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*From the mountains to the sea.*

**DISTRICT 9685 CONFERENCE**  
**FEBRUARY 23<sup>RD</sup> 2014**



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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**

**February 25** Rotary Youth (Board Meeting to follow)  
**Patrick Mahony**

### TONIGHT'S ROSTER

**Welcomers** Steve Thorp & Peter Cooper  
**Loyal Toast** Geoff Brennan  
**Guest Intro** Patrick Longfield  
**Vote of Thanks** Kathryn Dodd

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 6.**

### ADRIAN'S ADDENDUM

Dear Rotarians and Rotary Friends,

Thank you to all who participated in last weeks table discussions. Some good feedback was received and will be considered appropriately.

Our District Conference was held on Sunday and was well attended by Club Members. It was very different and most speakers left us with much to remember and think about. Thanks to all those that were able to attend.

Our guest speaker for Tuesday night was to be Toni McLean, from Aunty Molly's at Morriset. Toni is a long time friend of the Club having attended many of our meetings. However, we have received news that Toni's son-in-law (of only three months) has tragically passed away. Toni is with her daughter and extended family at this time. Our thoughts and prayers go to Toni and the family at this time.

Jan Cutler has something special for us at our Tuesday night meeting.

Best wishes to those on the sick list. Hope to see you soon.

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](mailto: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?**

**March 2nd (Sun)** Graffiti Removal (First Sunday every month!)  
Meet 8am West Ryde Car Park in Ryedale Rd

**March 2nd (Sun)** Sahara by the River : Indigo Foundation Borjegai Fundraiser  
12:30pm / \$90pp / 2/76 Phillip St Parramatta / [www.trybooking.com/ECCW](http://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!)  
Meet 8am West Ryde Car Park in Ryedale Rd

**April 30th (Wed)** **Combined Service Clubs Dinner**  
Details TBC - save the date! **\*\*IN PLACE OF TUESDAY MEETING\*\***

**FEBRUARY 18 - AS RECALLED BY STEFAN SOJKA**

I wasn't sure whether there was a collectively unconscious attempt to compensate for PP Geoff Brennan's absence, but Rotary Grace seemed to be sung about half an octave lower. Yours truly tried to pull everyone back into pitch, but only succeeded in throwing enough people off, to make the choir sound like a herd of strangled cats.

President Adrian promptly dragged the meeting back into order by introducing Elizabeth Curcic-Daher as a guest and potential new member and announcing not too many apologies (later revealed achieve 91.11% by our attendance officer, PP Ross Rocca), most notably the aforementioned Mr Brennan and the almost ever-present Allen Horrell who, kind of like Odysseus returning to Ithaca, but more like Frodo heading back to Middle Earth, was away in NZ.

Back at my table, PP Tony Abboud was back, and I chivalrously backed his convalescence from a recent major back operation by helping him push his chair back in, after which Tony gave us the full back-story to his January holiday set-backs, that had him coming back to Sydney for an emergency procedure to ensure his back pain never comes back.

Our Pres. then reported his recent visit to Orange for the Banjo Patterson Festival, with his own poetic spoonerism, saying he went with Norton and Ara. AB's cottage has been moved and restored. Anyone who didn't go ought to do a make-up at the Rotary Club of Orange and check it out. The School of St Jude passed a report through Allen Horrell

that a report is pending. Gemma from SOSJ is speaking at the RI Convention, which ought to be a big PR win for the school.

Rtn. Kathryn Dodd announced Elizabeth Daher's nomination to join us, along with Kathryn's own nomination to run an "Ultra" Half-Marathon in May, along the Great Ocean Road for Cure Cancer Australia. She kicked off her fundraising (with multiplier effect through some kind of matching donation Ponzi scheme that magically and actually triples your donation out of thin air) with a quick game of heads and tails that yours truly won in two rounds by hanging on to the seat of my pants with both hands.

