



The Racing Wheel

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

Building Better Communities



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Last week @ Rotary:

Director Reports:

PP Stephanie Brown reported on membership – Steph will place details on our web site and would also like the Club to have a membership drive night. A plan ought to be decided upon to attract new members and how to keep members interested.

International Toast:

The International Toast was again this week proposed by PHF Bill Dickie, with the featured Club being the Rotary Club of Timaru, New Zealand.

Timaru is in District 9980 which in turn has 31 clubs and 1309 members. Timaru received its charter in 1927 and currently has 25 members.

For more information, please refer to the notes put together by Bill as attached.

3 Minuter:

PP Geoff Fry stepped in and gave a very interesting run down on Bathurst as it was in 1877. Geoff brought with him an old (framed) sketch of Bathurst drawn in that year. Geoff was able to pin point an old brewery which once stood near Geoff's former home, and used water from Jordan's Creek in the manufacture of the beer.

Talk about a rough old drop!!

Guest Speaker



This week we were honoured to have as our guest speaker, Michael (“Mick”) Burgess from “Camp Quality”. Mick was introduced by PP Bob Newton who recounted an unfortunate experience Bob had when he assisted with a camp some years ago.

Mick though, put Bob at ease by saying other “interesting” events have occurred over the years.

He then went on to explain more about the concept of “Camp Quality” and how it helps children suffering various types of cancers to enjoy themselves with the motto being “laughter is the best medicine”. By so doing, it provides the participants with the ultimate therapy, fun, and allows them where possible, to heal emotionally.

Mick also spoke about the fact “Camp Quality” helps as many as it can of the 10,000 children who may have one or more parent currently undergoing cancer treatment. Support is also given to families in other ways, especially in cases where the child under treatment does not survive.

Of course, the organisation would like to do more but is limited by the lack of volunteers.

In the 16 years he has been associated with “Camp Quality”, Mick said he has witnessed time and time again, the great strain placed on parents who more often than not, have to tend to the child undergoing treatment, look after any other children at home as well as having to keep working.

From donations received, the organisation only uses eight cents in each dollar with the remainder being used to run the various camps.

“Camp Quality” looks after children aged from 4 to 13 years, with an organisation having similar ideals, “Can Teen” looking after children over the age of 13.

Following his wrapping up, Mick was sincerely thanked on our behalf by PP Stephanie Brown for his attendance and the information given. Steph also presented Michael with one our world famous coffee mugs.

Next week 23rd July @ Rotary

Registrar: **Wayne Aitcheson**
Greeter/3 Minuter: **Kathy Woodley**

Guest Speaker: **Brian Welch**
Thought for the Week: **Merrin Olson**

And the Following Week 30th July

Registrar: **Doug Barnes**
Greeter/3 Minuter: **Robin Price**

Guest Speaker: **Stephanie Brown**
Thought for the Week: **Tony Pollard**

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.

Reminder:



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Thank you everyone

What a great roll up we had at PP Maree's place on Saturday, July 12. Thank you to everyone who were able to come and thank you to the others who would have like to have assisted but were prevented from doing so due to other commitments.

It does confirm the great fellowship that exists in our Club as well as showcasing the fact we can help the community as well as our own.

Anniversaries and Birthdays

Please join us with best wishes to:

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| 24 Jul | Wayne & Sharon Aitcheson |
| 9 Jul | John Cobby |
| 9 Jul | John & Helen Martin |
| 5 Jul | Alan Petersen |



Further Change Over Dinner Memories

Do you recall the quiz sheets handed out on the night by Heather? Here's another take on the quiz by people who shall remain nameless.

What point would there be to "dob" in Matt & Paula Casey, John & Helen Martin or Wayne Aitcheson? Brian and Marlene Welch may have also contributed. Enjoy.



Tie me kangaroo down
Peter Keith

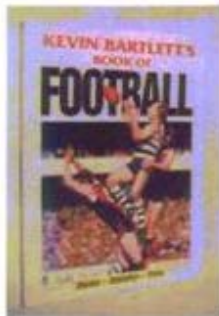


good vegemite -
greg madden

Label the Pictures.



