

# The HUB

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## CLUB INFORMATION

**Chartered 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup>****Science and Engineering Challenge – Gavin Ralston****TONIGHT'S ROSTER**

<b>Welcomers</b>	P. Cooper & B. Payne
<b>Toast to Rotary</b>	Stefan Sojka
<b>Introduction</b>	Dennise Herrick
<b>Vote of Thanks</b>	Bob Carroll
<b>5 Minute Talk</b>	Nil

**JULES JEMS****Fellows**

**I hope you enjoyed last weeks meeting as much as I did. It was fantastic to welcome back Mette with the rest of Simen's family. To have both mother and son both exchange students with our club but years apart is a great achievement by our club.**

**It was also interesting to hear Rowan Price describe the fund raising achievement he will be participating in March. If you want to sponsor Rowan there will be the details in the hub.**

**All those who attended the Australia Day barbeque enjoyed a lovely afternoon of fellowship. Thank you John and Dee for all your hard work.**

**I attended accompanied by Stephen the Ryde Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony. We can now call Ayesha an Aussie. It was our pleasure to be with her at this ceremony. Her mum, dad, and a couple of friends were also there.**

**Congratulations Ayesha.**

**This week we welcome Gavin Ralston, here to talk to us about the Science and Engineering Challenge.**

**12<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION**

Letters have gone out to 30 primary schools asking for expressions of interest.

Dates of Interest – Volunteers Needed:

Preparatory public speaking workshop – 1<sup>th</sup> March 4.30pm. Location: Library at St Kevin's Catholic Primary School. 28 Hillview Road, Eastwood.

Preliminary event: 15<sup>th</sup> March 6pm. Location: Eastwood Heights Primary School Hall.

Finals: 28th March 6 for 6.30pm. Location: Next Generation Club Ryde.

Our very own Ayesha Jadhvani was thrilled to finally become an Australian Citizen in the Australia Day ceremonies. Citizenship has been a goal of Ayesha for some time.

We, her fellow Ryde Rotarians, are thrilled for Ayesha and are pleased to welcome her as the newest Australian in the Club.



## TOUR DE CURE – WESPAC CHARITY BIKE RIDE – ROWAN PRICE

### Dear Ryde Rotarians

Thank-you for the opportunity to speak to you about the Tour de Cure bike ride which I am participating in for the purpose of raising funds to aid in cancer research.

As mentioned I am riding in the Westpac charity ride in March 2017 in order to raise funds for cancer which will involve riding to Bowral, Wollongong and back to Barangaroo (Sydney) a distance of 293 kms over 3 days. I am already starting the training regime and progressing nicely, however I also have a commitment to raise funds towards cancer. I will be riding with 100 riders accompanied by professional riders with the aim of raising 500K towards cancer research.

**Details for donating to the ride and helping Rowan Price raise the target of \$3000 towards the overall \$500K can be obtained by emailing the Editor.**

### Ride objectives:

Total of 120 riders consisting of 100 Westpac employees & 20 Sponsor riders

Visit local schools and branches to share the message

Cycling 293km through some of the best roads and climbs on Australia's east coast

\$500,000 to go towards cancer research, support and prevention projects

In addition, the ride is also supporting 2 local cancer projects with a \$10k Tour De Cure local cancer grant.



# e trivia

**FEBRUARY 11th**

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e Club of Ryde**



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It was a full house on Tuesday night with many special guests joining the Ryde Rotary Club members for our Australia Day Club Night. Norwegian exchange student **Simen** made his return after being away last week, and he had guests of his own! Simen's mother, past exchange student to the Ryde Rotary Club some 27 years ago, was thrilled to see so many of her hosting Rotarians again. Simen's father **Hugo** and younger siblings **Linus** and **Johonna** also joined in the Australia Day Fellowship.



Last seen at the Club Christmas Party, past member **Rowan Price** and his wife **Debbie Price** were visiting to share a tale of madness later in the meeting. Future Rotarians **Christina** and **Clarissa** joined Aunty **Vicky** but were shocked to see chips disappearing magically when they turned their backs on the table. The wonderful wives of our club were out in force as well with **Dee Brown**, **Janelle Dodd**, **Linda Hallett** and **Rose Rocca** all present and accounted for. Rounding out the guest list was our 2016 Apprentice of the Year and RYLarian **Kieran Joel**, who has well and truly become a familiar face at our Tuesday meetings.

With our members, partners and guests seated and welcomed, the delicious meal of roast beef, sweet potato and mint peas was served, and while the assembled began their fine dining **Alan Oertel** took to the stand for his short vocational talk.

Beginning by remarking on how the Five Minute Talk has been a fantastic initiative by Vocational Chair **PP Ken Allen**, Alan forewarned the listeners that he might not have had the long and decorated careers that many of the members have shared in their remarkable recollections. While still studying Geophysics and Geology in 2013 Alan began work supporting primary school students with behavioural difficulties, and found that to be very rewarding work for two years before moving to Sydney. After a conversation which began at Ryde Rotary's 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday Alan spent most of the 2016 working at Higgins Surveyors for our very own **PP John Higgins**.



