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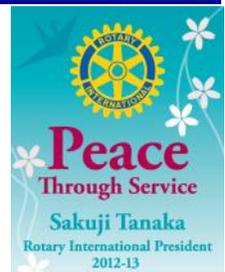
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 Club: #18039 / District: #9680 in NSW, Australia
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 Ryde Aquatic Centre, 504 Victoria Road, Ryde
 Meeting Time: Every Tuesday — 6:00pm for 6:30pm
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**RSVP extras or absences to:
 Val Payne 9874 5787 (or as advised)**



This Week . . .

21 May Penelope Hodge - Muscular Dystrophy Association NSW

Tonight's Roster

Welcomers	Nora Etmekdjian, Geoff Nix
Loyal Toast by	Bill Payne
Introduce Guest Speaker	Duncan Taylor
Guest Speaker thanked by	Noel Dunn



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



Greetings to all Rotarians and Rotary friends.

Last week we had the third part of our club night, where our training officer Rob Mitchell reviewed the previous session and talked about goal setting.

Last Wednesday the preliminary of our Primary School Public Speaking Competition resulted in four finalists being chosen to battle it out at the finals at our meeting, the following Tuesday the 28th of May.

Last Friday our second Interact Club (the first one being at James Ruse College), the Interact Club of Ryde Secondary College was formally inaugurated, with 52 foundation members under the presidentship of Laurentiu Unguroiu.

Muscular Dystrophy, a neuromuscular disorder affecting more than 20,000 people in Australia, mainly babies and children, and limits their life expectancy to early adulthood. Tonight Penelope Hodge, the CEO of the Muscular Dystrophy Association of NSW and Joab Holding a young ambassador for the Association, will be our guest speakers, talking about causes, treatments, therapies and research to stop progression of this disease and increase quality of life for the sufferers.

Have an enjoyable evening.

Burkhart

Last Meeting . . . as recalled by Allen Horrell



Maureen Mulheron has been scanning Club Historian Doug Thompson's photos, and asked me to set them up as a slide show for the members before the meeting.

Soon early arrivals were playing the "Is that who I think it is?" game with the slides from the 1980's: a thin John Dodd, a Bill Payne with black hair, and many other strange sights from the distant past. I found seats and bought drinks for new visitors Mike and Jill Whitworth, and found they live in Buffalo Rd, within walking distance of our venue; that they come from Manchester, England and that Jill is a school teacher, while Mike works in Strata Management. They had been invited to attend our meeting as guests of the club, with a view to becoming members.

The meeting started with Grace and the Loyal Toast, neither of which fazed them in the least, but I had to explain how a nearly empty room could generate the 93.33% attendance claimed by **Ross Rocca**. The attendance of many members at the fellowship dinner on Friday, organised by **Peter Cooper**, at the 'Il Bolognese' restaurant explained most of it. Perhaps it also explained the low turnout for our club training night?

Adrian Hallett changed hats from acting President to President Elect and reported on the Parra-amble to be held sometime this weekend. "There is no time limit!" he said, but as there was no list circulated, I suspect participation will be low. The organisers are also "Hollering for a Marshall!"

John Mazlin reported that the total District funds available for Future Vision were "only \$20,000" – still more that we have ever had before. "Don't look a gift horse in the mouth!" I advised. Chicken schnitzel was followed by a Serjeant's session run by **David Johnston** in Duncan Taylor's absence. **Geoff Nix** won a bottle of wine in the spackle drawn by our visitor Jill Whitworth, and then a fine was meted on both 'Geoffs' in recognition of Geoff 2's luck. **Ashley Peake's** birthday was transformed from a celebration to a calamity as every member (bar one) was fined for not being Ashley. It was a fair cop we all agreed, but the next fine, fined most of us again for being at the social night at the 'Il Bolognese' restaurant organised by intrepid Social Director Peter Cooper! Surely the anti-social ones who did not attend should have been fined instead?

