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Bathurst East: The Friendly Club

Building Better Communities



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Last week @ Rotary: International Toast



Tonight's international toast, presented by PHF and Sergeant, Bill Dickie, is to the Rotary Club of Canterbury, Kent, England, in Rotary District 1120 which has 86 clubs and 2540 members. The Rotary Club of Canterbury received its charter on 9th February 1922, has 65 members who meet on a Tuesday at the Kent County Cricket Ground (pictured). For full details, please refer to Bill's notes as attached. Thank you Bill.

General Business

1. Three persons for membership nominated – details made known at the meeting. If any objections to membership being granted, let Lee or Peter know as soon as you can.
2. John Cobby still not well – he is currently in Brookvale and would welcome a 'phone call from you.
3. Great to see Merran Olson back at the meeting.
4. Merryn Sweeney, a guest of Lee Rainer, welcomed to the meeting.
5. Brian Burke advised RYDA committee formed and all set to go next year (see our Calendar).
6. Doug Coates advised the "Rotarvans" will be visiting Bathurst in October next year.
7. BBQ Trailer. PP Greg Madden advised the cost of such a trailer could be between \$ 5,000 to \$7000.00. A committee comprising Brian Welch, Greg Madden and Peter Keith to investigate.



Three Minuter

The "Three Minuter" this week was presented by Rtn Merran Olson who joins us again this evening after ill health forced a stay in Bathurst's Daffodil Cottage. Merran advised the Daffodil Cottage is located in Bathurst Base Hospital grounds and provides a range of resources and services for people and families coping with cancer. Merran spoke very highly of the staff, the volunteers working there and all connected with the Cottage, and gave a rundown on the history of the Cottage.

The cottage opened in 1996, following a drive by the Bathurst community to raise the necessary funds, with all involved being determined to see the Cottage project come to fruition. Previously patients had to put up with being housed wherever a space was available in the old Bathurst hospital. Many services are offered including the Radiation Oncology Unit providing adult radiation oncology medical appointments for patients undergoing radiation therapy at the Central West Cancer Service Radiation Oncology Unit at Orange Hospital. In addition, there is the chemotherapy unit for adult oncology patients. Specialist health professionals deliver chemotherapy to patients as an outpatient during the day.

Thank you Merran.

Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker this evening was Phil Murray, well-known local photographer currently employed by the "Western Advocate" in Bathurst. Phil was introduced to the meeting by Rtn John Martin, a person who has known Phil for many years. Phil recalled his work beginnings with the then local newspaper, the "National Advocate", starting off as a rep selling advertising. When the "National Advocate" merged with the other local newspaper existing at the time, the "Western Times", Phil's employment continued with the merged entity.



The merged entity became the "Western Advocate" with its first edition being published in tabloid form on 1st April (no fooling) 1963.

Phil has seen many changes over his five decade association with the local press including the way in which the printing was done – from offset, to pagination, "newsking" and so on. He stated the biggest threat in his view to print media today is social media.

He has covered many funny and disturbing news stories over the years including the Bathurst Goal riots of 1974 (where some prisoners wanted to surrender to him), to being in a balloon that had a mind of its own, to more tragic stories in which people have died.

Phil finished off by saying he has had a great life, has made many friends over the years and will continue to carry on his "trade" for as long as he is able to.

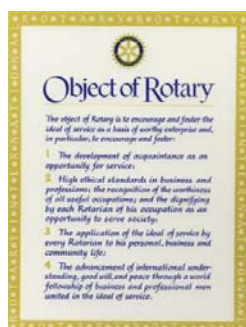
After answering many questions, PHF Bill Dickie thanked Phil on behalf of all of our members for his interesting talk and presented Phil with one of our offset printed, shutter bug proof, latest edition, coffee mugs.

Thought of the Week

The thought this week, being a quote from Sir Winston Churchill, was given by Bill Dickie:

"To improve is to change. To be perfect is to change often".

WHAT IS Rotary International?



Rotary is a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders that provides humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards in all vocations, and helps build goodwill and peace in the world. Approximately 1.2 million Rotarians belong to more than 33,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas.

Rotary club [membership](#) represents a cross-section of the community's business and professional men and women. The world's Rotary clubs meet weekly and are non-political, nonreligious, and open to all cultures, races, and creeds.

