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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

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RSVP EXTRAS OR ABSENCES TO JULIE THORP: 9871 1109

November 26 Optometry
Susan Thompson

TONIGHT'S ROSTER

Welcomers Rob Mitchell & Graham Metcalfe
Loyal Toast Ian Henderson
Guest Intro Siddharth Maheshwari
Vote of Thanks Ross Rocca

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 our outbound exchange students, Libby Sham, Anna Horrell and Lucas Kilby. What a year awaits all three young ambassadors for the Rotary youth exchange program.

Our Club weekend away down at Gerringong was a great weekend of fellowship and enjoyed by those that were able to attend. Special thanks to Peter Cooper and Duncan and Marli Taylor for organising the finer points of a great weekend.

This week we will hear from Susan Thomson on her special field of optometry
PLEASE BRING ANY OLD GLASSES YOU MAY HAVE LYING AROUND AT HOME!

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?**

Ken Allen having just turned 70 suddenly found he was welcome at the “Senior Active” table: now we know what the threshold is. After a spirited Rotary Grace and **Ian Henderson**’s formal Loyal Toast to the Queen, **President Adrian Hallett** introduced our guests especially Exchange Students **Lucile Richard, Libby Sham, Lucas Kilby and Anna Horrell**. Steak with mashed potatoes, carrots and broccoli made up the main course, but options included **John Brown**’s schnitzel and **Bernadette**’s vegetarian pasta dish which she pronounced excellent.

President Adrian reported on decisions from last week’s Board meeting to have Rotary ambassadors at Community projects, mentors for new members, changes to our meeting format to be discussed at the AGM, the purchase of a video recorder for Club PR work, and that **PDG John Dodd** has taken over as Community Chair from **Allen Horrell**. The Tamil Nadu project is under way, 3 young people including our **Lucile** have been sponsored to RYLA, and one to the NYSF.

A popular announcement was that the Club has bought three Shelterboxes for the Typhoon relief in the Philippines.

Acting Serjeant Duncan Taylor reported on the Fellowship weekend in Gerringong this Friday, and said that due to ill Margarets, neither organiser of the event, Ron nor Peter, are able to attend, but due to their sterling work a great weekend will be had by all attending.

PP Rob Mitchell reported that after building two co-ed schools in Borjegai the original girl’s school has now gone co-ed too, a visible sign of changing attitudes in our area of operations.

Julie Thorp talked up the benefits of a one-day, non-residential District Conference at Chatswood, apparently with no dinner for only \$85 early bird rates, \$110 after 30th November.

In the first of our RYEP presentations, **President Adrian Hallett** presented Ryde Outbound Youth Exchange student with her blazer.

Next RYEP Inbound **Lucile** gave her report, her busy days’ activities delivered with bewildering speed: Saturday at the beach, Sunday fly to the Gold Coast, where her 30th floor room had a panoramic view of the Ocean. Monday was spent at Movie World and Wet & Wild, then surfing, which must have been good, because Tuesday repeated Monday’s entertainments. Wednesday an animal park, Thursday water skiing, Friday a helicopter flight over the Gold Coast followed by surfing. Saturday she returned to Sydney and slept all day: not surprising!

Kalma told us it was time to pay for our orders of christmas cards and puddings, and for the Sydney RI Convention too: This is a once in a generation opportunity and well worth attending. If you are going register now! This is for your own good and that of our

District, which stands to make a substantial saving if 50% of our District register before 15th December. **Do not delay – Kalma will help anyone to register on-line.**

PP Allen Horrell called for Volunteers for the gift wrapping stand at Top Ryde, this year to be run by **PDG John Dodd** as incoming Community Chair.

David Johnston was fined because our stand-in Serjeant couldn't find his regalia, **Victoria** for being late, **Allen** for wearing a white shirt for once, **John Higgins** for selling his house and several members for recent or impending birthdays.

Siddharth won the spackle, cut the 7 of diamonds, and teetotal presented a bottle of red to **PP Ken Allen**, earning a round of applause for his generosity.



Outbound Youth Exchange Students of 2014, sponsored by Ryde, Carlingford & Waitara Clubs.

The outbound presentations began with **Libby Sham** off to **Sacile, Italy** where she will represent Ryde Rotary and Australia in a picturesque village north of Venice.

