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In November we celebrated the
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Chartered: 22nd April 1946
 Club: #18039 / District: #9680 in NSW, Australia
 Meeting Place: Level 2, Next Generation Club, next to
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 Meeting Time: Every Tuesday — 6:00pm for 6:30pm
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Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

This Week... Polio — A Personal Story

Tonight Nov 29: Polio—A Personal Story — Roma Franceschini

Tonight's Roster

Welcomers	Ron Taffa, Duncan Taylor
Loyal Toast by	John Higgins
Guest Speaker introduced by	John Mazlin
Guest Speaker thanked by	Siddharth Maheshwari



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

The "Meeting Night Roster" for the next three weeks appears on Page 11



Ken's Korner

Welcome to another week of Ryde Rotary. We were saddened to hear of the death of Rita Mitchell in the past week. Rita's late husband Harry, a former Mayor of Ryde was an honorary member of this club and Rita a great supporter. Her funeral was last Saturday and we arranged for flowers to be sent to the family from the club.

Our club, like all rotary clubs, is actively seeking to rid the world of polio and this week we welcome Roma Franceschini a polio survivor to share her story with us.

Don't forget that our Annual General Meeting to elect office bearers for the 2012-2013 year is on the 13th Dec and our Christmas party will be on the 20th Dec (remember Patrick's plea for one gift per child). You also have one day left for early bird registration for the Wollongong Conference next March.

And ...may I make one more plea.. for members to let the designated person know if you are NOT coming to Rotary! We book for a certain number accordingly. For this week it is Bob Kaye-Smith that you should contact and in December Val Payne will resume that role again.

What we give to our club will be the measure of what we get from belonging.

Ken



"Friendship...the craving for which brought Rotary into existence is the thing that will keep Rotary a living, vital force in the world for all time, the very foundation of our organization."

— Albert S. Adams, Rotary Club of Atlanta, Georgia, USA in 1920



Last Week — as recalled by Allen Horrell ...

Our disappointment at being back in the small room was more than made up for by the hearty welcome at the door by PP **Ross Rocca** apparently assisted by **Stefan Sojka**, according to the roster, and our diminished numbers still managed to belt out a creditable Rotary Grace.

After the Loyal Toast I was subjected to Q&A by that master of the microphone, PP **Geoff Brennan**. Put to the question I revealed the cryptic secrets of my job title:

"Business Process Manager" means I manage the aligned business processes across our Downstream business (as an approximation, that is mostly the Lysaght business) aided by various ERP applications. And yes, ERP is a TLA standing for the impressive sounding "Enterprise Resource Planning" systems. After the recent restructure I work for the Information Services (IS) division of BlueScope Australia New Zealand Ltd (BANZ), having learned to be a jack of all trades while growing up on a farm, and applying that "I'll tackle anything" attitude to computer systems as they entered the workplace in the mid-eighties. I was head-hunted for the job at Bluescope after the Sydney appointee for the same job didn't work out. "Sometimes," I said, "the best Australian for the job is a New Zealander!"

I was then invited by President Ken to propose that our club endorse a proposed enactment to the 2013 Council on Legislation to change the name of the Fifth Avenue of Service from "New Generations" to "Youth."

We have a proud history in Australasia of providing excellent programs to our Youth, and the letter Y features in all our Rotary Acronyms for these programs: Would we change RYEP to Rotary New Generations Exchange (RNGEP), RYLA to Rotary New Generations Leadership Awards (RNGLA), et cetera? I think not – let's rename the Avenue "Youth" – it is what we mean, so why not call it what it is?

The motion "**that the Rotary Club of Ryde endorse the proposal to change the name of the Fifth Avenue of Service from New Generations to Youth**" was moved by PP **Allen Horrell**, seconded by PP **Geoff Brennan**, and passed unanimously.

PE **Burkhart** is still pedalling raffle tickets, and since this is the busiest time of year for a school teacher, is seeking help with the Trees of Joy. Volunteers were sought, and found. **Charles** volunteered **Tony's** help, since he wasn't there to do it himself. "He's done enough already." said Burkhart. "No, he wants to do more!" said Charles helpfully.

