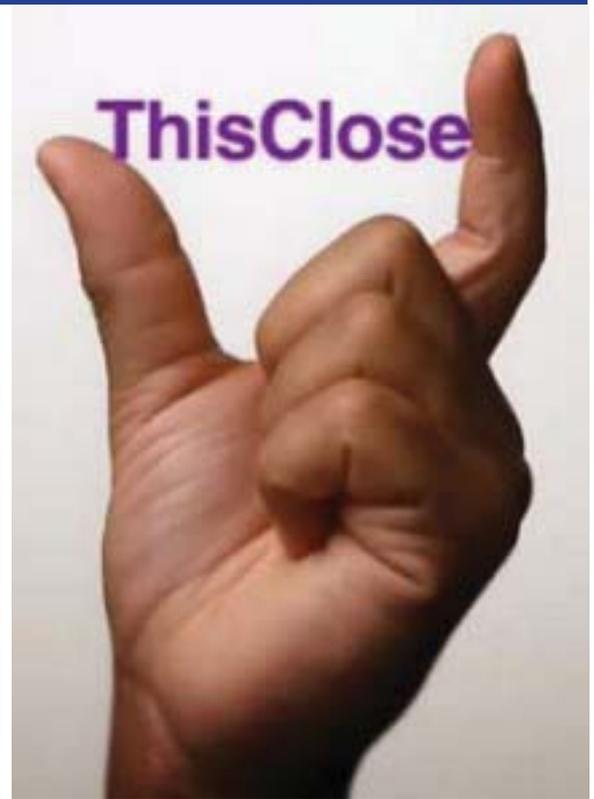


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Chartered 22nd April 1946    District 9685    RI Club #18039

**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 GUESTS OR ABSENCES TO JULIE THORP: 9871 1109**

June 03

Rotary International Convention

**Host Hospitality @ The Rotary Club of Ryde****TONIGHT'S ROSTER**

<b>Welcomers</b>	Julie Thorp & Elisabeth Curcic-Daher
<b>Loyal Toast</b>	Patrick Longfield
<b>Introduction</b>	David Johnston
<b>Vote of Thanks</b>	Victoria Gouel

**Upcoming duty roster is on Page 10.** If you are unable to fulfill any duty, please arrange your own swap and inform President Adrian of the change.

**ADRIAN'S ADDENDUM**

Dear Rotarians and Friends of Rotary,

Another busy week is now over. During Tuesday's meeting we presented six worthy candidates with Pride Of Workmanship Awards. All candidates were held in great esteem by their nominators who spoke highly of them. Congratulations to all awardees.

We were also fortunate to welcome a visiting Rotarian to Sydney for the Rotary Convention.

Abe Clymer came well credentialed having been Past District Governor (District 7570) in 1999 – 2000, International Assembly Training Leader 2010, Rotary Leadership Institute Zone 33 Chair to name a few of the positions he has held. Abe was accompanied by a former Ambassadorial Scholar, Brooke Filipovski who now lives and works locally as Area manager for Young Life Australia.

On Friday a number of Members attended the Service of Thanksgiving for Doug Thompson. Doug was remembered as a fine Headmaster, a gentleman and a fine Rotarian.

Saturday saw the start of the 105<sup>th</sup> Rotary International Convention which is being held at Sydney Olympic Park. Several members took the opportunity to finalise their registrations and collect their Convention tags as well as visit the "Billabong House of Friendship"

Sunday was the first day of Convention and the opening Ceremony was an event to be proud of. Tonight we welcome a number of International Visitors to our Club for the International Home Hosting Night.

Our thoughts are with all our friends on the sick list. Please get well soon as we miss you.

Adrian

## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

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**June 3rd (Tues)**     **RI Convention Host Hospitality Night - PARTNERS NIGHT**  
In place of regular meeting

**June 14th (Sat)**     **Crosslands Rotaract 10 Year Anniversary Changeover**  
7pm / \$60 (\$50 Earlybird) / Hornsby RSL / Contact Charles Kilby to RSVP

**June 15th (Sun)**     Community Fundraiser : Bunnings Rydalmere BBQ  
8am - 4pm / Please contact John Dodd to volunteer

**June 22nd (Sun)**     Barangaroo Headland Park & Barangaroo South Open Day  
Details TBC / Please contact Victoria Gouel for details