Lucas Kilby explained that he has 6 host sisters and the FIFA World Cup to look forward to in Brazil.

Anna Horrell is being hosted by **Turun Linna Rotary in Turku, Finland**, and is looking forward to being part of her host families.

John Dodd gave the vote of thanks, pointing out that what the students want from Youth Exchange matches what Rotary wants from the program: long-term connections and goodwill across the world, and personal growth for the students and those they come in contact with on exchange.

Percentage Attendance 12th November: 87.18%

Makeups: Rtn Geoff Nix, Rtn Victoria Gouel.

Apologies: Dr Surinder Joson, PDG Les Whitcroft, PP Artin Etmekdjian, PP Burkhart Foertsch, PP Geoffrey Brennan, PP Jan Cutler, PP Peter Cooper, PP Tony Abboud, Rtn Erdem Toner, Rtn Geoff Nix, Rtn Nora Etmekdjian, Rtn Rob Senior.

LOOKING AHEAD

- December 3rd** **Grand Master Gary Khor & David Brown** Tai Chi
- December 10th** **Annual General Meeting** (Board Meeting to follow)
- December 17th** **CHRISTMAS PARTY**

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 29th** Dodd Family
- December 6th** Geoff & Janice Brennan
- December 13th** Ross & Rose Rocca

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- December 2nd** 5 Year Club Anniversary for **Adrian Hallett**
- December 2nd** 10 Year Club Anniversary for **Ron Taffa**

CLUB MEETING DUTY ROSTER

DATE	WELCOMERS	LOYAL TOAST	INTRO	THANKS
03.12	Nora Etmekdjian Allen Horrell	Stefan Sojka	John Brown	Duncan Taylor
10.12	Patrick Longfield Bill Payne	Peter Cooper	Rob Mitchell	Kalma McLellan

- November 30th** **District Conference 2014 - Earlybird Registration Deadline**
\$85 per person / www.conference2014d9685.wordpress.com
- Dec. 4th (Wed)** Combined Service Organisations Christmas Carols
6pm / Christ Church Auditorium, St Ives / RSVP 1st Dec. John Isaacs (9449 7929)
- 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

RAWCS REPORT - RYLA & RYPEN IN TIMOR-LESTE

Since 2002 our Rotary District has been bringing young Timorese to Sydney to participate in RYLA - (Rotary Youth Leadership Award). Each visitor was funded by Rotary club donations. Given that the average age of Timorese is only eighteen, that half the children under five are malnourished, that a third of the population perished over the last two decades and that many of the young people have never had mentors, leadership was seen as being absolutely critical to the emerging independent Timor Leste.

In 2008 RtnTheo Glockemann and his wife Georgia visited Timor Leste to assess whether their idea of a RYLA in Timor Leste run by Timorese youth for Timorese youth was a possibility. The object was to “export” the RYLA program to Timor Leste. A team of fifteen returned to Timor on a fact finding trip and to confirm that RYLA had a very important place in Timor. As a result 2010 saw the first RYLA in Timor Leste held at Liquisa with 50 participants. Despite many cultural, language and organisational problems RYLA was a great success. For the 2012 RYLA TL we were very fortunate to secure Woodside and its Joint Venture Partners – Shell, Conico Philips and Osaka Gas – as sponsors.

Eddy Pinto was elected Timorese Director. He himself was a Rylarian in 2010. He set about the task of selecting and training his facilitator team with the result that RYLA TL 2012 had almost 700 applicants for the 100 positions available. After an exhaustive selection process the participants chosen were of the highest calibre.

Our team had great concerns about the number of young people we were turning away from RYLA TL, and the huge number of school leavers who would not continue to University faced a bleak future with no jobs and few choices. The Rotary RYPEN Project (Rotary Youth Program of Encouragement), we believed had a lot to offer and so we resolved to have a pilot RYPEN in 2013.

To take advantage of the enthusiasm and to put into use what they had learnt, last year we initiated “Rylarian District Community Service Committees” made up of ET RYLA Alumni. Each year 100 new Rylarians will be encouraged to participate with their peers in the Rotaract Club of Dili and form new committees where there currently are none, and to mentor their younger peers from RYPEN, while serving their communities. We maintain a database of participants / districts / projects to monitor and assist.

What started with a single idea has now led to a variety of productive programs involving more than 400 young adults which is immensely pleasing.

Theo Glockemann



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!
