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National Stroke Week

14–20 September 2015

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CLUB INFORMATION

Chartered 22nd April 1946 District 9685 RI Club #18039

MEETINGS EVERY TUESDAY 6PM FOR 6:30PM

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Next Generation Club (Level 2)
Ryde Aquatic Centre
504 Victoria Rd, Ryde

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Sept. 22nd

National Stroke Awareness Week - Jackie Gambrell

TONIGHT'S ROSTER

Welcomers	John Dodd & John Higgins
Toast to Rotary	Bob Carroll
Introduction	Tony Abboud
Vote of Thanks	Burkhart Foertsch

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 A ROTARIAN OVERSEAS

Ni hao!

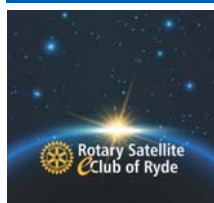
I had a make-up last night at the Rotary Club of Chengdu in central China. They have a very active club and really appreciated the banner and the copy of Humanity In Motion Down Under. I also gave them some Australian children's stationary for their youth projects and cracked a couple of jokes, it was a great night.

I am really enjoying my trip. China is amazing. Chengdu has 14 million people and not many of them speak English. It's been quite an adventure. I took the fast train to Chongqing today and off to Beijing tomorrow night for 2 days and then Shanghai for 2 days and then Hong Kong and then home.

PP Charles Kilby



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
- Oct 21st (Wed)** **Polio Movie Night Fundraiser : Opportunity to Host or Attend**
"Bridge of Spies" is available for pre-release Rotary End Polio fundraisers...

LAST WEEK AS RECALLED BY ALLEN HORRELL

The room buzzed with anticipation as Ryde Rotarians, partners and guests gathered for the debate of the century, or more literally the debate of two centuries! Were the 1970s better than the 2000s? Were the 70s better than the Noughties? We were soon to find out.

Stefan made his entrance, after the toast to RI, resplendent in gold jacket, leopard skin hat and black shirt, looking every bit like one of his own hallucinations from the decade that time forgot! Undeterred by this spectacle, **PP Adrian** rose to tell us that the BBQ on the 27th September has been cancelled, but the Graffiti Removal Day is definitely on **18th October: Save the Day!**

Rtn Kathryn Dodd damned her father with faint praise for "someone of his vintage" taking part in the Sydney Running Festival for Can Too this weekend. Ryde Rotary's Can Too-ers **John, Pat and Kathryn** have raised over \$15,000 between them for cancer research.

PE Julie spruiked Mental Health Hat Day, and said that while she is on holiday we are still to email or ring in our apologies to her mobile number, not her house line. **PDG John** reported back from Ryde's victory in the Epping Trivia night on Saturday and from the Club's culture outing to Les Mis on Sunday.

Past Exchange student **Emma Overlack** is back having completed her carpentry apprenticeship. She demonstrated her carpentry skills by making a wooden Rotary logo which she presented to the club.

She is staying with the Dodd's and, like many overseas visitors, is looking for casual work baby-sitting or the like. Emma then drew her



host-father's spackle ticket but I then drew the 8 of Hearts, which unlucky card met its end shortly thereafter. A game of Heads and Tails then resulted in **PP Ashley Peake** winning a bottle of Tawny Port.

Just when we thought the night couldn't get any better, **Violette** reported on her week, a whirl of restaurants, BBQ's and attending *Les Miserables* on Sunday. The highlight of her week was Thursday night when **the Brennans** took her to see Don Bradman's granddaughter sing at the Opera House!

Having warmed up the crowd, Violette gave way to the Debate Teams who took their positions in a variety of outlandish costumes designed to represent the 70s and the Noughties. **Rtn Patrick Mahony** led off for the 70s citing the naughties horrors of Millennials, PowerPoint presentations and Terrorism as reasons the Noughties must be worse than the 70s. I thought he had a point, in spite of his dayglo dress sense. **PP Geoff Brennan** led the negative Team: unable to remember the 70s, **Pat's trousers** had given him a flashback to Agent Orange and the Vietnam War, and he had also researched natural disasters which astonishingly were worse in pre-climate change 1970's than in the 2000s.

David Johnston wore a Hawaiian Shirt and bribed both Judges with counterfeit cash and played with two Volkswagen toys in an attempt to simulate the 70s.

PP Tony Abboud decried the 70s saying he had a mullet haircut and was so ugly back then that he looked much like Stefan does today! The crowd stirred as Tony launched into an attack on the values and technology of the 70s: At last here was someone who knew the value of the Naughties!



Stefan retaliated that everything in the naughties was a remake of something developed in the 70s, saying he was happier back then with a black and white CRT Television, no mobile or computer than he is today with a giant flat screen high definition Smart TV and all mod cons. In doing so he reminded us of just how much we were missing back then.

PDG John then rebutted many of the 70s arguments, pointing out that Stefan “I love the 70s” Sojka was reading his speech off a noughties iPad! He stumbled into unstable territory with the assertion that the Noughties Reality TV was an improvement on the computerless 70s.

The negative team was judged by the partners to have won the costume competition: **Blues Brother Tony, Greatest Loser John and Master Chef Geoff** took the honours. Thanks to **PP David James** for capturing these marvels on film for The Hub!

Then **Rtn Dennise Herrick** reported on the actual debate, saying how hard it was to decide which team was worse. **David, Stefan and Pat** were judged to be the winners of the Great Debate, completely refuting the audience who thought the other team had won! It was a night of fun and hilarity, and we could all do with more of both.



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 22nd September: 86.11%

Makeups: PP Bob Kaye-Smith, PP Kalma McLellan.

Apologies: PDG Les Whitcroft, PP Artin Etmekdjian, PP Bob Kaye-Smith, PP Burkhart Foertsch, PP Kalma McLellan, PP Martin Aston, PP Rob Mitchell, Rtn Nora Etmekdjian.

LOOKING AHEAD

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 25th -
Oct 2nd -
Oct 9th Bill & Val Payne
Oct 16th David & Sally James
Oct 23rd Narrabeen Surf Weekend

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

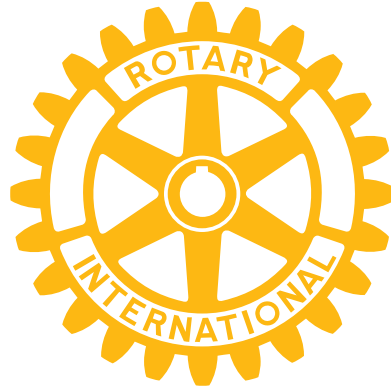
Sept 22nd 36th Wedding Anniversary for **John & Janelle Dodd**
Sept 24th 19 Year Club Anniversary for **Noel Dunn**
Sept 25th 8 Year Club Anniversary for **Burkhart Foertsch**
Sept 28th 11 Year Club Anniversary for **Artin Etmekdjian**

CLUB MEETING DUTY ROSTER

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DATE	WELCOMERS	TOAST	INTRO	THANKS
Sep 29th	Dennise Herrick & Noel Dunn	Adrian Hallett	Ken Allen	John Brown
Oct 6th	Allen Horrell & Bill Payne	Ian Henderson	Geoff Brennan	Pat Mahony

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!
