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The Rotary Club of Bathurst East Inc NSW Australia.
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Last week @ Rotary 13th May

Visitors

Tonight we welcomed Wendy Hastings and Pieta Thornton from VWCCS (Victims & Witnesses of Crime Court Support) to our meeting with Wendy and Pieta also acting as our guest speakers. Cassandra Talbot was also welcomed back as a visitor.

International Toast



The International Toast was again this week presented by PHF and Sergeant Bill Dickie. This week's toast was to the Rotary Club of Los Alamos, of New Mexico, USA, in Rotary district 5520, which has 71 Clubs with 2660 members. The Rotary Club of Los Alamos currently has 66 members who meet at 11:45am each Tuesday at the Dixie Girl restaurant (pictured above right).

The Club supports monthly food drives, library beautification and maintaining a memorial garden. For more information, please refer to the copy of Bill's notes as attached. Thank you Bill.

General Business

1. Van – very successful three days with \$ 4,000.00 banked, and expenses of \$ 1,045.00. Special thanks to both Merran Olson and President Peter Keith for being in attendance all three days. They certainly set a great example for all of us.



*Thank heavens the three men were there
To tell Merran what to do!!*

2. Thank you note received from the NRMA CCC rally for the food provided per our Van during last week's rally. Our efforts were greatly appreciated.
3. Best wishes extended to Jan Madden for her coming operation. We will all be thinking of Jan and Greg during this time.
4. Bob Newton and Chris Olson spoke in favour of our Club applying to Bunnings for a date for our Club to operate the BBQ and Bunnings. Bob offered to table the appropriate application form at next week's meeting. Meeting agreed to support this proposal.
5. District Assembly, West Wyalong: Tony Pollard and Kathy Woodley gave a quick rundown on their respective experiences at the West Wyalong session. One of the more important items of information received was clarification of the PHF to be presented by the wife of the District Governor during the DG's visit in August.
The idea is for the Club to select a past or present member's wife, spouse, girlfriend or whatever being a person who has contributed much to the Club over many years, but whose efforts have never been officially recognised. That person to receive the PHF with the cost of the award going to the charity selected by the DG's wife. This idea is well worthy of support. Suggestions please.



Three Minuter



The "Three Minuter" this week was presented by Cassandra Talbot. Cass who is well known to our Club was named as Bathurst's 2015 "Young Person of the Year" recently and is one of our visitors tonight.

Cass recently returned from her travels to Nepal and spoke of the recent earthquake which has affected Nepal in such a bad way as well as how upsetting it was for Cass to not only find out the devastating effects of the earthquake but also its effect on her Nepalese "family".

Nepal being a very mountainous country has only poorly built houses and buildings and even those using concrete in their construction, have only bamboo supports. Consequently entire villages built on hillsides have all be wiped out leaving no trace.

Temples and other buildings that have stood for hundreds of years were reduced to rubble in minutes and even worse, was the tremendous loss of human life.

While many may have physically survived, they have been severely mentally scarred.

To raise funds to help those so affected, Cass has organised a fund raiser, "Project Nepal". The event will be held in the Bathurst Girl Guide Hall on Friday, 29 May next commencing 7:30pm. There is an entrance fee being charged of only \$ 10.00 per person. For bookings, please 'phone 0417 950 014. You are asked to support Cass' project if you possibly can.

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Guest Speakers



This week we had the great honour of having two guest speakers, Pieta Thornton OAM (pictured above left), founder of "Victims & Witnesses of Crime Court Support", and Dr Wendy Hastings (pictured to the right of Pieta), one of the many volunteers who have "signed on" with VWCCS.

Pieta and Wendy were introduced to the meeting by Rtn Graeme Bright, with Pieta giving a Power Point presentation on VWCCS, what it does, its beginnings and where it is now.

As VWCCS' own web page states: "VWCCS Inc is an independent agency consisting of experienced court support volunteers that prepare and support victims and witnesses who are required to testify in court. This work includes explaining court processes to victims and witnesses, informing individuals of their rights under the Charter of Victims' Rights, accompanying and supporting victims/witnesses during any conferences relating to the crime, explaining legal terminology, liaising with the Prosecutor and Police, supporting victims/witnesses before, during and after they give their evidence in court, providing information about, and assistance with, drafting Victim Impact Statements and providing information regarding compensation for victims of serious crime."

The organisation started in 2006 and has evolved to become a vital "cog" in the wheels of justice in NSW, winning many awards including the "2014 PM Volunteer Team of the Year".

VWCCS now has 140 volunteers offering services in the Downing Centre Sydney, Children's Court Mildura, the local and district Courts Parramatta, Orange, Waverly and Bathurst courts.

