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*Late apologies
are expected to pay*

Last Weeks Meeting

The meeting kicked off to an interesting start with a late apology from the guest speaker About 3 pm on Tuesday, John McKenna came down with a rash that was suspected to be chicken pox .. He was a late but an acceptable apology!

Ian Spiller was in the chair while Janelle Young was looking for signs of literacy in Hobart ... We will find out this week if she found any in the apple isle.

We welcomed Sean Keogh as a visitor — he stopped and had a chat at the Samford Show and wants to know more about Samford Rotary.

Ian's International Toast was to Venezia Riviera del Brentia—a club which meets in Venice of all places!

Bob Millar was still trying to fill a few gaps on the duty roster for Christmas in the Village — which has now

been completed and our ticket selling netted us \$511 for a few hours work. Its a great way to meet in the park with local friends and listen to music and be entertained.

Warren spoke of this week's annual general meeting; he is eagley waiting a call from a couple of volunteers to fill a couple of open nominations. If he has not had your call, be on the ready, he will phone you.

Ian Spiller has been busy with the Avenue of Honour project and to make sure that the whole community knows about the concept and intentions, the Committee will be making visits and presentations in the near future : The council, Samford Chamber of Commerce on 14 December and then, Lions and Probus in January.

Guest speaker this week

was Ian Ruffles — on the getting to know you programme After a full 3 years and 3 months he could avoid it no more! For a young bloke, he has packed a lot in!

A quick update on Brian Hansford; for a man who hates hospital and surgery, he has come out well after 3 lots of under the knife in 8 days! First the stubborn kidney stones and then removal of the "found by accident" intestinal tumour. Brian thinks they removed about 3 miles of his small intestine —but they left his sense of humour alone.

We all wish the Professor a speedy recovery (and peace for Jean)!

Special points of interest:

- AGM 6 December - time to help lead the club for 2012-2013; show how you can make some difference by taking on a leadership role
- Rotary Club Christmas Function 20 December
- International Conference—Bangkok May 2012
- District Conference March 2012

This Month

Birthdays Bob Dunn 25th
Wedding Anniversaries—none in December

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY 6 DECEMBER 2011

	6 December 2011	13 December	20 December
Topic/Speaker	A.G.M	ATO Part 1	Christmas Party at Philpa's house
Chairman	Barry Walker or Baz 2	Rob Robinson	Ian Ruffles
Asst.Treasurer	Lorelle (swapped with Tony F last week)	Bob Dunn	John Broadbent
Sergeant	Paul Harris	Brian Hansford	Warren Hampton
Hot Seat	Pip Bensley	Janelle Young	Lorelle Holcroft

Members responsibility to find an alternative or swap!

After Dinner Speaker..... Ian Ruffles

We attend Rotary on a regular basis and become friends with many, but we rarely get to know the background and life influences members . We regularly invite new members to tell us a bit more about themselves.

Somehow Ian Ruffles has avoided his turn for 39 months Tonight is Ian's story (with apologies to ABC!)

Ian is a serious man, a happy man with an absolutely blessed life. His earliest memory is when he was about 3 or 4 , living at Kedron and killing a snake. That's the adventure side of him and why he now lives among the snakes and nature up on Mount Glorious!
His early memories include bread being delivered by horse and cart and his career ambition was to be a street sweeper!

Ian is a keen sportsman, he was virtually born with a cricket bat in hand (his mother was glad it was not so!)—but his favourite cricket bat was one lovingly fashioned by his grandfather and he always dreamed that he would use that bat when he would be called to open the batting for the Australian cricket team. Once he turned 47 he felt they had over-looked him.

As a young lad he went to Churchie Grammar school and frequently represented them in all types of sport. He will be leading a team of retired Churchie sports nuts who think they are better than the current First X1 and the Challenge match will be on in early March 2012 — assuming Ian does not break any more ankles while training.

If cricket contributed to a couple of broken ankles, ask Ian about his injuries playing tennis: more broken ankle; a sprained ankle; damaged shoulder and cracked ribs. While we thought the shoulder damage was caused by a strenuous serve, we learned that to avoid injury, he ran fast and crashed into a wall which led to serious damage and a

shoulder reconstruction. His childhood was fun and play — like many of us, there was no TV to watch in those days and when TV came on the scene it was only after homework was done; we were only allowed to watch limited TV as school work and play outside was important! Before TV in Brisbane , Ian would be seen listening to the radio shows — Biggles, The Argonauts and his all time favourite the Life of Dexter!

Rather than TV, Ian would ride his bike—no gears to help on the hills—across to the Emerson family courts and practice with the young Roy Emerson. Ian also loved Shuttlecock—and to help the shuttle on a windy day, he simply added a small amount of lead! He discovered his Dad was good at repairing windows! During Secondary School, Ian discovered his eyesight was failing a bit — which led him to catch the wrong bus; but it did not stop him representing QLD on the state cricket challenge against WA in Perth!

His love of cricket continued and he played First Grade cricket in his home town of Brisbane - while ever-waiting for that call from Cricket Australia!