Nora is selling Christmas Cakes and Puddings, and wants volunteers for Gift Wrapping. She thanked **David James**, **Adrian Hallett**, **Bernadette Horrell** and **Swati Maheshwari** for helping at the Art Valuation day on Sunday, where we made \$145 and quite a splash in the TWT.

Patrick rose and told us he has a short attention span, reminded us to register for Conference, and passed on a Message from Santa: **only one present per child** at the Christmas Party.

PP **Rob Mitchell** called for volunteers for two events on Sunday 4th September when

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Last week ... continued

sadly, I shall be unavoidably unavailable in Vanuatu.

PP **Duncan Taylor** reminded us all to follow the link in his email and vote for his Men's Shed, and pass the email along to anyone who can vote on-line.

John Mazlin said something about Centurions – preaching to the converted as nearly everyone in the room was already one, then reminded us that the Maringa Leste matching Grant shows just how far our donations to the Foundation can go.

Victoria reported on her week of meals out, "we had ice-cream and berries," putt-putt golf and more food, and an outbound briefing at Naamaroo talking to prospective exchange students.

Charles had the winning ticket, for which he paid twice, yet the Joker eluded him. The Noisy table was fined, as was **Patrick** for bringing junk to the Art Appraisal: "My junk is Art!" he complained. Charles was fined again for signing Tony over to a life of servitude. PP **Duncan Taylor** fined me for "talking so much sense for once!" and in turn was fined for making disparaging comments about his IPP. **Stefan** made a speech about how pleased an indigenous group known as the Black Youth Association are that I am helping them avoid the New Generations tag. I paid up quick lest he repeat the punch line.



PP **David James** introduced **Bill Allen** (no relation) who spoke on the history of Sydney Ferries from convict powered to the latest River cats. There were some interesting facts to counter the NIMBY complaints from those along the banks of the Parramatta: when the first ferry went all the way to Parramatta the river was a putrid stinking sewer, but within two weeks ferry traffic had cleared the water and whitened the sand on the beaches, and has kept the river running clean ever since.

He helped us understand that the Sydney Ferries were a power in the land before the building of the Sydney Harbour Bridge, with 51 ferries carrying 47 million passengers per year. The Bridge dealt a mortal blow to their business model, with passenger numbers plummeting to 13 million the following year. In 1951, the NSW Government intervened in response to the financial difficulty of the operator and agreed to take over Sydney Ferries Limited, and it has been losing money for the taxpayers ever since, but without taxpayer subsidies most forms of public transport would perish.



President Ken with (no relation) Bill Allen

In question time he confirmed that the upper Parramatta River is perfectly navigable all the way to Parramatta at low tide, and that the tidal restrictions to Rydalmere are for cost-cutting reasons not for safety. He expressed the opinion that if commuters would pay \$10 each way, the service would be restored tomorrow. **Patrick** thanked **Bill** for his talk and expressed a hope that the Parramatta ferry service would prove sustainable.

Allen Horrell

Fair Market Research

Ryde's Community Christmas Celebration on December 4 in Ryde Park.

I spoke at our meeting last week about the opportunity we have to work with the Council and the Business Chamber to develop two existing community events so that we can not only raise our club profile but also raise funds to benefit the local community.

The first event is the Christmas Celebration on 4/12 in Ryde Park. We won't be doing any of the hard work this year, but will be taking the opportunity to do some market research to help establish what people would really like to see in the form of a "fair" associated with the Ryde Park events.

Obviously we would like as many Rotarians as possible to attend between 3PM and 7PM on 4/12, and need particularly a small team willing to do some "survey" work talking to community members who attend the event.

I will be aiming to finalise this team at our club meeting 29/11, so please let me know if you can help. Thanks,

Rob Mitchell

Men's Shed

Please support our Men's Shed and log onto www.projectlocal.com.au. The Hunters Hill Ryde Men's Shed is registered with Northern District Times' Project Local and we have made it in as a finalist. It is now up to everyone to vote. Please register and vote. We would be very grateful for your support!

