

The HUB



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Ryde Rotary Club had a busy week, with guests from Home Care Heroes, St Ives Rotary Club and the Melanoma Institute of Australia, as well as guest chef Miguel Maestre on Saturday!

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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

February 14th**The Future Workplace – Kathryn Dodd (Partner's Night)****TONIGHT'S ROSTER**

Welcomers	Noel Dunn & Ross Rocca
Toast to Rotary	Val Payne
Introduction	Nil
Vote of Thanks	Nil
5 Minute Talk	Victoria Gouel

JULES' JEMS

Last week was jam packed with information and people. I don't think we've had so much information from all different sources for so long. It made the meeting full and interesting.

Also last week on Friday morning I received a phone call from Bunnings asking me if Ryde Rotary could do another BBQ the following day. I again accepted the challenge for our Rotary club (sorry fellows) and started ringing around. As usual Ryde Rotarians were the best. With a group of myself, Stephen, Adrian, Linda, John Dodd, Kalma, Duncan, Victoria, Kathryn, Geoff, John Brown, Alan Oertel and my brother Greg who came to assist us we manned the stall on one of the hottest summer days. The temperature got to 44 degrees under the canopy.

Thank you to all those ready and raring Rotarians or should I say red hot Rotarians.

Bunnings was so appreciative that we stepped in at the last minute that they have donated to us the BBQ that Miguel from The Living Room was cooking on that day and he even autographed it. In his words "To Rotary Club of Ryde, Love is the best ingredient signed Miguel" This is a great acknowledgement for all our efforts. Thank you to Rydalmere Bunnings and Miguel for this fantastic donation we greatly appreciate it.

This week we have our own Kathryn as our guest speaker speaking about the future workplace.

For all those Rotarians who have a partner don't forget it's also Valentine's Day so please bring your partner to the meeting but don't forget to let me know for numbers. For those who are still looking you are all Valentine's and we love you all.

President Julie



There were some familiar faces and some unfamiliar faces at Rotary this past Tuesday night, as many Rotarians were away enjoying holidays and not one, but four guest speakers were invited to talk.

PP Stephen “Chook” Thorp followed in the “long standing tradition started last week by **PP Bill Payne**” in toasting both Rotary International AND the Rotary Club of Ryde. **President Julie Thorp** welcomed Rotarians, and guests: **Peter Lorsch** (Rotary Club of St Ives), **Kieran Joel**, **Simen Øie**, **Jay Allen**, **Jenna** and **Mat**.

After possibly one too many sips of drinks, a gourmet chicken and potato bake was served. Our first two speakers were invited to the floor as we enjoyed the meal. Jenna and Mat explained Home Care Heroes: the organisation that they co-founded following Matt’s journey as a full time carer for his two parents. Home Care Heroes matches heroes in NSW with people requiring special assistance and improves lifestyles of the community. This fantastic organisation created by two fellow Rotarians is holding its one year anniversary in North Ryde on March 12th. Come along to enjoy live music, a BBQ, activities and fellowship.

Speaker #3, Peter, invited everyone to attend the Rotary Club of St Ives food & wine festival on March 5th, which supports charity Room to Read and other equally worthy charities. For just a gold coin donation, you can enjoy various food and wine stalls, and have the chance to witness **PDG John Wakefield** dressed up as “**Zak the Yak**” - need I say more?

Julie gleefully announced the spectacular \$815 profit from the somewhat warm past Sunday at Rydalmere Bunnings and passed on a heartfelt thanks to all whom assisted. Members cheered for Julie and Stephen for their superhuman whole-day attendance at the BBQ. Simen spoke of his eventful weekend past: moving! Simen farewelled **Casa-Dodd** and moved in with the **Joel’s** in their beautiful waterfront manor. Don’t feel too envious of Simen though; he had to downgrade from a full tennis court to a half-size!