The main [objective of Rotary](#) is service — in the community, in the workplace, and throughout the world. Rotarians develop community service projects that address many of today's most critical issues, such as children at risk, poverty and hunger, the environment, illiteracy, and

violence. They also support programs for youth, educational opportunities and international exchanges for students, teachers, and other professionals, and vocational and career development.

The Rotary motto is *Service Above Self*.

Although Rotary clubs develop autonomous service programs, all Rotarians worldwide are united in a campaign for the global eradication of polio. In 1985, Rotary made a historic commitment to immunize all of the world's children against polio. Working in partnership with nongovernmental organizations and national governments through its [PolioPlus](#) program, Rotary is the largest private-sector contributor to the global polio eradication campaign. Rotarians have mobilized hundreds of thousands of PolioPlus



volunteers and have immunized more than one billion children worldwide. Rotary has contributed more than US\$600 million to the polio eradication activities in 122 countries.

[The Rotary Foundation](#) of Rotary International is a not-for-profit corporation that promotes world understanding through international humanitarian service programs and educational and cultural exchanges. It is supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and others who share its vision of a better world. Since 1947, the Foundation has awarded more than US\$1.1 billion in humanitarian and educational grants, which are initiated and administered by local Rotary clubs and districts.



Rotary's popularity spread throughout the United States in the decade that followed; clubs were chartered from San Francisco to New York. By 1921, Rotary clubs had been formed on six continents, and the organization adopted the name Rotary International a year later.

As Rotary grew, its mission expanded beyond serving the professional and social interests of club members. Rotarians began pooling their resources and contributing their talents to help serve communities in need. The organization's dedication to this ideal is best expressed in its principal motto: Service Above Self. Rotary also later embraced a code of ethics, called The 4-Way Test, that has been translated into hundreds of languages.

During and after World War II, Rotarians became increasingly involved in promoting international understanding. In 1945, 49 Rotary members served in 29 delegations to the United Nations Charter Conference. Rotary still actively participates in UN conferences by sending observers to major meetings and promoting the United Nations in Rotary publications. Rotary International's relationship with the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) dates back to a 1943 London Rotary conference that promoted international cultural and educational exchanges. Attended by ministers of education and observers from around the world, and chaired by a past president of RI, the conference was an impetus to the establishment of UNESCO in 1946.

Today, 1.2 million Rotarians belong to some 32,000 Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas.

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

Next week 3rd December @ Rotary

Registrar: Doug Coates

Guest Speaker: Bob Newton

Greeter/3 Minuter: Luis Hernandez

Thought for the Week: Wayne Aitchison

Bob's guest will be the "father" of our Club, Dick Crossing OAM PHF, with Dick to give a most interesting talk, so please come along and listed to the recollections of an inspirational member.

And the Following Week 10th December - AGM

Registrar: Brian Burke

Guest Speaker: No guest speaker

Greeter/3 Minuter: Matt Casey

Thought for the Week: Alan Petersen

It's AGM time again, with all but a couple of positions to be filled. Let's take action to have every job filled on the night to ensure the continuing prosperity of our Club.

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.

Rotary Xmas Party @ 17 December

President Peter Keith hereby invites all Bathurst East Rotarians and partners to our 2014 Rotary Club of Bathurst East Christmas Party.



When 6.30pm for 7pm Wednesday 17th December 2014

Where: "The Hub", Keppel Street, Bathurst

Cost: TBA but bring a present as well.

Anniversaries and Birthdays

Please join us with best wishes to:

15th December Terry Mahoney
20th December Bob Newton
30th December Stephanie Brown
31st December Graeme Bright
Not Recorded Kathy Woodley & Lee Rayner



Other events and more!

Sat 06 Dec **Masquerade Ball, Filipino Community. Further details: Luis Hernandez**

Wed 10 Dec Annual General Meeting

Sun 14 Dec Carols by Candlelight, Machattie Park 6:30pm

Wed 17 Dec Christmas Function at "The Hub"

Mon 16 Mar RYDA commences, finishes Fri 20 March

Sat 21 Mar District Conference, Cowra

Thu 07 May Bathurst Bi Centenary Celebrations - Local Event Day



Rotary seeks inspirational women

Nominations are now being sought for the **Rotary Inspirational Women of 2015**, with awards being presented at a gala lunch at Doltone House, Jones Bay in Sydney on 8 March 2015.

