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



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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 Antigua, Antigua and Barbuda in Rotary district 7030. Rotary district 7790 has 69 clubs with 2000 members.

The Club received its charter on 10th September 1972, and currently, has 45 members who meet each Wednesday at 12:30pm at the City View Hotel, St Johns (pictured far right above). For further details, please refer to Bill's notes as attached.

Thank you Bill.

General Business

1. PP Stephanie Brown, as a follow up on her car rally idea, suggested the Club may like to consider as a major Club project and fund raiser, being involved in a car rally/progressive dinner at Bathurst 1000 time. This could also be a Bi-Centenary project although if done successfully, may grow and outshine the V8 Ball.
2. Interact Club, Kelso High School. Graeme Bright updated relevant information – the BBQ/dinner to be held on March 4th postponed for the moment.
3. PP Geoff Fry advised he still has 6 time slots for RYDA to be filled – volunteers needed but not for the Wednesday sessions as the Wednesday has been fully allocated.
4. PP Greg Madden gave a further update on the BBQ trailer project: further information being obtained.
5. Tony Pollard advised the Rotary Club of Bathurst Daybreak is holding a special event to raise support for the Rotary Foundation Polio Plus, being a screening of the film "The Second Best Marigold Hotel" at Metro 5 Cinemas, Bathurst, on Thursday February 26th 2015 at 6:30 pm for a

7:00 pm show. Seating is strictly limited and tickets may be pre-purchased at Metro 5 Cinemas, Bathurst, for just \$18.00 per head.

Club Bulletin Next 2 Weeks

Due to client work commitments in Sydney during the next two weeks as well as presenting papers on superannuation and taxation at various accounting professional associations, I'll be unable to publish the Bulletin during that time.

Kath Woodley has kindly agreed to "step into the breach" for me. Thank you so much Kathy.

Introducing our new member, Celia van der Zwaag

Celia, introduced into the Club last week along with Merran Sweeney, was kind enough to address the meeting giving details of her background and how Bathurst has been chosen as her home.



Celia is originally from Western Australia, and after working overseas and elsewhere, moved to Oberon a couple of years ago and joined the Rotary Club of Oberon.

Her work, looking after shopping centres in Bathurst and elsewhere (being employed by Charter Hall) was instrumental in the decision of her husband and herself to purchase a property in Bathurst – this was done when the property adjoining Miss Trail's cottage was secured ("it has lovely roses").

This move was good for Celia as well as for us, as we have a great new member. Celia, welcome to the Club!!



Three Minuter

The "Three Minuter" this week was presented by Rtn Graeme Bright who gave details on the construction of the first and subsequent Denison Bridges as well information on how the Macquarie River (originally named Wambool by the Wiradjuri nation) was much wider and more majestic in the 1800s.

Bathurst started out as a military barracks with settlers not allowed across the river until 1820 with the "grid" layout being approved in 1833.

Other information provided by Graeme included facts such as: the first Denison Bridge cost £ 11,000.00.0 and had to be rebuilt in 1870 after being washed away. The cost this time was £ 18,800.00.0, but at least it has stood the test of time and still stands today, being the second oldest of its type in the State.

Thank you Graeme.



Guest Speaker

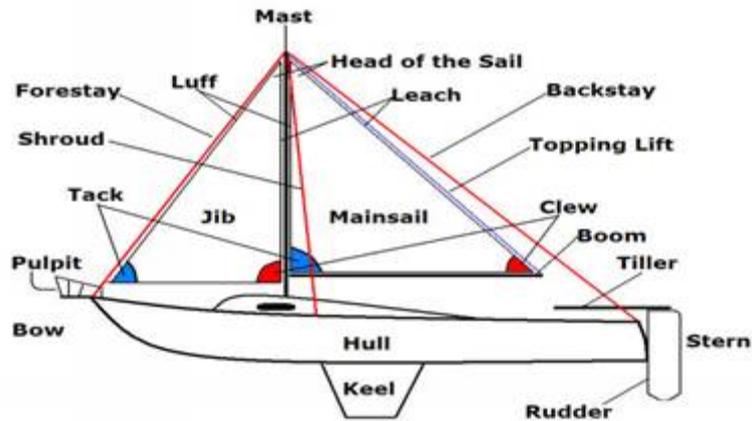
Our guest speaker this week was no other than our very own sailor "extraordinaire" and President, Peter Keith.



Peter gave details on the love of his life when not tackling his sheep, this being his passion for the fine art of sailing.

For the presentation, Peter brought with him a model of a sailing boat (is it called a boat, or vessel or craft or what? Anyway, a water floaty thing), explaining how you can sail into, across or with the wind, the various rigging terms, types of sails and so on.

