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# LIGHT UP ROTARY



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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

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**May 26<sup>th</sup>**                      **A Hypothetical**  
John Dodd

### TONIGHT'S ROSTER

**Welcomers**                      Burkhart Foertsch & Bill Payne

**Toast to Rotary**                Geoff Brennan  
Chartered May 26<sup>th</sup> 1953 : The Rotary Club of Rawalpindi, Pakistan

**Introduction**                    John Higgins

**Vote of Thanks**                Peter Cooper

**Upcoming duty roster is on Page 11.** 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,

How can we thank Jan Cutler and her team for such a wonderful demonstration of the locally admired talent in our businesses? There was tangible pride for each candidate presented to us last week, with some presenters barely able to limit their praise, which was just wonderful to see. Congratulations Jan on yet another wonderful collection of local talent! Thank you also to Allen Horrell who stepped very ably into the sick-bed shoes of the 'voice of Rotary' Geoff Brennan and ensured that we kept on track throughout the night. No-one wanted to go home after the event, which is a sure barometer of its success.

Thank you also to those able to attend the touching funeral of Surinder Joson last week. The love in the room was tangible across many aspects of his life.

And a final thank you to those who have braved our storage areas – at NextGen and at Kennards – to determine the next steps with the wonderful collection of historical elements we have accumulated. This includes Adrian, Bob, Patrick and Martin – very brave souls indeed!!

Kalma

### 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 as early as possible!**  
(10am Monday at the absolute latest)

**9871 1109 0416 208 332 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?**

**May 24th (Sun) Kariong-Somersby Rotary : Concert for LifeLine**  
6:30 for 7pm / \$35pp at the door / Phillip House, 21 Old Mt Penang Rd, Kariong

**May 31st (Sun) Meals on Wheels**  
Contact Adrian Hallett to volunteer - Note this clashes with Red Shield Appeal!

**May 30th & 31st (Sat/Sun) Red Shield Appeal**  
Please contact John Higgins to volunteer as a driver for an Interact team

**June 2nd (Tues) 2015 Combined Services Dinner**  
6 for 6:30pm / \$30 / Next Generations, Ryde Aquatic Centre

**June 7th (Sun) Graffiti Removal (First Sunday every month!)**  
Meet 8am West Ryde Car Park in Ryedale Rd

**June 27th (Sat) District 9685 Changeover**  
6 for 6:30pm / \$50pp / Hornsby RSL / <http://changeover.rotarydistrict9685.org.au>

## NEWS FROM NEPAL VIA "THE WEE ROATY" OF LOCHABER, SCOTLAND

There are smiles in these photos, as the arrival of 39 tons of ShelterBox aid brings hope to remote villages in earthquake-shattered Nepal. International disaster relief charity ShelterBox is gearing up its operation in the uplands of Nepal. In the early hours of this morning 39 tons of much needed shelter aid left Kathmandu's busy airport, heading in trucks up steep winding roads towards the mountain district of Sindhupalchowk.

This shipment contains 500 family tents, made to United Nations specifications. There are also 500 ShelterBox shelter kits, containing tools to help clear rubble and saw wood, and – most importantly – waterproof tarpaulins and fixings to create ba-sic, dry shelters, or to make the best of habitable parts of damaged buildings.

They will soon be on their way to selected sites among Sindhupalchowk's 79 village communities, among the highest inhabited altitudes in the world. A group of local volunteers from the community of Chautara helped ShelterBox's Liz Odell and Liam Norris unload the equipment into an abandoned hospital, which is being used as a storage facility.

Liz Odell explains, 'The doctors have moved to a local football field where ShelterBox is contributing tents to provide space for the medics to work and live. The hospital building is badly damaged and unsafe to work in.' Nepal Red Cross to distribute the aid to families in remote areas badly affected by the earthquake. Helicopters still come and go, airlifting people in need of medical assistance, and carrying aid to communities that can be reached only by air or on foot.



