

The HUB



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WELCOME NEW CLUB MEMBERS AYESHA AND ALAN!

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ROTARY CLUB OF RYDE

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President _____ Julie Thorp
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CLUB INFORMATION

Chartered 22nd April 1946 District 9685 RI Club No. 18039

MEETINGS EVERY TUESDAY 6:00 PM FOR 6:30 PM START

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

July 12th

Team Success in a Volunteer Organisation – Philip Benderch

TONIGHT'S ROSTER

Welcomers Allen Horrell & Peter Cooper

Toast to Rotary Jan Cutler

Introduction Nora Etmekdjian

Vote of Thanks Rachael Ings

Upcoming duty roster in on Page 7. If you are unable to fulfil any duty please arrange your own swap and inform President Julie of the change.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

August 2nd
(Tues)

Rotary Youth Driving (RYDA) : Marist College Eastwood

Request for volunteers. Contact Patrick Longfield 0403 010 108

August 6th
(Sun)

Days for Girls Ryde Team: Working Bee

1-5pm, 2 York St Beecroft, RSVP Janelle 9980 7337

Sept. 1-3rd
(Thurs-Sun)

Rotary Zone Institute

Penrith Panthers / Contact John Dodd to express interest

Oct. 4th
(Tues)

Ryde Rotary: Hat Day for Mental Health Awareness

Regular club meeting & partners night

Oct. 7th
(Fri)

Ryde Rotary: Community Day

Details TBC

Nov. 13th-19th

Indoor Ride to End Polio

Details TBC – register your interest with President Julie

WE HOPE WE'LL SEE YOU TUESDAY!



If you need to give a late apology for non-attendance at any meeting, please contact President Julie Thorp as early as possible!

(Monday 10am at the 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



Leadership is not a position or a title, it is action and example. **President Julie Thorp** strove on Tuesday night to exemplify this ideal and for her first order of business for the evening, she welcomed guests: **President David Malone** from the Macquarie Park Rotary Club and **Grace**, along with soon-to-be Ryde Rotarians, **Alan Oertel** and **Ayesha Jadhvani**. An equally important announcement was the milestone 60th-ish birthdays for **Ian Henderson**, **PDG Les Whitcroft** and **Alan Oertel**. Additional congratulations to **PP Ken Allen** and his lucky lady on their 20th wedding anniversary. Fellowship was then shared among the tables as the fan favourite fish and chips was served. **Patrick Mahony** slid in quietly as a late-comer, claiming the extra bread roll on the table that all others had their eyes on.

Before everyone in the room became too engrossed in conversation and banter, Julie grabbed the attention of all, requesting her sergeant, **PP Duncan Taylor** to bring **Kathryn Dodd** and Ayesha to the front of the room. With great delight, Julie inducted the newest member to the Club under the vocation of “Financial Services”. Congratulations Ayesha on all that you have brought and will continue to bring to this Club. Ayesha was however only able to clutch at the title of “newest member” for a moment, before Alan was summoned to the front of the room for the second induction of the evening. From the words of our new president, “we would hope you give this Club the benefits you’ve served from your previous Club”, the Rotary Club of Strathalbyn. Our two newest members have proven themselves to be worthy Rotarians and each induction was accompanied by a standing ovation from the Club.

The first Sergeant’s Session of the Rotary year was then opened. **PP Stephen Thorp** was fined for talking during the Presidential address. I suppose it’s lucky that it is another week until the next Ryde Rotary meeting, so he won’t have to face the president until then. Just as everyone in the room thought they would avoid a fine for the lack of badge-wearing (except for our newest members and guests), the sergeant declared that everyone would pay some pennies on behalf of **John Brown**. The badges sat not in the meeting room, but in the boot of John Brown’s other car, likely in the drive-through of a McDonald’s. **PP Geoff Brennan**, **PP Adrian Hallett** and **Nora Etmekdjian** were made to pay-up for their recent celebrity status in the local newspaper. **PP Bill Payne** and **Rachael Ings** were fined for the over-use of “basically” and “almost”. Although it appeared to be *almost* the end of the fine session, many a member had saved up a few cross-fines over the past fortnight. Ken was first to break the ice, fining the new president for the first time this Rotary year for her “showing-off” of the two inductions in the first week. Feeling bold after his earlier trouble-making, Stephen fined the well-deserving Julie for her PHF. This concluded the fine session.

Just before Julie handed over the mic to her committee, she had one more announcement to make; the votes for the grace had officially been counted. Tension could not be eased however as the members chose to follow in the footsteps of the country and leave the result as a hung vote. The Rotary Club of Ryde will have to call upon those not in attendance to cast their votes.

Rotary Foundation extraordinaire Geoff announced that he wishes to improve upon the past year's 50% rate of Centurion members. He was also kind enough to offer to speak to his Grange-man for the instance that the Club achieves 100% attendance. If previous committee and board members thought they were off the hook for this year, this thought was short-lived, as PP Kalma McLellan declared that everyone in the Club is a membership officer. As "patriarchs, matriarchs, mums, dads, teenagers and young children", we are all represented in the Rotary Club of Ryde.



As the new Public Relations chair, Stefan Sojka committed to "overpromise and under deliver", but we all know this will not be the case. We will be sure to feed Stefan with updates from the Club to share to the wider world. Accepting the Community Service role once again, Adrian welcomed another year of ongoing service projects including graffiti removal, Mother's Day gift giving and Christmas gift wrapping, as well as new projects including Taldumande and the Australian Transplant Games.

