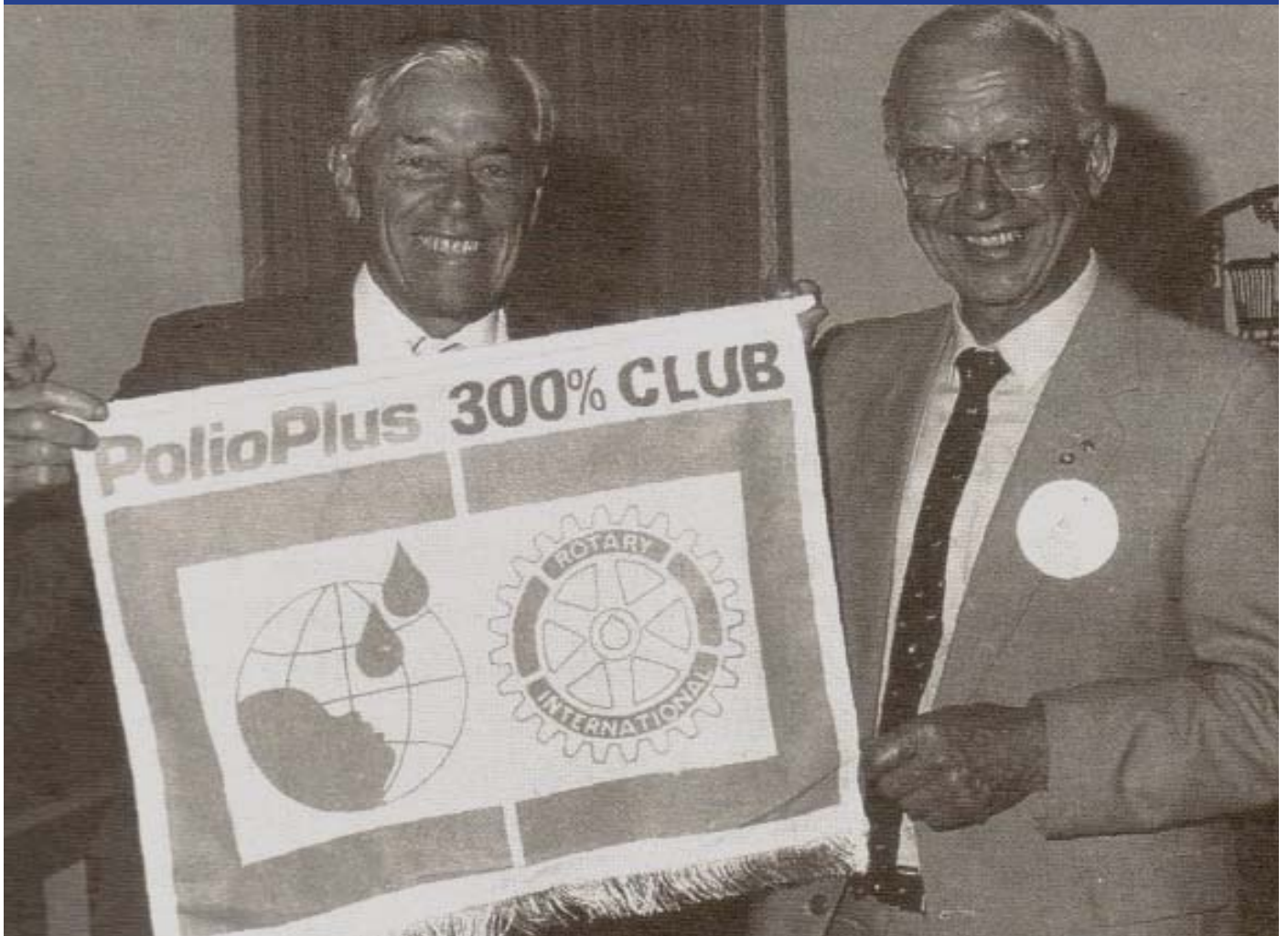


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**THE ROTARY CLUB OF RYDE
SERVICE ABOVE SELF SINCE 1946**

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CLUB INFORMATION

Chartered 22nd April 1946 District 9685 RI Club #18039
MEETINGS EVERY TUESDAY 6PM FOR 6:30PM

