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In November we celebrate the
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Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

This Week... Sydney's Ferries

Tonight Nov 22: **Sydney's Ferries — Past & Present** — Bill Allen

Tonight's Roster

Welcomers	Ross Rocca, Stefan Sojka
Loyal Toast by	Richard Henricus
Guest Speaker introduced by	David James
Guest Speaker thanked by	Patrick Longfield



If you are unable to fulfill this duty, please arrange your own swap and inform President Ken what you've done.

The Roster for the next four weeks appears on Page 11

Ken's Korner



What a great Apprentice of the Year evening we had last week! Three worthy finalists and an inspiring guest speaker in Nicholas Gleeson. Thanks again to all involved in organising and presenting such a great evening especially to the three members who interviewed the thirteen apprentices who entered for our award.

This week we have as our guest Bill Allen to speak about Sydney's Ferries Past and Present. Should be another interesting night.

Don't forget to register for the District Conference if you haven't already done so. The early bird registration runs out at the end of November.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on the 13th December. Nominations for office bearers can be obtained and should be returned to Bob Kaye-Smith.

Can I encourage you not to forget PDG Tony Castley's talk on membership and be on the alert for potential new members? Our target for the year is to reach 50 members by June 2012. One membership director can't do it all.

Keep enjoying Rotary.

Ken

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"Rotary is a completely new angle of friendship, one that's not private and one that's not strictly business."

— Susanne Prahlandzo, Bosnia-Herzegovina



Last Week — as recalled by Stefan Sojka ...

... and madly typed on his iPad, then turned into proper sentences and spell-checked by the email program of Stefan Sojka

The hype and excitement of this year's Apprentice of the Year was instantly apparent as we kicked off the meeting with Rotary Grace – about three octaves higher than we usually sing it! Next time we get this excited, I suggest someone bring a tuning fork, or the "Lord and Giver of all Good" might well need to "help us" ... recover from hernias! Talk about 'bursting' into song!

That little energy release did seem to break the ice and calm the mood, though, as members, partners and guests settled in to the luxuriously black-table-clothed seating arrangement. Our three apprentices, **Chris Von Schomberg**, **Louis Borg** and **Jordan Bell** brought a veritable entourage with them and with **Ross Rocca** reporting attendance the place was bursting at the seams.

President **Ken Allen** was particularly pleased with the evening, proudly announcing his own birthday, to which the room burst into applause.

Then came time for our esteemed Double PP (PPPP?) **Geoff Brennan** to commandeer the auxiliary microphone as part of his relentless pursuit to get out of the gift distribution management business and become the next Michael Parkinson.

This week, his guest was none other than this award-deserving publication's editor **David James**. Geoff turned an insult into a compliment, labelling David, "unemployable", leading to the inevitable conclusion that David needed to be his own boss. ...and a good boss he was too, not only in his Web Development company, wrangling a gaggle of geeks, but now as Hub Editor in Chief and Ryde Rotary Chief Technology Officer. David seemed quite pleased to have survived Geoff's grilling session without the interviewer bursting the interviewee's bubble. One thing we learned was that David helped 2MBSFM burst onto the scene during the Whitlam years, and the first non-commercial classical music radio station. Geoff was particularly pleased, as he had previously burst his eardrums listening to wild hippy rock music during his brief but exciting youthful experimentation with radical left-wing ideology and culture, during the Gorton and McMahon years. David had single-handedly rescued him and set him straight ...with a just a few short bursts of Wagner.

After a delicious main course, bursting with flavour, President Ken, conscious of the distinct possibility that the meeting could easily go well overtime with what was in store, brought up a succession of speakers for a rapid-fire burst of club news and announcements. **Burkhart** made a plea for help with the Tree of Joy in Eastwood, Top Ryde and West Ryde. His call for volunteers elicited a mass showing of hands. **Adrian Hallett**, our PR maestro, called for 4-6 Rotarians to expose themselves to staff at HSBC – in the name of courting the corporate market – and the rest of us to expose ourselves to the general public and Council at the Ryde Christmas party.

