

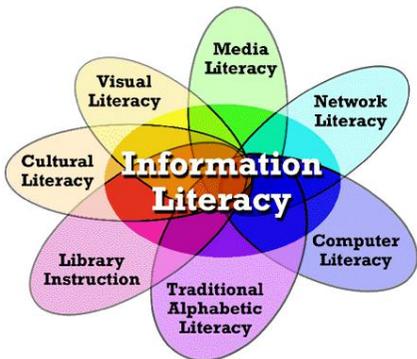
THE ROTARY CLUB OF RYDE—DISTRICT 9680 CHARTERED 1946

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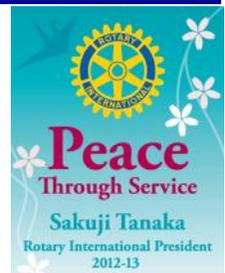
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### Club Information



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



## This Week . . .

5 March    The Rotary Foundation's Future Vision - Bruce Allen

## Tonight's Roster

Welcomers	Ross Rocca, Rob Senior
Loyal Toast by	Doug Thompson
Introduce Guest Speaker	Kalma McLellan
Guest Speaker thanked by	Erdem Toner

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 the second of three training sessions for this year, organised by our club training officer Rob Mitchell. We had a lively discussion on goal setting, the "vocational backbone" and a planned classification survey, to see where we could get some more interesting and interested new members.

Tonight I am sure it will be another interesting, informative and useful learning experience. Bruce Allen from Castle Hill Rotary will be speaking to us about the Rotary Foundation's Future Vision. This "newish" simplified system of grant making process offers only 3 types of grants:

**DISTRICT GRANTS, GLOBAL GRANTS, and PACKAGED GRANTS** and focuses on:

<i>Peace and conflict prevention/resolution</i>	<i>Disease prevention and treatment</i>
<i>Water and sanitation</i>	<i>Maternal and child health</i>
<i>Basic education and literacy development</i>	<i>Economic and community development</i>

Next week we will have a combined meeting with Christian Community Aid and meet at the usual time at Brush Farm House, which is located in Lawson Street Eastwood, between Marsden and Brush Roads.

Have an enjoyable night.

*Burkhart*

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



**W**hen we arrived at Next Gen the meeting room was all set up with the laptop, overhead projector and sound system all wired and readied for use by David James. Nothing unusual in that, he does it most weeks, except that this week he was absent at a family function. He had made a special trip earlier in the afternoon to attend to this duty—what a trouper! We should also thank the other DJ, David Johnston who sets out the club regalia each week. It is a good club which has such people in it!

**President Burkhart** started the meeting with the apologies, including those for Paul Burnett and Les Whitcroft who were actually there. I've done the same thing myself, so I felt for him.

**Maureen Mulheron** reminded us to bring the correct change, not those annoying \$50 notes, and to prepay the \$20 for the Brush Farm House meeting at next week's meeting, so in other words, bring a \$50 note next week!

**Charles Kilby** explained that we have three applicants for Youth Exchange next year, and there can be only one, unless we find another 8 host parents. The Four Way Test dictates that we host the unrelated applicant, and Charles' son and my daughter seek sponsorship from other clubs in the district, so there can be no hint of nepotism.

He described his attendance at a 10 minute meeting of the James Ruse Interact club, which as Stefan Sojka pointed out later, took 11 minutes to describe! He also paid tribute to Nora for initiating the new Ryde Secondary College Interact Club, which is proceeding towards official establishment. About this time we enjoyed chicken schnitzel, potatoes, carrots and crisp green beans. The only complaint I had was the chef had been too lazy to cut the tops off the carrots!

As the meal ended **Adrian Hallett** announced that the Graffiti team shall again clash with my morning worship this Sunday, 8 am till noon, with some court-appointed assistants to be supervised.

**Julie Thorp** says to pay your Conference accommodation ASAP, if you haven't already done so, and that continental breakfast cost is now \$10 (instead of \$15), leading to some debate as to whether this was a good deal or not, and the advisability of visiting 'Makkers' instead. Where I stayed in Adelaide later in the week, breakfast was \$42 each, so I took my boss to McCafe on the way to our plant instead. Maybe \$15 is reasonable at Nowra?

