

THE ROTARY CLUB OF RYDE DISTRICT 9685 CHARTERED 1946

# The HUB

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<b>Community Service</b> .....	Adrian Hallett
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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:**  
Rotary Club of Ryde Inc.  
PO BOX 90  
Ryde NSW 1680

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

February 2<sup>nd</sup> mindDog - Tony Edwards

### TONIGHT'S ROSTER

<b>Welcomers</b>	David James & Bob Kaye-Smith
<b>Toast to Rotary</b>	Ron Taffa
<b>Introduction</b>	Bob Carroll
<b>Vote of Thanks</b>	Ken Allen

**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.

### FOLLOW OUR EXCHANGE STUDENT IN FINLAND AT HER BLOG!

[maggieinfinland.wordpress.com](http://maggieinfinland.wordpress.com)

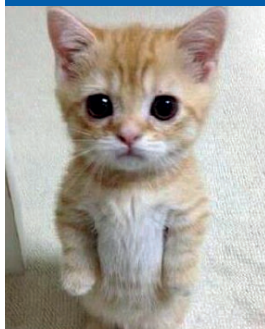


### SEMI-ANNUAL SUBS ARE DUE!

**Semi-Annual Dues are now overdue : \$125 for January-June**

You can pay by cash or cheque to Treasurer PP Graham Metcalfe at this week's meeting, or Bank transfer to BSB 112-879 / Account 000589388.

### 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.

**Wednesday 24th February**9am Registration / RSVP [terrydavies@australianrotaryhealth.org.au](mailto:terrydavies@australianrotaryhealth.org.au) 8837 1900

**PROGRAM**

**Australian Rotary Health**  
A multidistrict program of the Rotary Districts of Australia

*All moneys raised go to Australian Rotary Health—Supporting healthier minds, bodies and communities through research.*

**CORPORATE TEAMS**

Corporate Team : \$800  
*Team of 4 Players Package.*

**Rotary**  
Districts of Australia

For further information, please contact:  
**Terry Davies**  
Australian Rotary Health  
Phone: (02) 8837 1900  
Email:  
[terrydavies@australianrotaryhealth.org.au](mailto:terrydavies@australianrotaryhealth.org.au)

**Ambrose Event** (team of 4 players) and every player shares a cart. There's great prizes and special events: nearest the pin; longest drive and lots, lots more!  
Lunch is included.

**REGISTRATION**  
9.00am

**SPIDER DROP**  
9.45am

**BRIEFING**  
10.15am

**TEE-OFF**  
10.30am sharp

**PRE-DINNER DRINKS**  
4.00pm

**PRESENTATION DINNER**  
4.30pm


**SILENT AUCTION**  
5.30pm

**GOLF DAY RESULTS**  
6.00pm


**FINISH**  
6.30pm

**AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH**

**10th ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF DAY**

  
[www.australianrotaryhealth.org.au](http://www.australianrotaryhealth.org.au)

**Wednesday**  
**24th February, 2016**

 **Riverside Oaks**

**UPDATE FROM PDG DAVID RANDS**

Dear Victoria & Ryde Rotary,

I'm now in the spinal rehab section at Royal Rehab, Ryde. Very nice and on day 1 we are impressed with facilities and staff. I have an extraordinarily busy schedule this week so would appreciate people checking before they come.

Best also if visits remain short as they do tire me. In terms of progress all the collateral injuries - broken ribs, collapsed lung, bruised internal organs - all seemed to have healed up promptly as hoped.

The back is physically strong, but gets tired after prolonged upright sitting. I hope this improves. The really good news is I am now able to initiate some small movements in my legs which was not possible for 6 weeks. Gives the physio something to work with.

Cheers,  
David Rands

**Violette Rohart's family; Augustine, Sophie, Basil and Simon** were among many guests introduced by **President Victoria**. She then ran through the anniversaries and birthdays, being interrupted announcing **John Brown's** birthday by **Charles Kilby's** interjection "He's too old to stand up!" The crowd cheered for each announcement and again when **Tony Abboud** arrived, a little late, but at least not Late, as one wag commented.

**PP Geoff Brennan** spruiked the Centurion \$2 Coin collectors, and the Apia Interplast Project. **David James** reported that our Christmas wrapping Project raised \$800 less than the year before, but still well over \$2000. The poor location, rebuilding of part of the Mall, and the loss of some major stores were factors in the downturn, but as a community project it achieved it's goals, and gave us a chance to work alongside 42 Interactors.

**PN John Brown** circulated a list for the Australia Day BBQ to be held at his place, 4-7pm BYO drinks.

**Violette's father Augustine** rose to say that his father was once President of a Rotary Club in Northern France, and to thanks us for hosting Violette and taking such good care of her. **PP Burkhart Foertsch** told us that **Theo Glockemann** is off to East Timor next week to run the RYPEN course we helped to fund, and any Ryde Rotarian is welcome to go along for the week at \$2000 pp.

**Rtn Patrick Mahony** told us of the RYLA Dinner last week and thanked those who attended including **Adrian Hallett, Bob Kaye-Smith and John Brown**. RYDA has asked for Rotary Volunteers to assist: **ask Patrick for dates when RYDA is being held.**

**Violette's** club report covered Christmas at Lake Macquarie with **the Dodds**, fine when it wasn't raining. On New Year's Eve she spent 16 hours waiting at Lady Macquarie's Chair for the fireworks to begin, but had a great tie as all the other RYEP students were there. She enjoyed Sydney for the next few days in spite of the unseasonal cold and rain, and returned to the Dodd's on 10 January, having completed her Sydney Bucket List of things to do. She thanked **John and Janelle** for hosting her.

