



The Racing Wheel

The Rotary Club of Bathurst East Inc NSW Australia.
Bathurst East: The Friendly Club

Building Better Communities



Week Ending 10th February 2015

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Last week @ Rotary:

International Toast



The International Toast was presented by PHF Bill Dickie. The toast this week was to the Rotary Club of Cobourg, Ontario, Canada in Rotary district 7070. Rotary district 7070 has 54 clubs with 2060 members.

The Club received its charter in 1921 with 23 charter members and currently, has 105 members who meet each Friday at 12:15pm in the Best Western Cobourg Inn (pictured far right above). For further details, please refer to Bill's notes as attached.

Thank you Bill.

General Business

1. We welcomed several visitors to our meeting this week: Alex Kruczaj, Blayne and Assistant District Governor, Celia van der Zwaag (Oberon) and Merryn Sweeney.
2. Alex addressed the meeting briefly urging all those who can attend, to attend the District Conference being held in Cowra next month. He also advised he will not be standing for ADG at this year's conference. Garry Roberts will be the new DG.
3. PP Bob Newton advised the van at the swap meet last Sunday was very successful with sales totalling a very credible \$ 3,035.00.
4. PP Steph Brown followed up on her suggestion of last week regarding a car rally. Idea well received with the rally to be held on Sunday 3rd May next. List to be compiled at next week's meeting of those who may wish to participate.
5. Rtn Graeme Bright advised he had received a card from Samantha Talbot who is currently in Nepal. Interact to be functioning again at the end of this month.
6. As the auction/market days are on, the van will be at the showground on Sunday, 8th February next.

Three Minuter

The "Three Minuter" this week was presented by PP Greg Madden who read a poem by his favourite poet, one John O'Brien. O'Brien was in fact, Patrick Joseph Hartigan (1878-1952), a Catholic priest, born on 13 October 1878 at O'Connell Town, Yass, New South Wales.



Encouraged by George Robertson, C. J. Dennis and others, Hartigan published *Around the Boree Log and Other verses*, under his pseudonym in November 1921. Recording with humour and pathos the lively faith, solid piety and everyday lives of the people around him, Hartigan successfully combined the old faith of Ireland with the mateship and ethos of the bush, towards the end of an age when the small selectors and squatters went by sulky or 'shandrydan' to 'The Church Upon the Hill'. This being the poem which tickled Greg's fancy the most and which began:

'We'll all be rooned', said Hanrahan,
In accents most forlorn,
Outside the church, ere Mass began,
One frosty Sunday morn."

An interesting discourse from Greg.

Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker this week was Mick Sloan, the newly appointed Headmaster at the Kelso High School. Mick was introduced to the meeting by fellow teacher, PP Stephanie Brown.



Mick began his talk by saying society truly depends on organizations such as Rotary due to the contribution they may to society, with Rotary assisting in "molding" him in his early days when he was an attendee at RYLA, forgoing his university graduation ceremony to be there.

As confirmed by Mick and as reported in the "Western Advocate" edition of 8 November 2014, "Mick Sloan has been part of the local community for 20 years, but he has never worked in Bathurst.

"Instead, he has made the weekly commute between Bathurst and schools in surrounding areas to follow his life-long passion – teaching.

Now, after two decades, he can settle into working in the place he calls home."

Mick went on to give details of his past teaching assignments, his love for teaching, AFL and his family, overcoming many traumas along the way including (in 2004) fighting cancer.

He stated his greatest reward from teaching is the long term connections he has with many of his former students.

At the conclusion of his talk, Rtn Graeme Bright presented Mick with one of our well educated, highly disciplined "cirkus" for real, coffee mugs.



Treasurer's Report

Bathurst East Rotary Club Inc.

Treasurers Report 30th January 2015

Service Account; No. 234072

Opening Balance	\$6,464.02
Income	\$ 860.00
Expenditure	<u>\$1,500.00</u>
Closing Balance	\$5,842.02

General Account; No. 234195

Opening Balance	\$3,748.48
Income	\$2,722.20
Expenditure	<u>\$1,218.00</u>
Closing Balance	\$5,252.68

Food Van Account; No. 313352

Opening Balance	\$2,339.87
Income	\$ 208.55
Expenditure	<u>\$ 418.30</u>
Closing Balance	\$2,130.12

Transfer \$451.51 to Maintenance Account

Transfer \$595.46 to Service Account

Other Funds \$300.00 Food Van Float - \$300.00 Cash Tin Float

OTHER; Community Cash Reserve a/c 032814 \$4,598.43 (Food Van Maintenance A/c)

Community Solutions Investment a/c \$5,220.00 (Service account reserve, matures March)

RYDA Working Account 032814. \$364.12 Held in trust

Brian Burke. Hon Treasurer

Thought of the Week

The thought this week, was to be presented by PP Doug Coates, but rather than giving a "thought" he strongly suggested the fryers in the van be repaired well before the next market day.

