

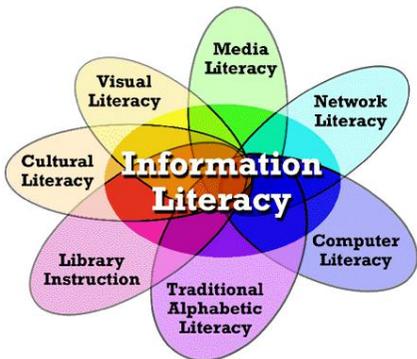
THE ROTARY CLUB OF RYDE—DISTRICT 9680 CHARTERED 1946

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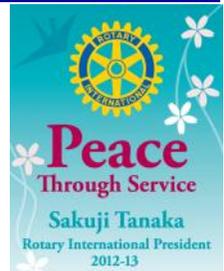
### Club Information



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 - March 12

A combined meeting at Brush Farm House with Christian Community Aid.

## Tonight's Roster

Welcomers Stefan Sojka, Ron Taffa

Loyal Toast by Julie Thorp

Introduce 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 6 meetings appears on Page 11**

## Burkhart's Blog



**G**reetings to all Rotarians and Rotary friends.  
 Last week Bruce Allen from Castle Hill Rotary spoke 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 with the focus on:

*Peace and conflict prevention/resolution, Disease prevention and treatment, Water and sanitation, Maternal and child health, Basic education and literacy, Economic and community development.*

*Last Wednesday we celebrated, honoured and farewelled the amazing life of one of our longest Ryde Rotary Club members, when we attended the funeral of PP Eric Bond MBE, AM.*

*Tonight, at Brush Farm House, we will have a combined meeting with Christian Community Aid and a very special ceremony.*

*This Friday, and some already on Thursday, we will travel to Nowra for our District Conference. The last one as District 9680, before it changes and enlarges to District 9685 in July this year.*

*Next week we will hear from Ray Moore, who will speak to us about "Understanding the Palestinian Issue".*

*Have an enjoyable night.*

*Burkhart*

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



**D**oug Thompson led the toast to the Queen, for the second week running, since as President Burkhart said “He did such a good job last week!”

We then stood for a minute’s silence in honour of Past President Eric Bond AM. If I may quote a Maori aphorism used to announce the death of a great Chief, “In the forest, a mighty totara has fallen.” His like will not pass this way again.

**President Burkhart** introduced Rotary guest Toni Mclean, who had entertained us at Ross Rocca’s home several years ago and is from Morisset Rotary Club. In Ross’ absence **Graham Metcalfe** gave a rough approximation of our attendance rate for the week 88.88%.

**Adrian Hallett** reported on the Sunday morning Graffiti cleanup, and announced that Rotary will again be running the NSW Graffiti Day clean-up on Sunday 20 October, with Adrian organising. Tuesday 6 August will be a Riverside Zone meeting hosted by our Club. He then modelled the “Giddy” shirt he was given at PETS, looking a bit like a Steve Irwin uniform, only greener.

I called for mentors for a RYPEN graduate, now a University student who is starting a service to help recent University graduates find work. In time he may be a prospective member, as he lives here in Ryde. Stefan Sojka and Geoff Nix volunteered: “I know every pitfall in business! I’ve done them all!” cried Stefan.

**Maureen Mulheron** spoke of the Ryde Rotary slide show playing in the background during the meeting. She and her daughter have been scanning old photos from Doug Thompson’s archives to digitise them. Members with old-style paper photographs are invited to have them scanned into the Club digital archive, then hopefully returned intact.

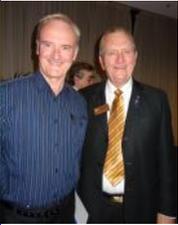
**Julie Thorp** spruiked conference and had a couple of the ‘Dunny Cart’ drivers don their uniforms, revealing that Patrick will be Roman all over the place on Saturday night. I observed that there are only 10 days left for some members to learn how to wear a business shirt: tucked in! I was later astonished to realise that, such is his enthusiasm for Conference, that Stefan Sojka has mastered this complex activity over the last two months, and is now often seen wearing his shirt correctly, looking just like a nobleman, or possibly an organ-grinder’s monkey!

**Onni Kivimaa** reported that he went to an expensive restaurant in Darling Harbour where the portions were in inverse proportion to the prices, and one course was to eat flowers. “Maybe it was the Mardi Gras menu?” quipped one Rotarian. “There was so little real food I had to stop at ‘Maccas’ on the way home,” reported Onni.

