

THE ROTARY CLUB OF RYDE DISTRICT 9685 CHARTERED 1946

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District
9685

From the mountains to the sea.

**ROTARY FELLOWSHIP NIGHT
DEVELOPING OUR CLUB**



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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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Ryde NSW 1680

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February 18

Fellowship Night

TONIGHT'S ROSTER

Welcomers Nora Etmekdjian & Ross Rocca

Loyal Toast John Brown

If you are unable to fulfill this duty, please arrange your own swap and inform President Adrian of the change. **Duty roster is on Page 7.**

ADRIAN'S ADDENDUM

Dear Rotarians and Rotary Friends,

Our last guest speaker was John Goris who has recently returned from Finland. It was evident to those in attendance that the year has certainly changed John and clearly for the better. Congratulations John!

This Tuesday we are having a Club Forum /Fellowship night.

It was good to see Tony Abboud join us and show how well he is recovering. Meanwhile Surinder Joson continues treatment at the San Hospital.

On Sunday I joined John Booth from The Weekly Times for a trip to Orange to view the replica cottage and participate in the Banjo Patterson Festival. The cottage restoration was a project undertaken by the Rotary Club of Orange and finally donated to Orange City Council for ALL the community to enjoy and appreciate. A great day of fellowship and meeting new people. Nora and Artin Etmekdjian also attended (Artin in his capacity as former Mayor and Councillor).

Hope to see you all on Tuesday night.

Adrian

DON'T FORGET!

**The District 9685 Conference is on THIS SUNDAY
at 7:30am The Concourse, Chatswood.**

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?**

- Feb. 23rd (Sun)** **District 9685 Conference 2014**
The Concourse, Chatswood / conference2014d9586.wordpress.com
- March 2nd (Sun)** Graffiti Removal (First Sunday every month!)
Meet 8am West Ryde Car Park in Ryedale Rd
- March 2nd (Sun)** Sahra by the River : Indigo Foundation Borjegaï Fundraiser
12:30pm / \$90pp / 2/76 Phillip St Parramatta / www.trybooking.com/ECCW
- March 11th (Tues)** **PARTNERS NIGHT : Royal Rehabilitation Hospital Tour**
6 for 6:30pm / \$30pp (incl. drinks) / Royal Rehab Hospital, 235 Morrison Rd
- March 25th (Tues)** Community Fundraiser : Bunnings Rydalmere BBQ
Please contact John Dodd to volunteer
- March 28th (Fri)** **Major Fundraiser : Ryde Rotary Charity Golf Day**
Ryde-Parramatta Golf Club / Contact Martin Aston for more information
- April 5th (Sat)** Community Fundraiser : Bunnings Rydalmere BBQ
Please contact John Dodd to volunteer
- April 6th (Sun)** Graffiti Removal (First Sunday every month!)
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FEBRUARY 11 - AS RECALLED BY ALLEN HORRELL

President Adrian Hallett read a long list of apologies but welcomed PP Tony Abboud back from his absence at Hospital. Our meal arrived; roast beef, roast potatoes, broccoli and carrots: an excellent meal, even without beans. Our vegetarian fellows tucked into some sort of quiche covered in IGS* and shaved parmesan – from all reports it was excellent too. President Adrian Hallett reported that he and David James had visited Surinder Joson in the SAN, and that more visits are welcome.

Adrian also spruiked the \$75 TWT Bus trip to Orange the next Sunday morning departing at 7am for the Banjo Paterson Festival in the Orange Botanic Gardens. Banjo Paterson was born in Orange but died in Ryde, so feel free to celebrate his life here, too.

Rotary Youth Exchange student Lucile Richard reported on the RYEP Dinner on Friday at the Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club, where she met last year's Rebounds, and our Newbie inbounds. Saturday she was at the beach, as evidenced by her tan and Facebook photos of surfing, and on Sunday she ran in a colour race, and still has colour in her hair.

Serjeant Geoff followed with the Spackle, and Val had ticket C31, split the deck to find a red 10 of hearts and a white bottle of wine. PP's Patrick and Martin were fined for an animated discussion during the President's report, John Dodd and Tony Abboud for not wearing name badges: "Your back's all fixed now, Tony: it can support the weight of your dinner disk!"

