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THE GREAT DEBATE

**WERE THE 70s BETTER THAN THE NOUGHTIES?
FIND OUT AT OUR PARTNER'S NIGHT THIS WEEK!**



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District 9685 Governor

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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 15thThe 70s were better than the Noughties **PARTNERS NIGHT****TONIGHT'S ROSTER**

Welcomers	Geoff Brennan & Charles Kilby
Toast to Rotary	Dennise Herrick
Introduction	Peter Cooper
Vote of Thanks	David Johnston

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 PRESIDENT-ELECT

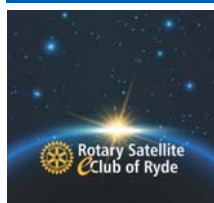
Well it's a note from Julie again. Victoria was at the meeting but she was not feeling well so asked if I would step into her shoes again.

The guest speaker Haydn Washington demystified sustainability for many but I must admit I was still confused at the end but it was extremely interesting. Bob Kaye-Smith showed us an interesting way to introduce a guest speaker by having Patrick on the phone but I ask did Patrick try to use this as a makeup.

It was certainly a night for raising money with the auctions by Geoff Brennan and John Brown. It was Dennise's first meeting as a fully fledged Ryde Rotarian and we wish her a long and happy membership of our club as long as she doesn't fall foul of the sergeant.

Next week should prove to be an enjoyable evening with the first of our club Great Debates. Don't miss it as it is also a partners night

Julie

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.

- Oct 2nd (Fri)** **Chatswood Rotary : Oktoberfest**
6:30 for 7pm / \$20pp / Austrian Club, Frenchs Forest / RSVP dieter@bemad.co
- Oct 10th (Sat)** **Crows Nest Rotary : Charity Poker Night**
6 for 7pm / \$25 entry / Club Willoughby / 50% to Rotary, 50% prize pool
- Oct 11th (Sun)** **Hawksbury Wine, Food & Music Race Day : AHR Fundraiser**
\$115pp / RSVP Jenny Towe: 8837 1900
- Oct. 18th (Sun)** **Graffiti Removal Day**
Contact Adrian Hallett to volunteer

eSAT RYDE PRESENTS THE CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AWARD

On September 9, District Governor Gina Growden presented the Ryde Rotary Satellite e-Club's inaugural Ethics in Business award.

In this first year the award recognised outstanding Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). DG Gina presented the award to Darryll Harkness, representing Johnson and Johnson Medical.

J&J is a well-known company that has for many years extolled CSR as a fundamental part of its organisational credo.

Their commitment to CSR is expressed in many vital activities in Australia and around the world.

Particularly noteworthy is J&J's support for the very remote aboriginal community at Kintore, in the Western Desert several hundred kilometres west of Alice Springs.



The presentation was made at a breakfast organised by Ryde Business Forum, at which many presenters discussed various aspects of CSR and how it helps individuals, communities, and the companies involved. MC at the breakfast was our own Stefan Sojka.

Other members of the Ryde Rotary Satellite e-Club at the meeting were David James, Bob Kay-Smith and John Hepworth. E-Club Chair Rob Mitchell was unable to be physically present as he was overseas, but he was virtually present in true e-Club style in the form of a pre-recorded video welcome.

For reasons that were never made clear, **PE Julie** was acting President, while **President Victoria** sat in her old place on the naughty table. Julie made a fair fist of it, announcing visitors, absences and anniversaries like a pro. The meal came and went and conversations flourished until Julie brought them to a halt with a mighty “SHOOSH!” before reading several messages. **PP Martin Aston** has jaundice and had a stent fitted today, and expects to be at next week’s meeting. We hope to see him and **Patrick** the Pirate next week.

PP Geoff talked up the Rotary Foundation and encouraged us to become Centurions at the very least, and then auctioned off two tickets to “Les Mis” with proceeds to TRF.

PP Adrian reported back on the Ryde Eisteddfod last Saturday, and spoke of an opportunity to help in the fight against Huntington’s disease, by feeding the campaigners at a BBQ on Sunday 27th September - Huntington’s Disease Association West Ryde has come back to us however, that they have too many volunteers so we can have a weekend off!

John Brown thanked all the Father’s Day rest home visitors then sold off all the leftover pensioners’ socks to the club members, to recoup our community funds. Nothing goes to waste at Ryde Rotary (except the odd Spackle card)!

Violette spoke on her week: **The Halletts** took her to Kiama to see a blowhole in action, on Saturday she and some other Exchange Students went to the Harbour Bridge and Darling Harbour and enjoyed the stunning views. On Sunday Violette enjoyed **PP Steve Thorp**’s Father’s Day with his family. Under cross-examination she admitted that she had slept through her Chemistry exam, because she could not understand the questions due to her petit vocabulaire!