Nora Etmekdjian spruiked Red Shield collection once again, then **David James** gave a training session on the use of the microphones. Apparently they scare easily and sulk if abused.

Our **visiting Rotarian from India Dr Smita**, used one to good effect, explaining that she was in Sydney visiting her sister so was doing a make-up at our club. She joined her sponsoring Rotary Club after being sent on a GSE tour to Sweden and now tries to visit as many Rotary clubs as she can whenever she is travelling. Her son Ariyan had been a useful fine collector for our Serjeant.

... last meeting (cont'd)

Adrian Hallett presented our visitor with a Club banner.

Next up was **Rob Mitchell** for Club Training Part 3. He spoke on Public Relations, and explained that we should have a relationship with the public, on Creative Service drawing examples from the audience of our partnering with the Indigo Foundation and the Interact Clubs. He was brief and to the point, so it looked like we were in for a 7:30 pm finish until **Geoff Brennan** ("I'm Geoff, he's Geoff2") rose to ask in summary "Why don't we just do Rotary well, and let PR take care of itself?" This led to a long, thoughtful reply from Rob to the effect that we should do both well. Any hope of an early finish was evaporating rapidly as Geoff asked me to tell the club about the meaning of Rotary at Tebbutt Lodge, so I did: Sunday was Mothers' Day, and Bernadette and I attended the Tebbutt Lodge Nursing Home at 11 am to hand out the gifts (being bars of soap). I thought people would be interested to hear that the gifts were well received, and our visit put all the ladies in a good mood.

"What exactly is Rotary, anyway?" asked one. "You know – they make the clothes lines that spin around!" yelled another, and suddenly everyone was laughing. It was a fun moment, and Nurse Annette, who was showing us around, took a photo and said she'd put the picture and the story about 'Rotary Clothes Lines' into their weekly newsletter. I couldn't help thinking that confusion about what Rotary means is probably even worse in the Hills District!

Adrian Hallett thanked Kate Dodd for producing the Hub last week, and we closed the meeting with a somewhat ragged rendition of "Advance Australia Fair."

Allen



Consider . . .

VERY INTERESTING FACT — Did you ever wonder why there are no dead penguins on the ice in Antarctica?

Where do they go?

... Wonder no more.

It is a known fact that the penguin is a very ritualistic bird which lives an extremely ordered and complex life. The penguin is very committed to its family and will mate for life, as well as maintain a form of compassionate contact with its offspring throughout its life.



If a penguin is found dead on the ice surface, other members of the family and social circle have been known to dig holes in the ice, using their vestigial wings and beaks, until the hole is deep enough for the dead bird to be rolled into, and buried.

The male penguins then gather in a circle around the fresh grave and sing:

"Freeze a jolly good fellow, Freeze a jolly good fellow" . . .

. . . You really didn't believe that I know anything about penguins, did you? It's so easy to fool OLD people. I am sorry, an urge came over me that made me do it.

Oh quit whining I fell for it too!

Maureen Mulheron

Primary Schools Annual Public Speaking Competition



The 8th Annual Ryde Primary School Preliminary Public Speaking Competition for Grades 5 & 6 was held last Wednesday night at the Eastwood Heights Public School.

It was great to have DG John Dodd in attendance and present each student with their certificate of achievement.



The standard of the children's speeches was again high. Adjudicators Patrick Longfield and Michelle Westlund had difficulty in choosing three finalists from the 24 contestants, finally coming to the conclusion that four finalists would compete in the finals. One of the finalists, Natallie Reale-Bryant, was our last year's winner, then a Grade 5 student.

The finalists to compete on 28 May for this year's title will be:

Nina Loone	Holy Spirit Primary School	Being a Kid is Hard Work
Natalie Green	Northcross Christian School	When I grow up...
Laura Dimarco	Northcross Christian School	Being a Kid is Hard Work
Natalia Reale-Bryant	St Michaels Primary School	Being a Kid is Hard Work

At the end of the program, Allen Horrell thanked his committee, sponsors Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club, Woolworths West Ryde and Stylesetter International and Laurie Van Ryn, Principal of Eastwood Heights Public School, for accommodating us for the sixth year, in the Eastwood Heights school hall.