Each Rotary Club is seeking candidates who:

- Demonstrated leadership, innovation and creativity.
- Personal contribution and community involvement
- Contribution to the Australian community, vocational service either nationally or internationally.
- Voluntary work above and beyond paid employment.
- Nature and length of activity or service.



- Achievements as an individual or as part of a group/organisation/in their own field of endeavour.

Please take the time to nominate suitably qualified women in your community to be considered for these awards. **Click here** to download a Nomination Form to be completed by your club. Please email the completed Nomination Form(s) to either Pia Mylan at pia.mylan@bigpond.com or Paul Wynn at wynn@ozemail.com.au

December is The Rotary Family Month

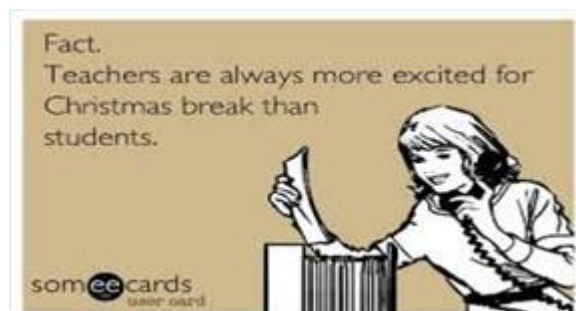
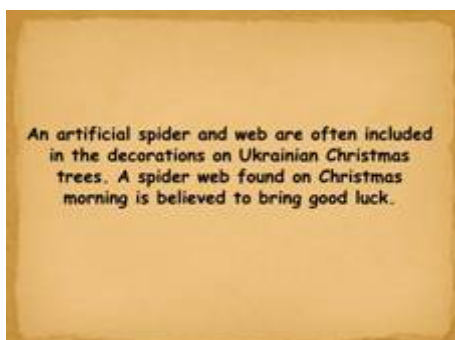


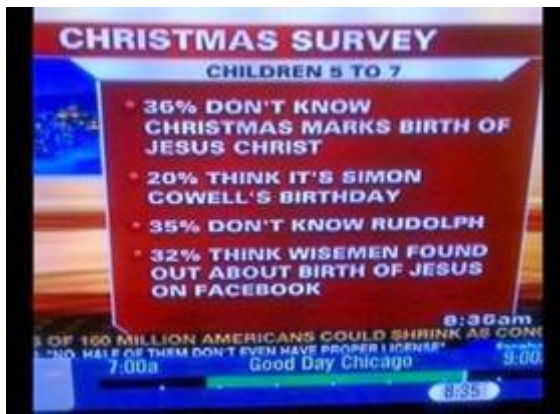
Rotary's focus this month is the Family of Rotary. This is a good opportunity to ensure that our Club is well informed on the vast range of activities that all go to make up the organisation of Rotary International.

The Family of Rotary also encourages all Rotarians and clubs to care for their fellow Rotarians and members of Rotary's extended family (partners and children of Rotarians) and to remember spouses of deceased Rotarians.



*Incredible **CHRISTMAS** facts department.....*





A message from Joan and David Russell

With the Christmas/New Year holiday season upon us, and in keeping with the spirit of the season, it seemed like a good time to pass on to all our members, a recent message received from Joan and David:

Dear Tony and everyone else

Kiama is proving to be every good thing people say about it.

The Rotary club is extraordinarily active with almost all their funds coming from BBQ sales at a variety of markets and events. They have a ute to tow an amazingly complex and well-designed cooking plate and storage that are set up under two very large and quickly erected rotary emblazoned tents. Two shifts of eight are rostered. \$2000 net is not uncommon.

One of the members has a dairy farm with a spare shed close to town. I soon learned that the shed was the focus for casual and not so casual work with volunteers cleaning BBQs and sorting/packing shipping containers with items for a village near Madang, PNG which is visited each year by working parties from the club.

RYDA is big. It runs for three weeks with local Rotary clubs being rostered for the day their high school is booked. Facilities are not in the same class as Bx with the corners of a huge basketball hall functioning as "rooms". The location is a marvellous area of sports fields set in bushland near Albion Park. One of the quiet roads within the complex has to be closed for the stopping distance experience operated by a local driving school. Closing the road necessitates 2 Stop/Go lollypop operators to be on duty all day. I now have a licence to do just that (but not for a work site). The qualifying course took all day.