While not a thought in the strictest sense, a great idea nonetheless.

Next week 11th February @ Rotary

Registrar: Tony Pollard

Guest Speaker: Terry Mahony

Greeter/3 Minuter: Doug Barnes Thought for the Week: Kathy Woodley

And the Following week 18th February @ Rotary

Registrar: Chris Olson

Guest Speaker: Peter Keith

Greeter/3 Minuter: Graeme Bright Thought for the Week: Luis Hernandez

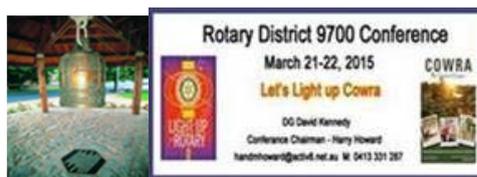
Van Roster – 8th February

Morning: Terry Mahony, Graeme Bright, Maree Richards

Afternoon: Kathy Woodley Bob Newton, Doug Coates

District 9700 Rotary Conference *Shine a Light on Rotary!*

Reminder - the next conference for Rotary District 9700 will be held March 21-22 in Cowra. District Conference is a great opportunity to socialise with Club Members and their partners, meet new Rotarians, hear from some inspirational speakers and all round have a great time.



Question. Did you attend another Rotary meeting or participate in a Rotary project or activity? Please advise **all Rotary make-ups** to **Alan Petersen**.

Fellows please find a replacement if you are unable to fulfill your rostered duty.

In order to let our members know in advance the subject your guest speaker will be presenting, kindly provide the Bulletin Editor with relevant details at least a week in

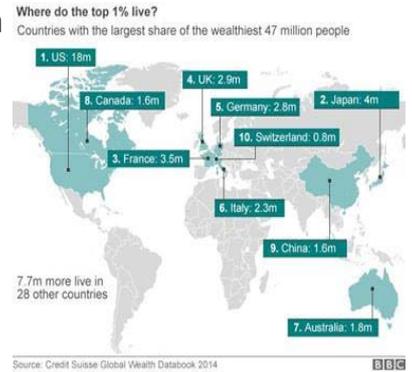
advance (two weeks preferably) so particulars can be published ahead of time.

Where do the top 1% live?

You may not be surprised that you are you one of the wealthiest 1% in the world! The latest Credit Suisse Global Wealth Report shows Australia is a lucky country and ranked 2nd behind Switzerland with average adult wealth of \$430,000 (financial wealth + non-financial wealth less debt). However, you may be surprised at some of the findings

http://www.bbc.com/news/magazine-30949796#story_continues_2

Fortunately, wealth brings opportunities that allows Rotarians to help those less fortunate than ourselves with generous donations of time and money to deserving causes.



Don't Forget!

Membership Fees are now due!



Last reminder – if you haven't as yet delivered a \$100.00 note to our intrepid Treasurer, please do so **NOW**. Merci Beaucoup.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Please join us with best wishes to:

- 01 Feb John Martin - Birthday
- 13 Feb Brian & Esma Burke - Anniversary
- 23 Feb Dick & Ginger Crossing - Anniversary



Other events and more!

Sun 08 Feb	Bathurst 12 Hour Car Race
Sun 08 Feb	Food Van – Showground Markets
Mon 16 Mar	RYDA Commences, ends Fri 20 Mar
Sat 21 Mar	District Conference Cowra
Fri 03 Apr	Bathurst Motor Festival – Mt Panorama
Sun 12 Apr	Rotary Club of Daybreak – B2B Cycling Event
Fri 17 Apr	Royal Bathurst Show commences
Sat 18 Apr	Dinner – Combined Service Clubs of Bathurst
Sun 03 May	Car Rally – Bathurst east Rotary Club
Thu 07 May	Bathurst Bi Centenary – Local Event Day

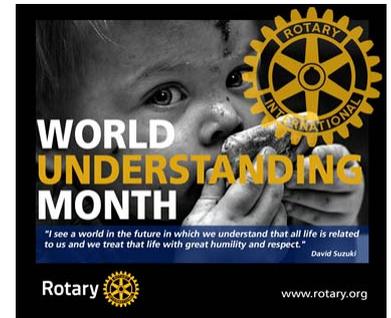


February is Rotary World Understanding Month

Rotary's focus this month is the World Understanding.