The finals on 28 May is a Partner's Night

It will be a memorable night—parents and siblings; teachers and visitors will be in attendance. Let Allen Horrell (**not Val Payne**) know your attendance numbers either at this week's meeting, phone or email

allen.horrell@bluescopesteel.com

The Travel Bug!



- ◇ I have been in many places, but I've never been in Cahoots. Apparently, you can't go alone. You have to be in Cahoots with someone.
- ◇ I've also never been in Cognito. I hear no one recognizes you there.
- ◇ I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport; you have to be driven there. I have made several trips there, thanks to my friends, family and work. I live close so it's a short drive.
- ◇ I would like to go to Conclusions, but you have to jump, and I'm not too much on physical activity anymore.
- ◇ I have also been in Doubt. That is a sad place to go, and I try not to visit there too often.
- ◇ I've been in Flexible, but only when it was very important to stand firm.
- ◇ Sometimes I'm in Capable, and I go there more often as I'm getting older.
- ◇ One of my favorite places to be is in Suspense! It really gets the adrenalin flowing and pumps up the old heart! At my age I need all the stimuli I can get!
- ◇ And, sometimes I think I am in Vincible but life shows me I am not.
- ◇ People keep telling me I'm in Denial but I'm positive I've never been there before!
- ◇ I have been in Deepshit many times; the older I get, the easier it is to get there. I actually kind of enjoy it there.
- ◇ So far, I haven't been in Continent; but my travel agent says I'll be going soon.



Notice Board

Graffiti Days for your Calendar

Graffiti Clean Up teams meet the first Sunday of the month
The next Graffiti Clean Up will be Sunday 2 J
(Meet 8 am at Church Street Car Park opposite L J Hooker Real Estate)

Can't attend a meeting?

Who do you call ... before 10.00 am Monday mornings?
Tuesday 28 May — Allen Horrell
All other meetings — Val Payne - 9874 5787
 Club policy is that you will be expected to pay for your meal if you are absent
 without timely apology!

School of St Jude

First Water Heater Arrives

Thanks to your support of our Annual Appeal, we've already been able to purchase one of the new water heaters! Here it is being delivered to the Upper Primary kitchen.



There are still two water heaters needed for our kitchens.

Click below to make your mark today!

www.schoolofstjude.org/Donations/appeal.html

Below is Mama Neema who is one of the loved cooks at the Lower Primary kitchen. Mama Neema is excited about the new water heaters because she said washing the oil off the plates is sometimes hard without constant hot water.



www.schoolofstjude.org/ContactUs/jobs.html

Former Rotary Youth Exchange student designs a backpack bed

During Australia's colder months, emergency shelters often fill to capacity. Many homeless people searching for a warm bed are turned away, handed a piece of cardboard and a blanket for the night.

Tony Clark, an IT entrepreneur, 1992 Rotary Youth Exchange student, and the founder of the Melbourne-based nonprofit Swags for Homeless, offers an alternative.

In the past year, his organization has distributed more than 3,000 swags, or portable sleeping units, to charities and shelters throughout Australia, New Zealand, Germany, and the United Kingdom. The Backpack Beds, which Clark and his wife, Lisa, designed, are made of a lightweight fabric and have a built-in, 6-foot foam mattress and mosquito netting. But most important, they offer warmth with their waterproof, windproof design. The entire assembly weighs only 6.5 pounds and rolls into a backpack.

Clark was inspired to start the nonprofit when he questioned why so many shelters didn't provide homeless people with proper outdoor bedding. He immediately began working on designs for the versatile bed.

"I thought to myself, 'How would I like to be treated if I slept on the street?'" Clark says. "Homeless people suffering from frostbite, hypothermia, and trench foot are common in wealthy countries. A Backpack Bed is an interim crisis measure – one that can save the lives of those without shelter."

