

THE ROTARY CLUB OF RYDE DISTRICT 9685 CHARTERED 1946

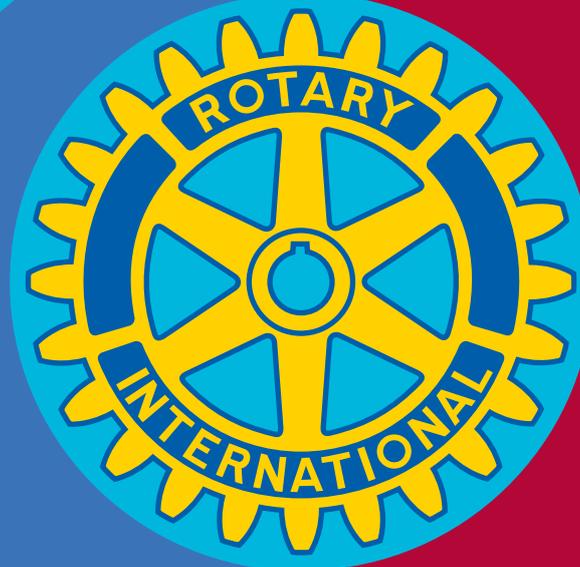
# The HUB

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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)  
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504 Victoria Rd, Ryde

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Ryde NSW 1680

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**June 10**

NSW Jewish Board of Deputies

**Lynda Ben-Menashe****TONIGHT'S ROSTER**

<b>Welcomers</b>	Burkhart Foertsch & Pat Mahony
<b>Loyal Toast</b>	Charles Kilby
<b>Introduction</b>	Ken Allen
<b>Vote of Thanks</b>	Stephen Thorp

**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,

As my year continues to fly by we have just had a rare Rotary experience with the International Convention being held here in Sydney. What a great city we presented with the unusually great weather. The Vivid festival of wonderful lighting of Sydney's icons and favourable conditions for Bridgeclimb. Who would not have enjoyed being in Sydney!

The House of Friendship provided an excellent showcase of Rotary activities and attracted a steady stream of visitors. The opening and closing sessions were events that we should not have missed. I am sure the other break-out sessions provided the learning opportunities they were designed to give.

Last Tuesday we enjoyed the company of thirteen overseas Rotarian visitors, some with their partners. What a diverse group of Rotarians we had from Japan, Sweden, Sri Lanka, the United States of America as well as six guests from Nowra. It was a very different night with some excellent entertainment provided by Rotarians Peter Kirkwood and Stefan Sojka. Special thanks to Geoff Brennan and Julie Thorp for ensuring it was a night to remember and thanks to those who played a part with transport.

This week we are back to normal with our meeting. **Please keep in mind we have our next Bunnings BBQ on SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> June** and need your help to make it a success.

Our meeting next Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> will also be a partners night as we find out how much Lucile has enjoyed her year in Australia as she presents her final report to our Club.

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 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!