Julie Thorp then proceeded to announce a whole bunch of stuff for District Conference that proved that she is totally organised once again, and holding the entire thing together single-handedly. Exchange Student Lucille told us of her trip to the Australian Alps with some Swiss and Norwegian mountaineers. The weather was horrible, so they went shopping and played cards and scrabble instead. Hitting the peaks of exhilaration there!

Then followed a volley of reports: The 2014-15 Aust/NZ Rotary Directory is out, President Elect Kalma McLellan introduced her new army, peppered with new recruits and old war horses. It's going to be a huge year ahead, by the looks...

The Lions Club combined serviced dinner is coming up on the 30 April – check Hub or Google and book now! Martin Aston updated the Golf Day with announcement of the first registrant, John Alexander MP! Still seeking sponsors and prizes.

The Substitute Sergeant, Duncan Taylor's session kicked in with PDG John Dodd snagging the spackle and a bottle of white, leaving the jackpot even more certain next time! Fines session was fast and furious: Peter Cooper's anniversary, Victoria Gouel, Charles Kilby and Siddarth's tardiness, Patrick Longfield for loudness and for being next year's Sergeant, sowing the seeds of ill will nice and early, thanks Duncan. David Johnson fined for being an unsung hero (more karaoke, David!) and for Schadenfreudian glee over Channel 7's recent police raid.

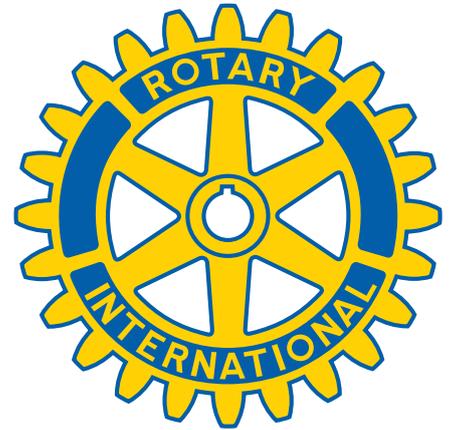
Kathryn got hammered for agreeing to hammer herself on half a marathon +2 ultra-kms, I for lewd buttock groping for free wine and again for wearing the old, green (and very fashionable) Rotary shirt ...and an entire table of Hendo, Charles, Ron, Martin and Geoff Nix by John Dodd for all wearing shirts that looked like they were made from table cloths.

The meeting then turned into a mini-workshop, with each table getting an envelope with points of discussion on club improvement and reflection, around events, membership, mothers'/fathers' day, fundraising and seasonal events timing.

A large amount of valuable feedback and ideas were generated, and will no doubt be integrated into the club's collective consciousness, better than our earlier vocal compensation for the lack of PP Geoff Brennan.

The national song wound up the meeting and again. Without the Basso Profundo of PP Geoff, holding the club in tune, all 5 tables drifted off into different keys, to produce the most atonal, dissonant drunk barbershop quintet version of AAF one is ever likely to hear... until next week!

# 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 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH  
RYDE-PARRAMATTA GOLF CLUB**



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



# REGISTRATION / ENTRY FORM



PAYMENT IS REQUIRED WITH THIS FORM BY 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

## MAJOR SPONSOR

**\$2500**

Signage priority in the clubhouse and on course; two minute talk on your company; presentation of prizes; breakfast and lunch for eight; four golf carts; and golf for eight players.

## HOLE SPONSOR

**\$700**

Advertising at the hole; banner (if supplied) near clubhouse; breakfast and lunch for four; and golf for four players.

## INDIVIDUAL PLAYER

**\$130\***

\* MEMBERS OF RYDE-PARRAMATTA GOLF CLUB PAY \$90

## SPONSOR REGISTRATION

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## PLAYER REGISTRATION

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|----|---------|-------------|------------------------------|
| 1. | _____   |             | M/F _____                    |
|    | ☎ _____ | H'CAP _____ | RYDE-PARRA GOLF CLUB # _____ |
| 2. | _____   |             | M/F _____                    |
|    | ☎ _____ | H'CAP _____ | RYDE-PARRA GOLF CLUB # _____ |
| 3. | _____   |             | M/F _____                    |
|    | ☎ _____ | H'CAP _____ | RYDE-PARRA GOLF CLUB # _____ |
| 4. | _____   |             | M/F _____                    |
|    | ☎ _____ | H'CAP _____ | RYDE-PARRA GOLF CLUB # _____ |

