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 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.
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RSVP extras or absences to: Val Payne 9874 5787



This Week... Eggtober

Tonight Oct 4: **The Eggtober Foundation**—Gynaecological Cancer Awareness—Dr Felix Chan (*Partners*)

Tonight's Roster

Welcomers: Ian Henderson, Richard Henricus
Loyal Toast by: Jan Cutler
Guest speaker introduced by: Stefan Sojka
Guest speaker thanked by: John Mazlin



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

The Roster for the next two weeks appears on Page 11



Burkhart's Blurb

Greetings to all from the s.i.p. (stand in president) while our President Ken is still on holidays. Our emphasis on health, our greatest asset, continues. First on better health for the over sixty-five's, then an update on events at the Royal Rehabilitation Centre and this week on the silent killer of gynaecological cancer, of special interest to our wives, other female family members and female club members.

Our guest speaker will be Gynaecological Oncologist Dr. Felix Chan and with him will be two directors of the "Eggtober Foundation", community educator Catherin Potter and social worker Lynda Chamberlain. They're raising awareness and funds for patient education and research.

Thanks again to PP Martin Aston for organising an excellent industry visit to the "Royal Rehab". Our possible next BBQ engagement at the Lane Cove National Park on Sunday the 16th October is still under consideration. Signage outside the lift on the ground floor of Next Generation, advising of our weekly meetings on the second floor, should be in place now. Tree of Joy cards are being printed and will be given out to the 12 or so organisations within the next few weeks.

Enjoy your long weekend and I will see you on Tuesday.

Burkhart

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Absentee Advice — RING VAL

If 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

Thanks to the map in the Hub we navigated our way to the Ryde Rehabilitation centre for the meeting presided over by PE **Burkhart Foertsch**. We enjoyed one of the best meals I've had at a Rotary function, with a salmon salad entrée followed by chicken main and capped off with a nice dessert, all accompanied by complementary wines. We began with exchange student **Victoria Blichfeldt's** report covering shopping and movies in Chatswood with friends from school, and the Hen's Party for **Michelle Dodd** at their Lake Macquarie residence.

Burkhart announced we had made \$1500 from the Eco-day barbeque, including drink and raffle ticket sales. **Richard Henricus** chose this moment to announce that the Barbeque for Lane Cove National Park on the 16th October was cancelled due to lack of interest. Past President **Duncan Taylor** spoke for all of us when he said most Rotary clubs would love to be offered the chance of making over \$1000 for a few hours' work. Putting the best interpretation possible on the announcement, it may have been Richard's unique spin on spruiking the event, because when he eventually sent a list around, he immediately got 10 volunteers to man the event.

The spackle was won by **Rose Rocca** but she was unable to find the joker or even a bottle of wine as a consolation prize – we owe her one. Serjeant **Steve** fined everyone including Warriors supporters (surely that now includes all Australians outside of Manly?) and anyone who didn't support Richard's barbeque. I happily paid the first fine but not the second – I was too busy showing Richard how to circulate the attendance sheet for the said event.

Burkhart showed us how to pronounce Royal Rehabilitation Centre Sydney while introducing CEO **Stephen Lowndes**, who told us it didn't always have that name. It started as the Commonwealth Home for Destitute Invalids, but this was eventually thought to be insulting to their clients so the name was changed to the then politically correct "NSW Home for Incurables." Only in 1990 was the name changed to Royal Rehabilitation Centre Sydney. He told us that on 20th October the bulldozers will begin demolishing the existing buildings, sadly including the kitchens where our meal had been cooked, in order to build a new state of the art facility on the site, paid for by the



sale of excess land. As they are a "not for profit" organisation, this is the only way such improvements could be funded. **Sarah Fereday**, our 2010 Pride of Workmanship awardee, spoke about her work as Physiotherapy Coordinator, looking after brain injury and stroke victims, and even carrying out research into achieving better outcomes with the help of University researchers. **Natalie Ryan** our 2011 POW Awardee is Independent Living Coordinator at RRCS, and said her

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Last week ... *more*

job is to help make the injury for each patient into a "launching pad of opportunities and new beginnings!" After these two professional carers spoke, Stephen answered a few questions, and said the Royal connection went back to the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in 1954 when the organisation was renamed to Royal Ryde Homes to commemorate the event, and was sealed by the visit of Diana, Princess of Wales in 1996.

We sung the National Anthem without our flag or Royal portrait, but with plenty of Royal connotations to ponder.

Allen Horrell

Volunteers Needed ... *Can you help?*

Volunteers are needed for the following two occasions —



BBQ at Ryde Hospital

WEDNESDAY 12th October 2011

as part of the Hospital's Health & Wellbeing day. More details on Tuesday.