**Rob Senior** won the spackle and chose the Buller Shiraz from Victoria, as **Serjeant Duncan** began his rounds with Charles Kilby’s noisy table. Birthdays and Anniversaries brought their rewards, for the Serjeant, not those honoured. About this time I stopped the display of ancient photos, and put up one photo of Eric Bond, as requested by members.

**Patrick Longfield and President Burkhart** spoke briefly on the loss of our old friend Eric Bond. Eric was a true gentleman and an outstanding Rotarian.

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



The Allen Boys

**Bruce Allen** was introduced by Kalma McLellan, and in turn he introduced us to the Future Vision Plan which is the new simplified Foundation Grants scheme, so simple that only 15 detailed slides were required to explain it; so simple that they had to create 'Learn.Rotary.Org' to explain it.

**Ken Allen** thanked his cousin for the presentation, humbly observing that all Allens have rugged good looks in common. I was about to interject when I stopped and thought "There might be something in what he says."

Allen

## RYDA — James Ruse Agricultural High School

**T**he RYDA young driver awareness program is a one day out of school program, delivering practical road safety information targeting attitude and awareness of young drivers and their passengers.

RYDA targets 16-18 year old students and includes six interactive sessions delivered to small student groups covering topics such as hazard perception, distraction management, vehicle safety, stopping distance, fatigue, and the moving experiences of a crash survivor.

**Bill Payne, Maureen Mulheron, and Kathleen Leonard** were The Rotary Club of Ryde's volunteer marshals at St Ives on 7 March 2013.

We are thrilled to report that there were 160 students in attendance.



## Last Conference Update

# Rotary District 9680 Conference 15-17 March

## Last Minute Housekeeping Reminders



### Where is Conference being held:

Shoalhaven Convention Centre

### Address of Convention Centre:

42 Bridge Road, Nowra

### Directions:

- ⇒ As you travel from Sydney on the Princes Highway, cross the bridge at Nowra
- ⇒ Stay in the right lane and turn right at the traffic lights at the next street (Bridge Road) - the Entertainment Centre is on your left.

### Accommodation:

Springs Resort

### Address of Springs Resort:

131 Greenwell Point Rd, Worrige, NSW

### Directions to and during the Conference, from Convention Centre back to your accommodation:

- ⇒ Continue on Bridge Road Nowra – *proceed south* (0.4 km)
- ⇒ Veer left onto North St, Nowra (0.2 km)
- ⇒ Turn left onto Moss St, Nowra (0.2 km)
- ⇒ Turn right onto Princes Hwy, Nowra (1.7 km)
- ⇒ Turn left onto Kalandar St, Nowra (0.3 km)
- ⇒ At the roundabout take the 2nd exit onto Kalandar St, (0.6 km)
- ⇒ Continue along Greenwell Point Road, Nowra (1.2 km)
- ⇒ The Springs Resort Hotel sign will be on your left.

### Check in Time:

**Usually 2 pm**, but if you arrive earlier, ask at the resort and you may be able to have access to the rooms.

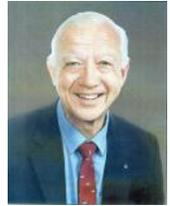
**If you have coloured paper or origami cranes, please bring with you as we still require more.**

**Any questions —even those you may think are trivial please ring me.**

## Copy of the Late PP Eric Bond's Presentation to the Club

*President Burkhart referred to this last week, and it is worthy of print:*

All my working life, covering some 50 years, has been associated with the cereal industry – wheat, flour milling and bread. Starting as a young laboratory assistant in 1934 – the tail end of the great depression, with a company making then newly developed compressed yeast for the bread industry, where I was delegated to assist with testing required by the 1934–36 Royal Commission into the three industries.



From there I was appointed Cereal Chemist with the Victorian Dept. of Agriculture. At the outbreak of war I was appointed Chief Chemist of Bruntons, a large flour milling company in NSW and Victoria, setting up central laboratories in Sydney as part of wartime food control. After the war, another Royal Commission into the Bread Industry resulted in the establishment, in 1947, of the Bread Research Institute of Australia to which I was appointed founding Director. The BRI worked closely with CSIRO which, in 1957, established the Wheat Research Unit with me as Officer in Charge. I remained in those dual positions until my retirement in 1983.

My work has entailed a great deal of time overseas. As President of the International Association for Cereal Chemistry with headquarters in Vienna, from 1970–72 – the cold war period, I spent much time in countries east and west of the Berlin wall. As well there were many visits to overseas countries – established and prospective markets for our wheat. Consider these three situations in the work place:

It is 1970 and I am in Santiago, Chile. I receive an invitation from a large company in the Argentine to come up to Buenos Aires for the weekend. Buy a ticket, fly up to BA, I am stopped at customs – no visa. I was being ushered away to the transit lounge when a small, dark, man steps forward and whispers conspiratorially to the customs man. I am released. 'Nickinson', the said man, whispers to me "all we have to do now is sign a false declaration and then off to BA for the weekend". Was it the truth?