A Men's Shed is a place where men can come together to use their skills, chat to mates, share some stories, use the tools and material provided, and feel a sense of belonging. If you look inside one you might see a number of men restoring furniture, maybe making Mynah bird traps or making kids cubby house for Camp Quality. HHR Men's shed currently have a venue, a management committee and a paid coordinator and now need funds to purchase tools, equipment and materials to build benches.



Ideally we need approx. \$33,000.00 to start up the men's shed, for power tools (\$14,212), venue development — including dust extraction, burglar alarm, flame proof storage, plumbing & electrical (\$12,251), Other hand tools, equipment and material (\$6,800)

Conference 2012



Register for the Conference at
conference.rotarydistrict9680.org
 to take advantage of the Early Bird Offer
 which closes on Wednesday (30 November).

Report from Pius Choi in Belgium

On November 21st or 22nd, I'll be doing a presentation about Australia (Sydney). The presentation will be in French so I'm pretty nervous but I'm starting to prepare the presentation now. The presentation will be about Australian politics, people, culture, tourist sites and etc.

French is becoming much easier to understand, write and speak with my friends and whoever I meet. Before I was scared to ask questions and start conversations but now I have no fear in doing those things and gradually building up my confidence. I hope I will be able to speak good French by the end of my stay in Belgium.

Places of interest visited: Paris (Disneyland), Greece, Czech Republic, Germany, Amsterdam, Maastricht, Luxembourg, Holland, Bastogne, France, Normandy, Omaha Beach, Cologne

Social & Sporting activities include Swimming every Thursday afternoon, sports and recreational activities in school every Monday, playing Tennis and swimming with my host brother, Trombone quartet and concerts.

I'm studying Gymnastics, Biology, Chemistry, History, Maths, English, Art, French and Physics at School.

It's been a Month since I have been with this Host family and they have been a great help and also a very comfortable family to stay with. We have been doing activities such as deer hunting and going to see live concerts. We also have a big party coming up for my host sister, who just turned 19. They're quite busy in general, doing work, sports and a lot of things individually. However, this gives me more time to do my own things such as travelling and going out with friends. Even though they're busy, I know that they try to do their best to make me happy, doing activities and things together as a family.

My Club Counsellor has been pretty busy these days, since Christmas is coming soon. But I have been talking a lot about my return tickets and he has been giving me advice about leaving Belgium. We also have to arrange and discuss about my presentation that I will be doing next week. Overall, my relationship with my counsellor has been good and I'm going to miss him a lot when I leave.

We have a lot of activities coming up at my Rotary Club: Firstly we have guests tomorrow who are joining with us for dinner and my presentation which will be held next week. Everyone was giving me advice on how to do it well and it made me less nervous about my presentation.

My school has been very helpful, helping me to speak better French and letting me do many activities that I haven't done before. I can participate better in class and follow instructions from teachers in class. I'm going to miss them a lot for what they have done and making my exchange the best!

Haven't heard much from my Fellow exchange students, but it seems that they have been doing a lot of great things over the holidays and during school life too.

Pius Choi

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



“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

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‘Celebrating Rotary Youth Exchange!’

Presented by The Rotary Club of Gladesville

Community Service Report

Art Appraisal Day

Art Appraisal Day on Sunday 20th of November started with a rush of people queuing in front of Addington House. Adrian Hallett as usual turned up with all necessary signs. The logo of Rotary International was on display on Victoria Road for three hours.

David Hulme and Brigitte Banziger from Banziger Hulme Fine Art Consultants kindly donated their time and expertise to assess the art works that were presented to them and also advised the owners of how to care and preserve the art work. A few interesting pieces of art work turned up and some of us were interested to watch. There were some Rotarians who brought in kitchen items and this suggested the need to expand the scope of the appraisal to other items such as china, jewellery, coins etc.

Sincere thanks to Swati Maheshwari and Bernadette Horrell for helping on the day. Similar thanks to David James for producing an impressive poster giving details of the event. And the final thanks to all Rotarians who were supportive and encouraging especially Rob Mitchell and Jan Cutler. We hope to run the event once again in the second half of 2012.

