

# The HUB

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## RED SHIELD APPEAL VOLUNTEERS

A big thank you to the many students, parents, Rotarians, partners and friends who volunteered their time on Saturday and Sunday

Rotary International President  
**John F. Germ**  
 Rotary Club of Chattanooga



District 9685 Governor  
**Bruce Lakin**  
 R. C. of Northern Beaches

## ROTARY CLUB OF RYDE

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### AVENUES

**Community Service** \_\_\_\_\_ Adrian Hallett  
**International Service** \_\_\_\_\_ Dennise Herrick  
**Vocational Service** \_\_\_\_\_ Ken Allen  
**Youth Service** \_\_\_\_\_ Patrick Longfield

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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**

**May 30<sup>th</sup>****Ryde Police Awards Night****TONIGHT'S ROSTER**

<b>Welcomers</b>	Noel Dunn & Dennise Herrick
<b>Toast to Rotary</b>	Stephen Thorp
<b>Introduction</b>	Ken Allen
<b>Vote of Thanks</b>	Geoff Brennan
<b>5 Minute Talk</b>	-

**JULES' JEMS****Fellows**

Last week it was great to learn a little more about how the Days for Girls project is working in Cambodia. This is such a worthwhile project, and I am proud of what is happening to help those young girls.

On Sunday we were out collecting money for The Salvation Army. We had over 100 students from James Ruse assisting us in this mammoth effort. Thank you to the Rotarians who gave up their time to drive these young volunteers around while they collected. We were able to collect over \$11,000 in donations over the two days.

This week we have an Important night where we celebrate the NSW Police Force by presenting awards to three of our men and women in blue, and name the Police Officer of the Year for our area. Thank you to Inspector Michael Dawson for his support and to Stephen Thorp who has worked extremely hard on this project to make the night a success. It is sure to be a great night for all.

**President Julie****EDITOR'S RIDDLE**

There were 5 children in a room. Iris drew a picture, Barry played video games, Andrew played chess, and Trina read a book.

What is the fifth child, Mindy, doing?

*Last week's answer: A Secret*



After months of heartache and separation, which felt more like years, Rotarians were finally reunited with an old friend. But before the fish n'chips was served, **President Julie Thorp** opened the meeting. Our esteemed Serjeant-at-Arms was perhaps confused with his arms, toasting (his microphone) to Rotary International and the Rotary Club of Ryde.

Julie called **PP Burkhart Foertsch** to the front to highlight just some of the incredible ventures he has undertaken. Burkhart, who was born in Germany in 1941, didn't meet his father until the age of 14. His father, who was a German General during WW2, was captured in Stalingrad and chose to stay with his men as a prisoner of war until release. Burkhart studied electrical engineering and joined the armed forces after school whilst his father was Chief of the whole German army. With this immense pressure, Burkhart chose to move back to Paris and work in a tourist hotel. He also taught German to students. He then moved to Spain, where he met his now wife, Patricia, the reason for Burkhart's arrival to Australia. Once living in the land-down-under, Burkhart undertook many different positions and choices of study: hotel and catering management, managerial positions in restaurants, and food services manager for the NSW Government, to name a few. He established a small chocolatier business, but sold this when times were tough in the GFC. From there, Burkhart became a tour bus driver and guide for tourists, studied a Bachelor of Arts and Diploma of Education and taught languages in several high schools. What an amazing and fulfilling journey!

**Dennise Herrick** announced that thanks to some eager trivia-goers, the North Rocks Rotary Club Days for Girls trivia night raised over \$2600. What truly shows the generosity of Rotarians is the fact that the Rotary Club of Carlingford is donating a further \$2000! **PP Patrick Longfield** called for volunteers for RYDA on June 14<sup>th</sup> whilst **PP Peter Cooper** sadly announced that Mudgee will be postponed until a later date. **Grace Moyo** updated everyone on her whirlwind holiday and presented Julie with a club banner from the Stockholm International Rotary Club.

