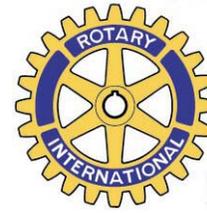


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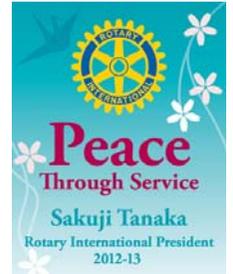
- It's an international service-driven organisation that gives men and women an organised outlet for contributing to their community
- It's an organisation of business and professional leaders
- It's the world's first service club, celebrating its centenary on 23rd February 2005
- It consists of 1.2 million Rotarians (28,000 Clubs) worldwide who meet weekly for fellowship, and interesting and informative programs of local and global importance
- It's about Rotarians who plan and carry out a remarkable variety of humanitarian, educational and cultural programs that touch the lives of people in their local communities and our world community

Rotary is based on the five Avenues of Service, which form the philosophical cornerstones and the foundation on which Club activity is based. These cornerstones are:

- Club Service which focuses on strengthening fellowship and ensuring the effective functioning of the Club
- Vocational Service which encourages Rotarians to serve others through their vocations and to practice high ethical standards
- Community Service which covers the projects and activities the Club undertakes to improve life in its community
- International Service which encompasses actions taken to expand Rotary's humanitarian reach around the globe and to promote world understanding and peace, and,
- Next Generation/Youth Service encompasses Interact which is High School based, Rotaract for those between 18 and 28 years, Rotary Youth Leadership seminars for future leaders of communities, Youth Exchange by hosting High School students from many and varied nationalities for a period of twelve months allowing students to gain a knowledge of other cultures and life-styles.



The Rotary Club of  
Galston Inc.  
District 9680



## Welcomes you to the Annual Awards Night 2013

to be held at  
**The Galston Club  
Galston**

on  
**Tuesday, 14th May, 2013  
6.30pm for 7.00pm**

## PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

I would like to welcome you all here tonight to our 31st awards presentation. And a very special welcome to the awardees, their families, friends or work colleges. It has been a tradition each year that Galston Rotary Club honours and acknowledges members of our community, who have been nominated by the community, as an outstanding individual person in various categories of service and profession. They can be outstanding in their work place as an employee, as a businessperson, or in community services involvement, and they can be from any age group.

Our awards tonight are to demonstrate publicly our appreciation to individual members of our community who have shown commitment and indeed excellence to their field of involvement. This recognition, we also believe, will encourage other in our community to follow their good example, strengthening and further developing and enhancing our wonderful local community.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of all Galston Rotary members to congratulate all award recipients here tonight on their outstanding achievement.

*Ted Shade*

*President*

*The Rotary Club of Galston*

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## THE RED SHIELD APPEAL

The Red Shield door knock appeal will be held on Saturday 25th May and Sunday 26th May.

The Rotary Club of Galston supports many good causes including The Red Shield Appeal. The raffle to be held this evening will go towards the Red Shield Appeal.

For more information please contact Alan Clarkson on 9653 3062.



## ROD TALLIS MEMORIAL PRIZE

### ROD TALLIS

Rod Tallis spent all his life in Arcadia, where he made a success of whatever he chose to do.

He established Overland nursery in 1973 with his wife Julia. This became an outstanding and highly respected business within the nursery industry. Rod crammed into his brief 36 years, what most of us take a lifetime to achieve. His dedication and commitment to his business and community life were numerous.

Rod held various offices in this church, the Galston Seventh Day Adventist Church, the Nurseryman's Association and the Sydney Regional Branch of the Association and the Rotary Club of Galston where he was a charter member.

In 1980 the Ryde School of Horticulture offered a three year Nursery Trade Course, which was designed to train persons interested in nursery production. Rod spent time helping with the content of the course.

The Rod Tallis Memorial Shield is presented to the student in Horticulture who has highest marks over the three year course. This years Rod Tallis Memorial Shield is awarded to Matthew Jones.

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## AWARD - ROD TALLIS AWARD

### RECIPIENT - MATTHEW JONES

Matthew Jones worked at Colourwise Nursery for two years then traveled overseas to Thailand, Europe and USA for six months. On his return he rejoined Colourwise for one year. He then decided to work out of the industry for two years.



Following his break he worked at Cabbage Tree Nursery and was there for two years before heading off with his Grandmother to the USA for three months and the UK for a month.

On his return he started work with Alpine Nursery where he spent six years. During this time he worked in the paddock and moved into sales for the latter four years.

Matthew has also made around ten trips to Thailand where he met his fiancé who has recently moved to Australia. They are to be married in July this year.

More recently, Matthew has been working for the Green Gallery Nursery but is now in sales again at Exotic Nursery.