Best wishes for another successful Christmas at The Hub.

David and Joan

PS everyone is welcome to visit (and stay if they don't mind a downsizing squeeze). With best wishes for a happy Christmas and a dream run 2015.

To David and Joan – very best wishes for a happy and safe Christmas as well as for a great New year from all your friends in the Rotary Club of Bathurst East.

An inspirational piece as received from David:

The Magic Bank Account

*Imagine that you had won the following *PRIZE* in a contest: Each morning your bank would deposit \$86,400 in your private account for your use. However, this prize has rules:*

The set of rules:

1. Everything that you didn't spend during each day would be taken away from you.

2. You may not simply transfer money into some other account.
3. You may only spend it.
4. Each morning upon awakening, the bank opens your account with another \$86,400 for that day.
5. The bank can end the game without warning; at any time it can say, "Game Over!". It can close the account and you will not receive a new one.

What would you personally do?

You would buy anything and everything you wanted right? Not only for yourself, but for all the people you love and care for. Even for people you don't know, because you couldn't possibly spend it all on yourself, right?

You would try to spend every penny, and use it all, because you knew it would be replenished in the morning, right?

ACTUALLY, This GAME is REAL

Shocked ??? YES!

Each of us is already a winner of this *PRIZE*. We just can't seem to see it.

The PRIZE is *TIME*

1. Each morning we awaken to receive 86,400 seconds as a gift of life.
2. And when we go to sleep at night, any remaining time is Not credited to us.
3. What we haven't used up that day is forever lost.
4. Yesterday is forever gone.
5. Each morning the account is refilled, but the bank can dissolve your account at any time WITHOUT WARNING...

SO, what will YOU do with your 86,400 seconds?

Those seconds are worth so much more than the same amount in dollars. Think about it and remember to enjoy every second of your life, because time races by so much quicker than you think.

So take care of yourself, be happy, love deeply and enjoy life!

Here's wishing you a wonderful and beautiful day. Start "spending"....

"DON'T COMPLAIN ABOUT GROWING OLD...!"

SOME PEOPLE DON'T GET THE PRIVILEGE!

Consumer Corner:

Don't let business identity theft happen to you.

Identity thieves don't just target you personally. They also take advantage of unsuspecting small businesses, stealing information to commit tax fraud and other crimes.

With stolen information identity thieves can use your business identity to create fake businesses, lodge

fraudulent GST claims, take out loans, and commit other types of fraud. The consequences can be devastating.

If your business identity is stolen, considerable time and effort is required to restore your identity. Identity thieves can put your business at risk in many ways, including:

- breaking into your business and stealing records
- taking a photo of sensitive business, client, or employee information
- accessing your systems and obtaining your account logins and AUSkey.

When it comes to business identity theft, prevention is definitely better than a cure.

Follow these 5 tips to minimise your risk:

1. Secure your business premises with appropriate alarm systems and physical barriers. Keep security and antivirus software up to date on your computers and handheld devices.
2. Change passwords regularly.
3. Keep personal details such as your activity statements and employee information safe and secure at all times.
4. Keep your AUSkey safe by storing it on a secure USB with a password.
5. Regularly review what your employees are accessing.

Stay alert, be aware, and keep your business identity safe.



TIME TO LAUGH, CRY, OR BE DISGUSTED



Optimist vs. Pessimist

A family had twin boys whose only resemblance to each other were their looks. Opposite in every way, one was an eternal optimist, the other a doom and gloom pessimist.

Just to see what would happen, on Christmas day their father loaded the pessimist's room with every imaginable toy and game. The optimist's room he loaded with horse manure.

That night the father passed by the pessimist's room and found him sitting amid his new gifts crying bitterly. "Why are you crying?" the father asked.

"Because my friends will be jealous, I'll have to read all these instructions before I can do anything with this stuff, I'll constantly need batteries, and my toys will eventually get broken." answered the pessimist twin.

Passing the optimist twin's room, the father found him dancing for joy in the pile of manure. "What are you so happy about?" he asked.

