



## The Racing Wheel

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## Last week @ Rotary:

### International Toast

Due to the absence of PHF Bill Dickie, no international toast could be proposed.

In lieu, PP Bob Newton proposed a toast to Paris, France in support of the people of Paris who have suffered recently from the acts of terrorism perpetuated within their City.

### General Business

1. Visitors: Celia van der Zwaag and Merryn Sweeney joined us again this week.
2. Food van last Sunday – the auction was not conducted and only one or two stall holders present. Consequently the van was not set up. Lions advised we would be welcome to use the van at the Farmers Markets held on the fourth Saturday of each month on payment of a \$ 40.00 fee.
3. Purchase of a BBQ Trailer – this matter still under consideration.
4. Interact – nothing happening at the moment due to students still away on school holidays, expected to resume in February with 15 regulars plus some younger students joining.
5. John Cobby still not well although John is out of hospital now and hopefully, on the road to a full recovery.
6. Brian Welch advised a “clearance” sale of memorabilia and other items to be held on Saturday, March 14 at his property, 7 Cambewarra Circuit – off Limekilns Road. Food van to be used and manned on the day.
7. Greg Madden advised he has booked a table of 10 for the “12 Hour Race Champions Dinner” to be held at the Panthers Club on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February commencing 6:30pm. Cost is \$ 60.00 per person plus drinks, proceeds to the Catholic Cathedral Restoration Appeal. Only a few seats left, please contact Greg directly if you would like to attend.



### Three Minuter

Due to Heather not being available, the “Three Minuter” session wasn’t held although PP Brian Burke took the opportunity of giving more details about RYDA and its importance to the community.

## Guest Speaker Michael Coote

Our guest speaker this week, introduced to the meeting by Secretary Lee Rayner, was Michael Coote, a third generation “Bathurstian” who manages the family business, W J Coote & Sons in William Street, and was elected to the Bathurst Council at the last local council elections.



As stated by Michael: “W.J. Coote & Sons was established in Sydney at 691 George Street when William John Coote purchased the Standard Jewellery Shop around 1904.

After a move to 658 George Street Sydney his sons joined him in the business. Robert Alan Coote, WJ’s son

with his wife Barbara created a branch of W.J. Coote and Sons at 69 William Street Bathurst in 1953.

Sam Coote, Bob's son joined the business in 1971 and continues the business "with Ilona and myself along with daughters Melanie and Amelia aged 6 and three respectively". W.J. Coote and Sons joined the Showcase Group of Jewellers in 1982

Michael stated Australia produces more diamonds than any other country, however only 5% are used in jewellery manufacture with the remainder being used by heavy industry.

He told of one diamond he dealt with recently, a 0.53 carat pink diamond, and although only around a half carat, it was valued at \$ 195,000.00. Such diamonds, Michael pointed out, are usually kept for investment purposes only.

Michael entered Council with the sole intention of serving the community and has endeavoured to do so.

Members then asked Michael a variety of questions, with his answers covering the 12 hour race, bi-centennial celebrations, RYDA and associated issued.

At the conclusion of his talk, PP Terry Mahony thanked Michael for his attendance and as is our custom, presented him with another of our popular, pot hole prevention, perfect coffee mugs.

## ***Thought of the Week***

The thought this week, was presented by Rtn Chris Olson, a thought provoking thought:

**"A group of very learned scientists announced recently that they had proven mathematically that it was impossible for a Bumble bee to fly.**

**Isn't it fortunate that these learned scholars haven't worked out how to tell the Bumble Bee?"**

Fortunate indeed – thanks Chris.

