

THE ROTARY CLUB OF RYDE DISTRICT 9685 CHARTERED 1946

# The HUB

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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 25**                      The Plot Thickens (Macquarie Cemetery)  
**Tom Sweeney**

### TONIGHT'S ROSTER

**Welcomers**                      Ken Allen & Kathryn Dodd  
**Loyal Toast**                      Jan Cutler  
**Guest Intro**                      Martin Aston  
**Vote of Thanks**                      Julie Thorp

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 fellowship night certainly brought forward some interesting suggestions, which are currently being considered to ensure our host hospitality night is a success. More details will become available as we confirm all details in relation to our visitors.

The heats for the Junior Schools Public Speaking Competition were held on Wednesday evening and three students will represent their schools at the finals in a few weeks time. Thanks to those members who found time to attend and support and help make this event a success.

We will have completed our first Bunnings BBQ before our Tuesday meeting. We are hoping for some strong sales to make this a great fundraiser. Thanks to those who have volunteered to assist. Whilst on fundraising, our annual Golf Day is scheduled for this Friday (28th March). Martin Aston is still looking for assistants to fill a variety of roles to ensure the day is a success. **Please talk to Martin about how YOU CAN help.**

Looking forward to seeing you all on Tuesday night. This week we are going to be entertained by a Rotarian from Crows Nest Club, Tom Sweeney.

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 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 1st (Tues)**     **VOCATIONAL VISIT : Ryde TAFE Ambassador Restaurant**  
6:30 for 7pm / \$35pp / Pay to D. James by **TONIGHT (25th March)**
- 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 26th (Sat)**     **German Evening : For Australian Rotary Health**  
German-Austrian Club / 73 Curtin St, Cabramatta / \$75pp / Walter Bock 9630 7440

## UPDATE FROM THE SCHOOL OF ST JUDE

The School of St Jude performed outstandingly well in the Form IV Tanzanian national exam, ranking 3rd in the Arusha region. Overall regionally, the class earned high marks in all subjects including Physics, Chemistry, History, Geography, IT and English. St Jude's placed in the top 20 nationally in Physics, Chemistry and IT. Impressively, 90 students out of 143 scored Division I and over 98 per cent achieved Division I or II at St Jude's.

A larger proportion of the class achieved Division 1 this year and they'll continue on to do their A level secondary studies in May. The Tanzania Ministry of Education and Vocational Training requires students to score either Division I, II or III in order to advance to Form 5 for A Level courses. The students do a series of 'mock exams' as preparation in the leadup to the final exam.

"I'm incredibly proud of the students and really excited by the results and what they've achieved," said School Director Jon Ford. "Their parents are very happy with their results and I'd also like to congratulate our secondary Headmaster Rasul Abdul and the hardworking Tanzanian teachers who are committed to helping our students do their best."



Thank you to those who have booked and paid for our vocational visit to Ryde Catering College (TAFE Ambassador Restaurant) on Tuesday 1st April. I'll provide an access map and directions in the next day or so. The time is 6:30 for 7:00pm. Cost is \$35/head non refundable and I'll take final payments Tuesday 25th March. The caterers are adamant that we can't exceed the maximum booked numbers.

A campus map can be downloaded from the Hub email.

David James

**JUNIOR SCHOOL PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION HEATS**

We had Kalma, Jan, Bob Carroll, Steve, Julie, Lucile, Adrian, David Johnston, Patrick, Bill, Val and I at the Junior School Public Speaking Competition heats at Eastwood Heights Public School on Wednesday night. The children were confident, polished speakers and the adjudicators (Thérèse Bennett and her former student Stacey Konstantopoulos) had a difficult job to narrow it down to three finalists, but they got there in the end. The finals should be excellent.

Allen Horrell

SCHOOL	FINALIST	TOPIC
ST KEVIN'S PRIMARY	ANABELLE SGHABI	The Internet is a good force in the world.
ST ANTHONY'S	LUCY FANG	Turn off that TV
ST KEVIN'S PRIMARY	LILLIE WARD	What do you want to be when you grow up?



