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APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR AWARDS CEREMONY

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL
NOMINEES FOR 2013
APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR



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CLUB INFORMATION

Chartered 22nd April 1946 District 9685 RI Club #18039

MEETINGS EVERY TUESDAY 6PM FOR 6:30PM

MEETING LOCATION:

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Ryde NSW 1680

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October 29

Apprentice of the Year Awards

Guest Speaker: Debra Manson

TONIGHT'S ROSTER**Welcomers** Noel Dunn & Adrian Hallett**Loyal Toast** Bob Kaye-Smith**Award Ceremony** Martin Aston

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 06

ADRIAN'S ADDENDUM

Dear Rotarians and Rotary Friends,

At our meeting last Tuesday we heard from Steve Cartland from Sydney Living Museums (formerly the Historic Houses Trust) about their portfolio of properties. A wonderful collection of historically significant properties.

This Tuesday is our Apprentice of the Year night and we have a strong line-up of contenders. My thanks to those that have put in the hard work behind the scenes to make this night possible.

Please remember it is also a partner's night.

Also remember we have BBQ's on Saturday 2nd at Putney and West Ryde and one scheduled for Sunday 10th November. Graffiti patrol is also on Sunday Morning 3rd November.

Our thoughts and wishes to those on the sick list – get well 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?**

A bustling pre-dinner gathering saw us mixing and mingling like it was some kind of Rotary meeting. Some engaged in conversations furthering the goals and ideals of the club, others wolfing down **Val and Bill Payne's** cheese and crackers, washed down with intoxicating beverages. After **Sergeant Geoff Brennan** distilled chaos to tranquility, our senior statesman, **PDG Les Whitcroft** sealed the traditional officialdom with the Loyal Toast, insisting we fill and raise glasses only – no bottles – to venerate our head of state.

President Adrian Hallett then gave us a brief run-down of the evening ahead, welcoming our guest speaker, **Steve Cartland** from Sydney Living Museums, and ran through a couple of apologies, notably **Lucile**, who was celebrating her birthday, and **Allen Horrell**, who celebrated a couple of birthdays the previous weekend and I suspect might have been still recovering!

Celebrations were in order for **Ashley Peake** attaining an incredible and slightly incredulous 93 years, judging by his youthful appearance. **John and Dee Brown** at 44 years and **David and Sally James** at 33 years all proving that love sometimes can and does last. Our attendance reporter, **Ross Rocca** did not attend, so in place of an attendance report, a whole bunch of boisterous Rotarians yelled random figures out, literally begging to be fined later on.

President Adrian then reported on a very successful street art obliteration project, which enlisted the help of philistines; community volunteers, our state and federal members of parliament and the usual contingent of dedicated street art saboteurs. My 'homies' were not impressed with the destruction of their 'artwork' by **Siddharth, John Brown, PDG John Dodd, PP Bill Payne, Kate Dodd, PPx2 Geoff Brennan** and **President Adrian**.

It's sausage sizzle season, with three barbecues on the horizon, for Ryde Council, CCA and a new group hosting a fun run. With the rare absence of our secretary and treasurer, reports were thin on the ground, but **PP Ken Allen** stepped up to spruik the Centurion Program, with 20 members currently engaged and 100% participation urged. Grab a sign-up form today.

John Mazlin reminds us that Rotary Foundation is supporting local projects, turning \$5K into \$20K for worthwhile projects, so let's start thinking about what we can ramp up some cash for. **PP Peter Cooper** is organising yet another weekend away, this time to Gerringong - **more information on Page 8**. Talk to **Ron Taffa**, while Peter is cruising NZ.

PP Charles Kilby on the youth and community front announced the sponsorship of three Rylarians: Agatha Rossi, Exchange student Lucille and a Macquarie Rotaracter. After a little timetable shuffling and clarification, Charles assured us that we can attend all 3 planned sausage sizzles with no double bookings. Amazingly at this point, we were 5 minutes ahead of schedule, so **Adrian** suggested more fellowship and I went to powder my nose, in preparation for the Sergeant's fining session. **Sergeant PPx2 Geoff Brennan** came out all guns blazing, and defrauded me of a fine by hiding my badge before I arrived then fining me for not wearing it as he handed it back to me. Criminal.

