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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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January 10th Ryde Rotary poolside BBQ and welcome back!

DUTY ROSTER – JANUARY 10th

Welcomers	John Brown & Adrian Hallett
Toast to Rotary	Bob Kaye-Smith
Introduction	n/a
Vote of Thanks	n/a
5 Minute Talk	n/a

2016 IN RETROSPECT – FROM THE EDITOR

Well, fellows and friends, I'm sorry the Hub is a couple of days late, but I'm sure you've been too busy to notice!

We're almost finished 2016, and we're halfway through our Rotary year. We've shared lows and highs together, from the passing of PP Martin Astin and PP George Bouckley to the joining of four new members under 30 (including yours truly).

We've held our Apprentice of the Year Awards and removed plenty of graffiti from around Ryde. Our fellowship weekend away in Orange was an excellent time for all and a highlight of our year. The members of our Club have been amazing at supporting the Ryde Community from early morning barbecues to late night quizzes.

For me, it's been a year of change, and I'm grateful to the members and partners of the Ryde Rotary Club who have helped to make the unknown to be welcoming, and the new to be exciting.

From both Rachael and myself, thank you. We're still only new to the Club, but we look forward to sticking around with such a great bunch for years to come.

Merry Christmas, and may you all have a safe and happy New Year!

Alan

CHRISTMAS RIDDLES

- 1: When is New Years before Christmas?**
- 2: When is Christmas before Halloween?**
- 3: Who is never hungry at Christmas?**
- 4: What are the best things to put into a Christmas Pudding?**

(for answers see page 7)



The halls were decked all merry and bright,
The guests were in good cheer.
Ryde Rotary gathered for its Christmas night,
And jingling bells drew near.

Our **President, Julie Thorp**, was already in the festive season, allowing everyone to share in welcoming Rotarians and guests. Mr Entertainment, **Stefan Sojka**, warmed the crowd with You Raise Me Up as everyone enjoyed a ham, chicken and salad feast. A few hungry gentlemen were caught practicing for Christmas day, helping themselves to seconds and thirds of dinner.



Away in a Manger was sung, followed by O Come All Ye Faithful. A few singers debuted their Ryde Rotary singing career: **PE John Brown, Alan Oertel, Margaret Cooper and Elinor Higgins** to name a few. "A classic that's gotta be in the Rolling Stones top 100", Rudolph the Reindeer, was carolled around the room with **Christopher** on the mic.

As **Santa** was merely a few blocks away now, but possibly stuck in traffic, we gave him two loud cheers "hello Santa", but sadly he didn't show. Silent Night was sung as **PP Noel Dunn** and **Grace Moyo** impressed the room with their voices. Santa drew ever closer; likely needing some time to reverse parallel-park his "seven reindeer" (someone didn't read the HUB riddle last week and missed two reindeer from this list).





Santa Claus is Coming to Town and Jingle Bells were sung before the children gathered by Santa's chair ready for his arrival. Just for those Rotarians who may be getting confused at this point, the cohort of Rotarians under the age of 30 did not make their way to the front of the room to collect their gift from Santa. I'll just have to wait until Christmas Day to receive my water pistol and reindeer toy!



Santa, who had likely spent some time delivering gifts across England due to his accent, carried his heavy sack in and sat in his chair in front of a crowd of excited children. All of the children and staff member, **Tom**, were gleeful as they received their present from Santa and sat on his lap for a photo. Due to his busy schedule, Santa couldn't stay long, farewelling the room after one final hug from Christopher.



And of course, it wouldn't be a Rotary night without a raffle. **Dennise Herrick's** ticket-winning powers spread out over her table as her grandson, **Brax**, won a Blinky Bill Toy. Dennise's influence even carried across to the table behind her, allowing me to receive a blue orchid, planted by **PP Kalma McLellan**. John Brown's granddaughter, **Camille** claimed the pink elephant.

With so much excitement for one evening, it was approaching bed time for the children, guests and Rotarians. Julie ended the final meeting of the year with her thought for the week: "the time of year when everyone gets Santa-mental".



UPCOMING MEETINGS

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Jan. 3 rd	NO MEETING
Jan. 10 th	Poolside Party!
Jan. 17 th	Road Safety – Ian Faulks

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Jan. 26th
(Thurs) **Australia Day Afternoon BBQ**
At the Browns' in Ermington.



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

CLUB MEETING DUTY ROSTER

DATE	WELCOMERS	TOAST	INTRO	THANKS	5 MINUTES
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

The problem with the gene pool is that there is no lifeguard.

Riddle Answers: 1: Every year! 2: In the Dictionary! 3: The turkey, he's stuffed! 4: Your teeth!

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THE ROTARY VISION

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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!