

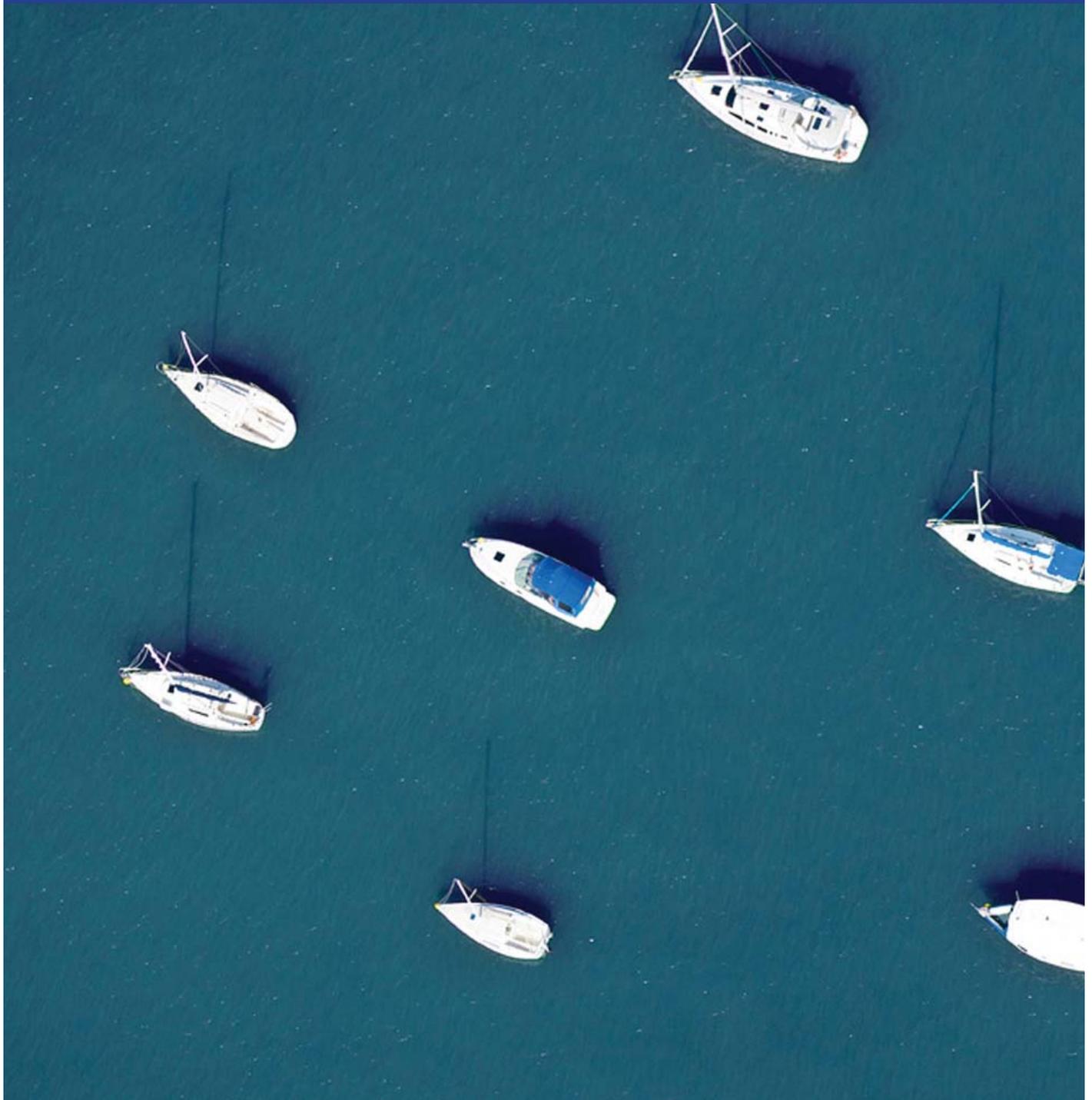
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CLUB INFORMATION

Chartered 22nd April 1946 District 9685 RI Club #18039

MEETINGS EVERY TUESDAY 6PM FOR 6:30PM

MEETING LOCATION:

Next Generation Club (Level 2)
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Sept 17

Club Fellowship Night

Please collect your table number from the lucky dip at the Treasurer's table!