DGE **John Dodd** has happened across a huge pile of theatre tickets, including Jersey Boys, Love Never Dies (The Phantom sequel), a one-woman show, Songs for Nobodies and Natalie Cole with the SSO. There are certainly no lack of choices for what to do

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Last week ... continued

over the silly season! President Ken, then asked **Martin Aston** to introduce the guest speaker, before promptly re-checking his run-sheet to discover he forgot the lucky door prize and Sergeant's 'head and tails' session, both cleaned up by guests (prospective members, now?)



Nicholas Gleeson

Martin Aston returned to introduce **Nicholas Gleeson**, one of the most inspirational speakers I think anyone would have ever heard. Nicholas lost his sight completely at the age of seven in a freak accident. What would have meant the end of the road for most of us, set Nicholas on an incredible life journey, that has seen him become a marathon runner, climb Mt Everest and Mt Kilimanjaro, meet Sir Edmund Hilary, become an Australia Day ambassador, Vision Australia Global Adventurer and even drive a car at 100+km/h!

Then came Exchange Student **Victoria's** weekly report – including TV Pizza dinner with **Richard Henricus**, a BBQ and trips to the beach, the Rocks, Cockatoo Island and a visit to "Sculpture by the Sea" – another action-packed week, bursting with excitement. Amazingly, the meeting was still on schedule, as **Noel Dunn** kicked off the **Apprentice of the Year** awards. In his typically elegant and statesman-like style, Noel gave us a run down of the attributes and criteria of the award and nominees. We had:

- **Jordan Bell**, a Plumbing apprentice, who has finished Certificate III and going for Certificate IV, with a burning desire to help the community – and fix burst pipes.
- **Louis Borg**, a landscaper who shows great promise after attending Ryde TAFE and is hoping to start his own business soon
- **Chris Von Schomberg**, a 4th year electrical apprentice at our very own **Bob Kaye-Smith's** Syntechtron, who attended Meadowbank TAFE and wishes to continue his education with a degree in management and more technical training. Chris was known to us, having previously participated in the amazing RYLA program, to which he attributed much of his success in life, steering him on a course of success and boosting (not bursting) his ambitions.



Chris von Schomberg

In the end, there was only one winner among three extremely deserving nominees. **Chris** took out the 2011 Ryde Rotary Apprentice of the Year Award, which left him bursting with pride.

A quick burst of the first stanza of the national anthem, and the big night officially concluded, bar the obligatory photo opportunities and bursts of club photographer **John Mazlin's** camera flash.

Stefan Sojka



Q. What do you call a fish with no eyes?
A. A fsh

Conference 2012



ALL MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE
 Register for the Conference at
conference.rotarydistrict9680.org
 to take advantage of the Early Bird Offer
 which closes on 30 November.

Barbecues

The club has been asked to assist HSBC Bank Australia with their Christmas BBQ on Sunday 4th December 2011 between 11.00 am and 3.00 pm.

Approximately 6 to 8 people are required to cook during this time. A couple of hours each would lighten the load. I believe we are to cook Sausages and Steak.

Please let Adrian Hallett know if you are available for this project which will earn the Club a donation to our charitable causes.

The other BBQ mentioned by Adrian for that same Sunday evening is not happening so you may come and support our information collection from our Caravan instead. More details from Rob Mitchell at our next meeting.

ROMAC — Good News story

On Wednesday 16th November Channel TEN's "The Project" featured a story on a little baby (Santa) from East Timor whose bowels were born outside of her body. She needed an operation quickly or may have not survived This was a Rotary R.O.M.A.C Story.....

The baby & mother were flown from East Timor to Canberra Hospital, where the operation, after some doubtful moments, was successful. Santa may have to stay here until after Christmas until strong enough to fly home.