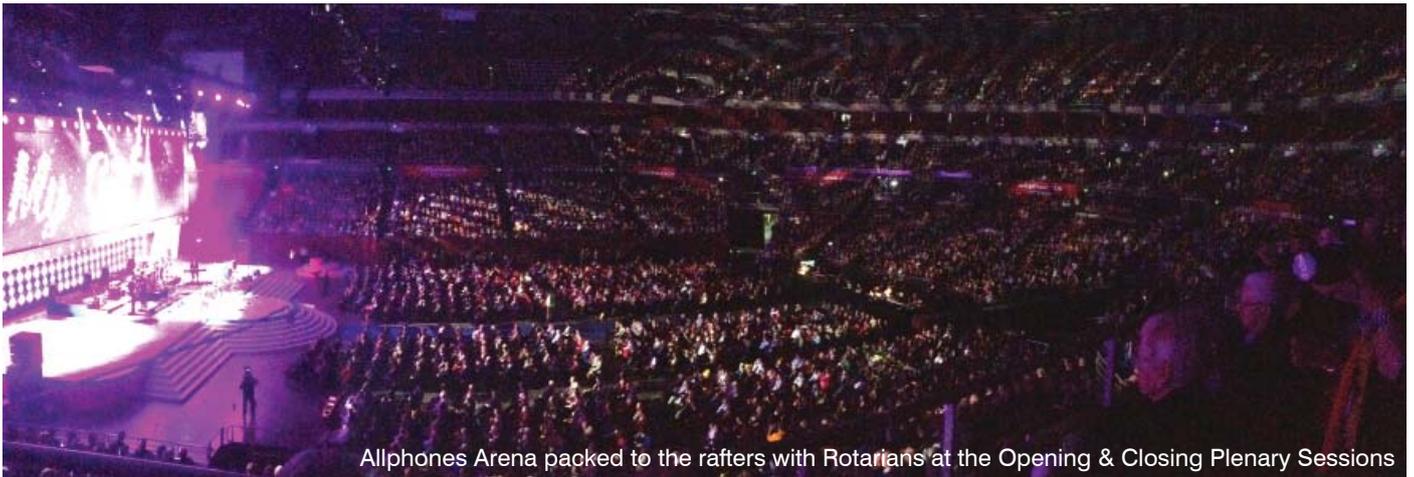
If you need to give a late apology for non-attendance at any meeting, please contact **Julie Thorp** before **10am Monday**.

**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?**

This year, Ryde Rotarians had an unparalleled opportunity to be a part of a Rotary International Convention. From meeting visiting Rotarians at the Host Hospitality Dinner, to volunteering to join the flag bearing team at the Opening Plenary Session, or meeting international Rotarians out and about in Sydney, as part of the host District 9685, many Ryde Rotarians took advantage of this event for new Rotary fellowship and to learn more about what Rotary can offer.

Over the next few weeks, I would like to include some more in-depth analysis of the plenary & breakout sessions from those who were able to attend, and how what you learned can help Ryde Rotary in the future. Please take a moment to share your experience!



Allphones Arena packed to the rafters with Rotarians at the Opening & Closing Plenary Sessions

My Saturday morning registration visit was a strange experience; a Rotary event and I didn't recognize a single face. That changed in The Billabong Hall of Friendship when I came upon Steve and Julie Thorp rocking to Pee Wee Wilson and The Delltones with a "Shout" tribute to J'OK. So many visitors had travelled so far but I'll bet not many had walked the 6 kms that Rob Mitchell did to get there! And he was walking back to Cabarita! Poor man, I think he was in the grip of flashbacks to his Pilgrim walk in Basque.

Next day, the first plenary session was an absolute knock out. To look around Allphones Arena from my floor-front position and see the place filled with 9,000 rotarians gave me a different perspective on the size and internationality of our organization. Japanese were bowing in front, taking pictures of anything that moved and warmly trying to engage with me in sign language. Americans were drawling all over the place and one, Joe Story, singled me out for a chat and yes, he had tried to run for nomination for President of the USA. What a top conversation.

The show opened, ran smoothly and professionally and held my interest. But it really got going when Human Nature transformed the arena into a stunning Las Vegas production. I was amazed at the energy in this act which started with some NSW high school friends singing "Motown" songs and has resulted in a five-nights-a-week contract at Ceasar's Palace, produced by Smokey Robinson. It is inspirational to realise what they have achieved by dint of natural talent and massive hard work and dedication. I found this performance to be as thought stimulating as any spoken presentation that I have heard. These fellows oozed dedication to their craft. The fact that I was as close to the stage as possible without being a dignitary, helped.

I would not have missed that day; it was fantastic!

**PP Geoff Brennan**

Our Convention experience was a little different from most of our other members in three ways. Firstly, as incoming Youth Exchange Chair for the District, Janelle and I attended the Youth Exchange Preconvention meetings where we were to add to our understanding of the organization of RYE and meet and socialize with many of our counterparts from across the world. There was a wealth of experience in the room and the usual Rotary friendly manner of imparting information to us newbies.

