

THE ROTARY CLUB OF RYDE—DISTRICT 9680 CHARTERED 1946

# The HUB

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In February  
we embrace  
**WORLD  
UNDERSTANDING**

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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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 PO Box 90 Ryde, NSW 1680  
**RSVP extras or absences to: Val Payne 9874 5787**



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

## This Week... Conflict Resolution

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



## Tonight's Roster

Welcomers	Ian Henderson, Richard Henricus
Loyal Toast by	Nora Etmekdjian
Guest Speaker introduced by	Bob Carroll
Guest Speaker thanked by	Jan Cutler



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 Rotary for another week. This week we are to have as our guest speaker Mark Rosenberg who will address the topic "Conflict resolution at work and at home". This should be interesting as a topic of interest for who can say they have never been in conflict with someone else?

Other things to note this week include a reminder for us to pay all outstanding dues to Graham Metcalfe including checking if you have paid for your Rotary shirt. The Golf day is this Fri 10<sup>th</sup>. Have you indicated your availability to Ron ?

There will be several screenings of the Best Exotic Marigold Hotel to raise funds for Polio Plus (see elsewhere in the Hub). Maybe we could get a group together for one of them.

The list for the Combined Service Clubs Dinner on the 13<sup>th</sup> Feb will circulate again this week. If you would like to attend please indicate. We have 8 at present including the Etmekdjians who attend in their mayoral capacity.

One further reminder. **With the increase in dinner fee it is very important to let Val know about your intent to NOT attend — and if you forget to, then to square things up with the treasurer.**

See you Tuesday

**Ken**

## District Administration Committee nominations

**D**istrict Governor David Rands is calling for nominations for the District Administration Committee and the Nominating Committee for the 2015-16 District Conference. If you wish to nominate or be nominated, please call District Secretary Gina Growden on 0412 128 106.

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



**W**e arrived for a meeting with several guests; **Eric and Sabina Fielding -Smith** had arrived to hear their daughter **Alice** speak on RYLA, **Bernadette Horrell** and David's girlfriend **Maritza Villoslada Valverde** were there to support him, and District Projects Director **Theo Glockemann** was there to speak on RYLA in East Timor. We also had a prospective member **John Brown** and his wife attending a Ryde meeting for the first time.

During the meeting Sabina revealed that she worked for 2RRR Radio (88.5FM) and would be happy to spruik our Golf Day on air, an offer I accepted with thanks.

After dinner which was differently cooked chicken on a different sort of rice - can we not ask the TAFE's to impress upon trainee chefs the fact that potatoes are a staple of our diet in Australia? Otherwise Hendo will have to explain the facts of life to each new chef. "This is a potato..." Given the widely reported glut of fresh fruit and vegetables on the market, I cannot comprehend why a chef would not serve either; but wait - there was half a strawberry on the pudding!

**Patrick** has a list of those who have successfully registered for Conference, and a list of those who say they are going but have not yet registered. See him if you want to go to the Wollongong Conference, but haven't received the cryptic emailed confirmation. More importantly, Patrick raised the vital question of what we shall be wearing to the masked ball. Immediately everyone who attended last year's Conference Ball dressed as Batman (with a Mask) uttered the words Patrick has been hoping to hear from us: "Recycle!"

Various members spruiked each of the upcoming events that were in this week's Hub; Combined Services Dinner, Youth Exchange Dinner and Graffiti Eradication Day on Saturday.

Some of you may remember our Youth Exchange Student **Genevieve** from the Philippines and the fact that Bishop Kevin Manning agreed to waive the fees for her to attend St Patrick's Dundas High School. Bishop Kevin is now retired and my family and I will be assisting at his Golden Jubilee of Ordination on Saturday while Charles and the rest of the team are out battling the evil of paint vandalism.

DGE **John Dodd** reported on the DG Training he recently attended with RIPE **Tanaka** and announced he is about to embark on a "listening tour" of all the clubs in the District prior to becoming District Governor. At the Rotary Leadership Institute last weekend the facilitators, all PDG's and a DGN expressed the view that the club visits were the most rewarding part of being District Governor.