They ended the story with one of the hosts (Dr Andrew Rochford) stating what wonderful things Aussies do. Website... <http://theprojecttv.com.au>

Brain Teaser

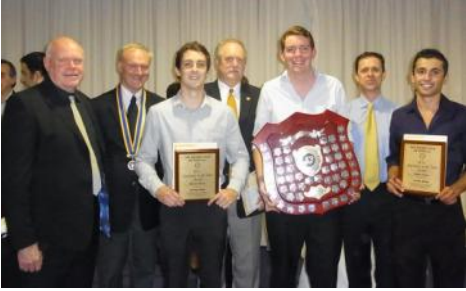


A famous magician claimed to be able to throw a ping-pong ball so that it would go a short distance, come to a complete stop, and then reverse itself. He also added that he would not bounce the ball off any object, or tie anything to it.

How could he perform this trick?

Want the answer? Check our website — www.ryderotary.org.au/brain teaser in a day or so.

Apprentice of the Year — 2011 Photo Gallery





“YOUTH EXCHANGE CHRISTMAS PARTY”



Santa will be there!

As our Inbound Exchange Students prepare for their first Australian Christmas, and our 'Outbounds' arrange to head off to adventures around-the-world, let's celebrate with a night of fun & friendship.

‘AUSSIE’ SPIT ROAST & BUSH DANCE

DATE: Friday 16th December 2011

TIME: 7.00pm until 11.00pm

VENUE: Hunters Hill Sailing Club
Merrington Place (off Clarke Rd)
Woolwich

DRESS: Casual (Dancing Jeans)

COST: Rotarians, Students
& Friends \$50.00 pp

Children 15 or under: \$25.00 pp

(includes 'Aussie' Christmas Dinner, 'Outback Bush Band', Entertainment by our Students, Soft Drinks for Students, Cash Bar)

R.S.V.P.: 30th November 2011

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



‘Celebrating Rotary Youth Exchange!’

Presented by The Rotary Club of Gladesville

Five reasons to support The Rotary Foundation



There are as many reasons to support The Rotary Foundation as there are ways to do good in the world.

By donating to the Foundation, you support Rotary's six areas of focus, which help advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty. Here are a few ways your contributions are changing lives around the world —

5. Fighting hunger

In Romania, children have eggs, milk, and meat because of a Foundation grant that enables local farmers to buy animal feed, packaging materials, and other supplies. The farmers agree to donate a portion of their products to children's hospitals, schools, and orphanages.

Projects such as these address two areas of focus: maternal and child health and economic and community development.

4. Reducing child mortality

The Rotary clubs of Jaela-Kandana, Western Province, Sri Lanka, and Madras Northwest, Tamil Nadu, India, are helping to reduce child mortality by providing improved sanitation facilities for 15 families in a small community in Sri Lanka. With a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant, the clubs have built 14 toilets, helping to prevent the spread of diarrhea-causing diseases related to poor sanitation.

3. Promoting peace and conflict resolution

Watching civil war tear apart his homeland of Côte d'Ivoire instilled in Rotary Peace Fellow Kouame Remi Oussou a passion to resolve conflict.

He is now working for the United Nations Development Programme in the Central African Republic, a country that weathered periodic internal fighting before a comprehensive peace accord went into effect in 2007.

2. Basic education and literacy

A literacy project sponsored by Rotarians in South Africa and Rhode Island, USA, in conjunction with the International Reading Association and Operation Upgrade, is teaching adults in the rural community of KwaNibela, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa, to read and write. These skills will help them fight poverty in their community.


Through the effort, nearly 600 adults are attending literacy classes taught by instructors trained with help from Operation Upgrade, which specializes in adult basic education. Funding from The Rotary Foundation provided classroom books. Read more about the project, which supports the basic education and literacy area of focus.

1. Eradicating polio

Around the world, Rotarians are going the distance -- participating in walkathons, climbing mountains, cycling, even circumnavigating a continent in rubber dinghies, among other fundraisers -- to help Rotary rid the world of polio.