While listening to Peter it became abundantly clear that if you are going to learn to sail, understanding the parts of a sailboat can be confusing but vital. Given this conundrum, your Editor has listed the major parts of a sailboat in the diagram as under to help to get you started:



Doubtless Peter will advise if there are any errors in the diagram.

Peter's talk was received with great interest with Bill Dickie being the first to volunteer to go sailing with Peter (on the proviso the sailing boat to be used is the "Queen Mary"). Thank you Peter, well done.

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

Thought of the Week

The thought this week, was presented by Rtn Luis Hernandez:

"The only time goodbye is painful is when you know you will never say hello again".

So very true, and thought provoking - thank you Luis.

Next week 25th February @ Rotary

Registrar: **Merran Olson**

Guest Speaker: **Kathy Woodley**

Greeter/3 Minuter: **Geoff Fry**

Thought for the Week: **Matt Casey**

And the Following week 4th March @ Rotary

Registrar: **Alan Petersen**

Guest Speaker: **Terry Mahony (for Wayne)**

Greeter/3 Minuter: **John Martin**

Thought for the Week: **Greg Madden**

Van Roster – 8th March

Morning: Tony Pollard Brian Welch Peter Keith

Afternoon: Geoff Fry Matt Casey Maree Richards

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.

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.



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Please join us with best wishes to:

- 01 Feb John Martin - Birthday
- 13 Feb Brian & Esmā Burke - Anniversary
- 23 Feb Dick & Ginger Crossing – Anniversary
- 23 Feb **Rotary International 110th birthday**



Other events and more!

- Sat 28 Feb President Elect training Young
- 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

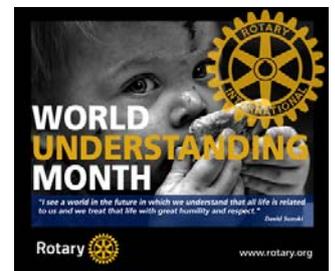


February is Rotary World Understanding Month

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.



New RI President selected - 2015-16: Be a Gift to the World



K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran, a member of the Rotary Club of Colombo, Western Province, Sri Lanka, has been selected by the Nominating Committee for President of RI in 2015-16. Ravindran will become the president-nominee on 1 October if there are no challenging candidates.

He has chosen *Be a Gift to the World* as his theme for 2015-16. Ravindran urges Rotary members to give the gifts of time, talent, and knowledge to improve lives in communities across the globe. "Through Rotary, we can take these gifts and make a genuine difference in the lives of others and in our world."

Interesting 'photos department.....



COMPUTER OPERATING SYSTEMS DEPARTMENT:

Windows 7, 8 or the new 10? This should prove interesting.....



Windows 10: the OS we should have had in 2012?

After Windows 8's lukewarm reception in 2012, has Microsoft got it right with its upcoming Windows 10 operating system (OS)?

Windows 8 was a radical departure from previous versions, but the company's efforts to create an all-in-one OS for all devices alienated many users. The familiar Windows desktop and Start button were replaced by a completely redesigned default screen with touch-friendly 'tiles' – arguably making it more suited to tablets than conventional laptops and PCs.

With Windows 10, Microsoft appears to have listened to its users, while also introducing a number of new features. The company claims the result is so good it's worthy of the jump from version 8 to 10 – there is no Windows 9.

So what are the new features? Here's our top five:

1. A more intelligent interface

Windows 10 will detect what type of device it's running on and automatically adjust the interface accordingly. For PC and laptop users, that means the traditional Windows desktop and Start menu is back, albeit with a modern design. For tablet users, the interface will remain like Windows 8. Microsoft says Windows 10's dual interface even works for hybrid devices such as Microsoft's Surface, which will switch from tablet mode to desktop mode when the keyboard is attached. The tiles are still available on PCs as well as tablets, providing quick access to handy items such as the new 'universal apps' that will run on all Windows 10 devices.

2. A voice-controlled digital assistant

Mobile devices have had the likes of Siri and Google Now for some years, but Microsoft is bringing its new voice-controlled digital assistant, Cortana, to the desktop with Windows 10. This could be a productivity boon, enabling users to tell the computer to search for files or send an email while working on a Word document. Windows' multi-tasking capabilities will be further improved with a new task view that allows users to simultaneously view all open apps.

3. A new web browser

Windows 10 will include a new web browser code-named 'Project Spartan'. It will include a note-taking feature, PDF support and the ability to save and read pages later, even when offline. It will also support Cortana, enabling users to give voice commands such as opening a web page. Internet Explorer will also be included with the new OS, but Microsoft is clearly readying us for life without the older browser.

