

THE ROTARY CLUB OF RYDE—DISTRICT 9680 CHARTERED 1946

# The HUB

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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**



## This Week... James Ruse Interact

**Tonight Sept 20:** **Cambodian Orphanage project** —  
James Ruse High School Interact Club

## Tonight's Roster

<b>Welcomers:</b>	<b>Jan Cutler, John Dodd</b>
<b>Loyal Toast by:</b>	<b>Paul Burnett</b>
<b>Guest speaker introduced by:</b>	<b>Duncan Taylor</b>
<b>Guest speaker thanked by:</b>	<b>Patrick Longfield</b>



If you are unable to fulfil this duty, please arrange your own swap and inform President Ken.



## Ken's Korner

**G**reetings all as we come to another week of Rotary. I'm grateful to PE **Burkhardt** for standing in for me last week. By PP **Allen's** report it all went well so I'm prevailing on Burkhardt for the two meetings after this one as I will be on leave, (a ten day trip to Malaysia) then it will be back to normal. It was pleasing to learn that Alp Atik has been selected as the District's candidate for an Ambassadorial Scholarship. I thought his presentation to us was outstanding.

Congratulations are in order also for PP **Artin Etmekdjian** PHF on his re-election as Mayor of Ryde Well done Artin. Maybe we won't see him at Rotary as often as we thought we might.

This week we will hear from representatives of James Ruse Interact on their Cambodian Orphanage project. Having seen some of their slides already I'm sure you will be encouraged by their endeavours.

*Ken*

## Audio-visual support at our meetings



**I**f you've arranged a speaker please check – in advance — if they need projector, screen and laptop so that we can help them provide the best possible presentation. Occasionally it is not practical to set up a full system but if these requirements are known in advance, we'll do our best.

## Absentee Advice — RING VAL

**I**f you need to give a late apology for non-attendance at this week's meeting, please ring Val Payne (**9874 5787**). Club policy is that you will be expected to pay for your meal if you are absent without timely apology. Not only that, it's the polite thing to do.



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

It was a Partner's night for our meeting to hear about "Easy Steps to Health".

It was also the "PITS" according to President Elect **Burkhard Foertsch – President in Training Session**. The meeting began, then **Tony's** arrival was made to look early by **Adrian's** and then **Charles'** late entrances. PE **Burkhard** told us he has vast numbers of Walter Bock's raffle tickets to sell – the first prize being \$16K cash or a car. His plan is to sell them to the public at the Eco-Day on Saturday.

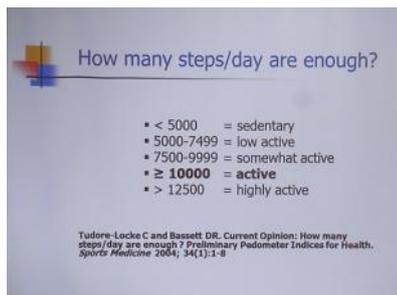
Foundation Director **John Mazlin** announced that our candidate **Alp Atik** has been selected as the District's Ambassadorial Scholar to carry out research at the Schepens Eye Research Institute in Boston, USA.

Rtn. **Richard Henricus** lead us through a PowerPoint presentation on the activities planned for the Eco-day BBQ on Sunday, sprinkles with OH & S warnings about hats, sunscreen, etc. It should be a good day, where we can sell the vast hoard of cans of drink left over from last year!

**Patrick Longfield** told us a joke about people using GPS to find an English Hotel in New Zealand, and reminded us "You won't have that problem at Conference in Canberra!"

"Yes, you would," we all thought, considering Conference is in Wollongong!

The Serjeant found the green B3 ticket to be held by PP **Geoff Brennan**, who was sadly unable to find the Joker, so left the field of Spackle with a bottle of white wine. **Martin** was fined for taking so long to sew 40 cotton shirts, Geoff for sucking up to the Serjeant before the meeting in a vain attempt to evade the fine box, **Hameed** for dressing for the beach, **Adrian** and **Charles** for being late, **Siddharth** for being early, this year's "Fig jam" winner for talking to a likely contender for next year's award during the President Elect's opening greetings, and **John Mazlin** for being an excellent Foundation Director. In turn Serjeant **Steve** was cross-fined for failing to keep order – "Bad Serjeant!" accused PP **Patrick!**



