is our monthly **Graffiti Removal** morning - again do come along. Many hands make light work!*

*Sunday 2 December 3.00 till 7.00 pm, hosted by City of Ryde - **Community Christmas Celebration** in Ryde Park. For our efforts, the Club will be provided with a \$500 donation.*

Burkhart

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

Last meeting ... as recalled by Allen Horrell



Our meeting started with 15 members absent, many of them on club business. For those who missed it, our dinner was rare roast beef, potato wedges and green beans — very nice, I thought.

A birthday list was circulated by **Maureen Mulheron**, who apologised it didn't have partners' names on it. "The information is all in Clubmate anyway," Graham Metcalfe explained.

Nora Etmekdjian appealed for volunteers for Christmas wrapping at Top Ryde Shopping Centre.

Rob Mitchell reported on Salman-e-Fars High School, now substantially completed in Borjagai. **Siddarth Maheshwari** was mentioned in Indigo Foundation dispatches for his vital communications role in their Tamil Nadu project.

Onni Kivimaa gave his weekly report. The school week was as usual 'nothing special' till his Friday night dinner with Geoff Nix. Onni and Geoff's daughter Gemma watched a movie, ate pizza then watched more on YouTube. On Saturday he watched scary movies with the Kilby's and 'ate lots of food'. On Sunday he was landscaping at the Kilby residence and planting citrus trees. He also found out that our outbound student John Goris will be staying 15 minutes from Onni's family home in Finland. It is, as he said, a small world and made more so by the Rotary Exchange Student Program.

Adrian Hallett announced our next Graffiti clean-up will be on Sunday 2 December, moved from Saturday to avoid a clash with Duncan's Men's Shed open day. Unfortunately he now has a clash with the Ryde City Council's barbeque on the same day from midday to 7 pm. Volunteers are required.

Steve Thorp spoke on our team at the CCA trivia night where we came third equal with CCA Manager and Epping Rotary make-up guest Heather Pinto's team. Duncan 'Men's Shed' Taylor spruiked his open Day on Saturday 1 December from 10 am. As their major sponsor, Ryde Rotary should make an effort to attend.

Membership Director **Patrick Longfield** spoke on membership.

David James then introduced our guest speaker.

Sue Pinkham is the Aboriginal Home and Community Care (HACC) Access/Development Officer from the Community Services Department of the Hornsby Shire Council. Sue told us that she is a descendant of Joseph Banks, but is more proud of her indigenous ancestry. She identifies as indigenous first, Australian second. She explained there were around 500 indigenous people in Ryde, but that they were invisible, 'blending in', living as Australians. It was clear she thought this was not a good thing, but it was not clear why, to me anyway. They do however prefer to source health and aged care via indigenous channels rather than the GP's/Medical Centres we are more used to.



Guest Heather Pinto, President Burkhart and our speaker Sue Pinkham

We were told that AFL was derived from a pre-European aboriginal football game, something that would have astounded proponents of Gaelic Football. She also mentioned the rising numbers of men with breast cancer, something that was soon to be publicised as a major health issue. "Boob scans?" muttered one male Rotarian, "I don't like the sound of that!"

... last meeting (cont'd)

Sue spoke at length and then answered several members' questions. **Geoff Nix** thanked Sue for her presentation.

Her talk was timely, coming after Professor Marcia Langton's 'SMH' article the previous Friday on the emergence of an indigenous middle class, 'Carving a route to indigenous wealth'. The article basically made the point that mining companies operating in the outback are doing more good for indigenous Australians than the State and Federal governments have ever managed to do, by throwing billions of dollars into welfare and interventions - they have given them good, high-paying jobs in the bush.

