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# The HUB

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**ROYAL REHABILITATION CENTRE, SYDNEY  
VOCATIONAL VISIT & PARTNERS NIGHT**



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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

**POSTAL ADDRESS:**  
Rotary Club of Ryde Inc.  
PO BOX 90  
Ryde NSW 1680

**RSVP EXTRAS OR ABSENCES TO JULIE THORP: 9871 1109**

March 11

Royal Rehabilitation Centre Vocational Visit

**PARTNERS NIGHT****TONIGHT'S ROSTER****Welcomers** Charles Kilby & Ron Taffa**Loyal Toast** Allen Horrell**Guest Intro** Noel Dunn**Vote of Thanks** John Higgins

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,

Our guest speaker last week was Joyce Yu, whom we sponsored to attend the recent National Youth Science Forum in Perth. Joyce spoke very well about her experiences at the Forum and the changes it has made to her attitudes. Joyce clearly demonstrated the benefits gained by attendees at these Rotary endorsed events.

This week we are able to visit the Ryde Rehabilitation Centre to see the changes the recent redevelopment has delivered. We thank Ryde Rehabilitation for hosting this night and showing us the changes. It is always nice to visit local facilities and see what they do especially when it affects people's lives.

Please give some thought to how you can support our upcoming events:

- ◆ **The Golf Day** needs: assistants to help on the day; donations of prizes for the raffles and auctions, and; sponsors to offset the day's costs.
- ◆ The first **Bunnings BBQ is on Tuesday 25th March**. Helpers are needed.
- ◆ **The Red Shield Appeal is coming on 24-25 May**. Please keep some time free for this important project.

Looking forward to seeing you all on Tuesday night.

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 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

**March 29th (Sat)** **BBQ & Movie Night : For Cure Cancer Australia & End Polio**  
Dodd Residence / 6:30 for 7pm / \$25pp / Supporting Kathryn's 23km run!

**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\*\***

## 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH : VISIT TO RYDE ROYAL REHAB HOSPITAL

Ryde Rotary will be holding our meeting in the Community Hall at Royal Rehab (previously The Royal Rehabilitation Centre, Sydney) on Morrison Rd, Putney on Tuesday March 11<sup>th</sup>. We shall be given a brief tour of the new facility, a talk on the work they do and a chance to ask any questions about the hospital.

A meal will be provided, including drinks, for our usual fee of \$30pp, which will be **payable in cash on the night please - no direct debits that night!**

Remember it is a Partners Night (including wives, husbands or significant-others) and a sheet will be going round the tables this week.

If you can't go and you said you would, please let Julie know before 10am Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March.

Royal Rehab have advised that the best entry is from Charles Street, parking around the Recreation Circle (see map).

Have an enjoyable evening!

Martin Aston  
Vocational Service Director



In **Geoff's** absence the meeting was brought to order by **PP Patrick Longfield**. The usual opening rituals were observed, and then **President Adrian Hallett** announced the idea of the club hosting 15 couples at our club meeting for the June 3 "Home Hospitality Night" during Convention. A secret ballot was taken on the subject, revealing that while several members were hosting visiting Rotarians at their homes, the rest were happy for Club Funds to be applied to shout the visitors to a meal with Ryde Rotary.

I spoke to the motion, pointing out that the intention of the organising committee was for personal get-togethers between visiting Rotarians and Locals in their homes, but apparently the response to that model has not been great, and there are still many people on the list, hoping to be hosted.

Our dinner arrived and was fine apart from the spongy yellow squashes which were more decorative than edible. **President Adrian Hallett** reported on the Graffiti clean-up, while **Julie** asked for us to book our accommodation now for next year's Conference in the Hunter Valley, and finished up by announcing the return of **Anna Gossweiler** at next week's meeting at Royal Rehab.

**Lucile's** report covered her move to **Michelle Dodd's** place for the weekend as **John and Janelle** had "gone on holiday by themselves" she said accusingly. She then explained the itinerary for next month's "Sufaree", before completing her week's report with Saturday movies with **Victoria Gouel** and **Kathryn Dodd**, Sunday Picnic with her RYLA class, finishing up with a pizza night back at the Dodds'.