MEETING LOCATION:
Next Generation Club (Level 2)
Ryde Aquatic Centre
504 Victoria Rd, Ryde

POSTAL ADDRESS:
Rotary Club of Ryde Inc.
PO BOX 90
Ryde NSW 1680

RSVP EXTRAS OR ABSENCES TO JULIE THORP: 9871 1109

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Thomas Muldoon

Numerology/Astrology - Fact or Fantasy?

TONIGHT'S ROSTER

Welcomers Charles Kilby & Ron Taffa

Loyal Toast Noel Dunn

Vote of Thanks David James

If you are unable to fulfill this duty, please arrange your own swap
and inform President Adrian of the change

Duty Roster for future meetings appears on Page 07

ADRIAN'S ADDENDUM

Dear Rotarians and Rotary Friends,

Last Tuesday we heard about the work done by Assistance dogs. What a remarkable difference these animals make to some people's lives.

Due to lack of interest, our normal meeting will be held at Next Generation on the 10th, and those wishing to attend the Men's Health Forum will earn a makeup (see **Page 04**).

Thursday evening saw a number of members visit the Thorp's home to wrap presents for Fathers Day. Thanks to Julie and these members the job was successfully completed and the presents were delivered on Sunday. Friday night had 40 members and partners and friends enjoy a social night at Ryde Parramatta Golf Club. Thanks must go to Peter Cooper for another great night. As Sunday was Fathers day we postponed Graffiti removal and delivered our Fathers Day gifts to those in several institutions - well done to those that got the job done.

Don't forget to book your places on the International Fleet Review Cruises (see **Page 11**). Booking forms are available from Adrian and Saturday is the main day for activities.

To those that have been on the sick list – please get better soon – we miss you!

Adrian

WE'LL BE SAD IF WE DON'T SEE YOU NEXT TUESDAY!



If you need to give a late apology for non-attendance at any meeting, please contact **Julie Thorp before 10am Monday**.

9871 1109 0416 208 332 j.thorp@bigpond.net.au

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?**

Please make the following correction in your copy of the Blue Book:
Rtn Erdem Toner 8958 1163 (Home) & 1300 853 465 (Work)

TUESDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER - VOCATIONAL VISIT

Members are welcome to attend this Men's Health Public Forum as a Vocational Visit at this information evening next Tuesday.

Please inform Julie Thorp if you are attending this instead of the regular meeting, so you can be recorded as an apology for catering purposes and awarded a makeup.



SYDNEY
ADVENTIST
HOSPITAL

MEN'S HEALTH PUBLIC FORUM

Tuesday 10th September 2013, 6.15pm for 7pm start

Fox Valley Community Centre, Sydney Adventist Hospital Campus

You are invited to attend this informative evening featuring presentations by leading medical specialists, light refreshments and health displays.

Topics include:

Testosterone levels in Ageing Men • Heart Health • Anaemia

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL - email comrel@sah.org.au or phone 9487 9871

(Note office hours are 8:30am - 5:30pm Mon to Thurs, 8:30am - 12:30pm Fridays)

Fox Valley Community Centre, 185 Fox Valley Road, Wahroonga 2076

Free Parking Available - visit www.sah.org.au for more information

**UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

October 20th (Sun) Graffiti Removal Day
10am - 4pm Details TBC

December 15th **RI Convention 2014 - Earlybird Registration Deadline**
1st - 4th June, 2014 / \$310 US includes 8 day free travel (bus/train/ferry)
www.riconvention.org

**PLEASE SUBMIT CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE HUB
BY 5PM FRIDAY**

editor@ryderotary.org.au

As we arrived at the meeting we were handed surveys by intrepid Hub Editor and Membership Director **Kate Dodd**. After **Ron Taffa** led us in the Loyal Toast, **President Adrian** welcomed our guests, and Kate explained the survey and asked us to fill it in immediately during the meeting. Impressively, most members had complied by the end of the night. **Bob Kaye-Smith** arrived late, filling in for the absent **Tony Abboud**, perhaps.

