

THE ROTARY CLUB OF RYDE—DISTRICT 9680 CHARTERED 1946

# The HUB

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**FAMILY MONTH**

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## Club Information



Chartered: 22nd April 1946  
 Club: #18039 / District: #9680 in NSW, Australia  
 Meeting Place: Level 2, Next Generation Club, next to  
 Ryde Aquatic Centre, 504 Victoria Road, Ryde  
 Meeting Time: Every Tuesday — 6:00pm for 6:30pm  
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Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

### This Week... Philately will get you Everywhere

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

#### Tonight's Roster

Welcomers	Victoria Blichfeldt, Martin Aston
Loyal Toast by	Steve Thorp
Guest Speaker introduced by	Kalma McLellan
Guest Speaker thanked by	Rob Mitchell



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 3 meetings appears on Page 11**



#### Ken's Korner

**G**reetings for another week, a week in which we will hold our AGM to elect or appoint the incoming board for the Rotary year 2012-13. It seems amazing that half this current Rotary year has almost passed and I am grateful to all those who've worked hard during the past six months both in keeping our meetings enjoyable and in our various projects and activities.

This week we will have as our speaker Patrick Longfield who will tell us why, philately will get us everywhere! Not that he is prone to exaggerate of course.

Our Christmas party will be held at Next Generations on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Please indicate your attendance numbers by filling in the list as it goes around this week.

We will then have a break before holding our first meeting for the year on the 10<sup>th</sup> January at the home of Richard Henricus and his partner Caroline to whom we are very grateful. More details soon.

Keep enjoying Rotary

**Ken**

#### Planning to "wag"? — Ring Val

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### Last Week — ... recalled ...

**B**ack in the second-smallest room in the house, we were keen to assemble and get things under way. Our welcomers performed admirably – **Doug Thompson** by guarding the door and PDG **Les Whitcroft** did his usual meet-and-greet cruise of the room for which he was later unfairly fined.

**Tony Abboud** has been granted leave of absence by the Board and I'm sure **Charles Kilby** would be happy to stand in for him, except he wasn't at the meeting either. President Ken read out the shopping list of apologies and leaves. It was good to see that the makeups helped us to exceed a 90% attendance figure.

**Patrick** was the subject of **Geoff Brennan's** interrogation session (er, I mean Q & A) where he grilled our New Zealand import about how he arrived in Australia (by ship), why he came here (to farm) and what he eventually ended up doing (teaching). On the inevitable question about sustainability Patrick replied "it shook my science and made me collect thoughts of what this world is about".

DGE **John Dodd** proffered a lame excuse for not being at our meeting last week because he was entertaining the incoming world president **Sakuji Tanaka** and his lovely wife **Kyoko**. Immediate forgiveness was felt throughout the room; Sakuji is a sprightly 71 years of age and Janelle impressed him so much he thought she was our incoming DG. Hrrmmphh was heard from the real incumbent.

**Maureen** subbed for **Nora** on the subject of gift wrapping at Top Ryde citing the probability that the males in the room were inept at such a task. Hrrmmph was heard from 95% of the room, but the challenge is out. Get wrapping. Maureen has circulated a prompt for people to offer themselves! This is an opportunity, males among us, to show just what you can do with a roll of sticky tape and a few hundred metres of wrapping paper. One of the tasks, it seems, is the need for crowd control while customers are choosing the colour and pattern of the paper. Give 'em two choices, I say ... silver, gold. This is an opportunity to promote Rotary which, after all, is a prime motivator in our conducting this service. The coins help, too. The James Ruse Interact students will help out from 19<sup>th</sup> December and we are charged with keeping them focussed on the task at hand.

**Bob Carroll** flogged Christmas cakes and puddings, **Adrian Hallett** recollected that last weekend was a busy one with the HSBC BBQ (we netted a donation of \$500) and the survey in Ryde park. The weather wasn't too pleasant but both events proved fruitful.

**Patrick** announced that Conference bookings are all under control and the website, once you've persuaded it that you're in Australia, works fine for bookings.

