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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  
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## Last Week... as recalled by Allen Horrell

We started the meeting just barely fitting in the small room, with four prospective members visiting; **Robert Bratusa**, a 39 years old member of Rotary club Ljubljana Siska, District 1912, from Slovenia, European Union, who has immigrated to Australia and now works for Impact international in Smithfield as their International Business Manager, **Evan Welsman** from Macquarie Park who found us on the Ryde Website, long term visitor **Erdem Toner**, and a visitor from the Philippines, Rotarian **Terry Kerim**.

After **President Ken** opened the meeting, Channel Ten corporate executive **David Johnston** told us how he had briefed senior management on our Rotary Letter to Julia, on Polio Plus, and on our nation-building School project in Borjagai, Afghanistan. The Channel 10 special on our club's Hazara mission will have to wait for PP **Rob Mitchell** to return from a four week trip overseas!



*Terry Kerim ...  
Now you see him ...*

PP **Charles Kilby** spoke on the anti-paint vandalism project on the previous Saturday, where the Police volunteered an apprehended paint vandal to assist with the clean-up as part of his rehabilitation. It sounded like a local version of extraordinary rendition to consign one of these evil-doers to our tender care, but rather than being an agent of his punishment, Charles was soon suffering Stockholm syndrome and is now convinced the offender is a victim of society.

Club Historian **Doug Thompson** revealed that there is a gap in our press clippings archive between July 2007 and June 2010, and appealed for any hoarders in the club to donate any newspapers from this era to be searched for articles about our club. "You'll find them on line!" interjected a helpful member, to which Doug replied "Line? What's that?" **Graham Metcalfe** has volunteered to search the internet archives of the NDT and TWT for the missing stories.

Rtn. **Richard Henricus** exhorted us to attend in force the Eco-Day BBQ at Lane Cove National Park from 7:30am, 17<sup>th</sup> September.

**Paula Hanlon** (not Pauline Hansen) invited us to run a "Sausage Sizzle" at Ryde Hospital on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October. Volunteers' hands shot up, then Community Chair Nora took their names and said she will follow up to make sure they show up on the day.

**Victoria Blichfeldt** gave her Exchange Student report, including her sleepover with other students watching DVD movies.

President Ken then called Mayor **Artin Etmekdjian** to the lectern to accept the Paul Harris Fellow, in recognition of his services to Rotary and to the Ryde Community as Past President of the Inner West Rotary club, twice Vocational Director in our club and of course for serving as our Mayor. Artin said he was honoured and at a loss for words, then told us how he had changed the Council's programme to meeting every second

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### Last week ... *more*

week from this month, so he would be able to attend Rotary every second week – "I'm hoping my life can now return to Nora-mality!" he said (or something similar).

**Richard Henricus** won the right to draw the Joker from the Spackle pack, but in spite of his stylish portrayal of a "dead cert to win" was unable to actually locate the elusive card, and had to settle for a bottle of red. "I don't even like wine," he confided, and his load was soon lightened by a helpful fellow Rotarian.

Serjeant **Steve** fined **Artin** for the PHF, **Kalma** for asking if "Doing Graffiti" counted as a make-up, **Ron's** whole table for being efficient with their spackle collection, **Allen** for suggesting in the Hub that the Serjeant wanted to be clapped, and **Bill** and **Val** for using **Victoria** as child labour to prepare the nibbles for our meeting. When fined a second time, for there not being enough crackers to go with the cheese, Val replied that "That was intentional – you are all getting too fat!"

Rtn **Adrian Hallett** gave an introduction to **Anna Green**, Disability Advocacy Coordinator from Anglicare, which reflected the Rydalmere support for Kingsdene School where Anna worked from 1999 to 2010 when it was closed. She spoke on the National Disability Insurance (NDI) scheme which is proposed to vastly improve the help for some of our most disadvantaged Australians, at a cost of an extra \$15 Billion per year, doubling the current cost. She explained this would be partially paid for by freeing up family carers to return to the workforce and pay taxes in their professional jobs, perhaps as part of the army of professional carers paid to replace the family carers? I asked if the scheme would, although well-meaning drive us broke: that's the equivalent of a Nationalised Broadband Network every 2½ years, or 8 entire worldwide Polio Plus 30 year campaigns every year! Balancing the cost is the fact that a society is ultimately judged by how we treat those who are most in need; these are not easy decisions for a country to make. Both the NDI and the NII were to be a "No-fault" scheme, which is a euphemism for a "No Lawyer" scheme – you get the assistance you need as of right, even if you are disabled through your own actions. PP **John Dodd** said this meant your entitlement would be decided by one of an army of public servants that would administer the scheme, with no right of appeal. After last week's High Court decision, I doubt that worry will survive the first legal challenge. Anna was thanked by **Ron Thomson**, who being of Scottish extraction has no "P" in his surname!