## ***Next week 21st January @ Rotary***

Registrar: Wayne Aitcheson

Guest Speaker: Maree Richards

Greeter/3 Minuter: Kathy Woodley

Thought for the Week: Merran Olson

## ***And the Following week 28<sup>th</sup> January @ Rotary***

Registrar: Doug Barnes

Guest Speaker: Brian Welch

Greeter/3 Minuter: Robin Price

Thought for the Week: Heather Crawford

## ***Van Roster – 8<sup>th</sup> February***

Morning: Terry Mahony, John Cobby, Maree Richards

Afternoon: Peter Keith, Graeme Bright, Kathy Woodley

## **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.



The theme for the Conference is fully in line with this year's international theme of Light Up Rotary. You can help us to shine that light by not only committing to come but also to ask a friend to join you to maybe learn something more about the great work done by our amazing organisation.

**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.

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.



GARY C.K. HUANG

*President 2014-15*

**International President's Message - January 2015**

At the beginning of this Rotary year, I asked Rotarians everywhere to *Light Up Rotary* by holding a Rotary Day. How you do this is something I'm leaving up to you: It can be a full day or just a few hours. It can be organized by your club, by your district, or even across your entire country. It can be a service project, a festival, or any kind of event you want. As long as it's open to the community, embraces the whole family of Rotary, and is fun, it's a Rotary Day.

The goal of a Rotary Day is to shine a light on Rotary. For many years, we in Rotary felt that it wasn't appropriate to boast about our good work. We felt it was best to serve quietly and let our work speak for itself. But today, in many communities, people aren't even aware that they have a local Rotary club. Not because the clubs aren't strong, or because they aren't serving well. They are. But if Rotarians don't talk about their work, people will never know about it.

It is time for us to *Light Up Rotary* and let people know what we are doing. In the first half of this Rotary year, I've been thrilled to see how many Rotarians have taken up my Rotary Day challenge. I've attended Rotary Days in so many places, including the Philippines, Korea, China, the United States, Turkey, India, Taiwan, Sri Lanka, and Bangladesh. Everyone has been different, and everyone has met the challenge to *Light Up Rotary* in its own way.

**Don't Forget!**

**Membership Fees are now due!**



It's easy to make our venerable Treasurer, Scrooge McBurke happy – give him money!! Namely \$100.00 please. Like, like **NOW** if you haven't already done so.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

Please join us with best wishes to:

18 Jan Robin & Kaye Price - anniversary  
19 Jan Geoff & Lorraine Fry - anniversary  
24 Jan Heather Crawford - birthday  
26 Jan Dick Crossing - birthday  
29 Jan Doug Coates - birthday



# Other events .... and more!

Sun 01 Feb	Swap Meet – Food Van. Refer to Bob Newton
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
Thu 07 May	Bathurst Bi Centenary – Local Event Day



## January is Rotary Awareness Month

Rotary's focus this month is the Awareness of Rotary. January is the time to celebrate Rotary by making others aware of our programs, of the opportunities Rotary offers and of the events and activities that involve you and your Club. Contact the Public Relations Committee for more ideas about how this can be done.



## Incredible Strange Creatures You've Probably Never Heard Of department.....



Red Lipped Bat Fish Galapagos Islands



Spiny Orb Weaver Spider, USA



Goblin shark



Umbonia Spinosa



Mantis Shrimp



Panda Ant



Hummingbird Hawk-MOTH



African Tree - Bush Viper



Narwhal is a whale. An uniwhale



## TAX TIPS DEPARTMENT.....

### Five tax tips that could save you over \$20,000

Source: "Your Mortgage" Magazine, Sunday, Jan 11, 2015 By Nila Sweeney

June 30 seems a very long time into the future but it will be here before you know it. Tax rules change constantly so if you leave it until the end of the financial year to plan your deductions it can be too late and you can miss out on thousands of dollars in tax savings.

Here are five potential tax savings that it's worth doing some preparation to make sure you're entitled to for the 2014-15 financial year.

#### 1. Telco expenses

If you use your iPhone, iPad or wireless internet for work purposes, you can claim that part of your bill as a work-related deduction. You'll need to keep a record of the calls you make or the time spent on the net for work but if you do, the savings can be significant.

*Example:*

\$79 per month mobile phone plan, 30% of calls work related for 11 months of year

$\$79 \times 30\% \times 11 = \$260.70$ , \$49.95 home broadband plan.