Secondly, Janelle and I home hosted: a couple from Rhode Island in which the wife has been a RYE Chair and is an incoming DGE, allowing for much exchange of ideas; a retired Air Force officer from Brazil attending his 11th Convention – a great contact if we go to San Paulo next year and visit where James was on exchange; and a young supervisor of Rotaractors from the University of San Diego who was just starting out his experience of Rotary (and had a lot to learn!).

In addition, on the Tuesday night, we hosted 12 Convention attendees, which with our family, Anna Gossweiler and new member Patrick Mahony, ended up being dinner for 20. Michelle and husband Kiah did the cooking honours for a menu of real Australian foods.

The great thing about Rotary is you can say “G’day” to anyone from across the world and start up a conversation of shared themes. We made many long term friends.

**PDG John Dodd**

My ribbon said: “I’m nobody, I just like ribbons” but for five days in Homebush we were all part of something bigger than any one person. We were all part of Rotary. All cogs in the wheel.

The 105<sup>th</sup> Rotary International Convention was my first large Rotary convention and it was amazing. The melting pot of nationalities all working towards making our world a better place. The speakers inspired, made us laugh, made us cry, made us want to strive for more for our fellow man.

Allen and I were pleased to be able to bear flags for the Flag ceremony at the end of both plenary sessions. Rehearsals were on Saturday morning and it was difficult to drag work weary bones out of bed at 5:30am to get to rehearsal.

The green room was full of a mix of international exchange students and people from various clubs and districts, the noise as was deafening as everyone chatted and enjoyed fellowship. Sunday opened the Convention with 18,000 Rotarians. We missed most of the opening Plenary whilst we waited in the green room or in the wings.

When not carrying flags we wandered the House of Fellowship handing out DVDs for the School of St Jude telling everyone to come and hear Gemma speak. Whilst doing this I met up with a friend I had not seen for 23 years. It is a small world.

The remaining days were spent at plenary and also looking after our guests from the USA and feeding dinner guests from England and the States on Tuesday night.

The convention was a wonderful experience. EVERYONE was friendly, and interested and interesting. It was wonderful to be involved even if “I’m nobody, I just like ribbons”.

**Bernadette Horrell**



On the 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Rotary International Convention in Chicago it was agreed that 2006 convention a Foundation Celebration will be convened prior to the Opening Ceremony.

Late in 2013 I received an email from RI inviting me, as a Alumni of RF, to attend the Foundation Celebration in Sydney, I was delighted to accept, because that would give us an opportunity to meet Interesting People, not necessary Rotarians.

I think I should digress here, as I found out many Rotarians have no knowledge of what a Rotary Foundation Alumni is. to become an Alumni, a person must have participated in a RF programme, such as GSE, Ambassadorial or Peace Scholar, and now of course Global Scholar or a Rotary Volunteer.

I became eligible because in 1995 I received a Carl P. Miller Discovery Grant (like other programmes it no longer exist, and is now covered by Rotary Volunteer programme), my objective was to travel to Russia's Far East, i.e. Vladivostok and Nahodka, for two purposes to evaluate and discuss with newly established Rotary Club a programme, (which became a reality "From Russia with Love") and to become a mentor to the new Rotarians, in recently chartered Rotary Clubs. I think that both objectives were achieved.

Olga and I arrived on Saturday morning to attend the Celebration, as the room filled, I saw several old friends and there were a few local former members of GSE teams and Ambassadorial Scholars, who were not Rotarians. the FELLOWSHIP was great. eventually 9.00 am arrived and we sat down. the usual formalities ensued.

The Key Note Speaker was a former Ambassadorial Scholar Maya Ajmera, (some of you could have witnessed the presentation to her of Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award and heard her speak), here she was able to expand on her presentation and of course answer question. This was followed by a presentation and then discussion about Alumni Foundation Association within Rotary Districts, I found this of great interest.

We then broke for morning tea and more FELLOWSHIP followed. We then reconvened more discussion, and then were joined by RI President Ron Burton and Jetta, this brought this session to the end at 1200 noon.

**PDG Alex Sawyer**

I had the pleasure of chauffeuring District Governor Birgitta Arnving-Friberg (Sweden) from Olympic Park on Tuesday evening to our Club meeting and later to her motel in North Sydney. Birgitta's husband was booked to come to the conference however; he unexpectedly passed away last January. Birgitta made the brave decision to attend the international conference in Australia by herself and is still grieving for her beloved husband.