It is 1973, I am in South Africa in the days of Apartheid – I am attending a meeting of the South African Wheat Board as a consultant. I place before it a recommendation made on behalf of senior scientific staff that a black worker in the laboratory, doing excellent scientific work should be recognized, and classified, as the lowest grade of technical assistant and not, as currently classified, labourer/cleaner. There was a stony silence from the Board of predominantly Afrikaner farmers then 'Next Business'. Was it fair to all concerned?

It is 1969, I am in Moscow, in the office of my good friend and predecessor as President, of the International Association, Prof. Trisviatsky, Director of the Soviet Union Grain Research Organisation. A staunch member of the Communist Party, he is concerned about a delicate decision he is to take as President. I suggested a way out of his dilemma (a democratic way) would be to appoint a sub-committee to recommend. He requested that I arrange it. I take the result to Trisviatsky – it solves his problem. Relieved, he jumps up, takes a bottle of Vodka from a cupboard and we drink a toast to what he describes as a very democratic solution. Did it build goodwill and better friendships? and Was it beneficial to all concerned?

I joined Ryde Rotary in 1961, one of the best moves I have made. The guiding principles of Rotary, and the fellowship, have been a great source of strength.



**ROMAC**  
 Rotary  
 Oceania Medical  
 Aid for Children  
 A Program of the Rotary Districts  
 of Australia and New Zealand

20<sup>th</sup> February 2013

Dear DG's, DGE's and DGN's

I am sure you are all aware of ROMAC (Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children) and seen the outstanding service that this activity accomplishes, as it repairs the life and dignity of disadvantaged children.

ROMAC is an approved Rotary activity and is administered by a Board of representatives from Rotary clubs within the geographical regions of Australia and New Zealand. The ROMAC Board comprises a number of roles covering specific areas of responsibility including chairmanship, treasury, secretary, operations, medical, marketing, fund raising plus regional administration. Each role has a three-year term plus a further one-year extension option. Meetings are held quarterly throughout Australia. The role is voluntary but normal personal disbursements are covered.

With the tenure of some existing members expiring and the creation of new roles, four vacancies will occur shortly. The roles are:

ROMAC Treasurer

ROMAC Secretary

ROMAC Marketing

ROMAC Fund Raising

ROMAC is seeking interested Rotarian applicants with both experience and compassion. We invite you to advertise these positions as widely as possible.

For further information about ROMAC please see:

Web: [www.romac.org.au](http://www.romac.org.au)

Face book: <http://www.facebook.com/RomacAustralia>

For specific role descriptions, kindly contact Deputy Chairman Brendan Porter on: 0488 768 279, (07) 4724 2761 or [brendan.porter17@gmail.com](mailto:brendan.porter17@gmail.com)

ROMAC fulfils an exciting and very satisfying role within Rotary. It offers a unique chance to seriously help those who are more disadvantaged. The reward received after being part of a team those repairs a child's broken life and sees them return home fit and well, is unbelievable. The contact, humility and gratification are astonishing. It is perhaps why many of us joined and remain in Rotary.

We have sent this letter to clubs and would appreciate you contemporaneously distributing the information as widely as possible. Thank you.

Kindly ensure ROMAC receives replies from interested parties by 25<sup>th</sup> March 2013.

Yours faithfully,

Geoff Dainty  
 ROMAC Chairman

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## Birthdays & Anniversaries



*Due to the absence of The Hub next week, this list is for the next 2 weeks ie, 12 to 25 March 2013.*

- March 13 Birthday Celebration for Val Payne  
 21 7 year Club Anniversary for Allen Horrell 🎉  
 25 Birthday Celebration for Rose, partner of Ross Rocca  
 30 Birthday Celebration for Adrian Hallett  
 1 Birthday Celebration for Lorraine, partner of Bob Carroll  
 2 11 year Club Anniversary for Geoff Brennan 🎉  
 2 72 year Birthday Celebration for John Mazlin  
 3 12 year Club Anniversary for Bob Carroll 🎉  
 3 50 year Birthday Celebration for Charles Kilby  
 4 46 year Club Anniversary for Les Whitcroft 🎉  
 5 19 year Club Anniversary for Jan Cutler 🎉  
 9 22 year Club Anniversary for John Higgins 🎉  
 10 Birthday Celebration for Ruth, partner of George Bouckley  
 10 14 year Wedding Anniversary for Nora and Artin Etmekdjian  
 10 30 year Wedding Anniversary for Tony and Sylvia Abboud  
 12 10 year Wedding Anniversary for Patrick and Yvonne Longfield  
 18 85 year Birthday Celebration for Ron Taffa  
 18 13 year Club Anniversary for Val Payne 🎉  
 20 14 year Club Anniversary for David Johnston 🎉