What can you do as a Rotarian that shows your local community how you demonstrate a practical support for international understanding in these difficult times when we face so many potential tensions between various cultures and countries?

Remember, 23rd February - Rotary's 110th Anniversary.



Interesting photos department..... 





I have good news.

It turns out that you're the good boy, yes you are.

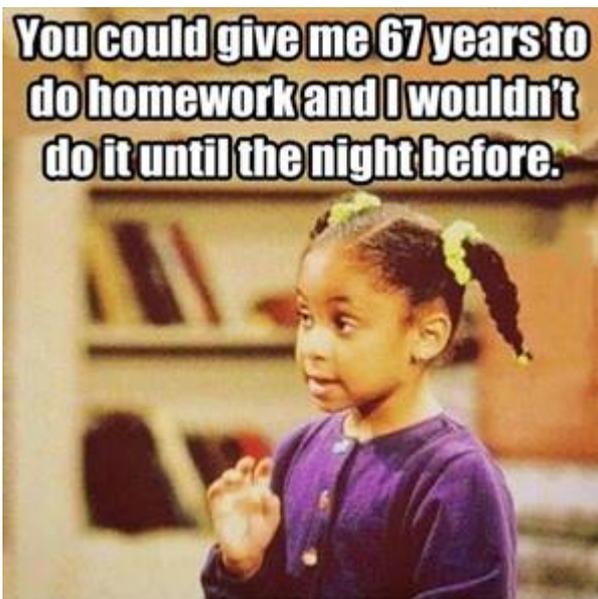


I thought you left for work



THIS IS VERY INTERESTING

PLEASE TELL US MORE



You could give me 67 years to do homework and I wouldn't do it until the night before.



FROM NOW ON I'M A STRONG, INDEPENDENT, SINGLE WOMAN & I FOCUS ON MYSELF ONLY

OH LOOK, A GUY!



LIQUI-MOLY –

BATHURST 12 HOUR

Yes, it's on again – from 6th to 8th February at the iconic Mt Panorama Circuit.

The following is courtesy of the event organiser, Yeehah Pty Limited:

THEY MAY NOT be fighting for outright victory, but that doesn't mean the battle for class honours in the 2015 Liqui-Moly Bathurst 12 hour will be any less competitive.

Five classes make up the 54-car entry list, featuring three GT categories and a pair of invitational classes designed to allow in a wide array of endurance-racing machinery from around the world.

Entry lists for two of the three GT classes and both Invitational categories have been confirmed with each class set to deliver their own highly competitive 'race within a race' on Sunday, February 8.

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE CURRENT ENTRY LIST.](#)

The 29-car field set to battle for the outright Liqui-Moly Bathurst 12 Hour will be officially confirmed closer to the Event week.

11 cars make up Class B, designed solely for Porsche's venerable GT3 Cup and Cup S models.



TIME TO LAUGH, CRY, OR BE DISGUSTED

RESPECT THE LAW

A farmer named Bruce had a car accident, he was hit by a truck owned by the Fosters brewery. In court, the Fosters' hot-shot solicitor was questioning Bruce.

'Didn't you say to the police at the scene of the accident, 'I'm fine?' asked the solicitor.

Bruce responded: 'Well, I'll tell you what happened. I'd just loaded my cow into the... '

'I didn't ask for any details', the solicitor interrupted. 'Just answer the question. Did you not say, at the scene of the accident, 'I'm fine!'?'

Bruce said, 'Well, I'd just got the cow into the trailer and I was drivin' down the road.... '

The solicitor interrupted again and said: 'Your Honour, I am trying to establish the fact that, at the scene of the accident, this man told the police on the scene that he was fine. Now several weeks after the accident, he is trying to sue my client. I believe he is a fraud. Please tell him to simply answer the question.'

By this time, the Judge had become fairly interested in Bruce's answer and said to the solicitor: 'I'd like to hear what he has to say about his cow'.

Bruce thanked the Judge and proceeded. 'Well as I was saying, I had just loaded the cow into de trailer to take her to the Ekka in Brissie and was drivin' her down the road when this huge Foster's truck and trailer came thundering through a stop sign and hit me trailer right in the side. I was thrown into one

ditch and the cow was thrown into the ditch on the other side of the road. By crikey I was hurt, very bad, and didn't want to move. However, I could hear my cow moanin' and groanin'. I knew she was in terrible pain just by her groans.

'Shortly after the accident, a cop on a motorbike turned up. He could hear my cow moanin' and groanin' too, so he went over to her. After he looked at her, and saw her condition, he took out his gun and shot her right between the eyes.

