

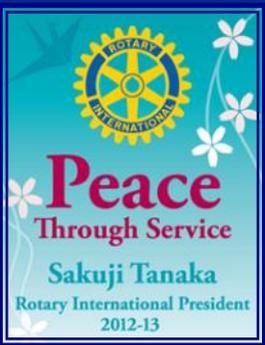
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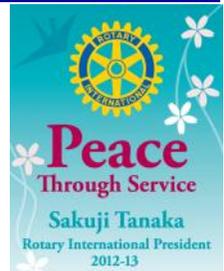
### Club Information



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 12 February      Membership & Club Brochure - Mark Anderson, D9680 Membership Chair  
 Mark will present to us a unified approach as to how we should look when seeking opportunities for membership.

## Tonight's Roster

Welcomers	Siddarth Maheshwari, Geoff Nix
Loyal Toast by	Ron Taffa
Introduce Guest Speaker	Patrick Longfield
Guest Speaker thanked by	Steve Thorp

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 we had an excellent presentation from one of our own youngest and newest member.

Tonight we will hear from the district's membership director Mark Anderson, how we might attract more good and younger members into our club and how a good club brochure might help in this process. We will also have a board meeting afterwards.

Next week in our club assembly, we will have a detailed briefing about our Conference with detailed job descriptions for each of us. I would love to hear our attendance to be reported as close to 100% as possible on that night.

Have an enjoyable night.

Burkhart



## We'll be sad if we don't SEE YOU ON TUESDAY



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?**

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



**P**resident **Burkhart** started the meeting with the Rotary Grace then welcomed our visitors, including the Dodd Clan. Andrea Mueller's friend Carla Lutiger also featured among the visitors. He also announced that next week we have a Board Meeting.

**PE Adrian Hallett** reported on the Anti Graffiti Project last weekend, aided by slides showing the graffiti that has built up over the school holidays, and our new purpose-built trailer. We are slowly cleaning up both Top and West Ryde. He thanked all who attended.

At this point members were served vegetarian quiche or chicken schnitzel – I heard no complaints about either one.

**Bob Kaye-Smith** reminded the meeting that in two week's time we have a club assembly. This year it is a working meeting to plan the Conference weekend manning and tasks, so do your best to attend on Tuesday 19 February.

**Julie Thorp** told us it is time to pay the remainder of our Conference registration and also our accommodation. If you don't pay by the registration before Valentine's Day, you will have to pay \$40 more per head, so take care of this promptly please.

**Onni Kivimaa** went to the T20 Cricket Test on Australia day and said it was so slow that he concluded Australia has two national sports: cricket and watching the grass grow, with the latter being the more interesting! "That was Big Bash cricket!" muttered one Rotarian, "What would he make of a 5 day test?"

The next event of note was his visit to the Powerhouse Museum, which he thought was great, even if the "Wallace and Grommet" display was really for kids. "No it isn't!" interjected another Rotarian.

Onni showed off his new short haircut, which looked like he had shaved his head a week ago. His mother did not approve and said he looked like "a homeless Russian street kid."

Serjeant Duncan asked Carla to draw the Spackle and another visitor Kathryn Firsch, won a bottle of Port. Duncan then fined Maureen Mulheron for head-butting a bus on the way to the meeting: "Are you okay?" he asked. Bob quipped "You should see the bus!" Apparently it is in a serious but stable condition and is expected to be carrying passengers again soon.

Onni was fined for his haircut and for the abuse of cricket, two Rotarians being delegated to pay on his behalf. I was fined for recent absences, and Kathryn Dodd for arriving late. Serjeant Duncan finished by fining the 'Good Guys' table, and the Dodds for bringing half of Beecroft to the meeting!

In the cross-fines President Burkhart was identified as having his hands in his pockets in every Graffiti Project slide, and Serjeant Duncan was reminded of shouting his Board members 7oz glasses of Goon-bag Port when he was President!

Our newest and youngest **Kathryn Dodd** was our guest speaker on Architecture – Space, Context and Design.

Kate took us through the history of building, from primitive shelters to Egyptian slave-built monoliths to Marcus Vitruvius Pollio, the first Architect, or at least the first to write a book "On Architecture" that survives to the modern day.

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

Vitruvius coined a phrase that inspires architects even today: "The ideal building has three elements; it is sturdy, useful, and beautiful!"



*Kate with Onni Kivimaa, John, Janelle and James Dodd and Kiah Westland. In the front row Carla Lutiger and Michelle Westland.*

After Rome fell, the feudal period pretty much ignored the third element, and architecture of beauty developed elsewhere in the Islamic and Brahman cultures and in far-off Asia. The Gothic period in Europe was characterised by institutional architecture, the Church and Monarchies built to show their wealth and power.

