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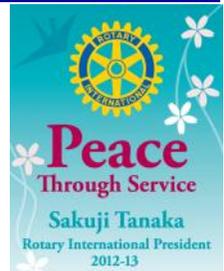
Club Information



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...

18 December

Santa is coming to our Christmas Party!



Tonight's Roster

Welcomers	Noel Dunn, Nora Etmekdjian
Loyal Toast by	
Guest Speaker	-
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.

Our Christmas Party tonight, so sit back and enjoy the evening!

The first meeting back for 2013 will be an informal BBQ with a film appropriate to the theme of the Saturday night at the 2013 District Conference. Members will receive an e-mail (or phone call) revealing the secret location.

Cost is \$10 a head for food. BYO beverages.

James Dodd will be in charge of the flames.

Have a safe and happy Christmas!

Burkhart

Reminder from our Treasurer

Semi-annual membership fees of \$125 are NOW DUE.

You may write a cheque, give cash or pay by direct credit to —

Rotary Club of Ryde, Inc.
BSB: 112-879
Account #: 000589388





Last meeting ... as recalled by Kalma McLellan

Our meeting started with a slightly unharmonious rendition of the Rotary Grace – we are usually a quite melodious bunch so maybe too much Christmas Cheers before arrival? **Bill Payne** made up for it with a wonderful regal toast, with Graham Metcalfe welcomed as our ‘guest’ speaker.

After lots of apologies, the news of the night was the celebration of the 61st, yes, 61st wedding anniversary of Bill and Val Payne – that is very hard to visualize, and as my Dad would have said – longer than a life sentence! Congratulations to a wonderful couple! Dinner was served (after the excitement died down) of chicken fillet with a drizzle of pepper gravy on a bed of mashed sweet potato, accompanied by Allen’s favourites – beans – and broccoli – yummy. Attendance did not break last year’s numbers for an AGM, however still very respectable, and definitely a quorum!

AGM Chair Bob Kaye-Smith guided us through the special agenda, included amendments to the previous minutes to correct inadvertent typos (thank you Adrian). **Graham Metcalfe** presented the 2011/12 accounts in much detail and engendering animated discussion, as well as periods of silence as the details were absorbed – well done Graham!

Adrian Hallett took the microphone to announce his Board for 2013/14 which includes:

Administration/	
President Nominee:	Kalma McLellan
Secretary:	Bob Kaye-Smith
Treasurer:	David James
Membership:	Kathryn Dodd
Public Relations:	Geoff Nix
Projects:	Allen Horrell
Foundation:	Ken Allen

Adrian provided an inspirational President Elect speech including our 9685 collaboration; our partnership with Putney Hill; the June 2014 International Conference in Sydney, all providing networking opportunities. He has high hopes for collaboration with local high schools, building on the Marsden experience, and invited input from all Club members who would like to be active.

Reports from Service Directors were succinct after all this excitement with special mention of the February Golf Day at Ryde Parramatta to raise money for prostate cancer, including the nomination of the absent Tony Abboud to sponsor the ‘Hole in One’ competition. Although it sounds like he is up against Aussie Home Loans who are also anxious to provide funds for the event – the competition is on already! You don’t even need to play golf to enjoy the day as many officials are required to keep everyone moving in the right direction.

Conference accommodation news from **Julie Thorp** - \$191 per room per night so start saving. Also a reminder of **ONE PRESSIE PER CHILD** for next week’s Christmas Party.

Geoff Nix updated us on his visit to Carlingford High School for their ‘Business Week’ activities when simulation scenarios are used to build share prices and an overseas business profile. 200 x 15 year olds all got into the spirit of success, with the help of teacher Margaret Owens, who has been running the event successfully for 15 years.

. . . last meeting (cont'd)

Conference update from **Bob Kaye-Smith** reporting that early bird registrations (up from 208 last week to 384 by Friday) has allowed us to break even already which is great news. The hope is to revisit all clubs before the end of January to thank them for their support and provide a gift/incentive to those already registered.

Onni Kivimaa reported his first quiet week - at last! A geography excursion happened on Wednesday to Field of Mars to check its water characteristics. Out to the 'Combined Chamber Christmas Party' Friday night at Riding for the Disabled where he was entertained by muso Stefan until the 'early' finish of 11pm. After some pressing from others present, he reluctantly added tales of being auctioned for a good cause – well done. He spent Saturday at the movies on Castle Hill, Sunday checking out Macquarie Centre – so overall a nice quiet week. Although Charles added that his bucking bull ride was very successful, and that the auction results returned between \$50 and \$800 with a good time had by all.

Erdem Toner missed the lucky card draw and took the magnificent bottle of red on offer.

Nora Etmekdjian was fined for imploring for Xmas wrapping volunteers from the entire north west sector. **Charles Kilby** landed a few quick fines in succession, including one for the (still) absent Tony About, followed by a free for all – thought the Sergeant was supposed to instill decorum?