Bowel **Payne** announced that **Bill** Care starts later than normal this year running from April to May – volunteers are requested for this duty.

**Onni Kivimaa** reported that he went with friends to the CBD for a look on Thursday, and then played Frisbee in Epping Park on his way home. Friday he had a great meal in Eastwood before heading off to Umina Beach for the surf safety weekend. Surf safety required that they stay off the beach due to the inclement weather, but he did learn CPR, attend a Bush Dance and a Car Rally, so it wasn't a complete wash-out. The Finnish team finished 3rd of 6 in the Rally.

**Serjeant Duncan** worked his way through all the anniversaries and birthdays, but as Stefan pointed out, forgot the Spackle! This was belatedly won by Paul Burnett, who found a Jack and a bottle of white. Duncan then identified the two late arrivals Siddharth and Adrian, commended them for making the effort to arrive at all, and then fined the rest of us for being early: it was a bloodbath.

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

A dessert of micro Pavlova ensured that the "class" all had a sugar high as **Rob Mitchell** began his Club training night (see his report Page 6).

Afterwards **President Burkhart** said he had carried out a classification survey, identified that we have no plumber or electrician in our club, and has begun to recruit a plumber. **Tony Abboud** asked how we can adapt to attract tradies who have to work all hours. Kathryn Dodd replied "The answer is the Greater Sydney e-Club!"



The Anthem's words rang out, sung with enthusiasm as another meeting came to a close.

Allen

## Keep Smiling!



**K**ermit and Miss Whack

A frog goes into a bank and approaches the teller.

He can see from her nameplate that her name is Patricia Whack.

"Miss Whack, I'd like to get a \$30,000 loan to take a holiday."

Patty looks at the frog in disbelief and asks his name. The frog says his name is Kermit Jagger, his dad is Mick Jagger, and that it's okay, he knows the bank manager.

Patty explains that he will need to secure the loan with some collateral. The frog says, "Sure. I have this," and produces a tiny porcelain elephant, about an inch tall, bright pink and perfectly formed.

Very confused, Patty explains that she'll have to consult with the bank manager and disappears into a back office. She finds the manager and says, "There's a frog called Kermit Jagger out there who claims to know you and wants to borrow \$30,000, and he wants to use this as collateral."

She holds up the tiny pink elephant. "I mean, what in the world is this?"

The bank manager looks back at her and says *"It's a knickknack, Patty Whack. Give the frog a loan, his old man's a Rolling Stone."*



Deadline for material in

**The HUB** is Friday 5pm unless otherwise arranged

## Notes from Last Week's Training

### Part 2 of our 2013 Club Training

**W**e started by reviewing the discussions of Part 1, and noting that one of our main conclusions was that, unless the club can offer members something which is worth their time and effort, they won't come, and won't stay, because there are plenty of other good things they can do with their time.

This led to the importance of regularly assessing our club, identifying area where improvement is possible, and setting SMART goals for those improvements. It was noted that our club leaders have the responsibility for initiating regular reviews and assessments.

We then discussed one of the most significant factors which differentiate Rotary clubs from other humanitarian organisations, namely our vocational and ethical foundations. It was noted that these bring benefits to the community, through application of vocational skills to community challenges, and to members, through establishment of a network of like-minded business and professional people.

Part 3 of our training will take place on 14 May.

Rob Mitchell

## Conference Update

### *Soar into History—Rotary District 9680 Conference—15-17 March*

- ▶ During the **day Friday, Saturday and Sunday**, each person to wear a white shirt—buttoned up with a collar; black pants (or skirt for the ladies) and comfortable shoes (preferably NOT sandshoes).
- ▶ Your hat and epaulettes (complete with safety pins) will be provided on arrival at your accommodation. The epaulettes can be interchanged between your shirts.
- ▶ **Saturday Night** each person to wear a black shirt – buttoned up with a collar, black pants and comfortable shoes (NOT sandshoes). Bright safety jackets will be provided on the night.
- ▶ Please don't forget to bring along a handful of A4 coloured sheets for making paper aeroplanes on Saturday night. We are trying to make this event as colourful as possible by collecting different coloured paper.
- ▶ Accommodation needs to be confirmed and paid, please ensure this has been done— any doubts let me know at this week's meeting.