As the new Vocational chair, Ken feels it is time to reprise the Club members' vocational talks with an update of their roles, expertise, interests and hobbies. Everyone will have the opportunity to share with the Club what they have been up to professionally or else, at some point during the year. Dennise Herrick excitedly introduced herself as the new International chair, understandably "thinking it was more holidays", but sadly not. Nonetheless, Dennise will drive the promotion of Days of Girls and be involved with the RYLA and RYPEN in Timor Leste, as well as other International Projects with our new Project Director, Duncan. The mother hen, Duncan, then spoke of his role as overseer of the committees, with a particular role of liaising with PR (once we wake him up) and the Treasurer.

PP Graham Metcalfe will once again be fulfilling the important role of Treasurer to keep a track of the pennies and to ensure we, as a Club, don't overspend or under-give. President of the Ryde Satellite Club, David James, invited everyone to take part in an e-Club meeting. Just remember, all you need is a computer and an internet connection, or a phone, or two tin cans and a piece of string. Hopefully it isn't too difficult to acquire one of those instruments.

Once again, President Julie took control of the microphone, enthusiastically declaring that the Rotary Club of Ryde has 43 active members, what a great effort! Julie then began her closing sta... wait, PP Patrick Longfield has arrived! Swiftly, Patrick made his way to the front of the room to present his vision on Youth for the Rotary year. Youth exchange, RYLA, RYPEN, MUNA, RYDA, NYSF, School Public Speaking competition and Science & Engineering Challenge are just a few of the vast number of programs he eagerly wishes the Club to be involved with. I wonder what Patrick will do with his three spare days of the year?

Julie then proceeded to close the meeting for the second time with her thought of the week: "Remember that you absolutely unique just like everyone".

Fellows thank you. I was very happy with my first meeting of being President. There was a great atmosphere and I felt that I had the support of all Rotarians. To have the opportunity to induct two new Rotarians was a great privilege and I hope this trend continues. Both Ayesha and Alan will be great assets to our club. The fact that both these inductees are youthful means that the club has a great diversity within its ranks.

I hope that you gained information from the board members in what they hope to achieve throughout the year. Please let me know if you have any suggestions that I can pass onto the appropriate chair.

Looking forward to a great year.

President Julie

HANDS AND LEGS FOR EDWIN

In September 2015 Rotarian Edwin Ikwu and his wife Benedicta came to the House of Welcome, an Asylum Seeker and Refugee Support Centre in Carramar south western Sydney. He was in a wheelchair because he had undergone amputation of both legs and all his fingers as well as the loss of most of his ears and nose the previous year. He had come into the Refugee Centre to see if he could volunteer to help other refugees.

To date, crowd funding has raised over \$30000 towards the target of \$95000 which will see Edwin receive prosthetic hands to assist with daily life. We as his fellow Rotarians hope to support his cause.



SERGEANT'S FINE OF THE WEEK

Our newest member Alan "Baby-Face" Oertel was at the Club Changeover. Alan, thirsty for a drink, approaches the bar, he then asks the barman for a drink who in return asks Alan for ID... Must be a first for Ryde Rotary...

Tip of the week: Mobile phones to silent during the meeting

WHEN YOU HAVE A MAKEUP

Please remember to drop an email to both Attendance Officer PP Ross Rocca and President Julie Thorp to make sure it is recorded.

If you are visiting another Rotary Club and would like to submit a photo and a few words to The Hub, please email the editor: editor@ryderotary.org.au

July 12 th	Team Success in a Volunteer Organisation – Philip Benderch
July 19 th	ABS Census Talk – Christine Squires
July 26 th	DG Visit & partner’s night – DG Bruce Lakin
August 2 nd	Endangered Animals – Jan Latta
August 9 th	Exchange Student Welcome – Simen Oie
August 16 th	Interviewing Ryde Rotarians – Geoff & Stefan

SIMEN OIE (SIMON OH-YEAH) – FRIDAY NIGHT ROSTER

Simen will be being hosted by John & Janelle Dodd

Please confirm your plans in advance with Simen and the Dodds.

July 29 th	Adrian & Linda Hallett
August 5 th	Ken & Danielle Allen
August 12 th	Kathryn Dodd
August 19 th	Allen & Bernadette Horrell
August 26 th	Patrick & Yvonne Longfield
September 2 nd	John & Eleanor Higgins
September 9 th	Peter & Margaret Cooper
September 16 th	Rachael Ings & Alan Oertel

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

July 15 th	8 Year Club Anniversary for David James
July 15 th	8 Year Club Anniversary for Bob Kaye-Smith

CLUB MEETING DUTY ROSTER

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DATE	WELCOMERS	TOAST	INTRO	THANKS
July 19 th	Bob Kaye-Smith & Kalma McLellan	John Dodd	Adrian Hallett	Ayesha Jadwani
July 26 th	Multiple Patricks	Kathryn Dodd	Ian Henderson	Bob Kaye-Smith
August 2 nd	Bill Payne & Ross Rocca	Noel Dunn	Denise Herrick	Patrick Longfield
August 9 th	Stefan Sojka & Ron Taffa	Victoria Gouel	John Higgins	Patrick Mahony
August 16 th	Duncan Taylor & Stephen Thorp	Adrian Hallett	Allen Horrell	Kalma McLellan

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THE FOUR-WAY TEST

of the things we think, say or 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!