

THE ROTARY CLUB OF RYDE DISTRICT 9685 CHARTERED 1946

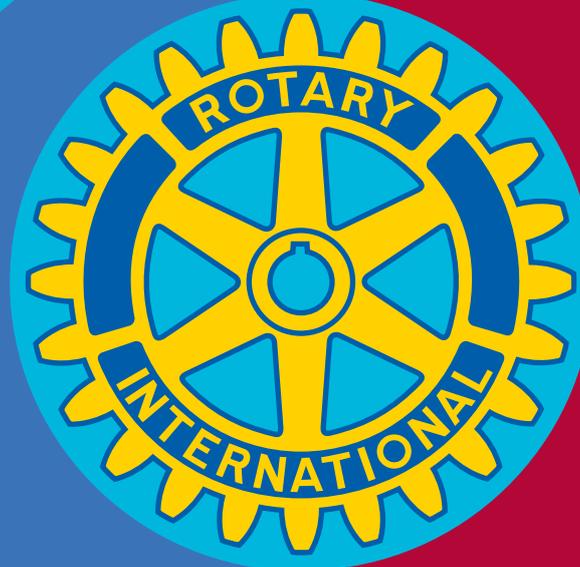
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CLUB INFORMATION

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 18 Fellowship Night
Board Meeting to follow

TONIGHT'S ROSTER

Welcomers Ian Henderson & Patrick Longfield

Loyal Toast Nora Etmekdjian

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 vocational visit last week was to Royal rehab Centre at Putney to view their new redevelopment. We were all suitably impressed with what we saw and the facilities made available to us for the night. Special thanks must go to Stephen Lowndes, the centre C.E.O. and Jim Towers, Community Relations Manager for hosting a great night.

This week we are holding a fellowship night. This will provide us with an opportunity to consider how we can finish the Rotary year in a manner befitting our Club. Your input is essential.

Next week is a very busy and important one for our Club. We have TWO fantastic fundraising opportunities available to us and your support is ESSENTIAL to ensure they provide the maximum return on our efforts.

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

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
8am - 4pm / 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
8am - 4pm / 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****

25TH MARCH : BUNNINGS RYDALMERE OPENING DAY

Ryde Rotary is booked in to run the BBQ at the Grand Opening Day for the new Bunnings at Rydalmere. The new store is several times larger than the Thornleigh store, and around 2500 people are expected to attend through the day.

This is going to be a high demand event, and a great opportunity for the community visibility and PR campaign for Ryde Rotary!

For each 2 hour shift between 8am and 4pm at least three volunteers will be required.

Please sign up on the list distributed by PDG John Dodd tonight, or call or email him to volunteer.

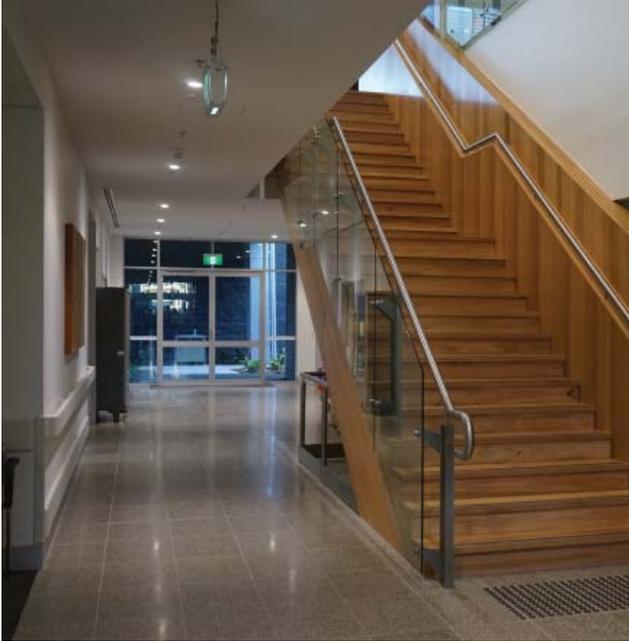
It would be great if members who work locally are able to take an hour or two sometime during the day to help out as well.

On weekend shifts in future, hopefully our Interact Clubs will be able to participate, and this fundraising activity could provide a great opportunity for fellowship.

John Dodd
Community Service Director



We gathered at the new Royal Rehab in Putney, commencing with a tour of the facilities, before a dinner that belied the \$30 cost. I was lucky enough to be seated with **Lucile Richard** and **Anna Gossweiler**, our Rotary Exchange Students present and past.



Waiters served wine and entrées while **President Adrian Hallett** started our meeting with the Rotary Grace. I proposed the Loyal Toast to the Queen: No offence was intended to the Monarch by toasting her with orange juice, Wine is just my current year's casualty of the Lenten season, having given up alcohol for 6 weeks. The chicken caesar salad was well received as **Lucile** took the lectern to give her report. She clearly enjoyed the Future Music Festival on Saturday, where seven sound stages competed for the attendees' attention. On Sunday she had Yum Cha for lunch in the City with **Nora and Artin**. Dinner that night was Chinese too, at Michelle Dodd's place.