Julie Thorp

## VALE

## PP Eric Bond AM

It is deeply saddening to advise the passing of our dear friend and fellow, Eric Bond. Eric passed away peacefully last Friday 1st March at his home. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Pat and her family at this time.



Funeral or memorial details will be advised when available.

## Extract from RI President's Monthly Message



**D**ear fellow Rotarians,  
When I was a young man, I wanted to travel the world. But in those years, I could only dream about travel. The world outside Japan seemed far away. But like all Japanese students, I studied English in school. I still remember my first English book. The first page said, "This is a pen." That was almost 50 years ago, and the world has changed a lot since then. As president of Rotary, I now travel more than I ever dreamed.

In every new place, I find a new language. I find new people and new customs. I do my best to learn from everyone. I believe that every person I meet has something to teach. Perhaps because of this, I feel that I understand **Rotary Youth Exchange** better. And I understand even better what a great gift Rotary is giving through Youth Exchange. Youth Exchange opens minds. It builds confidence and communication. It brings together people from different countries and backgrounds.

Every young person who goes on a Rotary Youth Exchange will learn a great deal. Youth Exchange students learn how people who seem so different are really the same. They begin to appreciate what unites people everywhere. They have a broader understanding of the world. They come back as different people.

They no longer know only one language, only one culture. They have connections with their host country, and with their fellow participants from other countries. At the end of their exchange, they are part of their host families. They are also part of the Rotary family – the largest and most international family in the world.

Rotary's Youth Exchange program has continued for more than 40 successful years and is now part of the fifth Avenue of Service: New Generations Service. Youth Exchange plays an essential part in Rotary's global mission of building peace by helping to build, one exchange at a time, good relationships between nations.

When we focus on young people, we are focusing on building the future of Rotary and a more peaceful world. When we serve youth, we help to bring Rotary to a new generation. We spread understanding among nations and cultures. We teach the importance of service to others, and pass on our core values. By doing this, we help to build peace.

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*Sakuji Tanaka*

## Rotarians Design a Sustainable Project in India

**A** Rotarian-led team of hydrologists, engineers, geologists, and other experts traveled to the Thane district of northwest India in October to help local Rotarians and their international partners design a global grant project to bring clean water and sanitation to more than 1,800 villagers.

The team, funded by The Rotary Foundation and a grant from the Annenberg Foundation, is one of the first of its kind. It's the product of the Project Enhancement Process (PEP) pilot, which is designed to enlist the help of Rotarians with expertise in the water and sanitation area of focus so that clubs and districts can put together larger-scale, sustainable projects.

The PEP pilot runs through July and involves nine districts testing The Rotary Foundation's new grant model. The Foundation also collaborated with the Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group (WASRAG) to produce technical guides that walk Rotarians through planning an effective water and sanitation project.

"This process is an excellent approach," says Arvind Phukan, a civil engineer and member of the Rotary Club of Tacoma, Washington, USA, who served as team leader. "Sometimes districts don't have the technical expertise or the experience to do a larger project. This approach helps them think bigger and promotes better projects that will have a more significant impact."

After deciding to pursue a water, sanitation, and hygiene project in the Akre Gram Panchayat region of India, the Rotary Club of Thane North and its international partner, the Tacoma club, requested an evaluation team through the PEP Pilot to help them assess and plan their project. The project would benefit about 350 households in nine villages in the Supi River watershed, where villagers are trying to eke out a living growing rice.

### Needs assessment

The team met with villagers to assess their needs and determined that many of the local wells ran dry during non-rainy seasons because the area's shallow, impervious rock prevents water from seeping into the ground and replenishing the wells. In addition, some of the wells were poorly designed or damaged, and systems intended to funnel groundwater were inadequate.

As a result, many of the women are forced to haul water from the Supi River or one of its tributaries. The villagers use the same water for cleaning and bathing, and also share it with their livestock, all of which introduces contaminants into the drinking water.



