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The HUB



Tuesday 25th October 2011

Club Forum - Strategic Planning & Purple Night

There's two significant things about this week's HUB, << Test First Name >>. The first is - there's a bit of purple about. Second - this is IT. Yes, due to the editor's computer crash (taking production and backup files with it) **The HUB** is only available in this format this week (and maybe next week). Sorry ... no PDF for you to download, print and read in bed. The other thing you should know, is that the Payne's will be away in November and that Secretary Bob Kaye-Smith will be the recipient of your humble apologies or paltry excuses for non-attendance. See the note at the end of this e-mail.

David James

Ken's Korner



Greetings all. It was great to have a Borgegai update last week and to see the difference our project dollars have made. Thanks Rob. It was also encouraging to hear from a switched on Rotaract member in Rory Tarnow Mordi.

This week we are having a Club Assembly. This will give us a chance to review our progress on our strategic overview as well as hear progress from Directors and for members to ask questions about the club in general. Please be sure to bring or have reread the Strategic Overview which is on our website. The Board meeting has been postponed for a week. The Apprentice of the Year Awards night on 15th November is a Spouses and Partners night so please check before Tuesday whether you are being accompanied so you can fill in an attendance sheet. It would also be a good night to bring a friend. Thanks also to those who are arriving in time to be a welcomer; it makes a big difference to be welcomed to the meeting. Thanks again to the Barbecue teams. I understand from Adrian that we returned a small profit as well as gaining goodwill from our efforts

Finally this week is Purple Night so see what you can do to have a splash of purple!

See you Tuesday

Ken

Last week, as recalled by Allen Horrell



President Ken welcomed Rtn **Lionel Jackson** from Beecroft Rotary who was here to spruik the Wollongong Conference, as he said later, a fait accompli.

Karen Cohen was made welcome for her second visit to our club, and **Rory Tarnow-Mordi** from Macquarie Rotaract joined us as guest speaker. Tragically **Richard Henricus** was among the many absentees this week, as he had bet \$5 on the Wallabies the weekend before. I won't hold him to the wager: if he shouts me a glass of red, and pays my first fine, we'll call it quits!

PP **Martin** rose to remind us "I'll give you the shirts, after the meeting!"

PP Peter **Cooper** circulated the itinerary for the Lithgow fellowship weekend, and thanked **Ron Taffa** for printing it.

PDG **Les** said we should buy the second edition of "Humanity in Motion" – it's only \$3.50, and a great way of marketing Rotary. I was torn – the new edition is All Black, but I still prefer the old edition that had Ryde in it.

Ron Thomson has 15 nominations for Apprentice of the Year, and has to get it down to 3 by 15th November.

Patrick Longfield showed us slides of his new Granddaughter and told us to hold any questions about Conference – he's away for a week. "Why only one week?" cried Hendo.

Rob Mitchell reported on our Borjegai School – now furnished and the envy of local tribes who now want the same for their kids. Next week is Club Assembly where we will start the follow-up actions to the Club Strategic Overview developed last year. Read the overview as homework and be prepared to consider our club running the Ryde Sunday Fair for the Council.

"I'll get the Fair Going!" said Rob. "Fair go?" interjected one Rotarian. PP **Ross Rocca** announced an 82% attendance soon amended this when Lane Cove BBQ make-ups were considered.

Victoria Blichfeldt presented President Ken with a banner from her sponsor Rotary Club. She went to a camp in Galston on Thursday, where her team won the trivia competition: "We weren't very good, but we'll take the win!" I wondered whether she was French for a minute. She also attended the Lane Cove Fun-Ride BBQ and reported that the weather was nice, but there were no customers. We learned that at cycling events the people ride away, and don't come back.

