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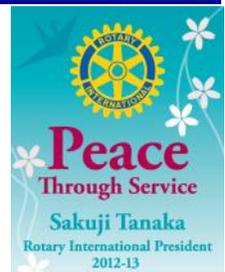
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Club Information



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)**



This Week . . .

18 June My Year in Australia - Onni Kivimaa gives us his last Youth Exchange report after 12 months in Oz!

Tonight's Roster

Welcomers	Noel Dunn, Artin Etmekdjian
Loyal Toast by	Geoff Brennan
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 4 meetings appears on Page 10

Burkhart's Blog



Greetings to all Rotarians and Rotary Friends.
Last week we had a vocational talk, plus some property investment advice and an inside glimpse of local politics from our own member Tony Abboud.

Tonight we will come to an end of an era, with the final report of our current exchange student from Finland Onni Kivimaa, before he flies home on Thursday 20 June.

At the same time we will start a new era by re-inducting an old member (and by old I refer to previous, not age) Victoria Gouel back into our club. This should be another interesting and informative night as always.

Have an enjoyable evening.

Burkhart

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**?

Last Meeting . . . as recalled by Allen Horrell



Ross Rocca toasted the Queen, President Burkhart welcomed our guests, especially Victoria Gouel, then read a litany of absences, including our advertised guest speaker!

Adrian Hallett spoke on the departure of our exchange student Onni Kivimaa, scheduled for 3 pm 20 June. Members are invited to attend the airport to farewell him. Adrian reported that Libby Sham will be our outbound to Italy next year and that Lucas Kilby has been sponsored by Waitara Rotary to Brazil. My daughter Anna Horrell has been sponsored by Carlingford Rotary to Finland, where she will learn Finnish and attend school - "Finnishing School" I call it.

Eric Koelma, a budding businessman being sponsored by Geoff (2) Nix and Stefan Sojka, arrived about then and was duly introduced by President Burkhart.

David James reported that Rtn Mick Nelson's health is sadly in decline. As Treasurer elect, he then reiterated the long-standing policy that if you don't apologise by 10 am Monday and don't attend the Tuesday meeting, then you have an obligation to pay for your meal. Our meal arrived as it was being discussed: Roast beef, chat potatoes, kumara and broccoli.

Onni reported that he has only 8 days till he must return to the frozen North. He has farewelled the first of this season's inbounds to leave Australia, and has now started to pack. His presentation will be next week.

Unusually **Serjeant Duncan** decided to start with the spackle as he is supposed to, but was unable to proceed when Geoff Nix's table complained that they had not had tickets to buy at their table. So once again the fines came first, Ross Rocca for his impending 60th Wedding anniversary, Geoff and Martin Aston's table for delaying the spackle draw, Kate Dodd and Victoria Gouel for talking too much, and Peter Cooper for "looking like a patchwork quilt!" **Julie Thorp** was fined twice, the second time for making her husband Steve pay her first fine.

David James had the winning spackle ticket, refused the Taylor's Shiraz, perhaps thinking Duncan had made it himself, and departed with the white.

Ron Thomson introduced our substitute speaker Tony Abboud, taking the opportunity to allege that he was a soccer player, a Manly League supporter, and less shamefully, a cat kicker! Tony joined the Rotary Club of Ryde in 1986 when he had 7 staff, and is still the youngest Real Estate Agent in the club, but now has 27 employees. He told us that surveys say prostitutes are consistently more highly regarded by the public than Real Estate agents, but thanks to politicians and used car dealers, his occupation is no longer at the bottom of the table. He has several laptops and iPhones, and in a single day replied to 206 SMS messages while on holiday with his long-suffering wife Sylvia!

... last meeting (cont'd)

He believes high-tech will be replaced by high-touch personal service marketing, but acknowledges that no-one reads real estate newspaper ads any more - it is all on line. Sounds high-tech to me, but it is just the default these days.



