

THE ROTARY CLUB OF RYDE—DISTRICT 9680 CHARTERED 1946

# The HUB

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January was  
**ROTARY**  
**AWARENESS**  
**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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**RSVP extras or absences to: Val Payne 9874 5787**



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

## This Week... RYLA

**Tonight Jan 31:**      **RYLA TEAM**  
**6 for 6.30**            **with Theo Glockemann**



### Tonight's Roster

Welcomers	Burkhart Foertsch, John Higgins
Loyal Toast by	Paul Burnett
Guest Speaker introduced by	Jan Cutler
Guest Speaker thanked by	Noel Dunn



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



**W**elcome to another week of Rotary at Ryde. Elsewhere in the **Hub** we have published the Survey results. These indicate that there is not an overwhelming desire for change so I am not proposing any. It was interesting, on a couple of issues, to note that if one added together the 'remove' and 'don't mind' columns there was a significant number that could live with a few changes.... we press on, however. I am always mindful that in our Broad Strategic Overview we describe ourselves as striving to be a modern progressive Club — whatever that means...

The barbecue at North Ryde on Australia Day was cancelled due to weather so ... anyone for sausages? I did however represent the Club at the Ryde City Council Australia Day Ceremony, this year held at the Event Cinema at Top Ryde; 48 people became Australian Citizens. The Australia Day Ambassador was TV presenter Scott McGregor.

There are two functions in February that we try to have a good representation – on the 13th there is the Combined Services Club Dinner at Sporties in Gladesville This year Gladesville Rotary are the hosts -- \$50 for a three course meal. On Friday 10th is the Combined Youth Exchange Dinner (details page 11). We will circulate some notices to ascertain interest. It would be good to be represented at both; a tough ask for some.

For those not registered for the Conference please keep in mind Allen Horrell's reminder of next year 's requirement to assist John Dodd and therefore to gain experience of a conference this year. See Patrick if you would like to go.

This week we look forward to a RYLA Presentation from our returned Rylarians together with Theo Glockemann on RYLA in East Timor.

See you on Tuesday

**Ken**



### Last week ... as recalled by Allen Horrell

I'm writing this article at home on Australia Day, the local celebrations having been cancelled due to rain. This morning Rose Rocca rang to congratulate us on our first Anniversary as Australian citizens, and I'm writing this wearing an Australia Flag tee-shirt and the Oz Flag thongs I was given this time last year. I filled my car at the servo this morning and was given a complementary car flag by the Vietnamese Australian attendant.

"Did you catch the academic study "proving" that Australians who mount Aussie flags on their cars are Racists?" I asked.

"That's a lot of rubbish, mate, we're just proud to be Aussies!"

But back to the meeting which began with a long list of apologies, as well as several no-shows. Please ensure that **Val** is informed **if you can't make it**: otherwise a meal has been cooked for you and paid for by the club. On the plus side Graham Rushforth's wife Sharon turned up as a welcome visitor.

**President Ken** displayed the Honorary Membership certificate for PP **Eric Bond**, and a thank-you letter from the **Hunters Hill-Ryde Community Services Men's Shed** acknowledging our assistance in the establishment of their workshop. It must be a substantial building if they can fit that title on the side.

**Victoria Blichfeldt** told us that PP **Jan Cutler** took her to the Parramatta Digital Art Expo, which apparently wasn't as grand as its name suggests, but the night was saved by her favourite dinner of pizza, after which she tried Baklava for the first time and found it good. She then went to Strathfield for 10 pin bowling. The Grahams took her to a Cattle station at Hillend (half way between Bathurst and Mudgee on the map) and got to ride a horse.

**Ron Thompson** made an appeal for more golfers: at the moment we are 20 short of break-even, so our fundraiser needs our support. I made a pitch to Bluescope management last week, but the date clashes with a Lead Team meeting. There was interest in attending, so if I give them six months' notice we might have better luck next year.