Exchange Student **Victoria** spent Australia Day watching Sherlock Holmes at the Macquarie Centre, since the Ryde celebrations were a wash-out, and after that, the weather having improved, she went to Eastwood with friends to - wait for it - eat Pizza! She has spent the last few days at Lake Macquarie with clan Dodd but is now back to School.

The Serjeant's session was notable for a dearth of fines; even the cross-fines were half-

### Last week ... continued

hearted this week. The best was the duel of words between Geoff and Patrick over the afore-mentioned conference email that reduced PP **Geoff Brennan** to a state of confusion. The quote from Paul Hawken at the end was the coup de grace – anyone who thinks coal and oil comes from the future has some serious issues with the nature of causality. Geoff read out the email including the infamous quote: *"We have an economy where we steal from the future, sell it in the present, and call it GDP"* That actually does make a sort of sense when speaking of deficit spending by Governments, as the EU is finding out recently, but I doubt that is what Hawken meant.

The spackle prize was drawn by Bernadette and went to visitor **John Brown**, which might encourage him to try his luck at Ryde Rotary again!

**Theo Glockemann** spoke on last year's RYLA in Timor Leste and to thank our club for our contributions, presenting PDG **Les Whitcroft** and I with a Timorese hand-made scarf. Obviously mine is recognising the Club's donation so should not really be mine: perhaps we could raffle it and donate the money to the next East Timor RYLA?

PP **Jan Cutler** introduced our RYLarians, who then spoke on their expectations of RYLA, what actually went on there, and what they got out of it personally. As a proud parent it is hard to be objective, but I thought David spoke well, and with a new-found confidence after the leadership training. Rotary's "Leader as Servant" concept is quite different in character to the leadership model of the Army Cadets where David has



*RYLarians with parents*

served as Sergeant, a role which involves a certain amount of yelling orders at lower ranks, and expecting instant compliance. He says the learnings from the RYLA week will assist him in the military as well as in civilian life.

**Alice Fielding-Smith** is a first year science undergraduate at Macquarie University. She is a member of the University's St John's division and a member of Rotaract. She is a prospective leader with Guides

Australia and gained her Queens Guide Award last year, and was Ryde Young volunteer of the year in 2010. Interestingly, they reportedly raised \$4000 in Serjeant's sessions during the week, and voted to donate the lot to a local charity supporting disabled people back into the workforce, founded by a 19 year-old RYLarian. Perhaps we should be inducting RYLA graduates to serve as Serjeants?

Both RYLA graduates praised the RYLA program and thanked Ryde for sponsoring them to attend this year. They were ably thanked by PP **Noel Dunn**, and applauded by the members and guests. Due to the resounding Nay vote on the previous week's survey, we then faced the National Flag and sung the National Anthem with gusto.

**Allen Horrell**

## E-Club of Greater Sydney

Dear President Ken,

I'm excited to invite you, your partner and members of your Club to witness the Chartering of a new Club in our District. This event is particularly auspicious as it represents a significant change in the operation of Rotary International – the first E-Club in D9680; the first in Australia (approx 50th in RI). The Charter President of the new Rotary E-Club of Greater Sydney is PDG Tony Castley. DG David Rands will be presenting the Charter.

The Charter Night will be on Friday 24th February at 6.30pm for 7pm at Boronia Grove Receptions, Rawson Street Epping. The entrance to the venue is at the rear left side of Coles Car Park off Rawson between Bridge St and Carlingford Road.] Rotary Club of Epping is the proud sponsor of the new E-Club. Dinner Fee for the night is \$45 per person.

Convention suggests each Club in the District would contribute a gift to the new Club. Whilst these gifts normally include hardware such as a dinner gong, lectern, Presidential chain, etc., these types of items are not needed by an E-Club. Instead it has been suggested that contribution of \$120 to allow a member of the new Club to attend the District's Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) course would be well received. Interestingly, the majority of the Charter members are new to Rotary.

