

THE ROTARY CLUB OF RYDE—DISTRICT 9680 CHARTERED 1946

# The HUB

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Family Month**

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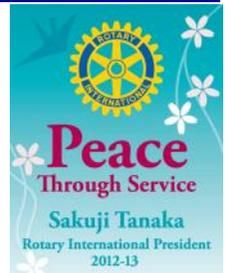
## Club Information



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...

**4 December**

Tonight, PDG Les Whitcroft will tell of his travelling experiences in Japan.

## Tonight's Roster

Welcomers	Peter Cooper, Jan Cutler
Loyal Toast by	Rob Senior
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



**G**reetings to all Rotarians and Rotary friends.

*Last week, our guest speaker was Phil Isaacs, Past President of North Ryde Rotary Club, who talked about their 'Computers for Papua New Guinea' Project.*

*Quite fascinating the co-operation with TAFE Colleges, suppliers, manufacturers, sponsors and technical wizards to come up with the product which can be used by complete novices, out in the middle of nowhere with solar power only.*

*It appears that we had quite a busy weekend with the opening of the Men's Shed, the Graffiti removal and the Ryde Community Christmas BBQ.*

*Tonight we have one of our own as a guest speaker. PDG Les Whitcroft will talk about his experiences in Japan. There will be a board meeting afterwards and next week we have our Annual General Meeting.*

*I hope you had an enjoyable First Advent.*

Burkhart

**Deadline for material in  
The HUB is Friday 5pm unless otherwise arranged**

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



**A**fter President Burkhart opened our meeting with the Rotary Grace, Kathryn Dodd proposed the Loyal Toast, and did so with aplomb, but her choice of drink container was a little short of formal, a stubbie of beer. "She toasted the Queen out of a bottle!" went up the cry. "She's the Queen of Australia, too!" said another, implying a certain amount of bogantry comes with the territory.

Dinner was Chicken Schnitzel smothered with gravy, accompanied by red capsicum, potatoes and beans, only slightly marred by the tasteless spongy pieces of squash.

**President Burkhart** announced the inauguration of the Meadowbank Combined Proboscis Club last week, with our President Elect Adrian Hallett elected President. Adrian will be a busy bloke next year.

Outbound Exchange student **John Goris** was presented with his RYEP Blazer next, so he is now outfitted for Finland. **PE Adrian Hallett** spoke on the graffiti removal on Sunday morning and the BBQ that follows. **Julie Thorp** has Conference registrations well under control, and deserves our thanks.

**Onni Kivimaa** gave his weekly report – his parents have sent a Red Cross parcel from Finland last Tuesday which he hopes will arrive soon. On Wednesday he was unwell but recovered in time for his birthday on Friday. He went out to a birthday dinner with the other RYEP students, first enjoying Ten Pin bowling at the Strike bowling alley at Chatswood, and then enjoying burgers for dinner.

**Serjeant Duncan's** fines session was interrupted by Charles Kilby, who wanted to say more about the Graffiti day. Eventually Duncan kicked off the session by chiding Kathryn Dodd for the Loyal Toast with a beer bottle thing, although there is nothing in the Rotary Manual of Procedures that specifically forbids an 'ocker' salute. Birthdays, wedding and club anniversaries were so much fodder for the fining machine, and on this night two noisy tables were first equal and both paid the piper.

**Peter Cooper** had the winning spackle ticket, and would have been a popular choice for the Joker, but came away with a bottle of Cabernet Sauvignon instead.

**David James** introduced Phil Isaacs of ROMAC fame, to speak on the subject of low powered personal computers for third world communities in places like PNG. In a research project involving two TAFE's and a Chinese hardware manufacturer, they have produced a tiny, solid state PC in a box the size of a power supply, with no fans to suck dust into the workings, and with no moving parts, the LPPC can handle 95% humidity at 50°C.

At the end of his presentation **Patrick Longfield** asked the best question of the night: "Why do they need Computers at all?" Two countries which regularly score far higher than Australia in literacy and numeracy tests are Hong Kong and Singapore, which do not train their children to use computers, instead with text books and chalkboards, they teach them how to use their brains. I don't think that a dedicated teacher enthusiastically passing the torch of learning to another generation can ever be replaced by a computer, but sadly, many of our unionised, protected NSW teachers could be.

We ended the meeting with a somewhat muted National Anthem, or maybe it was just that I was facing the flag from a foot away that made it seem so.

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

Some members may have noticed me working on the club laptop, the reason being that it had failed to display Rob Mitchell's photos in a slide show the week before. By the end of the night I had diagnosed the cause — corrupt operating system files due to bad sectors on the hard drive, so I took it home, ran chkdsk/F to repair the disk, then reinstalled Windows 8 and what do you know? The File Explorer now has a "Slide-Show" button on it, it works much the same as Windows 7. It is all fixed now, ready for next week's meeting.

