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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:

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PO BOX 90
Ryde NSW 1680

RSVP GUESTS OR ABSENCES TO JULIE THORP: 9871 1109

June 16th **Parkinson's Disease**
Owen Streatfeild

TONIGHT'S ROSTER

Welcomers Ross Rocca & Duncan Taylor

Toast to Rotary Ron Taffa
Chartered June 18th 1959 : The Rotary Club of Kingston, Jamaica

Introduction Ken Allen

Vote of Thanks Julie Thorp

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,

Had you ever heard of Fragile X before? I certainly had not, not in connection to anything at all. So it was almost mind-blowing to find that so many families are engulfed in the equation that it represents, and the outcomes that must be handled as a result. I think we all came away a little wide-eyed and drop-jawed as a result of the great presentation by Robyn Iredale, and now also a little wiser.

Don't forget to liaise with Julie regarding your seat/s at the upcoming changeovers, and with David James to ensure funds are appropriately provided. We have a few exciting weeks coming up as the new regime takes over – good chance to party hard, so please come along and join in.

Kalma

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - DUES

Fast approaching is the time where our club will be expected to pay outgoings to RI and District for semi-annual dues. The club is expected to pay a fixed sum per member (calculated as at 30th June) to RI and District.

If you are planning to change anything about your membership – e.g. not continue, transfer to another club, it would be helpful if this is advised the Secretary, in writing, by 29th June so that he can update the membership system.

\$125 for 1st July - 31st December 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.

June 20th (Sat) Shelterbox Operational Open Day

1-3pm / Rotary Hall, Duffys Rd Terrigal

June 27th (Sat) District 9685 Changeover6 for 6:30pm / \$50pp / Hornsby RSL / <http://changeover.rotarydistrict9685.org.au>**June 30th (Tues) Ryde Rotary Changeover**

6:30 for 7pm / \$40pp / North Ryde RSL / RSVP to Julie Thorp

July 26th (Sun) Roseville Chase Rotary : Annual Fun Run

5km or 10km / \$35pp / Castle Cove Oval

You're only here for a short visit.
Don't hurry, don't worry.
And be sure to smell the flowers along the way.

Walter Hagen

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.

To see the visual component of meetings, click the meeting link on the E-Club webpage.

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?**

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 STEFAN SOJKA

In terms of Ryde Rotary events, this was your typical, run-of-the-mill, yet strangely compelling and remarkable night. Yours truly was only a few minutes late in terms of being the official welcomer and by then almost everyone had already arrived, but not as late as the other official welcomer, Allen Horrell who was a big no-show in terms of turning up at all.

In terms of guests, we welcomed, from **Brisbane Airport Rotary, Mike van Hessing**, who surprised us all in terms of letting us know the high rate and attendance in terms of membership of a club one would expect would garner little interest in terms of airport staff, customs, AFP and other potential members that might be available to attend meetings in terms of their unpredictable schedules. But attend they do and Mike kicked the meeting off in terms of fellowship by exchanging banners with **President Kalma**. Just prior to the exchange, yours truly was chastised by our esteemed president in terms of talking instead of listening, but I was only making our guest welcome in terms of pre-dinner chit chat – a critical role any club member would have felt duty-bound to rise to in terms of sitting next to a guest.

Celebrations were in order in terms of birthdays for **Victoria Gouel** and **Danielle Allen**. May they, in terms of wishes, have the best. Our exchange student **Felix** then gave us a run-down in terms of 'the week that was', in terms of spending time at the Dodds, cycling, watching movies and reminding us, sadly (and receiving a big 'aaaaah' in terms of an audience response), that his exchange year, in terms of ending, was only two weeks away. There was some consolation for him, though, in terms of looking forward to seeing his family after all these months away.

In terms of dues, David James announced that they are due 29TH June, otherwise you are shot in terms of your reputation. EOFY is the best time to pay in terms of reducing your taxable income for the year. **PDG John Dodd**, then announced the district grant multiplier effect had kicked in with \$1K wheelchair grant growing to \$5K (so keep your Centurion membership going!). He also announced our new incoming Exchange

Student was imminently arriving from France. She's already laying the groundwork by discovering more about us all. PDG John also sang the praises of **Friday night roster** as a great way for Rotarians and students to interact. **PP Geoff Brennan** reminded us all about the MND online survey, with card on each table, as they try to work out the risk of MND in terms of finger length. **Kathryn Dodd** explained the survey was much quicker than advertised, so we should all give it a go – www.alsquest.org. **PP Adrian Hallett**, reiterated PDG John Dodd's comments and added that the graffiti war is being won. Then came the fining session...

