

The HUB

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Cooking up a storm: Ryde Rotary members, friends and partners braving the Sunday heat at Bunning's Warehouse Rydalmere

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CLUB INFORMATION

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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

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February 7th**A Melanoma Survivor's Story****TONIGHT'S ROSTER**

Welcomers	Ken Allen & Duncan Taylor
Toast to Rotary	Geoff Brennan
Introduction	Tony Abboud
Vote of Thanks	Ayesha Jadhvani
5 Minute Talk	Nil

JULES JEMS

The meeting was fantastic last week with lots of fellowship, fun and laughter. It's always great to see everyone enjoying the meetings.

Our guest speaker was very interesting with a topic we didn't know much about but now do. There was great interest shown by a few of our Rotarians to assist in the science challenge.

Thank you so much to all those who assisted at the Bunnings BBQ. The cooks, the bread cutters, the servers and the money takers all came together like a well oiled bunch. You all gave up your time on a Sunday to assist your club in a BBQ thrown together at the last moment. Hopefully we can get a few more of these in the future.

Though very, very hot (actually stinking hot) it was well worth it. I will have profit amounts for you at the Rotary meeting but needless to say I am very pleased.

The only problem was the workers who came and then disappeared into Bunnings so long we nearly sent out search parties. Everybody pulled their weight and as we all know Rotarians are great at BBQ's. We sold out of all food which was absolutely fantastic. I really appreciated all your efforts. Thank you again.

This week we have a couple of Rotarians who will inform us of a few projects coming up. They will take the place of our 5 minute talks.

Our Guest Speaker is here to tell us their story about their survival from Melanoma a topic of great interest to all who live in Australia.

EDITOR'S RIDDLE

You have been given the task of transporting 3,000 apples 1,000 miles from Appleland to Bananaville. Your truck can carry 1,000 apples at a time. Every time you travel a mile towards Bananaville you must pay a tax of 1 apple but you pay nothing when going in the other direction.

What is highest number of apples you can get to Bananaville?

Although it was a smaller crowd tonight, it didn't stop Rotarians and guests from enjoying a fine(s) Rotary meeting. Guests **Gavin Ralston**, **Kieran Joel** and **Grace Chuindiza** were welcomed by **President Julie Thorp**. Our Norwegian teen, **Simen Øie**, was a late arrival as he chose to make the most of the superb 40+°C weather and visit the beach before Rotary, as I'm sure we all did that day.



Maybe just shy about their birthdays, Julie corrected the “no birthdays or anniversaries” note in the HUB, highlighting **Stefan Sojka's** and **PP Artin Etmekdjian's** upcoming birthdays. Lasagna was served as Julie chanted “Aussie, Aussie, Aussie” to an unsuspecting **Ayesha Jadhvani**. Although most followed the reply chant of “Oi, Oi, Oi”, someone in the crowd (not to name names **PP Geoff Brennan**) chanted “welcome to Aus-tray-ya!” I think that's worthy of a fine Serj!

Simen certainly maximised his outings last week before returning to school on Monday. Last Wednesday, he walked from Milson's Point to McMahons Point with friends. On Australia Day, Simen took his family to the Sydney Opera House and finished the night with fireworks at Darling Harbour. The **Øie clan** then joined the **Dodd's** at their house at Lake Macquarie over the weekend, before Simen started school (and homework) for the year.

PE John Brown thanked everyone for joining him and **Dee Brown** on Australia Day. Thanks to “everyone that helped raise the money”, John presented **PP Graham Metcalfe** with \$600 for the Club. John passed on additional thanks to Dee, **Linda Hallett**, **Janice Brennan**, **PP Kalma McLellan** and **PP Adrian Hallett** for their assistance in the set-up and pack-up departments. **Dennise Herrick** invited everyone to join her for Days for Girls' workshops on Friday 10th February and Sunday 26th February. Count me in - my scissor skills need some improvement! The first fundraiser for this year for Days for Girls will be a movie screening of *Moana*. I guess Dennise's choice of *Die Hard* and **PP Patrick Longfield's** movie preference of *Debbie Does Dallas* lost out against *Moana*!