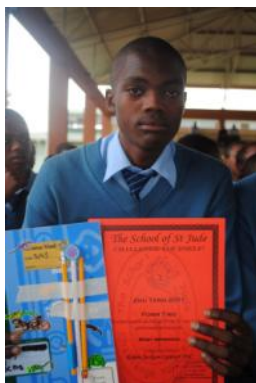
BBQ at Lane Cove River Park

Sunday 16th October 2011

More details at Club meeting.

Adrian Hallett

School of St Jude—Kelvin receives an Award



Each week at school assemblies, teachers and other staff at The School of St Jude have an opportunity to Award students for good work and good behaviour. Last week, our sponsored student Kelvin Jackson Laiser received an award for **Most Improved**.

The Rotary Foundation — Things you may not know



The Rotary Foundation (TRF) is the backbone of all Rotary Clubs yet probably one of the greatest mysteries for many Rotarians. I hope I can do justice explaining TRF in a simplified manner. I have listened to many people to find out the details so I might explain it to others.

First — it is our own private charity. The funds are lovingly nurtured by caring Rotarians who are specialists in the growth and management of funds, maintaining good continuing growth rates, even at a time of downturn in world markets.

Secondly, donations to the Foundation provide tax deductibility thus increasing each amount given by donors. Using any of the Foundation money is strictly supervised with stringent rules. These rules protect all Rotarians, ensuring transparency and fair use to all Rotarians and Rotary Clubs throughout the world. It is up to us to use the money for great projects.

When you give to other charities, your money, although spent with thought, and generally through lack of, or no feedback, we have neither idea where our money is spent nor the purpose for its use.

Third, the TRF on the other hand does allow us to increase our donated monies for projects that we can watch grow from inception to fruition and share in the joy that giving for a worthwhile project or activity brings. It is up to Club Foundation Directors to keep club members informed. This has happened and will continue to be the case on my watch. We lost two of our key workers in this area (both Alex and Olga Sawyer), with their unique style of fellowship, their great range in language skills, working as volunteers in the Museum, showing many new Ambassadorial Scholars around as well as hosting visiting GSE Team members and showing them around as well.

This year Ryde Rotary nominated Alp Atik, a local Ryde resident, and an eye doctor at RPA, who has ideals similar to those of Rotary, and very much wants to do good in the world and save people's sight. The D9680 Ambassadorial Scholar Committee selected him as their first candidate. Alp has already accepted the nomination so the application is now off to Evanston, Illinois for ratification by RI in December 2011.

Alp has been invited back to our club to provide us with his full presentation and he has agreed to keep us informed on his progress and hopefully someday see some of the outcomes and the joy of the recipients, as sight is so precious.

Being in the ring with the participants is magical and my role is to ensure that through reports to the club you also get an opportunity to share in the joy and magic.

Another TRF project is our Matching Grant with Leste Maringa which was approved by TRF. Our input of \$3,360 USD plus a similar amount from Leste Maringa has grown to \$18,700 USD that is going to be used to purchase a variety of sewing machines, teaching aids and materials for the students. The underprivileged and out of work married women will have a chance to not just get one person out of poverty but in many cases families of 4 to 6 people. Once the project is up and running it is my intention to keep you informed on how our money was used and also to bring you some stories on what the training has meant and how it has benefited the women and families.

John Mazlin

Show support for END POLIO NOW on World Polio Day

Demonstrate support for Rotary's End Polio Now campaign and promote Rotary in your community by planning an event around World Polio Day, 24 October.

Many Rotarians have already gotten started. Australian club members are working with the Global Poverty Project on a petition drive to persuade world leaders to fully fund the critical work of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. Supporters can sign the petition online, simply go to <http://www.theendofpolio.com/home/>

The Global Poverty Project is planning an End of Polio Concert on 28 October to coincide with the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Perth, Australia. Rotarians have teamed up with the group to lobby leaders to put polio eradication on the agenda. Hugh Evans, cofounder and CEO of the Global Poverty Project, will be a speaker at the 2012 RI Convention in Bangkok, Thailand.

Since 1985, eradicating polio has been Rotary's top priority. Largely through the efforts of Rotarians and the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, the campaign is "this close" to its goal. Polio cases worldwide decreased by more than 40 percent during the first eight months of 2011, compared with the same period in 2010. And India -- one of the four countries where the virus remains endemic (the others are Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan) -- reported only one case during that time.

As of September, Rotarians have raised US\$190 million toward Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge to match \$355 million in grants from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Though the polio eradication campaign has made great progress, challenges remain. Seeing the job through to the finish will require redoubled effort and commitment.

World Polio Day puts the campaign in the spotlight, providing an excellent opportunity for clubs and districts to promote the End Polio Now message in their communities.

Here are a few ways you and your club can help:



- Create your own "This Close" ad and make it your Facebook profile photo.
- Host a walk, run, or bikeathon. Be sure to send out a press release about the event.
- Download a World Polio Day Proclamation and ask your town to commemorate World Polio Day on 24 October.
- Get an op-ed about polio into your local newspaper.
- Use "This Close" resources from the Rotary Media Center.
- Make a donation toward polio eradication.
- Begin planning for an End Polio Now lighting to celebrate Rotary's anniversary on 23 February.