I then spoke on the advisability of as many of our club attending Conference this year as possible, especially if you haven't been before. Next Year's District Governor **John Dodd** will be expecting our club to run the 2013 event in Nowra, so before you are drafted to assist, it would be educational to watch how this year's team does each task over the weekend.

**PN Adrian** stood to spruik the Australia day BBQ which at this stage was going to occur at Ryde Common between 4 and 9pm.

We then had fellowship and dinner, the former taking the form of a long **Patrick-** launched discussion of Australian Supermarkets refusing to stock bent cucumbers, and the latter being a small piece of Tandoori Chicken cowering on a bed of plain boiled rice in the centre of a vast empty plain of porcelain. It looked like it had agoraphobia so I quickly ate it to put it out of its misery. Meanwhile the cucumber conversation (that

### Last week ... continued

would fill a book) had moved on to ask why English cucumbers are so much longer than Lebanese ones, a discussion that made PP **Tony Abboud** uncomfortable for some reason. Eventually it was agreed that the Lebanese cucumber was superior because it wasn't covered in plastic, just in time for the spackle draw.

**Nora** had ticket B52 but failed to find the ever elusive Joker. She was then fined not once but twice. The Serjeant attempted to fine **Kalma** for not having mentioned the Serjeant's session in her **Hub** article, but since those of us who had read the article confirmed that she had done so, the Serjeant was forced to pay the fine himself. Clearly now on the defensive, Serjeant **Steve** resorted to fining PP **Ross** for being quiet and PDG **Les** for wearing his name badge. In the cross-fines the Serjeant was fined again for not knowing that runny camembert was a sign of a quality cheese. Somebody muttered "cheeses wept" as he paid up. **Kalma** did pay up for the **Hub** article having reported that **Patrick Longfield** rather than **Geoff Brennan** had introduced the guest speaker. An easy mistake to make – they are as alike as two peas in a pod! I'm just grateful that **Kalma** stepped in as scribe while I was away.

Our Club assembly began with Treasurer **Graham Metcalfe** reported on the Circus Quirkus project. Although our margin fell from 25% to 20% this year it is still our single biggest fundraiser and we are lucky to have it, and him.

**Martin Aston** ran through the club programme for the next few weeks. As Past President I can attest to how well Martin carries out this important duty for the club, so was pleased that President **Ken** took the opportunity to thank him for the ongoing effort. He also thanked PP **David James** for the weekly Hub, which is another deadline-driven weekly task.

PP **Rob Mitchell** reported on the fundraising committee's efforts to establish a Top Ryde weekend Market with Ryde Council. This Market will start out small but hopefully build into something big. He also reported that the Borjegai School has been so successful that it has created a groundswell of support for education in the surrounding area. Indigo has several half built schools in neighbouring villages that need to be completed.

President **Ken** circulated a Survey asking whether we should keep or remove various traditions in our club. Ken is not pushing this agenda – DG **David Rands** wants all Presidents to carry out the survey so they have hard data on what their members want, rather than a personal opinion. We voted on whether to discard or retain the Flags and Portrait of the Queen, Loyal Toast, Rotary Grace, National Anthem, Serjeants session, Banners and Honour Boards

A discussion of the value or otherwise of the clubs traditions followed with various views expressed in an atmosphere of mutual respect. **Maureen** made a plea for retention of the flag, and **Siddharth** said we must not appear to new members as if we are frozen in time, and asked us to consider changing with the times to attract younger members. PP Duncan Taylor supported getting rid of the top table, even though that wasn't on the list. I think most of us could see the value of all members' views. The only one I voted to remove is the honour boards: they are heavy, expensive to buy and to maintain, take up

Gary Squire with President Ken A

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too much storage space, and too much time to take out and put away. We have all the honour boards online now and I would suggest we keep the ones we already have to honour the past, but purchase no more of them. As past President I am happy to see my name on our Ryde website, and those old boards do make our meeting room look like a School Hall. Perhaps displaying them on the overhead screen during meetings might suffice?