Adrian called for RYLA nominations, and spruiked the Ryde River Festival, before **PP Graham Metcalfe** showed us the 2013/14 "Blue Book" Club directory, which was then distributed to members. This is a service he has provided for the club for untold years, and should be commended for. He also reported that **Rtn Surinder Joson** was home from hospital, and needs someone to mow his lawns. "I'll do it!" called **PP Burkhart Foertsch**. "He'll work for Schnapps!" called another. **PP Peter Cooper** ran through the attendance numbers for the Fellowship dinner on Friday, another successful Social project handled with his usual attention to detail.

Lucile took the lectern to comment that the first 6 weeks of her Youth Exchange have passed swiftly, and to say that Sunday was "A perfect day, sailing Sydney Harbour on **PDG John Dodd's** yacht with a group of other exchange students."

PE Kalma reminded the half of our members who have not yet signed up for the new Child Protection register to do so soon (**instructions are on Page 8 of this HUB**), and promised to assist those who cannot navigate the website. It was explained again that NSW Law has changed, and those PED forms we all signed will soon be invalid.

I thanked **Julie Thorp** for her invaluable assistance with the Father's Day gift wrapping project, and for hosting the working bee at her home on Thursday. **PP Geoff Brennan** back from leave, as Serjeant fined the loudest talkers, and in a spot quiz fined **Rtn John Brown** for being unable to name **Rtn Siddharth Maheshwari** as this year's International Service chair and **Rtn John Mazlin** for not knowing where Circus Quirkus was held this year. **PP Bob Kaye-Smith** was fined both for his late arrival and for his recent purchase of a new Jaguar, which is rumoured to be large enough that he could hang his Nissan on the back of it as a tender. The first cross-fine was **President Adrian** for forgetting the Attendance report, but after **John Brown** had once again won the Spackle, Adrian explained that he had delayed the attendance report to give **PP Ross Rocca** sufficient time to adjust the figures for the late arrivals. The chorus of "A likely story!" indicated his success in digging himself out of that particular hole.

Guest Speaker **Sheree Hurley** explained how Australian Support Dogs act as hands for disabled Australians, a subject close to her heart as a quadriplegic. I'm sure we were all amazed at how much a dog can be trained to do, and the companionship provided by these canine helpers must also be a great comfort to those partnered by these wonderful animals. Since her dog was recovering from a veterinary operation and could not be with us, I agreed to be Sheree's hands to operate the club laptop for her PowerPoint presentation and video clip. By the end of both I was convinced I was a poor substitute for a support dog, who would have done the job much better!

Again this year, the Rotary Club of Ryde is presenting the 'Apprentice/Trainee of the Year Awards'. The presentation evening will be held on Tuesday 28th October 2013 at the Next Generation Function Centre (next to Ryde Aquatic Centre) on Victoria Road, Ryde. The aim of the awards is to highlight the importance of striving for excellence in one's vocation, and to encourage and emphasize the importance of vocational training.

The competition is open to apprentices who live, work or attend college classes in the Ryde area. If you have an outstanding apprentice or trainee, I encourage you to complete the nomination form and return it by email or post, no later than Wednesday 9th October.

Interviews with the nominees will be conducted in the weeks preceding the presentation evening. **The cover letter and nomination form can be found via the link in this week's HUB email (click the link and to view or download the same as The HUB).**

Please contact PP Martin Aston if you have any queries about the awards or the nomination process.