Now **Anna** took the stand to give her report. She said she missed us, so arranged to study Psychology at Macquarie University on a scholarship: none of those nasty foreign student fees for her! We can expect to see more of Anna at meetings and projects. Welcome home!

Next **John Mazlin** announced his impending transfer to **Rouse Hill Rotary Club**, and thanked us all for his time as a Rotarian at Ryde. He seemed surprised by the applause of the members and by **President-Elect Kalma's** toast to him, thanking him for his service to the club. We wish John and Rouse Hill all the best for the future.

Kalma went on to announce that the Junior Schools Public Speaking Competition (JSPSC) Heats are to be held next Wednesday at Eastwood Heights Public School, starting 6pm. All Rotarians and partners are welcome as audience and as helpers: let Kalma know if you can help: I know from experience how much work goes into this project up to this point: let's make it a success on the night!

Royal Rehab CEO Steve Lowndes was introduced by **President Adrian Hallett** and started his talk by thanking Ryde Rotary for our support over the past few decades. He singled out the **Pride of Workmanship Awards** we have given to their staff as a valued recognition of dedicated workers, as being our greatest value to their organisation – food for thought.

Royal Rehab is an independent not-for-profit organisation providing both public and private health care services. They have 115 clients living off-site in 36 suburban homes, as well as their inpatients at the main rehab facility in Putney. They have 400 staff, only 250 of whom work on site. The redevelopment of the site went through planning from 1996, finally receiving Council approval in 2006, and just being finished this year. On the surplus land sold to fund the rehab buildings, over opposition by such groups as



CAPO, Frasers are building a very eco-sensitive community which includes community assets such as the park and lake. It has been a win-win both for Royal Rehab and the community.

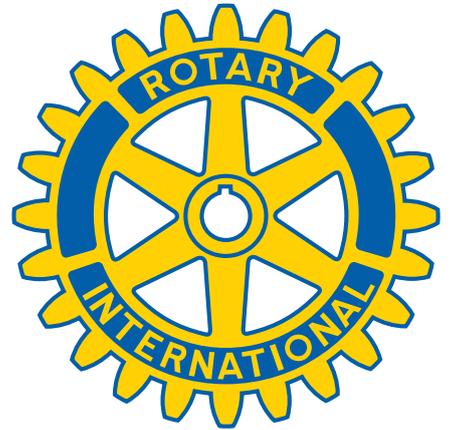
The Royal Rehab deals with people who are suffering from traumatic injuries, whether from motor and other accidents, diseases, or increasingly lately, from assaults. They try to find ways for each client to return to society to the maximum extent possible. It costs \$43 million to run the whole operation each year, funded by NSW Health and by private Health insurance companies buying their services.

Donations from the public are not used to fund operational costs but to provide extra services they could not otherwise offer. We can only be thankful we have such dedicated people providing such loving care for some of our most vulnerable citizens. Long may our association with Royal Rehab continue!

Steve said that the meeting venue and other meeting and conference rooms were available for hire by worthy community groups, adding that there are few community groups more worthy than the Rotary Club of Ryde. It was a great night, getting to meet with one of the local recipients of our aid, getting some positive feedback for our work as a service club.



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



IT'S TIME FOR A FUNDRAISER BBQ & MOVIE NIGHT

Kathryn Dodd is in training to run the 23km Great Ocean Road "Ultra Half Marathon" this May to support Cure Cancer Australia, and raise money towards Rotary International's End Polio Now campaign to eradicate polio from the world!

SATURDAY 29TH MARCH

6:30 FOR 7PM

2 York Street, Beecroft

\$25 PER PERSON

for a BBQ feast followed by a showing of "Now You See Me" on the tennis court.

BYO drinks, warm clothes & a rug/chair/beanbag to ensure your comfort for the movie.

PLEASE RSVP BY 25TH MARCH

johndodd@cluemail.com

If you can't come but would like to support Kathryn, help cure cancer AND eradicate polio, you can donate online at:

<http://cantoosmh2014.gofundraise.com.au/page/missdodddhalfmarathon>



CURE
CANCER
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COMMISSIONER SHANE FITZSIMMONS

High definition news video footage of bushfires, choppers dropping water bombs and reports of the aftermaths and personal tragedies of Australia's devastating and all-too-common bushfires, barely give a hint of the ferocious, soul-destroying realities and monumental challenges facing fire fighters.

Consider even more so, the burden of responsibility of dealing with the entire fire-fighting enterprise that is placed on the shoulders of a Rural Fire Service Commissioner.



RFS Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons is the one whose selfless volunteering as a teenager has evolved into a life long vocation, which ultimately placed him in this unenviable but highly respected position.