Simen was pleased to report back after the summer break, beginning with “so I’m back, finally, and I brought my family.” Christmas was another highlight of Simen’s year, with a skywalk around the highest point in Sydney and then heading up to Newcastle with his host family for a Christmas day of heat and Aussie BBQ.

Simen was joined by exchange students from around the district and even from as far as Perth to share a “magical New Years experience” before he jet-setted off to Brisbane with his parents and siblings from Norway. From Fraser Island to a long drive down the coast, it was no surprise that it took a bit of time to make it back to Rotary meetings.

As a past exchange student to Ryde Rotary Club and mother of current exchange student Simen, **Mette Oie** then took a turn at the mic. She told the members and guests of the positive impact that being an exchange student had made on her life, and her confidence that it had been and would be the same for Simen; “seeing my family sitting next to my Rotarian family is quite special, so thank you.”

Birthday boy John Brown reminded everyone about the Australia Day festivities to come, and **Dennise Herrick** told the club of how valuable the first day at the Rotary Leadership Institute was for herself, **Rachael Ings** and Alan.

There will be a movie night to raise money for Days for Girls on March 18<sup>th</sup> at the **Dodds’**, so put it in your diaries. Despite suggestions from **PP Patrick Longfield** and Dennise, the movie will probably not be Die Hard II or Debbie Does Dallas.

Rowan Price told us of the incredible charity event he has become a part of. Tour de Cure is a chance for over 100 professional and amateur riders to raise a target of half a million dollars towards cancer research, treatment and prevention. Rowan and his fellow riders will be cycling over 300km to raise these funds, a feat not many in the club would line up to replicate in a hurry. A fantastic feat and we wish him the best of luck.

**President Julie Thorp** wrapped up the meeting with her thought for the week: “you all worry about wrinkles, but wrinkles show where the smiles have been.”



Thursday saw around thirty Rotarians and their partners descend on the Brown's home for our Australia Day BBQ fundraiser. Arriving from the appointed hour of 4 pm fellowship was enjoyed until we were served mini hot-dogs to sustain us until the BBQ was fired up. The BBQ consisted of sausages, chops and chicken patties with a fine selection of salads and bread rolls, which were well received.

Sweets consisted of pavlova and cream, with fruit salad. Tea and coffee was available, complimented by biscuits in the shape of kangaroos and maps of Australia and green and gold lamingtons. All in all, a great afternoon of fellowship and we look forward to John Brown announcing a small fundraising donation to Rotary.

## SERJEANT'S FINES OF THE WEEK

**“Aussie, Aussie, Aussie... Oi,Oi,Oi”**

**A hearty welcome to our newest Aussie – Ayesha!  
She became an Australian citizen on Australia Day this week!**

**“Happy-Grumpy Award”**

**To all the members that were celebrating their wedding anniversaries.**

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

## CLUB BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

**According to our official records, there are no birthdays or anniversaries to celebrate this week!**

## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

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**March 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**(Saturday)**      **Rotary District Conference**  
Be there or be square!

## CLUB MEETINGS

**January 31<sup>st</sup>**      **Science & Engineering Challenge – Gavin Ralston**

**February 7<sup>th</sup>**      **Peace and Conflict Prevention**

**February 14<sup>th</sup>**      **The Future Workplace – Kathryn Dodd**

**February 21<sup>st</sup>**      **RYLA 2017 – Kieran, Damian & Nicholas**

## SIMEN ØIE – FRIDAY NIGHT ROSTER

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

**February 3<sup>rd</sup>**      Ian & Ruth Henderson

**February 10<sup>th</sup>**      John & Elinor Higgins

**February 17<sup>th</sup>**      Stefan Sojka

**February 24<sup>th</sup>**      Geoff & Janice Brennan

## ATTENDANCE

Members	Make-Ups	Apologies	Guests	Percentage
28	4	12	12	88%

## CLUB MEETING DUTY ROSTER

DATE	WELCOMERS	TOAST	INTRO	THANKS	5 MINUTES
Jan 31 <sup>st</sup>	P. Cooper & B. Payne	Stefan Sojka	Dennise Herrick	Bob Carroll	Nil
Feb 7 <sup>th</sup>	K. Allen & D. Taylor	Geoff Brennan	Tony Abboud	Ayesha Jadhvani	Nil
Feb 14 <sup>th</sup>	N. Dunn & R. Rocca	Val Payne	Nil	Nil	Victoria Gouel
Feb 21 <sup>st</sup>	A. Hallett & K. McLellan	Tony Abboud	Alan Oertel	Patrick Longfield	Nil
Feb 28 <sup>th</sup>	D. Herrick & A. Horrell	Ian Henderson	Stephen Thorp	Bob Kaye-Smith	Adrian Hallett

## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

**Choose to make a difference instead of choosing to be indifferent today.**

# 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!