

The HUB

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Welcome back Ryde Rotary to 2017!

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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

January 24th**Club Night – Celebrate Australia Day****TONIGHT'S ROSTER**

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| Welcomers | Duncan Taylor & Stephen Thorp |
| Toast to Rotary | Graham Metcalfe |
| Introduction | Allen Horrell |
| Vote of Thanks | Grace Moyo |
| 5 Minute Talk | Alan Oertel |

JULES JEMS

A great meeting and our guest speaker was very interesting. He will be returning to continue the story in the future.

This week we will be celebrating Australia Day not only at our meeting this week but also on Australia Day where we will be at the Brown's house for a good old Aussie celebration.

If you haven't let John know you will be attending please let him know tonight.

Tonight also we welcome Rowan Price back he is here to tell us about a bike ride he will be attempting to raise funds for cancer. This is the Westpac charity ride to be held in March 2017 which will involve riding to Bowral, Wollongong and back to Barangaroo (Sydney). A distance of 293 km over 3 days.

It's a busy night tonight as we also welcome Simen's family who have come to Australia to visit. Simen's mother was also an exchange student. If your partner wishes to come to the meeting to greet Simen's family, please let me know.

Happy Australia Day

President Julie

**EDITOR'S RIDDLE**

When you need me,
you throw me away.
But when you're done with me,
you bring me back.

What am I?



After the rest and recuperation of the end of year break, Ryde Rotarians joined together at Next Gen for the first official meeting of the year. **President Julie Thorp** welcomed Rotarians, our guest speaker **Ian Faulks**, and guests **Melanie Brown**, **John Barthgate** and RYLA-graduate **Kieran Joel**.

Julie had just a brief word to say, promoting the Indonesian dinner at the Lane Cove Country Club, the 11th Annual Golf Day for Australian Rotary Health and the Rotary Leadership Institute, and then highlighting the video display of Ryde Rotary's banner collection. Julie was then able to put aside the fact that **PP Kalma McLellan** didn't eat her greens and presented Kalma with her third Paul Harris Fellow sapphire, in recognition of Kalma's outstanding contribution to the Rotary Foundation. Julie also called **Ayesha Jadhvani** to the front of the room to announce that our young Rotarian will become an Australian citizen on Australia Day. Ayesha's parents will come out for the event and hopefully the lady who first encouraged Ayesha to move to Australia.

PE John Brown promoted his fundraising Australia Day BBQ for Rotarians, partners, friends and family. **PP Adrian Hallett** reported that the tree of joy is "just about wrapped up" and asked for volunteers for upcoming BBQs. After hinting previously that this particular evening might be in the works, **PP Ken Allen** formally invited "members, guests, past Australian citizens, future Australian citizens and [even] current Australian citizens" to the Police Officer of the Year Award on May 30th. Pencil this one in to avoid getting a fine! **PP Patrick Longfield** commented that as is it currently stands, more people have entered from overseas than within the Club, for the Ryde e-Club's trivia night. Perhaps our past exchange students are eager and have beaten us to the form. Kalma ended the series of announcements by asking everyone to search for those long-lost 2016 Christmas cards, for use at this year's gift wrapping (just 48 more weeks away now!). Last year, over \$3000 was raised from the Christmas gift wrapping.

The raffle was drawn and I had the winning ticket. I missed out on the fortune this week, but will enjoy the red that I received. Our pockets were no doubt heavy with pennies after a two week break from Rotary so it was only fair that our Serjeant-at-Arms, **David Johnston**, was ready to charge. Our Serj fined Ayesha, **PDG John Dodd** and Adrian for their 2016 hand posing. The Club paid for the **Horrell's** wedding anniversary and for being the collective noisy table tonight. We all did have two weeks of catching up to do after all! **PP Peter Cooper**, **PP Bill Payne** and **Ron Taffa** or the “three wise monkeys” were caught in the act last week, seeing, hearing and speaking on their mobile phones. They were fined accordingly. Despite the fact that **PP Ross Rocca** won his money back for the Rotary Conference, our Serj didn't let him get away with not paying. **PP Graham Metcalfe** enjoyed three or possibly four pavlovas last week and paid for his “misfortune”. From all of these fines, it seems that some members tried to get up to mischief at last week's poolside party!



John Brown introduced our guest speaker for the evening. Ian Faulks, from the Rotary Club of Wahroonga, has spent his life working in various roles relating to driver education. The upward trend of road fatalities in NSW has caused Minister for Roads, Transport & Freight, **Duncan Gay** to say that we're in a crisis. The fact that as a learner driver, you're the safest you'll ever be, is a concerning message. Through the development of safe systems of driver education at the learner and provisional licence stages, we are hopefully able to progress closer to the vision of zero road fatalities.

Julie ended the meeting with her thought for the year: “life is not a problem to be solved, but a reality to be experienced”.

AUSTRALIA DAY BBQ – THIS WEEK – THURSDAY 26th

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John & Dee Brown invite Ryde Rotarians and their partners, families and friends to join them for an Australia Day BBQ on Thursday 26th January 2017.

41 Allura Crescent, ERMINGTON 4:00 pm – 7:00(ish) pm

Adults: \$25.00 per person

Children under 12: \$10.00

A RSVP sheet will be passed around at tonight's meeting. If you miss the sheet, please call John.



SERJEANT'S FINES OF THE WEEK

THREE WISE MONKEYS

The paparazzi snapped up a photo of three wise monkeys Peter Cooper, Ron Taffa and Bill Payne, as they were sitting beside one another on their phones. Too busy socialising with each other on Twitter to smile for the camera boys?!

INBOX SURPRISE

Last weekend, Adrian Hallett had sent an email with 5 photo attachments to the Editor for last week's edition of the HUB. Little did Adrian realise that his tech-savvy skills enabled him to send this email to Alan over 240 times.

CLUB BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

January 24th

John Brown - 74th Birthday

January 24th

Geoff & Janice Brennan - 41st Anniversary

January 26th

Rob & Judy Mitchell - 47th Anniversary

January 28th

Noel & Faye Dunn - 61st Anniversary

January 28th

Graham & Carolyn Metcalfe - 50th Anniversary

January 29th

Sally James - Birthday

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

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Jan. 24th
(Tues.) **Club Night – Celebrate Australia Day!**

Jan. 26th
(Thurs.) **Australia Day Afternoon BBQ**
At the Browns' in Ermington. 4.00 pm – 7.00 pm.

Mar. 11th
(Sat.) **Rotary District Conference**
Be there or be square!

CLUB MEETINGS

January 24th **Club Night – Celebrate Australia Day!**

January 31st **Science & Engineering Challenge – Gavin Ralston**

February 7th **Peace and Conflict Prevention**

February 14th **The Future Workplace – Kathryn Dodd**

SIMEN ØIE – FRIDAY NIGHT ROSTER

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

February 3rd Ian & Ruth Henderson

February 10th John & Elinor Higgins

ATTENDANCE

| Members | Make-Ups | Apologies | Guests | Percentage |
|---------|----------|-----------|--------|------------|
| 31 | 2 | 8 | 5 | 81% |

CLUB MEETING DUTY ROSTER

| DATE | WELCOMERS | TOAST | INTRO | THANKS | 5 MINUTES |
|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Jan 24 th | D. Taylor & S. Thorp | Graham Metcalfe | Allen Horrell | Grace Moyo | Alan Oertel |
| Jan 31 st | P. Cooper & B. Payne | Stefan Sojka | Dennise Herrick | Bob Carroll | Julie Thorp |

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

A conclusion is the place where you got tired of thinking.

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!