Allen

## Notice Board

### Can't attend a meeting?

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

**Val Payne - 9874 5787**



## Anagrams

**S**omeone out there must be 'deadly' at Scrabble (wait till you read the last one)!

**PRESBYTERIAN:**

When you rearrange the letters:

*BEST IN PRAYER*

**ASTRONOMER:**

When you rearrange the letters:

*MOON STARER*

**DESPERATION:**

When you rearrange the letters:

*A ROPE ENDS IT*

**THE EYES:**

When you rearrange the letters:

*THEY SEE*

**GEORGE BUSH:**

When you rearrange the letters:

*HE BUGS GORE*

**THE MORSE CODE:**

When you rearrange the letters:

*HERE COME DOTS*

**DORMITORY:**

When you rearrange the letters:

*DIRTY ROOM*

**SLOT MACHINES:**

When you rearrange the letters:

*CASH LOST IN ME*

**ELECTION RESULTS:**

When you rearrange the letters:

*LIES—LET'S RECOUNT*

**SNOOZE ALARMS:**

When you rearrange the letters:

*ALAS! NO MORE Z'S*

**A DECIMAL POINT:**

When you rearrange the letters:

*I'M A DOT IN PLACE*

**THE EARTHQUAKES:**

When you rearrange the letters:

*THAT QUEER SHAKE*

**ELEVEN PLUS TWO:**

When you rearrange the letters:

*TWELVE PLUS ONE*

... and for the Grand Finale

**MOTHER-IN-LAW**

When you rearrange the letters:

*WOMAN HITLER*

*From Patrick*

# 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](mailto:charles.kilby@aussie.com.au)**

**Looking forward to seeing you all there!**

## Another side to Graffiti!

**G**raffiti spotted on walls around the world:

- ↻ Abstinence is the thin end of the pledge.
- ↻ Adam came first, but men always do.
- ↻ Alimony: bounty after the mutiny.
- ↻ All this beer drinking will be the urination of me.
- ↻ A seminar on time travel will be held two weeks ago.
- ↻ Bad spellers of the world - Untie!
- ↻ British trees rule. Oak eh?
- ↻ Chastity is curable if detected early.
- ↻ Down with gravity.
- ↻ Dwn with vwls.
- ↻ Eat right. Stay fit. Die anyway.
- ↻ Every time I lose weight, it finds me again
- ↻ How do you get a man to do sit-ups? - Put the remote between his feet.
- ↻ How does Bob Marley like his donuts? - Wi' jammin'
- ↻ I'd give my right hand to be ambidextrous.
- ↻ I earn a seven-figure salary. Unfortunately there's a decimal point involved.
- ↻ If we are what we eat, I'm cheap, fast and easy.
- ↻ I'm not tense, just terribly, terribly alert!
- ↻ It's not easy having dyslexia. Last week I went to a toga party as a goat!
- ↻ I've lost my faith in nihilism.
- ↻ JESUS IS COMING: everybody look busy!
- ↻ Just think what the speed of lightning would be if it didn't zigzag.
- ↻ Love is grand: divorce is a few hundred grand!
- ↻ My daughter thinks I'm nosy. At least that's what it says in her diary.
- ↻ My girlfriend thinks I'm a stalker...Well...she's not exactly my girlfriend quite yet.
- ↻ My imaginary friend thinks you have serious mental problems.
- ↻ My inferiority complexes aren't as good as yours.
- ↻ Polynesia: memory loss in parrots.
- ↻ Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.
- ↻ Time is never wasted when you're wasted all the time!
- ↻ Two in every one people in this country are schizophrenic!
- ↻ Variety is the life of spies.
- ↻ Veni, Vidi, Velcro: I came, I saw, I stuck around.
- ↻ When blondes have more fun, do they know it?
- ↻ Whenever I feel blue, I start breathing again.



## MUNA is coming!



ROTARY CLUB OF WAHROONGA INC.  
ABN 22 979 218 812



### MODEL UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY

23 and 24 March 2013

Organized by the Rotary Club of Wairoa

November 2012

Dear New Generations Director

The confirmed dates for MUNA 2013 are Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2013. The venue is Knox Grammar School, Pacific Highway, Wairoa 2076.

The Assembly will be in session from 8:30am to 5pm Saturday and 9am to 4pm Sunday.

Schools in your area have been advised of the forthcoming MUNA and requested to contact their local Rotary Club to discuss your sponsorship of their team. The onus is on each school team (there may be two teams from some schools) to secure your sponsorship before submitting its application to participate in MUNA.

You can assist this process by contacting the school you sponsored this year. If your club was not involved in sponsorship this year please contact schools in your area and offer sponsorship, which is \$250 per team. If you have a Rotary Exchange student in your club, he/she could be involved as an advisor to the team your club sponsors.

The country which each team is to represent will be selected by the Secretary-General – David Ellyard.