Her Host-Dad **John** in his other role of Community Chair spoke on the Bunnings Barbeques, and for a volunteer to run the Red Shield appeal this year. **Kalma** reported on the visit to the Ryde Secondary College Interact Club, and **Martin Aston** is hoping for a last minute rush of registrations, or is that resgistrations?

A sheet circulated for the Royal Rehab visit next week, dinner \$30 as usual, and for the Ryde Catering College visit on April 1st, dinner \$35 there.

**John Higgins'** ticket was drawn in the Spackle, but he cut the 5 of clubs, so departed with a nice bottle of red.

**Serjeant Patrick** fined **PP Duncan Taylor** for "being a gentleman", several people for birthdays, myself included with a second fine for the Johnny Cash dress sense, and a third for allegedly paying with a NZ gold coin last week: "It must have been you!" he cried, ignoring the inconvenient truth that I was in New Zealand spending NZ coins for the previous two weeks. **Patrick** also fined himself several times by accident, the best being "Don't contradict the President!", a pause while he reflected that he was no longer President, then "I better pay up!"

**Kathryn Dodd** introduced **Joyce Yu**, our sponsored National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) attendee, where year 11 Students are encouraged to consider a career in science. 3000 applied, only 300 were chosen across Australia this year. Joyce was impressed that the University of WA has a DNA tower you can climb, a thrill for the NYSF students.

During the forum she learned how to make her own Aspirin, to take part in debates, speeches and even a bush dance. Joyce has clearly benefitted from our sponsorship and is grateful for Ryde Rotary's help.

Questions were fielded with aplomb on subjects ranging from the Square Kilometre Array to the equally impressive array of leadership badges on her school uniform. Pymble Ladies' College can be very proud of this young lady, and we can hope she does indeed pursue a career in the Sciences, and continues her association with Rotary!

### **INCOMING LEADERSHIP TEAM 2014-15**

I am delighted to announce the leadership team for the incoming year, mindful that we have a club full of dynamic leaders, and therefore dynamic mentors for all those taking on additional responsibilities in the coming year.

#### **BOARD MEMBERS**

<b>SECRETARY</b>	<b>STEVE THORP</b>
<b>TREASURER</b>	<b>DAVID JAMES</b>
<b>FOUNDATION</b>	<b>JOHN DODD</b>
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<b>PROJECTS</b>	<b>BOB KAYE-SMITH</b>

#### **COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

<b>ADMINISTRATION / CLUB SERVICE</b>	<b>VICTORIA GOUEL</b>
<b>INTERNATIONAL</b>	<b>KEN ALLEN</b>
<b>VOCATIONAL</b>	<b>JAN CUTLER</b>
<b>COMMUNITY</b>	<b>JULIE THORP</b>
<b>YOUTH</b>	<b>JOHN BROWN</b>

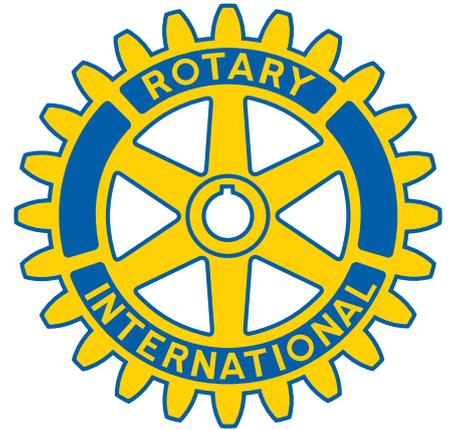
#### **CLUB OFFICERS**

<b>SERGEANT</b>	<b>PATRICK LONGFIELD</b>
<b>BULLETIN EDITOR</b>	<b>KATHRYN DODD</b>
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<b>SOCIAL SECRETARY</b>	<b>PETER COOPER</b>
<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>ROSS ROCCA</b>
<b>CLUB HISTORIAN</b>	<b>DOUG THOMPSON</b>

Thank you to everyone who has agreed to be part of the team, and thank you in advance to all other members of the Club for the advice and guidance that we will inevitably need as we work through the next exciting year in Rotary. Please be prepared to be called on for anything and everything by all of us!