15% of use work-related,  $\$49.95 \times 15\% \times 11 = \$82.42$

TOTAL TAX DEDUCTION: \$343

#### 2. Work-related equipment

Find out exactly what you can claim for. Tradies can claim the cost of tools. If you work in finance you might need a briefcase, laptop, iPad or camera. You can claim a deduction for the full purchase price of each tool or piece of equipment you buy for work that costs \$300 or less. If it costs more than \$300 you'll have to claim its cost over time.

*Example:*

You buy a laptop for \$1,500 on 1 October so you have it for 273 out of 366 days (it's a leap year). A laptop has an effective life of three years so using the 'prime cost method' you can claim 33.3% of its cost per year:

$\$1,500 \times 273/366 \text{ days} \times 33.3\% = \$374$

TOTAL TAX DEDUCTION: \$374

#### 3. Income protection insurance

Premiums can be claimed as a tax deduction, provided the cover is not part of your super. Purchase your policy now so you can claim it for this financial year.

*Example:*

The cost of your policy will depend on your age, gender, occupation and whether or not you're a smoker.

TOTAL TAX DEDUCTION: \$650

#### 4. Investment expenses

If you own shares, managed funds or investment properties, the majority of related expenses, including interest paid on loans, can be claimed at tax time

*Example:*

You own an investment property and pay annual mortgage interest of \$30,000, rates of \$2,400 per year, property management fees of \$1,750 and insurance of \$450. Your total expenses are

\$34,600. Your rental income is \$350 per week or \$18,200 per year. Your loss is therefore \$16,400, all of which you can claim as a deduction

TOTAL TAX DEDUCTION: \$16,400

## 5. Home office costs

You can claim the work-related part of utility bills such as electricity and gas, for the decline in value of office furniture and fittings. Depending on the size of your work related space as a proportion of the overall floor space of your house you can also claim a portion of rent, mortgage interest and rates.

*Example:*

If you work from home 45 hours per week, 48 weeks per year, this equates to 2,160 hours. Using the ATO's fixed rate of 26 cents per hour for utilities, your tax deduction is \$562.

Assuming your home office accounts for 15% of your property's total floor space and you pay \$600 per week in rent or other occupancy costs, you can also claim \$90 per week for 48 weeks or \$4,320.

TOTAL TAX DEDUCTION: \$4,882.

**Editor:** Be aware though, there may be Capital Gains (taxation) issues – seek advice from your accountant or other professional adviser before implementing any of the suggestions made in this article.



## ***TIME TO LAUGH, CRY, OR BE DISGUSTED***

### Health Department with Dr (?) Terry Mahony



#### **Very Important Health Information**

- Do you have feelings of inadequacy?
- Do you suffer from shyness?
- Do you sometimes wish you were more assertive?

**If you answered yes to any of these questions, ask your doctor, pharmacist (or even your publican) about Cabernet Sauvignon.**

Cabernet Sauvignon is the safe, natural way to feel better and more confident about yourself and your actions.

It can help ease you out of your shyness and let you tell the world that you're ready and willing to do just about anything.

You will notice the benefits of Cabernet Sauvignon almost immediately and, with a regimen of regular doses, you can overcome any obstacles that prevent you from living the life you want to live.

Shyness and awkwardness will be a thing of the past and you will discover many talents you never knew you had.

Stop hiding and start living.

Cabernet Sauvignon may not be right for everyone. Women who are pregnant or nursing should not use it. However, women who wouldn't mind nursing or becoming pregnant are encouraged to try it.

#### **Side effects**

Side effects may include:

Dizziness, nausea, vomiting, incarceration, loss of motor control, loss of clothing, loss of money, loss of virginity, delusions of grandeur, table dancing, headache, dehydration, dry mouth, and a desire to sing Karaoke, and play all-night rounds of Strip Poker, Truth or Dare, and Naked Twister.

## Warnings:

The consumption of Cabernet Sauvignon may make you think you are whispering when you are not.