NAMES OF EXTRAS FOR LUNCH (\$45 PP) \_\_\_\_\_

GOLF CARTS REQUIRED (\$45 EACH) \_\_\_\_\_

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I know none of you will be surprised, a) that I have written an article on the environment for the Hub, and b) that it will be on Climate Change. What will surprise you perhaps is the direction and content of this article.

While preparing for the breakout session at the conference I decided to do some research about what, where and how clubs across the world dealt with the environment as an issue. While I came across many references to club actions and activities, there were of course many clubs which make no reference to these issues.

These activities varied from the Preserve Planet Earth project, planting trees to Environmental Leadership Awards (Abbotsford Canada). I was surprised to find this:

<http://www.understandingclimatechange.org/get-involved/rotary-climate-change>

Some of you may recall that Richard and I started this project, 'Rotarians for a Sustainable Future', we had an aim to introduce a fifth test to the Four Way Test. Namely, "That club activities be tested against sustainability standards". Most important of all was the text I have drawn off the website about The Four Way Test. So you might be able to imagine both my surprise and excitement when on the website above I found this text.

I encourage you to see how you react to the message this sends. There is much more on the website which refers to Rotary. Some way down the fairly large page is the heading: "**What You Can Do: Steps for Rotarians.**" Please read on.

Patrick

## CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE FOUR WAY TEST

Rotarians have learned to apply the tests of Truth, Fairness, Goodwill and Benefit for All to any project we undertake. Climate action meets each of these four tests:

### IS IT THE TRUTH?

The world's leading scientists, including the national science academies of the United States and 18 other countries, have testified to the reality and urgency of human-caused climate change. The scientific consensus is nearly unanimous and supported by many independent lines of evidence.

### IS IT FAIR?

Climate change is profoundly an issue of fairness. It is caused mainly by the burning of fossil fuels in the wealthiest countries, especially the United States, and in the rapidly growing economies of China and other middle-income countries. Yet, it will hurt most the poorest of the poor [1], who lack the resources to adjust and who live in the areas most affected by the increased drought, flooding, and water-borne disease that come with a warmer climate [2]. Even in America, Hurricane Katrina showed us how natural disasters can fall most heavily on the poor.

We cannot attribute any one storm to climate change, any more than we can attribute any one person's heart attack to our national epidemic of obesity. Nevertheless, warmer

Oceans are expected to increase the intensity of tropical storms [3]. Katrina is, therefore, an example of the kind of disaster that is likely to become more common with global warming. It is an image of how the world's poor will pay for the lifestyles of the wealthy.

**DOES IT PROMOTE GOODWILL?**

Fair solutions to climate change are essential to international goodwill. Climate change, and how to share the responsibility for minimizing it, are already the subjects of rancorous disputes among Europe, the United States, China and developing nations.

Climate change may already have exacerbated the drought and famine that fuel the violence in Darfur [4]. Two other climate-change effects, sea level rise and increased seasonal flooding, have driven refugees from Bangladesh into Northeast India, sparking an often-violent conflict with the Assamese already living there [5].

Further warming is likely to bring wars over water, instability due to hunger and disease, and social conflict due to the movement of millions of climate refugees [6-8]. Such problems are likely in many regions that already have ongoing conflicts, including North Africa, the Sahel, Southern Africa, South Asia, Central Asia, the Caribbean and the Amazon.

Climate change is a threat to our own national security, according to a recent report by eleven retired admirals and generals including former U.S. Army Chief of Staff Gordon Sullivan and former Commander of the U.S. Central Command Anthony Zinni [6]. As the United Nations Environment Program puts it, "Combating climate change will be a central peace policy of the 21st century." [7]

**IS IT BENEFICIAL FOR ALL CONCERNED?**

Climate change affects all of us. By working together to curb greenhouse gas emissions, we can build a strong, sustainable economy. We can preserve our water and food supplies, our public health, the political stability of our world, and the richness of nature. Our actions in the next twenty to fifty years will determine whether our children live in a rich world or a permanently impoverished one.