Serjeant **Steve** rose to jeers and booing from the cheap seats: "Steady on, Chaps! He's not Quade Cooper!" I called. The Black B52 spackle ticket was held by PP **Bill Payne** who drew the 2 of hearts so he could give a bottle of White Wine to Val. For some reason I was fined for the "Kiwi Victory" when I had watched the Kiwis being steamrollered by the Kangaroos – it was the All Blacks who had a victory last weekend. Ken fined himself for boasting about his grandson taking a Gold and Silver medal in the NSW 200m and 400m respectively, and then it was time for Rory the Rotaractor to speak on the Asia-Pacific Regional Rotaract Conference held in Subic Bay, in the Philippines this year. Rory has a New Zealand mother, and his father is a Nigerian/Polish Englishman, which explains his unusual name. A self-confessed nerd whose hobby is mathematics, he attended National Youth Science Forum in 2008, joined Rotaract in 2009, and was sent to RYLA this year, and is doing a BSc in Maths at Sydney Uni, but is a member of Macquarie Uni Rotaract.

What did he learn at the APRRC? In the Philippines he appreciated for the first time the gap that can exist between rich and poor: "We don't have any really poor people in Australia!" Everyone in Manila can sing like they are on Australian Idol (probably better), and the local delicacy is a fertilised duck egg eaten before it hatches. Perseverance is important, but knowing when to give up is important too – they belatedly gave up their outdoor activities during a typhoon. He also considered the importance of culture bemoaning the fact that Australia doesn't have a national costume or dance. An Akubra hat, tee-shirt, shorts and thongs would come pretty close, I thought. Where was he on Australia Day?

Allen Horrell

Eggtober Fundraiser



As a follow up to our recent guest speaker Dr Felix Chan, the gynecological oncologist, who told us that every ten hours a woman is dying of ovarian cancer, we would like to raise some funds for medical research to fight this violent killer. To date there's no reliable early diagnostic tool and we would like to help find a solution to this problem.

Eggtober is a girls' answer to **Mo-vement**.

We call on all eggsperts. Please participate. This is serious, no yolking. We ask you all to wear something purple to show your support and to Dare to Care for a raw egg.

Yep, RAW - not boiled. No cheating please. So, please bring a RAW EGG and handle it carefully from 6pm until the end of our meeting.

One gold coin for wearing purple. Paper money for NOT wearing purple.

One gold coin for entering your egg into the competition. Please paint and/or decorate your egg and give it a name.

The best decorated egg and the best named egg (for eggsample - aleggander or shelly) will each win a fabulous prize.

Everybody please participate! That includes our eggschange student, or our eggineers, weggsite developers, our seggondary, eggvironmental, eggconomics eggucationists, our projeggts team, our members from the releggious and leggal fraternities, our member from Legganon, our members whose wives are called Margaregg, and Bernadegg and our senior member who lives in Bobbin Egg Road, North Turramurra.

We will not have an egg-throwing competition because we don't want you to have egg on your face. But we will have an egg auction to secure your egg supply for the next two weeks. All proceeds to the Eggtober Foundation.

Burkhart

Centurions and their importance in the work of Ryde Rotary



Become a Centurion today and make Ryde Rotary a 100% Centurion Club. Donations are tax deductible, and you'll pay less than half a cup of coffee each week. The Club in return will have almost an additional \$4,500 to spend on matching grants. We have either one or two such large matching grants in the pipeline for Indian underprivileged children.

Alp Atik was funded by TRF and Centurions helped make that possible.

Doing GOOD in the WORLD is an honour as Rotarians. So spread the word and get more great people to join. We are all volunteers so respect one another.

Have you thought about a large project nearer home that we could leverage club funds with other clubs, use State and maybe Federal Government funds, and TRF funds?.

On Club night if you have any ideas let us know.

John Mazlin
Foundation Director

Letter from Raffaella



How are you and everybody else in the Club?! A month or so has passed since I last wrote you and... I thought not so many things have changed, but after reading my last e-mail, well I should say that they have, very much!!! =)

My family and I are all doing good, my mom is holding on hard to her job and friends, trying to be busy as much as she can... sometimes she get frustrated beacuse she realises that she doesn't have the strenght and energies that she used to have and that she has to give up sometimes to do things around the house, because she is weak. But generally, she is doing fine! =) I wanted to thank you and the club for your love and care!!!