Finally I pondered the unfortunate timing: we had to have this discussion, but did we have to suggest throwing out our National Flag and Anthem the week of Australia Day? And did the cook have to choose the very week they put the meal price up by 7% to deliver the worst meal I have ever had at our venue? Fortunately the venue, the company and the ever cheerful Rayne still make Tuesday night at Next Generations a good deal.

*Allen Horrell*

### Understanding the 4-Way Test

**H**ow do Ockham (1285-1347/49), Descartes (1596-1650), William Blake (1757-1827), Wittgenstein (1889-1951) and Ramsey (1903-1930) relate to Rotary's "4-Way Test" (1942)?

Ryde Rotarian **Surrinder Joson** has written a discussion paper titled "**Understanding the 4-Way Test**" and members can download this from the link which carries the e-mail for this edition of The **HUB**.

### Rotary Christmas Treasure Trove 2011

Results of the draw of the Holroyd Rotary **Christmas Treasure Trove** 2011

Drawn at 7PM on Monday the 16th January 2012 at the Merrylands Bowling Club in Oxford St. Merrylands

- 1st Prize – A Toyota Yaris Car or \$16,000 Cash – RDR 01 798 – J. Cranney – Banora Point
- 2nd Prize - \$1,000 worth of jewellery - RCR 18 130 – T. Davies – Glenmore Park
- 3rd Prize - Netbook Computer – RFR 06 561 – S. Stavrou

### Useful websites

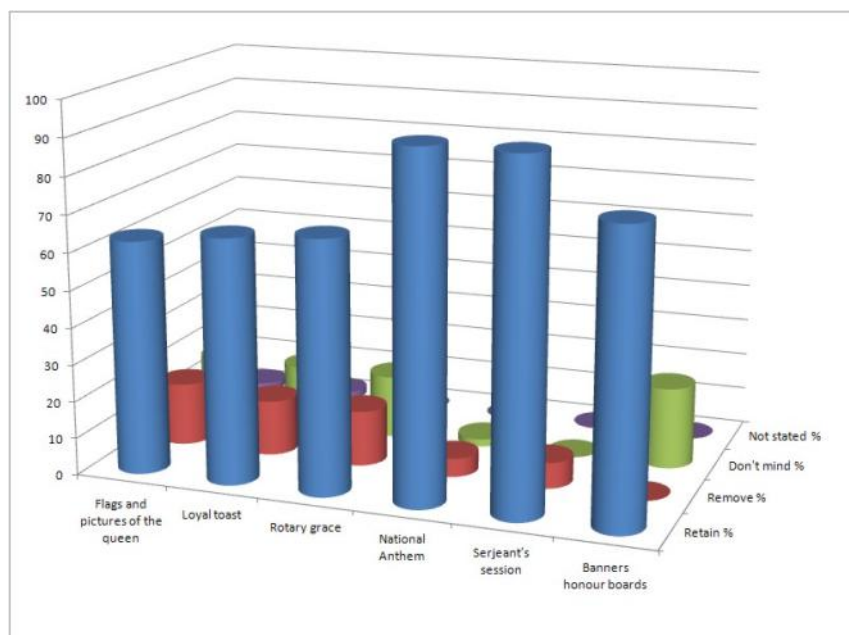
- Rotary Club of Ryde [www.ryderotary.org.au](http://www.ryderotary.org.au)
- Rotary International [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)
- Rotary Down Under [www.rotarydownunder.com.au](http://www.rotarydownunder.com.au)
- ShelterBox Australia [www.shelterboxaustralia.com.au](http://www.shelterboxaustralia.com.au)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

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

## Meeting Relevance Survey — 2012

District Governor David Rands has encouraged clubs to ascertain members' attitudes towards changes to meeting procedures, displays, wording and protocol. In response, President Ken Allen produced a survey which was completed anonymously at last week's meeting. Those who were absent received an on-line survey, also completed anonymously. Forty-one responses were received; the results are graphed below.

Last weeks' results were in favour of keeping the status quo, but it is worthwhile repeating this annually, and examining trends in responses.