There will be a Board Meeting following the Club Meeting.

TONIGHT'S ROSTER

Welcomers Jan Cutler & Kathryn Dodd

Loyal Toast John Dodd

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 from our Honorary Rotarian Alex Sawyer about his time in Rotary and the many achievements that had been accomplished by our Ryde Club.

I had the pleasure of taking our exchange student – Lucile – and her friend from Belgium – Maud – to Batemans Bay. We visited Stanwell Park, the Sea Cliff Bridge and Kiama on the way down and Mogo Zoo on the way back to my Presidents meeting.

This Tuesday we are having a Fellowship night and will have the opportunity to discuss activities to be undertaken during the remainder of my year. I look forward to your involvement in this night..

Don't forget to book your places on the International Fleet Review Cruise. The Club will be going on the Saturday morning cruise. Booking forms are available from Adrian.

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**.

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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?**

President Adrian Hallett opened the meeting and announced the absences, including some senior members doing a make-up at the health seminar at the SAN. Talk at my table centred on the breach of the Rotary “use of RI Logo” guidelines on the cover of the current Hub: my reply on how good it looked caused some sudden scribbling from our esteemed Serjeant: like a motorist spotting the flash of a speed camera I thought “I’ve been had!” Politics was the other discussion topic with the endless comic potential of the Senate election results proving a rich source of merriment, especially the Motoring Enthusiasts Party candidate famed for his unique uses for roo droppings. Commentary on this subject engendered a certain amount of hilarity, while President **Adrian** announced the fact that **Lucile** is on holiday for the next three weeks and would welcome outings with members on weekdays during this period.

Adrian also read us a letter from the Principal of Normanhurst School, thanking us for the Circus Quirkus tickets. Following on from this community benefit of the Circus Quirkus, **PP Graham Metcalfe** explained that GE Medical, when approached to purchase tickets for disadvantaged children, volunteered to donate a paediatric ventilator to a local hospital instead: more on this later.

Lucile’s report covered holidaying at Lake Macquarie with the **Dodd** family, learning cross-stitch from **Janelle**, and kayaking and jet-skiing from **John**. While kayaking she saw fish jumping from the water for the first time, a special memory. “Then yesterday I went to Inner Wheel” she concluded.



The view at Lucile’s Lake Macquarie retreat

Serjeant Geoff allowed **PDG Alex Sawyer** to draw his own spackle ticket to cries of favouritism, but Alex chose his wine well, and his card poorly, leaving the spackle jackpot to soar to double figures. **Ken Allen** was fined for 17 years’ service in the club, **Peter Cooper** for 81 years on Earth, and many of us including my table, for excess noise.

In the quiz, **John Brown** failed to identify **Charles Kilby** as the Youth Chair and paid the price. **Rob Mitchell** paid for having a zipper on the side of his head, and **Burkhart Foertsch** for inexplicably yelling “Pinot More!” when someone else was asked a question. **Stefan** cross-fined **Serjeant Geoff** in a rambling epic monologue reminiscent of Homer’s Iliad in which he connected Geoff’s recent knee infection with his “knee-jerk” fining of the noisy tables. In the interests of brevity, and in honour of our recent election Geoff should have asked “Doesn’t this guy ever shut up?” Instead he pointed out “Our guest speakers have to be introduced before they start talking: You were not!”

Geoff was soon on his feet again introducing the real Guest Speaker **PDG Alex Sawyer**, who spoke on Rotary history, mainly that of our club, although he did mention the COL, the RI Council On Legislation - The legislative body of Rotary International - Composed of one delegate from each Rotary District that meet each 3 years to consider proposed changes to the Rotary Constitution and Bylaws.

Alex shares the honour of being an honorary member of our club with **William McMahon**, former Prime Minister of Australia from 1971 to 1972. Another honorary member **Harry Mitchell** remained so for 36 years because the rules back then barred a TAFE manual instructor from a Rotary Classification. Snippets of history about our Past Presidents include **PP Ashley Peake** raising money for an irrigation project in Africa by putting on an Art Show with the Ryde Art Society. He pointed out that our **PDG Les Whitcroft**, still an energetic Rotarian at 94 years old, is a legend in the wider Rotary World.