Serjeant Duncan fought off the cries of “redraw” when his spackle ticket won and muttering that he should have put the Joker in the pack this week, drew the four of clubs. Soured by his loss he fined **President Victoria** first for not acting in her presidential office, and then for sitting at the noisy table, only the first of many for our Victoria. He even fined visiting **AG Paul Wynn**, suggesting that he had driven 1/3 of our members away. **David James** was fined for a very rude excuse for not going to the afore-mentioned BBQ, and **Hendo** for being interviewed on the radio last week.

Bob Kaye-Smith introduced **Patrick Longfield** who attended the meeting by Smartphone to introduce guest speaker **Hadyn Washington**, who was advertised as “Demystifying Sustainability” but after 42 years in environmental science actually spoke on the campaign against Climate Science Deniers. He told us there have been 5 great mass extinctions in the fossil record, but that the 6th mass extinction will be caused by mankind, and went on to quote our 4 Way Test, saying it is not enough to fair and beneficial to all concerned, unless that all concerned includes nature as well as mankind.

PE Julie perhaps summed it up with the words “I remain mystified.” It was a good presentation of one side of the argument, challenging us to think about an issue that has split mankind along ideological, rather than scientific lines. Time will tell, as it always does.

My name is Violette Rohart and I am seventeen, I'm an exchange student from France until the end of June 2016.

My parents are Sophie and Augustin. Sophie is 54 and she's a geriatric doctor, she works in a retirement home and does as well the diagnosis for Alzheimer. My dad, Augustin is 56 and he is a general practitioner. I have a really good relationship with both of my parents.

I have two older brothers. The first one, Simon, is 24. Simon has finished his engineering studies, and he is now working as a computer engineer (creating website). My other brother, Basile, is 22. He is still doing his business studies, but he is taking a gap year to do internships. He went to Oslo for six months, but he is now, since July doing a 6 months internship in Paris.

I have received two exchange students with Rotary. I had Melisa, a Chilean girl who went to my house from December 2013 to March 2014. Then I received Emily, a real Aussie from the Blue Mountains. She arrived in my house in January 2015 and stayed there until April 2015. She'll be back at the end of her exchange in December. I am really close to both of my host sisters and they are now part of the Rohart Family. I consider both of them as real sisters.



I only have my mother's parents. They are 85 and 88 but both of them are really healthy and energetic. I really like to see them like that!

I am the godmother of a 3-year-old named Mathilde. She's the daughter of my godfather who is also my cousin. I don't see them as much as I would like to, especially now that I am in Australia! To finish with the Rohart family, I have a cat named Papaye. She is 11.

More of Violette's story will be published over the next few issues of The Hub

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

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 8th September: 91.43%

Makeups: PP Charles Kilby, PP Patrick Longfield, PP Rob Mitchell, Rtn Nora Etmekdjian, Rtn Nora Etmekdjian, Rtn Pat Mahony.

Apologies: PDG Les Whitcroft, PP Artin Etmekdjian, PP Burkhart Foertsch, PP Charles Kilby, PP Graham Metcalfe, PP Martin Aston, PP Patrick Longfield, PP Peter Cooper, PP Rob Mitchell, Rtn Elisabeth Curcic-Daher, Rtn Kathryn Dodd, Rtn Nora Etmekdjian, Rtn Pat Mahony, Rtn Stefan Sojka.

LOOKING AHEAD

Sept. 22nd **National Stroke Awareness Week**
Sept. 29th TBC
October 6th **District Governor Official Visit**
October 13th **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 18th Linda & Adrian Hallett
Sept 25th -
Oct 2nd -
Oct 9th Bill & Val Payne
Oct 16th David & Sally James

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

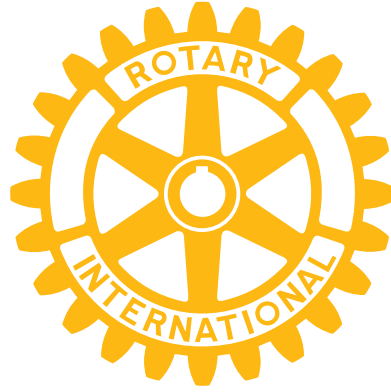
Sept 18th 65th Birthday for **Bob Kaye-Smith**
Sept 22nd 36th Wedding Anniversary for **John & Janelle Dodd**

CLUB MEETING DUTY ROSTER

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DATE	WELCOMERS	TOAST	INTRO	THANKS
Sep 22nd	John Dodd & John Higgins	Bob Carroll	Tony Abboud	Burkhart Foertsch
Sep 29th	Dennise Herrick & Noel Dunn	Adrian Hallett	Ken Allen	John Brown

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!