**Martin Aston** reminded us that our club programme is viewable on the club "Events" webpage, and that we may want to invite our partners to next week's meeting to hear about "Easy Steps to Health". In my experience easy steps are usually to ill health, and only difficult ones lead upwards to wellness! Next week is also presided over by President Elect **Burkhart Foertsch**, with his Presidential training wheels on, while President Ken is away in Perth.

We sang the National Anthem and another week's meeting was over.

*Allen Horrell*

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## Strategic Planners' Nighmares

"Heavier than air machines are impossible"

*Lord Kelvin, British mathematician, physicist,  
and President of the Royal Society c 1895*

"With over fifty foreign cars already on sale here, the Japanese auto industry isn't likely to carve out a big slice of the U.S. market for itself"

*Business Week August 1968*

"A severe depression like that of 1920-21 is outside the range of probability"

*The Harvard Economic Society November 1929*

"I think that there is a world market for about five computers"

*Thomas Watson, Chairman of IBM 1943*

"There is no reason for any individual to have a computer in their home"

*Ken Olson, President Digital Equipment Corporation 1977*

"We don't like their sound. Groups of guitars are on their way out"

*Decca Recording Executive turning down the Beatles in 1962*

"The phonograph...is not of any commercial value"

*Thomas Alva Edison c1880*

"No matter what happens, the US Navy is not going to get caught napping"

*Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy, December 1941  
just prior to the Pearl Harbor raids by the Japanese.*

"They couldn't hit an elephant at this dist....."

*The last words of John B. Sedgwick, Battle of Spotsylvania 1864  
Source: C.Cerf and V. Navasky: The Experts Speak Pantheon Books 1984*

## The Last of the Lexiphiles!



- ◆ If you don't pay your exorcist you can get repossessed.
- ◆ With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.
- ◆ A vulture boards an aircraft carrying two dead racoons. The stewardess looks at him and says "I'm sorry sir, only one carrion allowed per passenger".
- ◆ Two fish swim into a concrete wall. One turns to the other and says 'Damn!'
- ◆ Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, so they lit a fire in the craft. Unsurprisingly it sank, proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it too.
- ◆ Two hydrogen atoms meet. One says, 'I've lost my electron.' The other says 'Are you sure?' The first replies, 'Yes, I'm positive.'
- ◆ Did you hear about the Buddhist who refused Novocain during a root canal procedure? His goal: transcend dental medication.

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## Profile of tonight's speaker—Cameron Hicks

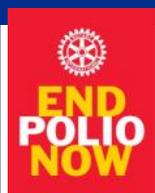
**T**he speaker for tonight is Mr. Cameron Hicks. Cameron is an accredited Exercise Physiologist who has been working in the industry for the past 2 years. He went to school at Pennant Hills High School. During his school years, he not only achieved well academically, but was also a high achiever in athletics, having won places in State Athletics Competitions and competing at the National level. He then studied in the Medical Faculty of the University of New South Wales, and graduated with Bachelor of Science in Health and Exercise Science, achieving High Honours and received the Practical Student of the Year Award in 2009.

Cameron is currently working as an Exercise Physiologist at Constitution Hill Retirement Village and also with the NSW Health Department, based at RPA Hospital. He is presently working on a research study project called "Easy Steps to Health" run by the department.

In his spare time, he enjoys playing soccer. Spare time is something that Cameron finds hard to come by lately, because of the intense preparations for his wedding next month to Burkhart's daughter, Jennifer.

Tonight he will tell us about the Study he is working on, with particular focus on walking and how this relates to a current research study looking at the benefits of a 12-month walking program on the health and wellbeing of people aged over 65.

## Update—Polio Plus



**A**t 24th August, there is still only one recorded case of polio in India – and that was on January 13th. What a great feeling to know that one of those four endemic countries may soon be removed from the list.

While progress is still being made in the endemic countries, problems are continuing to crop up in areas previously declared polio-free. Chad and the Democratic Republic of Congo are two such countries where their combined cases have increased numbers by 154 against the same period last year.

On the credit side, Tajikistan looks like it's clear again and Afghanistan and Nigeria are holding steady with just 38 cases between them year to date. There should be good news from those two countries within a year or so and then it will be down to one. The key to stopping the spread is clearing polio from those four endemic nations and once that's done the job will be all but done.