Please RSVP on behalf of yourself and your Club to PP John Corney  
john@johncorn.com.au by Monday 18th Feb.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Charter Night,

**President Chris O'Brien**  
**Rotary Club of Epping**

## 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 **Surinder 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**.

## 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>

## Movie Fundraisers — Preview screenings

**ROTARY CLUBS OF THE HILLS**

PRESENT A...



**THURSDAY  
23<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY**  
(7.00PM\* SHARP FOR MOVIE)

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO END POLIO NOW



Screening at:  
Event Cinemas,  
The Piazza, Castle Tower

**Rotary Clubs of CHATSWOOD and NORTH SHORE**

PRESENT A...



**Sunday  
26<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**  
Movie commences 10.30am  
Hoys Mandarin Centre, Chatswood

ALL PROCEEDS TO END POLIO NOW



Join us afterwards for Yum Cha at Kam Fook  
in Chatswood Westfield. Only \$20 + drinks

**THE BEST EXOTIC MARIGOLD HOTEL**  
British retirees travel to India to take up residence in what they believe is a newly restored hotel. Less luxurious than its advertisements, the Marigold Hotel nevertheless slowly begins to charm in unexpected ways.

**TICKETS COST \$20**

Clubs are requested to invite all members, partners and friends. Names and payments to be forwarded to PDG Bruce Allen by Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> February. Payment by Club cheques made payable to "The Rotary Club of Castle Hill Inc." Postal address: PO Box 13, Castle Hill, 2165 (Please email list of attendees to or below notice: polio@rotaryclub.com.au)

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**MOVIE \$20  
Profits to Polio**

**BOOKINGS**  
Phone 0406 926-713  
Projects@ChatswoodRotary.org.au  
Rotary Club of Chatswood Inc.  
ABN 46 220 463 207

**The movie tells the story of a group of misfit British pensioners who are enticed to retire to a fabulous hotel in Jaipur, India, where they are promised to live a life of luxury for a bargain price. Upon their arrival, they are dismayed to find that restoration of the once elegant Marigold Hotel has stalled. There is water...sometimes. And electricity...sometimes. The hotel's eager manager, a young Indian entrepreneur, is quick to tell them that his ambitious renovation is going to turn the place around. Surprisingly, the retirees find themselves settling into this strange new world and creating bonds with each other. What their new life lacks in luxury they come to find is plentiful in adventure, stunning beauty, peace and love.**

This will be a fun event - screening on the Central Coast, The Hills, and on the North Shore.

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



## Golf Day — Helpers ... Tuesday night meeting

**O**ur second-biggest fundraiser of the year. **10th February**. The Golf Day committee would like to have a brief meeting this Tuesday after our normal meeting. Please reserve the time if you can.



**O**ur 2012 District 9680 Conference is now only six weeks away. From 16 to 18 March, we will be gathering in Wollongong to "**Go for Gold at the Gong**".

We are looking to have as many of you as possible with us at that time, to share in an exhilarating mix of fellowship and inspiration, to listen to top-flight speakers, to be informed and enthused about the great range of projects in which we are involved as Rotarians, and to participate in memorable social events, such as our Saturday night *Masked Ball* with a great swing band for dancing.

While many of our Conference activities will be familiar to regular attenders, we have some exciting initiatives: the *Club Showcase* which will give every Club the chance to shine as they promote their projects and skills, and *Speak Your Mind*, an opportunity over Sunday lunch for Rotarians and partners to express their own thoughts about Rotary and where we should be going.

Space at our Conference is filling up rapidly, so you should move quickly to register, if you have not already done so. Registration is available by going to our Conference website at [conference.rotarydistrict9680.org](http://conference.rotarydistrict9680.org). There you will see the wide range of registration options available, which will cater for all needs

You can also book your accommodation at the Conference website, read about our guest speakers, view our program and learn about other activities in which you may wish to participate in before the Conference.