Information about MUNA is available from the 2012 website: <http://www.rotary.org.au> with a new 2013 website likely ready by the end of this week.

The closing date for team nominations is when 45 teams have registered. Six have already registered now. So work with your proposed sponsor school quickly...

Regards

Ian Paterson

Ian Paterson  
Muna Chair  
Rotary Club Wairoa

24 Challis Avenue Turramurra 2074

9489 2855

### A Message from our Webmaster

<http://ryderotary.org.au/about-members> – Please go to the member listing on our Website to check your own listing and information. If you have anything to add, such as a new photo, or updated information – or you would like to change anything that is currently listed, please email Stefan – [stefan@cyrius.com.au](mailto:stefan@cyrius.com.au)

## Rotary Carols on the Common



Saturday, 16 December  
From 5.30 pm  
North Ryde Common



Rotary Clubs of  
Macquarie Park & North Ryde

**T**he Rotary Clubs of North Ryde & Macquarie Park have asked if any of our members can assist as volunteers at the 'Rotary Carols on the Common' this year.

Please register you details on the website:

<http://www.carolsonthecommon.org.au/registration.php>

This will greatly assist them in organising the night. If it's too hard or you have problems please email ([registration@carolsonthecommon.org.au](mailto:registration@carolsonthecommon.org.au)) with your:

- > Name
- > Email Address
- > When you are available etc

The event helps raise money for ROMAC (see <http://www.romac.org.au/>), North Ryde and Macquarie Park Rotary Clubs.

They need help throughout the day until late at night. Examples of the activities they need help with include:

- > Set up
- > Pull down
- > Ticket Sales
- > Drinks
- > Glow Sticks and Candles
- > BBQ Serving
- > BBQ Cooking
- > BBQ Preparation
- > Bucket Collection

Hopefully they will get much better weather than last year.

Your help will be much appreciated!

Contact:

Paul Williamson  
Roster Coordinator  
Rotary Club of Macquarie Park

Phone: 02 9868 2595

Mobile: 0425 859 876

Skype: pwillia6

Fax: 02 8002 0043

## Up-and-Coming Rotary Events

**Sunday 2 December** Grafitti Removal Team

**Sunday 2 December** **BBQ Teams** —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 the above and other events Page 11**

## Attendance last meeting

Percentage Attendance Last Meeting: 85.0%

<b>Apologies:</b>	John Dodd, Surinder Joson, Artin Etmekdjian, Bob Kaye-Smith, Graham Metcalfe, Jan Cutler, John Higgins, Rob Mitchell, Steve Thorp, Tony Abboud, Erdem Toner, Ian Henderson, John Mazlin, Paul Burnett, Ron Taffa
<b>Makeups:</b>	John Dodd, Bob Kaye-Smith, Steve Thorp
<b>Other Guests:</b>	Onni Kivimaa, John Goris

## Friday Night Roster for Onni Kivimaa

Onni is presently hosted with Charles & Victoria Kilby

Who	When	Who	When
-	7/12/12	Ken Allen	21/12/12
Erdem Toner	14/12/12		



**No** dictionary has been able to adequately explain the difference between **COMPLETE** and **FINISHED**.

However, in a recent linguistic conference held in London, and attended by some of the best linguists in the world:

**Samsundar Balgobin, a Guyanese, was the clear winner.**

His final challenge was this:

Some say there is no difference between **COMPLETE** and **FINISHED**. Please explain the difference between **COMPLETE** and **FINISHED** in a way that is easy to understand.

**Here is his astute answer:-**

"When you marry the right woman, you are **COMPLETE**;  
but, when you marry the wrong woman, you are **FINISHED**;  
and, when the right one catches you with the wrong one, you are **COMPLETELY FINISHED!**"

## Rotary and Other Events ...

- ▶ **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  
 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
  
- ▶ **Rotary Carols on the Common — Rotary Clubs of Macquarie Park & North Ryde**  
 Date: Saturday, 16 December  
 Place: North Ryde Common  
 Time: From 5.30 pm  
 Details: Paul Williamson 9868 2595 or Mobile 0425 859 876
  
- ▶ **2012-13 MUNA— Knox Grammar School, Wahroonga**  
 Date: Saturday & Sunday 23-24 March  
 Time: Saturday, 8.30 am to 5 pm, Sunday 9 am to 4 pm  
 Details: Ian Paterson 9489 2855, MUNA Chair, Rotary Club of Wahroonga



## Anniversary & Birthday



- December 4      8 year Wedding Anniversary for Bob Carroll and Lorraine  
 5                71 year Birthday Celebration for President Burkhart

## Looking Ahead ...

- December      11      Circus Quirkus + **Annual General Meeting**  
 18                Our end of year **Christmas Party**



## Meeting Night Duty Roster

Date	Welcomers		Loyal	Intro	Thanks
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!