But... let's get to the news... IN 7 MONTHS, I WILL BE AN AUNTIE!!! I am really excited about this... it is a very good news and I believe a kid will bring some fresh air and joy in the house! But also, since my brother was informed about his next mission, he and his girlfriend decided to make it official (...just in case, I have to say...) and get married! So... tomorrow we'll celebrate the wedding!! It will be just few of us, since it was impossible to organize an Italian wedding in such a short time... but we'll wait for him to come back in March to welcome him back, celebrate the wedding and the baptism with all friends and family!!!

So, these were the big news... and I thought I had another one to give you, but I am afraid it's not happening... I got very excited when I read that the Australian government was passing a law according to which international students, who have completed a Master degree in Australia, can apply for a working visa!!! I thought it would be my chance to come back and find a job overthere, but... apparently only the students that graduate next year will be able to apply!!! =(((Such a shame!!! I still need to recover from the disappointment... well, I am sure that there will be another opportunity for me!

Please, send my warmest greetings to everybody, especially the Rocca's, who I cannot quickly reach by e-mail!
A presto,

Raffy

Rosters

Meeting Responsibilities - tonight (25/10/11)

Welcomers	Charles Kilby, Patrick Longfield
Loyal Toast	Artin Etmekdjian
Introduce Guest Speaker	Not applicable
Thank you to Guest Speaker	Not applicable

Friday Night Roster for Victoria

Hameed Fazal	28/10/2011
Ian Henderson	4/11/2011
Richard Henricus	11/11/2011

Meeting Responsibilities - next week (1/11/11)

Welcomers	John Mazlin, Kalma McLellan
Loyal Toast	Burkhart Foertsch
Introduce Guest Speaker	Tony Abboud

Thank you to Guest Speaker

David Johnston

Can't fulfill your duties? Just find a substitute, but don't leave a vacancy, please.

Forthcoming Program

Looking Ahead

Nov-01 **Top Ryde City Update** - Leah May

Nov-08 **Membership Extension** - PDG Tony Castley

Nov-15 **Apprentice of the Year Awards**

Nov-22 **Riverside Rotary Clubs' Ethics Debate** - Round 1

Celebrations

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Oct-25 David & Sally James - 31st Wedding Anniversary

Oct-31 Mick & Sue Nelson - 30th Wedding Anniversary

Attendance Last Meeting ... 84.44%

Makeups: Bob Kaye-Smith, Jan Cutler, John Dodd,
Richard Henricus, Steve Thorp
Artin Etmekdjian, Bob Kaye-Smith, Charles
Kilby, Duncan Taylor, Eric Bond MBE, Jan

Apologies: Cutler, John Dodd, John Higgins, Tony
Abboud, Hameed Fazal, Kalma McLellan,
Nora Etmekdjian, Richard Henricus, Terry
Kerim

Guests: Karen Cohen, Victoria Blichfeldt

**Rotarian
Guests:** Lionel Jackson, Beecroft

**Guest
Speaker:** Rory Tarnow-Mordi

Useful Links

Rotary International	www.rotary.org
Rotary Down Under	www.rotarydownunder.com.au
ShelterBox Australia	www.shelterboxaustralia.com.au
School of St Jude	www.schoolofstjude.co.tz
District Conference 2012	http://conference.rotarydistrict9680.org

Can't come on Tuesday?

You may tell as many people you like about your absence, but the only way you'll avoid paying for your meal for non attendance is to advise Val Payne (9874 5787) by 10am Monday or, if its next month, you'd better grovel to **Bob Kaye-Smith (0411 263 294)**.

Back issues of The HUB (well, up to #66-16) are available on our website -

<http://ryderotary.org.au/media-bulletin>



Lithgow here we come

Ron Taffa and Peter Cooper put the finishing touches to desert, er, this weekend's Fellowship Weekend Away.



Youth on our side

Rory Tarnow-Mordi and Exchange Student Victoria Blichfeldt with President Ken.

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