The survey engendered informal discussion about how current procedures appear to potential new members, especially those from different backgrounds. Many of these may never have previously attended a Rotary meeting and may find the things which we take for granted seem unusual.

If you are happy – or unhappy – with the survey results, please provide your comments to the Board. In considering our attitude to change, we should all consider the 4-Way Test and this Rotary year's motto — “Reach Within to Embrace Humanity.”



## Golf Day — Helpers & Golfers ... it's time to commit

Our second-biggest fundraiser of the year. **10th February**. If you're playing, please register. If you can help on the day, a commitment sheet will be circulated on Tuesday.

## Rotary clubs worldwide meet US\$200 million fundraising challenge

**R**otary International has succeeded in meeting the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's US\$200 million match in funding for polio eradication, raising more than \$202.6 million as of 17 January.

"We'll celebrate this milestone, but it doesn't mean that we'll stop raising money or spreading the word about polio eradication," Rotary Foundation Trustee John F. Germ told Rotary leaders at the International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA. "We can't stop until our entire world is certified as polio-free."

The fundraising milestone was reached in response to \$355 million in challenge grants awarded to The Rotary Foundation by the Gates Foundation. All funds have been earmarked to support polio immunization activities in affected countries where the vaccine-preventable disease continues to paralyse children.

"In recognition of Rotary's great work, and to inspire Rotarians in the future, the [Gates] foundation is committing an additional \$50 million to extend our partnership," said Jeff Raikes, chief executive officer of the Gates Foundation. "Rotary started the global fight against polio, and continues to set the tone for private fundraising, grassroots engagement, and maintaining polio at the top of the agenda with key policymakers." Raikes also addressed Rotary leaders at the International Assembly.

### **The new \$50 million grant from the Gates Foundation is not a challenge grant.**

Since 1988, the incidence of polio has plummeted by more than 99 percent, from about 350,000 cases annually to fewer than 650 cases reported so far for 2011. The wild poliovirus is now endemic in only four countries: Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan. However, India on 13 January marked a full calendar year without a case, paving the way for its removal from the endemic list.

But other countries also remain at risk for polio cases imported from the endemic countries. In Africa in 2011, Chad and the Democratic Republic of the Congo had significant outbreaks. Also in 2011, a small cluster of polio cases in China, which had been polio-free for a decade, was traced to Pakistan.

Rotary club members not only reached into their own pockets to support the Gates challenge, but also engaged their communities in a variety of creative fundraising projects, such as a fashion show in California that raised \$52,000, benefit film screenings in New Zealand and Australia that netted \$54,000, and a pledge-supported hike through Kilimanjaro, Tanzania, that brought in \$38,000. Many events were planned around 24 October, widely observed as World Polio Day.

To date, Rotarians worldwide have contributed more than \$1 billion toward the eradication of polio, a cause Rotary took on in 1985. In 1988, the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centres for Disease Control and Prevention joined Rotary as spearheading partners of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. More recently, the Gates Foundation has become a major supporter. In 2007, the Gates Foundation gave Rotary a \$100 million challenge grant for polio eradication, increasing it to \$355 million in 2009. Rotary agreed to raise \$200 million in matching funds by 30 June 2012.



Reaching children with the oral polio vaccine in the disease's remaining strongholds is labour- and resource-intensive due to a host of challenges, including poor infrastructure, geographical isolation, armed conflict, and cultural misunderstanding about the eradication campaign.