His business still sells houses, but also manages rental properties, and increasingly the business is about project marketing, selling units from plans. He is expanding into consulting with Developers, Councils and Community Groups. He frequently works from 5 am till 9 pm, and Sylvia says if he must give up some activity to free up his time, it must not be Rotary. I think we would all agree. The rest of his talk was off the record, but apparently it's a good time to buy property in Ryde!

Allen

Fitting Caption??



*Taken at our recent 'Graffiti Clean Up' morning. Can you think up the most appropriate title for this photo?
Write it on the line below and submit it to the Sarjeant. Best one wins a prize!!*

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Rotary District 9680 Changeover to 9685

ROTARY DISTRICT CHANGEOVER 2013 DISTRICT 9680 TO DISTRICT 9685

DISTRICT 9680 GOVERNOR JOHN DODD &
DISTRICT 9685 GOVERNOR ELECT GRAEME DAVIES
INVITE YOU TO THIS HISTORIC EVENT

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FRIDAY 5th JULY 2013
6:30 FOR 7^{PM}

THE LYCEUM
CASTLE HILL RSL CLUB
77 CASTLE STREET
CASTLE HILL

\$50 PER PERSON

PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE: www.changeover.rotarydistrict9685.org.au

HANDMADE QUILT & YEAR'S SUPPLY OF CHOCOLATE RAFFLE
BY JANELLE DODD IN SUPPORT OF END POLIO NOW

Bears a Strong Resemblance to our President?

*Congratulations President Burkhart &
Patricia on the arrival of your first
grandchild Lachlan!*



Are You Kidding Me?

A plane is on its way to Brisbane, when a blonde in economy class gets up and moves to first class and sits down.

The flight attendant asks to see her ticket, then tells her, she had only paid for economy class and would have to go back to economy class.

The blonde replies, "I'm blonde, I'm beautiful, I'm going to Brisbane and I'm staying right here."

The flight attendant goes to the cockpit and tells the Captain and he says, "so she is blonde, my wife is blonde, I talk blonde, I'll handle this."

He goes back to the blonde and whispers in her ear and she says, "Oh, I'm sorry" and goes back to her seat in economy.

The flight attendant is clearly quite amazed and asks the Captain, "what did you say to make her move so quickly and without a fuss."

The Captain says, "I told her softly, first class isn't going to Brisbane."



Notice Board

Graffiti Days for your Calendar

Graffiti Clean Up teams meet the first Sunday of the month 8-10 am

The next Graffiti Clean Up will be—Sunday 4 August

Meet: West Ryde Car Park in Ryedale Road, between railway steps and Victoria Road.

Can't attend a meeting?

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

Val Payne (18 & 25 June) - 9874 5787

Julie Thorp (2 July onward) - 9871 1109 or

0416 208 332 or

j.thorp@bigpond.net.au

NB: Club Policy—from the first meeting in our 2013-14 year, if you do not give a timely apology for your non attendance at a meeting, you will be expected to pay for your meal. You will receive an invoice before or at the following meeting.

Rotary Club of Ryde's Changeover 2013**ENGAGE
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*The Rotary Club Of Ryde,
President Burkhardt Foertsch &
President Elect Adrian Hallett*

Request the pleasure of your company

For our club changeover 2013

*Ryde Ex-Services Memorial & Community Club
724 Victoria Road, Ryde*

Tuesday 2nd July, 2013

6.00 pm for 6.30pm

\$40 per head

RSVP: by Friday 28th June

to Julie Thorp

*phone: 98711109/0416208332
email: j.thorp@bigpond.net.au*

Ryde Secondary College (full press release)

The Interact Club of Ryde Secondary College was formally inaugurated with a ceremony at a full school assembly on Friday 17th May 2013.

The Rotary Club of Ryde have sponsored the new Interact club with Youth Service Director, Charles Kilby and Past President Patrick Longfield presenting the Inaugural President, Laurentiu Unguroiu with the 'Certificate of Organisation' endorsed by the World President of Rotary International.