## Very Clever Puns!



- 1 The roundest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from eating too much pi.
- 2 I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.
- 3 She was only a whiskey maker, but he really loved her still.
- 4 A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class because it was a weapon of math disruption.
- 5 The butcher backed into the meat grinder and got a little behind in his work.
- 6 No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.
- 7 A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.
- 8 A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blownapart.
- 9 Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.
- 10 Time flies like an arrow. Fruit-flies like a banana.
- 11 A hole has been found in the nudist camp wall. The police are looking into it.
- 12 Atheism is a non-prophet organization.
- 13 Two hats were hanging on a hat rack in the hallway. One hat said to the other, 'You stay here; I'll go on a head.'

## 2002-2004 Rotary Peace Fellow, University of Queensland

I recently travelled to Pretoria, South Africa on behalf of UN Women as part of the newly formed group of investigators for sexual and gender based crimes as war crimes. When I was in South Africa, I was struck by a comment I heard from a prominent South African Minister. She made parallels between apartheid and sexual and gender based crimes, saying that apartheid had been defeated and so could violence against women. When I heard the comparison, I instantly dismissed the idea; the two are completely non-comparable.



To me apartheid was country and colour specific and held together by an archaic and corrupt government that eventually crumbled under international pressure. Violence against women is a global pandemic, crossing every social divide: race, class, religion, ethnicity, age and culture. Violence against women is unstoppable, I thought.

Colleagues, who had come straight from the field, were sharing stories about women and girls in the Congo who face a high probability – sometimes certainty – that they will be raped on the way from their homes to the markets to buy food. Humanitarian agencies are handing out rape kits in the way that condoms might be handed out in other countries.

International Women's Day is 8 March, a chance for us to reflect on those women who are victims of every type of gender-based crime and discrimination. It's also a chance for us to celebrate those who are working to eliminate these violations, both at a policy and grass-roots level. Millions of these women go unnoticed and will never be publically thanked for what they are doing.

Extract from an article by Francesca Del Mese  
Rotary International Weekly Updates

## 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!**

### Meals on Wheels

This month, the fifth Sunday (31 March) falls on **Easter Sunday**. We have been advised that we are **not required this Sunday**.

The next fifth Sundays of the month that we will be required will be 30 June, 29 September and 29 December.

Bob Carroll



## Rotary and Other Events ...

- ▶ **Anzac Day Service**  
Date: **Thursday, 25 April**  
Details: Adrian Hallett
  
- ▶ **2013 Sydney Metro RYDA Program (Volunteers required)**  
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 (Onni's Mobile: 0420 601 658)**

| Who                 | When     | Who              | When     |
|---------------------|----------|------------------|----------|
| 9680 Conference     | 15/03/13 | John Mazlin      | 12/04/13 |
| Kalma McLellan      | 22/03/13 | Graham Metcalfe  | 19/04/13 |
| Easter—Good Friday  | 29/03/13 | Rob Mitchell     | 26/04/13 |
| Siddarth Maheshwari | 05/04/13 | Maureen Mulheron | 03/05/12 |

## Looking Ahead



|       |    |   |
|-------|----|---|
| March | 19 | Ray Moore - Understanding the Palestinian Issue             |
|       | 26 | Patrick Longfield—Education and Learning for Sustainability |
| April | 2  | tba   |
|       | 9  | tba   |

## Meeting Night Duty Roster

| Date            | Welcomers      |                   | Loyal            | Intro        | Thanks       |
|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>19/03/13</b> | Duncan Taylor  | Steve Thorp       | Les Whitcroft    | Rob Mitchell | Ken Allen    |
| <b>26/03/13</b> | Martin Aston   | Geoff Brennan     | John Brown       | -            | -            |
| <b>02/04/13</b> | Ron Thompson   | Erdem Toner       | Paul Burnett     | Ashley Peake | Bob Carroll  |
| <b>09/04/13</b> | Noel Dunn      | John Higgins      | Ian Henderson    | Ross Rocca   | Peter Cooper |
| <b>16/04/13</b> | David Johnston | Patrick Longfield | Nora Etkmekdjian | Rob Senior   | Jan Cutler   |
| <b>23/04/13</b> | Tony Abboud    | Peter Cooper      | Adrian Hallett   | Stefan Sojka | Kathryn Dodd |

## 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!