

# The HUB

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*Don't Forget  
Partners' Night This Week!*



The Newest Ryde Rotarian: Kieran Joel!

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## ROTARY CLUB OF RYDE

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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:**

Rotary Club of Ryde Inc.  
 PO Box 90  
 Ryde NSW 1680

**RSVP GUESTS OR ABSENCES TO JULIE THORP 9871 1109**

March 28<sup>th</sup>

Public Speaking Competition – Partners' Night!

## TONIGHT'S ROSTER

Welcomers	Jan Cutler & Ken Allen
Toast to Rotary	Patrick Longfield
Introduction	Nil
Vote of Thanks	Nil
5 Minute Talk	Nil

## JULES' JEMS

Last week was a hotly contested Irish joke week. There were many laughs and a great time was had by all. Congratulations to Burkhart who won the best joke and for the worst joke it was between the newest Rotarian Kieran and sergeant David. Watch out Kieran you will be fined each week.

This week is the finals of the public speaking competition and we wish the three youngsters all the best for the night. They are all winners in our eyes.

Also this week thirteen of us are attending the Combined Services dinner on Wednesday at Ryde Eastwood Leagues club run by the Lions Club this year and I will report back and let you know how we went next week.

Coming up on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April is our BBQ at Rydalmere Bunnings so there will be a roster going around in the next few weeks if you can help.

## EDITOR'S RIDDLE

With the digits 1 up to 9, you must make 100, using the following rules:

Each digit must be used exactly once.

The only allowed operation is addition.

Two single digits may be combined to form a number (so, for example, 2 and 4 may be combined to 24 or 42).

Two single digits may be combined to form a fraction (so, for example, 2 and 4 may be combined to 2/4 or 4/2).

*Last weeks  
answer:*

*The man leaves  
through the  
magnifying  
glass room at  
night.*



As storms roared through Ryde on Tuesday night, Rotarians and guests joined together for fellowship and a laugh or two. **President Julie Thorp** opened the meeting and welcomed guests: **Andrea and Cosmin Luca, Simen Øie** and for the last time, **Kieran Joel**. As a delicious meal of chicken was served, the Serjeant-at-Arms, **David Johnston**, donned his hat and hustled Kieran to the stage.

Although Kieran had received some teasing by a few Rotarians for his attire (me included), I'm just relieved Kieran didn't wear his work to Rotary. Julie and briefly, **Siri**, inducted Kieran into the Rotary Club of Ryde, under the vocation of Plumbing. He's now the youngest member of the Club and joins the ever-growing number of rowdy younger Rotarians.

Julie announced that not one, but five Rotarians are recent graduates of Rotary Leadership Institute: **Dennise Herrick, Alan Oertel, Grace Moyo, Ayesha Jadhvani** and **myself**. Hopefully the skills and knowledge that we gained from this course can assist to drive the Rotary Club of Ryde in all avenues of service. Perhaps living with a slightly older brother can allow you to take on many activities including ceroc and cycling, but it can also allow you to expand your vocabulary in interesting ways. Firstly, Simen explained how "Kieran and I drove down to the Gong" (Wollongong) along with a few RYLArrians (graduates of RYLA). From there, Simen watched Kieran jump 14000 ft out of a perfectly good plane, from the comfort of the ground, rephrased from the way Simen explained. On Sunday, they visited Nan Tien Temple, the blowhole and Simen's Danish friend, Christian. In Simen's words, "I never see him as he's all the way down in bl&@!# Gong". It's good to see the Australian slang is catching on!

Dennise thanked everyone who attended the Days for Girls movie night, which raised over \$1000 and will keep around 100 girls in school for three years. **PDG John Dodd** echoed this and thanked Kieran and the RYLA participants for raising over \$2300 in fines sessions for Days for Girls. **PP Peter Cooper** highlighted how he joined the **Taffas** in Mudgee last week and have booked rooms for a fellowship weekend on May 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. Put forward your interest now!

The spackle was drawn and there was some confusion between colours. Eventually the winning ticket holder was located: Peter. Unfortunately he didn't draw the pot of gold but claimed the wine. The Serj. fined Patrick for encouraging the primary school students to gain appreciation for the need to recycle, by having this as one of the four speaking topics for the public speaking competition.



**PP Geoff Brennan** bravely wore a red cap with the caption "make America great again". Fittingly, he was fined and should continue to be fined each week for this nonsense! **Stefan Sojka** was fined for his bright green suit; I'm not sure whether it was for being able to find such a suit or for simply rocking the outfit. Kieran was fined for expanding Simen's vocabulary in the ~~English language~~ Australian slang. ~~Donald Trump~~ Geoff fined the Serj. under Section 18c whilst **PP Stephen Thorp** was fined for wearing PLC (girls) socks.