After the meeting, I gave a copy of the article to Sue, and we discussed the highlights. "About 8% of the mining employees are indigenous . . . Rio Tinto and Fortescue awarded more than \$300 million last financial year to indigenous contracting companies in the Pilbara . . . these companies are also employing indigenous people at an unprecedented rate . . . approximately 58% of the indigenous population is under the age of 25. By 2040, half of the population of northern Australia will be indigenous. In the south, it will remain at about 2 or 3 % . . . in 2012 indigenous people now own 82% of northern Australia in a variety of titles . . . Australians mostly live in cities, far away from the mining provinces. They are largely unaware of the great wealth mines generate and the economic and cultural shift happening inland. What will be urban Australia's response to the Aboriginal north?"

"Isn't it wonderful?" beamed Sue and I agreed. It is wonderful to see that the mining, cattle and tourism industries are fuelling the northern economy and the rising indigenous middle class. This is the kind of regional development both Australian cultures need.

Allen

Notice Board

Can't attend a meeting?

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

Val Payne - 9874 5787



Comedy Corner



Philosophy of Ambiguity **OR** the Idiosyncrasies of English

- ◇ The main reason that Santa is so jolly is because he knows where all the bad girls live!
- ◇ I went to a bookstore and asked the saleswoman "Where's the self-help section?" She said if she told me, it would defeat the purpose.
- ◇ If a parsley farmer is sued, can they garnish his wages?
- ◇ What was the best thing before sliced bread?
- ◇ One nice thing about egotists—they don't talk about other people?
- ◇ How is it possible to have a civil war?
- ◇ Whose cruel idea was it for the word 'lisp' to have an 's' in it?

Ryde Business Community Christmas Party



2012 Combined Chambers / RBF Christmas Party Friday 7 December 2012 – Lock it in your diary!

The entire City of Ryde business community is going to have a country-style hoe-down! Yee haa! **BOOK NOW!!**

<http://www.trybooking.com/>

Click **Buy tickets** then Search "RYDE"

The huge end-of-year gathering of the City of Ryde business community is on again. Hosted by Ryde Macquarie Park Chamber of Commerce this year and held at Riding For The Disabled, this is an event not to be missed. The event of the year.

There will be all kinds of activities throughout the night, including silent auction, raffles, games, music ...and a few surprises. So, get your dancing boots on!

Tickets are only \$60, and this includes:

- Christmas party entry
- Hay rides from the car park
- Generous meal, including finger food, spit roast pig, beef & lamb, with salads, vegetarian lasagne & dessert
- Soft drinks and water
- Live/DJ entertainment
- Participate in gold coin donation fun activities on the night.



Optional Extras (available right here on this Website, when you make your booking):

- Unlimited alcohol pass (wrist band) – \$15
 - Beer
 - Red Wine
 - White Wine
 - Champagne
- Bucking Bull ride – \$10
- Raffle tickets – \$5
- Donation to RDA – \$ Up to you.

NOTE: All profits for the event go to Riding for the Disabled

DATE: Friday 7 December 2012

TIME: 6:30pm until late

DRESS CODE: Country & Western! There will be prizes for best dressed cowboy, cowgirl and group... (Be creative!)

Ladies please consider wearing boots/shoes, as the venue is outdoor soft ground, not necessarily suitable for high heels.

**VENUE: Riding for the Disabled
118 Culloden Road, Marsfield NSW 2113**

CONTACT DETAILS: Charles Kilby – 0412 401 664

Email: charles.kilby@aussie.com.au

Looking forward to seeing you all there!

Conference Update

So much has been going on over recent weeks, and many members have been away supporting Conference activities.

So to ensure all members know where our organisation of the 2012 Conference is up to so far, here is a summary of progress to date:



- Over the past 6 to 7 weeks Allen Horrell, Julie Thorp, David James, Kalma McLellan, Adrian Hallett, Geoff Nix, Jan Cutler, Duncan Taylor and Charles Kilby have been busy visiting other Rotary clubs in our District, successfully promoting our District Conference, and unable to attend our own club meetings.
- Rob Mitchell assisted by Martin Aston has designed the program and arranged guest speakers, Rob along with John Dodd is now fine tuning the program.
- Stefan Sojka is overviewing the conference web site, assisting with guest speakers, and organizing the Band for Saturday night.
- Julie Thorp is keeping a tight control of accommodation, registration and with the assistance of Kathryn and Janelle Dodd designing the table decorations for the Friday and Saturday night. Once the design is complete a working bee will be organised to complete the 55 table decorations. Ron Thompson has manufactured items for the table decorations.
- Adrian Hallett is in the process of organizing the display booths for the conference.
- We are also looking at what is going to be the most appropriate for us to wear during the conference and Saturday night - more on this later!
- Kalma McLellan will be compiling the draft program booklet for the conference.
- Charles Kilby and Geoff Nix are seeking sponsor/s for the conference.

I would like to thank these and all members of the Club for their ongoing support in ensuring that we produce the 'Best Conference Ever'. I will be away this week promoting the conference at the Terrey Hills club, however on my return I will be giving you a bi-weekly update on the conference.

Bob Kaye-Smith
Rotary District 9680
Conference Chairman 2012-13

Youth Exchange Christmas Party



"YOUTH EXCHANGE CHRISTMAS PARTY"

Santa will be there!



As our Inbound Exchange Students prepare for their first Australian Christmas, and our 'Outbounds' arrange to head off to adventures around-the-world, let's celebrate with a night of fun & friendship.

'AUSSIE' SPIT ROAST & BUSH DANCE

DATE: Friday 30th November 2012

TIME: 7.00pm until 11.00pm

VENUE: Hunters Hill Sailing Club
Merrington Place (off Clarke Rd)
Woolwich

DRESS: Casual (Dancing Jeans)

COST: Rotarians, Students

& Friends \$50.00 pp

Children 15 or under: \$25.00 pp

(includes 'Aussie' Christmas Dinner, 'Outback Bush Band', Entertainment by our Students, Soft Drinks for Students, Cash Bar)

R.S.V.P.: 16th November 2012

Paul Wynn wynn@ozemail.com.au Ph.: 0407 946 766



'Celebrating Rotary Youth Exchange!'

Presented by The Rotary Club of Gladsville

Hi from London!



Hello Ryde Rotary! It's been a while since I last wrote so I thought I would drop you a quick line.

Happy birthday shout-outs to Bob, Martin, Ken & Rob. Happy birthday wishes gentlemen!

The cooler months have set in here and I am more than glad I brought my wool coat. Most days consist of a beanie, gloves, scarf topped off by my knee length wool coat. I'm told it gets colder which makes me nervous although I think I can cope with the cold, its just the rain that wears thin on me. This mornings breakfast show said that yesterday (Sunday) was a "glorious day". Ok, there were blue skies for a couple of hours but that's it. Hardly constitutes a "glorious day" in my book but I guess I'm used to endless days of sunshine.



Since I last wrote I have landed a job at Kings College London on the Strand. I'm currently working as a PA for the Arts and Humanities School. It's good and reasonably interesting although its still tertiary education. Nice to learn how things are done on the other side of the world, albeit not that differently. I do love working in central London every day. I get to walk around a real life Monopoly board and see things that I still consider the gem of London. Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament and the London Eye are all on my train journey into the center of town.

Last week I had the good fortune of acquiring a returned ticket to the Ballet at the Royal Opera House (ROH). Even more so, the ticket was gifted back to the ROH which meant I got in for free! I was able to watch Swan Lake at the ROH for free. How many people can say that! It was a delightful experience and one I shan't forget.

Not much else to tell, I will have more to write next week. Its my birthday next weekend so Russell is taking me on a weekend away. Destination is a surprise so I have no news to tell.

Christmas looks like it will be spent in London, hopefully a white Christmas will grace us this year. Pass on my hellos to all Rotarians and partners.