Exchange student **Victoria** had a busy week – eating, walking, birthday partying, sailing and more eating.

**Doug Thompson** drew the 2 of spades in the spackle, just short of putting his hands on the jackpot. His consolation was a bottle of wine.

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## Last week ... continued

The Serjeant attacked the fines session with vigour, and **Julie Thorp** (related) was credited for sorting out the accommodation in Nowra – booking out all of it. **Stefan Sojka** was lambasted for using his iPad during the meeting. Serjeant Steve was lost for a response when it was revealed that he was typing up the raw notes for this report! Hrrmmphh!



*Connie—the Lockheed Super Constellation*

thunderous applause, but fitted well into the 30 minute timeslot. The thunderous applause came later.

HARS was incorporated in 1979 and they “started with a nut and built an aircraft around it”. It was originally based at Bankstown but relocated to Illawarra, it houses two hangars and a museum section and is credited as the world’s biggest shed. Not, however, a men’s shed because many of their volunteer engineers are women.

Amid questions about “how do you pick a romantic aeroplane?” to “do you document every part?” Gary answered admirably prior to Adrian Hallett, a self-confessed aviation buff, providing a vote of thanks on behalf of the club.



*Gary Squire with President Ken Allen*

Our guest speaker, **Gary Squire**, was well received by everyone in the room. Gary is editor of the Historical Aircraft Restoration Society’s magazine, ‘Phoenix’, has been secretary and treasurer and was a key participant in the restoration and recovery of the world’s only regularly operating Lockheed Super Constellation in the days when aircraft were given memorable and romantic names.

He modestly allowed 2½ hours for his speech – much of it for questions and

**Stefan Sojka and David James**



## Request from Santa

**W**e’ve been informed by a person claiming to be in-the-know with the man in the red suit that there is a limit this year to one present per child at the Christmas Party on 20th December.

## The Men's Shed — A Progress Report



**T**hanks goes to the Rotary Club of Ryde and its members for its support of the Hunters Hill/Ryde Men's Shed – all of that hard work on your computers to vote for the Men's Shed in the Northern District Times Community Award's Scheme paid off. The Men's Shed has been awarded a Community Grant of \$2,500.00. This amount together with the Rotary Club of Ryde's \$5,000.00 and a small Community

Grant from Hunters Hill Council of \$800.00 on top of them paying for the Shed's electrical fit-out (\$4,000) means that we are well on our way to getting a working shed early next year.

We are still awaiting the results from our application for a grant of \$10,000 from the Men's Shed Australia Association. With our target membership coming from the Ryde and Hunters Hill areas, we are hoping that Ryde Council will come to the party and contribute to this worthwhile cause as well.

Once again our thanks to the Rotary Club of Ryde for their support of this project.

*Duncan Taylor*

## Carols on the Common — Sunday 18 December — call for helpers

**T**he Rotary Clubs of Macquarie Park and North Ryde hold this event each year where the beneficiary is ROMAC, They're calling for assistants for the following tasks -

- Set up
- Pull down
- Ticket sales
- Drinks
- Glow sticks and candles
- BBQ serving
- BBQ cooking
- BBQ preparation
- Bucket collection

If you are at a loose-end on Sunday 18th December, they'd appreciate your help. E-mail your details to [registration@carolsonthecommon.org.au](mailto:registration@carolsonthecommon.org.au), telephone 9868 2595, or go to the website [www.carolsonthecommon.org.au](http://www.carolsonthecommon.org.au) and fill in the registration details. Don't forget to tell them you're from **Ryde Rotary!**

## Useful websites

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

### Christmas Greetings — with disclaimer

FROM: us ("The Wishers") TO: you ("Hereinafter called the Wishees").