The bed, which can be purchased with a A\$68 donation, has won four international honors, including the Australian International Design Award and the German Red Dot "Best of the Best" award – one of the most prestigious accolades in the product design world.

The innovative beds offer more than physical comfort, say those who have used them – they also provide a renewed sense of dignity.

"Until people are faced with living on the streets, they have no idea of what is involved. Just getting a shower, finding a toilet, or trying to wash clothes becomes a big event," says Matt, a young homeless man in Australia. "This is the third time I have been on the streets, and previously I didn't even have a blanket. Tony Clark and his organization change the lives of people like me."

The success of Swags for Homeless throughout Australia and Europe has encouraged Clark to bring his Backpack Beds to the United States. Rotary clubs in District 9800, which includes Melbourne, funded and transported 100 beds to Baltimore and parts of New Jersey and New York to help the region's homeless and those displaced by Hurricane Sandy. District 7500 (New Jersey) worked with Australian Rotarians to coordinate the effort. Swags for Homeless also donated 60 beds for distribution in Chicago, Washington, D.C., and Los Angeles.

"We knew we had to take this idea and spread its success to other countries and help save others," Clark says. "Thanks to Rotary, this is an important moment: It will be the first time Backpack Beds will be distributed to street-sleeping homeless and disaster victims in the USA."



Tony and his wife Lisa with the Backpack Bed they designed.

Attendance Last Meeting

Percentage Attendance Last Meeting: 97.62%

Makeups: John Dodd, Artin Etmekdjian, Charles Kilby, Duncan Taylor, Martin Aston, Ron Thomson, Steve Thorp, Burkhart Foertsch, Julie Thorp

Apologies: John Dodd, Surinder Joson, Artin Etmekdjian, Charles Kilby, Duncan Taylor, Jan Cutler, Martin Aston, Ron Thomson, Steve Thorp, Burkhart Foertsch, Ian Henderson, Julie Thorp, Stefan Sojka.

Guests: Jill Whitworth, Mike Whitworth, Ariyan Smita

Guest of Member: Brian Neal

Rotarian Guest: Dr Smita, Nagpur Fort, India

Meeting Night Duty Roster

Date	Welcomers	Loyal	Intro	Thanks
21/05/13	Nora Etmekdjian Geoff Nix	Bill Payne	Duncan Taylor	Noel Dunn
28/05/13	Ken Allen John Brown	Stephen Thorp	-	-
04/06/13	Bob Carroll Peter Cooper	Erdem Toner	-	-
11/06/13	Jan Cutler Kate Dodd	Les Whitcroft	Ron Thomson	Adrian Hallett
18/06/13	Noel Dunn Artin Etmekdjian	Tony Abboud	-	-
25/06/13	Adrian Hallett John Higgins	Ken Allen	-	-

If you are unable to fulfil any duty, arrange your own swap and then advise President Burkhart

Contributions to the HUB
Jan Cutler
jancutler@bigpond.com
before Friday 5pm

Rotary and Other Events ...

► Grafitti Day

Date: **Sunday, 2 June**

Where: Meet 8 am at Church Street Car Park opposite L J Hooker Real Estate

Details: Charles Kilby 0412 401 664

► 2013 Sydney Metro RYDA Program (Volunteers required)

Date: **Thursday, 6 June**

Where: Sydney Olympic Park — Riverside Girls High School

Details: Charles Kilby 0412 401 664

Friday Night Roster for Onni Kivimaa

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

Who	When	Who	When
RYEP Safari	05/05/13 to 25/05/13	Kalma McLellan	14/0613
Maureen Mulheron	07/06/13	Onni home to Finland . . .	20/06/13

Looking Ahead till the end of the Rotary Year



May 28	Primary Schools' Public Speaking Competition (Final)
June 4	Rob & Judy Mitchell's Travels
11	FRASIL - technology with the heart for the disabled, seniors and the disadvantaged
18	Onni Kivimaa — My Year in Australia
25	Vocational Exposure
July 2	Club Changeover

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**?

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!