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Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

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This Week... Helping the Homeless

Tonight March 13: Helping the Homeless in Sydney:
West Ryde locals Susan Thompson and Salvation Army's Major Hilton Harmer

Tonight's Roster

Welcomers	Kalma McLellan, Erdem Toner
Loyal Toast by	Surinder Joson
Guest Speaker introduced by	David James
Guest Speaker thanked by	Richard Henricus



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



This week at Ryde Rotary we look forward to having as our guests, West Ryde locals Susan Thompson and Major Hilton Harmer (Salvation Army), who will talk to us about the work they do with the homeless men and women of Sydney. The meeting will be in the hands of our President-elect Burkhart Foertsch.

The District Conference is almost upon us and I want to record our thanks to Patrick Longfield for organising our accommodation even though some of us were so slack we weren't aware of exactly where we were staying until last week. I noticed on the District website that the Friday Dinner starts at 6.30pm at the Conference venue and is an informal casual evening to which we are encouraged to wear our Club Shirts. The Saturday evening Masked Ball is meant to be more formal and Gold Bow Ties for the men have been suggested as well as our masks. Janelle will bring some gold accessory for the ladies. I read that we will be judged more for the masks than for the costume. I think the Reject Shop number will look good if three hundred others have not had the same idea! As I let the cat out of the bag, so to speak, I am planning to induct two new members on the 20th March and would like to make this a spouses and partners night. Could you indicate at this week's meeting the numbers for that.

See you at the Conference or on the 20th

In Rotary

Ken

Life

The evening news is where they begin with 'Good evening', and then proceed to tell you why it isn't.



Last week ... as recalled by Allen Horrell

Members and guests gathered for Rotary Grace and the loyal toast before tucking into the meal: Pan-fried chicken breast on sweet potato mash, with broccoli, roast pumpkin and now my favourite, string beans! The most important ingredient in the dinner of course is Rotary fellowship, and we had a generous helping of that.

Patrick and **President Ken** talked about Conference, coming up fast now.

The mask-making evening at the Dodds has been cancelled following the discovery that party masks can be purchased for as little as \$3 from the Reject Shop. Bring your own to Conference.

Also coming soon is the **Ryde Rotary Junior Schools Public Speaking competition** on next Wednesday, 14th March. I circulated the attendance sheet and it appears we shall have 18 Rotarians at the event, which will show our support for the children.

Stefan appealed for content for the Ryde Website, and pointed out that member's biographical notes are easy to do, and help make the site present a lively dynamic club to prospective members. It doesn't take long to type half a page on your life and why you joined Rotary, so give it a go. I volunteer once again to retype any hand-written submissions.

Nora explained that the Mayor's "Big Bash" cricket was postponed because of inclement weather and is planned for this weekend, subject to weather of course. There is also a Golf Day coming up 30th March to raise money for the same initiative, the "Livvi's Place" multi-abled playground for Ryde. Livvi's Place Playgrounds provide a unique environment for children of all ages and all abilities to play side by side.

Adrian told us to book 31st March for the West Ryde Easter Parade where we shall be demonstrating the VandalTrak internet software to the public. Last weekend **Charles, Adrian** and **Kalma** eradicated the last example of street graffiti in Top Ryde then launched VandalTrak to report instances of paint vandalism in Gladesville and West Ryde.

Adrian also displayed the impressive statistics of the National Immunisation Day in India: 800,000 booths – I wonder if we could get that on the front page of the TWT?

Victoria had dinner with **Ross** and **Rose Rocca** and their grandchildren on Friday, and on Saturday she caught a cold standing in the rain at the Sydney Mardi Gras.

Ken announced that our Golf Day donation to the Prostate Cancer Foundation is to be acknowledged at a function at Kirribilli House on the 14th March, where PP **David James** will represent the club, since President Ken cannot attend.

Graham Metcalfe reported back on this year's Circus Quirkus, where takings were down 25% on the previous year, but is still our main fundraiser, and a great project for giving disadvantaged children a great day out, too.

Serjeant Steve let **Kalma** draw **Val's** spackle ticket, but her luck didn't find the Joker. **Patrick** was fined for being identified as a "Climate Change Alarmist", **Duncan** for being a "Climate Change Denier", and **Surinder** for introducing gambling into a lecture on

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Last week ... continued

Truth, **Bob Kaye-Smith** for his petrol-spewing gas-guzzler, **Geoff Brennan** for insulting the Serjeant, **Stefan** for sitting at the Reject table, and me for getting a year older.

Adrian warned us of two upcoming barbecues for the Ryde City Council: one on 29th April, and another on National Tree Day. Our calendars are filling up quick!