Cards weren't feeling the love for **PP Geoff Brennan** tonight, pulling out the 2 of hearts and not the joker. He did share the love however, by presenting his winning wine to **PP Ross Rocca**. Those in the room not wearing a badge were fined. Grace was fined for returning from her trip whilst the Serj couldn't avoid a fine for inappropriate microphone use during the toast. A sneaky change of attire meant that **Val Payne** was no longer de-badged. She tried to claim her fine money back, but sadly could not convince the Serj to return her \$50 note. After the winning trivia table representatives had been fined, it seemed only fair for **Alan Oertel** to (daringly) fine our President and her other half, for losing. **PDG John Dodd** - we'll get you next week!



Dennise introduced our guest speaker for the evening, **Fay Kitto**, a Rotarian from North Rocks Rotary Club. Fay, along with three other Rotarians visited Cambodia; they joined an even larger team of volunteers from SewAid and Sustainable Cambodia. Thanks for the Ryde Rotary Club \$4000 donation and a matching District Grant, a team of skilled sewers in Cambodia have been provided the skills to make the Days for Girls kits. These kits will not just help to keep girls in school, but they will provide education and empowerment.

Julie ended the meeting with her thought for the week: "perfection is not attainable, but if we chase perfection, we can catch excellence".

## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

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**June 14<sup>th</sup>  
(Wednesday)**

**RYDA – Rotary Youth Driver Awareness**  
Sydney Olympic Park. Volunteers needed. Speak to Patrick.

**July 1<sup>st</sup>  
(Saturday)**

**Rotary District 9685 Changeover**  
Hornsby RSL. 6.00pm for 6.30 pm. \$55 pp including 2 course dinner.

**July 11<sup>th</sup>  
(Tuesday)**

**Ryde Rotary Club Changeover**  
North Ryde RSL. Details to follow

## CLUB BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

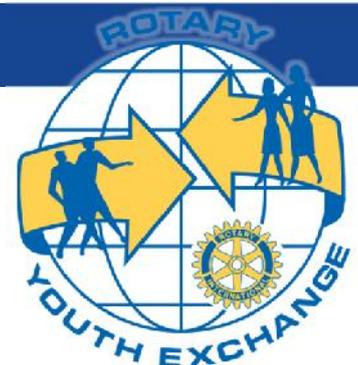
**June 3<sup>rd</sup> Carolyn Metcalfe - Birthday!**



## HOST FAMILY REQUEST

Calling all Rotarians and friends! Can you or someone you know host our incoming exchange student for three months?

Please contact Rachael, preferably by email.



<b>May 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Ryde Police Awards Night – Partner’s Night!</b>
<b>June 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Country Music Part 2 – Geoff Williams (Wear your hats!)</b>
<b>June 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Simen’s Farewell Exchange Talk – Partners’ Night</b>
<b>June 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Philately – Patrick Longfield</b>

**SERGEANT’S FINE OF THE WEEK**



**“OMG... Did I really Do That?” Award**  
 The sergeant has slipped up, and didn’t it bring a laugh? Instead of toasting Rotary with a drink, the sergeant mistakenly toasted Rotary by almost drinking the microphone. If you look at it another way, yours truly was using his drink as a microphone.

**CLUB MEETING DUTY ROSTER**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>WELCOMERS</b>	<b>TOAST</b>	<b>INTRO</b>	<b>THANKS</b>	<b>5 MINUTES</b>
<b>June 6<sup>th</sup></b>	J. Dodd & B. Carroll	Burkhart Foertsch	Allen Horrell	Bob Kaye-Smith	Tony Abboudd
<b>June 13<sup>th</sup></b>	A. Hallett & R. Rocca	Duncan Taylor	-	Julie Thorp	Katherine Dodd



**Beautiful  
 The Carole King Musical**

**Greetings Ryde Rotarians and Friends!**  
**John Dodd has secured some tickets for this much-awaited performance at the Lyric Theatre.**  
**Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2018 at 3pm**  
**Row Q (extra leg room, and right in the centre)**  
**\$120 each, express interest now and pay in December!**  
**Contact John Dodd to organise your tickets 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!