*Rotary International News - 17/1/2012*

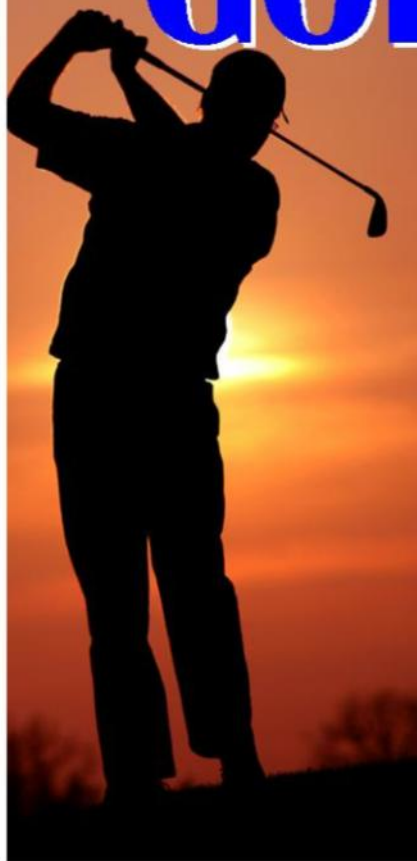




# **ROTARY CLUB OF RYDE**

**2012 CHARITY**

# **GOLF DAY**



**Proudly hosted at  
Oatlands Golf Club**

**Friday  
10th February 2012**

**4-ball Ambrose  
Complimentary Bunker Clinic  
Registration 7am + breakfast  
Shotgun start 8am  
Lunch approx 1pm**



Proceeds to community projects of the Rotary Club of Ryde. The Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia will receive \$50 from this registration which will be a tax deductible donation for you.



## Attendance last meeting

**Attendance Last Meeting:** 88.10%

**Makeups:** Geoff Brennan, John Dodd, Hameed Fazal

**Apologies:** Artin Etmekdjian, Bob Carroll, Geoff Brennan, Jan Cutler, John Dodd, Noel Dunn, Erdem Toner, Hameed Fazal, Paul Burnett, Richard Henricus, Stefan Sojka, Terry Kerim

**Guests:** Victoria Blichfeldt, Sharon Rushforth

**Guest Speaker:**

**2012**

## Looking Ahead...

**Jan 31:** RYLA candidates will speak to the Club about their recent experiences at the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (to be confirmed)

**Feb 7:** Conflict Resolution at Work and Home' - Mark Rosenberg

**Feb 14:** The 4-Way Test Speaking Competition. Year 11 students from local high schools compete for this annual prize.

**Feb 21:** Partners' night



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

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

**February 4:** 49 year Birthday celebration for **Stefan Sojka**



## Semi-Annual Fees are DUE



**T**reasurer Graham Metcalfe would like to remind members that their semi-annual membership fees of **\$125** are **NOW DUE**.

You may write a cheque, give him cash or pay by direct credit to —

Rotary Club of Ryde, Inc.

BSB: 112-879

Account #: 000589388

## We'll be sad if you can't make it ...



If you need to give a late apology for non-attendance at any meeting please ring Val Payne (**9874 5787**) **before 10am Monday**. Club policy is that you will be expected to pay for your meal if you are absent without timely apology. Isn't that **fair to all concerned**?

## Other events ...

- ▶ **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 (see notice Page 9)
- ▶ **Annual District 9680 Youth Exchange Dinner**  
Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club  
Date: Friday 10th February 2012
- ▶ **Sailing Day for Youth Exchange students**  
Date: 12th February 2012  
Venue: Royal Motor Yacht Club, Broken Bay
- ▶ **Combined Service Clubs Dinner**  
Date: Monday 13th February  
Venue: Gladesville Sporties  
Time: 6.30 for 7pm  
Hosted by: Gladesville Rotary Club  
Bookings: James Wood on 0439 425 042 by 6/2/2012  
Cost: \$50 for three-course meal



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 Daniel & Kristina Graham — 9873 6096

Who	When
Maureen Mulheron	3/2/2012
Youth Exch. Dinner	10/2/2012

Who	When
Bill & Val Payne	17/2/2012
Ross Rocca	24/2/2012

## Meeting Night Roster

Date	Welcomers	Loyal	Intro	Thanks
7/02/12	Ian Hendo    Richard H.	Nora E.	Bob C.	Jan C.
14/02/12	D. Johnston    Allen Horrell	Burkhart F.	—	—
21/02/12	Surinder J.    David James	Ian Hendo	Noel Dunn	Nora E.

*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!