Adrian then introduced Youth exchange rebound **Pius Choi** who presented us with his incredible year in Belgium, for which opportunity he thanked the club. His experiences included joining a Trombone Quartet and learning to speak fluent French. His tale of the "small cut" he suffered on his second day in Belgium was also incredible. **Ian Henderson** ably thanked Pius, pointing out that the Exchange program has always been important to Ryde Rotary Club. We sang our National Anthem and the meeting was over for another week.



Pius in Belgium

Allen Horrell

ShelterBox Expo—2012

Martin Place will be the venue for the 2nd ShelterBox Expo on 13th March. Hosted by the Rotary Club of Darling Harbour, the event will give the public a chance to see first-hand the impressive and effective aid package that ShelterBox sends to families affected by disasters around the world. There will be plenty of volunteers on hand to answer questions and collect donations in aid of ShelterBox Australia.

So if you or friends and work colleagues are in downtown Sydney on Tuesday 13th March please drop by and say hello.



2011 ShelterBox Expo

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



2012 AUTUMN FASHION PARADE

Presented by the Inner Wheel Club of Ryde

Stock your wardrobe for the new season

Fashion by Stafford Fashions



On **Wednesday 21st March**
Commencing at 10.30am for Parade at 11am

followed by a light luncheon.

At **CHERRYBROOK UNITING CHURCH HALL**
134 New Line Road, Cherrybrook 2126

Cost \$15

Proceeds to the Children's Cancer Institute
Australia

Proper Use of Tools Explained ...



DRILL PRESS: A tall upright machine useful for suddenly snatching flat metal bar stock out of your hands so that it smacks you in the chest and flings your beer across the room, denting the freshly-painted project which you had carefully set in the corner where nothing could get to it.

WIRE WHEEL: Cleans paint off bolts and then throws them somewhere under the workbench with the speed of light. Also removes fingerprints and hard-earned calluses from fingers in about the time it takes you to say, 'Oh sh*t!'

CIRCULAR SAW: A portable cutting tool used to make studs too short.

PLIERS: Used to round off bolt heads. Sometimes used in the creation of blood-blisters.

BELT SANDER: An electric sanding tool commonly used to convert minor touch-up jobs into major refinishing jobs.

HACKSAW: One of a family of cutting tools built on the Ouija board principle.... It transforms human energy into a crooked, unpredictable motion, and the more you attempt to influence its course, the more dismal your future becomes.

VICE-GRIPS: Generally used after pliers to completely round off bolt heads. If nothing else is available, they can also be used to transfer intense welding heat to the palm of your hand.

OXYACETYLENE TORCH: Used almost entirely for lighting various flammable objects in your workshop. Also handy for igniting the grease inside the wheel hub out of which you want to remove a bearing race.

TABLE SAW: A large stationary power tool commonly used to launch wood projectiles for testing wall integrity.

HYDRAULIC FLOOR JACK: Used for lowering an automobile to the ground after you have installed your new brake shoes, trapping the jack handle firmly under the bumper.

BAND SAW: A large stationary power saw primarily used by most shops to cut good aluminium sheet into smaller pieces that more easily fit into the rubbish bin after you cut on the inside of the line instead of the outside edge.

PHILLIPS SCREWDRIVER: Normally used to stab the vacuum seals under lids or for opening old-style paper-and-tin oil cans and splashing oil on your shirt; but can also be used, as the name implies, to strip out Phillips screw heads.

STRAIGHT SCREWDRIVER: A tool for opening paint cans. Sometimes used to convert common slotted screws into non-removable screws and butchering your palms.

PINCH BAR: A tool used to crumple the metal surrounding that clip or bracket you needed to remove in order to replace a 50 cent part.

HOSE CUTTER: A tool used to make hoses too short.

HAMMER: Originally employed as a weapon of war, the hammer nowadays is used as a kind of divining rod to locate the most expensive parts adjacent the object we are trying to hit.

UTILITY KNIFE: Used to open and slice through the contents of cardboard cartons delivered to your front door; works particularly well on contents such as seats, vinyl records, liquids in plastic bottles, collector magazines, refund cheques, bank notes and rubber or plastic parts. Especially useful for slicing work clothes, but only while in use.

SON-OF-A-BITCH TOOL: Any handy tool that you grab and throw across the garage while yelling 'Son of a BITCH!' at the top of your lungs. It is also, most often, the next tool that you will need.

Rotary Facts

If ever you're stuck for an answer to the question, 'What does Rotary do?', here are a few quick answers for your "elevator speech"

Peace Efforts: Rotary builds understanding through international scholarships, exchange programs and humanitarian grants. In 2002, Rotary International launched the Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution, an innovative program designed to educate tomorrow's peacemakers. Hosted at seven leading universities, this program funds 70 "World Peace Scholars" each year who are pursuing graduate studies in international regions, conflict studies and negotiation ~ helping to provide promising leaders tools to further the cause of peace.