Spackle jackpot is at \$340 and narrowly uncollected by **Rob Mitchell** who no doubt drowned his sorrows with the consolation prize.

Sergeant then fined all celebrities of birthdays and anniversaries before challenging the club to trivial political questions no one knew. He then went into a whole bunch of questions about flowers, which surprised everyone as we didn't know **Geoff** was such a lover of botany – and Mardi Gras is months away. He fined the entire end table except **Nora**. BBQ chaos was heavily taxed, as was **John Brown** for a false grand theft auto report and **Kate Dodd** for the supreme optimism of asking **Tony Abboud** to be a greeter, to which he responded that he did greet, he said “hello” to another late arrival in the lift!

Kate then introduced the guest speaker, **Steve Cartland** from Sydney Living Museums. She was an apt welcomer, with an architectural bent. Steve was passionate, engaging, informative and entertaining as he took us on a mini guided tour of some of the most famous historical houses in Sydney. Steve has been an historical house guide and a Rotarian and now loves to let the world know about our wonderful heritage. The rebranded Historical Houses Trust is focusing on the life and times of our treasured buildings, telling stories and giving a sense of the reality of the times when such great houses were created. We were all transfixed by the wonderful photos and the accompanying narrative. Rather than fill the next few pages of the Hub, best I just point you to the website – www.hht.net.au Steve encouraged us all to visit these wonderful places whenever we could. Perhaps a club outing might be on the cards?

Yours truly was chosen to thank Steve, which was a pleasure, having had some of my own living memories in some of those historical houses, performing at weddings and other events. I lamented the lack of development of any such buildings in modern times that might be remembered centuries on, and did not confess to my uncle burning down the Crystal Palace in 1936. After a brief and embarrassing moment where I realised I had not arranged the certificate of donation on behalf of the guest speaker, and made it look like it was the Sergeant's fault, the meeting closed with a rousing National Anthem and it was all over for another week.



Steve Cartland from Sydney Living Museums presents on Sydney's Historic Houses.

Percentage Attendance 22nd October: 92.31%

Makeups: PP Bob Kaye-Smith, PP Graham Metcalfe, PP Charles Kilby, Rtn Siddharth Maheshwari, Rtn Erdem Toner, Rtn Geoff Nix.

Apologies: Dr Siddharth Maheshwari, Dr Surinder Joson, PP Allen Horrell, PP Artin Etmekdjian, PP Bob Carroll, PP Bob Kaye-Smith, PP Charles Kilby, PP Duncan Taylor, PP Patrick Longfield, PP Graham Metcalfe, PP Ross Roccaa, Rtn Erdem Toner, Rtn Geoff Nix, Rtn Kalma McLellan, Rtn Rob Senior.

LOOKING AHEAD

November 5th **INTERACT** - Interaction Night

November 5th **Krissy Briden** - Australian Rotaractor of the Year

LUCILE RICHARD - FRIDAY NIGHT ROSTER

Lucile is currently hosted by Mal & Kathleen Goris

9877 0852 / 17 Pearl Ave, Epping

Please confirm your plans in advance with both Lucile and the Goris family!

November 1st Kathryn Dodd

November 8th FAMILY HOLIDAY

November 15th Steve & Julie Thorp

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

October 17th 18th Birthday for **Lucile Richard**

October 31st 32nd Wedding Anniversary for **Mick & Sue Nelson**

November 2nd 37 Year Club Anniversary for **George Bouckley**

CLUB MEETING DUTY ROSTER

DATE	WELCOMERS	LOYAL TOAST	INTRO	THANKS
05.11	Nora Etmekdjian Erdem Toner	Bill Payne	John Dodd	Geoff Brennan
12.11	Martin Aston Bob Carroll	Victoria Gouel	John Higgins	David Johnston

- Nov. 2nd (Sat)** Christian Community Aid BBQ
Darvall Park Details TBC
- Nov. 2nd (Sat)** Ryde Council Fun Day
11am - 2pm / Putney Park
- Nov.16th (Sat)** CCA Major Fundraiser TRIVIA NIGHT
From 7pm / Epping Boys High School / RSVP to Charles Kilby
- November 22-24** Club Weekend Away @ Geringong
Details TBC - Peter Cooper will announce & circulate a list tonight
- 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

UPCOMING EVENT FLYERS

 City of Ryde
Lifestyle and opportunity
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You're Invited ...

