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RECOGNISE AND CELEBRATE THE GREAT WORK
OF RYDE'S SERVICE ORGANISATIONS

Combined Services Dinner 2015

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RYDE'S SERVICE ORGANISATIONS
ON KEY PROJECTS OF 2014-15

WITH GUEST SPEAKER FIONA CARR
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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

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RSVP GUESTS OR ABSENCES TO JULIE THORP: 9871 1109

June 2nd

Combined Services Dinner

TONIGHT'S ROSTER

Welcomers	John Dodd & David Johnston
Toast to Rotary	Ian Henderson Chartered June 3 rd 1925 : The Rotary Club of Sweetwater, Texas USA
Introduction	Erdem Toner
Vote of Thanks	Bob Carroll

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,

Well, I am not sure about you, but somehow our revered PDG John Dodd managed to raise many eyebrows as he questioned some of the daily philosophies and decisions of life that many of us take for granted. While always entertaining, and never ever boring, he made us question our own approach to some of the world's conundrums – with some interesting outcomes and debate!

Last week also gave us the chance to meet Captain Cheryl Kistan, who is key to the successful operations in our locality of the Red Shield Appeal in this past weekend. And on that note, thank you so much to the many members who participated as either drivers or collectors and assisted to boost contributions of this fabulous cause. It is sad that numbers were down all round – drivers and students – combined with the frigid weather on Sunday, however every dollar collected will go in the right direction!

A special Thank You to John Higgins for taking on the project this year, and for keeping all the wheels turning with the able assistance of his deputy Adrian Hallett – well done everyone.

Kalma

VICTORIA'S VOCALITY

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Due to commitments at District level, PDG John Dodd will be unable to continue in his role as Foundation Chair for the Club in 2015-16.

The incoming board has elected PP Geoff Brennan to the position.

President-Elect Victoria Gouel

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>

ESAT RYDE : JOIN US FOR A MAKEUP!

Our satellite E-Club meets via teleconference at **8:30am each Wednesday**, and members may participate at any time (alternatively or additionally) via the on-line forum accessible by clicking the “Forum” link on the E-Club webpage.

Meeting participation involves a small “participation fee” of \$10, all of which will be directed to projects supported by the E-Club. Payment is via direct transfer to “Rotary Club of Ryde Inc ESATRYDE”, BSB 112 879 A/C 432369151.

The simplest way to visit, “make-up” or participate via our E-Club is through audio participation in the regular Wednesday teleconferences. Just dial-in to (02) 91916319 a few minutes before 08:30, and enter conference code 949175097# when asked.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MAY BOARD MEETING

Preparations for District Changeover proceed well with Julie and Bob K-S coordinating the event, with quite some help from all Club members closer to the time.

Archiving activities progress well – the NextGen cupboard has had the first stage of a cleanout completed with archiving photos taken to preserve many memories. A reconnaissance of the Kennard’s Storage has provided a strategy also, and opportunity for better display of the history currently out of sight. Adrian, Bob K-S and Kalma are coordinating. In the lead up to our 70th birthday, there is also a need to write the next 20yrs of Club history to complement the first 50yrs already published.

The Board voted to retain subs at the current level of \$125 for the next 6mths, which will please everyone!

Youth Director John Brown has completed preliminary interviews for our next potential outgoing exchange student – it is now up to District to finalise this selection. We received an application to support attendance at the National Youth Science Forum and have agreed to provide partial funding and request some fundraising by the student for Polio Plus in return.

Internationally we are able to report that the application for the Interplast project funding is finally ready for submission and will allow the teaching of surgical procedures in Samoa, so we all have our fingers crossed.

Preparations, or at least initial planning, is underway for the next Ryde Signature Dinner, with a number of Board members attending a similar event involving the Rotary Club of Wahroonga last weekend.

President Kalma

Our next exchange student – Violette Rohart from France arrives at Sydney Airport the 15th of July at 6:05am!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

The Voice of Rotary led the toast to the **Rotary Club of Rawalpindi**, in Pakistan. **President Kalma McLellan** welcomed a much improved turnout over last week, but still had a few apologies to read.

