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**May is  
International  
Month**



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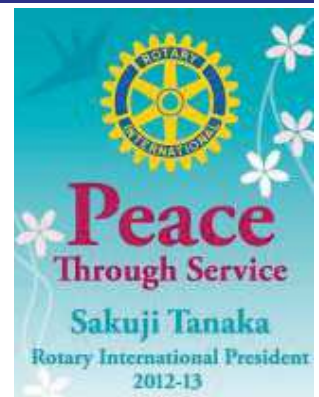
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## Club Information



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  
 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)**



May 14

Club Training - Part 3

Rob Mitchell will review Club Training - Part 2 and guide us through Part 3: Understanding our Club & setting goals for it.

There will be a meeting of the incoming Board after the Club meeting tonight

## Tonight's Roster

**Welcomers**

Patrick Longfield & Siddarth Maheshwari

**Loyal Toast**

John Mazlin

If you are unable to fulfill this duty, please arrange your own swap and inform President Burkhart of the change

**Duty Roster for future meetings appears on Page 7**

## Burkhart's Blog

Greetings to all Rotarians and Rotary Friends,

Last week the majority of present members agreed to have new pull-up banners made, to replace the old wooden honour-boards. On it there will be all Paul Harris Fellows associated with our club. Also our own chairman of Vocational Services Graham Metcalfe invited three of our members to tell their own vocational stories. It was an interesting and informative meeting.

Tonight we have the third part of our club night, where our training officer Rob Mitchell will review the last session and talk about goal setting.

Have an enjoyable evening.

Burkhart

## We'll be sad if we don't see you next Tuesday!



If you need to give a late apology for non-attendance at any meeting, please ring **Val Payne on 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?**



After **President Burkhart** opened the meeting, **PP Geoff Brennan** reported on **Rtn Ian Henderson's** health: He's on the mend and hopes to be home by Thursday. **PE Adrian** reported on the Graffiti removal operation last Sunday, thanking his intrepid crew, and took the time to spruik ROYA (Recognition of Youth Awards), the Parra-amble, and a race between a Steam Train and a Diesel one on Saturday of the June long weekend, where you can buy a ticket on the speeding trains for only \$25. Contact Adrian for more information.

Roast beef, broccoli, snow peas and sweet potato soon vied for our attention, and Rotarians were heard to comment how good the food was. Foundation Director **John Mazlin** said the Future Vision plan has the potential to double the money we can apply to projects, and he wants to start application for a project to fit out a Disabled Centre in East Timor, and another for School furniture for Afghanistan.

I spoke on the Junior Schools Public Speaking Competition, the heats to be held on 15th May at Eastwood Heights Public School, 6 for 6:30pm. When I asked for an Adjudicator as I am one short, **PP Patrick Longfield** volunteered immediately. Thanks, Patrick; it makes up for selling me that black shirt!

**David James** appealed for photos of the cheque being presented to the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia last week, as the one he has got requires Photoshop replacement of everyone's heads!

**Rtn Paul Burnett** bade us all farewell as he departs from the country to take up cattle ranching in Canada.



The Hills Relay for Life "May the Fourth be with You" - perhaps a Ryde team to enter next year?

Community Chair **Nora** pointed out the Mothers' Day gifts for the nursing homes of Ryde, waiting for the volunteers to collect, pointing out that they were the best packed and labelled gifts ever, and thanking **Rtn Maureen Mulheron** for her efforts.

**Rtn Val Payne** had the winning spackle ticket and was rewarded with a bottle of Semillon Sauvignon Blanc, personally recommended as "almost drinkable" by **Serjeant Duncan**. He was lucky to avoid a cross-fine from the proud supplier of this fine wine. Several Rotarians were then fined for talking while the Serjeant was speaking – I didn't know contempt of kangaroo court was a crime!

**Burkhart** was fined for opening the meeting while not wearing the chain of office, in spite of a family history of reporting for duty in the correct uniform. Once again the entire club was fined for not celebrating a birthday this week, quite rewarding for the club coffers, since none of us did. **John Mazlin** was fined for the length of his report, **Paul Burnett** for leaving us, and **Bill** for giving Duncan's wife flowers: "You made me look bad!" **Graham Metcalfe** fined him for not being cunning enough to score the flowers left over on ANZAC day, which he said had made a lovely gift for Carolyn. "It was a wreath!" interjected one Rotarian, "The 'Lest we forget' was a dead giveaway!" said another.

**President Burkhart** then spoke on the Paul Harris Fellow honour board, and the eligibility to appear thereon. The options ranged from the extreme of option 1, only club members who were presented with their PHF pin by the Club President and Board, to the option 5 that the honour board contain every Paul Harris Fellow given to a member from any source or given by the Club or a member of the Club to any recipient.

This latter option was voted in by 24 of the 33 members present. The reasoning was why would you honour someone for serving their community, and then exclude them from the honour board? What was not voted on was whether we actually need an honour board at all. If we do, we should ask why a slide show wouldn't be just as good, easier to maintain and much cheaper than pull-up banners.

The meeting then moved on to Vocational talks with **Kalma** speaking on the role of technology in her Personal Development section of the Brush Farm corrective services Academy. Since she asked me on several occasions not to report the detail of her talk, I have honoured her wishes.