The consumption of Cabernet Sauvignon may cause you to tell your friends over and over again that you love them.

The consumption of Cabernet Sauvignon may cause you to think you can sing.

The consumption of Cabernet Sauvignon may create the illusion that you are tougher, smarter, faster and better looking than most people.

Please feel free to share this important information with as many people as you feel may benefit.

**Now if Cabernet Sauvignon can make you feel like this, just imagine what you could achieve with a good Shiraz.**

*Thanks Dr Terry!!!*

## *The Haircut*

*An interesting contribution from Greg Madden*

Blessed are those that can give without remembering, and take without forgetting.

One day a florist went to a barber for a haircut.

After the cut, he asked about his bill, and the barber replied, 'I cannot accept money from you, I'm doing community service this week.'

The florist was pleased and left the shop.

When the barber went to open his shop the next morning, there was a 'thank you' card and a dozen roses waiting for him at his door.

Later, a cop comes in for a haircut, and when he tries to pay his bill, the barber again replied, 'I cannot accept money from you, I'm doing community service this week.' The cop was happy and left the shop.

The next morning when the barber went to open up, there was a 'thank you' card and a dozen donuts waiting for him at his door.

Then a Member of Parliament came in for a haircut, and when he went to pay his bill, the barber again replied, 'I cannot accept money from you. I'm doing community service this week'. The Member of Parliament was very happy and left the shop.

The next morning, when the barber went to open up, there ***were a dozen Members of Parliament lined up waiting for a free haircut.***

And that, my friends, illustrates the fundamental difference between the citizens of our country and the politicians who run it.

*Thanks Greg*

## *It's 2015 and Time for more Australian Humour*

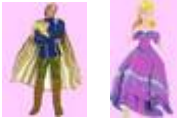
### ***An Australian fairytale....***

Once upon a time there lived a stately handsome Prince.

One gorgeous sunny day his servants saddled his best white horse for him, and he rode across the country to the castle where a very beautiful Princess lived.

The Prince entered the castle, kneeled in front of the Princess, kissed her hand and spoke; Beautiful Princess, will you marry me?

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The Princess said no, and so the Prince lived happily ever after and he went hunting and fishing every weekend and every night he was in the pub till stumps with his mates and he'd play golf all afternoon and went out with any girl that crossed his path including the neighbour's wife and the neighbour's daughters and he went to the footy and the cricket and ate pizza and drank beer and left the toilet seat up all the time and he watched golf and naughty videos and surfed bad internet sites while he burped and scratched things and drank more beer....

### ***And one more fairytale.....***

One day, once upon a time, in a land far, far away, there lived a man who did not whine or nag, treated his wife like a princess, always put the garbage out, took instructions while driving.

But that was a long time ago, and only for one day....

### ***Why you shouldn't flirt***

A couple were invited to a swanky family masked fancy dress Halloween party. The wife got a terrible headache and told her husband to go to the party alone.

He, being a devoted husband, protested, but she argued and said she was going to take some aspirin and go to bed and there was no need for his good time to be spoiled by not going.

So he took his costume and away he went. The wife, after sleeping soundly for about an hour, woke without pain and as it was still early, decided to go to the party.

As her husband didn't know what her costume was, she thought she would have some fun by watching her husband to see how he acted when she was not with him.

So she joined the party and soon spotted her husband in his costume, cavorting around on the dance floor, dancing with every nice "chick" he could and copping a little feel here and a little kiss there.

His wife went up to him and being a rather seductive babe herself, he left his new partner high and dry and devoted his time to her. She let him go as far as he wished, naturally, since he was her husband.

After more drinks he finally he whispered a little proposition in her ear and she agreed, so off they went to one of the cars and made passionate love in the back seat.

Just before unmasking at midnight, she slipped away and went home and put the costume away and she was sitting up reading when he came in, so she asked what kind of time he had.

"Oh, the same old thing. You know I never have a good time when you're not there." Then she asked, "Did you dance much?"