Antoinette Tuscano

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Attendance last meeting

Attendance Last Meeting: 80.95%

Makeups: Steve Thorp, Hameed Fazal

Apologies: Allen Horrell, Artin Etmekdjian, Bill Payne, Charles Kilby, Eric Bond, Peter Cooper, Ron Thomson, Steve Thorp, Tony Abboud, Hameed Fazal, Kalma McLellan, Richard Henricus, Terry Kerim

Guests of Members: Danielle Allen, Janice Brennan, Faye Dunn, Linda Hallett, Swati Maheshwari, Carolyn Metcalfe, Marie Peake, Rose Rocca, Margaret Taffa, Steve Thorp

Guests: Greg Bell, Jordan Bell, Victoria Blichfeldt, Charlie Borg, Louis Borg, Mary Borg, Nicholas Crook, Gemma Griffiths, David Harrison, Rodney Jackson, Cassy Norris, Todd Park, Karl Sarag, Brett Sheather, Julie Vassallo, Steven Vassallo, Chris von Schomburg, Andre von Shomburg

Guest Speaker: Nicholas Gleeson

Looking Ahead...



Nov 29: Polio—A Personal Story

Dec 6: Riverside Rotary Clubs' Ethics Debate — Round 1

Dec 13: Philately will get you Everywhere — Patrick Longfield
+ Annual General Meeting


Dec 20: **Christmas Party.** (Santa, Kids, Partners)

2012

Jan 3: New Year Rendezvous (at someone's house) (Partners)

Any suggestions? Contact Martin Aston: maaston@optusnet.com.au 02 9808 2574

Birthdays and Anniversaries



November 24: 68th Birthday — **Martin Aston**

November 24: Birthday celebration — **Deirdre Edmonds**

November 25: 67th Birthday — **Rob Mitchell**

Absentee Advice in November — RING BKS

If you need to give a late apology for non-attendance at any meeting in **November** please ring Secretary Bob Kaye-Smith (**0411 263 294**) **before 10am Monday**. Club policy is that you will be expected to pay for your meal if you are absent without timely apology. You'll agree that this is **Fair to All Concerned**.

Deadline for material in **The HUB** is Friday 5pm unless otherwise arranged.

Other events ...

- ▶ **Paint Vandalism (Graffiti) Removal Day**
Date: Saturday 3rd December (first Saturday in the month)
Time: 8am-10am
Details: Charles Kilby
- ▶ **Australian Rotary Health Christmas Dinner**
Date: Wednesday 7th December 2011
Time: 6.30 for 7pm
Where: The Epping Club
- ▶ **Youth Exchange Christmas —Aussie Spit Roast & Bush Dance**
Date: Friday 16th December 2011
Time: 7pm
Where: Hunters Hill Sailing Club, Woolwich
Dress: Casual (Dancing Jeans)
Cost: \$50 pp
RSVP: Paul Wynn - wynn@ozemail.com.au Ph: 0407 946 766
- ▶ **Meals on Wheels**
Sunday 29th January, 10.45am
Contact: Bob Carroll
- ▶ **Ryde Rotary Charity Golf Day**
Date: Friday 10th February 2012
Venue: Oatlands Golf Club
Details: Ron Thomson, Mick Nelson



Meals on Wheels



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

Friday Night Roster for Victoria

Victoria is presently hosted with the Dodds'. Feel free to swap as long as everyone is advised.

Who	When
David James	25/11/2011
David Johnston	2/12/2011

Who	When
Bob Kaye-Smith	9/12/2011
Charles Kilby	16/12/2011

Meeting Night Roster

Date	Welcomers		Loyal	Intro	Thanks
29/11/11	Ron Taffa	Duncan T	J Higgins	J Mazlin	Siddharth
6/12/11	Doug T	Les W	R Thomson	—	—
13/12/11	Victoria B	Tony Ab	Steve T	Kalma Mc	Rob M
20/12/11	Martin A	Paul B	Les W	—	—

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!