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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

July 21stLiving Treasures of the Snowy Mountains - **Mick Joffe****TONIGHT'S ROSTER**

Welcomers	Noel Dunn & Adrian Hallett
Toast to Rotary	Peter Cooper Chartered July 21 st 1953 : The Rotary Club of Paramaribo, Suriname
Introduction	John Brown
Vote of Thanks	David James

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

VICTORIA'S VOCALITY

Dear Rotarians and Friends of Rotary,

This week we had Rafele Joundry speak to us about Tinnitus and hearing problems..... or in summary hearing therapy! Rafele was a very engaging speaker and it was an interactive night of questions and answers.

Last week was Swati's last night at Rotary as she prepares to travel to the States to be with Siddharth for a year or 2! It has been a breath of fresh air to have Swati in the Club. Her infectious smile and kind heart will be missed. Swati has decided to join the e-Club of Ryde which is great to hear that her connections with Rotary remain. Good luck Swati and our warmest regards to Siddharth!

The Halletts, Thorps and Browns (thank you !) also picked up our new exchange student Violette whom I am told is a very beautiful and sweet young lady so we are all looking forward to meeting you and have you in our Rotary and personal lives for the next 12 months! Welcome Violette!!

I was in Perth for 3 days this week so I missed the horrendous weather! Hope everyone managed to keep warm and comfortable.

Have a great week y'all!

Victoria

BBQ HELP NEEDED

Ryde Council have asked us to run a BBQ for the "Racism. It Stops With Me" event **on Saturday 25th July starting at 11.00 am.**

The Club will need you on site – Lion Park, Victoria Road West Ryde at 10.30 to set and start cooking and be ready to serve lunch about noon.

More details to follow but please keep the date free.

Contact: Adrian Hallett

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

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July 25th (Sat)

Racism. It Stops With Me BBQ

10:30 for 11am / Contact Adrian Hallett to volunteer

July 26th (Sun)

Roseville Chase Rotary : Annual Fun Run

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

August 2nd (Sun)

Graffiti Removal (First Sunday every month!)

Meet 8am West Ryde Car Park in Ryedale Rd

August 29th (Sat)

West Pennant Hills Rotary : Trivia Night Fundraiser

6:30 for 7pm / \$20pp / Tables of 8 / RSVP wphc.rotary@gmail.com 0468 330 667

August 30th (Sun)

Meals on Wheels

Contact Adrian Hallett to volunteer

Sept 6th (Sun)

Graffiti Removal (First Sunday every month!)

Meet 8am West Ryde Car Park in Ryedale Rd

Sept 6th (Sun)

Fathers Day Gift Giving

Contact Adrian Hallett to help organise the gifts & to volunteer

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?**

In the latest edition of RDU, on page 36 there is an article about receiving your Rotary DownUnder as a digital copy rather than a print copy. In making this suggestion I am very aware some members pike to have their magazine. There are others who might like to make this change though. Given the clubs association with the Sustainability Trust, this is a small thing some members could choose to do.

To change your subscription from the print to the digital edition, all you need to do is email subscriptions@rotarydownunder.com.au and tell them your name and club and that you want to make the switch. So make the switch now, you know it makes sense.

I have just done this. Why not you?

PP Patrick Longfield

“FIT TO DRIVE” NRMA FORUM

The National Roads & Motorists' Association have advised they are holding a series of forums entitled “Fit to Drive” which have been tailored to older citizens.

The Club has been sent an invitation to invite our senior members to attend. The local forum is on Wednesday 5th August at North Ryde RSL Club between 10.00am and 12.00pm

As we need to RSVP please contact Adrian Hallett (0409 037 701) who will co-ordinate a response.

LAST WEEK AS RECALLED BY ALLEN HORRELL

PP Steve Thorp toasted Rotary International and the **Hong Kong Sunrise Rotary Club**, and then we sang the Rotary Grace. After a year off from singing, we sounded a bit ragged, but no doubt will improve in coming weeks. **President “Queen” Victoria** opened the meeting welcoming our guests, several of whom turned out to be our own Satellite e-Club members!

After pumpkin soup we heard about Bowel Care from **PP Bob Carroll**: 409 kits were sold in our area, so we probably saved several lives again this year. **John Brown** announced that there will be a TAFE dinner on Tuesday 11th August, **limited to 40 members and partners**, for \$35 per head.

PE Julie announced that it was Bastille Day, and that our French exchange student **Violette (pronounced Vee-Oh-Let)** arrives at 6:15am the next morning.

PP Peter Cooper announced the next Fellowship Dinner is to be held on Friday 7th August, and will serve as a make-up for those who don't make the cut for the TAFE dinner.