He replied, "I'll tell you, I never even danced one dance. When I got there, I met Pete, Bill Brown and some other guys, so we went into the spare room and played poker all evening."

"You must have looked really silly wearing that costume playing poker all night!" she said with unashamed sarcasm.

To which the husband replied: "Actually, I lent my costume to my dad, and you're not going to believe what happened to him!!"

### **Bruce is at the doctor's to get some broken glass removed from his foot from the last barbie he got somewhat intoxicated.**

When he's fixing up the bill at reception he remembers his missus had a test done earlier that week, so he asks for the results to save her a trip there. The receptionist looks at the computer screen and asks for her name.

Sheila, Bruce replies.

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Receptionist; there's two Sheilas in here mate, what test did she have done? Haven't got a darn clue, Bruce says.

Well, says the receptionist, one Sheila was tested for Alzheimer's and the other was tested for HIV, and unfortunately both tested positive, so the news is bad either way.

Good grief, says Bruce, what am I gonna do now?

The receptionist thinks for a brief moment and says; take her to a really big shopping centre and then leave her there.

See if she finds her own way home. If she does find her way home, turn celibate!!

### **A Bathurst sheep farmer (you Peter?) got in his ute and drove to a neighbouring farm and knocked at the farmhouse door.**

A young boy, about nine, opened the door.

'Is your Dad home?' the farmer asked.

'Sorry mate, he isn't' the boy replied. 'He went into town.'

'Well,' said the farmer, 'Is your mum here?'

'No, sir, she's not here either. She went into town with Dad.'

'How about your brother, Robbo? Is he here?'

'He went with Mum and Dad.'

The farmer stood there for a few minutes, shifting from one foot to the other and mumbling to himself.

'Is there anything I can do for ya?' the boy asked politely. 'I know where all the tools are if you want to borrow one. Or maybe, I could take a message for Dad.'

'Well,' said the farmer uncomfortably, 'I really wanted to talk to your Dad. It's about your brother Robbo getting my daughter pregnant.'

The boy considered for a moment.

'You *would* have to talk to Dad about that,' he finally conceded. 'If it helps you any, I know that Dad charges a \$200 service fee for the ram and \$150 for the Kelpie, but I really don't know how much he gets for Robbo.'

### **Sheila is in the kitchen preparing to boil 3 minute eggs for brekkie.**

Bruce walks in. Sheila turns and says, "We have to make love -- this very moment."

His eyes light up and he thinks, this is my lucky day.

Not wanting to lose the moment, he embraces her and then gives it his all.

Afterwards she says, "Thanks mate," and returns to the stove.

More than a little puzzled, he asks, "What was that all about?"

She explains, "The egg timer's broken."

### ***Australian (Red Neck?) Etiquette***

#### IN GENERAL

1. Never take an open stubby to a job interview.
2. Always identify people in your paddocks before shooting at them.
3. It's tacky to take an esky to church.
4. If you have to vacuum the bed, it's time to change the sheets.
5. Even if you're certain you're included in the will, it's rude to take your ute and trailer to the funeral.

#### DINING OUT

1. When decanting wine from the box, tilt the paper cup and pour slowly so as not to bruise the wine.
2. If drinking directly from the bottle, hold it with only one hand.

#### ENTERTAINING IN YOUR HOME

1. A centrepiece for the table should never be anything prepared by a taxidermist.
2. Don't allow the dog to eat at the table, no matter how good his manners.

#### PERSONAL HYGIENE

1. While ears need to be cleaned regularly, this should be done in private, using one's OWN ute keys.
  2. Even if you live alone, deodorant isn't a waste of money.
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3. Extensive use of deodorant can only delay bathing by a few days.
4. Dirt and grease under the fingernails is a no-no, it alters the taste of finger foods and if you are a woman it can draw attention away from your jewellery.