President-Elect  
Kalma McLellan

# 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**



Half the Rotary year has rushed by but I'm pleased to tell you that our efforts to revive the Centurion Program, with your support, are starting to produce results. There are many new Centurions and more and more Rotarians are donating early.

Please see the list below of your club members showing who was a Centurion last year and who has renewed so far this year.

Every time we do this, we get complaints that the system is wrong because some Rotarians overlook that fact that the Centurion Year is the Rotary year i.e. July to June. That means that if they paid on 30th June 2013 they are not listed as Centurions in the next year.

### RYDE ROTARY CENTURIONS

MEMBERS	2012-13	2013-14
<b>Ken Allen</b>	Centurion	
<b>Geoff Brennan</b>	Centurion	Centurion
<b>Jan Cutler</b>	Centurion	
<b>John Dodd</b>	PH Society	
<b>Kathryn Dodd</b>		Centurion
<b>Noel Dunn</b>	Centurion	
<b>Burkhart Foertsch</b>	Centurion	
<b>Adrian Hallett</b>		Centurion
<b>Allen Horrell</b>	Centurion	Centurion
<b>David James</b>	Centurion	Centurion
<b>Bob Kaye-Smith</b>		Centurion
<b>Charles Kilby</b>	Centurion	
<b>John Mazlin</b>	Centurion	Centurion
<b>Kalma McLellan</b>	Centurion	
<b>Graham Metcalfe</b>	Centurion	
<b>Rob Mitchell</b>	Centurion	
<b>Val Payne</b>	Centurion	
<b>Bill Payne</b>	Centurion	
<b>Ashley Peake</b>	Centurion	
<b>Ross Rocca</b>	Centurion	
<b>Stefan Sojka</b>	Centurion	
<b>Ron Taffa</b>	Centurion	
<b>Doug Thompson</b>	Centurion	

Please try to encourage your previous Centurion members to make their donation now rather than waiting till later in the year. The sooner the Foundation has the money, the sooner it can be put to work.

## GERARD HENDERSON

It is a very exclusive club indeed, the club of political commentators who have become household names in this country, and even more exclusive when your name is made not so much through the glitz and glamour of TV news and current affairs, but on the scale of your intellect and political insight as an opinion leader in some of our nation's most respected publications.

Author, columnist, political commentator, and household name, Gerard Henderson, has established his reputation and credentials over four decades, applying his wit and analyses to the cut and thrust of every great national debate in living memory.



Dr Gerard Henderson, Executive Director of the Sydney Institute, a not-for profit organisation he founded with his wife, Anne Henderson in 1989, has written weekly columns in publications including the Sydney Morning Herald since 1990 and more recently, The Australian.

Gerard steadfastly maintains his own ground, often swimming against the tides of fashionable opinion, in his desire to lead by example and show that principles, combined with deep intellect and insight can cut through the nation's psyche and raise the bar of the political debate, helping to establish the pathway that an entire nation might follow.

Through the Sydney Institute, he becomes more than just a single – albeit formidable – voice, by creating an entire medium for intellectual discourse; stimulating, questioning and repositioning the collective philosophical, social and political zeitgeist as it evolves through often turbulent and uncertain times.

Gerard gained a PhD, at Melbourne University, taught at Tasmania and La Trobe Universities and embarked on a lengthy career, working at the political coalface. He had stints as a staffer for Kevin Newman, in Malcolm Fraser's government, the Department of Industrial Relations and as Chief of Staff to John Howard while he was deputy Leader, then Leader of the Liberal Party. Paul Keating appointed him to the board of the Australia Foundation for Culture and Humanities and Later John Howard appointed him to the Foreign Affairs Council. More recently Kevin Rudd invited him to the Australia 2020 Summit held in April 2008.

