

THE ROTARY CLUB OF RYDE—DISTRICT 9680 CHARTERED 1946

# The HUB

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December is  
**Family Month**

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**Last week (continued)**

President Rotary International..... Ray Klingensmith  
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District 9680 Governor..... George Papallo

**Rotary Club of Ryde**

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President ..... Allen Horrell  
Administration Director ..... Ken Allen  
Foundation ..... Alex Sawyer  
Membership ..... Charles Kilby  
Projects ..... Rob Mitchell  
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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

**This Week... Three Vocational Talks!**

**Tonight Dec 14:** *Vocational Talks -  
Kalma McLellan  
Maureen Mulheron  
Terry Kerim*



**Last Week — as recalled by Allen Horrell**

**Terry Kerim** toasted the Queen and I announced the Special General Meeting to be held 18<sup>th</sup> January to adopt the new Constitution and By-Laws required to comply with new RI regulations and NSW Law changes. These and the resolution to adopt them will be circulated to all members this week so you can consider them before voting on them.

**Patrick** spoke on Conference then we tucked into a meal of Rack of Lamb, with potatoes and more vegetables than the usual string beans, a rare treat.

PP **Geoff Brennan** spruiked the Youth Exchange Christmas Party which should be a great night on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

Then it was time for the AGM, run by Secretary **Bob Kaye-Smith**. The previous minutes were approved, the Audited Accounts presented by PP **Steve Thorp** and accepted by the club, and the nominations for next year's Board, being unopposed, were elected by acclamation: Those elected were:

President Elect	Burkhardt Foertsch
Administrative Director	Burkhardt Foertsch
Foundation Director	Alex Sawyer
PR Director	Adrian Hallett
Membership Director	Allen Horrell
Project Director	Rob Mitchell
Treasurer	Michael Nelson
Secretary	Bob Kaye-Smith

**Stefan Sojka** was elected to the newly coined role of Webmaster. And there being no general business, the AGM was over in five minutes, leaving plenty of time for **Anna Gossweiler's** report before the Serjeant's session. Anna reported that **Raffaella** is having a great time exploring Australia and should by now be in Perth. She had another bus anecdote but I missed the punch line, more alert listeners will know wether she made it to school in time for the excursion. On Friday she worked wrapping presents at Top Ryde City with my wife **Bernadette** and Hameed's daughter **Sidrah**, and at night she dined at a Parramatta restaurant that was "something about a pig" – the Hog's Breath Café is a strange name for a restaurant, now that I come to think of it! On Saturday she was tired out by children who have so much more energy than an elderly 18 year old!

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## Last week (continued)

Rtn **David Johnston** had donated Channel 10 promotional material so Serjeant Patrick had an auction selling off everything that had a "Not for Resale" sticker on it. No-one thought to cross-fine Patrick for using the collection box as a gavel, though someone was present enough of mind to suggest he use his head instead! I had to fine **Peter Cooper** for not sending **Rayne** a Birthday card for last week, but that was unfair because she wasn't on the list generated by Clubmate and supplied to him. We need to investigate how this sorry state of affairs can be avoided next year, as in past years we have remembered Rayne's birthday, and we should lock it in to our calendar.

The Club Planning Forum was ably run by PP **Rob Mitchell**, with each table reporting back on each of the key words in his proposed vision statement. I don't intend reporting on the Forum; that is for Rob to do elsewhere.

Before closing the meeting I thanked members for the outstanding support at the Ryde City BBQ at Ryde Park on Sunday. We were paid \$500 to provide free food to hundreds of citizens of Ryde and collected \$250 in donations for Shelterbox at the same time. A good result of partnering with our council for mutual benefit.