Please accept without obligation, implied or implicit, our best wishes for an environmentally conscious, socially responsible, politically correct, low stress, non-addictive, gender neutral, celebration of the Summer or Winter solstice (relative to your hemisphere of domicile) practiced within the most enjoyable traditions of the religious persuasion of your choice, or secular practices of your choice, with respect for the religious/secular persuasions and/or cultural traditions of others, or their choice not to practise religious or secular traditions at all . . . . and a financially successful, personally fulfilling and medically uncomplicated recognition of the onset of the generally accepted calendar year 2012, but with due respect for the calendars of choice of other cultures or sects, and having regard to the race, creed, colour, age, physical ability, religious faith, sexual orientation, choice of computer platform or dietary preference of the wishee.

By accepting this greeting you are bound by these terms — that —

- This greeting is subject to further clarification or withdrawal.
- This greeting is freely transferable provided that no alteration shall be made to the original greeting and that the proprietary and intellectual rights of the wishers are acknowledged.
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### HUB Contributions

**T**ext 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 **david.w.james@gmail.com**. Send multiple images to the same address but by using [www.mailbigfile.com](http://www.mailbigfile.com)

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

## Making time for family and Rotary

**W**hen Bill Simmermon joined the Rotary Club of Highlands Ranch (Littleton), Colorado, USA, six years ago, he wanted to be an active member without sacrificing time with his family.

So the father of two brought his sons along to lunch meetings and involved them in club activities. His eldest son, Denver, has taken part in community and international service projects, is a member of Interact, and has been the featured speaker several times at the club's weekly meeting. And Simmermon's wife has been an active part of the club.

"My family is all in," Simmermon says. "My involvement with Rotary doesn't conflict with family time. It has actually enhanced our family time, because we are all there together."

On RI's official **LinkedIn** group, several Rotarians also discussed the benefits of involving their family in Rotary. Henna Budhrani, a member of the Rotary club of St. Maarten, Sint Maarten, says she has included her children in the club's holiday food distribution to the elderly. Her kids will also attend the club's annual Christmas party for children from low-income families.

### **Like father, like son**

Bruce Thomson belongs to the same club as his father, the Rotary Club of Lynnwood, Washington, USA, and both are past presidents. Long before he joined, however, Thomson notes he took part in the club's annual projects, along with his mother and four sisters. His children now help out in club projects.

"Our club serves as the conduit for our family's community service," Thomson says. "Rotary has had a major impact in our family evolution and that has impacted the community."

"Rotary has something to offer the whole family," Simmermon says. "For some of our members, the No. 1 reason they were interested in Rotary was that they could get their children involved in service projects. There's a big push in high schools to have children take part in community service, and it looks good on their transcript when they apply for college."

And he notes that The Four-Way Test and Rotary's other guiding principles are useful for parents.

"The same values Rotary stands for are values we believe in as a family," he says. "We want to pass along those values to our children."

Family is on the minds of many Rotarians in December, as Rotary celebrates Family Month. In addition to recognizing the importance of families in Rotary, the month celebrates the family of Rotary, which includes Rotarians and all those involved in Rotary's work — from Rotary Foundation program alumni to participants in Rotary youth programs around the world.

**Arnold R. Grahl**  
**Rotary International News—8/12/2011**

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### Reminder from the Treasurer

- 21 Members are yet to pay for their Club Shirts (value \$1230)
- 3 Members to get their Treasure Chest tickets in (value \$180)
- 13 Members to pay for their Xmas Cakes/Puddings
- 7 Members to pay for their Xmas Cards - \$11 per pack



If you're unsure if you owe money please ask the Treasurer.

### One-liners



- My neighbour knocked on my door at 2:30 this morning, can you believe that? 2:30am? Luckily for him I was still up playing my Bagpipes.
- Paddy says, "Mick, I'm thinking of buying a Labrador. "Really?" says Mick "have you seen how many of their owners go blind?"
- I saw a poor old lady fall over today on the pavement!! At least I presume she was poor - she only had \$1.20 in her purse.
- My girlfriend thinks that I'm a stalker... Well, she's not exactly my girlfriend yet.
- The wife has been missing a week now. Police said to prepare for the worst. So I have been to the charity shop to get all her clothes back.
- A mate of mine admitted to being addicted to brake fluid. When I quizzed him on it he reckoned he could stop any time.
- I went to the cemetery yesterday to lay some flowers on a grave. As I was standing there I noticed 4 grave diggers walking about with a coffin, 3 hours later and they're still walking about with it. I thought to myself, "These guys have lost the plot!"
- 10. My daughter asked me for a pet spider for her birthday, so I went to our local pet shop and they were \$70. "Blow this," I thought, "I can get one cheaper off the web."
- Statistically, 6 out of 7 dwarves are not happy.
- I was at an ATM yesterday when a little old lady asked if I could check her balance, so I pushed her over.
- I was driving this morning when I saw an NRMA van parked on the side of the road. The driver was sobbing uncontrollably and looked very miserable. I thought to myself, "That guy's heading for a breakdown."