PP Kalma then presented the sought-after FIGJAM Award for self-promotion to **yours truly**, presumably for taking the “Service to Rotary” Award at District Changeover, or possibly for taking the 100% attendance certificate after missing most of our club meetings last year, through the magic of multiple make-ups. Talk about my own invention coming

back to haunt me! “I guess I deserve this,” I had to say.

PP Adrian Hallett spruiked a BBQ for the Ryde Council Multicultural event to be held at Lion Park, Victoria Rd, West Ryde on **Saturday 25th July. Volunteers are needed.**

PP Rob Mitchell presented cheques from the e-Club to two worthy organisations. **Indigo Foundation Director Ralph** accepted the cheque in support of their Tamil Nadu project and thanked Ryde for the ongoing support since 2009. The second cheque was for another long-term partner of Ryde Rotary, **Brighter Futures.**

A period of Rotary fellowship broke out as dinner was a little late, but soon chicken schnitzel and chips made up for the wait.

As this was **Swati's** last meeting, before she departs to join **Siddharth** in Chicago, **President Victoria** thanked her for her contribution to our club, saying her smile will be missed and that she hoped Swati will stay in touch. “I’ve joined our e-Club!” Swati replied. Joining her husband is a very good excuse for leaving us but we are still saddened to be losing her for a year. Swati then drew the Spackle, giving **PP Noel Dunn** the chance he needed to draw the two of diamonds, and a consolation bottle of wine. Then it was **Serjeant Duncan's** turn to fine us mercilessly, notably **Charles Kilby** for lateness, failure as welcomer and sundry other offences, and me for the FIGJAM Award.

Swati then introduced **Rafele Joundry** who spoke on Sound Therapy. She gave us a little quiz, where many of us identified as potentially needing her assistance with auditory processing problems: “They can be fixed with Sound Therapy,” she said. She displayed a slide with the words “Use it or Lose it!” displayed, and said that if you don’t stimulate your auditory centres regularly you can develop mental atrophy which aggravates your hearing problems. “Cocktail Party Syndrome” is where you cannot hear conversations in a busy, noisy party environment, and apparently 1/3 of our club has this problem. Rafele claims that sound therapy can fix this problem too!

PP Ross Rocca thanked Rafele for her speech, in a model vote of thanks which went to the heart of the matter, without trying to be the second guest speaker. After a brief but superb few words, he presented her with a Polio Plus Calendar, before we all sang “Advance Australia Fair” to close the meeting.

WELCOME VIOLETTE!



- July 28th RYLA & RYPEN in East Timor - **Theo Glockermann**
- August 4th Who Today can be said to be Educated? - **Gerard Say**
- August 11th **Special Event - Ambassador Restaurant** [RSVP ESSENTIAL](#)
- August 18th Our e-Satellite Club - **PP Rob Mitchell**
- August 25th A Little About Me - **Violette Rohart** [PARTNERS NIGHT](#)
- September 1st The Shack @ CCA - **Heather Pinto**

Did you know jumping castle hire is now twice the price from last year?
That's inflation for you.

VIOLETTE ROHART - FRIDAY NIGHT ROSTER

Violette is being hosted by Steve & Julie Thorp

Please confirm your plans in advance with both Violette and the Thorp family!

- July 24th Geoff & Janice Brennan
- July 31st Ken & Danielle Allen
- August 7th Kathryn Dodd
- August 14th John & Dee Brown
- August 21st Ron & Margaret Taffa
- August 28th Charles & Victoria Kilby
- Sept 4th Peter & Margaret Cooper
- Sept 11th Ross & Rose Rocca

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

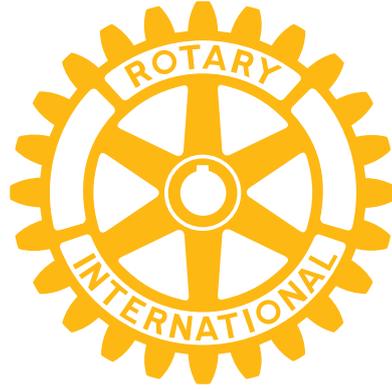
- July 22nd 65th Birthday for **Steve Thorp**
- July 23rd 38th Wedding Anniversary for **Adrian & Linda Hallett**
- July 24th 87th Birthday for **Bill Payne**

CLUB MEETING DUTY ROSTER

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DATE	WELCOMERS	TOAST	INTRO	THANKS
July 28 th	Geoff Brennan & Pat Mahony	Ken Allen	Burkhart Foertsch	Nora Etmekdjian
Aug 4 th	Peter Cooper & Bob Kaye-Smith	John Dodd	Stefan Sojka	Ian Henderson

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

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?

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!
