

THE ROTARY CLUB OF RYDE DISTRICT 9685 CHARTERED 1946

# The HUB

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District  
9685

*From the mountains to the sea.*

**REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT 9685  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

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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:

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PO BOX 90  
Ryde NSW 1680

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

**November 25**      Men's Health  
**Dr Panos Marlassi**

### TONIGHT'S ROSTER

**Welcomers**              Martin Aston & John Dodd

**Toast to Rotary**        David Johnston  
**Chartered November 25<sup>th</sup> 1933 : The Rotary Club of Amherstburg, Canada**

**Introduction**          John Higgins

**Vote of Thanks**        Kathryn Dodd

**Upcoming duty roster is on Page 7.** If you are unable to fulfill any duty, please arrange your own swap and inform President Kalma of the change.

### KALMA'S KORNER

Dear Rotarians and Friends of Rotary,

What fabulous feedback last week from Sally and Simone on their contribution to the Interpast project in Fiji. Sometimes we lose track of the services we have right on our doorstep and often take for granted until we are presented with the predicaments described for some of their examples – this truly is The Lucky Country.

Kalma

### A SNAPSHOT OF : THE ROTARY CLUB OF AMHERSTBURG

The Rotary Club of Amherstburg has been busy. Some of the projects they are proud to have initiated, completed and continue to produce include: Shelter Boxes For Haiti - Donated 11 Boxes; Community Garden - Grow food for needy in the Community; Operation Life Line - Deliver smoke alarms to Residents; Miracle Field at United Commnites Sports Complex - First in Canada; Inclusive Park at Toddy Jones Park; House of Hope - Remodeled a house for a family in need; Town Clock - Donated to the Town; Rain Water Barrels; Park House Museum - Major Yearly Contributor; Haunted House - Fundraiser; Easter Seals Pasta Dinner - 40 years and counting; Easter Seals Walk-a-thon; Beef-in-the-Burg - Fundraiser; Bicycle for physically disabled child; Bicycle for two for vision impaired children; Storm Windows for the House Of Shalom; Free Smoke Detectors (with the Fire Dept.); Bike Safety (with Police Dept.).

Amherstburg Rotary's major fundraising event each year is "Ribfest" - a family festival with food, entertainment, rides, activities and great ribs. Parking and admission is free, but donations are appreciated. What a great community event idea!



## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

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**Dec. 7th (Sun) Graffiti Removal (First Sunday every month!)**

Meet 8am West Ryde Car Park in Ryedale Rd

**Dec. 9th (Tues) Ryde Rotary Annual General Meeting**

7pm (During regular meeting) / See PP Steve Thorp to nominate 2015/16 board

**Dec. 11th - 24th Christmas Wrapping Fundraiser @ Top Ryde City**

More details to come / Contact David James to volunteer

**Dec. 16th (Tues) Ryde Rotary Christmas Party**

Partners Night / Kids Night / **SANTA!!!**



**Jan. 13th (Tues) Annual RYLA Dinner**

6:45 for 7pm / \$45pp / Pittwater RSL / See John Brown if you are interested!

**Jan. 13th (Tues) Informal Meeting - Movie Night Fundraiser**

7 for 7:30pm / \$30pp / 2 York St, Beecroft / Profits to Cure Cancer Australia

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION - DUES

Get the drop on the Treasurer by paying your fees on **Tues 9th Dec** before he asks!

**\$125 for 1<sup>st</sup> January - 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

**You can pay by EFT direct to our General Account:**

**BSB 112-879**

**Account #: 589388**

**or**

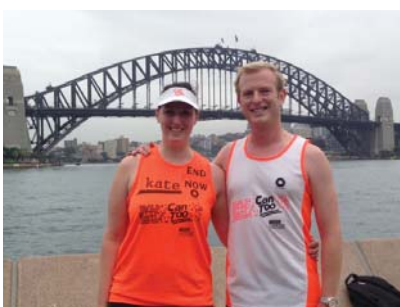
**Cheque or cash paid to the Treasurer on Tuesday.**

David James

## ROTARIANS RUNNING FOR A CURE

Following their success with CanToo at the Blackmores Sydney Running Festival, Rotarians Pat Mahony and Kathryn Dodd have started training for the Great Ocean Roat 45km ULTRA Marathon in May 2015.