A woman in the Thane district of northwest India carries water back to her village

## Attendance Last Meeting

**Percentage Attendance Last Meeting:** 97.75%

**Makeups:** John Dodd, David James, Geoffrey Brennan, Patrick Longfield, Ron Thomson, Steve Thorp, Paul Burnett

**Apologies:** John Dodd, Surinder Joson, Artin Etmekdjian, David James, Geoffrey Brennan, Patrick Longfield, Ron Thomson, Steve Thorp, Erdem Toner

**Guests:** Onni Kivimaa



## Birthdays & Anniversaries



March	7	Birthday Celebration for Yvonne partner of Patrick Longfield
	8	36 year Club Anniversary for Doug Thompson 
	9	55 year Birthday Celebration for Allen Horrell
	10	42 year Wedding Anniversary for Burkhart and Patricia Foertsch
	11	Birthday Celebration for Julie Thorp
	13	Birthday Celebration for Val Payne

## Clever Signage!



### At a Tyre Store

"Invite us to your next blowout."

### On an Electrician's Truck

"Let us remove your shorts."

### In a Non-Smoking Area

"If we see smoke, we will assume you are on fire and take appropriate action."

### On a Maternity Room Door

"Push. Push. Push."

### At an Optometrist's Office

"If you don't see what you're looking for, you've come to the right place."

### On a Taxidermist's window

"We really know our stuff."

### On a Fence

"Salesmen welcome! Dog food is expensive!"

### At a Car Dealership

"The best way to get back on your feet - miss a car payment."

### Outside a Car Exhaust Store

"No appointment necessary. We hear you coming."

### In a Restaurant Window

"Don't stand there and be hungry, come on in and get fed up."

### In the Front Yard of a Funeral Home

"Drive carefully—we'll wait!"

### .. and last but not least . . . at the Radiator Shop

"Best Place in town to have a leak."

## Rotarians Design a Sustainable Project in India (cont'd)

Since there is no running water, the toilets that do exist go unused. The villagers' lack of good hygiene contributes to the spread of disease.

The team's findings were the basis for recommendations that the Thane North and Tacoma clubs will turn into a global grant application with a budget of about US\$333,000. The recommendations constitute a holistic approach to the area's needs that includes installing bore wells with submersible pumps near several of the existing wells to pump water to storage tanks, with the water flowing by gravity to the villages, where it would be treated and purified. A variety of rainwater-harvesting structures such as check dams and surface ponds would be built to replenish the groundwater.

### Sustainability

A cluster of latrines would also be built in each village, along with washing basins and cattle troughs. Trenching and diesel pumps would be used for irrigation so the villagers can grow vegetables along with the rice. Adults and schoolchildren would receive instruction in hygiene and its impact on disease and health.

Phukin notes that the process began by talking to villagers, a key step in making a project sustainable. "It all starts with the community. You must involve the community at every step of the process. You can't just hand them things."

Sustainable, large-scale projects also require a broad base of support. Phukan and team members have been helping to recruit other clubs and districts to join the Thane North and Tacoma clubs in supporting this project.

"When this is done, and it can be done in phases, it will bring lasting change to the community," Phukin notes. "The villagers' lifestyle will change for the better."



*The evaluation team meets with villagers.*

## Notice Board

### Can't attend a meeting?

**Who do you call ... before 10.00 am Monday mornings?**

**Val Payne - 9874 5787**

**Club policy is that you will be expected to pay for your meal if you are absent without timely apology!**

## Rotary and Other Events ...

### ▶ 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

### ▶ Anzac Day Service

Date: **Thursday, 25 April**

Details: Adrian Hallett

## Friday Night Roster for Onni Kivimaa

Onni is presently hosted with **Malcolm & Kathleen Goris, 17 Pearl Avenue, Epping**  
**Phone: 9877 0852 (Onni's Mobile: 0420 601 658)**

Who	When	Who	When
Adrian Hallett	08/03/13	Kalma McLellan	22/03/13
9680 Conference Weekend	15/03/13	Easter—Good Friday	29/03/13

## Looking Ahead



March	12	Brush Farm House with Christian Community Aid
	19	Ray Moore - Understanding the Palestinian Issue
	26	Patrick Longfield—Education and Learning for Sustainability

## Meeting Night Duty Roster

Date	Welcomers		Loyal	Intro	Thanks
12/03/13	Stefan Sojka	Ron Taffa	Julie Thorp	Siddarth Maheshwari	Tony Abboud
19/03/13	Duncan Taylor	Steve Thorp	Les Whitcroft	Rob Mitchell	Ken Allen
26/03/13	Geoff Brennan	Martin Aston	John Brown	-	-

*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!