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# The HUB



**Tuesday 1st November 2011**

**Top Ryde City Update ... Leah May**

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## Ken's Korner



Greetings all and welcome to another week at Ryde Rotary. By the time you read this our weekend away at Lithgow will be over. A BIG THANKS to Peter and Ron for their organisation of the weekend helping to build the friendship aspect of our club.

A big thank you as well to president-elect Burkhardt for his effort in stirring us to raise some money for gynaecological cancer research with our purple night. The effort raised over \$160.00 and I will encourage the board to top that up a little. Our mid term report from Rob was a helpful reminder of our Strategic Overview which we should consult regularly if we want to achieve our aims and continue to move forward.

This week we will hear from Leah May with a Top Ryde City update. This should be helpful as we gear up for Tree Of

Joy and gift wrapping.  
Keep enjoying Rotary

**Ken**

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**Last week**, as recalled by Allen Horrell



Things were a bit cramped in the small room on Tuesday night for Club Assembly, but it was nice to see the all black décor. DGE **John** and Side-kick **Bob** were off to Nowra, giving the Conference venue a road-test, and **Victoria** was mysteriously absent. It turns out she had a fall on her way to school on Monday - nothing serious, but she was hobbling around and had the day off school and Rotary as well. On the other hand **Karen Cohen** was a welcome addition to our meeting, on her third visit since meeting us at the Eco-Day.

PP **Geoff Brennan** was first up with the new 'Q&A' format interviews, this week of PP **Martin Aston**, who under interrogation revealed he wasn't named after a car; he always thought the car was named after him. He practised optometry in the Caribbean and then moved to Australia, the prospect of an English winter no longer attractive to him, married Angie who was, and the rest is history, their most recent adventure being to conquer the Yukon River!

Next up was **Burkhart** with his familiar "Thank you, President Allen!" His mission was to spruik the notion of Eggtober and all the possibilities for puns therein. A great cause, but why anyone would want to carry a raw egg around for a month is beyond me, even with Burkhart egging us on, asking us to make an eggception, to deggorate an egg and call it eggbert! In a competition where no-one knew the rules he announced the best dressed egg and the best named egg would get a prize later in the meeting.

PP **Peter Cooper** advised that all of us are booked for Friday Night dinner at the venue, a Motel named after cigarette papers, or possibly a railway.

PP **Charles** reported on Youth, calling for volunteers on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December for Cricket for the disabled. When asked if any of us were in the Shane Warne supporters club, one wag replied "No, but I'm in the Liz Hurley Appreciation Society!"

RYLA, RYDA, RYPEN and many other four letter acronyms are well under way.

In the Membership report I reminded members that my membership plan included a loss of two members, and induction of five new ones to achieve a net increase of 3.  $47-2+5=50$ . So far this year, after a clarification of Rtn Hameed's status, we have  $47-2+1=46$  which means we need four new members to meet our target.

Foundation Director **John Mazlin** read the article in Mondays *Sydney Morning Herald* penned by Bill Gates and Prime Minister Julia Gillard, about the challenge to eliminate polio from the planet. It makes the point that the eradication of Polio is 99% done, but that the last 1% will likely cost as much as the first 99%. I read the SMH article as an open letter in response to the letters Les Whitcroft caused us to send to Julia, and proof of people power. Now let's wait to hear the response to her appeal to CHOGM: hopefully Australia will once again take the lead in this battle on Polio.

**Ron Thomson** reported on the Vocational Apprentice of the Year competition with 8 applicants interviewed and 4 more to go. Only 2 clubs in Riverside are interested in our Ethics debate, but we should go ahead with it anyway: if need be surely Ryde can enter two teams so we can have a semi-finals round. Pride of Workmanship is under control, and a Vocational visit to Tom Kerr Mazda is planned for April.

Community is busy too with Trees of Joy at Top Ryde, West Ryde and the fire-damaged Eastwood Centre again this year. **Burkhart** reports that ex-member **James Candrick** is happy to again have the WestPac Bank be a drop-off point for gifts. Our Interact Team will be helping once again with present wrapping at Top Ryde, another **Nora Etmekdjian** initiative. Get well soon, Nora!

Serjeant **Steve** drew **Hameed's** card to a chorus of "You'll have to stay if you win!" The Joker remained unfound as he departed with only a consolation prize. Our team of Eggsperts judged the deggorated Eggs of Eggtober, with **Kalma's**

Punk Rocker Egg winning the prize of a purple egg-shaped egg-timer! An Egg Auction followed with all proceeds to the Egtober Foundation. The next morning's Herald contained an article bemoaning the Government having reduced the subsidy for IVF treatments, resulting in 1500 less IVF fertility treatments in the last year. Given Dr Felix Chan's recent statement that the single biggest contributor to Ovarian Cancer was IVF treatments, I wonder how many women have been saved by the Government's cost cutting? 3% of 1500 is 45 less cases per year for the October Foundation to worry about.