Until I write again,

Rayne

Up-and-Coming Rotary Events

Friday	30 November	Rotary Club of Gladesville—Youth Exchange Bush Dance
Sunday	2 December	Graffiti Removal Team
Sunday	2 December	Community Christmas Celebration in Ryde Park
Tuesday	11 December	Annual General Meeting of the Rotary Club of Ryde
Saturday	15 December to Monday 24 December	- Christmas Gift Wrapping 2012 Top Ryde City Shopping Centre

[See details of some of the above and other events Page 11](#)

Attendance last meeting

Percentage Attendance Last Meeting: 86.05%

Apologies: John Dodd, Siddharth Maheshwari, Surinder Joson, Les Whitcroft, Artin Etmekdjian, Bob Kaye-Smith, Charles Kilby, Geoffrey Brennan, Erdem Toner, Ian Henderson, John Mazlin, Julie Thorp, Kalma McLellan, Paul Burnett, Rob Senior

Makeups: John Dodd, Bob Kaye-Smith, Charles Kilby, Geoffrey Brennan, Julie Thorp, Kalma McLellan

Other Guests: Onni Kivimaa

Guest of Member: Don Allen

Friday Night Roster for Onni Kivimaa

Onni is presently hosted with Charles & Victoria Kilby

Who	When	Who	When
Julie & Stephen Thorp	30/11/12	Tony Abboud	14/12/12
Erdem Toner	7/12/12	Ken Allen	21/12/12



Birthdays & Anniversaries



November	29	Birthday celebration for Maureen Mulheron
	29	69th birthday celebration for Paul Burnett
December	2	4 year Club Anniversary for Adrian Hallett
	2	9 year Club Anniversary for Ron Taffa
	4	8 year Wedding Anniversary for Bob Carroll and Lorraine

Comedy Corner



Some more PARAPROSDOKIANS . . .

- ◇ If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
- ◇ We never really grow up, we only learn how to act in public.
- ◇ War does not determine who is right - only who is 'left' . . .
- ◇ Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
- ◇ To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
- ◇ In filling out an application, where it says, 'Notify in case of emergency', I put 'DOCTOR.'

Rotary and Other Events ...

- ▶ **Youth Exchange Christmas Party—hosted by Rotary Club of Gladesville**
 Date: Friday 30 November
 Time: 7.00 to 11.00 pm
 Details: Paul Wynn 0407 770 669 or wynn@ozemail.com.au
- ▶ **Hunters Hill Ryde Men's Shed Opening Celebration**
 Date: Saturday 1 December
 Time: 10 am for a 10.30 start
 Details: 3 Mary Street, Hunters Hill
- ▶ **Australian Rotary Health Christmas Dinner —Dr John Yu**
 Date: Monday 3 December
 Place: Epping Club, Rawson Street, Epping
 Time: 6.30 for 7 pm
 Details: Jenny Towe 8837 1900
- ▶ **2012 Combined Chambers/RBF Children's Party**
 Date: Friday 7 December
 Time: 6.30 pm till late
 Details: Charles Kilby 0412 402 664 or charles.kilby@aussie.com.au
- ▶ **Celebration of the Festive Season - Rotary Club of Eastwood**
 Date: Saturday 8th December, 2012
 Place: 408-412 Pennant Hills Road, Pennant Hills 2120
 Time: 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm Cost: \$30 per head - plus BYO
 Details: Patricia Keith 9808 1044 or email pakeith@dial1.net
- ▶ **2012 Rotary Christmas Gift Wrapping - Top Ryde Shopping Centre**
 Date: Saturday 15 December to Monday 24 December
 Details: Contact Nora Etmekdjian

Looking Ahead ...

December	4	J apan - My Experience - PDG Les Whitcroft
	11	Circus Quirkus + A nnual G eneral M eeting
	18	Our end of year C hristmas P arty



Meeting Night Duty Roster

Date	Welcomers		Loyal	Intro	Thanks
4/12/12	Peter Cooper	Jan Cutler	Rob Senior	-	-
11/12/12	David Johnston	Adrian Hallett	Bill Payne	Graham Metcalfe	Patrick Longfield
18/12/12	Noel Dunn	Nora Etmekdjian	Stefan Sojka	Christmas	Party

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!