The great fire of London in 1666 coincided with the Renaissance, and the city was rebuilt by Christopher Wren to a classical design. Kate thinks it makes London bland – I think it gives London a style that is the perfect backdrop for "Cool Britannia."

After this came modernism, where space and efficiency were combined on a blank slate, ignoring historical styles and the context of their surrounds. Examples include the unfinished Cathedral in Barcelona and Blues Point Tower in McMahons Point, often regarded (correctly according to Patrick) as one of the ugliest buildings in Sydney.

Post modernism was an attempt to rebel against modernism – many examples were revolting in more than one sense of the word. Super-modernism is a cookie-cutter approach seen in massive housing developments packing the maximum number of McMansions into the available space.

Then Kate spoke of her own work on projects like the Orion shopping centre, and the concept of workshopping. Interior architecture is obviously a passion for Kate. The questions from members indicated that Kate had fully engaged their attention. I particularly liked the question about "Why no Colorbond?" but it was too bad I had to ask it myself.

We sang the Anthem and the meeting was over for another week.

Allen

## 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 project 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 Foundation Newsletter

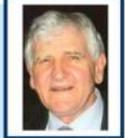
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## January 2013



Students at the Currawah Aboriginal Boarding School at Gonggalong in their new school uniforms supplied as part of a DSG grant with the Rotary Club of Beecroft

Welcome to our second edition of the Foundation District News. The important items this month are as follows:-



- ▶ 2011-12 Foundation Club Recognition
- ▶ GSE Exchange with Turkey
- ▶ Matching Grants & District Simplified Grants
- ▶ The new Future Vision Program & Training
- ▶ Centurion & Other Foundation Programs

Tony Castley - District Foundation Chair

### GSE Exchange Team



Ian Garrard of the Rotary Club of Roseville Chase is the Rotarian leader of the GSE team.

Our GSE team, which is going to District 2440 in Turkey in May, has been selected. Once again we had to choose from nine excellent applications all of which would have been ideally suitable, but the four that we have chosen are outstanding and they will definitely represent our District extremely well.

I will give the Club Foundation Chairs their phone numbers on an email, so that your Club will be able to ask them to come and speak.

Please also offer to get involved with the incoming team from Turkey that will be here from March 2nd to 30th. Please contact GSE Chair, President Julian Gregory of Roseville Chase 0408 612 947 and offer your club's involvement with home hosting etc. It's a great opportunity to meet interesting people and experience and share our different cultures.

GSE Team members:



Warwick Kells



Liesl Duffy



Samantha Gibbs



Alisha Olsen

### MATCHING GRANT AND GLOBAL GRANT APPLICATIONS 2012-13

January 2013 Total DDF available US\$65,000  
- for overseas Humanitarian projects

MG01	Chatswood Wahroonga MG #78051	5,748	Toilets in Nepal US\$21,247	TRF processing. TRF requested funding \$9,331.67	12/10 Passed by District
GL01	E-club Greater Sydney Global Grant #26085	9,550	Solar power to a Uganda school US\$42,881	Processed by RC of Altona D 9800. Approved by The Rotary Foundation. TRF Funds including DDF \$27,027	12/10 Passed by District
MG2	RC of St Ives MG #78052	6,000	2,036 desks in India US\$59,990	Approved by The Rotary Foundation. TRF Funding including DDF \$31,824	12/10 Passed by District
MG3	Lindfield MG #78134	3,750	Cleft Palate India 3291 US\$15,000	Approved by The Rotary Foundation. TRF Funding including DDF \$15,000	12/10 Passed by District
MG4	Castle Hill	7,500	India Brett Lee US\$75,000	Waiting on further information.	
MG5	Hills Kellyville MG #78083	5,000	Water Tanks India US\$31,428	Approved by The Rotary Foundation. TRF funding including DDF \$19,809	12/10 Passed District
MG6	Galston	2,000	India Eye ops US\$19,232	Approved by The Rotary Foundation. TRF Funding including DDF \$12,732	12/10 Passed by District
MG7	Gosford West	3,200	Rabies in Lucena City Philippines US\$14,600	Application complete at District 9680, and being submitted to TRF by RC Lucena Philippines. Total TRF funds \$ 7,000	1/12 Passed by District
MG8	Northbridge	4,740	Nepal, fitting out school US\$15,168	Application has been filed with the Foundation.	1/12 Passed by District
	Total DDF requested US\$32,738 Total DDF used to date \$26,300		Total Projects US\$256,437 Approved US\$168,531	Total TRF Funds approved to date, incl. DDF	<b>\$106,393</b>

## Rotary Foundation Newsletter ... cont'd

### Foundation Matching Grants and District Simplified Grants

We have in the first half already had a record number of Matching Grants and DSG applications approved, and we are expecting a new batch of applications from clubs this month.