We sat with the Nowra Rotarians and two of the women in this group were also widows. They gave Birgitta great comfort and support and Birgitta enjoyed the evening tremendously. She informed me the other Swedish delegates chose to go to a restaurant by themselves yet Birgitta decided to attend our meeting and meet some locals, and she was so grateful she did. She was overwhelmed with our hospitality, greatly enjoyed the Aussie entertainers and thrilled to meet so many good spirited Australians. Birgitta was extremely glad to have made so many new friends and was showered with Australiana gifts as I dragged her away from the table well after last drinks.

Congratulations to Ryde Rotary for an excellent night.

**PP Charles Kilby**

Elinor and I had the pleasure of collecting Ean & Jan Sullivan from the conference venue last Tuesday and driving them to our club for our special Host Hospitality Meeting.

Ean is a District Governor in Dallas Texas. As well as this time consuming position he is working as a CPA with a large accounting firm in Dallas. His wife Jan is also a Rotarian in the same Club and is also a Minister of Religion. They are a charming couple who were enjoying their stay in Sydney, the Conference and appreciated our club meeting with the entertainment.

We dropped them back in Sydney to where they said they were slumming it at the Intercontinental Hotel.

It is appropriate also to complement Geoff Brennan for his organising of the collection from the conference venue and the smooth running of our "meeting".

**PP John Higgins**

This truly international Rotary experience blew my socks off. I was determined to make as much of the opportunity as possible, and took extensive notes in the breakout sessions which I hope will be of assistance to the Club in future. I was overwhelmed by the sheer number of delegates from all over the world, all dressed in their cultural "business casual" attire, and all united in purpose. It is a powerful thing to feel a part of such a community.

In the breakout sessions I attended, I learned a lot and was pleased to be able to contribute. In particular the sessions on working with NGOs, and encouraging social entrepreneurship were a fantastic education, but at the same time I could go through all their tips in relation to our Borjagai Schools project and think: 1. We must respond to a need recognised by the local community (TICK), 2. It is optimal if the project is instigated by the local community, and that community is involved from start to finish, so as to have ownership of it (TICK! TICK!), and so on. We are lucky to have such great members at Ryde volunteering their time and skills to make sure all our projects run smoothly, sustainably and with excellent results.

In the session on "Leveraging Alumni to increase Membership", I was able to contribute - the main cause for concern seemed to be the ability to maintain a database of alumni information. At Ryde, we encourage everyone to sign up for The Hub! Another major topic was how to engage the partners & children of Rotarians, Rotaractors, RYLA delegates and former Youth Exchange Students. As someone who fits in most of these categories, I was able to say "Do good work and publicise it well. Maintain contact, and invite us along!" We all need to put a little effort in to keep our Ryde Rotary family of alumni, families & friends strong.

Throughout the Convention I enjoyed the opportunity to introduce myself to a few complete strangers, including a Club President from Ghana, and a PHF from Nigeria, who had some great projects in the pipeline - I hope we can work with them in the future!

RI President Ron Burton struck a chord with me in his closing remarks, "When it feels like you're not achieving enough, or not doing enough to make a significant change in the world, and you just want to give up, that's like looking at your child or grandchild, sighing and saying *"Well, if I can't feed all the children in the world, I might as well not feed this one."* Sometimes between all our responsibilities and commitments, it seems impossible to make a change in the world. It is important to remember that changing one life, educating one child, providing clean water for one community or giving someone deserving a reward for their hard work IS changing the world, and engaging Rotary does change lives.