This real-world experience has enriched and given credibility to his universally read columns, opinion pieces, numerous books and his expanding forays into other mediums; radio, through ABC Radio National's "Breakfast", TV on ABC's "Insiders" program and in recent years his independent and prolific online outlet, "Media Watch Dog".

Gerard Henderson embarked on his chosen vocation from the outset with a determination to seek truth and lead by example, and now inspires the next generation of thinkers to equal or greater heights of vocational excellence and participation in our nation's journey.

Thanks to Stefan Sojka for this great citation.

**Percentage Attendance 04<sup>th</sup> March: 89.74%**

**Makeups:** Dr Siddharth Maheshwari, PDG Les Whitcroft, PP Geoffrey Brennan, Rtn Geoff Nix.

**Apologies:** Dr Siddharth Maheshwari, Dr Surinder Joson, PDG Les Whitcroft, PP Artin Etmekdjian, PP Charles Kilby, PP Geoffrey Brennan, PP Jan Cutler, Rtn Erdem Toner, Rtn Geoff Nix, Rtn Ian Henderson, Rtn John Mazlin, 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!

**March 14th** Kalma McLellan  
**March 21st** John & Elinor Higgins  
**March 28th** Tony & Sylvia Abboud

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

**March 11th** 60th Birthday of **Julie Thorp**  
**March 11th** Birthday Celebration for **Julie (Steve Thorp)**  
**March 13th** Birthday Celebration for **Val Payne**  
**March 13th** Birthday Celebration for **Val (Bill Payne)**  
**March 18th** Birthday Celebration for **Olga (Alex Sawyer)**

Of course I talk to myself.  
 Sometimes I need expert advice.

**CLUB MEETING DUTY ROSTER**

DATE	WELCOMERS	LOYAL TOAST	INTRO	THANKS
<b>18.03</b>	Ian Henderson & Patrick Longfield	Nora Etmekdjian	David Johnston	Victoria Gouel
<b>25.03</b>	Ken Allen & Kathryn Dodd	Jan Cutler	Martin Aston	Julie Thorp

On an early morning, three rivals get together on an open spot in a dark wood to compose a quarrel by means of guns. A kind of duel, but with three persons: A, B, and C. The rules of the game are:

- ◆ they draw lots who may fire first, second and third;
- ◆ next, they will continue firing at each other in this order until only a single person is alive;
- ◆ every person decides himself at which person he fires;
- ◆ everyone knows that A hits (kills) in 100% of all shots, B hits (kills) in 80% of all shots and C hits (kills) in 50% of all shots;
- ◆ each person chooses his ideal strategy;
- ◆ no one is killed by a stray bullet.

Who has the best chance of surviving the “truel”, and how big is this chance?

**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

You are a participant in a quiz. The quizmaster shows you three closed doors.

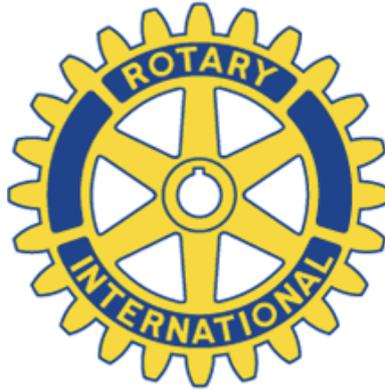
He tells you that behind one of these doors, there is a prize, and behind the other two doors, there is nothing. You select one of the doors, but before you open it, the quizmaster deliberately picks out a remaining empty door and shows that there is nothing behind it.

The quizmaster offers you a chance to switch doors with the remaining closed door. Should you stick to your choice?

In this puzzle, you should not use your intuition, but let your common sense do the job: the chance that your first choice for a door was correct is  $1/3$ ; therefore, the chance that your first choice was wrong is  $2/3$ .

The chance that one of the remaining doors is correct is also  $2/3$ . With the help of the quizmaster (who knows which door hides the price, and thus is able to open one of the remaining doors which does not contain the price), you get to know which one of the remaining doors is incorrect.

Now you also know which one of the remaining doors could be correct with a chance of  $2/3$ !



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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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