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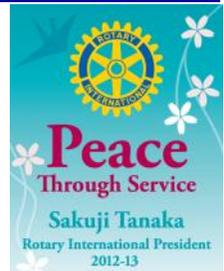
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Chartered: 22nd April 1946
 Club: #18039 / District: #9680 in NSW, Australia
 Meeting Place: Level 2, Next Generation Club, next to
 Ryde Aquatic Centre, 504 Victoria Road, Ryde
 Meeting Time: Every Tuesday — 6:00pm for 6:30pm
 Postal Address: Rotary Club of Ryde Inc.
 PO Box 90 Ryde, NSW 1680

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



This Week . . .

2 April Gabrielle Eynon from Destiny Rescue, returns tonight to give us an update on her recent visit to rescue children from hunger, poverty, human trafficking and sexual exploitation in South East Asia and Africa.

Tonight's Roster

Welcomers	Ron Thompson, Erdem Toner
Loyal Toast by	Paul Burnett
Introduce Guest Speaker	Maureen Mulheron
Guest Speaker thanked by	Bob Carroll

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 5 meetings appears on Page 9

Burkhart's Blog



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reetings to all Rotarians and Rotary friends. I hope you all had a relaxing and happy Easter time.

Last week we had a very relevant, interesting and thought provoking talk/lecture from our very own Patrick Longfield about Education and Learning for Sustainability. I wish we could have some more of these, perhaps with emphasis and/or group discussions, to arrive at some hints and suggestions for practical applications and solutions, to tackle the enormous problems and repercussions we, our children and grand children are going to face, with the selfish and short sighted messing up of our world and the resulting climate change. I imagine this could be a major International Project "Save the Rotary Planet" (rather than falling flat). Remember you heard it here first!

The representative of the Prostate Cancer Foundation is not available tonight, so we hear from Gabrielle Eynon from Destiny Rescue about her recent fact finding mission to Thailand and Cambodia.

Have an enjoyable night.

Burkhart

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Last Meeting . . . as recalled by Allen Horrell



Guests Bree Hutchins and Patrick Ambrose joined us at the noisy table with Stefan Sojka and Ian 'Hendo' and said they enjoyed, and were impressed by the Rotary Grace and the Loyal Toast. Since they had passed the character test I gave them my copy of the Hub and my last Ryde Rotary brochure. No doubt our guest speaker would approve of my recycling these documents for our guests. They were at our meeting because they had heard Gemma Sissia speak last week, and she had recommended they visit their local Rotary Club with a view to join.

Adrian Hallett spoke on District Assembly, and how one can register for it: if you are on next year's lead team (Secretary, Treasurer, Directors and Chairs) you should have received the flyer by email with the link to the registration site. Registration is easy, and free. Just be sure to turn up on the day, as it is not free to District 9685, or to the clubs thereof.

I called for volunteers to run the Junior Schools Public Speaking Competition to meet with me after the club meeting.

Rob Mitchell spoke on the high profile our Afghanistan School project had at Conference, and the possibility of utilising Future Vision funds, and involving more clubs in supporting education and peace in a country that needs more of both.

Chicken Schnitzel, carrots, broccoli and chat potatoes appeared before us and disappeared again.

Charles Kilby reported that Libbie Sham has been interviewed by our panel of three wise men, and will be recommended to District as our sponsored RYEP Outbound student for next year. Charles' son Lucas, and my daughter Anna will be interviewed by other clubs in the district over the next month. This week's TWT featured an article on the Brush Farm combined meeting with CCA and our presentation of a Paul Harris Fellow recognition to Moya Wilcox. A letter of thanks from CCA is to go on our website, and in our Hub.

Jan Cutler appealed for all contributions to the Hub to be in her hands by the next day: "I'll be burning the midnight oil tonight," I thought, and I don't mean the rock band. David James told us another of our PHF recipients Lorraine Cox was in hospital. When prompted he said he would arrange a get well card from the club.

Serjeant Duncan fined me for being deaf, Geoff Brennan for being Lebanese PM Najib Mikati (clipping opposite) and Patrick Longfield for his sustainability, after fining every table for being the noisy table - apparently he couldn't identify our table in spite of Stefan's best efforts, so I think the accusation of deafness was a case of the pot calling the kettle black!



