

# The HUB

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# JUNIOR SCHOOLS PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

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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**

**April 15**

Fellowship Night

**2014-15 Incoming Board meeting to follow****TONIGHT'S ROSTER****Welcomers**

Ron Taffa &amp; Bob Carroll

**Loyal Toast**

John 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 10.**

**ADRIAN'S ADDENDUM**

Dear Rotarians and Rotary Friends,

Our meeting last Tuesday we witnessed three young ladies compete in the Junior Schools Public Speaking competition. What a wonderful talent is possessed by these young students. What a pity we can only have one winner, although all contestants deserve our congratulations on a job well done.

Special thanks need to be extended to Michelle Dodd who gave her time and efforts to run a tutorial prior to the preliminaries to ensure all speakers were aware of exactly what was required. We should also thank all adjudicators for their efforts deliberating over a very strong field.

Congratulations to Lucy Fang from St Anthony's Primary School for her efforts in winning this year's competition.

Saturday was a busy day with a number of members attending the District Assembly at Abbotsleigh for their formal training for next year's roles within the Club.

Tonight we are having another Fellowship night, There are several interesting topics to discuss.

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?**

<b>April 22nd (Tues)</b>	<b>PARTNERS NIGHT : Ryde Rotary Birthday Party</b> 6 for 6:30pm / \$30pp / The Poets Restaurant (Chinese), La Piazza Top Ryde City
<b>April 26th (Sat)</b>	<b>Rotarians Education Training Trivia Night</b> 6:45 for 7pm / \$20 / Pennant Hills Com.Centre / RSVP theogeo@bigpond.net.au
<b>April 30th (Wed)</b>	<b>Ryde Inner Wheel 2014 Winter Fashion Parade</b> 10:30am / \$15 / Beecroft Presbyterian Church Hall / RSVP Shirley Grant 9980 8416
<b>April 30th (Wed)</b>	<b>Combined Service Clubs Dinner</b> Details TBC - save the date! <b>**IN PLACE OF TUESDAY MEETING**</b>
<b>May 3rd (Sat)</b>	<b>North Ryde Rotary Trivia Night</b> 6:30 for 7pm / \$20 / East Ryde Scout Hall / RSVP 28 <sup>th</sup> Apr. vfc1951@gmail.com
<b>May 4th (Sun)</b>	<b>Graffiti Removal (First Sunday every month!)</b> Meet 8am West Ryde Car Park in Ryedale Rd
<b>May 17th (Sat)</b>	<b>Community Fundraiser : Bunnings Rydalmere BBQ</b> 8am - 4pm / Please contact John Dodd to volunteer
<b>June 1st (Sun)</b>	<b>Graffiti Removal (First Sunday every month!)</b> Meet 8am West Ryde Car Park in Ryedale Rd
<b>June 3rd (Tues)</b>	<b>RI Convention Host Hospitality Night - PARTNERS NIGHT</b> Details TBC (In place of regular meeting)
<b>June 14th (Sat)</b>	<b>Crosslands Rotaract 10 Year Anniversary Changeover</b> 7pm / \$60 (\$50 Earlybird) / Hornsby RSL / Contact Charles Kilby to RSVP
<b>June 15th (Sat)</b>	<b>Community Fundraiser : Bunnings Rydalmere BBQ</b> 8am - 4pm / Please contact John Dodd to volunteer

If you want something done,  
ask a busy person to do it.  
The more things you do, the more you can do.

- Lucille Ball

**PLEASE SUBMIT CONTRIBUTIONS FOR  
NEXT WEEK'S ISSUE OF THE HUB  
BY 12PM THURSDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

**(THE EDITOR IS GOING ON HOLIDAYS AND APPRECIATES YOUR HELP!)**

Our meeting opened with many guests there to support the **Junior Schools Public Speaking Competition** and **Elisabeth Curcic-Daher's** induction into Rotary. **PP Duncan Taylor** and I sat at a table full of Teachers from St Kevin's Primary School, who observed with interest as our Rotary business session started with **Rtn Kathryn Dodd** reporting on the movie night at her parents' place, and her half marathon running training progress.

I circulated an attendance sheet for the East Timor RYLA & RYPEN fundraiser trivia night being run by Pennant Hills Rotarian and friend **Theo Glockemann**. It is a great Project in aid of our nearest neighbour and WW2 ally, and deserves our support.

**John Dodd** spoke on the Bunnings BBQ, singling out former Exchange Student **Anna Gossweiler** and **President Adrian** for commendation for their service above self.

**President Adrian Hallett** reported that **James Ruse Interact** are now so big they have split into Junior and Senior School sub-clubs, as they can no longer fit into one meeting room. Adrian also visited **Marsden High School** where we have sponsored many students on various activities over the years.