10 THINGS A DAD WILL NEVER SAY

1. Well, how about that! I'm lost. Looks like we'll have to stop and ask for directions.
2. You know, pumpkin. Now that you're thirteen, you'll be ready for unchaperoned car dates. Won't that be fun?
3. I noticed that all your friends have a certain negative attitude. I like that!
4. Here's a credit card and the keys to my new car. Go crazy!
5. What do you mean you want to play football? Figure skating not good enough for you, son?
6. Your Mother and I are going away for the weekend. You might want to consider throwing a party.
7. Well, I don't know what's wrong with your car. Probably one of those doo-hickey thingies. You know, that makes it run or something. Just have it towed to a mechanic and pay whatever he asks.
8. No son of mine is going to live under this roof without an earring. Now, quit your belly aching and let's go to the mall.
9. What do you want to go and get a job for? I make plenty of money for you to spend.
10. Father's Day? Ah, don't worry about that. It's no big deal!

HOPE YOU ALL HAD A GREAT FATHER'S DAY!

Percentage Attendance 27th August: 87.18%

Makeups: PP Geoff Brennan, PP Geoff Brennan.

Apologies: Dr Surinder Joson, PP Artin Etmekdjian, PP Charles Kilby, PP Ken Allen, PP Rob Mitchell, PP Ron Thomson, PP Tony Abboud, Rtn Ian Henderson, Rtn Nora Etmekdjian, Rtn Rob Senior, Rtn Stefan Sojka.

LOOKING AHEAD

September 10th TBC

LUCILE RICHARD - FRIDAY NIGHT ROSTER

Lucile is currently hosted by John & Janelle Dodd

Sept 6th Geoff & Janice Brennan

Sept 13th Geoff & Tui Nix

Sept 20th Allen & Bernadette Horrell

**IF YOU HAVE A SPECIAL FAMILY / CULTURAL EVENT
PLANNED & WOULD LIKE TO INVITE LUCILE RICHARD TO ATTEND,
PLEASE LET THE EDITOR KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

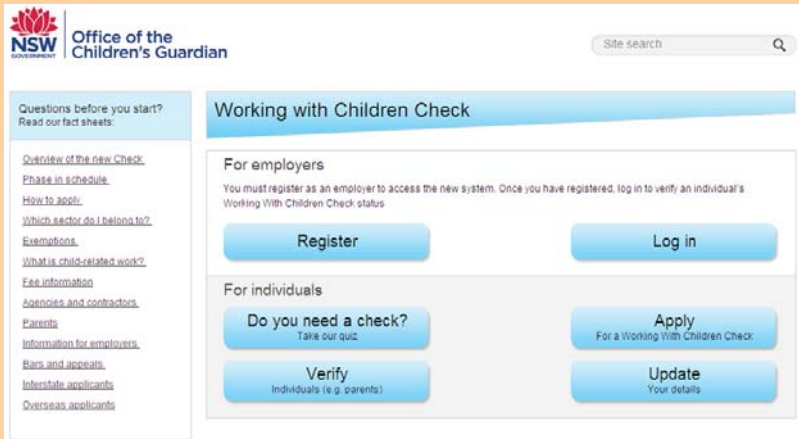
September 6th 55th Wedding Anniversary for **Peter & Margaret Cooper**

CLUB MEETING DUTY ROSTER

DATE	WELCOMERS	LOYAL TOAST	THANKS
Sept 10th	Geoff Nix Stefan Sojka	Stephen Thorp	Burkhart Foertsch
Sept 17th	Duncan Taylor Jan Cutler	John Dodd	Allen Horrell

You need a Working With Children Check! There are 4 steps to the process:

1. Register online at www.check.kids.nsw.gov.au



At the bottom under “**For Individuals**”, click “**Apply**”

Complete all fields including selecting “**Purpose for check**” of “**Clubs or Other bodies...**” as below:

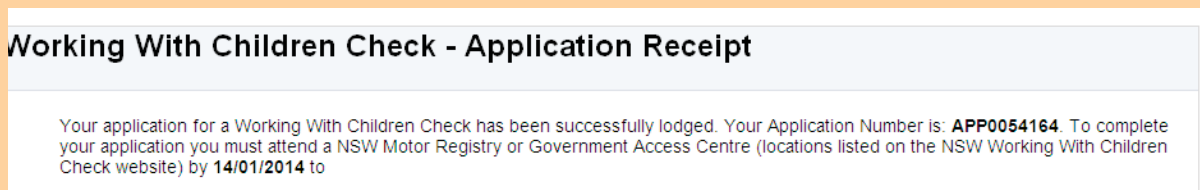
Purpose for check *

- Paid employee
- Self employed
- Volunteer, authorised carer, adult household member, student on a professional placement, prospective adoptive parent