**June 24th (Tues)**     **Ryde Rotary Changeover 2014**  
6 for 6:30pm / \$30 / Ryde-X Club, 724 Victoria Rd, Ryde

**June 27th (Fri)**     Rotary Club of North Ryde Changeover Dinner  
6:30 - 9:30pm / \$50 / Atlantis Restaurant, Nth Ryde / northryderotary@gmail.com

**June 28th (Sat)**     **District 9685 Changeover 2014**  
6:30 for 7pm / \$55 / Castle Hill RSL / Register online or via Julie Thorp

**July 6th (Sun)**     Graffiti Removal (First Sunday every month!)  
Meet 8am West Ryde Car Park in Ryedale Rd

**July 25th (Fri)**     **Ryde Signature Dinner**  
6:30 for 7pm / \$95 / Ryde-Eastwood Leagues / RSVP via [ryderotary.org.au](http://ryderotary.org.au)

## END OF YEAR REPORTS

Time is fast approaching for Directors and Avenues of Service Chairs to submit year-end reports. About 300-500 words is ideal and an accompanying photo will add visual value to the page.

**The deadline is Friday 13th June.**

E-mail your contribution to [david.w.james@gmail.com](mailto:david.w.james@gmail.com)  
If you have a photo in mind, please indicate the source.

Submissions should be in MS Word or plain-text.

David James

## 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?**

**Serjeant Geoff** brought the “Voice of Rotary” to the microphone opening the Pride of Workmanship meeting with gravitas. **President Adrian Hallett** began the meeting with a eulogy to **Past President Doug Thompson**, who passed away on Sunday morning, having been a valued member of Ryde Rotary since 1977. A fellow Kiwi who survived the 1931 Napier Earthquake as a six year old schoolboy, he later qualified as a teacher, immigrated to New South Wales and had a distinguished career in education, but will be remembered most as a true gentleman who had a good word for anyone. Rotary Grace was a hesitant affair as members were choked up by emotion.

Visiting **PDG Abe Clymer** from the USA here for Convention graced our meeting with his presence and introduced a past Ambassadorial Scholar **Brooke Filipovski** as his guide. **President Adrian Hallett** announced the many Pride of Workmanship guests, who were getting something of an introduction to the Family of Rotary.



PDG Abe Clymer and Brooke Filipovski



Guest Speaker Shawn Skyring

After the soup, **Martin Aston** took over as MC of the Pride of Workmanship night, giving a concise description of Rotary’s Vocational focus, and mentioned our own **PDG Les Whitcroft**’s contribution to the award’s growth in NSW and Australasia.

**Rtn Stefan Sojka** introduced guest speaker **Shawn Skyring** from Hunt & Hunt Lawyers. He spoke on the hard working attitude that recipients of awards such as these typically have, and described his progress from a hard-working Unionist to an honest Lawyer, which prompted me to try to remember the same word twice. What was it? He himself later correctly suggested that the word I was looking for was “oxymoron”.



Vocational Excellence Awardee DSC Morena Connell

With the news this week of former NSW policemen being arrested for serious crimes, I reflected that the Pride of Workmanship award to **DSC Morena Connell** does not get the same publicity in our daily newspapers, but arguably it should. **Superintendent John Duncan** told me that the former Eastwood LAC has been merged with Gladesville LAC to form one united Ryde Local Area Command, which has to be a good thing for Ryde City.

An unfortunate side effect of the amalgamation was the retirement of **Commander Peter Marcon**, who will be remembered for leading effective community policing in Eastwood and Parramatta.

**Jim Towers** told us all how out of the tragedy of her husband's sudden extreme illness, **Balvinder Young** came to realise the value of Royal Rehab, and became an ambassador for RRCS, fundraising and running a marathon to assist the unit's work.

**Anna Winters** praised **Gail Wilson** for her teamwork and fairness at Ryde Maternity unit, "and we all love her!" In her acceptance speech this was reciprocated: it must be a great place to work.



Vocational Excellence Awardee Balvinder Young



Vocational Excellence Awardee Gail Wilson

First Lady **Linda Hallett** nominated **Melissa Mayson** of "Crazy about Flowers", describing the long hours and hard work Melissa puts into serving her customers. Melissa described herself as proud to live in Ryde, "I was born at Ryde Hospital!" to cheers from the Ryde Maternity Unit.

**Barry Hodge** of the Ryde City Council described maintenance team leader **Paul Archer** as a man who "Does it once, does it right!"