In New South Wales we have our fair share of bushland and have experienced many catastrophic conflagrations. Shane Fitzsimmons joined Duffys Forest Rural Fire Brigade at the age of 15, to fight fires alongside his dad. From front line fire-fighting to Sector Leader and Division Commander, Shane has filled almost every office within the brigade structure, including Brigade Captain and Group Officer.

His youthful start has seen him become the service's youngest ever commissioner, rising through the ranks to State Operations Officer in 1996 and Assistant Commissioner responsible for Operations in 1998 – where he was responsible for co-ordinating the fighting of some of the largest bushfires in our state's history, including the 2001-2 and 2002-3 fire seasons. His career continued to bloom into regional management and strategic development .

In 2004, Shane undertook a 12 month secondment to the Australian Institute of Police Management as the inaugural visiting fellow of the Australasian Fire Authorities Council.

Commissioner Fitzsimmons was awarded the Australian Fire Service Medal in 2001 and is a recipient of the National Medal and the RFS Long Service Award for 15 years active service and is a life member of the Duffys Forest Brigade.

Shane is a strong supporter of the volunteer ethos and is a devoted family man to his wife Lisa and two daughters.

We almost take it as a given that when a fire breaks out, the RFS will be there to put it out. It is only thanks to champions like Shane Fitzsimmons, whose vocation in fire-fighting and control began, like many, with a direct personal response to the looming threat of a devastating bush fire, that fire fighting continues to be such a professional, effective and vital service to all who live in this beautiful, but oftentimes harsh and unforgiving country of ours.

Thanks to Stefan Sojka for this great citation.

Percentage Attendance 11th March: 86.11%

Makeups: PDG John Dodd, PP Artin Etmekdjian, Rtn Nora Etmekdjian, Rtn Nora Etmekdjian, Rtn Victoria Gouel.

Apologies: Dr Siddharth Maheshwari, Dr Surinder Joson, PDG John Dodd, PDG Les Whitcroft, PP Artin Etmekdjian, PP Burkhart Foertsch, PP Doug Thompson, PP Geoffrey Brennan, PP Ken Allen, PP Patrick Longfield, PP Rob Mitchell, Rtn Erdem Toner, Rtn Ian Henderson, Rtn Kathryn Dodd, Rtn Nora Etmekdjian, Rtn Stefan Sojka, Rtn Victoria Gouel.

LUCILE RICHARD - FRIDAY NIGHT ROSTER

Lucile is currently hosted by Steve & Julie Thorp

9871 1109 / 4 Maralinga Place, West Pennant Hills

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

March 21st John & Elinor Higgins
March 28th Tony & Sylvia Abboud
April 4th Graham & Carolyn Metcalfe

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

March 18th Birthday Celebration for **Olga (Alex Sawyer)**
March 20th 2nd Club Anniversary for **John Brown**
March 20th 2nd Club Anniversary for **Geoff Nix**
March 21st 8th Club Anniversary for **Allen Horrell**

In wine there is wisdom,
 In beer there is freedom,
 In water there is bacteria.

- Benjamin Franklin

CLUB MEETING DUTY ROSTER

DATE	WELCOMERS	LOYAL TOAST	INTRO	THANKS
25.03	Ken Allen & Kathryn Dodd	Jan Cutler	Martin Aston	Julie Thorp
01.04	Ron Taffa & Bob Carroll	Patrick Longfield	-	-

Five sailors survive a shipwreck and swim to a tiny island where there is nothing but a coconut tree and a monkey. The sailors gather all the coconuts and put them in a big pile under the tree.

At 1am, the first sailor wakes up. He divides the coconuts into five equal piles, but there is one coconut left over. He gives that coconut to the monkey, hides his coconuts, and puts the rest of the coconuts back under the tree.

At 2am, the second sailor wakes up. He too divides the coconuts up into five piles, leaving one coconut over which he gives to the monkey. He then hides his share, and puts the remainder back under the tree.

At 3am, 4am, and 5am, the third, fourth, and fifth sailors each wake up and carry out the same actions. In the morning, all the sailors wake up, and try to look innocent. They divide the pile up into five piles, and find that there is yet again one coconut left over, which they give to the monkey. What is the smallest amount of coconuts that there could have been in the original pile?

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

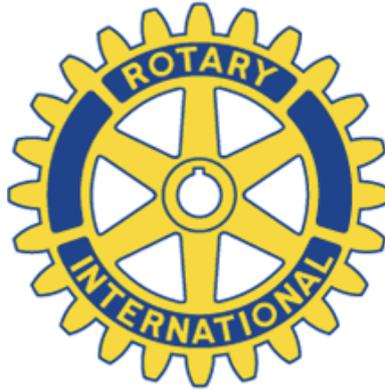
TEST FOR LAST WEEK : SOLUTION

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?

C has the best chance (47/90) of surviving the duel.



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!