May I urge you to come along? Nothing brings you "up to speed" as a Rotarian more quickly and thoroughly than being at a Conference,

Wollongong is less than two hours away by car or train. This once grimy industrial city has reinvented itself and can now boast quality museums and art galleries, cafes and restaurants, and a host of tourist attractions in the city and the hinterland. You will be able to secure accommodation within walking distance of our venue at the WIN Entertainment Centre, or you can use the shuttle bus provided.

So there are many reasons why this weekend in Wollongong in March will be well spent by all who come. Please get online and make your booking today.

Yours in Rotary

PP David Ellyard  
 Conference Chairman 2012  
[ConferenceChair@rotarydistrict9680.org](mailto:ConferenceChair@rotarydistrict9680.org)

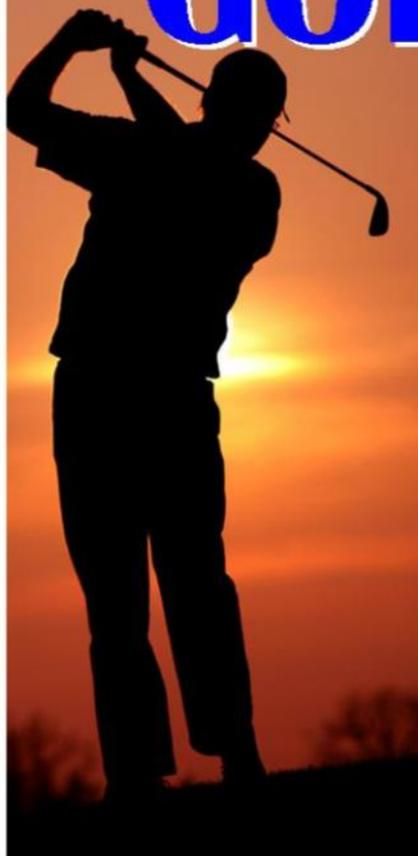


**ROTARY  
CLUB OF  
RYDE**

**THIS  
FRIDAY**

**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**

PROUDLY SUPPORTING  
 **Prostate Cancer  
Foundation  
of Australia**

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:** 88.64%

**Makeups:** None!

**Apologies:** Bob Carroll, Tony Abboud, Kalma McLellan, Hameed Fazal, Richard Henricus, Terry Kerim

**Guests:** Mr & Mrs Fielding Smith, Allison Fielding-Smith, Mr & Mrs John Brown, Victoria Blichfeldt, David Horrell, Bernadette Horrell, Maritza Valisladva

**Guest Speaker:** RYLarians and PP Theo Glockemann

**2012**

## Looking Ahead...

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

**Feb 21:** Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia (TBC)

**Feb 28:** *Is It The Truth?* A discussion on how we can apply the 4-Way Test today.



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

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

- February 7:** 50th Birthday celebration for **Artin Etmekdjian**  
**February 8:** 6 year wedding anniversary **Ron & Deirdre Thomson**  
**February 9:** 94th Birthday celebration for **Eric Bond**  
**February 9:** Birthday celebration for **Elinor Higgins**



## 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 ...

- ▶ **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
- ▶ **“End Polio Now” Fundraiser Movie Preview**  
**“Best Exotic Marigold Hotel”** [PG]  
See notice Page 7.



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
<b>Youth Exch. Dinner</b>	10/2/2012
<b>Bill &amp; Val Payne</b>	17/2/2012

Who	When
<b>Ross Rocca</b>	24/2/2012
<b>Stefan Sojka</b>	2/3/2012

## Meeting Night Roster

Date	Welcomers	Loyal	Intro	Thanks
<b>14/02/12</b>	D. Johnston    Allen Horrell	Burkhart F.	—	—
<b>21/02/12</b>	Surinder J.    David James	Ian Hendo	Noel Dunn	Nora E.
<b>28/02/12</b>	Charles K.    Patrick L.	Richard H.	Burkhart F.	Adrian H.

*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!