Vocational Excellence Awardee Melissa Mayson



Vocational Excellence Awardee Paul Archer

After the awards the raffle was drawn, first prize going to **David James** to cries of "Is it the Truth?" and "Is it fair to all concerned?" The answer to these questions being "Yes", he departed with some fine wine.

We sang the National Anthem, the police officers saluting, and another top meeting was over, leaving us wondering "How good is this Club?"

“Doug”, as he was known to his friends was born in Napier, New Zealand on 25<sup>th</sup> July 1925.

Doug joined the family of Australian Rotary after having accepted a teaching post in the Mudgee area, It was here that Doug joined the Rotary Club of Rylestone-Kandos where he remained from 1<sup>st</sup> March 1972 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 1976.

Doug was then posted to Meadowbank Boys High School as Headmaster. Seeking to continue his relationship with Rotary, and following the example set by a previous Headmaster to join the local Rotary Club, Doug joined the Ryde Rotary Club and was inducted into membership on 8<sup>th</sup> March 1977.



Doug has enjoyed 37 years fellowship with many Ryde Rotarians and has given his time generously to the Club through the many positions he has held within the Club.

Starting out as Vice-President in 1978 – 1979 , Doug moved into the President’s role in 1979 – 1980. This was also the 75<sup>th</sup> year of Rotary. He then served as Treasurer for 5 years.

Doug has held an array of other positions including Membership Chair, Sergeant-at-Arms, Program Chair, and most recently as Club Historian, a role he held until his passing. This is probably the role Doug will be remembered for. In 1996 he was instrumental in the production of a book detailing the 50 year history of our Ryde Club

Doug was honoured with his first Paul Harris Fellow Award in 1985.

Doug has played a significant role in guiding and developing the Rotary Club of Ryde into the Club it is today. His efforts as Historian will be sadly missed and difficult to replace.

Doug will be remembered as a true gentleman, a kind friend and a wonderful Rotarian.

President Adrian Hallett

## THANKS FROM SHELTERBOX

In the past 12 months, with the help of Rotary Clubs, Rotarians and members of the public, ShelterBox Australia raised over 1 million dollars to help those affected by Super Typhoon Haiyan. To date, ShelterBox has helped over 7,000 families in the Philippines.

Now that the emergency phase has passed, we continue to explore ways of helping communities to recover. Hundreds of thousands more dollars have been donated to help families affected by disaster in countries like Syria, Myanmar, Pakistan and Niger.

Australian donors recently funded aid to help families affected by floods in Zimbabwe & Bolivia, Syrian refugees and earthquake survivors in the Philippines. None of this would be possible without our network of volunteer District Representatives and Ambassadors.

Spread through out the country, our volunteers work tirelessly to raise funds and awareness in their clubs and communities. The nature of disaster relief means that our work is never done. Once one deployment is over, another one starts. At one time there may be 4 or 5 deployments running concurrently, or as in the Philippines recently, we had 27 volunteer ShelterBox Response Team members deployed at the same time.



ShelterBox aid is tailored to each disaster but typically includes a disaster relief tent for a family, thermal blankets and groundsheets, water storage and purification equipment, solar lamps, cooking utensils, a basic tool kit, mosquito nets and children’s activity pack. All this equipment can be packed into one of our iconic green boxes or supplied as needed.

ShelterBox is Project Partner of Rotary International. Most of the international affiliates are run by Rotarians and many of the volunteer Response Team Members are Rotarians. The Rotary connection doesn’t end there, Rotary clubs around the world support us with donations and provide on-the-ground support when we deploy to areas affected by disaster.

ShelterBox is up there with ‘Polio Plus’ when it comes to international reach; helping others and helping to promote the work of Rotary. Since ShelterBox was founded in 2000, we have responded to over 230 disasters and humanitarian crises in almost 90 different countries and provided emergency aid for well over one million people. By pre-positioning aid we can respond quickly and effectively, and we currently have over 9,000 boxes packed and ready to go.

Beneficiaries and their needs are at the top of our priorities. Accountability to our donors is also incredibly important. You can rest assured that your donation will be used in the most effective manner to enable us to ‘do the most, for the most’.

Thanks for your continued support.