**The Rohart family** arrived last week and have been exploring NSW with their daughter, including a BBQ with her host families at the Dodds on Monday night. They are all off to explore the Red Centre (which isn't so red right now) then Violette returns tearfully to school.

**The Serjeant** presented **Val Payne** with her white prize for the spackle, then proceeded to mete out some widely inclusive fines, to those who couldn't name next year's RI President (John Germ) and the 2016-17 Theme (Rotary Serving Humanity), most having to pay, those who were late, those who didn't wrap gifts at Top Ryde, and many more. Returnee **Rose** and inbound Violette shared the duty of collecting the coin for Duncan.

**Mel Hanger** of Max Potential was introduced by **PP Geoff**. A powerful UV-lit card show followed and we learned not to procrastinate but to achieve our goals. Max Potential aims to empower Youth by helping them choose projects in their communities then mentoring them to succeed. She said Rotary builds legacy projects that endure, and Max Potential

hopes to do the same. We could get involved as mentors, or refer graduates of RYLA, RYPEN and RYEP along with current Rotaractors and Interactors to be coached and mentored.

**Rtn Stefan Sojka** praised the Max Potential program saying he was involved years ago (back when he still had hair) and it gave him hope for today's youth. Several members then asked him how long he had been coached for! After a few animated questions, Mel was thanked by **Rotarian Dennise Herrick**, and we closed a very busy meeting.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

My dear friends,

I am pleased to bring you the good news that His Holiness Pope Francis will officiate at a Mass to Rotarians at St. Peter's Square, Rome, on 30 April. We will have 8,000 seats reserved for Rotarians, as well as friends and family.

It is my great pleasure to invite you to join me in Italy on this day as we celebrate the Jubilee of Rotarians, a special event hosted by Rotary District 2080 and the Vatican. In addition, local Rotarians will host special celebratory dinners and plan a service project for attendees. I believe this event is a tremendous honor that will raise Rotary's status across so much of the world, and it should bring us all great happiness to be a part of it, regardless of our own religions and beliefs.

For more information, please visit the Jubilee of Rotarians website, which has been provided by our friends in District 2080. Updates and additional information will be available leading up to the event. Registration will open 18 January. I ask that you also include mention of this event in your governor's monthly letter.

This Jubilee, as established by Pope Francis, is known as the Holy Year of Mercy. It marks the time of forgiveness and reconciliation, of solidarity, hope, and justice. It is a commitment to serve with joy and in peace across the world. As you work hard to Be a Gift to the World, I do hope you will make the effort to be in Rome with as many members of your district as possible.

Best regards,  
K.R. Ravindran  
Rotary International President, 2015-16

## WHEN YOU HAVE A MAKEUP

Please remember to drop an email to both Treasurer Graham Metcalfe (who keeps the attendance records) and PE Julie Thorp to make sure it is recorded.

If you are visiting another Club and would like to submit a photo and a few words to The Hub as well, please CC the editor. Thanks!

**Percentage Attendance 19<sup>th</sup> January: 91.89%**

**Makeups:** PP Bob Kaye-Smith, PP Ken Allen, PP Patrick Longfield, PP Adrian Hallett, Rtn John Brown, Rtn Kathryn Dodd, Rtn Pat Mahony.

**Apologies:** PP Artin Etmekdjian, PP Bob Kaye-Smith, PP Jan Cutler, PP Kalma McLellan, PP Ken Allen, PP Patrick Longfield, PP Rob Mitchell, Rtn Elisabeth Curcic-Daher, Rtn Kathryn Dodd, Rtn Nora Etmekdjian.

**LOOKING AHEAD**

- February 9<sup>th</sup>**      **My Year on Exchange** - Rose Jenkins
- February 16<sup>th</sup>**    **TBC**
- February 23<sup>rd</sup>**    **Rotary International 111<sup>th</sup> Birthday** - Night of Remembrance
- March 1<sup>st</sup>**         **RYLA** - Ryde's Sponsored Attendees
- March 8<sup>th</sup>**         **Club Debate** - Rotary's Future in the World
- March 15<sup>h</sup>**        **TBC**

**VIOLETTE ROHART - FRIDAY NIGHT ROSTER**

**Violette is being hosted by John & Janelle Dodd**

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

- Feb 5<sup>th</sup>**             Graham & Carolyn Metcalfe
- Feb 12<sup>th</sup>**         Kathryn Dodd
- Feb 19<sup>th</sup>**         Peter & Margaret Cooper

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

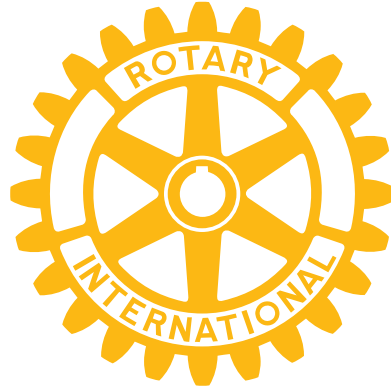
- February 4<sup>th</sup>**      53rd Birthday for **Stefan Sojka**
- February 7<sup>th</sup>**      54th Birthday for **Artin Etmekdjian**
- February 9<sup>th</sup>**      Birthday Celebration for **Elinor (John Higgins)**

**CLUB MEETING DUTY ROSTER**

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

<b>DATE</b>	<b>WELCOMERS</b>	<b>TOAST</b>	<b>INTRO</b>	<b>THANKS</b>
<b>Feb 9<sup>th</sup></b>	Patrick Longfield & Ron Taffa	Tony Abboud	David James	Allen Horrell
<b>Feb 16<sup>th</sup></b>	Kalma McLellan & Julie Thorp	Burkhart Foertsch	Ross Rocca	Charles Kilby

# 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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