PE Kalma Introduced our Rebound John Goris who gave a PowerPoint-assisted talk entitled “My Year in Finland.” He said Finland is in every imaginable way different to Australia but (perhaps for that reason) was “the best place I could have been last year!” Outbound he went from 40°C in Sydney to -10°C in Helsinki, and since returning he has been sunburnt several times as he is no longer used to the Australian sun. He is readjusting however, and starts University in a few weeks.

He gave his perceptions of the Finns as people: typically shy, reserved and modest, believing that “Silence is Golden.” That just meant he had to introduce himself and initiate every conversation, making him more extrovert and confident in the process. He noted that Finns respect each other and equality of the sexes is absolute. Arguments always focus on solving the problem, not on winning the argument: “Winning is for Losers!” is one saying, “Everyone is equal in the Sauna” is another.

Playing Volleyball as a newbie with the Finnish National team taught him the importance of “Sisu” (Perseverance is the closest English word).

He visited many countries and has friends from many more – 600+ from all over the World. He said there were two sides to exchange, equally important:

- 1) the Finnish host families and School, and
- 2) the other Exchange Students!

The Oldies became his mentors for the first 6 months, and he tried to do the same for the Newbies when they arrived.

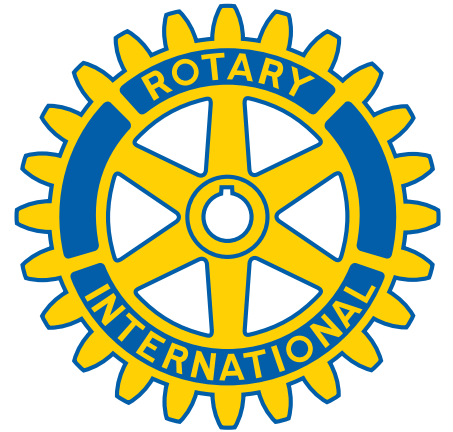
The Russian, Euro and Lapland tours were adventures. He was shocked after the egalitarian, universally middle-class Finland to be confronted by the extremes of wealth and poverty in Russia. He has clearly done some growing while away, and not just in the facial hair department.

After an exchange of Club Banners (from his awesome Finnish Rotary Club) John was given the official vote of thanks by Youth Director Charles Kilby.

The meeting closed with the National Anthem, and our members and guests (those of us who didn't have to stay for the Board meeting) left, uplifted by the good that is done by Rotary through the Youth Exchange Program.



ROTARY CLUB of RYDE



2014



**4-BALL AMBROSE
COMPLIMENTARY
BUNKER CLINIC**

**REGISTRATION +
BREAKFAST 6:30AM
SHOTGUN START 8AM
LUNCH APPROX. 1PM**

CHARITY GOLF DAY

**FRIDAY 28TH MARCH
RYDE-PARRAMATTA GOLF CLUB**



**SUPPORTING ROTARY PROJECTS
IN AUSTRALIA AND THE WIDER WORLD**
and
PROSTATE CANCER FOUNDATION OF AUSTRALIA



Percentage Attendance 11th February: 86.49%

Makeups: PP Bob Kaye-Smith, Rtn Erdem Toner, Rtn Kathryn Dodd.

Apologies: Dr Surinder Joson, PP Artin Etmekdjian, PP Bob Carroll, PP Bob Kaye-Smith, PP Burkhart Foertsch, PP John Higgins, PP Ken Allen, Rtn Erdem Toner, Rtn John Mazlin, Rtn Kathryn Dodd, Rtn Nora Etmekdjian, Rtn Stefan Sojka, Rtn Victoria Gouel.

LUCILE RICHARD - FRIDAY NIGHT ROSTER

Lucile is currently hosted by John & Janelle Dodd

9980 7337 / 2 York St, Beecroft

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

February 21st Charles & Victoria Kilby

February 28th Victoria Gouel

March 7th Patrick & Yvonne Longfield

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

February 20th Birthday Celebration for **Margaret (Peter Cooper)**

February 23rd 80th Birthday of **Alex Sawyer**

CLUB MEETING DUTY ROSTER

DATE	WELCOMERS	LOYAL TOAST	INTRO	THANKS
25.02	Steve Thorp Peter Cooper	Geoff Brennan	Patrick Longfield	Victoria Gouel
04.03	Noel Dunn Ian Henderson	Tony Abboud	Jan Cutler	John Brown

When I was young I
was scared of the dark.
Now when I see my electricity bill
I am scared of the lights.



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!