In their time with CanToo, Pat & Kathryn have raised over \$4000 for Cure Cancer Australia and over \$8000 for End Polio Now.



The wonderful John and Janelle Dodd have agreed to open their home for a Movie Night Fundraiser on **Tuesday 13th January** for Ryde Rotary's first informal meeting of the year.

Please put it in your calendar, and bring \$30 for dinner and some change for the raffle. Wives, partners, kids and grandkids are welcome! We would love your support, and to catch up after the Christmas break and watch The Lego Movie!



The controversy started earlier than usual this week, with **Treasurer David James** moving his desk away from the entrance to the other side of the room. The reasons were not entirely clear, however, it seems David just likes to sit in the sun. Rumours that he has been replaced by some sort of lizard-man during his long and mysterious absence can neither be confirmed or denied. **President Kalma** opened the meeting, and welcomed a large number of guests, including the Mitchell clan, most notably **Sally Mitchell**, and Sally's neighbour and fellow guest speaker, **Simone Nast-Clarke**.

**John Dodd** made the toast to Rotary, this time in celebration of the birthday of the **Rotary Club of Hall, in the ACT**. Hall is the only Rotary club in rural ACT, and runs a number of projects and fundraisers, including organising the best weekly farmers' markets in Canberra, and sponsoring the University of Canberra Rotaract Club. Bonus Hall Rotary Trivia: the current District Governor of District 9710, Rowley Tompsett, is a member of the club.

**Treasurer David James** announced that he'll be collecting money for both semi-annual dues and for the Christmas party over the next few weeks. **Please make his life easier by paying for both promptly**. He also thanked everyone who brought Christmas cards and had signed up to help with the gift wrapping. There are still places left, so please help out if you can. **Steve Thorp** reminded everyone of the impending AGM - nomination forms for board positions are available from him. **Erdem Toner** gave us a quick report on his recent trip to Turkey, which included an announcement of his engagement. Congratulations Erdem on the terrific news, and for acquitting yourself with such grace under the fierce interrogation of President Kalma.

**Kathryn Dodd** gave a report on the highly successful Days for Girls sewing bee on the previous Sunday. These sewing bees are becoming a regular fixture, so keep an eye out for future events next year.

The **Serjeant-at-Arms** took the microphone, and the **Treasurer's** ticket came up, but alas, did not find the Joker. There were many fines, including for puns and a thirteen year old Lexus. This author was also fined, for simply plainly and objectively reporting the facts of the previous meeting.

Finally it was time for the guest speakers. **Sally and Simone** are both nurses and neighbours, and in 2013 they were part of an Interplast team to Labasa in Fiji. Sally spoke first, and told us how she became with her first Interplast team. She was looking for a challenge, and when she spoke to Simone, it turns out that they were looking for an anaesthetics nurse for their Interplast team. A perfect example of both serendipity and of finding opportunities for service through acquaintances.

With only one week, the team had their work cut out for them, and after starting the week with a clinic to assess patients, they got straight into the surgery. Problems they dealt with included burns, cleft lips and palates, and removing a fourteen kilogram lipoma. While they were unable to assist everyone





who came, the dozens of surgeries they were a part of and the transformative impact it had on the patients' lives were inspirational.

Both women emphasised that they were not only there to assist the surgeons, but to act as patient advocates and maintain the dignity of their patients. The stories they shared of the connections they made with their patients demonstrated passionate they were about providing the highest level of care. In projects such as this, it is usually the surgeons and doctors who are the focus, but Sally and Simone both showed quite clearly that without the dedication of nurses such as themselves, such projects couldn't happen.

After such an engaging talk, **Ken Allen** led the vote of thanks, before **President Kalma** closed yet another eventful meeting.