**Lucile's** two-week report raced through a bewildering array of activities: the Friday before last **Tony and Sylvia** took her to an Italian Restaurant, where a musician sang "Happy Birthday" to her (it wasn't her birthday: Tony's sense of humour got the better of him). She also attended the BBQ at the Dodds' and enjoyed the movie "Now You See Me." **Adrian and Linda** took her to the markets on Sunday and (it being Adrian's birthday) had dinner at the Silverwater Club. Last Tuesday she went to the Ryde TAFE dinner and gained 2kg in desserts. On Saturday **PP Charles Kilby** took her for a ride on his Fat Boy Harley, and next Thursday she departs on Safari for 10 days.

At this point **President Adrian Hallett** handed over to **PE Kalma McLellan** for the Junior Schools' Public Speaking Competition Finals.



**Annabelle Sghabi** spoke on the Internet as a force for Good, very convincing when we could hear her. Microphone problems were to be a feature of the night, caused by a Next Gen system fault, not our microphones, by the way.

**Lucy Fang** told us to “Turn off that TV!” in a speech that wasn’t sponsored by TV Ten. She made the point that reality beats “Reality TV” every time.

**Lillie Ward** told us that John Lennon wanted to be “Happy” when he grew up, and that this was a worthy ambition. I wonder if he succeeded, before his life was ended by someone who wanted to be famous? Lillie said grown-ups often seemed too stressed to be really happy, and she is in no hurry to grow up.

While the children departed to prepare their impromptu speeches, **Elisabeth Curcic-Daher** was inducted into Rotary with due ceremony, receiving her Rotary pin from sponsor Kathryn Dodd, a smart move by President Adrian Hallett, that.



The impromptu speeches call for a different skill-set than prepared speeches, and it showed as three quite different speeches sprang from the same topic.

**Annabelle** told us that a smile can make everything all right. **Lucy** nailed it with the line: “In the Third World a smile means there is still hope!” **Lillie** told us that smiles make the World go round, and that her parent’s smiles had encouraged her that night, smiling back at them. Looking at her mother Jane, I realised that a smile can sometimes make you cry, in this case from pride.

The adjudicators deliberated at length before returning with their advice, and results. “Speak slower,” said **Julie**, “and don’t wave your speech about!” **Nella Scott** announced the winners:

**3rd: Annabelle Sghabi, St Kevin’s Primary**

**2nd: Lillie Ward, St Kevin’s Primary**

**1st : Lucy Fang, St Anthony’s Primary**

We can all agree that all three girls were winners: they and their schools were awarded prizes, and the adjudicators received flowers and a grateful club’s thanks, before President Adrian Hallett closed the meeting with the anthem, and another great Ryde Rotary night was over.

I just wanted to say an huge thank you to both of you for such a lovely night on Tuesday night, and for offering Lillie such a wonderful opportunity to speak!! Graham, Lillie and myself all enjoyed ourselves enormously, and were just overwhelmed by all of your support!

We also didn't realise that there was a prize, so that was equally wonderful. Thank you!! I work for RYDA (Rotary Youth Driver Awareness) and am therefore very heavily involved with Rotary, and I know how much effort and support you put into so many initiatives. Thank you again for offering Lillie such a wonderful opportunity.

Many Thanks,  
Jane and Graham Ward

It was a great honour for Lucy to participate in the Rotary Club of Ryde Primary School Public Speaking Competition, and it was also a great pleasure for us to attend the final and meet you the organizers. We were so impressed by your club members' kindness, enthusiasm and dedication.

We cannot thank you all enough for organizing this wonderful event, and the competition is going to remain as one of Lucy's most precious memories of her primary school years. Lucy is a very self-motivated hardworking girl; to her, the sky is the limit. She hopes one day she'll be able to achieve very high so she can help as many people as she'd like to. Lucy will definitely make us all proud.

We are especially grateful to Ken's wife Danielle who was very kind and supportive to us on the night when there's no staff from Lucy's school present. Thanks very much again and all the best!

Kindest Regards,  
Susan Lu and Rupert Fang



## HOST AN EXCHANGE STUDENT

District 9685 Youth Committee are looking for Rotarians and local families to host Rotary Youth Exchange Students during the RI Convention, May 31st - June 5th.

These students come from all over the world, currently on exchange around Australia.

Have you ever considered hosting an Exchange Student but haven't had the time? Would you like to give your kids/grandkids a perspective of a foreign culture? Now is your chance!