### MEALS ON WHEELS

Three more volunteers are required for our regular Meals on Wheels deliveries on Sunday 31st May 2015.

YES I know it is Red Shield collection day which is why we need extra help.

If you are not taking part in Red Shield please consider this activity.

You will need to start in Eastwood at 11.30  
and it should take about 1.5 to 2 hours

Please contact Adrian Hallett on 0409 037 701 if you can help.

### GRAFFITI REMOVAL DAY

Rotary's signature event is scheduled to be held on SUNDAY 18th OCTOBER 2015.

Please pencil the date to your diary now so you can assist on this special day.

More details to follow closer to the event.

### YOUTH EXCHANGE

Our Club will be hosting another exchange student from July 2015 for twelve months.

We are expecting a young lady from France.

Have you considered the opportunities that HOSTING a student can bring?

If you would like to be part of the Youth Exchange experience please talk to John Brown, Pat Mahony or Adrian Hallett.

### LAST WEEK AS RECALLED BY ALLEN HORRELL

Acting Serjeant **John Brown** called the meeting to order, **President Kalma** led us in the Rotary Thanks, pointing out to guests that the words were on the back of the program, then welcomed guests and read a long list of apologies including Pride of Workmanship MC **PP Geoff Brennan**.

Appropriately the toast to RI was proposed by **Vocational Chair PP Jan Cutler**. Given that Riverside Zone Assistant Governor Geoff Brennan had been struck down by illness, **President Kalma** introduced an AG from the neighbouring Northern Districts Zone, to fill in for the night. I began, reading from the excellent script prepared by Geoff:

“Ladies and Gentlemen, this is Ryde's 32<sup>nd</sup> Pride of Workmanship night and I'm delighted to be involved in a small way, as a poor substitute for the Voice of Rotary”.



The aim of Rotary Pride of Workmanship Awards is to encourage pride in personal performance in the workplace and to help create a positive national attitude for the benefit of the whole country.

Tonight, as you can see from your programmes, we are recognising seven individuals who have demonstrated pride in their work to the extent that a manager or colleague has been prepared to put them forward for this award.

Isn't it wonderful that we can gather in this way and say "well done" to a group of people whose workmanship is admired by those in a position to see it, and isn't it important that we do maintain the practice of recognising these individuals. Important for them because of the positive behavioural response engendered by recognition but important for us too, so that we know we are playing our part in fostering the idea in businesses and organisations of "Do it once – do it well".

Don't underestimate the power of this programme; whilst we may be recognising only seven top performers in this place, remember that Rotary clubs all over Australia and overseas are having similar evenings throughout the year. Who knows what seeds of ongoing excellence in work have been sown across the years by this programme?

At this point dinner was served, so I returned to my seat only to find that **PP David James** had sent my chicken, beans and mashed potatoes back to the kitchen accompanied by the slanderous libel that I was a vegetarian! Quick thinking saved the day - I stole David's chicken dinner and suggested he consume the vegetarian one. He didn't.

When the meal was done, I waited for the clatter of plates being removed from tables before introducing our guest speaker, **Lt Ashley Baldry**.

Lieutenant Ashley Baldry is the Assistant State Manager of Defence Reserves Support (NSW) and works closely with Australian employers and the community to gain their support for, and understanding of, the work done by Australian Reservists.

Ashley graduated from the Royal Military College, Duntroon as an Infantry Officer in 2010 and served several years as a Platoon Commander who helped to train Reservists to deploy on domestic and overseas missions including East Timor and the Solomon Islands.

He quoted from a speech given by the Chief of Army Lieutenant General David Morrison, AO, which has had 1.5 million views on YouTube: "The standard you walk past is the standard you accept." He gave a wide ranging speech on the Army Reserve but kept relating this back to the service ethic which inspires the Pride of Workmanship awardees to excel in their chosen vocations.

He thanked them, their families, their employers and Ryde Rotary for their service and our opportunity to recognise it publicly.