Thankfully speaker **Graham Metcalfe** restored civility and provided an enlightening session describing the telemarketing campaign which funds so many of our projects. It began in Martin Aston's 94/95 year as President based on a film show for disadvantaged children and their carers. Our name provided credibility and in return we received a percentage of donations to channel towards causes of our own determination. The business providing the service is based in Bondi and is also associated with the Lions Clubs. There are some larger business donors, but most donations are of the order of \$100-\$200. In 2005, the service moved from movies to the circus with donors providing tickets to up to 6000 recipients around the country. To date the Club has earned in excess of \$1M from this source, providing successive Presidents with individual opportunities (\$10K to \$60K) to support causes of their choosing. These causes have included a variety of local and international projects, with **PDG Les Whitcroft** suggesting that the Rotary Foundation and Rotary Health as considerations for the future.

Graham reiterated the healthy relationship in place with the NSW Department of Gaming and Racing in support of these outcomes. Overall a great insight into what is potentially our most important fundraiser as a Club.

A final reminder that next week is the Christmas Party - extra funds (\$35pp - \$10 per child) are required to pay for the visit of Santa, so bring your money (and your children/grandchildren) with you!!

Kalma

We'll be sad if we don't SEE YOU ON TUESDAY (2013) ...



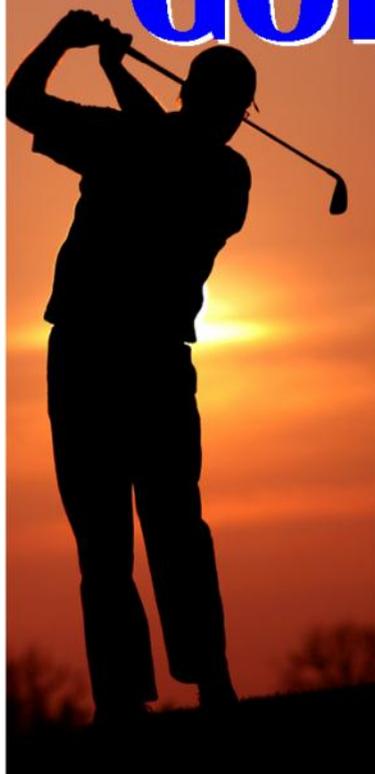
If you need to give a late apology for non-attendance at any meeting please ring Val Payne (**9874 5787**) **before 10am Monday**. Club policy is that you will be expected to pay for your meal if you are absent without timely apology. Isn't that **fair to all concerned**?



ROTARY CLUB OF RYDE

2013 CHARITY

GOLF DAY



**Ryde-Parramatta
Golf Club**

1156 Victoria Road, West Ryde

**Friday
15th February 2013**

**4-ball Ambrose
Complimentary Bunker Clinic
Registration 7am + breakfast
Shotgun start 8am
Lunch approx 1pm**

PROUDLY SUPPORTING



Prostate Cancer
Foundation
of Australia

Proceeds will assist The Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia and community projects of the Rotary Club of Ryde. The Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia will receive \$50 from this registration which will be a tax deductible donation for you.

Community Service Report for the Second Quarter of the Year

Every year Community services run four Christmas related projects between months of October and December. The following is a report on each for 2012:

Christmas Puddings and Cards



This year Kalma McLellan took on the responsibilities of arranging the Christmas puddings and cards for the members of the club. In the process \$200 was raised for the club. Thank you Kalma - job well done!

Pre Christmas Gift Wrapping

The preparation for this fund raiser is going well. After being involved in gift wrapping for the past six years I feel confident that it will be even better than previous years.

Top Ryde City Shopping Centre is providing us gift wrapping supplies (paper, pair of scissors and tapes). In total we have 93 people wrapping gifts. Forty-six students from the Interact Club of James Ruse Agricultural High School are keen on the project. The other 47 volunteers are Rotarians and their partners from Rotary Clubs of Ryde and Eastwood, friends of Rotary, Ryde Inner Wheel ladies and Ryde City Youth Group.



In total there are 31 shifts, all are covered well except for three shifts that need two more volunteers each. Once the project starts, the interest builds up and those shifts get filled with helpers. On Wednesday evening I visited the Rotary Club of Eastwood and I had eight members put their name down to help.

Last year we had only two Rotarians who utilised our wrapping services— we hope more Rotarians will take advantage of our expertise in gift wrapping for a gold coin donation per gift. We will be located on LG1 of Top Ryde City Shopping Centre outside Specsavers. This is the same level as Big W. Start date is Saturday 15 December and we finish on Christmas Eve.

If you are interested to join the gift wrappers, please send an e-mail to me: norartin@hotmail.com or ring me on 0417 699 955.