Child-related sector *

Clubs or other bodies providing services to children

You will be emailed a confirmation of your application which looks like this:



2. Take this notice to your local RTA centre together with the identification form you nominated - Drivers Licence / ID card. Staff at the RTA will confirm you are the person in the notice.
3. A few hours later you will be emailed a confirmation letter that your application has been processed, which includes a **WWC number** on letterhead like this:



4. Forward this email to Kalma so she can register you as a volunteer at Ryde Rotary. **Please talk to Kalma if you have any questions!**

The Rotary Club of Ryde has a fine collection of Rotary insignia and general equipment, and it might be well to record how it all came about. As already stated, many items were received on Charter Night when it is customary for gifts to be made to new clubs.

The sponsor club of Burwood presented the President's Collar and Jewel, and the Rotary Wheel and Plinth. The Speaker's Gong came from the Rotary Club of Sydney, the Gavel from Bondi, the Flags from Hurstville, the Shillelagh from North Sydney, the Clock from Katoomba, and the framed copy of the Objects of Rotary from Parramatta. Manly gave a photo of His Majesty, King George VI, but this of course is not used. Soon after the charter was granted the large Rotary Banner was presented by **Cliff Lovett**. It is a lovely piece of work, done by his mother by hand when she was over eighty years of age.

Later on, **Harold Halvorsen** provided the Equipment Cupboard, and **Bob O'Toole** the Honour Boards. **Ron Pacey** gave the Badge Cabinet during **Bob Maze's** year. The Rotary Club of Ryde, Isle of Wight, donated the President's Tankard that was on show at all meetings in 1949, in appreciation of our association with it and also for the gifts of food parcels sent in the post-war years.

The (original) Floor Rug that welcomes you to Rotary each week was given by **Captain Frank Sawtell**. Frank was a pilot with Ansett-ANA and an honorary member for some years and did a great deal in many ways. He was particularly helpful in tours and transport, and loved to help the young people. He retired to the Central Coast, and the rug was his parting gift. Another item of furniture, a folding stack-away traymobile, designed by Ron Pacey and presented to the Club in Bob Maze's year, was used from 1959.

AN HISTORICAL SUMMARY OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF RYDE

1946-47 President: Eric Hearnshaw

This was, as you would expect, a period of consolidation, members getting to know each other and to know Rotary. Times were hard. Catering was difficult to arrange, attendances were often poor as it was not easy to make up, and there was a post-war uncertainty that worked very much against good planning. Servicemen were being demobbed in great numbers, the housing position had become acute, and there was in some quarters a fear that the conditions following World War I would return. But the Burwood Club had done its work well, and placed Rotary in safe hands.

Charter President Eric was a man of great personal integrity and standing. He was a decorated soldier, a member of State Parliament, a successful businessman in his own right and a man of ideas who was in strong public demand as a speaker and advisor. A fine team supported him, so the future of Rotary was never in doubt. At this stage, it was important that the meetings should be bright, and worthwhile in interest and information, and here the first Program Director Mal Pilcher did a grand job. The first inter-club visit was to the newly chartered South Sydney Club on November 18, 1946, when the President with Vice-President Eric Somerville and seven members made the visit and presented a clock. This visit was returned on July 14, of the following year, the

occasion being a Ladies' Night. The Club's first Ladies' Night had been held quite a time before, on December 17, 1946, and as one would expect, it caused quite a social flutter. It was a memorable and exciting gathering, the Ladies having their first experience of Rotary, and enjoying it very much.