Adrian thanked the Meals-on-Wheels volunteers and announced that we may have just found a family able to take Simen under their wing in a few weeks' time. It looks like we've been uncovered, for **PP Allen Horrell** visited a Rotary Club in the Czech Republic while he was away and told them all about the Rotary Club of Ryde.

Our Serjeant-at-Arms, **David Johnston**, was warmly welcomed to the podium as he is every meeting. After a "wake up!" from **PP Bill Payne's** better half, Bill collected a wine and a hefty fine from the Serj. A vocal debate began between tables, as a non-**IPP Victoria Gouel** table was declared noisiest for the evening. The Club was made to pay for the absent birthday-boys and **PP Tony Abboud** tried to pay in plastic. My better half and I were fined for almost sitting together. It seems we'll get fined no matter where we sit; that's fine Serj! Victoria directed a fine towards Chook (**PP Stephen Thorp**) for "cracking good jokes" under his breath, albeit mostly at Julie. Kieran and **PP Ken Allen** bravely fined the Pres for picking on the Kiwi-man and for her rather non-convict-blood pronunciation of "ceremony". **PP Duncan Taylor** ended the expensive fine session by fining the Serj; "guest speakers don't take as long as you".

Hand-in-hand and with a few "woos" from the crowd, Dennise escorted Gavin to the front of the room to welcome him as our guest speaker for the evening. Gavin, who has been in Rotary for more than 25 years, is currently a member of the e-Club of Greater Sydney and is on the committee for the Science & Engineering Challenge. Gavin passionately explained the mechanics of the Challenge: up to 256 high school students from 8 schools compete each day in interactive science and engineering related activities, from circuit boards simulating electricity distribution to a community, to Morse code and truss bridge building. Perhaps I'm a little bias, but continuing to promote science and engineering to high school students is critical in ensuring a constructive future for the world!

Julie ended the meeting with her thought for the week: "I'm sure the universe is full of intelligent life, it's just too intelligent to come here".

February 7th

Artin Etmekdjian – 55th Birthday

February 9th

Elinor Higgins – Birthday

TOUR DE CURE: ROWAN PRICE

Dear Ryde Rotarians

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.

Ride objectives:

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.

12th 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 – 1th March 4.30pm. Location: Library at St Kevin's Catholic Primary School. 28 Hillview Road, Eastwood.

Preliminary event: 15th March 6pm. Location: Eastwood Heights Primary School Hall.

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

SERJEANT'S FINES OF THE WEEK

“Where's Allen/Alan Award”

After fulfilling his AG duties prior to/over the Christmas/new year break and squeezing in a refreshing break OS, Allen Horrell has been spotted at a Ryde Rotary meeting. The other Alan was spotted almost sitting at the same table as his partner in crime, and copped a fine for this transgression as well.

“Happy / Grumpy Award”

Will Bill Payne's “Two Drink” toast to Rotary pass muster? Geoff Brennan gave it a try: 1 toast to Rotary International & a second toast to Ryde Rotary.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

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February 10th
(Friday) **Days for Girls Ryde Team Workshop**
10am – 4pm at the Dodds'. BYO lunch.

February 11th
(Saturday) **Ryde e-Club e-Trivia**
Bring your PJs!



February 12th
(Sunday) **Ryde Rotary Graffiti Removal**
Speak to Adrian

February 26th
(Sunday) **Days For Girls Ryde Team Workshop**
1pm-5pm. Venue TBC

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

CLUB MEETINGS

February 7th **A Melanoma Survivor's Story**

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

February 21st **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 10th John & Elinor Higgins

February 17th Stefan Sojka

February 24th Geoff & Janice Brennan

ATTENDANCE

Members	Make-Ups	Apologies	Guests	Percentage
27	4	12	4	88%

CLUB MEETING DUTY ROSTER

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



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FEBRUARY 11th

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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?
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!