The vote of thanks and a bottle of wine were delivered to Ashley by PP Noel Dunn, himself a veteran of many Pride of Workmanship presentations.

The awards then got underway, with me calling forward awardees and nominator in

pairs, the nominator giving a speech of recommendation, Lt Ashley Baldry presenting the shield, and the awardee saying a few words.

For the record, this year's awardees were:

**Christopher Dykstra - Fire & Rescue NSW Eastwood Fire Station**  
Sponsored by Martin Hofstadler

**Ashley Bailey - Centre Director Fit Kidz Putney**  
Sponsored by Jim Towers,  
Marketing & Communications Manager, Royal Rehabilitation

**Angela Phippen - Local Studies Librarian City Of Ryde**  
Sponsored by Jill Webb

**John Carpenter - Master Butcher Mcdonagh's Quality Meats**  
Sponsored by Anne Paterson, Proprietor

**Peter Eustace - Archivist & Office Services**  
Sponsored by Shawn Skyring, Hunt & Hunt Lawyers

**Gracia Cal Franco - Allied Health Assistant**  
Sponsored by Amanda Buzio, Royal Rehabilitation

**Constable James Hall - NSW Police Force, Ryde LAC**  
Inspector Anthony Boyd, Duty Officer



I was struck by how often the sponsors used the words “work ethic” and “exceptional” and by how often each awardee said they were “only doing their job”, but would “accept this award on behalf of my team”. I was humbled by their passion, dedication and humility. Thank God we have such people in our community.

I finished by drawing the crowd’s attention to the wonderful quotation on the front cover of our programme, penned by Ralph Waldo Emerson in 1860 as part of an essay entitled “The Conduct of Life”.

He closed this part of his essay by saying “The secret of culture is to learn that a few great points steadily reappear and these few are alone to be regarded,.....courage to be what we are, love of what is simple and beautiful, independence and cheerful relation.... these are the essentials and the wish to serve, to add something to the wellbeing of all.”

I told this year’s awardees that they have demonstrated such service, and have added something to the wellbeing of all.

TWT stalwarts **John Booth** and **Ulrike Eichmeyer** photographed the awardees, and **President Kalma McLellan** then closed the meeting and led us in singing the National Anthem.

**PP Jan Cutler**, her Vocational team and indeed all of the Rotary Club of Ryde can take great pride in this event which highlights the excellence of service by members of our local community.



Today Martin and I, as promised, sorted out the contents of The Cupboard.

The process was to remove everything we knew we needed to keep, sorting it as we went, and discarding anything we knew was not needed.

What was left was sorted into the following groups:

1. Items to be removed such as Rydalmere Honour Boards.  
**Note:** *Ryde Club members need to decide upon the future of our Honour Boards.*
2. Items we thought the Board should look at and decide their future. Keep, offer to members, or dispose?
3. Items we thought should be seen by members, who could then choose to take what they wished, or offer advice as to a future, prior to being disposed of.
4. Rubbish. There was really not a lot of real rubbish in the cupboard.

Other notes:

1. All Honour Boards were photographed and these will be put up on our website in due course. This includes Rydalmere's.
2. All banners the club has received from other clubs over the years were photographed in groups. These images will go up on the website.  
**Question is put to the club:** *What should be the future of these 'banners'? Should we keep them? Do members want them?*
3. We discovered a very interesting and old 19th century walking stick. Not sure what to do with it. Martin will put it out for display next week. Does any member have any information about it?

