

The HUB

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Fellowship at its finest at the Ryde Rotary AGM

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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:

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 PO Box 90
 Ryde NSW 1680

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December 20th Ryde Rotary Christmas Party!

TONIGHT'S ROSTER

Welcomers	Bill Payne & John Dodd
Toast to Rotary	Victoria Gouel
Introduction	n/a
Vote of Thanks	n/a
5 Minute Talk	n/a

JULES' JEMS



Fellows

I must first congratulate our new board on their election. I am sure they will continue to make the Rotary Club of Ryde one of the best in the District.

I hope you all enjoyed the Xmas quiz last week as much as I did.

This week we have our Christmas Party and Santa will be visiting.

Lastly I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New year. Be safe with your travels and I look forward to being your President for the next six months.

President Julie

EDITOR'S PUZZLE

Santa always leaves plans for his elves to determine the order in which the reindeer will pull his sleigh. Form a single line of nine reindeer:

Comet behind Rudolph, Prancer and Cupid. Blitzen behind Cupid and in front of Donner, Vixen and Dancer. Cupid in front of Comet, Blitzen and Vixen.

Donner behind Vixen, Dasher and Prancer. Rudolph behind Prancer and in front of Donner, Dancer and Dasher. Vixen in front of Dancer and Comet.

Dancer behind Donner, Rudolph and Blitzen. Prancer in front of Cupid, Donner and Blitzen. Dasher behind Prancer and in front of Vixen, Dancer and Blitzen.

Donner behind Comet and Cupid. Cupid in front of Rudolph and Dancer. Vixen behind Rudolph, Prancer and Dasher.

Can you help the elves work out the order of the reindeer?

Well, the night was finally upon us. The night we had all been waiting for, the Christma... wait, sorry, that's next week. It was however that time of the year for the Rotary Club of Ryde AGM. **President Julie Thorp** opened the meeting to a rather full house of Rotarians, and our favourite guest for the evening, **Simen Øie**. Julie also announced the sad passing of **PP George Bouckley**, whom was known by many in the Club.



Julie announced the birthdays and anniversaries. Likely an explanation for absent **PP Burkhart Foertsch**, **Patricia Foertsch** was celebrating a birthday on this fine evening. A warm congratulations was also given to **PP Bill Payne** and **Val Payne** on their 65th wedding anniversary. A combination of kindness, love and Rotary must be the secret! Julie also delightfully announced her 39th wedding anniversary and surprisingly, she also announced it for **PP Stephen Thorp**. A delicious meal of capsicum and a side of chicken was then served and enjoyed around the room.

PP Noel Dunn was then called to the front for his 300 second vocational talk. Once Noel completed school in Granville, he received a pre-apprentice opportunity and elected to study a mechanical trade for four years from 1947. His apprenticeship was working for an appliances company called A.G.E. and during his third year, he became a tool designer. Noel then remained with this company for ten years. He then worked for a telephone electrical company, T.E.I., which he remained with for 37 years. Unfortunately these company buildings look a little different today, but Noel still has fond memories of both. As for Rotary, Noel joined in 1982 and was President in 1999-2000, which he said was “a really busy year and I had a great time”. He was also the Grandmaster of the Freemasons from 2002-2006. As for now, Noel is still involved with Rotary and the Freemasons, and keeps himself busy looking after the 250-strong Koi Carp Clan in his retirement village.

PP Duncan Taylor treated everyone to a quick fashions-in-the-field to display the new Ryde Rotary shirts before **PP Bob Kaye-Smith** called for the AGM. Congratulations to **President Nominee Kathryn Dodd** and the incoming board of 2017-2018. Julie then tried to rendition Adele's song *Hello*, "hello is it me?" as she returned to the lectern. She reminded everyone of Santa's gift giving to the children next week and commented that **PP Patrick Longfield** will assist Santa as his helper.

Simen touched on what was "quite an eventful week". On Wednesday, he struggled through a school excursion to Manly to learn to surf. On Thursday night, he organised a trampolining night with his fellow Venturers. Naturally, they all arrived perfectly on time. Over the weekend, Simen took part in: gift wrapping and pizza eating with the Thorps, Norwegian gingerbread baking, an afternoon of Ikea shopping with "Phillip", a trip to the hospital, and a dinner organised by Rotex. Eight current exchange students joined Simen for the Rotex dinner.