Please be advised our DSG budget is almost depleted and while we still have plenty of money for Matching Grants, all applications close on March 31st. So if you are thinking about applying for some funds for your local or overseas project, please contact us now. **BUT PLEASE DON'T** do any paperwork until you first discuss the project with us.

Here is a list of clubs and grants for the first half of 2012 - 2013.

DISTRICT SIMPLIFIED GRANTS (DSG) APPLICATIONS 2012-13					Total DDF* available Aus\$22,404 for 2012-13 District Simplified Grants for projects in Australia & Overseas		
DSG NO.	DATE REC.	CLUB	DDF \$	PROJECT \$	PROGRESS	APPROVED	
1201	07/7/2012	Chatswood	1,900	Toilets in East Timor \$7,270	Approved	\$1,900	25/7/12
1202	21/7/2012	Mosman	3,000	Water project in East Timor \$12,500	Approved	\$3,000	31/7/12
1203	30/7/2012	Becroft	2,000	Indigenous healthcare Brewarrina \$5,500	Approved	\$2,000	5/10/12
1204	6/10/12	St Ives	3,000	SES project in St Ives \$12,000	Approved	\$3,000	12/10/12
1205	8/10/2012	Chatswood Kincumber	1,420	Rubbish collection in Timor \$2,842	Approved	\$1,400	12/10/12
1206	5/11/2012	Winston Hills	2,500	Christmas parcels in Condobolin \$5,500	Approved	\$2,500	
1207	2/12/2012	Brookvale	4,000	Village sponsorship in Oecusse Timor \$12,000	Approved	\$3,000	7/1/13
Total requested for DSGs to date			\$17,820			Approved to date \$16,800	
						Budget remaining \$5,604	

### Foundation Funding for District 9680

TABLE OF FOUNDATION FUNDING Funds from the Foundation to our District and our Clubs 2012-13			January 2013
Foundation Money to District 9680	Year to date	Estimate for full year	
District Simplified Grants	\$ 16,800	\$ 23,000	
Matching Grants	\$ 106,393	\$160,000	
Special purpose Grants	\$ 8,900	\$ 20,000	
GSE Team (from World Fund)	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,000	
Three Ambassadorial Scholars 2011-13 ( DDF 2012-13)	\$ 81,000	\$ 81,000	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$224,093</b>	<b>\$305,000</b>	

*This is the Foundation funding we have received this year to date with also an estimated total for the whole year. I think members are not aware that we receive so much funding from the Foundation each year. You may like to put this information in your Club bulletin so that Rotarians are better informed on the Foundation.*

### Blond Man Jokes



- \* A friend told the blond man: "Christmas is on a Friday this year." The blond man replied, "Let's hope it's not the 13th."
- \* Two blond men find three grenades, and they decide to take them to a police station. One asked: "What if one explodes before we get there?" The other says: "We'll lie and say we only found two."
- \* A blonde man is in the bathroom and his wife shouts: "Did you find the shampoo?" He answers, "Yes, but I'm not sure what to do... it's for dry hair, and I've just wet mine."
- \* A blond man is in jail. Guard looks in his cell and sees him hanging by his feet. "Just WHAT are you doing?" he asks. "Hanging myself," the blond replies. "It should be around your neck" says the guard. "I tried that," he replies, "but then I couldn't breathe".

## Golf Day



# 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.

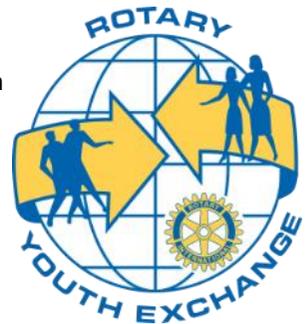
**Last meeting to bring a bottle or two of reasonable quality wine to add to the prize of a Wine Fridge!**

**Buy a key tonight for a chance to win this great prize !!**

## Youth Exchange Welcome Home Dinner

**A**nother wonderful Rotary night for the Halletts, Paynes, Brennans and David Johnston being part of 170 guests in the Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club auditorium. It was quite a sight to see 46 returning and inbound students and our own Onni Kivimaa, who may be a tonsorial disaster in his mother's view at the moment, but who looked very smart on the night.