Following our Rotary dinner, **Felix** reported to the club on his Exchange Safari: "Simply the best 1 ½ weeks I have had in Australia!" Photos and more detail at his forthcoming presentation.

PN Julie spruiked the Combined Services dinner to be hosted here at Next Gen by Ryde next week, with the actual programme for this partner's night presumably to be revealed on the night.

Kathryn, Pat and John reported on their successful completion of the CanToo Great Ocean Road 45km Marathon & 6km Fun Run respectively, and **PP Adrian** spoke on this Sunday's Meals on Wheels delivery, noting that former member Rowan's partner **Debbie Price** had volunteered all the way from Penrith!

PP John Higgins appealed for more help for the Red Shield Door-knock appeal, as we are down on numbers from last year. **Charles Kilby** won the Spackle, taking the red, as



Acting Serjeant gleefully ripped up the expired playing card to the approval of the crowd.

John Higgins, in a breach of club protocol, introduced our own member **PDG John Dodd** to speak on a “hypothetical” subject. It was an exploration of the application of ethics. We were asked to be the jury to decide between death or life imprisonment for the Boston Bomber, hypothetically of course.

Cruelly, the club, by a substantial majority, voted to sentence the young man to death by incarceration, euphemistically referred to as “Lock him up and throw away the key!” I argued for a mercy killing, but euthanasia was apparently not on offer. Many argued that the State did not have the right to take a citizen’s life, while others argued that only the State should have the right to take a citizen’s life.

As an exercise in ethics it was fascinating to think and debate the ethics of capital punishment and at the end of the day that is all John asked us to do – to think about them. The Four Way Test didn’t get a mention on a night about ethics, but probably just as well, as the question “What is Truth?” could have taken another entire session.



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)

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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?**

Percentage Attendance 19th May: 81.08%

Makeups: PP Graham Metcalfe, PP Rob Mitchell.

Apologies: PDG Les Whitcroft, PP Artin Etmekdjian, PP Bob Carroll, PP Bob Kaye-Smith, PP Graham Metcalfe, PP Jan Cutler, PP Noel Dunn, PP Patrick Longfield, PP Rob Mitchell, Rtn Elisabeth Curcic-Daher, Rtn Erdem Toner, Rtn Victoria Gouel.

LOOKING AHEAD : TUESDAY DINNER MEETINGS

June 9th Fragile X - **Robyn Iredale & Wendy Bruce**
June 16th Parkinson's Disease - **Owen Streatfeild**
June 23rd My Year in Australia - **Felix Morlock**
June 30th **Club Changeover PARTNERS NIGHT!**
July 7th **Club Evening**
July 14th Tinnitus or Hearing Problems? - **Rafaele Joundry**
July 21st Living Treasures of the Snowy Mountains - **Mick Joffe**

Had a rough day, and then somebody went and ripped the front and back pages from my dictionary.
It just goes from bad to worse.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

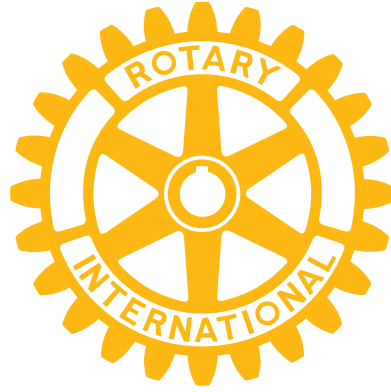
June 3th Birthday Celebration for **Carolyn (Graham Metcalfe)**
June 6th 37 Year Club Anniversary for **Duncan Taylor**
June 7th 27 Year Club Anniversary for **Ian Henderson**

CLUB MEETING DUTY ROSTER

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DATE	WELCOMERS	TOAST	INTRO	THANKS
June 9th	Allen Horrell & Stefan Sojka	Patrick Longfield	Swati Maheshwari	David Johnston
June 16th	Ross Rocca & Duncan Taylor	Ron Taffa	Ken Allen	Erdem Toner

Rotary



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.

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?

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!