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**R**otary provides training at all levels so that those who have been selected for leadership positions have the opportunity to learn and apply leadership principles to their jobs.

**Ron D. Burton**  
*American businessman*

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### Attendance last meeting

**Attendance Last Meeting:** 93.02%

**Makeups:** Artin Etmekdjian, Bob Kaye-Smith, Charles Kilby, Tony Abboud, Erdem Toner, Hameed Fazal, Kalma McLellan, Nora Etmekdjian, Richard Henricus

**Apologies:** Allen Horrell, Artin Etmekdjian, Bob Kaye-Smith, Charles Kilby, Eric Bond, Jan Cutler, Tony Abboud, Burkhart Foertsch, Erdem Toner, Hameed Fazal, Ian Henderson, Kalma McLellan, Nora Etmekdjian, Richard Henricus, Terry Kerim

**Guests:** Allan Edworthy, Victoria Blichfeldt

**Guest Speaker:** Gary Squire (HARS)

**Leave of Absence:** Tony Abboud, Terry Kerim

### Looking Ahead...



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

**2012**

**Jan 10:** **New Year Rendezvous (details will be advised to members)** (Partners)

**Jan 17:** **The Good Shepherd Sisters' Orphanage at Kotahena in Sri Lanka** - This has been in continuous operation for over 140 years and we will hear from a volunteer at the orphanage.

*Any suggestions? Contact Martin Aston: [maaston@optusnet.com.au](mailto:maaston@optusnet.com.au) 02 9808 2574*

### Birthdays and Anniversaries



<b>December 13</b>	Birthday Celebration for <b>Patricia Foertsch</b>
<b>December 15</b>	60 year Wedding Anniversary for <b>Bill and Val Payne</b>
<b>December 15</b>	32 year Wedding Anniversary for <b>Martin and Angela Aston</b>
<b>December 17</b>	34 year Wedding Anniversary for <b>Steve and Julie Thorp</b>

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### Brain Teaser



**W**hat word, when written in capital letters, is the same forwards, backwards and upside down?

**Want the answer?** Check our website — [www.ryderotary.org.au/brainteasers](http://www.ryderotary.org.au/brainteasers)

## Other events ...

- ▶ **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  
RSVP: Paul Wynn - wynn@ozemail.com.au Ph: 0407 946 766
- ▶ **Meals on Wheels**  
Sunday 29th January, 10.45am  
Contact: Bob Carroll
- ▶ **Paint Vandalism (Graffiti) Removal Day**  
Date: Saturday 4th February (first Saturday in the month)  
Time: 8am-10am  
Details: Charles Kilby
- ▶ **Ryde Rotary Annual Charity Golf Day**  
Date: Friday 10th February 2012  
Venue: Oatlands Golf Club  
Details: Ron Thomson, Mick Nelson



If you have a Rotary-related item for this calendar, please e-mail it to [editor@ryderotary.org.au](mailto: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
Charles Kilby	16/12/2011
Patrick Longfield	23/12/2011

Who	When
Siddharth M.	13/1/2012
Kalma McLellan	20/1/2012

## Meeting Night Roster

Date	Welcomers		Loyal	Intro	Thanks
20/12/11	Bob Carroll	Peter C	Les W	—	—
10/01/12	—	—	—	—	—
17/01/12	Jan C	Noel Dunn	Martin A	Geoff B	Bob C

*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!