Total cases so far this year amount to 333 versus 618 at the same time last year.

*Source: RISPPPO Newsletter—Sept 2011*

## HUB Contributions

**T**ext is preferred as MS Word or plain text document. Photos should be high resolution at 200dpi or greater and supplied as separate JPEGs. Please don't "imbed" photos into your document. Photos — send one image to [editor@ryderotary.org.au](mailto:editor@ryderotary.org.au). Send multiple images to the same address but by using [www.mailbigfile.com](http://www.mailbigfile.com)

## Letter from Raffaella



Dear Allen,

How are things going in Sydney? I hope everyone in the club is doing well!!!

I am missing all of you and everything of Australia very much! This is the reason why I took a very nice and long holiday for the whole month of August!!! =P As you might know, in Italy everything stops in August... therefore I thought I would take the chance and enjoy an extra summer going on holiday in Spain!!! =)

I went surfing in the north of Spain, Aviles, Gijon, San Sebastian and then, crossed the French border, to Biarritz! Finally we came back to Spain and finished the tour in Barcelona where I met a lot of friends I made in Australia... it was amazing... I met again 2 very very good Australian friends of mine I was living with in Manly, 3 classmates of Macquarie (an Icelandic, a Spanish and a Peruvian girl), a French ex-housemate, and some other friends I met previously. It was incredible to be in Barcelona with all of them... I felt a bit like being back in Manly!!! =))

But now holidays are over and, as every other Italian, I have to go back to work!!!! Indeed, on Monday I am starting an internship within ICT/ILO, a department of United Nations that provides training... after being chasing this internship for long, it finally became reality!!! It seems that everything is falling into place, so I am a bit more relaxed now! I am enjoying more being back in Italy, even though the idea of coming back to Australia is still a constant idea! (And hopefully will become reality one day!!)

Also, my mom is doing ok... she is a very determined and strong woman, I hope she'll keep fighting like she is now! She keeps working when she feels alright and acts positively. This makes me happy... day after day I realize that my decision to come back here was the right one! =)

Well, this is pretty much all that has been happening... but I will keep you informed on how things go!

Please, say hello to everybody and tell them that I really miss the feeling of coming to the meetings to meet my "extended family in Australia"!!!

Take care,

**Raffy**



## Brain Teaser for Rotarians

**T**hree travellers register at a hotel and are told that their rooms will cost \$10 each so they pay \$30. Later the clerk realizes that he made a mistake and should have only charged them \$25. He gives a bellboy \$5 to return to them but the bellboy reasons that \$5 would be difficult to share among three people so he pockets \$2 and gives \$1 back to each person. Each person paid \$10 and got back \$1. The bellboy has \$2. Where is the missing \$1?

Answer? ... go to [www.nyderotary.org.au/brainteasers](http://www.nyderotary.org.au/brainteasers)



## Attendance last meeting

**Attendance Last Meeting:** 97.5%

**Makeups:** Stefan Sojka, Geoff Brennan, Kalma McLellan  
**Apologies:** Les Whitcroft, Ashley Peake, Duncan Taylor, Eric Bond, Jan Cutler, John Higgins, Patrick Longfield, Tony Abboud, James Candrick, Lydia Scuglia, Stefan Sojka.  
**Rotarian Guest:** Robert Brahusa (Siska, Ljubljana, Slovenia)  
**Guests:** Paula Hanlon, Erdem Toner, Evan Weisman

## Looking Ahead...

**Sept 20:** **Cambodian Orphanage project** — James Ruse High School Interact Club  
**Sept 27:** **Special Club Meeting at Ryde Rehabilitation Centre** (*Partners*)  
**Oct 4:** **The Eggtober Foundation**—Gynaecological Cancer Awareness (*Partners*)  
**Oct 11:** **The Young Love Foundation**—Jenny Moulder  
**Oct 18:** **Apprentice of the Year Awards**  
**Oct 25:** **Club Forum—Strategic Planning**  
**Nov 1:** **Top Ryde City Update**—Leah May  
**Nov 8:** **Membership Extension**—PDG Tony Castley



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



## Birthdays

**September 14:** Peter Cooper — 79th Birthday  
**September 18:** Bob Kaye-Smith — 61st Birthday

## Friday Night Roster for Victoria

Victoria Blichfeldt is currently being hosted by the Horrell family. Feel free to swap as long as all advised.