Come on down to Putney Park to join in our family fun day. There'll be a barbeque, kids' sports, fun activities, music and much more! We're celebrating the opening of the new Putney Park playground and other attractions ... all part of the plan to bring new life back to this beautiful waterside park.



Drop by our marquee for a chat with Councillors and staff and enjoy the Ryde Rotary sausage sizzle (gold coin donation). It's a great way to find out what's happening in your community.

When: Saturday 2 November 2013
Time: 11.00am -2.00pm
Where: Putney Park, Pellisier Road (northern end near Jetty Road)

BBQ ... sports activities ... new playground ... picnic shelter ... walking tracks ... water play area with wading pool ... tube slide ... lookout tower ... climbing net ... beautiful views ... fun for all!

Saturday 16 November 2013

7.00pm games commence at 7.30pm

Epping Boys School
Edmund Barton Hall

\$25.00 per head
Tables of 6 - 10

BYO food and
drink



Plenty of fun
Lots of laughs

Prizes and
raffles

Put a team
together



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This year's Weekend Away is to the Park Ridge Retreat in Gerringong. **Please contact Ron Taffa for details & RSVP as soon as possible. It will be a great weekend!**

This hilltop village overlooks a great swathe of blue ocean that promises long days of sport and sunshine. This atmospheric town also has a taste for the finer things in life, including wines, great fishing and golf. There are seven courses in close proximity to Gerringong. Be sure to sample the wines at Crooked River Winery and browse through the Gerringong Heritage Museum. Don't miss one of the best picnic spots around, at Boat Harbour Reserve, from where you can take a stroll along the rock platform.

Club activities may include: Kiama Coast Walk, Werri Beach, Crooked River Winery, Boolarng Nangamai Aboriginal Art & Culture Studio, Pottery at Old Toolijooa School.



CCA FAMILY FUN DAY THIS SATURDAY

CCA Family Day Care

Family Fun Day

Saturday 2nd November
4pm until 7pm
at Darvall Park
Chatham Road West Ryde



Please help support this event by bringing along the whole family for a fun filled afternoon.

Thank you for your acceptance of paying for missed meals. Whilst I keep a little note about who owes what, there really isn't any need to because you are so forthcoming in paying for a time when you couldn't attend and couldn't advise the Keeper of the Numbers by the cut-off time of 10am Monday. Thank you Victoria Gouel for your good humoured reporting of attendees and apologies in Julie Thorp's absence.

Sometimes our numbers fall short and we pay out more than we collect, but safe in the knowledge that this is generally recovered the following Tuesday. If we advise the caterers that our numbers are, say, 40 and only 35 turn up, we are obliged to pay for 40. If, on the other hand we have 42 mouths to feed then we pay for the higher number. At this point they distribute the string-beans differently and Allen Horrell takes note.

If you are bringing a guest please advise the Keeper of the Numbers and President Adrian. If your guest is a potential club member (ie someone you think would be a good Rotarian and member of Ryde Rotary) this guest may be considered a "guest of the club" for their first visit. If someone "pops in" on spec we'll put out our hand for the meeting/meal fee.

What makes the Treasurer's job pleasurable is to greet the smiling Rotarians as they come through the door. No-one whinges when they pay even when they hear my old line of "can I keep the change?" It is wearing thin, I know. I'll think of something else!

David James

RYEP STUDENT JOHN GORIS - REPORT FROM FINLAND

Winter is coming to Finland early it seems. We had the first Autumn snow of the year in Toijala just two days ago but it only left a light coating and is already melting away. It's not so cold yet, the days hang around -3 to 5 degrees so with three layers you're fine unless it's really windy. Just like squirrels, the Finns are preparing to hibernate for the winter. DVD's are being stocked up on, video games are being bought and everyone's getting a new winter jacket.

It's really noticeable the shift in people's moods with the cold weather. People don't do stuff nearly as much as in summer and I think they're already getting bored. But it looks like there won't be any chance for snow sports for another couple of months so it should just be snow in the shoes and the occasional snowball fight.