Laurentiu Unguroiu was also presented with a Presidents Collar and Presidents Pin. Pins were also presented to the Vice President, Carina Menta, Secretary, David Yuan and Treasurer, Alexander Lin. Other Executive Committee members include Emily Chu, Rui Jiang, Chloe Liew and Tennyson Brazier. The club has 52 inaugural members.

About Interact

Interact is a service club for youth ages 14-18. Clubs benefit from sponsorship by individual Rotary clubs, which provide support and guidance. Interact has a membership of over 250,000 youth in more than 11,000 clubs worldwide. It's one of Rotary's fastest growing programs. Interact clubs are self-governing and self supporting and can be either school or community based.

Interact's name is a combination of the words international and action. With clubs in over 120 countries and geographical areas, Interact is truly an international phenomenon. Interact's global youth network is dedicated to community and international service. Every Interact club project, great or small, has a lasting impact on society worldwide. Brazil, India, the Philippines, and the United States boast the highest number of Interact clubs.

Aims of Interact

- Reach out to a community in need?
- Work with youth in another country to develop an international service project?
- Learn about the customs and culture of a faraway place?
- Serve the local community by supporting local charities?

For more information visit: ryderotary.org.au

Attendance Last Meeting

Percentage Attendance Last Meeting: 89.74%

Makeups: John Dodd, Siddharth Maheshwari, Charles Kilby,
Geoffrey Brennan, Patrick Longfield

Apologies: John Dodd, Siddharth Maheshwari, Surinder Joson, Les Whitcroft,
Artin Etmekdjian, Bob Carroll, Charles Kilby, Geoffrey Brennan,
John Higgins, Ken Allen, Noel Dunn, Patrick Longfield, Rob Mitchell,
Nora Etmekdjian, Stefan Sojka

Other Guests: Onni Kivimaa, Victoria Gouel

Guest of Member: Eric Koelma

Friday Night Roster for Onni Kivimaa

Onni is presently being hosted by Daniel & Kristina Graham
10 James Street, Carlingford - Phone: 9873 6096
Onni's Mobile: 0431 748 914



20/06/13 — Onni flies home to Finland!

Meet from 1.30 pm, plane leaves 3.15 pm

(Ask Onni for details of his flight on Tuesday night)



Meeting Night Duty Roster

Date	Welcomers	Loyal	Intro	Thanks
25/06/13	Adrian Hallett John Higgins	Martin Aston	-	-
02/07/13	Allen Horrell David James	Ken Allen	-	-
09/07/13	David Johnston Charles Kilby	John Brown	Tony Abboud	Martin Aston
16/07/13	Patrick Longfield Kalma McLellan	Peter Cooper	-	-

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

**Contributions to the HUB
before Friday 5pm
jancutler@bigpond.com
(unless otherwise arranged)**

Rotary and Other Events ...

▶ Rotary Club of Ryde's Changeover

When: Tuesday 2 July

Where: Ryde Ex-Services Memorial & Community Club
724 Victoria Road, Ryde

Cost: \$40

Details: Julie Thorp 9871 1109, 0416 208 332
j.thorp@bigpond.com.au

▶ Rotary District Changeover 2013—District 9680 to 9685

When: Friday 5 July

Where: The Lyceum, Castle Hill RSL Club

Details: www.changeover.rotarydistrict9685.org.au

▶ Joe Hockey Luncheon (supporting Phoenix House)

When: Friday 21 July

Where: Kirribilli Club, Harbourview Crescent, Lavendar Bay

Time: 12 noon to 2.30 pm (business attire)

Cost: \$130



Birthdays & Anniversaries



June	17	60 year Wedding Anniversary for Rose & Ross Rocca
	19	Birthday Celebration for Janice, partner of Geoff Brennan
	20	7 year Club Anniversary for Stefan Sojka 🌟
	24	72 year Birthday Celebration for Patrick Longfield

Looking Ahead till the end of the Rotary Year



June	25	Vocational Exposure
July	2	Club Changeover
	5	District 9680 Changeover to District 9685
	9	David Rosenberg - "Inside Pine Gap"
	16	Club Forum & Fellowship (Board meeting afterwards)

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.nz

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!