### Upcoming Events:

What I did not have time to announce at the meeting is the Board's thoughts about some events early in the New Year, as follows:

#### New Year Social:

While at the BBQ on Sunday, several of us investigated the new Café in Ryde Park and are now negotiating with the proprietor to open it on the night of Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January for our New Year Social. It can seat up to 100 on trestle tables and the proprietor is willing to open it especially for us if we can book a group of 50. The benefits are that it is open air, but covered in case it rains, it is central to our locality, and no-one needs to clean up afterwards. Much has been said about the over-catering of coleslaws and Greek salads in past years, which could be avoided if we just get a catered solution. They allow BYO drinks with the reasonable corkage fee of \$1. If it works well, Ken has a template for next year's event, Ross and Rose can enjoy the night without the considerable efforts of hosting it, and partners are freed at last from the catering for New Year socials. The downside is it will probably cost \$20/head instead of \$10, but will still be reasonable.

#### Royal Rendezvous:

As you are no doubt aware, 22<sup>nd</sup> February is the Rotary Birthday Party, and is also when Cunard Line's newest ocean liner, Queen Elizabeth 2, will make a spectacular Royal Rendezvous in Sydney with her big sister Queen Mary 2.

Alert Rotarian **Adrian Hallett** noted the coincidence and has been negotiating prices since for holding our meeting afloat on Sydney Harbour... Subject to ongoing negotiations the cost is currently \$72 per head for a minimum of 70 people for a 3½ hour cruise aboard the Pacific Pearl with a Buffet meal, beer, wine and champagne package included in the price.



### Last week (continued)

I think we need to make a decision sooner rather than later, and suggest this is an opportunity for an outstanding night on Sydney Harbour. We would embark at Gladesville Public Wharf, Huntley Point Road at 5:45 for 6:00 pm prompt sailing, returning at 9:30pm. There was some concern at the Board that the cost would be excessive for some of our members, and the suggestion was made that we subsidise the tickets for members. This was rejected for the reason that those who still couldn't go would in effect be subsidising those who could. We will ask for an indication of numbers at the next meeting; if we sell out at \$72, all well and good. If we don't, we will re-assess whether to open the invitation up to the Riverside Zone Clubs, or to the District, on a first come, first served basis, or whether to drop the idea. If it goes ahead it will be an official club meeting, and anyone who cannot attend can do their make-up at the Ryde Rotary Charity Golf Day on 25th February 2011.

Next week we will circulate an attendance list for both events and take it from there, so please discuss with your wives, children and extended family, and be ready with the numbers on Tuesday.

#### **RYDA clarification:**

Some comments at the club forum about the Board having dropped support for RYDA need a response. I have checked the facts and they are as follows: we advertised RYDA in Hub issues 15 through 19, the five weeks leading up to our RYDA day this year, we published a half page spread on RYDA in the 11<sup>th</sup> October issue and we had Noel Phelan from Rotary Youth Driver Awareness to address us at our club meeting on October 19<sup>th</sup>. I personally spruiked attendance at this event right up to the night before, although because it is on a work day, I could not attend myself, and suggested it was an ideal project for our retired members. The Hub recorded our attendance with photographs of our Holy Cross School students at St Ives on 10<sup>th</sup> November. I don't know how we could have been **more** supportive of our club's involvement in RYDA.

What the board voted on was our **financial** support for RYDA: I attended the Presidents Zone meeting 16/09/10 and was informed that the RYDA program, which was launched through the support of Rotary, is now a stand alone organisation which receives the majority of its funding through sponsorship from the corporate sector and State governments to the tune of \$4M per annum. The support of clubs is now less than 5% of their funding and is falling every year. This project has graduated from the Rotary nursery and can now stand on its own two feet. Since it was no longer necessary, I proposed that we withdraw our financial support and use this money on other Youth programmes where it is still needed, such as RYPEN, RYLA, etc. The motion was seconded by Alex, agreed by all the Board, and I believe rightly so. We will continue to support our assigned Year 11 students as long as Ryde members are prepared to attend on the day.

Having heard the comments about RYDA, I have to ask: have you read the Hub? Have you checked out our website? Both show our support for RYDA.

***Allen Horrell***

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### Other events ...