In 1972 the first Clean up Australia Day coined the phrase “Don’t throw it, stow it!” and 8 tonnes of litter were collected in Ryde. He also inducted 11 new members in his president’s year: “This doesn’t happen by accident!”



Honorary Member PDG Alex Sawyer

Doug Thompson’s year saw the Coronary Care unit built at Ryde Hospital, a massive achievement that most of us newer members didn’t know about. **George Bouckley** started the Cash for Cans project in Ryde Park, and in the first year the club raised \$6280 recycling aluminium, to build the motels at Ryde Hospital. Perhaps more important than the money was the fellowship that comes from 100% club involvement in projects: working hard together is how friendships are built.

In **Alex Sawyer**’s own year, Meals on Wheels started, and \$22,500 was collected for Red Shield, more than now. Alex went on to offer us his advice that the club is too lazy these days, relying on Circus Quirkus and Interact labour rather than doing the work ourselves, and by not working on all Projects ourselves together as a team, we are missing out on the best part of being a Rotarian. After offering this food for thought, he finished off with an affirmation of the Rotary Exchange Program.

This “Classic Alex” speech was acknowledged in a vote of thanks by **PP Burkhart**, while **Stefan** regretted that the entire speech was delivered entirely without notes, so there was no electronic version for him to load on our website...a generational disconnect that I could see both sides of.

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).**

CRICKET EXPLAINED FOR FOREIGNERS

"You have two sides, one out in the field and one in. Each man that's in the side that's in goes out and when he's out he comes in and the next man goes in until he's out. When they are all out, the side that's out comes in and the side that's been in goes out and tries to get those coming in, out. Sometimes you get men still in and not out. When a man goes out to go in, the men who are out try to get him out, and when he is out he goes in and the next man in goes out to go in. There are two men called umpires who stay out all the time and they decide when the men who are in are out. When both sides have been in and out twice including those who are not out, that is the end of the game!"

- Marylebone Cricket Club, London

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- Sept. 29th (Sun)** Meals on Wheels
- October 6th (Sun)** Graffiti Removal (First Sunday every month!)
Meet 8am at West Ryde Car Park in Ryedale Rd
- 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

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BY 5PM FRIDAY**

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Percentage Attendance 10th September: 81.08%

Makeups: PDG John Dodd, PP Ashely Peake, PP Bob Kaye-Smith, PP Noel Dunn OAM, Rtn Kalma McLellan, Rtn Rob Senior.

Apologies: Dr Surinder Joson, PDG John Dodd, PDG Les Whitcroft, PP Artin Etmekdjian, PP Ashley Peake, PP Bob Carroll, PP Bob Kaye-Smith, PP Charles Kilby, PP Noel Dunn OAM, PP Patrick Longfield, PP Stephen Thorp, Rtn Erdem Toner, Rtn Julie Thorp, Rtn Kalma McLellan, Rtn Kathryn Dodd, Rtn Nora Etmekdjian, Rtn Rob Senior.

LOOKING AHEAD

September 24th Brighter Futures

LUCILE RICHARD - FRIDAY NIGHT ROSTER

Lucile is currently hosted by John & Janelle Dodd

Sept 20th Allen & Bernadette Horrell

Sept 27th Artin & Nora Etmekdjian

October 4th Burkhart & Patricia Foertsch

**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**

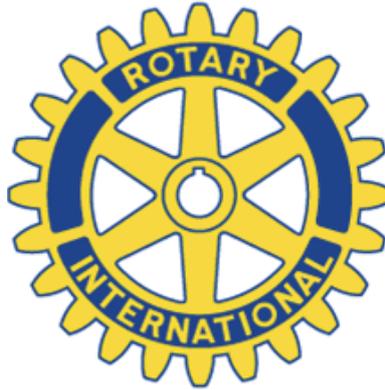
BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

September 18th 63rd Birthday of **Bob Kaye-Smith**

September 18th 1st Club Anniversary for **Rob Senior**

CLUB MEETING DUTY ROSTER

DATE	WELCOMERS	LOYAL TOAST	THANKS
Sept 24th	Siddharth M. Ross Rocca	Nora Etmekdjian	Allen Horrell
October 1st	David Johnston Rob Senior	Charles Kilby	Graham Metcalfe



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!