Christmas Gift Wrapping

Top Ryde Shopping Centre requested the Rotary Club of Ryde to run the Christmas Gift Wrapping once again this year. We have been assigned a good location next to Santa, outside Myer. The activity will start on Thursday 15th of December at 10am and concludes on Christmas Eve. We will have 10 days of gift wrapping for the public and promoting Rotary. All those who joined in previous years are keen to wrap again. This year we have a group of Interact students from James Ruse Agricultural High School who are equally keen to participate.

Please contact me to book a few shifts on the roster.



Christmas Puddings, Cakes and Biscuits



It is Rotary Christmas tradition to buy some puddings, cakes or biscuits. This year a good number of Rotarians have placed an order for a few tins. Each tin or unit is priced at \$15.50. In order to have a free delivery of the boxes, we need to buy 3 more cakes and 6 more puddings. Last chance to put an order is Sunday 27 of November. To place an order please ring me today!

Nora Etmekdjian

Ethics debate ... we're ready, but it's been postponed

We have had to postpone the Riverside Rotary Clubs' Ethics Debate Round 1.

We're ready, but other clubs have not been able to find the time to fit it into their calendar before Christmas. We will revisit this event in the new year.





Attendance last meeting

Attendance Last Meeting: 85.37%

Makeups: John Dodd, Hameed Fazal, Richard Henricus, Allen Horrell
Apologies: Siddharth Maheshwari, Artin Etmekdjian, Bill Payne, Eric Bond,
 John Dodd, Peter Cooper, Tony Abboud, Erdem Toner, Hameed Fazal,
 Maureen Mulheron, Richard Henricus, Ron Taffa, Terry Kerim, Val Payne
Guests: Allan Edworthy, Victoria Blichfeldt
Guest Speaker: Bill Allen (Sydney's Ferries)
Leave of Absence: Terry Kerim



Looking Ahead...

Dec 6: **Historical Aircraft Restoration** — Gary Squire
Dec 13: **Philately will get you Everywhere** — Patrick Longfield
 + **Annual General Meeting**
Dec 20: **Christmas Party.** (Santa, Kids, Partners)

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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

December 2: 3 year Club Anniversary for **Adrian Hallett**
December 2: 8 year Club Anniversary for **Ron Taffa**
December 4: 7 year Wedding Anniversary for **Bob Carroll** and **Lorraine**
December 5: 70 year Birthday Celebration for **Burkhart Foertsch**



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**.

Brain Teaser



Suppose there is only one barber shop in your town, and it employs two barbers. One of the barbers has a nice, neatly trimmed head of hair. The other's hair is a complete mess. Which of the two barbers should you go to and why?

Want the answer? Check our website — www.ryderotary.org.au/brainteaser

Other events ...

- ▶ **Paint Vandalism (Graffiti) Removal Day**
Date: Saturday 3rd December (first Saturday in the month)
Time: 8am-10am
Details: Charles Kilby
- ▶ **Christmas BBQ Fundraiser — HSBC Bank**
Date: Sunday 4th December
Time: 11am to 3pm
Details: Adrian Hallett
- ▶ **Australian Rotary Health Christmas Dinner**
Date: Wednesday 7th December 2011
Time: 6.30 for 7pm
Where: The Epping Club
- ▶ **Ryde Rotary's Christmas Gift Wrapping**
Date: Thursday 15th to Saturday 24th December
Where: Top Ryde City Shopping Centre
- ▶ **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



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 Johnston	2/12/2011
Bob Kaye-Smith	9/12/2011

Who	When
Charles Kilby	16/12/2011
Patrick Longfield	23/12/2011

Meeting Night Roster

Date	Welcomers		Loyal	Intro	Thanks
6/12/11	Doug T	Les W	R Thomson	David J	Adrian H
13/12/11	Victoria B	Tony Abb	Steve T	Kalma Mc	Rob M
20/12/11	Martin A	Bob Carroll	Les W	—	—

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

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!