After school finished he joined the National Mutual Insurance company which had a great social club and allowed him to attend University to expand his qualifications. His career stayed connected to the finance industry and some property development..

In 1987 when interest rates were around 20% p.a., he borrowed a

nice round \$1 million with some colleagues to develop small acreage parcels on the Gold Coast. The plans here were forced to change quite rapidly when his wife Julie, was diagnosed with cancer.

The cancer journey with Julie played an enormous –part in his life. He saw Julie decline and suffer and sat with her and helped her but he also saw others who had no one as support including many from out of town. Ian visited many and sat with them too. He met some truly fascinating people including a couple from a PNG island — they were in Brisbane and knew no one and had no family support. Ian sort of adopted them!

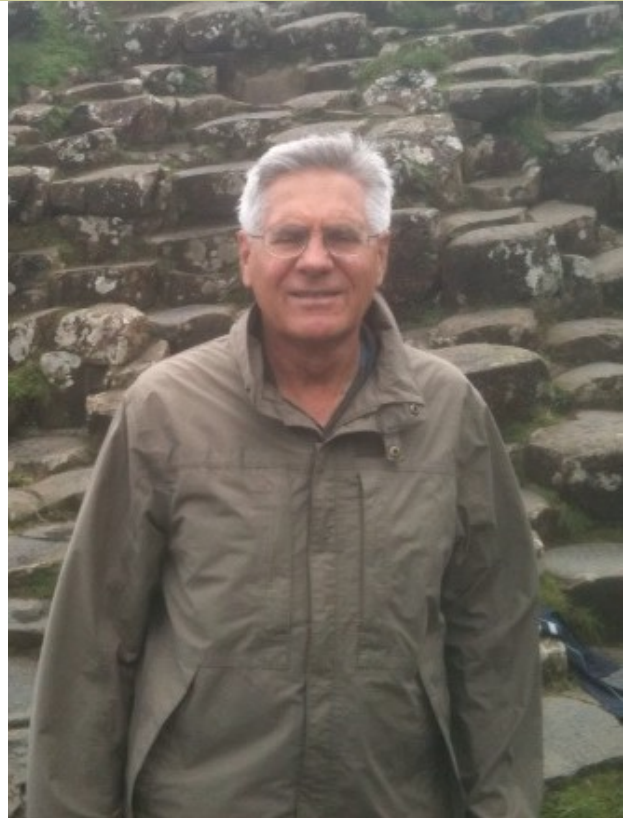
After Julie died, Ian studied counselling to formalise what he was doing. This allowed him to really see many people's potential—particularly those from lower socio economic groups and difficult backgrounds.

After Ian moved to Mount Glorious, a neighbour called Kirsty McKinnon called in to sell Rotary Christmas Cakes and puddings. She also sold him on the concept of Rotary and insisted he come along as a visitor. The rest is history. When Board positions were being discussed, Ian was slow to step back and took on the Presidential role. But he has also been involved at board level, cared for EarlyAct and Interact and showed the true caring side of Ian.

Ian and his partner Susan are an inspiration to the rest of us.



Looking for snakes while planting trees at Undambi Park



With Susan on the recent European trip, he looks a bit wind swept looking for the Blarney Stone in Ireland

When he didn't get the call from Cricket Australia, he wanted to become a street sweeper and then studied counselling to clean up after others and their mistakes.



He went to University ... But "inspection gloves"?



Ian Ruffles, nature lover, cricket fan and all round good bloke!

Samford Rotary Members

Philipa Bensley – Life Coach (and grandmother)	Paul Jackson – Environmental Engineer, Choirst
John Broadbent – Road and Traffic Engineer	Lee Kenny – Fine Furniture Manufacturer
Tony Freeman – marketing consultant	Eric Leese – Building Contractor
Bob Dunn – Tyre retailer	Bob Millar – Local Government Councillor
Peter Gloor – Retired Consul and Freight Agent; Swiss Tour Guide	Rob Robinson – Builder Portable Sheds
Simon Grant – Government Lawyer	Ian Ruffles – PRESIDENT and Life Coach
Warren Hampton – Business Coach and developing news paper journalist and raconteur	Ian Spiller – Retired Builder, student, artist, Traveller and story teller
Brian Hansford – Emeritus Professor of English, coffee drinker; author friendly trouble-maker	Barry Walker – Retired Customs Officer and in- ventor of the dog sniffers unit
Paul Harris – Building company proprietor	Janelle Young – Professor of Literacy & Tourist
Lorelle Holcroft – Deputy Principal; Catcher of the snail catcher	

The Object of Rotary



The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- First. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- Second. High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- Third. The application of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
- Fourth. *The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.*

The Four Way Test

of things we think, say or do

- Is it the truth?
- Is it fair to all concerned?
- Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

ROTARY GRACE

O LORD, AND GIVER OF ALL GOOD,
WE THANK THEE FOR OUR DAILY FOOD.
MAY ROTARY FRIENDS AND ROTARY WAYS
HELP US TO SERVE THEE ALL OUR DAYS.
AMEN

The Rotary Grace is intended a non denominational, non-sectarian, non religious grace offered in all Rotary countries and in all types of worship