PE John Brown invited everyone to join him in Ermington for Australia Day. **PP Geoff Brennan** thanked those for their Centurion tubes and provided torches to fill the handbags of those in need. **Stefan Sojka** asked for stories and photos of the Ryde Rotary Facebook page whilst **David James** sought assistance for the upcoming Christmas gift wrapping shifts.

Our Serjeant-at-Arms, **David Johnston**, was welcomed as always with a chorus of cheers as he stepped forward. Kathryn had the winning ticket but missed out on the joker. Kathryn and the 2017-2018 board were all fined. Bill and Val paid for their anniversary whilst Julie and **Alan Oertel** were made to pay on behalf of their partners. **IPP Victoria Gouel** did not disappoint tonight, taking out the noisiest "table" award for the night. Noel was fined for two reasons: for his excellent speech and for bringing our Serj to Rotary. Julie also cross-fined Noel as he usually misses out on being fined for the year, given his birthday on the eve of Christmas Eve. As there was time to spare, Julie delighted us all with a Christmas quiz. The successful guesses were rewarded with chocolate.

Julie thanked Simen for throwing money at her before ending the meeting with her thought for the week: "friendship isn't about whom you have known the longest, it's about who came and never left your side".



George Bouckley joined the Rotary Club of Ryde in November 1976 with a classification of Education Technical. George was soon involved with the running of the Club.

In 1980-81 George was inducted as President of the Rotary Club of Ryde. He announced to the Club that the major project for year was to be the building of four self-contained residential units at the Ryde District Hospital. The completed Rotary Lodge marked a significant milestone in our Club's ongoing assistance to Ryde Hospital and the Ryde Community.

George decided that a cash for aluminium can collection centre would be a new source of fundraising, and Ryde Council agreed to the setting up of a Saturday morning Can Collection Centre in a corner of Ryde Park. This ongoing activity not only raised money but became a great source of fellowship for the Rotarians rostered on duty.

In 1988 George was awarded Rotary's highest Honour, a Paul Harris Fellowship Award in recognition of his contribution to the Community. When George retired from the Club he was awarded an Honorary Membership; an honour he held to the end,

George left a legacy to the Club in achieving two milestones in the history of our club; the Rotary Lodges at Ryde Hospital and the Cash for Cans Project which ran for close on 20 years.

George passed away peacefully on December 8th aged 97.

A memorial service for George Bouckley will be held at St Peters Presbyterian Church on the corner of Blue Street and Miller Street, North Sydney. The service will be on Tuesday December 20th at 11:30 am.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Dec. 20th
(Tues)

Ryde Rotary Christmas Party
Stay tuned for further details.

Jan. 26th
(Thurs)

Australia Day Afternoon BBQ
At the Browns' in Ermington.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

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Dec. 20 th	Ryde Rotary Christmas Party
Dec. 27 th	NO MEETING
Jan. 3 rd	NO MEETING
Jan. 10 th	Poolside Party!
Jan. 17 th	Road Safety – Ian Faulks

SIMEN ØIE – FRIDAY NIGHT ROSTER

Simen is being hosted by Judy Pryor & David Jenkins – confirm your plans in advance

February 3 rd	Ian & Ruth Henderson
February 10 th	John & Elinor Higgins
February 17 th	David & Sally James

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

December 20 th	Rachael Ings – Birthday!
December 21 st	Peter Cooper – 40 Years in Ryde Rotary!
December 22 nd	Tony Abboud – 60 th Birthday!
December 23 rd	Noel Dun – 86 th Birthday!

ATTENDANCE

Members	Make-Ups	Apologies	Guests	Percentage
34	0	7	1	92%

CLUB MEETING DUTY ROSTER

DATE	WELCOMERS	TOAST	INTRO	THANKS	5 MINUTES
Dec 20 th	B. Payne & J. Dodd	Victoria Gouel	-	-	-
Jan 10 th	J. Brown & A. Hallett	Bob Kaye-Smith	-	-	-
Jan 17 th	D. Herrick & B. Payne	John Higgins	John Dodd	Noel Dunn	Bob Carroll
Jan 24 th	D. Taylor & S. Thorp	Graham Metcalfe	Allen Horrell	Grace Moyo	Alan Oertel

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Computers are like old testament gods; Lots of rules and no mercy

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.

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?
2. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

ROTARY GRACE

Oh 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

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!