**Percentage Attendance 18<sup>th</sup> February: 89.47%**

**Apologies:** Dr Surinder Joson, PDG Les Whitcroft, PP Allen Horrell, PP Artin Etmekdjian, PP Bob Carroll, PP Geoffrey Brennan, PP Ken Allen, Rtn Erdem Toner, Rtn John Mazlin.

### 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 28th** Victoria Gouel  
**March 7th** Patrick & Yvonne Longfield  
**March 14th** Kalma McLellan

### BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

**February 27th** 7 Year Club Anniversary for **Nora Etmekdjian**  
**February 27th** 57th Wedding Anniversary for **Ron & Margaret Taffa**  
**March 3rd** Birthday Celebration for **Lata (Stefan Sojka)**

### CLUB MEETING DUTY ROSTER

DATE	WELCOMERS	LOYAL TOAST	INTRO	THANKS
<b>04.03</b>	Noel Dunn Ian Henderson	Tony Abboud	Jan Cutler	John Brown
<b>04.11</b>	Charles Kilby & Ron Taffa	Allen Horrell	Noel Dunn	John Higgins

I just found a leaflet in my letterbox informing me that I can have sex at 82!

I'm so very happy, because I live at 74 so it's not far for me to walk home.

You have a stack of 23 cards. Each card has an image of a cross on one side and an image of a circle on the other side. You know that 14 cards in the stack are lying with the cross up, and therefore 9 cards are with the circle up. You do not know in which order the cards are. You are in a completely dark room, so you cannot see anything.

How can you, without seeing anything, divide the stack of cards in two smaller stacks, in such a way that both stacks have the same number of cards with a cross up?

**IF YOU CAN'T WAIT UNTIL NEXT WEEK FOR THE ANSWERS, FEEL FREE TO EMAIL YOUR SOLUTIONS TO [EDITOR@RYDEROTARY.ORG.AU](mailto:EDITOR@RYDEROTARY.ORG.AU)**

### TEST FOR LAST WEEK : SOLUTION

In a small village in the middle of nowhere, three innocent prisoners are sitting in a jail. One day, the cruel jailer takes them out and places them in a line on three chairs, in such a way that man C can see both man A and man B, man B can see only man A, and man A can see none of the other men.

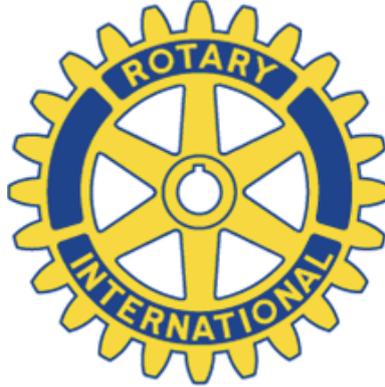
The jailer shows them 5 hats, 2 of which are black and 3 of which are white. After this, he blindfolds the men, places one hat on each of their heads, and removes the blindfolds again. The jailer tells his three prisoners that if one of them is able to determine the color of his hat within one minute, all of them are released. Otherwise, they will all be executed. None of the prisoners can see his own hat, and all are intelligent. After 59 seconds, man A shouts out the (correct) color of his hat!

What is the color of man A's hat, and how does he know?

From the fact that neither B nor C gives an answer, we conclude that both these men have insufficient information to determine the color of their hats.

Man C must be seeing at least one white hat on the heads of A and B (if he would see two black hats, he would know that he is wearing a white hat). Man B therefore knows that he and/or A is wearing a white hat. Since he cannot give an answer, he must be seeing a white hat on A's head (if B would see A wearing a black hat, he would know that he himself wears a white one).

From the fact that neither C nor B can give an answer to the jailer's question, A finally concludes that he is wearing a white hat!



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## **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.

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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?

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## **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!

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