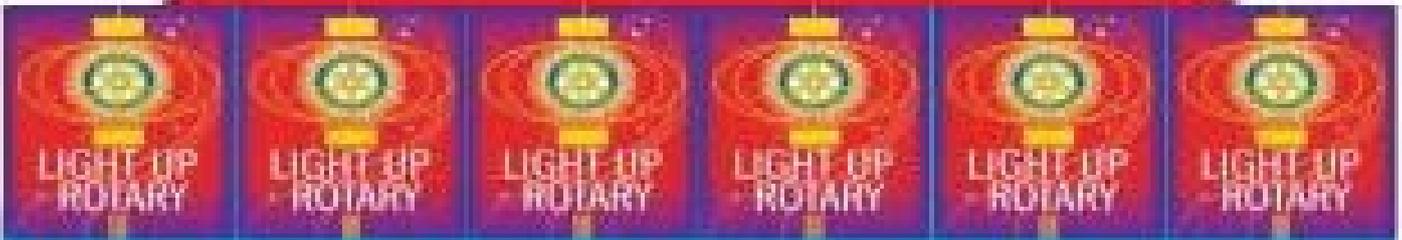
Finally, the cupboard has been reorganised a bit, which we hope will make things a bit easier to manage.

Since this was my initiative it is my responsibility - I hope members approve of the action and outcome. The final elements of this task rest with members and the Board.

PP Patrick Longfield

So long as the memory of certain beloved friends  
lives in my heart,  
I shall say that life is good.

- Helen Keller



District Governor Ian Scott &  
District Governor Elect Gina Growden

Have much pleasure in  
Inviting you to Rotary International District 9685's

# District Changeover

27th June 2015 at 6pm for 6.30pm.  
Hornsby RSL, 4 High Street Hornsby

Cost \$50 per head

Please register on line at : <http://changeover.usrotary.org/district9685.com.au/>

By 17th June 2015



**Percentage Attendance 19<sup>th</sup> May: 81.08%**

**Makeups:** PDG John Dodd, PP Geoffrey Brennan, PP Rob Mitchell, Rtn Elisabeth Curcic-Daher.

**Apologies:** PDG John Dodd, PDG Les Whitcroft, PP Artin Etmekdjian, PP Bob Carroll, PP Burkhart Foertsch, PP Charles Kilby, PP Duncan Taylor, PP Geoffrey Brennan, PP Patrick Longfield, PP Rob Mitchell, PP Tony Abboud, Rtn Elisabeth Curcic-Daher, Rtn Erdem Toner, Rtn Kathryn Dodd, Rtn Pat Mahony.

### LOOKING AHEAD : TUESDAY DINNER MEETINGS

**June 2<sup>nd</sup>** Combined Service Clubs Dinner - Hosted by Ryde Rotary

**June 9<sup>th</sup>** Fragile X - Robyn Iredale & Wendy Bruce

**June 16<sup>th</sup>** Parkinson's Disease - Owen Streatfeild

**June 23<sup>rd</sup>** Club Assembly

**June 30<sup>th</sup>** Club Changeover **PARTNERS NIGHT!**

### LOOKING AHEAD : eSAT RYDE (8:30am WEDNESDAYS)

**May 27<sup>th</sup>** Tamil Nadu with Indigo Foundation - John Bolger

### BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

**May 29<sup>th</sup>** 25 Year Club Anniversary for Martin Aston

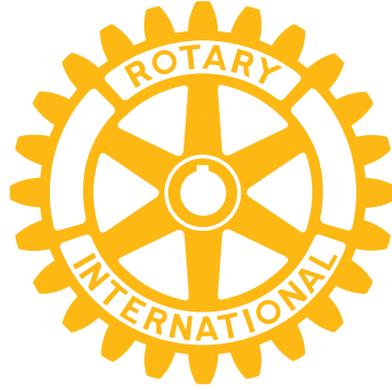
Why do trees seem suspicious on sunny days?  
Dunno, they're just a bit shady.

### CLUB MEETING DUTY ROSTER

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DATE	WELCOMERS	TOAST	INTRO	THANKS
<b>June 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	John Dodd & David Johnston	Ian Henderson	Erdem Toner	Bob Carroll
<b>June 9<sup>th</sup></b>	Allen Horrell & Stefan Sojka	Patrick Longfield	Swati Maheshwari	David Johnston

# 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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