PP **Bill Payne** introduced **Cameron Hicks**, soon to be Son-in-Law of Burkhard and Pat, to speak on "Easy Steps to Health". He started off with what must have seemed like a harmless educational exercise taking the club through a "Physical Activity Survey" designed to establish how many minutes per week we each spent in light, moderate, or vigorous physical activity. Perhaps our exercise physiologist came to regret his choice of the words "huff and puff" to describe the third degree activity, as PP Geoff was to side-

track the whole talk, with his example of 10 minutes of vigorous exercise, resulting in a great deal of hilarity around what was supposed to be a serious topic. "Horizontal exercise doesn't count," quipped one Rotarian from the next table. "Two minutes isn't 10

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### Last week ... more

minutes, either!" interjected another. Several members kept laughing throughout the rest of the talk, with innocent questions such as "What are the barriers to exercise?" leading to off-script suggestions such as "wives with headaches!"

In a case of poetic justice, PP **Geoff Brennan** rose to give a vigorous vote of thanks.

As the meeting ran on, eventually running over time, several members began to receive text messages from Rtn. **Nora Etmekdjian** at the council meeting:

*"The Council meeting started with mention of Rotary, and the Pride of Workmanship awards received by staff,"* followed by

*"Artin returned as Mayor!"*

As the meeting closed the final message;

*"He was returned due to votes from two Labor Councillors."*

That sounds like the mark of a Statesman to me; not everyone can marshal multi-party support. Congratulations, Mayor Artin!

**Allen Horrell**



Patricia and Burkhart Foertsch and daughter Jennifer Foertsch with Cameron Hicks

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## The Ryde Rotary Centrefold ...



*Preparation is everything*



*Mirth at work ... that was a funny one!*



*Sausage sandwiches ... with ham!*



*This is how it's done*



*Our team of professionals eagerly waiting to serve you.*



*I thought we were the stars*

## Eco-Day BBQ at Lane Cove River Park



*PDG Les Whitcroft kicks off the raffle*



*"Are you sure we have enough cans of drink?"*



*PDG Les Whitcroft kicks off the raffle*

*The assembly line approaching its 500th combo*



*Adrian ... ready for any challenge*



*There it goes ... number 500. Does the sign really say "free"?*



*This tree won't outgrow us!*

**See reports page 8**

## Eco-Day BBQ at Lane Cove River Park

### Three reports on the success of the Eco-Day BBQ —



**T**he BBQ started slowly as the new team leaders were gradually reminded about how it was run by the regulars of previous years.

We had a very successful day. We cooked and served 500 sausage sandwiches with or without sauces. Last year we cooked and served 450 sausage sandwiches.

The crowds were served more quickly than previous years because we were fortunate to have a larger number of people and it went very well.

The day was very hot and sunny, a time for much slip slop and slap sunscreen protection. The Park management team were very pleased with our efforts and to those who gave their valuable time — a big thank you and looking forward to having you and more of the club at the next Eco day in September 2012. The park management are already planning next year's event which will allow us to have our caravan with all of our exploits and good deeds on full display alongside the BBQ stand as was the case last year.

**John Mazlin**

**T**he Eco-Day BBQ was another outstanding success for the club, involving new members like Richard Henricus on soft drink sales through President Ken assembling the sausage in the bread, to PDG Les and friends selling car raffle tickets. Richard told every woman at the event that she looked hot, so probably should buy a cold drink! PP Bill Payne was appalled – who would have thought Richard could make a dick of himself? “I paid good money for these hearing aids– if Richard keeps this up I'm taking them out! I didn't realise till now that deafness was a God-sent Bullshit Filter!”

PE Burkhart gave us all a demonstration of aggressive sales techniques, telling them if they bought a ticket they could also have a free sausage in bread!

At the end of the day we still have enough of last year's soft drink to run another drink stand! The guys at one of the stands did a cooking demonstration with their Cobb Oven, and we finished up the day with roast lamb sandwiches for lunch after having run out of sausages. A good day for Rotary PR.

**Allen Horrell**

**I** am pleased to report that we sold 190 raffle tickets at \$2 each, netting us \$285. But don't worry, fellows, I have plenty more for you to take off my hands. The figures for drink sales will be announced on Tuesday but I can also say that we still have a stockpile!

