

THE ROTARY CLUB OF RYDE DISTRICT 9685 CHARTERED 1946

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**Be a gift to the world**



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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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Ryde NSW 1680

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

**September 8<sup>th</sup>**      Demystifying Sustainability - **Haydn Washington**

### TONIGHT'S ROSTER

<b>Welcomers</b>	Ross Rocca & Julie Thorp
<b>Toast to Rotary</b>	Duncan Taylor
<b>Introduction</b>	Bob Kaye-Smith
<b>Vote of Thanks</b>	Patrick Longfield

**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.

### FROM THE BOARD : PROJECTS REPORT

From last week's Board Meeting there were three decisions to draw to the attention of members:

The Club has decided to support a workshop to be held at Ryde Royal Rehab Hospital on the late effects of polio to be held on 26th November. This is one of 4 workshops being organised through District by Bob Kaye-Smith. Cost to the Club will be less than \$450. It will require some volunteers on the day.

We have also decided to donate \$4000 to support the further development of RYLA in East Timor.

Following a recent visit by Charles Kilby to his birthplace of Bourke, the Club has voted to donate \$300 to the Rotary Club of Bourke to conduct an Aboriginal Art Competition for young indigenous people. Our \$300 to be matched by \$300 from the Bourke Club. This venture could well lead to further links with the Bourke Club, a town with significant youth problems and crime rate.

Projects Director PP Ken Allen

### 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.

**Sept 12th (Sat)**      **Epping Rotary & CCA : Trivia Night Fundraiser**  
7 for 7:30pm / \$25pp / Epping Boys High / RSVP brana.jovanovic@ccas.org.au

**Oct. 18th (Sun)**      **Graffiti Removal Day**  
Contact Adrian Hallett to volunteer

## LAST WEEK AS RECALLED BY ALLEN HORRELL

**President Victoria Gouel**, elegant in black, gleefully welcomed late-comers **Pat Mahony and Kathryn Dodd**, just as she had been welcomed by so many Presidents in past years, the Serjeant scribbling their names for later.

We sang Rotary Grace with gusto, before **John Higgins** led us in the toast to an RI miraculously doubled in size since last week, the Serjeant again taking notes. **Stefan** announced the Breakfast at MGSM on 7am, Wednesday the 9th September on the value of CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility, I think), a breakfast “not to be missed”, unless like me, you have a job.

If I couldn't have a CSR Breakfast, I could certainly enjoy a Chicken Schnitzel and Chips dinner with optional lettuce salad. Others professed to enjoy the Pasta and Green Stuff dispensed as our Vegetarian alternative.

**Adrian Hallett** sort of reported on the Saturday BBQ, just without any details, and definitely spruiked the Father's Day gift distribution to aged care centres this Sunday. **John Brown** reported on Patrick the Pirate's journey towards binocular vision, and it is expected he will return to our meetings shortly, eye-patched or not. **President Victoria** will be attending the Ryde Eisteddfod on Saturday – all members welcome.

Then Victoria inducted **Dennise Herrick** into the Rotary Club of Ryde, her natural warmth making her a great success on her first induction. Dennise spoke well on being honoured to be a Rotarian, and impressed by how friendly our club members had been, right from her first meeting.

Guest Speaker **Rtn Heather Pinto** drew Kathryn Dodd's spackle ticket, which rewarded her with a 6 of diamonds to tear up and a bottle of white to take away.

**Serjeant Duncan** gleefully fined **Charles Kilby** for returning after



an absence, **PDG John** for his 3rd World Jersey, and all those who did not attend the Saturday BBQ: That was a fair cop for once. He also fined **our President** for not wearing a Rotary Pin after instructing Dennise to wear it at all times.

**Charles** cross-fined John for the afore-mentioned jersey, alleging that it had been hand crafted by indigenous artisans from a mixture of sheep wool and kangaroo fur, this making it, wait for it...., "A Woolly Jumper!" he cried. So did we, or did we all groan? Kathryn then followed up with a Dad Joke of her own about PDG John running an 8km run to raise money to cure cancer! **But wait: it's no joke, he actually did.**

**Violette** gave her weekly report, the highlight being her Friday roster night in with Host parents **Steve and Julie**.

Our President then showed her leadership qualities by encouraging all of us to get more out of Rotary by participating in meetings and Rotary Projects, like the Epping Club Trivia night for instance, to be held on Saturday 12th September: can we make up a table?

**PP Noel Dunn** introduced Christian Community Aid General Manager **Heather Pinto** in a statesmanlike way, noting that the CCA was founded by Ian Henderson's Father 50 years ago. After an address by **PP Charles Kilby**, our second guest speaker expanded on the topic of how CCA helps troubled youth through the Shack, and other disadvantaged people through their Eastwood centre. Interestingly for younger members it was a deceased member of our club, Bruce Martin, pharmacist from West Ryde who actually founded The Shack. Heather acknowledged the ongoing relationship with, and the assistance given by Ryde Rotary.

Victoria closed the meeting with the Anthem, and the club members moved smoothly into action packing our infrastructure away for another week.