"Then the cop came across de road, gun still in hand and smoking, looked at me, and said, 'How are you feeling?'

'Now what the @#&*! heck would you say'?

LAWYERS AND HEAVEN

A devout, good couple were about to get married, but a tragic car accident ended their lives. When they got to heaven, they asked St. Peter if he could arrange for them to be married, saying it was what they had hoped for in life, and they still desired wedded union.

He thought about it and agreed, but said they would have to wait. It was almost one hundred years later when St. Peter sent for them. They were married in a simple ceremony.

So things went on for thirty years or so, but they determined, in this time, that eternity was best not spent together. They went back to St. Peter, and said, "We thought we would be happy forever, but now we believe that we have irreconcilable differences. Is there any way we can get divorced?"

"Are you kidding?" said St. Peter. "It took me a hundred years to get a priest up here to marry you. I'll never get a lawyer."

One from Terry Mahoney for those thinking of becoming a police officer:

Police Officer Test

How do you tell the difference between an British (Australian?) Police Officer, a Canadian Police Officer, an American Police Officer and a Scottish police officer? The answer is found below. I just know this question has been on your minds for years!

QUESTION: You're a policeman, on duty by yourself. You are walking on a deserted street late at night. Suddenly, an armed man with a huge knife comes around the corner, locks eyes with you and screaming something that sounds like obscenities, raises the knife and lunges at you. You are carrying your gun and are an expert in using it. However, you have only a split second to react before he reaches you. What do you do?

ANSWER

British (Australian) Police Officer:

- > Firstly, the Officer must consider the man's human rights.
- > 1) Does the man look poor and/or oppressed?
- > 2) Is he newly arrived in this country and does not yet understand the law?
- > 3) Is this really a knife or a ceremonial dagger?
- > 4) Have I ever done anything to him that would inspire him to attack?
- > 5) Am I dressed provocatively?
- > 6) Could I run away?
- > 7) Could I possibly swing my gun and knock the knife out of his hand?
- > 8) Should I try and negotiate with him to discuss his wrong-doings?
- > 9)? Why am I carrying a gun anyway and what kind of message does this send to society?
- > 10) Does he definitely want to kill me or would he be content just to wound me?
- > 11) If I were to grab his knees and hold on, would he still want to stab and kill me?
- > 12) If I raise my gun and he turns and runs away, do I get blamed if he falls over, knocks his head and kills himself??
- > 13) If I hurt him and lose the subsequent court case, does he have the opportunity to sue me, cost me my job, my credibility and the loss of my family home?

Canadian Police Officer:

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American Police Officer:

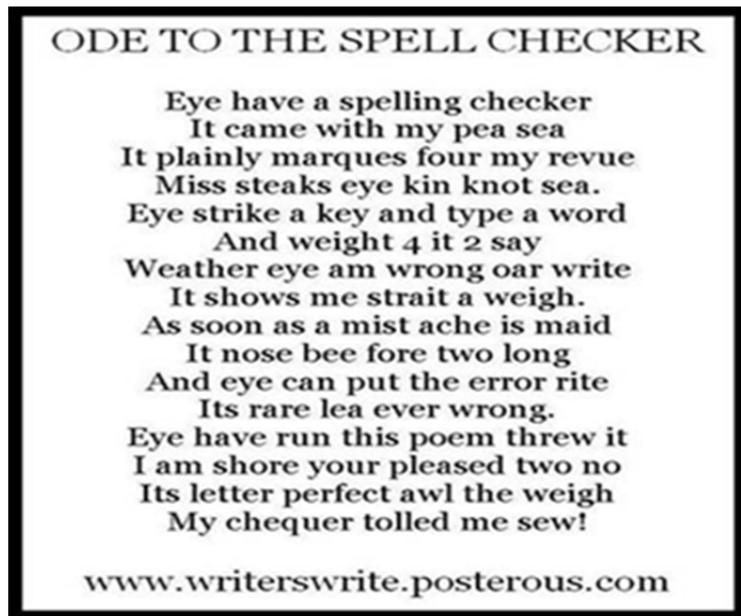
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Glasgow Police Officer:

"Haw, Jimmie....! Drop the wee knifie reet this minute noo, unless ye want it stuck up yer ar*e!"

One to send Greg mad, courtesy also of Terry:



And a last one from Terry:

A young doctor had moved out to a small community to replace a doctor who was retiring.

The older doctor suggested that the young one accompany him on his rounds, so the community could become used to a new doctor.

At the first house a woman complains, "I've been a little sick to my stomach."