VWCCS can't however give legal advice to any person and can't discuss evidence with victims or witnesses, but can sit in the witness box to give comfort during the court proceedings.

Wendy is one of the 140 volunteers, and had to undergo extensive training which included eight days of face to face training followed by a minimum of 20 hours being in court as an observer.

The organisation is self-funded enabling it to maintain its flexibility and autonomy although volunteers pay a membership fee of \$ 30.00 per annum. For further details, please go to: www.vwccs.org.au.

At the conclusion of their talk, Rtn Celia van der Zwaag presented Pieta and Wendy with another of our independently funded, corruption cleared, not guilty coffee mugs.

Thought of the Week

The thought this week was presented by Rtn Doug Barnes:

"If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything".

So true Doug, thank you.

Next week @ Rotary 20th May

Registrar: **Matt Casey** Guest Speaker: **Greg Madden**
Greeter/3 Minuter: **Alan Petersen** Thought for the Week: **Graeme Bright**



Our guest speaker for May 20th is Luke Heunks from Coffee Clinic, Bathurst. Luke will tell all about how to make good coffee at home. So come along and learn all about how to get that great cup.

And the week after that: 27th May @ Rotary

Registrar: Greg Madden **Guest Speaker:** Brian Burke
Greeter/3 Minuter: Merran Olson **Thought for the Week:** Bill Dickie

Our guest speaker on the 27th will be Colin Frost, retired Health Inspector and now the “potpourri” of food. The what? Be there on the 27th when Brian introduces Col to us to find out.

Future Guest Speaker: Chris Olson has been able to secure Bathurst’s Mayor, Cr Gary Rush as our special guest speaker for Wednesday 24 June. Note your diary.

Now that we have had Paul Toole, our State member, the Mayor on June 27 next, anyone asking our Federal Member to come along and complete the trifecta? Geoff Fry perhaps?

Van Roster:

7th June Morning: Wayne Aitcheson, Terry Mahony, Brian Burke
 Afternoon: Luis Hernandez, Greg Madden, Celia va der Zwaag

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 fulfil your rostered duty.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

May 9 Lorraine Fry – Birthday
May 11 Christine Mahony – Birthday
May 18 Esma Burke - Birthday



Other events and more!

Wed 01 July **Changeover Dinner – Rydges Mt Panorama**
Wed 09 Sept **District Governor’s Official Visit & Ladies Night**



May is Rotary International Projects

Rotary's focus this month is International Projects. Rotarians are improving lives in communities around the world every day through thousands of service projects.



You can browse a few of these wonderful projects on Rotary Showcase at www.rotary.org/en/showcase

- Building toilets in Nepal
- Providing breakfast in Philippines
- Scholarships to study conflict resolution
- Dental treatment in Timor Leste

Legal department



Making a will

Any person (married or single) over the age of 18 and who has the mental capacity to understand what is being done should make a will. Making a valid will is the only way people can be sure that their property is distributed according to their wishes after their death. Where there is any doubt about a person's mental capacity, it is wise to consult the person's doctor.

Executors

Any person over the age of 18 years can be appointed executor of a will. It is usual to choose family members or friends to be executors of a will and it is important to choose someone who is thorough and trustworthy. An executor is responsible for seeing that the terms of the will are carried out.

Being an executor may involve any or all of the following duties:

- Making funeral arrangements
- Disposing of the remains of the testator (person who has made the will)
- Applying for a certified copy of the death certificate from the Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages
- Locating and identifying property belonging to the testator.
- Applying for probate (refer SIS fact sheet Estates and Probate).

The executor is also responsible for attending to all financial matters, such as funeral expenses, legal and taxation costs and any other outstanding debts.

Making your intentions clear

A will does not need to use special words. It is very important, however, that the will is worded in clear, unambiguous language. Someone experienced in drafting wills can assist you to make your intentions clear to minimize the possibility of disputes arising subsequently regarding your wishes.

Preparing a will

There is no legal requirement that a lawyer must prepare a will, but it is recommended to employ someone with legal knowledge. The Public Trustee prepares wills free of charge if named as sole executor or co-executor. Private trustee companies prepare wills for a cost and prefer to be named as executor. All trustees charge a commission to administer an estate.

The cost of administering an estate can often be much higher than the cost of making a will. Anyone considering drawing up their own will needs to ensure that all formal legal requirements are met. If this is not done, the will may be invalid and they may die intestate (i.e. without a legal will).

Valid wills

Normally, for a will to be valid it must be in writing, be signed by the testator in the presence of 2 witnesses (both present at the same time) and then signed by the witnesses in the presence of the testator.