Patrick Longfield spoke on Education for Sustainability. He said he wanted to "Challenge us to examine and question the underlying assumptions" of society. It is good advice — one should always question the assumptions that underlie our opinions: Is it the Truth? He said the problem was "People who think wrongly" and the need to teach them to think rightly about sustainability. Geoff Brennan perhaps alluded to this in his question, "Do you accept that your view is just a subjective opinion, rather than an objective view of reality?"

. . . last meeting (cont'd)

Patrick countered this with his assertion that a rock is not necessarily a rock, or at least may not be a rock tomorrow. This answer, while not particularly coherent, struck directly at the nature of reality: "I talk, therefore I am!"

Stefan Sojka posed a question worthy of his doppelganger Muammar Gaddafi and then it was my turn, or so I thought. Patrick did not see I had the mike and signalled John Mazlin's turn to speak, just as I opened my mouth to pose a question. I passed the mike to Julie Thorp who rushed it to John, and then returned it to me a little later.

I should reiterate at this point that while it looked like Patrick had shut me down in a Machiavellian ploy to control the debate, nothing could be further from the truth. While I disagree with many of Patrick's opinions, I have never doubted that his heart is in the right place and I consider us to be friends.

I offered up two quotes:

- 1) "It's the economy stupid!" – Bill Clinton.
- 2) "The Stone Age did not end because we ran out of stones, and the Oil Age will not end because we run out of oil. If we force them to, it will end because people invent alternatives." - Saudi oil minister Sheik Ahmed Yamani.

Many other questions were asked, Naplan tests got a bashing, and Patrick finished with "I should shut up!" which was received with sustained applause.

Some say political speeches are banned in Rotary, but that is not so. What is banned is a Rotary Club pushing a political wheelbarrow. It is OK for us to hear leftist opinions in the forum of our club, just not to take a position publicly. We should of course give equal time to the other side of each question, so maybe we should invite a mining executive to explain the benefits of coal seam gas?

We finished our meeting with the Anthem, sung with enthusiasm.

Allen

The Mitchells are Off Again!

Not satisfied with their last travels, a trans-Pacific sailing on the Queen Elizabeth, PP Rob and Judy Mitchell are at it again for the next six weeks.



They leave on Sunday for a few days in Barcelona before catching a train to Biarritz in south west France. A short stroll through Basque country, along the Camino puts them in Santiago di Compostella on the north west tip of Spain. A quick look at Google Earth reveals what a walk they are undertaking. I hope Rob has done some planning!

Recovery is in visiting their England-domiciled son and daughter-in-law in London and then the four of them are off to Wales for a week of boating on the Llangollen Canal. Sadly, Rob's highly evolved navigational skills won't be tested; the difference between forward or reverse is not that difficult to detect.

I'm sure we all wish them safe return on 7 May.

Geoff Brennan

Remember Ayumi—one of our Ambassadorial Scholars?

DG John Dodd has been busy. Ayumi Hira contacted John endeavouring to place another scholar from her District, and who wishes to study at Monash University . A placement has been made (see below):

From: Ayumi HIRA <ayumi.hira@gmail.com>
 To: johndodd@cluemail.com
 Subject: Fwd: Request for Advice from Rotary District 2700 in Japan
 Date: Wed, 27 Mar 2013 21:00:26 +0900

Dear John,

Thank you very much for connecting us to Merv at RC of Monash. I hope Kei will have a great experience at his club.

I still contact Alex and Olga occasionally. Please give my best regards to Janelle and my dear Rotarians at Ryde.

Kind regards,
 Ayumi Hira

Why?

- * **Why do pharmacies** make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front?
- * **Why do people** order double cheeseburgers, large fries, and a diet coke?
- * **Why do banks** leave vault doors open and then chain the pens to the counters?
- * **Why do we leave cars** worth thousands of dollars in our driveways and put our useless junk in the garage?

EVER WONDER . . .

- * **Why the sun** lightens our hair, but darkens our skin?
- * **Why can't women** put on mascara with their mouth closed?
- * **Why don't you** ever see the headline 'Psychic Wins Lottery'?
- * **Why is 'abbreviated'** such a long word?
- * **Why is lemon juice** made with artificial flavouring, and dish washing liquid made with real lemons?
- * **Why is the man** who invests all your money called a broker?
- * **Why is the time of day** with the slowest traffic called rush hour?
- * **Why didn't Noah** swat those two mosquitoes?