## Programme

Tuesday 14th May 2012

6:30pm for 7:00pm



Call to Order – Past President Richard Young

Welcome – President Ted Shade

### AWARDS PRESENTATIONS

Apprentice Awards

Community Service Awards

Quiet Achiever Award

Pride of Workmanship Awards

Small Business Awards

Rod Tallis Memorial Prize

*Main Course*

*Dessert & Coffee*

Thank you – President Ted Shade

## AWARD - APPRENTICE

### RECIPIENT - JAMES TRIEBE

James started work at Goodies Bakery as a kitchen hand in October 2006.

He worked weekends and after school until he finished his HSC at Galston High.



In December 2009 James started his four year apprenticeship at the Bakery. With 2.00am and 3.00am starts he has always been a keen and punctual worker and has not had one “sickie” from work during that time.

James has now successfully completed his TAFE Course with flying colours. We would like James to win this Award, not only is he a hard worker, but there are not many young men who get up and go to work at 3.00am six days a week.

## AWARD - SMALL BUSINESS

### RECIPIENT - HILLS STORAGE

Hills Storage commenced operation in Galston in the early 2000s and has now expanded to Castle Hill and Blacktown, yet the business remains a strong part of the Galston community.



Hills Storage continues to support the community widely through sponsorship, grants and personal involvement. As a key supporter of the Hills Hawks they are well aware of the need to develop our youth in the community.

Volunteering time on boards and management issues for the greater community, their involvement is not selfish.

Hills Storage has gone from strength to strength and if their community spirit is anything to go by, they will always be a strong component of this community.



## AWARD - SMALL BUSINESS

### RECIPIENT - VICKI BROWNLESS

Vicki is celebrating three years this month of organizing the Growers Market, which now has over sixty stalls. She always ensures there are quality products and product variation so each stallholder doesn't have too much competition.



She is always looking at ways to more effectively market the markets and she is regularly mentioned on radio.

When she moved the markets from Glenorie Village Shopping Centre to the Glenorie RSL Club grounds Vicki did not lose any stallholders despite stiff and active competition from the Shopping Village owner. This indicates how happy her stallholders are with how she runs the market and how she treats them.

Vicki regularly attends other markets to seek out new or novel ideas, both for new products and ways to promote the market.

Despite running the market for three years Vickie is still enthusiastic and passionate about promoting local produce to local people.

## AWARD - APPRENTICE

### RECIPIENT - NATHAN WELLS

Nathan Wells is employed by Overland Nurseries located in Arcadia. He is currently undertaking an apprenticeship in Horticulture Certificate III in Production Nursery. Nathan came to us after completing a Bachelor of Natural Environment & Wilderness Studies with Honors in Tasmania.



After completing his studies he decided he wanted to take a slightly different path in his career and do an apprenticeship in horticulture. His application at first was deemed to be overqualified at an apprentice level and so we declined his application. Nathan then wrote to me and said he understood that an apprenticeship was a lower paid position and he was willing to start at the bottom to gain experience and training in the field of horticulture. He asked if we could please re-evaluate his application with this in mind. So we did and he had an interview and the rest is history. Needless to say we are glad he persisted.

Nathan started work for us at Overland Nurseries in February 2012. Shortly after, he started the Certificate III in Production Nursery at Richmond TAFE. He also started work in the production section of the nursery where he quickly learned the processes and procedures of that department. After a few months we needed someone to work in dispatch and order picking, so in the interest of giving our apprentices experience in all departments we moved Nathan into this roll.

Within a very short time Nathan became a competent order picker, which is no easy task when faced with the hundreds of difficult to spell and pronounce plant names that we grow. Nathan worked in dispatch throughout the busy time of spring and as sales began to slow down we had a chance to split his roll between dispatch and propagation.

## AWARD - APPRENTICE

### RECIPIENT - NATHAN WELLS

Propagation is a very specialized roll in our industry and of some interest to Nathan. He took to this as he did with everything he does and picked it up in no time. Soon he was propagating plants unsupervised, which for a second year apprentice is very rare.

An opportunity came up late in 2012 to apply for the International Plant Propagators Societies South African exchange program. Nathan wrote a submission and packed up with letters of recommendation from Overland Nurseries and his TAFE teacher was chosen for the exchange program. He completed his trip to South Africa in March 2013 and will be making a presentation at the annual IPPS conference in May 2013.

Nathan has proven to be an excellent apprentice and employee, which has made him an integral member of our staff. His interest in the industry, ability to learn quickly and his excellent work ethic will allow him to grow in knowledge and become a great asset to our industry.