4. Virtual 3D environments

Perhaps the biggest surprise revealed at Microsoft's most recent Windows 10 briefing was a feature called Windows Holographic. This feature will enable developers to create virtual 3D environments via a companion headset called HoloLens. Games are the most obvious use for Holographic, but Microsoft also cited other applications, such as a virtual tradie to help with home repairs. NASA says it is developing software that will enable its space scientists to explore a virtual Martian landscape.

5. A free upgrade

Windows 10 boasts plenty of other new features. But perhaps best of all, it will be a free upgrade for those

with Windows 7 or 8. Microsoft appears to be banking on increased demand for new PCs and other Windows devices boosting its original equipment manufacturer (OEM) business.

So will Windows 10 be a success when it is released later this year (2015)?

Only time will tell, but most of those who have seen or beta-tested the new OS are impressed. Or as one analyst said: "This is what Windows 8 should have been."

Thanks to DeFreitas Computers, Level 1 488 Botany Road Alexandria NSW (Ph 02 9560 2955) for the information set out in this article.



TIME TO LAUGH, CRY, OR BE DISGUSTED

A continuation of our "true blue" Aussie humour series -

Are Aussie blokes or sheilas happier?

Blokes:

Your last name stays put. The garage is all yours. Wedding plans take care of themselves. Chocolate is just another snack. You can be Prime Minister. You can never be pregnant.

You can wear a white T-shirt to a water park. You can wear NO shirt to a water park. Car mechanics tell you the truth. The world is your urinal. You never have to drive to another gas station restroom because this one is just too icky. You don't have to stop and think of which way to turn a nut on a bolt. Same work, more pay. Wrinkles add character. Wedding dress \$5000. Tux rental-\$100. People never stare at your chest when you're talking to them.

The occasional well-rendered belch is practically expected. New shoes don't cut, blister, or mangle your feet. One mood all the time. Phone conversations are over in 30 seconds flat. You know stuff about tanks. A five-day vacation requires only one suitcase. You can open all your own jars. You get extra credit for the slightest act of thoughtfulness. If someone forgets to invite you, he or she can still be your friend.

Your underwear is \$8.95 for a three-pack. Three pairs of shoes are more than enough. You almost never have strap problems in public. You are unable to see wrinkles in your clothes. Everything on your face stays its original colour. The same hairstyle lasts for years, maybe decades. You only have to shave your face and neck.

You can play with toys all your life. Your belly usually hides your big hips. One wallet and one pair of shoes -- one colour for all seasons. You can wear shorts no matter how your legs look. You can "do" your nails with a pocket knife. You have freedom of choice concerning growing a moustache. You can do Christmas shopping for 25 relatives on December 24 in 25 minutes.

Sheilas: Opposite of the above.

OK, so it seems the ***blokes are happier***, BUT **why then, do the sheilas live longer?**

A Scotsman living in Bathurst 'phones his Aussie dentist to enquire about the cost for a tooth extraction.

\$220.- for an extraction, mate!"

\$220.-?", the man replies. "Huv ye no'got anythin' cheaper?"

"That's the normal charge, mate" replies the dentist.

"Whit about if ye didnae use any anaesthetic?"

"That's unusual, mate, but I could do it and knock \$20.- off."

"Whit about if ye used one of your dentist trainees and still without an anaesthetic?"

"I can't guarantee their professionalism and it'll be painful. But the price could drop to \$180.-"

"How about if ye make it a trainin' session, 'ave yer student do the extraction with the other students watchin' and learnin'?"

"It'll be good for the students" mulled the dentist. "I'll charge you fifty bucks. But it will be traumatic, mate."

"Och, now yer talkin' laddie! It's a deal," said the Scotsman. "Can ye confirm an appointment for the wife next Tuesday then?"

One day, Robbo was walking down the street when he saw his buddy Bruce driving a brand new ute (please read using broad "ocker" slang).

Bruce pulled up to him with a wide grin. "Bruce, where'd you git that truck?!?"

"Sheila give it to me" Bruce replied. "She give it to ya? I know'd she wuz kinda sweet on ya, but a new ute?" "Well, Robbo, let me tell you what happened.

We wuz drivin' out on the Isa Highway, in the middle of bloody nowhere.

Sheila pulled off the road, put the truck in 4-wheel drive, and headed into the scrub. She parked the ute, got out, threw off all her clothes and said, 'Bruce, take whatever you want!' So I took the ute! "

"Bruce, yore a smart bloke! Them clothes woulda never fit you!"

Sheila goes into a pet shop, immediately spotting a large colourful parrot.