PP Ross Rocca drew the winning raffle ticket but missed out on the joker and the jackpot. He auctioned his winning wine to the highest bidder: **PP Bob Kaye-Smith**, yet was still fined by the Serj. Those Rotarians who didn't fashion the Rotary shirt at the BBQ were made to pay whilst our President was fined for enjoying two desserts during the meeting. Both Stephen and **IPP Victoria Gouel** had to pay some pennies, for confusing the crowd by referring to each other as "Chook". Kieran was made to pay for "being Victoria's muscle"- I'm not sure what the context of this one is. The cross-fines then drew a roaring trade, first with Julie fining Bob for making the most of the location of the BBQ when he disappeared into Bunnings for some of his shift. Victoria fined Kieran as, when Victoria arrived for the evening and welcomed everyone, Kieran missed out on a kiss and proceeded to confidently ask Victoria, "where's my kiss?" During the fine session, Victoria explained that kisses are only granted to club members; Kieran cheekily responded: "great, something to look forward to".

PP Geoff Brennan introduced our guest speaker for the evening, Jay Allen. Life was going well for Jay and his fiancée in 2007. However, after finally going to see a specialist about a persistent mole on his ankle, he was diagnosed with melanoma. It took two separate operations before Jay was cleared of further cancer cell growth. The emotional rollercoaster which Jay experienced was captured by television show, RPA. Now, as community coordinator of the Melanoma Institute of Australia, Jay uses this video to share his story with others and promote awareness. **Grace Moyo** thanked Jay for taking the time to speak to the Club.



Julie ended the meeting with her thought for the week: "happiness is not something you postpone for the future; it's something you design for the present".

Next week is a partner's night and coincidentally, Valentine's Day. Rotarians, please try to remember to invite along your nearest and dearest. **Kathryn Dodd** will be the speaker; she reminded everyone that it will be "interactive" (referring to her presentation, not Valentine's Day Kieran). We will also have a different Serjeant of the evening. I wonder who will take up the challenge of drawing out the pennies and being adored by the crowd.

February 15th
February 20th

Stephen Thorp – 12 Years in Ryde Rotary
Margaret Cooper – Birthday

SPECIAL NOTICES FROM THE TREASURER

A quick reminder to a few club members that Subs are due for the first half of 2017. A handful of members have yet to pay up, so if you are unsure please speak to the treasurer.

Subs may be paid either in person to the Treasurer on Tuesday Night, or to the club.

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.

Please speak to Youth Chair Patrick Longfield to volunteer or for further details.

SERJEANT'S FINES OF THE WEEK**“Cheeky business”**

When Victoria arrived this past Tuesday evening, she greeted Rotarians with a kiss on the cheek. Kieran was also expecting the same greeting. When he did not receive a kiss from Victoria, he asked her, “where’s my kiss?” This cheekiness didn’t stop there! During the fine session, Victoria fined Kieran for his behaviour and explained that she only gives club members a kiss on the cheek. Kieran’s response was: “great, something to look forward to!”

“It’s difficult being an exchange student”

John Dodd fined Kieran on behalf of his new brother, Simen. This past weekend, Simen moved from Casa-Dodd to the Joel’s waterfront home in Meadowbank. Simen had the difficult chore of moving from Kathryn Dodd’s old bedroom into his own private room that is so large that it echoes! Nevertheless, Simen will have to cope with downsizing to a half-size tennis court.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

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February 26th (Sunday)	Days For Girls Ryde Team Workshop 1pm-5pm. Venue TBC.
March 11th (Saturday)	Rotary District Conference Be there or be square!
March 5th (Saturday)	St Ives Food & Wine Festival St Ives Village Green. 10am-4pm.
March 11th (Saturday)	Home Car Heroes 1 Year Anniversary Blenheim Park, North Ryde. 12pm-3pm.
March 18th (Saturday)	Days for Girls Movie Night – Featuring Moana At the Dodds’.

CLUB MEETINGS

February 14th	The Future Workplace – Kathryn Dodd
February 21st	RYLA 2017 – Kieran, Damian & Nicholas
February 28th	Bike Trip Around Australia – Richard Bussell

SIMEN ØIE – FRIDAY NIGHT ROSTER

Simen is being hosted by the Joel family – confirm your plans in advance

February 17th	John & Elinor Higgins
February 24th	Geoff & Janice Brennan
February 31st	Ayesha Jadhvani

ATTENDANCE

Members	Make-Ups	Apologies	Guests	Percentage
25	3	14	6	85%

CLUB MEETING DUTY ROSTER

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

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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!