**MARCH 18 - AS RECALLED BY ALLEN HORRELL**

Our meeting started with the absences being announced by **President Adrian Hallett**, this followed by **PP Ken Allen** with the news that **Surinder Joson** has finished radio therapy and will be returning home on Thursday, with spontaneous applause greeting this news.

**John Dodd** reported that the Rydalmere Bunnings store is huge, and opens this Tuesday with Ryde running the BBQ tent, with our next rostered BBQ day on Saturday 5th April. Only 5 people are allowed in the tent at a time, so you need to be on the roster to secure your place. It is important we do well on Tuesday so that we secure the gig for future fundraising. There are still slots left; contact John.

Dinner arrived, chicken breast with mashed potatoes, carrots and broccoli, and was consumed in short order.

**PP Martin Aston** spruiked the Golf day (or in other words, flogged the golf), and still needs a few more volunteers to help on the day, a list being circulated for this purpose. His wine fridge has 100 keys for sale at \$20 each, observed to be selling well as they passed around the room.

**Zone AG Joy Pogson** then addressed the room, her opening statement that Ryde was the best club in the district met with wild applause, her promotion of Convention meeting with that “preaching to the converted” look from a club already significantly registered.

**PP Rob Mitchell** spoke on his favourite topic, the story of Afghan immigrant **Ali Yunespour**; that story started for us at MUNA, continued through his RYLA attendance, his career rising to new levels since then and showing no sign of levelling off. Rob told us of the ABC special on the future of Afghanistan which aired last week: their two experts on Afghan politics were some American academic and our own Ali Yunespour! It is good to know we have a truly authoritative adviser to help us with our Afghan projects.

**David James** told us the TAFE dinner is fully subscribed for April 1st, otherwise known as April Fool’s day, but I think he was serious, and hope the TAFE students are too.

**Lucile’s** report recounted how she had dinner with **Jan and Kalma** on Friday night, then returned to lose several games of snooker at Kalma’s place (with some stamping of foot apparently). On Saturday night she went to **Julie Thorp’s** 60th Birthday Party – “The best Australian 60th Birthday I’ve ever been to!” and liked it so much she has now moved in with **Steve and Julie**.

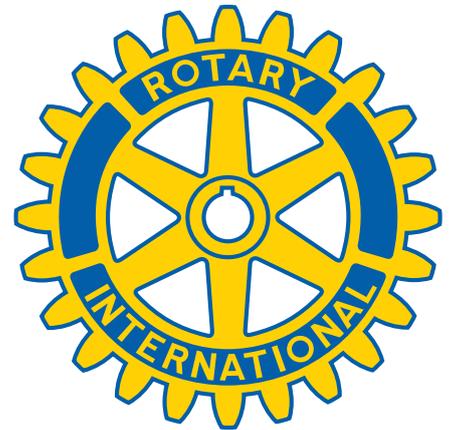
**Serjeant Geoff** had Lucile ask Joy Pogson to draw **Noel Dunn’s** spackle ticket, and a bottle of “Fridge Lock” red wine soon left the top table, later seen to be bound for Martin Aston’s Golf fridge. Various fines were meted for anniversaries and infractions, and then Julie paid a “happy fine” for having had such a good week. The afore-mentioned birthday party and her new house guest might have had something to do with that.

President Adrian Hallett announced that it was a “fellowship” night, and then turned it into a planning session for the Convention Host Dinner night on Tuesday 3rd June.

Each table came up with an independent and mutually exclusive plan for collecting our 15 couples, taking them somewhere for dinner then returning them to their hotels. Whether they are collected by bus or ferry or smuggled across the Mortlake ferry in a fleet of cars, I’m sure they’ll have a great night at our club meeting, on a wharf, on a party boat, visiting an albino kangaroo or whatever.

One idea we should weave into our final plan is to have Stefan singing Aussie classics such as “Great Southern Land”, “This is Australia”, “Khe Sanh”, “And the Band Played Waltzing Matilda”, “True Blue” and possibly even the awful “I’d love to have a beer with Duncan!” Imported beers should be banned from the bar that night too. That, and sharing a meal with our members, will give them the true Aussie experience.