▶ **RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards)**

Date: 17th January -> 23rd January 2011



▶ **RYLA Dinner**

— for RYLarians, sponsoring Rotarians and guests

Date: Wednesday 19th January, 2011

Time: 6pm

Cost: \$45 per head. See Allen Horrell for details if you wish to attend

▶ **Welcome Home/Introduction Dinner for Youth Exchange Students**

Date: 11th February 2011

Time: 6:15 for 7pm

Location: Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club



▶ **Ryde Rotary Charity Golf Day**

Date: 25th February 2011

Time: Registration and breakfast, 7am for 8am start

Location: Oatlands Golf Club



### Ryde Rotary Charity Golf Day 2011



**H**ere's an opportunity to spend half a day on the golf course for a good cause.

The Ryde Rotary Charity Golf Day will be held on Friday 25th February 2011 at Oatlands Golf Club. Shotgun start at 8am with registration from 7. Breakfast supplied for the early birds. Golf Day co-ordinator Mick Nelson invites you to —

- Play on the day (as an individual or in a group)
- Find a sponsor
- Source prizes for raffles, etc.
- Help with preparations and activity on the day.

Call Mick Nelson on **0428 645 128**

### Absentee Advice — RING VAL

If no apology is received the Rotarian is obliged to pay for their meal. Please phone

**Rtn Val Payne (Phone 9874 5787)**

no later than 10:00am Monday, the day prior to meeting.



### Meals on Wheels — 2011

Sunday 30th January 2011,  
Sunday 31st July 2011,

Sunday 29th May 2011  
Sunday 30th October 2011

**PLEASE keep these dates free**

## Attendance last meeting

**Attendance Last Meeting:** 88.89%

**Makeups:** John Dodd, Bob Carroll, Charles Kilby

**Apologies:** Alex Sawyer, Les Whitcroft, Artin Etmekdjian, Bob Carroll, Charles Kilby, David James, John Dodd, Ron Thomson, James Candrick, Maureen Mulheron

**Guests:** Anna Gossweiler

**Guests of members:**

**Rotarian Guests:**

**Guest Speaker:**



## Looking Ahead...

**Jan 4:** *New Year Social @ Café in Ryde Park (Partners)*

**Jan 11:** "Cricket - First Tests" — Steve Cannane, ABC (The Drum) Presenter

**Jan 18:** Club Meeting—"The Constitution" DGE John Dodd

**Jan 25:** RYLA Awardees—Nathan Jenkins & Anna Gossweiler

**Feb 1:** Ambassadorial Scholar—Toby Collis (Solicitor)

**Feb 8:** Ambassadorial Scholar—Paul Benitez (Medical Doctor)

**Feb 15:** 4-Way Test Speaking Contest

*Any suggestions? Contact Martin Aston: [maaston@optusnet.com.au](mailto:maaston@optusnet.com.au) 02 9808 2574*

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

**December 14: Martin & Angie Aston** — 31st Wedding Anniversary

**December 15: Bill & Val Payne** — 59th Wedding Anniversary

**December 17: Steve & Julie Thorp** — 33rd Wedding Anniversary



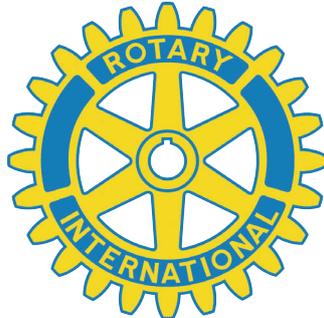
## Rostered Talk

The rostered Rotarian can choose to give either a Vocational **4** minute talk on their career or the Four Way Test, or give a **2** minute Elevator Talk, designed to describe Rotary in general, or Ryde Rotary in particular, to a stranger in a lift.

**Upcoming speakers:**

- Hameed Fazal 11/1/2011
- Ian Henderson 18/1/2011
- John Higgins 25/1/2011
- Allen Horrell 1/2/2011





### 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!