**Burkhart Foertsch**



### Attendance last meeting

**Attendance Last Meeting:** 86.05%

**Makeups:** Bob Kaye-Smith, John Dodd, Nora Etmekdjian  
**Apologies:** Artin Etmekdjian, Bob Kaye-Smith, David James, Duncan Taylor, Eric Bond, John Dodd, Noel Dunn, Rob Mitchell, Ross Rocca, Ken Allen, James Candrick, Lydia Scuglia, Nora Etmekdjian, Terry Kerim  
**Guest of Rotarians:** Sofia Fazal, Patricia Foertsch, Jennifer Foertsch, Margaret Taffa  
**Guest Speaker:** Cameron Hicks

### Looking Ahead...



**Sept 27:** Special Club Meeting at **Ryde Rehabilitation Centre** (*Partners*)  
**Oct 4:** **The Egtober 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 24:** Noel Dunn — 15th Club Anniversary  
**September 25:** Burkhart Foertsch — 4th Club Anniversary

### Friday Night Roster for Victoria



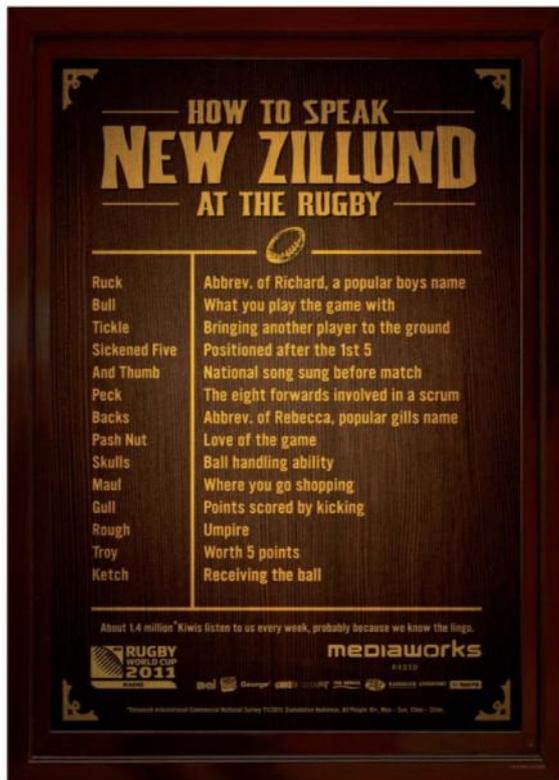
Victoria Blichfeldt is currently being hosted by the Horrell family. Feel free to swap as long as all advised.

Who	When
John Dodd	23/9/2011
Noel Dunn	30/9/2011
Artin & Nora	7/10/2011
Burkhart Foertsch	14/10/2011

Who	When
Adrian Hallett	21/10/2011
Hameed Fazal	28/10/2011
Ian Henderson	4/11/2011
Richard Henricus	11/11/2011

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## Someone might laugh



**A**fter being married for thirty years....a wife asked her husband to describe her.

He looked at her slowly...then said, "You're A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K."

She asks..... "What does that mean?"

He said, "Adorable, Beautiful, Cute, Delightful, Elegant, Foxy, Gorgeous, Hot."

She smiled happily and said...."Oh, that's so lovely. .... What about I, J, K?"

He said, "I'm Just Kidding!"

*His left eye is still swollen....but the doctor has informed him that he is likely to see things much clearer in the future.*

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## Brain Teaser for Rotarians

**D**ad gives you money every day to put in your new piggy bank. He gives money to you in such a way that the money in the piggy bank doubles with each passing day.

If you already have 1 cent in the piggy bank and dad gives you 1 cent the first day, 2 cents the second day, 4 cents the third day and so on, then your piggy bank gets full on the 12th day.

1. On which day will your piggy bank be half-full?
2. In addition to dad's contributions, if mum also gave you 1 cent the first day, 2 cents the second day, 4 cents the third day and so on, then on which day would your piggy bank be about half-full?

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

## Other events ...

- ▶ **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
 
- ▶ **Ryde Healthy Lifestyle and Wellbeing Day**  
 Date: Wednesday 12th October 2011  
 Location: Ryde Hospital  
 Details: Paula Hanlon — email [phanlon@nscchahs.health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:phanlon@nscchahs.health.nsw.gov.au)
- ▶ **Granny Smith Festival**  
 Date: Saturday 15th October 2011  
 Location: Everywhere in Eastwood
 
- ▶ **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 (via Canberra!)  
 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!