Source: Rotary International



Rotary Club of Gladesville



Trivia Night



QUIZMASTER 'Extraordinaire' Stephen Sim!

DATE: Saturday 29th October 2011

TIME: 6:30pm for 7:00pm Start

VENUE: Argyle Centre Hall
33 Blaxland Road
Ryde NSW 2112




COST: \$20.00 Per Person
\$10.00 Students



Bring your own drinks and nibbles!!!

*All profits used to support the Rotary Club of Gladesville's
commitment to the Rotary Youth Exchange Program*

RSVP: Paul Wynn - Ph: 0407 946 766 Email: wynn@ozemail.com.au



Attendance last meeting

Attendance Last Meeting: 82.50%

Makeups: Artin Etmekdjian, John Dodd, Nora Etmekdjian
Apologies: Les Whitcroft, Artin Etmekdjian, Bob Carroll, Charles Kilby, Eric Bond, Geoffrey Brennan, John Dodd, John Higgins, Rob Mitchell, Ken Allen, Ian Henderson, Lydia Scuglia, Nora Etmekdjian, Stefan Sojka, Terry Kerim
Guests: Victoria Blichfeldt,
Guest of Rotarians: Carolyn Metcalfe, Marie Peake, Rose Rocca, Margaret Taffa
Guest Speakers: Stephen Lowndes, Sarah Fereday, Natalie Ryan
 (Royal Ryde Rehabilitation Centre).

Looking Ahead...



Oct 11: The Young Love Foundation—Jenny Moulder
Oct 18: T B A
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 02 9808 2574




Birthdays & Anniversaries

October 5: Marli Taylor — Birthday
October 7: Geoff Brennan — 63rd Birthday
October 7: Tony Abboud — 25th Club Anniversary
October 9: Margaret Taffa — Birthday
October 10: Patrick Longfield—16th 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
Artin & Nora	7/10/2011
Burkhart Foertsch	14/10/2011
Adrian Hallett	21/10/2011
Hameed Fazal	28/10/2011

Who	When
Ian Henderson	4/11/2011
Richard Henricus	11/11/2011
John Higgins	18/11/2011
David James	25/11/2011

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Someone might laugh



Understanding Engineers #3

A priest, an ophthalmologist, and an engineer were golfing one morning behind a particularly slow group of golfers.

The engineer fumed, "What's with those guys? We must have been waiting for fifteen minutes!"

The doctor chimed in, "I don't know, but I've never seen such inept golf!"

The priest said, "Here comes the greens keeper. Let's have a word with him."

He said, "Hello, George. What's wrong with that group ahead of us? They're rather slow, aren't they?"

The greens keeper replied, "Oh, yes. That's a group of blind firemen. They lost their sight saving our clubhouse from a fire last year, so we let them play for free anytime."

The group fell silent for a moment. Then the priest said,

"That's so sad. I think I'll say a special prayer for them."

The ophthalmologist added, "Good idea. And maybe I could examine them to see if there's anything I can do for them."

They were silent for a moment.

Then the engineer said, "Why can't they play at night?"



This week's Brain Teaser

You have a fox, a chicken and a sack of grain. You must cross a river with only one of them at a time. If you leave the fox with the chicken he will eat it; if you leave the chicken with the grain he will eat it. How can you get all three across safely?

Answer? ... go to www.ryderotary.org.au/brainteasers

HUB Contributions

Text 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. Send multiple images to the same address but by using www.mailbigfile.com

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Other events ...

▶ **Ryde Healthy Lifestyle and Wellbeing Day**

Date: Wednesday 12th October 2011
 Location: Ryde Hospital
 Details: Paula Hanlon — email phanlon@nsccahs.health.nsw.gov.au

▶ **Granny Smith Festival**

Date: Saturday 15th October 2011
 Location: Everywhere in Eastwood



▶ **Family Cycling Fun Day BBQ**

Date: Sunday 16th October 2011
 Location: Lane Cove National Park
 Enquiries: Richard Henricus

▶ **Ryde Rotary Fellowship Weekend**

Date: 28th — 30th October
 Destination: Lithgow
 Details: Forthcoming from Peter Cooper



▶ **Gladesville Rotary Trivia Night**

Date: Saturday 29th October
 Location: Argyle Centre Hall
 Details/bookings: Paul Wynn—0407 946 766

▶ **Meals on Wheels**

Sunday 30th October, 10.45am
 Contact: Bob Carroll



▶ **Ryde Rotary 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



If you have a Rotary-related item for this calendar, please e-mail it to editor@ryderotary.org.au

Meeting Night Roster

Date	Welcomers		Loyal	Intro	Thanks
11/10/2011	John H	Allen H	John D	Charles K	Maureen M
18/10/2011	D Johnson	Surinder J	J Candrick	Ron T	—

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!