To which his optimist twin replied, "There's got to be a pony in here somewhere!"

The 'Clauses'

Saint Nicholas is the main Clause.

His wife is a relative Clause.

His children are dependent Clauses.

Their Dutch uncle is a restrictive Clause.

Santa's elves are subordinate Clauses.

Christmas in the Courtroom

It was Christmas and the judge was in a merry mood as he asked the prisoner, "What are you charged with?"

"Doing my Christmas shopping early," replied the defendant.

"That's no offense," said the judge. "How early were you doing this shopping?"

"Before the store opened," countered the prisoner.

The 3 stages of man

1. He believes in Santa Claus.
2. He doesn't believe in Santa Claus.
3. He is Santa Claus.

Santa Claus is a woman!

Santa Claus is a woman because:

- ❖ The vast majorities of men don't even think about selecting gifts until Christmas Eve and only go for a last-minute shopping spree.
- ❖ A man would inevitably get lost up there in the snow and clouds and then refuse to stop and ask for directions.
- ❖ Men can't pack a bag.
- ❖ Men would rather be dead than be caught wearing red velvet.
- ❖ Men would feel their masculinity is threatened...having to be seen with all those elves.
- ❖ Men don't answer their mail.
- ❖ Men aren't interested in stockings unless somebody's wearing them.
- ❖ Finally, being responsible for Christmas would require a commitment.

Christmas Turkey

It was Christmas Eve in at the meat counter and a woman was anxiously picking over the last few remaining turkeys in the hope of finding a large one.

In desperation she called over a shop assistant and said, 'Excuse me. Do these turkeys get any bigger?'

'No, madam, 'he replied, 'they're all dead.'

What A Boy Wants For Christmas

Darren remembers accompanying his father out shopping in the toy department of Target one Christmas Eve.

Dad said, 'What a marvellous train set. I'll buy it.'

The girl behind the counter looked pleased and murmured, 'Great, I'm sure your son will really love it.'

Dad with a look of melancholy replied, 'Yeah, maybe you're right. In that case I'd better take two.'

Honesty

Just before Christmas, an honest politician, a generous lawyer and Santa Claus were riding in the elevator of a very posh hotel. Just before the doors opened they all noticed a \$20 bill lying on the floor.

Which one picked it up?

Santa of course, because the other two don't exist!

Guys and Presents

A guy bought his wife a beautiful diamond ring for Christmas.

After hearing about this extravagant gift, a friend of his said, "I thought she wanted one of those sporty four-wheel-drive vehicles."

"She did," he replied. "But where was I going to find a fake Jeep?"

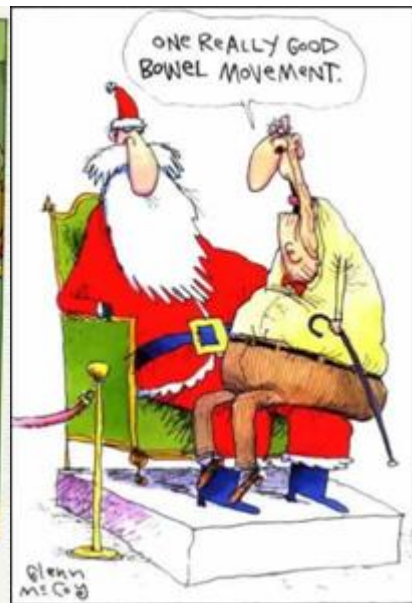
Christmas cartoon corner



Why SANTA doesn't use cats.



More pics on www.imfunny.net



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** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

OK, UNTIL NEXT WEEK, TAKE CARE



Tony Pollard – Editor

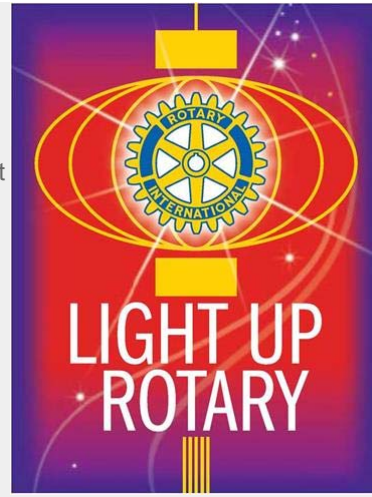
What is Rotary?

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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