If you are interested or would like further information, please contact Paul Wynn via email at [rotaryyouthexchangechair@rotarydistrict9685.org.au](mailto:rotaryyouthexchangechair@rotarydistrict9685.org.au)

## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

## THE GREAT AUSSIE BBQ

We are calling for additional help:

- 15 self-contained catering trailers or vans with double 3 or 4 burner BBQs to cook the hot food – we have 11 so far **NEED 4 MORE**
- 51 trestle tables – we have 8 so far **NEED 43 MORE**
- 21 marquee tents we have 9 so far **NEED 12 MORE** (preferably folding)
- We are seeking teams of 6 per each BBQ setup (3 cooks, 3 servers) and about two extras per team. So **8 per team**.
- We also need assistance from Rotarians with food safety supervisor qualifications so we have **three or four** available on the day (ensure and observe compliance)
- And if anyone has a **real coffee cart/van** we would love to talk to :

If your Club can help, please fill out the attached form and email back to me, Great Aussie BBQ Committee Chair – DGE D9685 Ian Scott – [ian@scottadr.com](mailto:ian@scottadr.com) - as soon as

### ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION, SYDNEY, 1-4 JUNE 2014

Have you read the latest news about the Convention and its associated events in "Corroboree"  
- the official newsletter of the Host Organising Committee?  
Please let President Adrian know if you need a copy!

ROTARIANS EDUCATION TRAINING

# TRIVIA

Join us for a night of  
quizical fun in aid of  
our projects in East Timor

# night

Where :

*Pennant Hills Community Centre*

*Cnr Yarrara & Ramsay Rd, Pennant Hills*



*Date - 26th April 2014*



*Time - 6.45 pm for 7pm*



*Book by email -  
theogeo@bigpond.net.au  
angelo@hotline.net.au*



*Book by phone -  
Theo Klockemann 9980 6842  
Angelo Raveane 9982 5259*

*\$20 per person - Tables of 8  
Bring your own nibbles & drinks  
Tea and coffee available*



**Percentage Attendance 8<sup>th</sup> April: 87.50%**

**Makeups:** Dr Siddharth Maheshwari.

**Apologies:** Dr Siddharth Maheshwari, Dr Surinder Joson, PP Rob Mitchell, PP Ross Rocca, PP Tony Abboud, Rtn Erdem Toner, Rtn Nora Etmekdjian, Rtn Victoria Gouel.

### BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

**April 18th** 86th Birthday of **Ron Taffa**  
**April 18th** 29 Year Club Anniversary for **John Dodd**  
**April 20th** 15 Year Club Anniversary for **David Johnston**  
**April 21st** 14 Year Club Anniversary for **Val Payne**  
**April 21st** Birthday Celebration for **Olga (Alex Sawyer)**

When you are courting a nice girl  
 an hour seems like a second. When you sit on a  
 red-hot cinder a second seems like an hour.  
 That's relativity.

- Albert Einstein

### 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!

**April 10th - 26th 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>22.04</b>	Elisabeth Daher & Noel Dunn	Ian Henderson	-	-
<b>06.05</b>	Charles Kilby & Rob Mitchell	Victoria Gouel	Peter Cooper	Nora Etmekdjian

During a recent plane and train spotting contest, five eager entrants were lined up ready to be tested on their spotting ability. They had each spotted a number of planes (26, 86, 123, 174, 250) and a number of trains (5, 42, 45, 98, 105). From the clues below, can you determine what colour anorak each was wearing, their position, their age (21, 23, 31, 36, 40) and the number of trains and planes spotted?

1. Simon spotted 44 fewer trains than planes.
2. Keith was 36 years old.
3. The person on the far right was 8 years younger than Simon, and spotted 174 planes.
4. James was wearing a beige anorak and spotted 37 trains fewer than Simon.
5. The person who was wearing a green anorak, was 19 years younger than the person to the left of him.
6. Steven spotted 105 trains and 250 planes.
7. The person in the centre was 31 years old, was wearing a blue anorak and spotted 42 trains.
8. Alan, who was on the far left, spotted 26 planes, and spotted 72 trains more than planes.
9. The person who was wearing a red anorak, was 4 years older than Keith and was not next to the person wearing a blue anorak.
10. The person who was next to the 31 year old but not next to the person who spotted 26 planes, was wearing a orange anorak, and spotted 45 trains.

**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

After the recent annual marathon, the judges compared notes to determine who finished where. Can you help them to reconstruct the final result?

Matthew Merryman beat Tom Trent and Jimmy James. Peter Piper beat Jimmy James, Tom Trent and Alan Ardman. Zach Zebra lost to Peter Piper. Graham Goodfellow beat Tom Trent. Zach Zebra beat Frank Flintbone. Graham Goodfellow lost to Frank Flintbone and Peter Piper. Tom Trent beat Brian Brick. Alan Ardman beat Zach Zebra, Kevin Kingfisher and Graham Goodfellow. Kevin Kingfisher lost to Graham Goodfellow and Matthew Merryman. Brian Brick beat Kevin Kingfisher. Matthew Merryman lost to Alan Ardman and Zach Zebra. Frank Flintbone beat Tom Trent, Matthew Merryman and Brian Brick. Tom Trent lost to Jimmy James and Alan Ardman. Jimmy James beat Graham Goodfellow and Brian Brick.

Peter Piper - Alan Ardman - Zach Zebra - Frank Flintbone - Matthew Merryman  
Jimmy James - Graham Goodfellow - Tom Trent - Brian Brick - Kevin Kingfisher



## 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!