It is legal for a will to be witnessed by a beneficiary or a beneficiary's spouse, but it is preferable to avoid this situation, particularly if there is a possibility that the will may be contested.

Changing a will

Anyone whose circumstances have changed – perhaps through marriage, the birth of children, divorce, remarriage or the death of a close relative, for example – should make a new will. Married or de-facto couples should make sure both partners make a will. Note that all jointly-owned assets automatically revert to the surviving co-owner.

When a will needs updating, it is best to make a new will but it can also be updated by adding a codicil to the will. A codicil is an addition, in a separate document, to an earlier will.

Cancelling or revoking a will

A testator who wants to replace, or stop the operation of an existing will should be sure that the existing will is revoked or cancelled. This can be done in several ways. It is best to make a new will containing a revocation clause that states clearly that all previous wills are revoked. An example of a simple revocation clause is: 'I revoke all former testamentary dispositions'.

A will can be revoked by tearing it up or otherwise destroying it, provided it is with the intention of revoking the will. The testator must do this or the testator can ask someone else to do it. Where a will has been revoked by means of a legal document revoking the will, destruction or marriage, a person will die intestate unless a new will is made.

Where to keep a will

A will should be kept in a safe place. There should not be a duplicate of the will made, but only one original signed copy. Photocopies may be made in case the original is lost. A note should be made on the copy of where the will is kept and the executor(s) informed of its location. Banks and insurance companies hold wills, usually for a small charge. Trustee companies will usually only hold a will if they are named as an executor. Lawyers will usually hold a will if they have prepared it for a client, even if they are not named as executors.

The content of this article is intended to provide a general guide to the subject matter. Specialist advice should be sought about your specific circumstances.



Interesting 'photos  *department (with thanks to Terry Mahony)*



Now, the saddest one of all.....(what happened???).....



TIME TO LAUGH, CRY, OR BE DISGUSTED

A few thoughts from our Secretary, Lee Rayner -

Rules To Live By

- 1. Never, under any circumstances, take a sleeping pill and a laxative on the same night.*
- 2. Don't worry about what people think, they don't do it very often.*
- 3. Going to church doesn't make you a Christian anymore than standing in a garage makes you a car.*
- 4. Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.*
- 5. If you must choose between two evils, pick the one you've never tried before.*
- 6. My idea of housework is to sweep the room with a glance.*
- 7. Not one shred of evidence supports the notion that life is serious.*
- 8. A person, who is nice to you, but rude to the waiter, is not a nice person. (This is very important. Pay attention! It never fails.)*
- 9. For every action, there is an equal and opposite government program.*
- 10. If you look like your passport picture, you probably need the trip.*
- 11. Bills travel through the mail at twice the speed of checks.*
- 12. A conscience is what hurts when all of your other parts feel so good.*

13. *Eat well, stay fit, die anyway.*
14. *Men are from earth. Women are from earth. Deal with it.*
15. *No man has ever been shot while doing the dishes.*
16. *A balanced diet is a cookie in each hand.*
17. *Middle age is when broadness of the mind and narrowness of the waist change places.*
18. *Opportunities always look bigger going than coming.*
19. *Junk is something you've kept for years and throw away three weeks before you need it.*
20. *There is always one more imbecile than you counted on.*

Paddy was waiting at the bus stop with his mate when a lorry went by loaded up with rolls of turf.

Paddy said, 'I gonna do that when I win lottery'

'What's dat' asks his mate.

'Send me lawn away to be cut'.

Thanks Lee

Not to be outdone, Terry Mahony submitted these:

A Blonde reversal for the girls

One day my housework-challenged Husband decided to wash his Sweatshirt. Seconds after he stepped into the laundry room, he shouted to me: 'What setting do I use on the washing machine?'

'It depends,' I replied. 'What does it say on your shirt?'

He yelled back, ' **Brisbane Broncos!**'

And they say blondes are dumb...

You might not have known this, but a lot of non-living objects are actually either male or female. Here are some examples:



FREEZER BAGS:

They are male, because they hold everything in, but you can see right through.

PHOTOCOPIERS:

These are female, because once turned off; it takes a



while to warm them up again. They are an effective reproductive device if the right buttons are pushed, but can also wreak havoc if you push the wrong Buttons.



TYRES:

Tyres are male, because they go bald easily and are often over inflated



HOT AIR BALLOONS:

Also a male object, because to get them to go anywhere, you have to light a fire under their butt.



SPONGES:

These are female, because they are soft, squeezable and retain water.



WEB PAGES:

Female, because they're constantly being looked at and frequently getting hit on.



TRAINS:

Definitely male, because they always use the same old lines for picking up people.