The price tag is \$5.00. "Why so little, sir?," she asks. The owner looks at her, says, "Look, Lady, I must tell you - this bird used to live in a house of ill repute, so to speak - and sometimes says some fairly vulgar stuff."

The woman thinks about it, deciding she just has to have the bird anyway and takes it home, puts the bird cage in the living room waiting for it to say something. The bird slowly looks around the room, then at her and says, "New house, new madam." The woman is just shocked at the implication but thinks, "Gee, that's not really so bad."

Her two teenage daughters return from school and the bird sees them come in and says, "New house, new madam, new girls." They are a just a little bit offended - then begin to laugh about the situation.

A bit later Sheila's husband Bruce comes home from the pub. The bird looks at him and says, "Hi, Bruce."

Married 30 years, Bruce and Sheila are lying in bed one night.

Suddenly Sheila felt Bruce begin to fondle her in ways he hadn't in quite some time.

It almost tickled as his fingers started at her neck and began moving down past the small of her back.

He caressed her shoulders and neck, then worked his hand down, errr, let's just, further. Moving to her left inner arm, and caressed her side, passed gently over her buttocks and down her leg to her calf, then traced up her inner thigh, stopping just at the uppermost portion of her leg. After doing the same on her right side, he suddenly stopped, rolled over, and became silent.

As Sheila had enjoyed all this she said: "Crikey Bruce, I was just getting to enjoy that, why the heck did you stop?"

To which Bruce replies: "I found the remote".

Bruce normally drives his 6 year old to school every day on his way to work.

But he's been to his mate's Robbo's birthday barbie the night before and got so hammered there that he's got a massive hangover and decides to chuck a sickie.

His wife Sheila grabs the keys to the ute and drives the daughter to school.

The teacher notices and later in the day during a chat she asks the girl: "I see you mum drove you to school today".

"Yes", says the girl, "Daddy was sick today, it was quite different today".

The teacher says:

"Different? How do you mean different"?

"Well", says the girl, "Mum and I, we didn't see a single tosser, blind bastard, dickhead, moron or idiot anywhere at all when she drove me to school today"!

The doctor gave Bruce six months to live. So Bruce thought he may as well enjoy himself and went off to the pub everyday shouting all his mates. As a result he had no money left to pay his doctor's bill, so the doctor gave him another six months.

Doctor: "You'll live to be 60!"

Bruce: "I AM BLOODY 60!"

Doctor: "See? What did I tell you?"

A little girl comes in to the pharmacy and says: "Hello mister pharmacist, I want to buy some ointment for my mummy".

"Yes, but which ointment do you need"? says the pharmacist, "this is a big shop and we have lots of them here".

"It's in a little glass jar", the girl says.

Pharmacist (impatient): "Yes, they all come in glass jars. You'll have to give me the name of it"!

Little girl: "I dunno.... can't remember the name, but it smells really nice, oh, and it's got that *methylamminohydradimethylphenylinyrazolonapol* stuff in it".

A blonde is standing at the paper shredder with a big pile of documents in her hands, looking very helpless.

Finally one of the men spots her and says: "Can I help you"?

"Yes, thank you", she says, "how does this thing work"?

"Simple", says the man: "Press this switch here and push the paper in this opening here".

So she does and all the documents disappear down the hole.

"Is everything OK now"? asks the helpful man.

"Eh", says the blonde, "yes, but where do the copies come out"?

Robbo's mother in law has died and he goes to see his employer to ask for a day off so he can go to her funeral.

"Hey boss, I know we're really busy here but I would really like to go to my mother in law's funeral"...

Boss: "Yeah mate, don't we all....."

A man is in court on a charge of shop lifting a can of peaches.

The judge asks: "How many peaches were in this can"?

"Five", the man replies. "OK", says the judge, "then I will give you five months in prison, do you have anything else to say"?

His wife gets up and says: "Yes, I do, he also stole a can of peas"!

Two clairvoyants meet at the markets.

Says one to the other: "Wow, you look a lot better today than you will do next week"!