Polio Eradication: In 1985, Rotary launched PolioPlus, an ambitious program to immunize the world's children against polio. Rotary's grassroots leadership, volunteer support and initial funding for vaccines provided the catalyst for the World Health Assembly's resolution in 1988 to eradicate polio worldwide. Spearheading partners of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative are the World Health Organization, Rotary International, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and UNICEF. As a result of these efforts, polio cases have dropped by 99% since 1988 and the world stands on the threshold of eradicating the disease. Rotary members have given more than half a billion U.S. dollars and countless hands-on volunteer hours toward this critical effort.

Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) - 24th & 25th March

MUNA is part of an International Rotary project to educate senior high school students (years 10 - 12) on the United Nations organisation and its vital commitment to world peace along with health, education and living standards around the world. MUNA helps students to develop public speaking and debating skills along with the study of the customs, culture and problems of the world's nations. Delegates attend MUNA wearing the national dress of the country they represent.



MUNA, sponsored by Macquarie Community College, is scheduled for 24th & 25th March at Knox Grammar School, Wahroonga. Schools can register on line at www.muna.com.au



THE ROTARY CLUB OF HUNTERS HILL PRESENTS

Out of Africa: A Celebration!
African music and dance

Sunday March 25 2012 • 2:30 – 5:00 p.m.
All Saints' Church, 2 Ambrose St, Hunters Hill

For tickets / info contact Neville 0409 971 994 or All Saints' Parish 9817 2167

All proceeds used to fund Hunters Hill Rotary's International Humanitarian projects.



Directions to the Conference Venue

*Go for Gold
at the Gong!*



**16 to 18
March 2012**

Celebrate the Golden Jubilee of our District Conferences



1hr 26 mins from Ryde (according to Google Maps)

Our Hotel :

Chifley Hotel,
60/62 Harbour Street,
Wollongong

The Conference Venue:

WIN Sports and Entertainment Centre
Cnr Crown & Harbour Streets
Wollongong

Can't attend next week's meeting? — Ring Val



Attendance last meeting

Attendance Last Meeting: 86.05%

Makeups: John Dodd, Charles Kilby, Kalma McLellan
Apologies: Artin Etmekdjian, Bob Carroll, Charles Kilby, John Dodd, Mick Nelson, Ron Thomson, Tony Abboud, Erdem Toner, Richard Henricus, Terry Kerim.
Guests: Victoria Blichfeldt, Don White, Geoff Nix. John Brown
Guest Speaker: Pius Choi
Guests of Members:

Looking Ahead...



March 20: The Maringe Leste Project: Rtn John Mazlin and ex-exchange student to Brasil, James Dodd, will tell us about this project which is being funded by the Club and the Rotary Foundation.

March 27: Ryde Rotary Club's Public Schools Speaking Competition.
Children from local Public Schools have the opportunity to speak on a prepared topic, and then on a surprise topic.

April 3: Vocational Visit and Club Meeting at Tom Kerr Autos
April 10: TBA
April 17: Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia— Wendy Farrow
PCFA State Manager + presentation of Golf Day fundraising cheque

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

Birthday

March 13: Birthday Celebration for **Val Payne**



We'll be sad if we don't SEE YOU ON TUESDAY ...



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**?

Court Humour ... *real court quote*

ATTORNEY: What gear were you in at the time of the impact?
WITNESS: Gucci sweats and Reeboks

Other events ...

▶ **Ryde Rotary Junior School Public Speaking Competition Heats**

Date: Wednesday 14th March
 Time: 6pm for 6.30 start
 Venue: Eastwood Heights Public School, Lincoln Street

▶ **District 9680 Conference**

Date: 16 to 18 March
 Venue: WIN Sports & Entertainment Centre
 Details: conference.rotarydistrict9680.org or see Patrick



▶ **2012 Autumn Fashion Parade (Ryde Inner Wheel)**

Date: Wednesday 21st March (*note change of date*)
 Time: 10.30am
 Venue: Cherrybrook Uniting Church Hall
 Cost: \$15 (includes morning tea)

▶ **MUNA (Model United Nations Assembly)**

Date: 24 to 25th March
 Knox Grammar School, Wairoonga



▶ **Out of Africa: A Celebration!**

Date: Sunday 25th March 2012
 Time: 2.30—5.00pm
 Venue: All Saints Church, Hunters Hill
 Tickets: \$30 for adults, concessions available



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 Daniel & Kristina Graham — 9873 6096

Who	When	Who	When
District Conference	16/3/2012	Steve Thorp	30/3/2012
Duncan Taylor	23/3/2012	Tony Abboud	6/4/2012

Meeting Night Roster

Date	Welcomers		Loyal	Intro	Thanks
20/03/12	Rob Mitchell	Maureen M.	Charles Kilby	D. Johnston	J. Higgins
27/03/12	Mick Nelson	Bill Payne	Patrick L.	—	—
3/04/12	Val Payne	Ashley Peake	Siddharth M.	—	—

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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!