The older doctor says, "Well, you've probably been overdoing the fresh fruit. Cut back on the amount you've been eating and see if that does the trick?"

As they left, the younger man said, "You didn't even examine that woman? How did you come to the diagnosis so quickly?"

"You noticed I dropped my stethoscope on the floor in there? Well, when I bent over to pick it up, I noticed a half dozen banana peels in the trash. That was what probably was making her sick."

The younger doctor said, "Pretty clever! If you don't mind, I think I'll try that at the next house."

Arriving at the next house, they spent several minutes talking with a younger woman. She said that she just didn't have the energy she once did and said, "I'm feeling terribly run down lately."

"You've probably been doing too much for the Church," the younger doctor told her. "Perhaps you should cut back a bit and see if that helps."

As they left, the older doctor said, "I know that woman well. Your diagnosis is almost certainly correct, she's very active in the church but how did you arrive at it?"

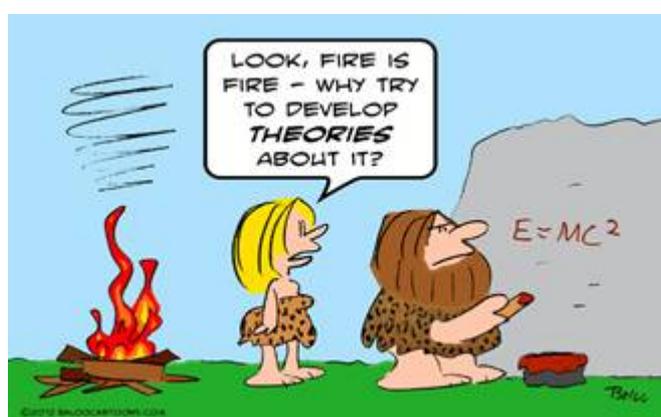
"I did what you did at the last house.

"I dropped my stethoscope and, when I bent down to retrieve it, I noticed the priest under the bed".

Thank you Terry.



Cartoon Corner



"You caught a virus from your computer and we had to erase your brain. I hope you've got a back-up copy!"

"I've always been a high achiever, always striving for bigger, faster, greater...and now suddenly I'm expected to settle for lower blood pressure and less cholesterol?!"



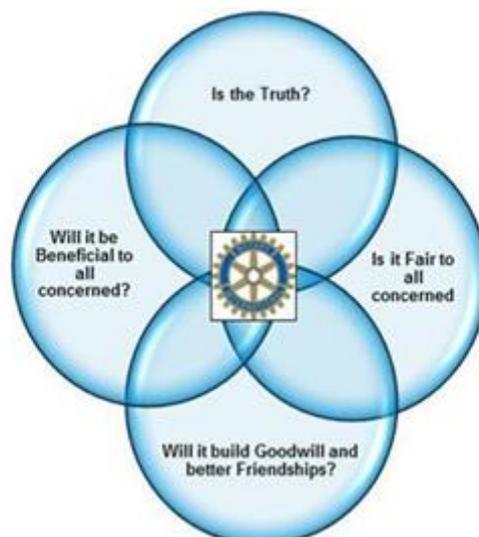


"Actually, it's a quite routine operation — would you like to make it more interesting?"



Message from the Rotary Club of Orange North - they are having an event on Thursday night the 19th February, with all proceeds are to go to Polio Plus. Please refer to the information sheet attached.

FOUR-WAY TEST
Of the things we think, say or do



THAT'S IT FOR THIS WEEK, SEE YOU AGAIN NEXT WEEK



Tony Pollard – Editor

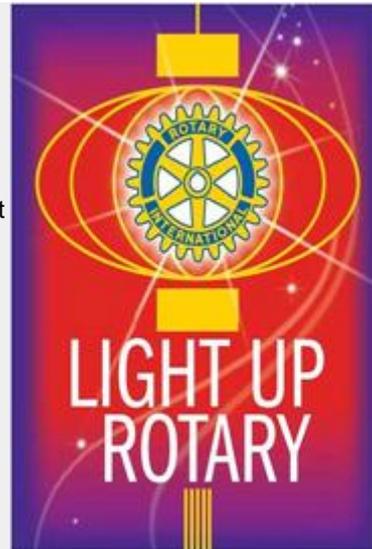
What is Rotary?

Rotary is ordinary people around the world sharing their professional skills and working together in a social environment to build better communities.

We operate as a Club with weekly meetings developed around a guest speaker or special event where business, community and service issues are discussed in an interactive and relaxed atmosphere.

Come and join us:

Wednesday evenings 6.00 for 6.30pm at Bathurst RSL Club
Rankin Street, Bathurst, NSW 2795 Australia



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