## DISTRICT 9685 AGM REPORT

I attended this annual event at Muirfield Golf Course on behalf of the Club, in the presence of our two esteemed AGs – Allen Horrell and Geoff Brennan – and learned quite a bit about the mechanics of our great organization. PDG Graeme Davies, with very croaky voice, delivered his annual report for last year, highlighting the many exciting events included over a full calendar during the year, the pinnacle of which was the very successful International Convention. He reported that Foundation giving for 9685 now averages \$191.27, the highest ever, for which we won the prestigious Australia Cup. The District also walked away with the Significant Achievement Award (Lower Blue Mountains), the RI Partner Award (Lindfield) and the Service Above Self Award (Gosford). District clubs and membership dipped slightly by the end of his year, however has nearly regained the numbers of the previous year reflecting a growing interest. District Treasurer Jim Wells reported all was well with our finances with no increase in fees – good news for all members!

We covered the elections of representatives to COTA and the Zone Reps for the DG Nominating Committee, together with a number of constitutional changes aimed at improving the equity for club representation. Changes to the Regulations were also accepted to reduce some longwinded timeframes, to better define 'significant assets' and to remove references to the GSE project which is no longer operating.

Then followed the Presidents' Meeting, producing some good news and some reminders:

- District will now fund member training, saving clubs \$\$\$\$
- Foundation reminder re Centurions – better to give now with the \$\$ exchange rather than wait until the June rush, so look at your timing commitment and see what you can do – target is 1000 Centurions across the District
- Conference regos for 2015 are now open – we need to get ourselves organized

All in all a very talkative affair with little room for silence, making it tough on the DG to control – and all good fun!

President Kalma McLellan

**Percentage Attendance 18<sup>th</sup> November: 85.00%**

**Makeups:** PP Duncan Taylor, Rtn Stefan Sojka.

**Apologies:** PDG Les Whitcroft, PP Artin Etmekdjian, PP Charles Kilby, PP Duncan Taylor, PP John Higgins, PP Tony Abboud, Rtn Elisabeth Curcic-Daher, Rtn Surinder Joson, Rtn Geoff Nix, Rtn Stefan Sojka, Rtn Victoria Gouel.

**LOOKING AHEAD**

- December 2<sup>nd</sup>** Outbound Exchange Student 2015 - **Rose Jenkins**
- December 9<sup>th</sup>** **Annual General Meeting**
- December 16<sup>th</sup>** **Christmas Party**
- January 13<sup>th</sup>** **First (Informal) Meeting of 2015 - PARTNERS & KIDS WELCOME**  
 Movie Night @ John & Janelle's : 2 York St, Beecroft  
 Fundraiser: Pat & Kathryn's UltraMarathon for Cure Cancer Australia

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

- November 25<sup>th</sup>** 70th Birthday for **Rob Mitchell**
- December 2<sup>nd</sup>** 6 Year Club Anniversary for **Adrian Hallett**
- December 2<sup>nd</sup>** 11 Year Club Anniversary for **Ron Taffa**

**FELIX MORLOCK - FRIDAY NIGHT ROSTER**

**Felix is currently hosted by Mal & Kathleen Goris**  
**9877 0852 / 17 Pearl Ave, Epping / Felix: 0420 286 303**

Please confirm your plans in advance with both Felix and the Goris family!

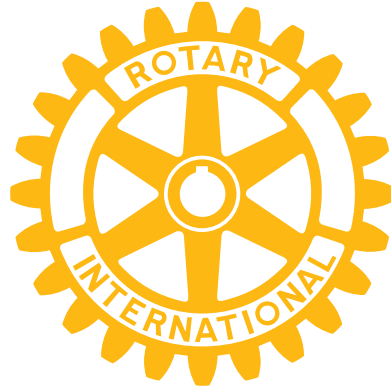
- November 28<sup>th</sup>** Nora & Artin Etmekdjian
- December 5<sup>th</sup>** David & Sally James
- December 12<sup>th</sup>** David Johnston

**CLUB MEETING DUTY ROSTER**

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

<b>DATE</b>	<b>WELCOMERS</b>	<b>TOAST</b>	<b>INTRO</b>	<b>THANKS</b>
<b>02.12</b>	Kathryn Dodd & Geoff Nix	Swati Maheshwari	Adrian Hallett	Graham Metcalfe
<b>09.12</b>	Graham Metcalfe & Ron Taffa	Rob Mitchell	-	-

# Rotary



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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 over 34,000 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 THANKS

For good food,  
For good fellowship, and the  
opportunity to serve through Rotary,  
We give thanks.

## 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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