Fishy
matt Casey



Allan Peterson



Brian Bourke



welch's smash
repairs new premises



"The Bridge" Lili



rebel leader
Heather Crawford



First woman president
maree

Call Yourself
an Aussie ?



just not cricket
robby
Bill Dickie



Dandruffy
Geoff Fry

We'll See !!!



Fetching John



Steph Queen
STEPH



Bushie Bob
NEW TOWN



Tony (Pollard)



INTRODUCING NEW ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT, GARY HUANG:

Gary Huang played a lot of sports when he was younger, but basketball was his favourite. He was captain and point guard of his high school basketball team.

"I'm not tall, but I was quick." He flashes a grin. "I knew how to move the ball and set my team up to win."

That was decades ago, but whether in basketball, business, or Rotary, moving the ball continues to be Huang's game. He likes action and progress. He relishes a challenge. When the Rotary Club of Taipei, China, told him he was too young to be a member, he persisted, attending every meeting for nine months until he hooked an invitation at age 30. Since then, he has not stopped moving forward. Five years after joining Rotary, Huang became club President. Then he became Taiwan's youngest District Governor, first RI Director, and first Rotary Foundation Trustee. This month, he becomes the first Chinese President of Rotary International.

Huang was born in Fujian, a province in southern China. He is the third child of seven. Like many others, his family fled China during the civil war, unhappy with the Communists who were taking over the country. The Huang family settled in Taiwan in 1947, when Gary was one year old.

Although Huang's father was not a Rotarian, he instilled similar ideals of service in his son. Helping others, his father said, would help him learn how to be a leader. As a result, Huang was President of his high school class. Besides playing basketball, he played soccer, ran track and, at the urging of his mother, participated in (and often won) speech competitions. He also led the daily morning pep rallies at his school for six years. After high school and two years of serving in the military, Huang moved to Michigan, US, to attend the University of Eastern Michigan in Ypsilanti. Huang's father was President of an insurance company in Taiwan and wanted his son to be well prepared for a career in the same field. Huang went on to graduate school at New York University and spent time in England, Switzerland, Germany and Japan, learning about the insurance business and making international connections.

An orphanage was one of the first Rotary projects that inspired Huang more than 30 years ago. When he toured the facilities, he was taken aback, seeing the kids crammed into one room at night, watching them share a pot of rice at mealtime. Many of the orphans were the same age as his young children at the time. The orphanage needed so many things – a new roof, a refrigerator, an air conditioner, and diapers and other supplies. The Taipei club provided these things, but Huang wanted to do more. He and another Rotarian decided to sponsor two of the girls. They choose two four-year-olds with the same Chinese zodiac sign as Huang and his friend: the rooster. They took the girls to dinner once every other month. They paid for the girls' school fees every year and eventually sent them to college. After graduation, they paid for a celebratory trip to Hong Kong and helped them find jobs when they came home. Thirty years later, Huang and his friend still meet them regularly for dinner, now with their own families.

Huang believes that Rotary should be about lifting people up. The theme he chose, Light Up Rotary, is a reflection of his desire to encourage Rotarians to bring light where there is darkness. Huang also hopes that Light Up Rotary inspires Rotarians to lighten up Rotary's image. He wants Rotary to be fun, not just for fun's sake, but because having a good time builds genuine bonds of friendship, retains members and helps recruit new ones.

Huang is so serious about membership that he recruited his own family into Rotary. His wife joined first, then his three grown children followed suit, each in a different club. His son, Billy, believes that being in Rotary has made the family closer.

"We participate in activities together," he says. "I understand my dad better."

Huang is thrilled to bring together the most important parts of his life, giving new meaning to the idea of the family of Rotary. He hopes that others will follow his example.

"Why leave your family to do your Rotary work? You can do it together," he suggests. "Then doing good becomes a family event."