**David James** was fined for being eggceptionally scruffy in his unbuttoned purple shirt. I was fined because my "Deep Purple" shirt was indistinguishable from an All Black one, and **Geoff** was fined for the manslaughter of his Egtober egg, Humpty Dumpty.

Club Assembly reviewed Progress towards the goals in our Strategic plan. The report by PP **Rob Mitchell** was a great example of a tight, well-conducted session and reflected the preparation he had obviously done for the meeting. Due particularly to the efforts of **Tony Abboud** and **Nora Etmekdjian**, our "Active Connection" with Council is at new levels, with planning for a Church St Fair under way, and her Antique Roadshow planned to debut on Sunday 20th November. We have a full program – lots of things on. Socially active, with this weekend in Lithgow we score well thanks to **Ron** and **Peter**. Diversity is on the increase, if we can just stop Macquarie Park stealing our younger members! Funding is also progressing towards a more diverse funding stream, with great things expected of the Street Fair, now under the management of PP **Rob Mitchell**. Project Evaluation is now normal at Ryde, but progress has been less obvious in establishing a database of contacts for all our projects. The Club Administration committee was tasked with this but an individual needs to take responsibility for getting this done. Club Training other than at District Assemblies was mooted, but has yet to be implemented. Rob is involved in the Rotary District 9680 Rotary Leadership initiative, and this could be the solution we are looking for. Finally members are asked once again to submit their CV's for inclusion in the web page, or advise **Stefan** if they do not wish to be listed for privacy reasons. In that regard, members were advised that the content posted under their biography should be only that which they are happy for the entire World to see. Note too that the inclusion of contact details is optional. Perhaps PP **Geoff** could concentrate his Q&A sessions on those members who don't have bio's on our site, and Stefan could scribe the resulting answers into a draft bio note for the interviewee's approval? And that was our Club Assembly, a well-run one too: PP Rob's reporting back to the club was exemplary.

*Allen Horrell*

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## Vale Pat Rutherford

We were saddened to learn that **Pat Rutherford**, widow of PP Don Rutherford, passed away Sunday morning after a fall. Funeral details will be available from about Wednesday.

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## Art Appraisal Day - Sunday 20th November

**Rotary Club of Ryde offers the community an Art Appraisal Day on Sunday 20th of November 2011 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at Addington House, 813 Victoria Road, Ryde.**

Look through your house and select an item or more to be appraised by fine art experts Mr. David Hulme and Ms. Brigitte Banziger of Banziger Hulme Fine Art Consultants.

David and Brigitte are offering their services for the Rotary Club of Ryde to raise funds for the ongoing projects that the Club supports such as Eradication of Polio, Tree of Joy and Borjegai School in Afghanistan just to name a few.

The artworks to bring in for appraisal can be sculptures, paintings, watercolours, photos and prints such as lithographs, etchings and screen prints. If the artwork is large, you can take several photos and bring those in for appraisal. You will also receive advice on how to care for the artwork.

The cost is \$5.00 per work of art.

Rotary Club of Ryde greatly appreciates Friends of Addington House for making the venue available on Sunday 20th of November 2011.

For any enquires please contact Rtn. Nora Etmekdjian on [nora@summitconsultants.com.au](mailto:nora@summitconsultants.com.au).

Hope you can join us and have fun watching some of the artworks that people will bring in for appraisal.  
Light refreshments will be served by the volunteers of the Friends of Addington House.

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## Conference News

### **MASKED BALL**

The social highlight of the Conference will undoubtedly be the Masked Ball on the Saturday night. Here the emphasis will be on elegance in dress, though you are free to interpret that as you wish. Your Club is invited to prepare masks on whatever theme you wish, and inspired by any influences that take your fancy. As usual, this will be competitive, though the judging will take place at the tables. There will be no Grand Parade. It is likely that the judging will take account of a variety of criteria, including flamboyance, elegance, creativity and imagination.

This will be a grand occasion, on a number of dimensions. An 18 piece swing band will be on hand to provide the music for your dancing. A photographer will be available to record your contribution to the occasion.

*David Elyard - Conference Chairman*

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## In Other News -

[World Polio Day Report](#)

[ShelterBox](#) - Progress on Creating ShelterBox Australia as a Multi-District Project

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## Dare to Laugh?