**Rtn Kathryn Dodd**



**Top Row:** Peter Kirkwood, Stefan Sojka, Keiko & Kazuyoshi Watanabe (Urawa North, Japan) **2<sup>nd</sup> Row:** Lorna Jean Miller (Medical Center, TX, USA), Rick & Janet Manganello (Nashua, New Hampshire, USA), Ean & Jan Sullivan (Plano, TX, USA) **3<sup>rd</sup> Row:** Kristine & Pete Taylor (Tacoma, WA, USA), Linda & Jim Bauer (Washington, USA), Fiona Kibble, Penny Pickup, Janice Aljancic (Nowra, NSW) **4<sup>th</sup> Row:** Nancy & Bob Case (Florida, USA), Kay & Harv Kitchens (Denton, Texas) and Janet & Rob Hamer (West Pennant Hills), Dennis & Donna McMann (Nashua West, New Hampshire, USA) **5<sup>th</sup> Row:** Arthur & Rhonda Moorhouse (Nowra, NSW), Terri & Robbie Larocque (Oshawa, ON, Canada), District Governor Birgitta Arnvig-Friberg (Helsingborg-Kärnan, Sweden).

**Percentage Attendance 3<sup>rd</sup> June: 76.92%**

**Makeups:** RI Convention makeups to be included in next week's report.

**Apologies:** Dr Surinder Joson, PDG Les Whitcroft, PP Allen Horrell, PP Artin Etmekdjian, PP Bob Kaye-Smith, PP Burkhart Foertsch, PP Jan Cutler, PP Patrick Longfield, Rtn Kalma McLellan, Rtn Kathryn Dodd, Rth Nora Etmekdjian, Rtn Patrick Mahony.

### 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 13th** Kathryn Dodd

### BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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

**June 11th** Birthday Celebration for **Danielle (Ken Allen)**

**June 17th** 61st Wedding Anniversary for **Ross & Rose Rocca**

I like nonsense, it wakes up the brain cells.  
Fantasy is a necessary ingredient in living, it's a way of  
looking at life through the wrong end of a telescope.  
Which is what I do, and that enables you  
to laugh at life's realities.

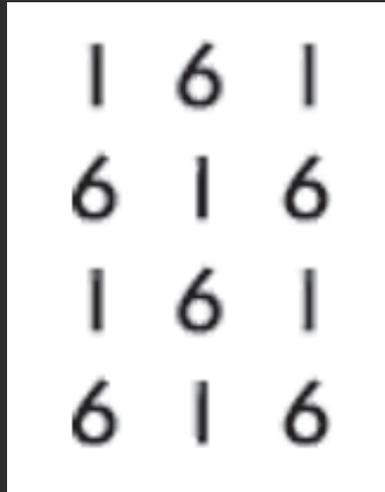
- Dr. Seuss

### 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>17.06</b>	David Johnston & Bob Carroll	Graham Metcalfe	Stefan Sojka	Pat Mahony
<b>24.06</b>	Elisabeth Daher & Julie Thorp	Nora Etmekdjian	Siddharth M.	Noel Dunn

Can you circle exactly four of these numbers such that the total is twelve?



**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 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.

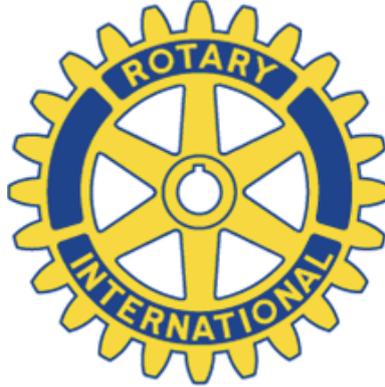
How many weighings are required to identify the heavier coin?

It can be done in three weighings.

Weighing 1: Break the coins into three piles of eight. Weigh one group of eight against another group of eight. If the scale balances, then the group that hasn't been weighed has the heavier coin. If the scale tips, then that group contains the heavier coin.

Weighing 2: Break the group of eight that has the heavier coin into three groups (three coins, three coins, and two coins). Weigh one set of three against the other set of three. If it balances, the group of two has the heavier coin. If the scale tips, then that group has the heavier coin.

Weighing 3: If the heavier coin is in the group of two, then just weigh one coin against the other to determine the heaviest coin. If the heavier coin is in a group of three, then take two of those coins and weigh them against each other. If the scale balances, the coin that hasn't been weighed is the heavier coin. If the scale tips, then that is the heavier coin.



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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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