## AWARD - PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP

### RECIPIENT - KIRSTY MARSH

Kirsty is an outstanding employee who in the short period of her employment with Lorick Management has been able to learn two new industries and cope with challenges that individuals who have been in the industry for some time would not tackle.



Everything Kirsty does is always 120% and she takes incredible pride in what she does, ensuring that no stone is unturned especially in events that she has checked, double checked and triple checked to prevent problems occurring.

Kirsty rises to any challenge without question. Unfortunately, Kirsty is leaving Lorick Management to do some traveling, then seek further employment in the events industry. The sheer testament that her employer still wishes to nominate her for this award shows how we feel about this nomination.

We wish her every success in the development of her career and any business would be lucky to have her on staff.

## AWARD - PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP

### RECIPIENT - SHALINDER RAI

Shalinder Rai has over eight years in Property Management and is an integral part of the team at Century 21 Prime Property Dural.

She has personally managed the properties for the past three years and deals with day to day issues with calmness and clear thinking. Often issues arise which require arbitration and Shalinder handles the problems with diplomacy.



When the owners have been traveling they know that whilst they are away the properties are in good hands. Shalinder never takes the easy option and often goes the extra mile by completing jobs outside of what is normally required. She has attended body corporate meetings to ensure she knows what is happening with the units and other proprietors. It is reassuring to know she has an understanding of the body corporate information.

We have found Shalinder to be professional at all times. She is honest and very reliable, characteristics which are sometimes hard to find. We are confident that she has our best interests at heart and endeavors to protect our assets.

That is why we are recommending Shalinder Rai for a Pride of Workmanship Award.

## AWARD - COMMUNITY SERVICE

### RECIPIENTS - KYLIE NAPOLI & GRACE BARBA



*Kylie Napoli*

Kylie Napoli is the owner of Rodney's Hairstylists and Grace Barba is the owner of Beauty By Grace, and they organised a fundraiser "Shave for a Cure". They had raffles, silent auctions, live auctions and people having their heads shaved to help raise money.



*Grace Barba*

There were about 300 people at the fundraising night where they started with Frank Barba shaving his moustache after 40 years. Then on the night they had another five people shave their heads, three men and two women.

They are very lucky to live in such a generous community with wonderful prizes donated. It took weeks of organization and preparation for the night.

Kylie and Grace held the function on the 12th December 2012 at Rodney's Hairstylists. They decided to do the fundraiser after a Barba family member was diagnosed with leukemia at 18 years of age.

Their goal was to raise \$5000.00 and ended up with \$25,000.00, which was fantastic.

They were so excited with the outcome. However, both are aware it would not have been possible without the generous community around them.

## AWARD - COMMUNITY SERVICE

### RECIPIENT - BRIAN PRITCHARD



Brian is a volunteer with the Hills Hawkesbury & Riverland Tourism and he is an outstanding citizen who believes that tourism can grow the economic benefit of an area.

Volunteering for an average of twenty hours a week for the tourism association, Brian is always there when we need him.

He alone has staffed the mobile visitor information van at every monthly Glenorie Growers' Market.

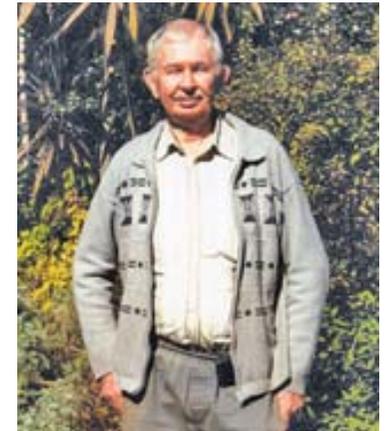
When Brian is not on duty, he is found pulling up to the Dural Visitor Information Centre to check on the plants and gardens.

He is also part of the voluntary organizing committee for "Jazz in the Pines", which is held monthly to raise money for the restoration of Roughley House.



## AWARD - QUIET ACHIEVER

### RECIPIENT - BILL FLEMING



Bill is a hardworking selfless man devoting many years to the care of his family and at the same time developing his local garden "ELEGANS" into the showpiece it is today.

This garden is in the Australian Open Garden Scheme and has been open to the public on given dates over many years.

Because of the outstanding beauty this garden has become quite famous attracting visitors from all over the state as well as interstate.

The money raised from opening his garden goes to the Galston Health & Resources Centre and over the years he has raised thousands of dollars that have helped the Centre maintain its excellent service for our local community.

Bill is currently President of the Galston District Garden Club for the second time and is also convenor for the "Galston Open Gardens" weekend, which takes place in October each year. This in itself is a huge task and he guides a willing committee through this three-day weekend, which raises many thousands of dollars to distribute to various charities both local and national.

His gentle calm manner has enabled him to accomplish these projects in an exemplary and successful manner.