Substitute Sergeant (and self appointed substitute welcomer) **John Brown** dished out a healthy serving in terms of fines. **Victoria Gouel & Danielle Allen's** birthdays, **Ian Henderson** for his friendly demeanor, **Nora** for just managing to scrape in after the cut off time that would have made her not late, **Adrian's** badgelessness, **David Johnston** for his cruise addiction and other minor infractions. **Val Payne** won the wine and helped increase the jackpot. **Victoria Gouel** scored a double in terms of being cross-fined for appearing in the TWT as a "Princess".

Swati Maheshwari then introduced **Dr Robyn Iredale**, president of the Fragile X Association of Australia. Dr Robyn is a local girl who discovered Fragile X by its impact on her own family and kids. Fragile X is a remarkably unknown yet relatively common genetic condition where some people can be carriers of the gene and have no impact, but through reproduction can manifest the condition in their children. The effects of Fragile X are many and varied, including intellectual



impairment, ADHA, autistic-type behaviours, tactile defensiveness, depression and aggression, hand tremors even early menopause in females. There is a diagnostic test, because it is genetic, but event doctors are often unaware of the condition, let alone their patients who are struggling with their afflicted kids.

Dr Robyn has been on an inspirational journey with her own son and shared some touching stories and insights into the life of a Fragile X family. Her presentation was received extremely well with great questions following the talk and a heartwarming 'thank you' delivered by **David Johnston**, as he presented her with a "Humanity in Motion" book as a thank you gift.

Another excellent Ryde Rotary evening in terms of ending, it did. In terms of next week, **PP Allen Horrell** will no doubt be back and help raise the standard of this report in terms of the incorrect use of the phrase "in terms of", which, in terms of overuse seems to be a major issue these days.

Percentage Attendance 9th June: 81.08%

Makeups: PP Allen Horrell, PP Bob Kaye-Smith, PP Rob Mitchell, Rtn Julie Thorp.

Apologies: PDG Les Whitcroft, PP Allen Horrell, PP Artin Etmekdjian, PP Bob Kaye-Smith, PP Jan Cutler, PP John Higgins, PP Patrick Longfield, PP Rob Mitchell, Rtn Elisabeth Curcic-Daher, Rtn Erdem Toner, Rtn Julie Thorp, Rtn Pat Mahony.

LOOKING AHEAD : TUESDAY DINNER MEETINGS

June 23rd My Year in Australia - **Felix Morlock** **PARTNERS WELCOME!**
June 30th **Club Changeover** **PARTNERS NIGHT!**
July 7th **Club Evening**
July 14th Tinnitus or Hearing Problems? - **Rafaele Joundry**

VIOLETTE ROHART - FRIDAY NIGHT ROSTER

Violette will be hosted first by the Thorp family
Please confirm your plans with Steve & Julie in advance

July 24th Geoff & Janice Brennan
July 31st Nora & Artin Etmekdjian
August 7th Victoria Gouel
August 14th Jan Cutler
August 21st Ron & Margaret Taffa

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

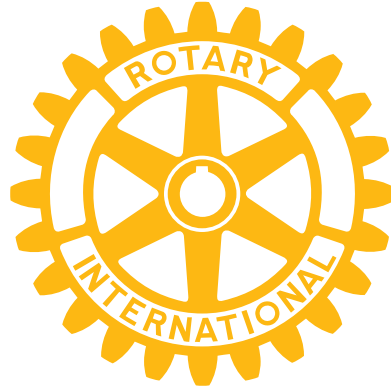
June 17th Birthday Celebration for **Carolyn (Graham Metcalfe)**
June 18th 2 Year Club Anniversary for **Victoria Gouel** ... again!
June 19th Birthday Celebration for **Janice (Geoff Brennan)**
June 20th 9 Year Club Anniversary for **Stefan Sojka**

CLUB MEETING DUTY ROSTER

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DATE	WELCOMERS	TOAST	INTRO	THANKS
June 23rd	Charles Kilby & Julie Thorp	Bob Kaye-Smith	Victoria Gouel	Nora Etmekdjian
June 30th	Rob Mitchell & John Dodd	Les Whitcroft	-	-

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!