I then spoke on the role of IT at Bluescope Steel, the versatility and beauty of steel as a building material, the complexity of Infrastructure and Application in the Enterprise Resource Planning space, and the impenetrable barrier of three letter acronyms that make up geek-speak in the IT world.

For us the SAN is not a hospital, it is a Storage Area Network with chunks of disk space allocated to Servers where they appear to the operating system as local drives but are actually a rack of disk drives in a remote Data Centre. Those servers are themselves these days virtualised, a program running in VMware pretending to be a File and Print Server. They pretend so well, no-one in the business can tell the difference.

Since the GFC, we concentrate on doing more with less money and less people. The only large projects running at the moment are infrastructure rationalisation ones designed to eliminate duplication and thus reduce cost, by for instance reducing the number of Data Centres from 6 to 3.



Some amazing applications of Bluescope products!

## Upcoming Events to add to your calendar

- May 15th (Wed)** Junior Public Speaking Competition  
6pm Eastwood Heights Primary School - Lincoln St, Eastwood
- June 2nd (Sun)** Graffiti Removal (First Sunday every month!)  
Meet 8am at Church St Carpark - Opposite LJ Hooker Real Estate
- June 6th (Thurs)** 2013 Sydney Metro RYDA Program (Volunteers Required)  
Sydney Olympic Park - Riverside Girls High School  
Call Charles Kilby for details: 0412 401 664
- June 21st (Fri)** Phoenix House fundraiser by Crows Nest Rotary Club  
Kirribilli Club 12:30 - 2pm / \$130 pp / Guest Speaker: Hon Joe Hockey  
Call Jennifer Locke for details: 0411 871 031

Contributions for next week's HUB to  
**Jan Cutler**  
[jancutler@bigpond.com](mailto:jancutler@bigpond.com)

Once again this year, the Rotary Club of Ryde is hosting the 8th Annual Junior School Public Speaking Competition. **The Heats will be held this Wednesday 15th May @ 6pm at Eastwood Heights Primary School Hall, Lincoln St, Eastwood.**

This competition gives Junior School students from the Ryde district the opportunity to demonstrate their speaking skills in a public forum and prizes are awarded to the winning competitors at the finals. Please come along - support Ryde Rotary in this event and hear the children of Ryde City give 3 minute speeches on a range of topics. It is a good night out, and by attending you send a message to these children that public speaking is worthwhile and valued by the community.



## Phoenix House Fundraiser - Crows Nest Rotary Club

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

This year our Crows Nest Rotary Club's major local focus is on disadvantaged youth in our lower north shore area. Phoenix House, based in the centre of Crows Nest in Holtermann St was identified as an important organisation within our local community, struggling under the burden of demand and limited resources, and needing support in a number of ways.

The Hon Joe Hockey is Patron of Phoenix House and has agreed to be the guest speaker to raise awareness of Phoenix House and assist them by participating in one function for us this year.

This will be held on Friday 21st June at the Kirribilli Club 12:30 - 2pm at a cost of \$130 per person.

Please let all Rotarians know - in particular those who are running a small business within our district - as it is a great opportunity to hear Mr Hockey speak and be able to ask questions on the issues that are of concern to them. Given that he could be the next Treasurer of Australia, we see this as a wonderful opportunity.

Jennifer Locke  
Director Community  
The Rotary Club of Crows Nest  
0411 871 031

## Attendance Last Meeting

7

**Percentage Attendance Last Meeting: 88.64%**

**Makeups:** John Dodd, Charles Kilby, Nora Etmekdjian, Erdem Toner, Martin Aston.

**Apologies:** John Dodd, Charles Kilby, Arton Edmekdjian, Surinder Joson, John Higgins, Martin Aston.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

**May 15th** 51 Year Club Anniversary for **Ashley Peake**

## Looking Ahead

**May 21st** Muscular Dystrophy Association NSW (TBC)

**May 28th** Junior Public Speaking Competition Finals

## RYEP Friday Night Roster - Onni Kivimaa

Onni is presently being hosted by Daniel & Kristina Graham  
10 James St, Carlingford - Phone: 9873 6096

WHO	WHEN	WHO	WHEN
<b>RYEP Safari</b>	May 5 - 25	<b>Kalma McLellan</b>	June 14th
<b>Maureen Mulheron</b>	June 7th	<b>Onni home to Finland :(</b>	June 20th

## Club Meeting Duty Roster

Date	Welcomers	Loyal	Intro	Thanks	
<b>21/05/13</b>	<b>Nora Etmekdjian</b>	<b>Geoff Nix</b>	<b>Bill Payne</b>	<b>Duncan Taylor</b>	<b>Noel Dunn</b>
<b>28/5/13</b>	<b>Ken Allen</b>	<b>John Brown</b>	<b>Stephen Thorp</b>	-	-
<b>04/06/13</b>	<b>Bob Carroll</b>	<b>Peter Cooper</b>	<b>Erdem Toner</b>	<b>Ron Thomson</b>	<b>Adrian Hallett</b>
<b>11/06/13</b>	<b>Jan Cutler</b>	<b>Kathryn Dodd</b>	<b>Les Whitcroft</b>	<b>Steve Thorp</b>	<b>Geoff Brennan</b>





### 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;