Tree of Joy



The community and especially the employees of City of Ryde love the Rotary Tree of Joy. I often hear from the public that they are how happy to have the chance to buy a gift or two for a needy person. It is a wonderful idea to expand this project to the corporate world in Ryde district.

On Sunday 3 December our club was offered the opportunity to run the BBQ for the City of Ryde Community Christmas Day. We raised \$1,762.00 for our club.

Merry Christmas to everyone!

Nora Etmekdjian

Community Services Chair

School of St Jude

Ryde Rotary's sponsored student Kelvin Jackson Laiser was reported in the last edition of The Hub to have received a Dux Award in the subject of Commerce.

This week we have received his School Report (far too large to reproduce here) but happy to report that he gained 'Above Achieving' and 'Well Above' in all subjects except PE and Bookkeeping which earned him 'Achieving'.

Congratulations Kelvin!!



The School of St Jude

Term 3 2012 Student Reports
Muhula 3 / 2012 Ripoti ya Shule
September 2012 to November 2012



Kelvin Jackson Laiser

Student Code:001603

Ordinary Level

PC/Homeroom: F3E

Headmaster's Comment

Message from the Secondary School Headmaster:

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we reach the end of another busy school year we will each reflect on the successes and challenges along the way. 2012 will be remembered as an important year for St Jude Secondary School in so many ways.

As we see another school year end, we reflect on the events that made this a great year for all of us. We are proud of the many accomplishments and successes of all our staff and students throughout the year.

Our students have demonstrated success through academic achievement as well as through extra-curricular involvement and leadership activities. At St Jude's we are proud of the level of participation of our students beyond the classroom. These activities include athletics, drama productions, music, art and sports.

We look forward to seeing all the Form 1, 2 and 3 students back to continue the journey they started with us. We wish all the best to Form 4 students as they progress to the next stage in their journey. We will remember the contributions they made to the School during the last four years.

Congratulations to the graduates and remember to embrace all the new opportunities and challenges. We look forward to working with a brand new group of Form 1 students who will be starting their journey with us in January 2013.

Lastly I want to personally express my admiration and thanks to all parents, Sponsors, guardians and visitors for supporting us for the whole year, kindly could you continue with the same spirit next year.

Happy Christmas and New Year 2013.

Yours faithfully,
Rasul Abdul
Headmaster

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

Roving Photographer



Hmmm - from mayoral duties to gift wrapper!

How many Rotarians does it take to wrap a gift this size?



Up-and-Coming Rotary Events

Saturday 15 December to Monday 24 December

Christmas Gift Wrapping 2012 — Top Ryde City Shopping Centre

Friday 15 February 2013

Charity Golf Day - Ryde Parramatta Golf Club

Saturday & Sunday 23-24 March

2013 MUNA - Knox Grammar School, Wahroonga

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

Attendance last meeting

Percentage Attendance Last Meeting: 84.44%

Apologies: John Dodd, Siddharth Maheshwari, Surinder Joson, Allen Horrell, Artin Etmekdjian, Geoffrey Brennan, Ron Thomson, Tony Abboud, John Mazlin, Paul Burnett, Rob Senior

Makeups: John Dodd, Allen Horrell, Geoffrey Brennan

Other Guests: Onni Kivimaa

Friday Night Roster for Onni Kivimaa

Onni is presently hosted with Malcolm & Kathleen Goris, 17 Pearl Avenue, Epping
Phone: 9877 0852

Who	When	Who	When
Ken Allen	21/12/12	Geoff Brennan	25/01/13
Martin Aston	18/01/13	Bob Carroll	01/02/13



Rotary and Other Events ...

- ▶ **2012 Rotary Christmas Gift Wrapping - Top Ryde Shopping Centre**
Date: Saturday 15 December to Monday 24 December
Details: Contact Nora Etmekdjian

- ▶ **2013 Charity Golf Day - Ryde Parramatta Golf Club**
Date: Friday 15 February 2013
Details: Contact Ron Thomson

- ▶ **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



Birthdays and Anniversaries 2013



January	1	65 year Birthday Celebration for Rob Senior
	2	12 year Club Anniversary for Charles Kilby
	4	Birthday Celebration for Angela, partner of Martin Aston
	14	24 year Wedding Anniversary for Allen and Bernadette Horrell

Looking Ahead



2013		
January	15	Welcome to 2013 "A Night at the Museum" ... on the tennis court!
	22	Club Meeting - Rotary Youth Leadership Awards 2013 and a welcome visit from Anna Gossweiler (recent inbound exchange student)
	29	Youth Science night - attendees from the recent Youth Science Forum

Meeting Night Duty Roster

Date	Welcomers		Loyal	Intro	Thanks
15/01/13	First	Meeting	for	2013	-
22/01/13	Ian Henderson	John Higgins	Ashley Peake	Geoff Nix	Allen Horrell
29/01/13	Allen Horrell	David James	Ross Rocca	Charles Kilby	Duncan Taylor

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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!