Mike Greenslade  
General Manager, ShelterBox Australia





## Great news!

Our **Form 5 students have returned** and are ready for a new and exciting chapter of their education. We are so proud of our students' hard work and their fantastic results in the Form 4 National Examinations in 2013 and are very excited to see what 2014 will hold for these talented young adults.

In Form 5, students choose **three specialist subjects** which they will study for their Advanced-Level studies. This means they can focus on the subjects which they are passionate about - so they can be right on track for their **chosen career path**. A-level classes have reduced class sizes and students benefit from free periods for independent study and research. This, combined with access to **great facilities** like computer labs and a well stocked library, is a sure formula for success.



Form 5 induction week at St Jude's, to ease our students back into their studies.

A-level studies prepare our students for **Higher Education** and the **world beyond school**. Our Form 5 students undertake community service during weekends, and are encouraged to take up leadership positions. Guest speakers from Academic Institutions and workshops by enterprises and organisations are conducted, to keep our students well informed about their options. We also have a fantastic **Career Guidance Centre** full of resources to help guide our students on the pathway to success.



Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.

- Nelson Mandela

**Percentage Attendance 27<sup>th</sup> May: 84.62%**

**Makeups:** PP Artin Etmekdjian, PP Bob Carroll, PP Charles Kilby, PP Charles Kilby.

**Apologies:** Dr Siddharth Maheshwari, Dr Surinder Joson, PDG Les Whitcroft, PP Artin Etmekdjian, PP Bob Carroll, PP Charles Kilby, PP Jan Cutler, PP Patrick Longfield, PP Tony Abbott, Rtn Geoff Nix, Rtn Kalma McLellan, Rtn Patrick Mahony, Rtn Victoria Gouel.

**LUCILE RICHARD - FRIDAY NIGHT ROSTER**

**Lucile is currently hosted by Grace & Roger Sham**

**9874 6418 / 2 James Street, Meadowbank**

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

**June 6th** Tony & Sylvia Abboud

**June 13th** Kathryn Dodd

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

**May 29th** 24 Year Club Anniversary for **Martin Aston**

**June 3rd** Birthday Celebration for **Carolyn (Graham Metcalfe)**

**June 6th** 36 Year Club Anniversary for **Duncan Taylor**

**June 7th** 26 Year Club Anniversary for **Ian Henderson**

**June 8th** 4 Year Club Anniversary for **Surinder Joson**

**June 10th** Birthday Celebration for **Victoria Gouel**

Arriving at one goal is the starting point to another.

- John Dewey

**CLUB MEETING DUTY ROSTER**

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

<b>DATE</b>	<b>WELCOMERS</b>	<b>LOYAL TOAST</b>	<b>INTRO</b>	<b>THANKS</b>
<b>10.06</b>	Burkhart Foertsch & Pat Mahony	Charles Kilby	Ken Allen	Stephen Thorp
<b>17.06</b>	David Johnston & Bob Carroll	Graham Metcalfe	Stefan Sojka	Pat Mahony

You have a pile of 24 coins. Twenty-three of these coins have the same weight, and one is heavier.

Your task is to determine which coin is heavier and do so in the minimum number of weighings.

You are given a beam balance (scale), which will compare the weight of any two sets of coins out of the total set of 24 coins.

How many weighings are required to identify the heavier coin?

**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 in a room with 2 doors leading out.

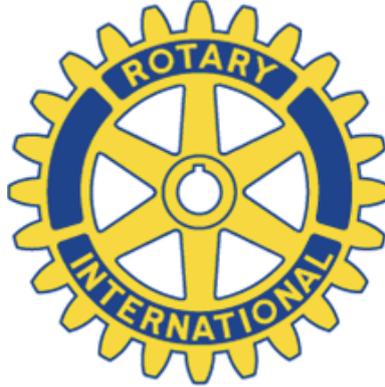
Behind 1 door is a coffer overflowing with jewels and gold, along with an exit. Behind the other door is an enormous, hungry lion that will pounce on anyone opening the door.

You do not know which door leads to the treasure and exit, and which door leads to the lion.

In the room you are in are 2 individuals. The first is a knight, who always tells the truth, and a knave, who always lies. Both of these individuals know what is behind each door. You do not know which individual is the knight, or which one is the knave.

You may ask one of the individuals exactly one question. What should you ask in order to be certain that you will open the door with the coffer behind it, instead of the hungry lion?

You ask one of the individuals what the other one would say if you asked him which door is holding back the hungry lion and then open this door.



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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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