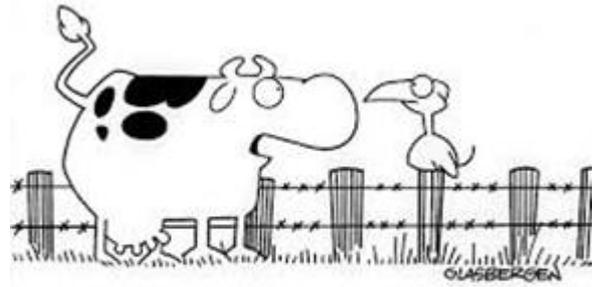
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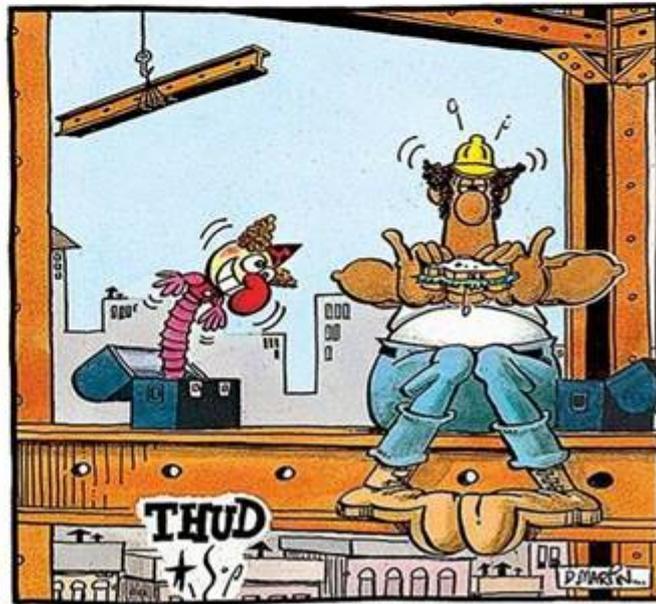
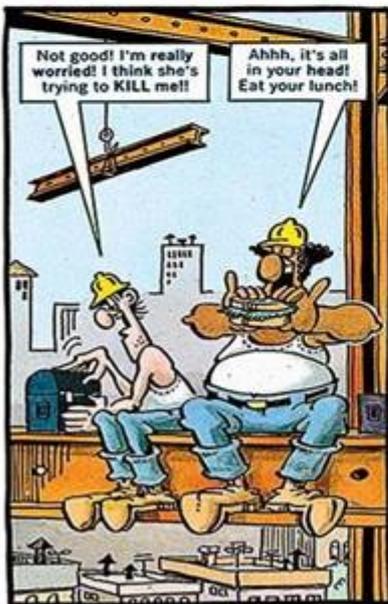
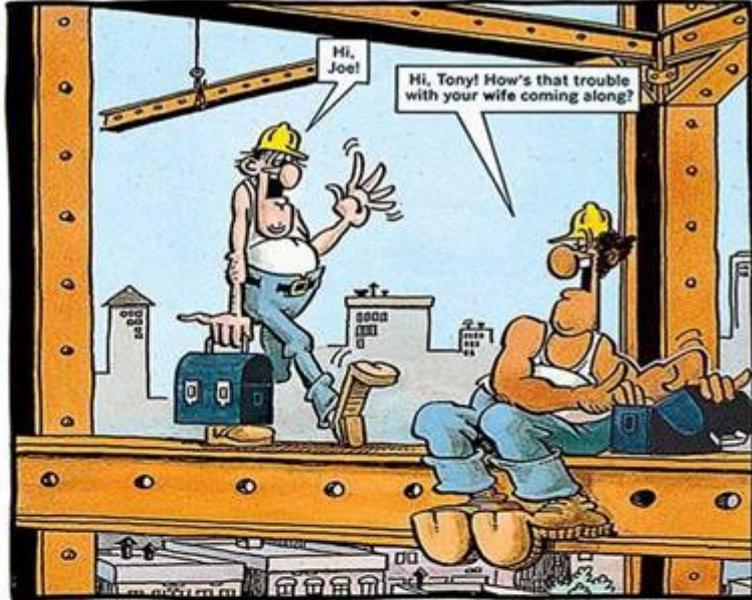
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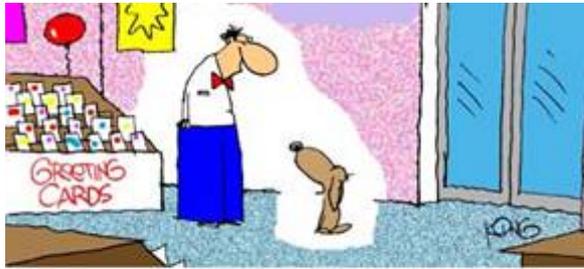
Church Mice.



"It's true, I did jump over the moon. I had waaaaay too much coffee that day!"



WRITER: DON EDWING



"Where's your 'Sorry I ate your cat' cards?"



"The good news is you no longer have a mouse."



The Four Way Test

of the things we think, say or do.

- Is it the truth ?
- Is it fair to all concerned ?
- Will it build goodwill and better friendships ?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned ?

WOW, another month gone – soon be Easter, see you in 2 weeks!



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