DG John and Janelle Dodd headed the VIP list with our DGE Graeme and Lyn Davies and the lesser known (for only the immediate future) DGN Ian Scott. DG John gave an impressive response to the RI Toast and followed that up with an even more outstanding address when he honoured the returning students with an energetic, inspiring and relevant message carried off with great style; and all done without a note in sight. John is well placed to speak about Youth Exchange. Janelle was an exchange student (Japan), their three children have been exchangers and the family has hosted 19 inbound students. His presentation reflected his deep understanding of the program and it's importance in the bigger picture of peace and goodwill.



During dinner I reflected again on the wonder of Rotary. Here we were in the delightful company of friends, congratulating a dedicated, hardworking committee of other Rotarians who made such a difference to the lives of the lively and excited group of youths we were celebrating. Valuable seeds have been sown by this group, currently headed by PP Paul Wynn, and it was exciting to wander mentally for a minute and imagine the future benefits. What a good night!

Geoff Brennan



## Birthdays & Anniversaries



- |          |    |   |
|----------|----|---|
| February | 7  | 51 year Birthday Celebration for Artin Etmekdjian   |
|          | 8  | 7 year Wedding Anniversary for Ron Thomson and Deirdre Edmonds  |
|          | 9  | 95 year Birthday Celebration for Eric Bond MBE  |
|          | 9  | Birthday Celebration for Elinor and John Higgins  |
|          | 15 | 8 year Club Anniversary for Steve Thorp      |
|          | 20 | Birthday Celebration for Margaret and Peter Cooper  |
|          | 27 | 6 year Club Anniversary for Nora Etmekdjian  |

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

## Conference 2013 Club Assembly

### 19 February 2013 - A Partners' Night!

**This is an important meeting where our roles in running  
the days and nights of our Conference  
will be explained and discussed.**

**We need you there with your wife, husband or partner!**

### How Polio Changed My Life

By Eliana Zagui, author of *Pulmão de Aço (Iron Lung)*

**B**efore it was eradicated through the effort of massive immunization campaigns in 1989, poliomyelitis was prevalent in Brazil. The lack of vaccine and poor sanitation in small towns resulted in thousands of victims a year. Avoiding polio was often a matter of luck.



In January 1976, at the age of two, my luck ran out. I woke up with a fever and weak lower limbs. Although my parents were used to my recurrent episodes of sore throat, they brought me to the nearest city of Jaboticabal for medical treatment. The next day, lacking a diagnosis, I was sent to Ribeirão Preto, a larger city with better medical facilities. By the time the doctors came to the conclusion that I had contracted polio, the virus had already started its devastating muscular paralysis process.

We lived in Guariba near São Paulo, more than 180 miles from the major polio treatment center in Brazil. Getting to the 'Hospital das Clínicas' in São Paulo was a struggle. But after several hours, we received a ride from a charitable individual. By that time, I was already paralyzed from my neck down, and my breathing was restricted by the paralysis of my diaphragm.

I was placed in an iron lung a number of times in an attempt to reverse the respiratory failure, but eventually the doctors concluded the battle was lost. I was tracheotomized and connected to an artificial respirator. More than 36 years later, I still depend on the artificial respirator to breathe.

I have lived the rest of my life at the same 'Hospital das Clínicas.' Out of hundreds of children admitted to the hospital in the '60s and '70s, seven of us formed a family, and developed bonds with the doctors and nurses who looked after us. Five of our family died in the '80s, and now only Paulo Henrique Machado and I remain. We still share a room in the Intensive Care Unit.

It was in that room that Paulo and I learned how to read and write. While Paulo has limited hand movements, I can only move my neck and head. Everything I can do with some autonomy has to be done with my mouth. That includes my paintings, which are sold around the world through an association.

## Rotary and Other Events ...

- ▶ **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
  
- ▶ **2013 Sydney Metro RYDA Program (Volunteers required)**  
Date: **Thursday, 7 March**  
Where: St Ives — James Ruse Agricultural High School  
Date: **Thursday, 6 June**  
Where: Sydney Olympic Park — Riverside Girls High School  
Details: Call Charles Kilby 0412 401 664

## 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
Jan Cutler	15/02/13	Noel Dunn	01/03/13
Kathryn Dodd	22/02/13	Nora & Artin Etmekdjian	08/03/13

## Looking Ahead



February	19	Club Assembly - Conference Planning - Partners' Night
	26	tba
March	2	tba

## Meeting Night Duty Roster

Date	Welcomers		Loyal	Intro	Thanks
19/02/13	Graham Metcalfe	Rob Mitchell	Duncan Taylor	-	-
26/02/13	Bill Payne	Ashley Peake	Doug Thompson	Kalma McLellan	Erdem Toner
05/03/13	Ross Rocca	Rob Senior	Ron Thomson	Siddarth Maheshwari	Tony Abboud

*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!