At this time international affairs were very much in the news, and the International Committee Chairman Bob Beer soon made contact with the United Nations Association, and began the project for Food Parcels for Britain. To support this, many functions were held and provided enough money to enable the Club to send parcels regularly. In July 1947, Mal Pilcher suggested sending a food parcel to the Rotary Club of Ryde in the Isle of Wight, to be given to the member whose birthday was nearest to the date of receipt. This was done, and by a strange coincidence, Rotarian Harold Halvorsen was present at the meeting over there, when the parcel was received and presented. Ironically, it went to a grocer.

The uncertainty of the times is seen in many recorded incidents. Early in 1947, the meeting place was changed to the Ryde Bowling Club, and there was quite a stir when the dinner fee was raised from 3/6 to 4/-, and it was suggested that unless the members gave the Secretary two days' notice of impending absence, they should pay the dinner fees.

Paul Harris, the Founder of Rotary, died in June 1947, and the proposed memorial to him brought an immediate response from Ryde Club. So it was that in the following August Ryde began its membership of The Rotary Foundation, a project which has ever since been a strong feature of the Club.

Right from the start, there was a sound development of the Club fellowship, which has always been so pleasing. The first Fellowship Chairman, Harry Davies, was largely responsible for this, setting the pattern in the manner of the great Rotarian that he was. He, too, organised the first transport for the Crippled Children to their club in the city, a service maintained for many years.

For more information and booking request forms, please contact Adrian Hallett on 0409 037 701 or email halletts@bigpond.net.au

- October 3rd (Thurs)** A lunch time cruise to watch the Tall Ships arriving in Sydney Harbour. Enjoy a buffet lunch.
Cruise: RPC 100
Depart TBA Wharf at 10:15am for 3.5 hr Cruise / **\$75pp**
- October 4th (Fri)** An early morning start to view the arrival of part of the fleet of visiting warships. This cruise will include the 21 gun salute at 10am. Enjoy breakfast as the sun rises over the Harbour.
Cruise: RPC 101
Depart TBA Wharf at 7am for 4 hr Cruise / **\$75pp**
- October 4th (Fri)** A Friday night special end of week wind-down cruise to view all the ships at anchor just ahead of the special day. Catch the lights on the ships as they prepare for the ceremonies tomorrow. A light meal will be served.
Cruise: RPC 102
Depart TBA Wharf at 6:30pm for 2.5 hr Cruise / **\$65pp**
- October 5th (Sat)** Join us and be as close as possible to the Ceremonial Fleet Review on Sydney Harbour.
Cruise: RPC 103
Enjoy a delicious seafood banquet and limited open bar.
Depart TBA Wharf at 10am for 4.5 hr Cruise / **\$110pp**
- October 5th (Sat)** Tonight we cruise the Harbour to view the visiting ships at anchor and to finish the night view the fireworks and light show. Enjoy our seafood banquet and limited open bar.
Cruise: RPC 104
Depart TBA Wharf at 6pm for 4 hr Cruise / **\$110pp**
- October 10th (Thurs)** Bid farewell to the tall ships as they depart Sydney Harbour after their involvement in the Fleet Review. Enjoy a buffet lunch.
Cruise: RPC 105
Depart TBA Wharf at 10am for 3.5 hr Cruise / **\$70pp**
- October 11th (Fri)** Your last chance to be up close with the magnificent warships as they leave Sydney. Wave bye bye to all the sailors who have enjoyed all Sydney has to offer. A buffet lunch will be serve.
Cruise: RPC 106
Depart TBA Wharf at 10am for 3.5 hr Cruise / **\$70pp**

PLEASE NOTE:

- These packages have been prepared using the most up to date information available at time of publication.
- Minor changes may still be necessary to comply with yet to be announced events and navigational restrictions.
- The final choice of a city wharf will be made close to the event, being mindful of your needs for transport and nearby parking. It may be the Star City Wharf, but this is not guaranteed.
- All cruises are subject to minimum numbers.



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, non-religious, 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 say, think & do

- 1.** Is it the Truth?
- 2.** Is it fair to all concerned?
- 3.** Will it build goodwill & 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!