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# 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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RYDE-PARRA  
GOLF CLUB # \_\_\_\_\_

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RYDE-PARRA  
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3. \_\_\_\_\_ M/F \_\_\_\_\_



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

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

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ENQUIRIES: MARTIN ASTON / 0410 837 655 / 9808 2574  
golfdays@ryderotary.org.au

# 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 29<sup>TH</sup> 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 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

[johndodd@cluemail.com](mailto:johndodd@cluemail.com)

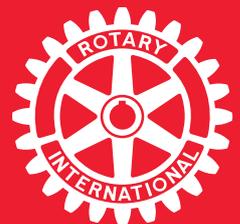
If you can't come but would like to support Kathryn, help cure cancer AND eradicate polio, you can donate online at:

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



**CURE**  
**CANCER**  
AUSTRALIA FOUNDATION

**END**  
**POLIO**  
**NOW**



**Percentage Attendance 18<sup>th</sup> March: 86.84%**

**Makeups:** PP Patrick Longfield.

**Apologies:** Dr Surinder Joson, PDG Les Whitcroft, PP Artin Etmekdjian, PP Burkhart Foertsch, PP Charles Kilby, PP Patrick Longfield, PP Peter Cooper, Rtn Erdem Toner, Rtn Ian Henderson, Rtn Victoria Gouel.

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

**March 25th** Birthday Celebration for **Rose (Ross Rocca)**

**March 30th** 63rd Birthday of **Adrian Hallett**

**April 1st** Birthday Celebration for **Lorraine (Bob Carroll)**

I believe that if life gives you lemons, you should make lemonade... And try to find somebody whose life has given them vodka, and have a party.

- Ron White

**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 28th** Tony & Sylvia Abboud

**April 4th** Graham & Carolyn Metcalfe

**April 11th** **SAFARI**

**CLUB MEETING DUTY ROSTER**

If you are unable to fulfill this duty, please arrange your own swap and inform President Adrian of the change.

DATE	WELCOMERS	LOYAL TOAST	INTRO	THANKS
<b>01.04</b>	Ron Taffa & Bob Carroll	Patrick Longfield	-	-
<b>08.04</b>	Martin Aston & Kalma McLellan	Elisabeth Curcic-Daher	Patrick Longfield	

After a local Post Office burglary, five suspects were being interviewed. Police know that each of them told the truth in one of the statements and lied in the other. From this information can you tell who committed the crime?

Brian said:

It wasn't Charles

It was Alan

Derek said:

It was Charles

It wasn't Alan

Charles said:

It was Brian

It wasn't Eric

Alan said:

It was Eric

It wasn't Brian

Eric said:

It was Derek

It was Alan

**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

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.

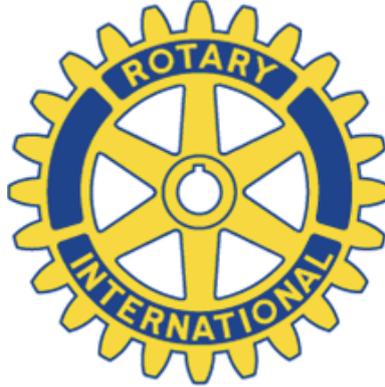
At 2am, the second sailor wakes up. He too divides the coconuts up into five piles, leaving one coconut over which he gives to the monkey. He then hides his share, and puts the remainder back under the tree.

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?

Every sailor leaves  $\frac{4}{5}(n-1)$  coconuts of a pile of  $n$  coconuts. This results in an awful formula for the complete process (because every time one coconut must be taken away to make the pile divisible by 5).

The trick is to make the number of coconuts in the pile divisible by 5, by adding 4 coconuts. This is possible because you can take away those 4 coconuts again after taking away one fifth part of the pile: normally,  $\frac{4}{5}(n-1)$  coconuts are left of a pile of  $n$  coconuts; now  $\frac{4}{5}(n+4) = \frac{4}{5}(n-1) + 4$  coconuts are left of a pile of  $n+4$  coconuts. Because of this, the number of coconuts in the pile stays divisible by 5 during the whole process.

The smallest  $(p+4)$  for which the above holds, is 56.  
So there were  $p=56-4=15621$  coconuts in the original pile.



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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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