I had a really awesome opportunity to be a teacher for a couple of days at a school in a nearby town called vesilahti. One of my school friends is a teacher there and she asked me if I'd like to give my presentation about Australia to her English classes. They'd be for years 7-9 so about 12-15 year olds. The lesson plan was first to introduce myself, then give the presentation, short question time and then we went outside and threw a boomerang.

The classes responded really well to my presentations and asked a lot of good questions about both me and Australia. At lunch I was given a tour of the school which has recently been awarded best international school in Finland which is extremely impressive considering Vesilahti is rural town smaller than Toijala. I gave my presentation about 12 times and then after I finished on the second day, I was invited by the school principal to join him, and the school council, on a day cruise to the Aland islands between Sweden and Finland. The cruise was also for the school student council so they could meet and decide on school matters.

I prepared a report about my school in Australia, how it differs from school in Finland but talked about more philosophical matters like the school's ethos and the importance of the school in the community. In the afternoon the meeting was over and we could enjoy the on-board buffet, spa retreat, duty free shopping and all the amazing views of the Finnish archipelago. I spent this portion of the cruise with the principal who is an extremely funny man and we chatted casually whilst enjoying the cruise.

I also moved to my last ever host family, the Tuominen's, since last report. They're a very nice family who have a lot in common with me. My host Dad is called Juha, he spends a lot of time out of the house because his job requires him to travel a lot but when he is there we tend to watch movies together.

Anu, my host mum, doesn't speak very good English so we speak finglish with each other. My youngest host brother, Julius, loves video games so we play together. Jasmin was an exchange student in new Zealand last year and we're already becoming really close friends because we have so much from exchange in common.

The other big highlight is Kristian, my exchange student friend from Germany came to visit us. I'm so jealous of him being able to travel around Europe so easily! Why does Australia have to be in the middle of nowhere!? Anyways he came to visit and it was really great to catch up. We went to Tampere together for the day with a couple of other people, got up to some shenanigans and then had a movie night back at my house. He seemed to be dealing with post-exchange life quite well and had grown a lot from the experience. Matty D and I decided that we would travel together to Germany, Finland and the States to see all the good friends we had made on exchange. Just need to win the lottery/ rob a bank first.

Last weekend as part of a scout activity. We went around Tampere doing challenges. These were just little games but at the end we got to abseil down pynikintori! It's this old stone tower thing that's about 30 metres high and on the only hill in Tampere so you can see the whole town from up on top. Abseiling down wasn't really scary. Especially after going bungee jumping but it was still pretty awesome. It was like a slow awkward version of being Spiderman.

School's going well too, I'm learning French in it this semester which is so much easier than Finnish. I'm actually learning quite a bit of Finnish from my French which is helping me study for the language test this week. I'm quite nervous about but I'll tell you how it goes when I get the result back.

John Goris

In the basement there are 3 light switches in the “off” position. Each controls one of 3 light bulbs on the floor above.

You may turn on any of the switches, but can only go upstairs one time to see which light bulbs were effected.

How can you determine which switch controls each light bulb?

A man has to get a fox, a chicken, and a sack across a river. He has a rowboat, and it can only carry him and one other thing.

If the fox and the chicken are left together, the fox will eat the chicken. If the chicken and the corn are left together, the chicken will eat the corn.

How does he do it?

IF YOU CAN'T WAIT UNTIL NEXT WEEK FOR THE ANSWERS, FEEL FREE TO EMAIL YOUR SOLUTIONS TO EDITOR@RYDEROTARY.ORG.AU

TEST FOR LAST WEEK : ANSWERS

You're in a cement room with no windows or doors.

The only thing you have is a mirror and a piece of wood.

How do you get out?

Dee Septor, the famous magician, claimed to be able to throw a ping pong ball so that it would go a short distance, come to a complete stop, and then reverse itself.

He also added that he would not bounce the ball off any object, or tie anything to it.

How could he perform this trick?

A: YOU LOOK IN THE MIRROR AND SEE WHAT YOU “SAW”, TAKE THE SAW AND CUT THE PIECE OF WOOD IN HALF. PUT THE HALVES TOGETHER TO MAKE A “WHOLE”, AND CRAWL OUT THE WHOLE.

A: HE THREW THE BALL STRAIGHT UP IN THE AIR



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.

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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!