### **NEW DRINKING WARNING JUST RELEASED**

- Vodka and ice will ruin your kidneys.
- Rum and ice will ruin your liver.
- Whiskey and ice will ruin your heart.
- Gin and ice will ruin your brain.
- Pepsi and ice will ruin your teeth.

Apparently ice is lethal! Please warn all your friends:

Lay off the ice – Just drink it straight!

Tell your friends ... and don't forget to mention that ice also sank the Titanic!

### **TIME**

A group of girlfriends, all aged 40, discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally it was agreed that they would meet at the Ocean View Restaurant because the waiters there were handsome, with tight trousers and nice bums. Ten years later, at age 50, the friends once again discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally it was agreed that they would meet at the Ocean View Restaurant because the food was good and the wine selection was excellent. Ten years later, at age 60, the friends again discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally it was agreed that they would meet at the Ocean View Restaurant because they could dine in peace and quiet and the restaurant had a beautiful view of the sea.

Ten years later, at age 70, the friends discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally it was agreed that they would meet at the Ocean View Restaurant because the restaurant was wheelchair accessible and had a lift.

Ten years later, at age 80, the friends discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally it was agreed that they would meet at the Ocean View Restaurant. They agreed that it would be nice because they had never been there before.

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## Rosters

### Meeting Responsibilities - tonight (1/11/11)

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

Welcomers	John Mazlin, Kalma McLellan
Loyal Toast	Burkhart Foertsch
Introduce Guest Speaker	Tony Abboud
Thank you to Guest Speaker	Ron Taffa

### Friday Night Roster for Victoria

Victoria is currently staying with the Dodd family. Feel free to swap as long as everyone is advised.

Ian Henderson	4/11/2011
Richard Henricus	11/11/2011
John Higgins	18/11/2011
David James	25/11/2011
David Johnston	2/12/2011

### Meeting Responsibilities - next week (8/11/11)

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

Welcomers	Rob Mitchell, Maureen Mulheron
Loyal Toast	Adrian Hallett
Introduce Guest Speaker	Allen Horrell
Thank you to Guest Speaker	David Johnston

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

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## Forthcoming Program

### Looking Ahead

- Nov 8 **Membership Extension** - PDG Tony Castley
  - Nov 15 **Apprentice of the Year Awards**
  - Nov 22 **Sydney's Ferries** - Past and present - Bill Allen
  - Nov 29 **Polio - A Personal Story**
  - Dec 6 **Riverside Rotary Clubs' Ethics Debate** - Round 1
  - Dec 13 **Philately will get you Everywhere** - Patrick Longfield
  - Dec 20 Annual Christmas Party, with Santa and partners
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## Other Events for your Diary

### Ryde Rotary Paint Vandalism (Graffiti) Removal

- When: Saturday 5th November (first Saturday in the month)
- Time: 8am - 10am

Where:

Details: Charles Kilby

### **Ryde Rotary Art Appraisal Day**

When: Sunday 20th November 2011

Time: 11am - 2pm

Where: Addington House, 813 Victoria Road, Ryde

Details: Nora Etmekdjian

Website: [Ryde Rotary's website](#)

### **Australian Rotary Health Christmas Dinner**

When: Wednesday 7th December 2011

Time: 6.30 for 7pm

Where: The Epping Club

Cost:

Details:

### **Ryde Rotary Charity Golf Day**

When: Friday 10th February 2012

Time: from 7am

Where: Oatlands Golf Club

Cost:

Details: Mick Nelson, Ron Thomson

### **District Conference - 2012**

When: Friday 16th - 18 March 2012

Where: WIN Sports & Entertainment Centre  
Wollongong

Details: Patrick Longfield

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## **Celebrations**

### **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

Nov 2 **Paul Burnett** - 68th Birthday

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## **Attendance Last Meeting ... 93.02%**

**Makeups:** Bob Carroll, Bob Kaye-Smith, John  
Dodd, Richard Henricus

Artin Etmekdjian, Bob Carroll, Bob  
Kaye-Smith, Eric Bond, John Dodd,

**Apologies:** John Higgins, David Johnston, Nora  
Etmekdjian, Richard Henricus, Terry  
Kerim

**Guests:** Karen Cohen

**Rotarian**

**Guests:**

## Guest Speaker:

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### Useful Links

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

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### 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 **Bob Kaye-Smith (0411 263 294)** by **10am Monday**.

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### Where did you get ...?

*There's a rumour that one of the Two Dollar shops in the Ryde area was glad to be rid of this trilby.*



### And the winning egg is ...

*Can you pick the best looking, most intelligent egg in this bunch?*

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