#### DATING

1. Always offer to bait your date's hook - especially on the first date.
2. Be assertive. Let her know you're interested: "I've been wanting to go out with you ever since I read that stuff on the dunny door two years ago."
3. Establish with her parents what time she's expected back. Some will say 11:00 PM, others might say "Monday." If the latter is the answer, it's the man's responsibility to get her to work on time.

#### THEATRE ETIQUETTE

1. Crying babies should be taken to the lobby and picked up after the movie ends.
2. Refrain from yelling abuse at characters on the screen. Tests have proven they can't hear you.

#### WEDDINGS

1. Livestock is a poor choice for a wedding gift.
2. Kissing the bride for more than five seconds may cause a drop in your popularity.
3. For the groom, at least, rent a tux. A tracksuit with a cummerbund and a clean football jumper can create a tacky appearance.
4. Though uncomfortable, say "yes" to socks and shoes for the occasion.

#### DRIVING ETIQUETTE

1. Dim your headlights for approaching vehicles, even if your gun's loaded and the roo's in your rifle sight.
2. When entering a roundabout, the vehicle with the largest roo bar doesn't always have the right of way.
3. Never tow another car using panty hose and duct tape.
4. When sending your wife down the road with a petrol can, it's impolite to ask her to bring back beer too.

If you can't see what's so funny about the above and decide to follow the suggestions given, you could be a redneck, do the **redneck test** to see if you are.

**The "red neck" test? Here it is: you're a very good chance you're a redneck if;**

1. You take your dog for a walk and you both use the same tree.
2. You can entertain yourself for more than an hour with a fly swatter.
3. Your property has been mistaken for a recycling centre.
4. Your boat has not left the driveway in 15 years.
5. You burn your yard rather than mow it.
6. You think the Nutcracker is something you do off the high dive.
7. The Salvation Army declines your mattress.
8. You think fast food is hitting a 'roo at 80 kph.
9. You offer to give someone the shirt off your back and they don't want it.
10. You come back from the dump with more than you took.
11. You keep a can of Raid on the kitchen table.
12. Your grandmother has "Ammo" on her Christmas list.
13. You think a subdivision is part of a math problem.
14. You've bathed with flea and tick soap.
15. You know how many bales of hay your car will hold.
16. You have used a rag for a petrol cap.
17. Your house doesn't have curtains but your truck does.
18. You wonder how service stations keep their restrooms so clean.
19. You consider your license plate personalized because your father made it.
20. Your lifetime goal is to own a fireworks stand.
21. You have a complete set of salad bowls, and they all say Mc Donalds on the side.
22. You've used your ironing board as a buffet table.
23. You think a quarter horse is that ride in front of K-Mart.
24. Your neighbours think you're a detective because a cop always brings you home.
25. You've used a toilet brush as a back scratcher.
26. You missed 5th grade graduation because you had jury duty.



# Cartoon corner



"Global warming?  
Don't worry, it won't affect us ...  
we have air conditioning."



Knowing that her doctorate in bio-physics made her profoundly overqualified for the job, Susan played dumb during the interview.





Bluetooth? Heck...I already gots me a bunch of yellor ones... and a couple of green-uns too.



Fred interpreted the word compact as a verb, not as an adjective.





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



**Tony Pollard – Editor**

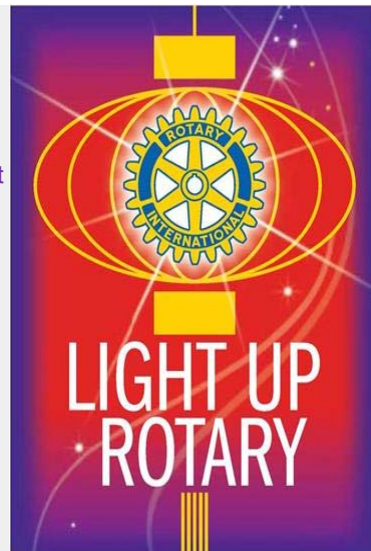
### **What is Rotary?**

Rotary is ordinary people around the world sharing their professional skills and working together in a social 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  
Rankin Street, Bathurst, NSW 2795 Australia



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