EGG TIMERS:

Egg timers are female because, over time, all the weight shifts to the bottom.



HAMMERS:

Male, because in the last 5000 years, they've hardly changed at all, and are occasionally handy to have around.



THE REMOTE CONTROL:

Female. Ha! You probably thought it would be male, but consider this: It easily gives a man pleasure, he'd be lost without it, and while he doesn't always know which buttons to push but keeps trying.

Thanks Terry.



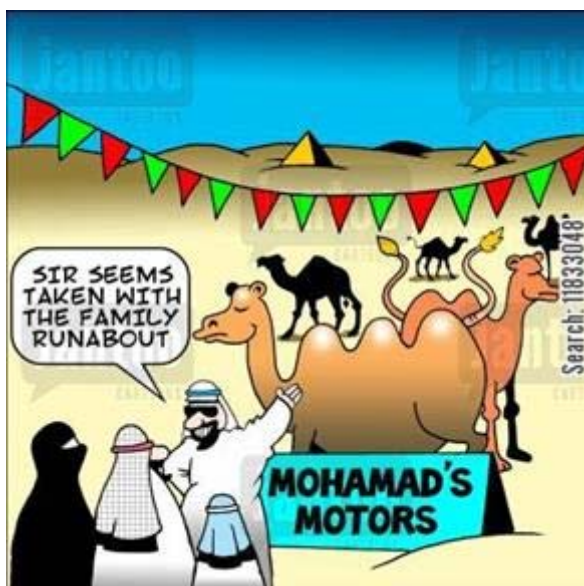
Cartoon Corner



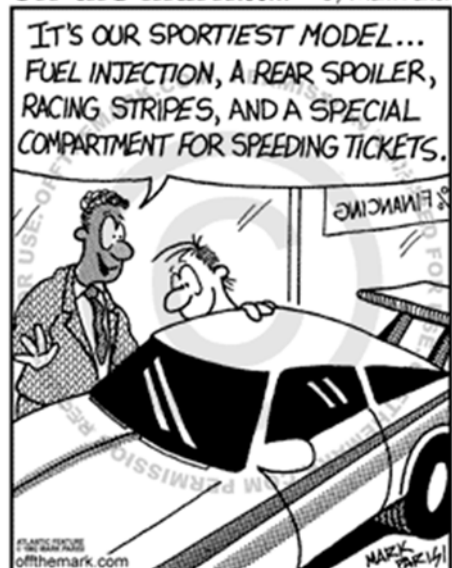
"When the battery gets low, that little 'Get Out & Walk' light flashes."



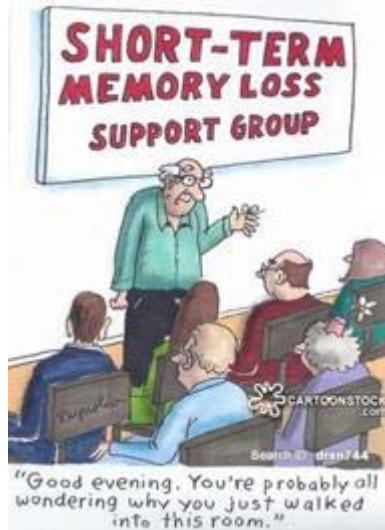
"Car emissions are a major contributing factor to the glaciers melting. Our new designs take that into consideration."



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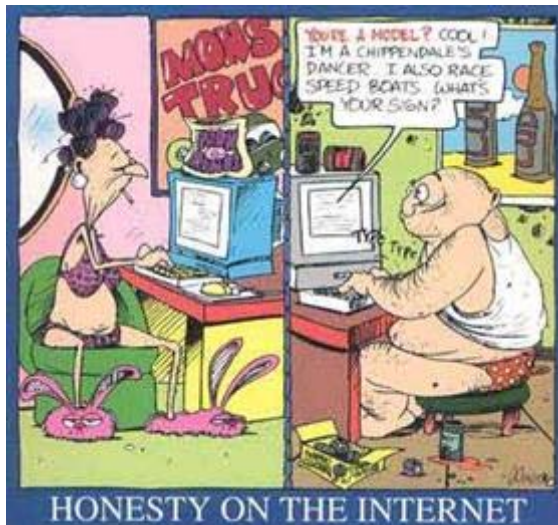


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While he supported Ann's right to express her opinion, Don felt she needed to hone her people skills a bit.



THAT'S IT FOR NOW, SEE YOU ALL NEXT WEDNESDAY



Tony Pollard – Editor

What is Rotary?

Rotary is ordinary people around the world sharing their professional skills and working together in a social environmental 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
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