Who	When
Jan Cutler	16/9/2011
John Dodd	23/9/2011
Noel Dunn	30/9/2011
Artin & Nora	7/10/2011

Who	When
Burkhardt Foertsch	14/10/2011
Adrian Hallett	21/10/2011
Hameed Fazal	28/10/2011
Ian Henderson	4/11/2011

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## Letter to the Editor — Bring back “Youth” to Rotary

Hi David

For those of you who read the District e-news ... In reference to the question “Would you like to Change Rotary’s Rules?”, I have to answer yes I would. Specifically I would like to change the name of the “New Generations” Avenue of Service to **Youth Service**.

Why? Because we in Australia thought of it first, and have been running Youth Service for decades, and because no-one knows what “New Generations” means. I get it mixed up with where we meet, and actually “Next Generations” wouldn’t be any more opaque than “New Generations”.

Secondly look at our excellent website:

- Youth Exchange
- RYLA - Rotary Youth Leadership Awards
- RYDA - Roadsafe Youth Driver Awareness
- RYPEN - Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment
- MUNA - Model United Nations Assembly
- NYSP - National Youth Science Program

Are we supposed to change all these fine programs to Rotary New Generations Exchange (RNGEP), Rotary New Generations Leadership Awards (RNGLA), etc? I think not - try saying those acronyms in a hurry!

Let’s ask them to rename the Avenue “Youth” – it is what they mean, so why not call a spade a spade? This lot would probably call it a “rectangular bladed digging implement!” Now there’s a crusade for you: “Bring back Youth to Rotary!”

Regards,

*Allen Horrell*

## Rotary Membership Information Evening

**E**astwood Rotary are having a Membership Information Evening where they’ll be promoting Rotary and Rotary Membership. They’ve invited along a lot of prospective members from businesses in the Eastwood Area and it would be great to have some Rotarians from other clubs in our Zone there to support them and help them promote all things Rotary!

It is on **Wednesday 21st September 2011**, 6.30pm for 7.00pm at Eastwood Rugby Club, Vimeira Rd, Eastwood. Dinner costs \$30.

Hon Victor Dominello MP will be the guest speaker and PDG George Papallo will also be presenting.

If you’d like to support Eastwood – you are welcome to bring any prospective members from your club, please RSVP to Ralph Buchanan ([ralphwb@pacific.net.au](mailto:ralphwb@pacific.net.au)). Payments can be sent to Eastwood Rotary’s PO BOX 52, Eastwood NSW 2122 – cheques made payable to Rotary Club of Eastwood. ALL RSVPs and payments need to be received by Wednesday 13th September. Contact Robert Dive, Eastwood’s Treasurer ([diver@ar.com.au](mailto:diver@ar.com.au)).

## Other events ...

- ▶ **Lane Cove Eco-Day BBQ**  
 Date: Saturday 17th September  
 Venue: Lane Cove River Park  
 Start time: 7:30am  
 Details: Richard Henricus—0414 230 981  
*(particularly if you can make good coffee for 1500 people!)*
- ▶ **Rotary Membership Information Evening**  
 Date: Wednesday 21st September 2011  
 Time: 6.30pm for 7pm  
 Venue: Eastwood Rugby Club  
 Cost: \$30  
 Contact: Rotary Club of Eastwood, Ralph Buchanan—see notice
- ▶ **Ryde Healthy Lifestyle and Wellbeing Day**  
 Date: Wednesday 12th October 2011  
 Location: Ryde Hospital  
 Details: Paula Hanlon — email [phanlon@nsccahs.health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:phanlon@nsccahs.health.nsw.gov.au)
- ▶ **Fellowship Weekend**  
 Date: 28th—30th October  
 Destination: Lithgow  
 Details: Forthcoming from Peter Cooper
- ▶ **Meals on Wheels**  
 Sunday 30th October, 10.45am  
 Contact: Bob Carroll
- ▶ **Paint Vandalism (Graffiti) Removal Day**  
 Date: Saturday 5th November (first Saturday in the month)  
 Time: 8am-10am  
 Details: Charles Kilby
- ▶ **Australian Rotary Health Christmas Dinner**  
 Date: Wednesday 7th December 2011  
 Venue: The Epping Club  
 Time: 6.30pm for 7pm
- ▶ **Ryde Rotary Golf Day**  
 Date: Friday 10th February 2012  
 Venue: Oatlands Golf Club  
 Details: Forthcoming from Michael Nelson and Ron Thomson
- ▶ **District Conference**  
 Date: 16-18th March 2012  
 Venue: WIN Sports & Entertainment Centre, Wollongong  
 Details: Patrick Longfield



## 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!