Geoff led the St Patrick's part of the night with a series of short jokes to warm up the crowd. Dennise followed and then PP Ken Allen with not one, but six Irish jokes. Honourable judge Patrick put forth his thoughts that telling more than one joke doesn't increase your chance at winning. The Serj then told a joke which earned some laughs around the room. It was then that **PP Burkhart Foertsch** stepped forward with a joke to tell. The crowd was in tears from laughter and Burkhart struggled to make it through the joke himself, without bursting into laughter. We were then treated to a second joke by Burkhart, resulting in just as many tears and sore stomachs. Kathryn, Alan, **PP Adrian Hallett**, **PE John Brown** and the Pres then all took to the stage to tell their jokes. With an extra joke up his sleeve, the Serj took to the stage to claim victory on the worst joke of the evening. The title was almost stripped from him however when Kieran told his joke. In the end, Judge **PP Duncan Taylor** declared both David Johnston and Kieran as equal prize winners of the worst joke. And it wasn't difficult to guess that Burkhart won best joke of the evening. All prize winners received green-themed chocolate.

Julie ended the meeting with her thought for the week: "I love deadlines. I love the whooshing noise they make as they go by".

<b>March 29<sup>th</sup></b> <b>(Wednesday)</b>	<b>Combined Services Club Dinner</b> Rutledge Room, Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club. 7 pm for 7.30 pm.
<b>April 15<sup>th</sup></b> <b>(Saturday)</b>	<b>Rydalmere Bunning's BBQ</b> Details TBA.
<b>April 26<sup>th</sup></b> <b>(Wednesday)</b>	<b>Ryde Rotary's 71<sup>st</sup> Birthday Party</b> Details TBA.

## GRAHAM METCALFE

All would know that PP Graham Metcalfe is recovering in hospital from a 9 hour surgical procedure to remove and rebuild a cancerous jawbone. PP Duncan Taylor has regularly visited Graham and has kept the meetings well informed. These few notes are to ensure those at home are getting that same information about our good friend and hardworking Rotarian, Graham.

Graham is in Bed 2, Level 8 North, The Chris O'Brien Lifehouse on Carillion Avenue, Camperdown, opposite RPA. There is wonderful parking underneath the building at \$10/hour and more reasonably priced areas adjacent. Follow the signs. Obviously go to visit Graham but it shows no lack of sincerity to enjoy the glass lifts and conceptual "shafts" and the rocket-ride. I've sometimes been late for a visit, joy-riding. It is a magnificent building; a point on which Graham agrees notwithstanding his circumstances.

Graham's operation meant jawbone removal and replacement with bone from the leg and skin from the leg wound being attached inside his mouth. The bone worked but the skin didn't. It was inelastic and was re-grafted back to the leg. Replacement skin came from the arm. Graham's head incision ran from behind his ear, down and around the throat to ascend over his chin and through his bottom lip. Post-surgery was obviously a scene of pipes, hoses, drips and the dreaded trachea tube. I'll leave Graham to expand on those days.

A couple of other hurdles have arisen in what otherwise seems, from a layman's point of view, to be a good recovery. As Duncan explained, the leg re-graft has not been totally successful and Graham now needs to re-learn how to swallow. His nasal feeding tube has been replaced by a direct-injection system to the stomach, fitted during another small operation on Thursday. Any complaints he makes about the food must surely be an affectation as he is bypassing all sensory screening processes.

Graham Metcalfe is a champion in our club but the champion in his life at the moment is Carolyn who keeps home and hearth together and provides company to him every day. As Duncan has suggested, if you are going to visit please give Carolyn a call with a view to providing a lift in to Camperdown as an alternative to the public transport she is using.

Geoff Brennan

## CLUB BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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March 30 <sup>th</sup>	Adrian Hallett – 66 <sup>th</sup> Birthday
April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Lorraine Carroll – Birthday
April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Geoff Brennan – 15 Years in Ryde Rotary
April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bob Carroll – 16 Years in Ryde Rotary
April 4 <sup>th</sup>	Les Whitcroft – 50 Years in Ryde Rotary

## CLUB MEETINGS

March 28 <sup>th</sup>	Schools' Public Speaking Final
April 4 <sup>th</sup>	TBD
April 11 <sup>th</sup>	Country Music – Geoff Williams

## CLUB MEETING DUTY ROSTER

DATE	WELCOMERS	TOAST	INTRO	THANKS	5 MINUTES
Mar 28 <sup>th</sup>	J. Cutler & K. Allen	Patrick Longfield	Nil	Nil	Nil
Apr 4 <sup>th</sup>	P. Cooper & D. Herrick	Rachael Ings	Duncan Taylor	John Brown	Burkhart Foertsch
Apr 11 <sup>th</sup>	I. Henderson & R. Taffa	John Higgins	Kathryn Dodd	Grace Moyo	Elisabeth Curic-Daher
Apr 18 <sup>th</sup>	B. Foertsch & B. Kaye-Smith	Noel Dunn	Victoria Gouel	John Dodd	Bob Carroll

## SIMEN ØIE – FRIDAY NIGHT ROSTER

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

March 31 <sup>st</sup>	Ian & Ruth Henderson
April 7 <sup>th</sup>	Burkhart & Patricia Foertsch
April 14 <sup>th</sup>	Bob & Lorraine Carroll
April 21 <sup>st</sup>	SAFARI

## WE HOPE WE'LL SEE YOU TUESDAY!



If you need to give a late apology for non-attendance at any meeting, please contact President Julie Thorp as early as possible!  
(Monday 10am at the latest)

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As the Club must pay for meals provided, you are expected to pay for your meal if you are absent without apology by 10am Monday

# 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!