## NEWS FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR GINA

How time flies! Two months of my District Governor year have gone already. Harold and I have thoroughly enjoyed our official visits (36 out of 75 so far!) and other Club activities we have been invited to over the past weeks. Please keep the invitations coming as we'd love to join you for your special events if we are able to. My philosophy is that if I'm free, I will attend (if invited), but if I have already accepted a prior invitation I will honour that no matter how important the subsequent invitation is. So please, the more notice you can give me, the greater the chance that Harold and I can attend your special day.

With the risk of 'singling out' a specific club and upsetting all other clubs in the District, I would like to congratulate Vinegar Hills Club on their launch of the Anzac Memorial in the Russell Brothers' Reserve at Rouse Hill which took place on 3 August. Vinegar Hill is our youngest club, being just over 12 months old, and one of our smallest, but that hasn't stopped them from undertaking a great community project – a permanent memorial to recognise two Vinegar Hill brothers who made the ultimate sacrifice during the First World War. Naturally, the memorial highlights the involvement of Rotary in the construction of the site. The launch was well attended by local dignitaries and representatives of

neighbouring clubs as well as school children who participated in the ceremony. Well done to President Bruce Nicholls and members of Vinegar Hills club.

The District has been privileged to have hosted Rotary International President Elect John Germ and his wife, Judy, along with our Zone Director, Guiller Tumangan, and his wife Letty who were in Sydney for the annual briefing weekend for the Australian and New Zealand Governors-Elect. Sincere thanks to President Drew Fitzpatrick from the Rotary Club of Lower Blue Mountains who hosted a special dinner in honour of President-Elect John and Judy which was widely attended by Rotarians from the Mountains and Nepean Zones.

Congratulations to the students from Shore School who were crowned the National MUNA (Model United Nations Assembly) champions on 16 August. The students represented Brazil and were judged the best overall performers at the event which was held in Canberra. This is a great testament to the program that our District facilitates. Well done to Roseville Chase for sponsoring the winning team!

As membership is (in my opinion) the biggest challenge facing Rotary today, I urge you all to attend the Rotary Success Conference being held in Canberra this coming weekend (5th & 6th September). The conference is held every two years and is focussed on all aspects of membership. There will be presentations and workshops and it will be a fabulous opportunity to get some hand-on pointers about membership recruitment and retention – not to mention the networking with other Rotarians from all over Australia and New Zealand.

Under the new special observation categories introduced by Rotary International this year, September's area of focus is Basic Education and Literacy. The ability to read and write is a gift that all of us have received. I urge you to Be A Gift to the World and consider helping communities here in Australia or overseas who have not been so fortunate – if you are not already doing so.

There are many projects undertaken by Clubs in our District aimed at helping people read and write – you don't have to start a new one. District Community Director, Terry Davies or International Director, David Mylan will be able to provide details if you want.

Keep up the good work!

## 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](mailto:j.thorp@bigpond.net.au)**

As the Club must pay for meals provided, you are expected to pay for your meal if you are absent without apology by 10am Monday.

**Percentage Attendance 2<sup>nd</sup> September: 91.89%**

**Makeups:** PP Patrick Longfield, PP Rob Mitchell.

**Apologies:** PDG Les Whitcroft, PP Artin Etmekdjian, PP Graham Metcalfe, PP Martin Aston, PP Patrick Longfield, PP Peter Cooper, PP Rob Mitchell, PP Tony Abboud.

## LOOKING AHEAD

**Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>** The 70s were better than the Noughties **PARTNERS NIGHT**  
**Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>** **National Stroke Awareness Week**  
**Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>** TBC  
**October 6<sup>th</sup>** **District Governor Official Visit**  
**October 13<sup>th</sup>** **Hat Day for Mental Health PARTNERS NIGHT**

## 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!

**Sept 11<sup>th</sup>** Ross & Rose Rocca  
**Sept 18<sup>th</sup>** Linda & Adrian Hallett  
**Sept 25<sup>th</sup>** Tony & Sylvia Abboud  
**Oct 9<sup>th</sup>** Bill & Val Payne  
**Oct 16<sup>th</sup>** David & Sally James

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

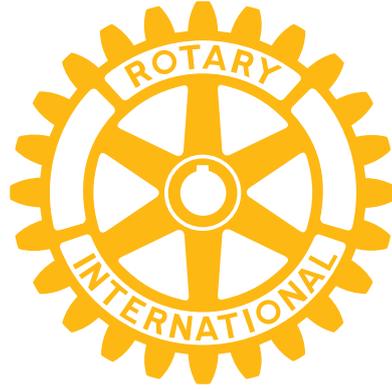
**Sept 10<sup>th</sup>** 19 Year Club Anniversary for **Ken Allen**  
**Sept 14<sup>th</sup>** 83rd Birthday for **Peter Cooper**

## CLUB MEETING DUTY ROSTER

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

DATE	WELCOMERS	TOAST	INTRO	THANKS
<b>Sep 15<sup>th</sup></b>	Geoff Brennan & Charles Kilby	Dennise Herrick	Peter Cooper	David Johnston
<b>Sep 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	John Dodd & John Higgins	Bob Carroll	Tony Abboud	Burkhart Foertsch

# 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

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?

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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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