Launch of DVD

The Official launch of the Australasian Lymphology Association's DVD took place on 25 March, 2013 at Parliament House.

Pictured at the launch are Rtn Cliff Hoare of Dural Rotary, Community Service Chair for Australian Rotary Health, Rtn Maureen Mulheron of The Rotary Club of Ryde, Dr Helen Mackie President of Australian Lymphology Association and member of Executive Council and Rtn Judith Curtin of Hunters Hill Rotary.



Attendance Last Meeting

Percentage Attendance Last Meeting: 91.11%

Makeups: John Dodd, Bob Carroll, Bob Kaye-Smith, Ross Rocca, Tony Abboud, Geoff Nix

Apologies: John Dodd, Surinder Joson, Artin Etmekdjian, Bob Carroll, Bob Kaye-Smith, Ron Thomson, Ross Rocca, Tony Abboud, Geoff Nix, Nora Etmekdjian, Paul Burnett

Guests: Onni Kivimaa

Other Guests: Bree Hutchins, Patrick Ambrose

Useful websites

- Rotary Club of Ryde www.ryderotary.org.au
- Rotary International www.rotary.org
- Rotary Down Under www.rotarydownunder.com.au
- Shelter Box Australia www.shelterboxaustralia.com.au
- School of St Jude www.schoolofstjude.co.tz

**Deadline for contributions to The HUB is
Friday 5pm unless otherwise arranged**



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Letter received from Moya Silcock CCA

Mr Burkhardt Foertsch
 Club President
 The Rotary Club of Ryde Inc
 PO Box 90
 RYDE 1680

Dear Burkhardt

I am still recovering from the events of Tuesday 12th March 2013. The occasion being my farewell as a Social Welfare Worker in Aged Car Services at Christian Community Aid after 25 years.

I have always felt privileged to have a "job" that I truly relished. The challenges that were presented, the various personalities I case managed, the sad stories, the cruel awful stories, these have all helped to enable me to become who I am today. I can look back and thank all the people I encountered over the years for teaching me about "life"

For me to receive such a prestigious honour as The Paul Harris Fellow recognition, as a non-Rotarian, is very humbling. However, for one who has grown up surrounded by the values and ethics that are the core principles of Rotary International I feel in receiving this recognition I have given due homage to my late father Darrell Jackson OBE, who gave his whole life to serving as a humanitarian ambassador. He was a Rotarian for as long as I can remember and "Rotary" was always "just part of the family".

I very much felt his presence as you spoke about Rotary and indeed became overwhelmed as I received the Paul Harris Fellow Certificate, the Medallion and the Pin. I truly value the recognition that I have received and thank you and your fellow Rotarians for the honour.

Yours sincerely

MOYA T. SILCOCK
 24th March 2013

Notice Board

Graffiti Days for your Calendar

**Graffiti Clean Up teams meet the first Sunday of the month
 (excluding 1 April — Easter Monday)**

The next Graffiti Clean Up Sunday will be 7 April
(check with Charles Kilby time and place to meet)

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 ...

- ▶ **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: 0431 748 914)

Who	When	Who	When
Kalma McLellan	05/04/13	Geoff Nix	10/05/13
John Mazlin	12/04/13	Val & Bill Payne	17/05/13
Graham Metcalfe	19/04/13	Ashley Peake	24/05/13
Maureen Mulheron	03/05/13	Ross Rocca	31/05/13

Looking Ahead



- 9 Club Forum — President Burkhardt
- 16 Monika Barthwal-Datta - Food Security in Asia
- 23 FRASIL (*technology of the heart for the disabled, seniors and the disadvantaged*)

Meeting Night Duty Roster

Date	Welcomers	Loyal	Intro	Thanks
09/04/13	Noel Dunn John Higgins	Ian Henderson	-	-
16/04/13	David Johnston Patrick Longfield	Nora Etkmekdjian	Rob Senior	Peter Cooper
23/04/13	Tony Abboud Peter Cooper	Adrian Hallett	RossRocca	Jan Cutler
30/04/13	Nora Etkmekdjian Allen Horrell	David Johnston	Stefan Sojka	Kathryn Dodd
07/05/13	David James Charles Kilby	Kalma McLellan	Duncan Taylor	Noel Dunn

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

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;