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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 Knights Pendragon, in Bedfordview, Johannesburg, South Africa, in Rotary District 9400 which covers Botswana, part of Mozambique, part of South Africa and Swaziland, having 87 clubs and 1581 members.

The Rotary Club of Knights Pendragon received charter in 1989, has 25 members who meet on Wednesdays at 6.30p.m. at the Belgravia Bowling Club (pictured).

Some projects the Club has undertaken have been running a youth leadership weekend annually, supporting the residents of an aged care home, supporting the National Sea Rescue Institute and local charities.

Fundraisers include conducting a wine auction and dinner for the National Sea Rescue Institute, organising a Charity Golf Day and serving drinks at the Annual Motorbike Show. Social events include a Burns night, a West Coast flower tour and a Christmas party.

Thank you Bill.

General Business

Due to your Bulletin Editor having to attend SMSF audit seminars in Sydney all week and thus, not being available to attend the meeting, no items reported this week. Thanks are extended to PP Maree Richards for stepping in and recording the other information.



Three Minuter

The "Three Minuter" this week was presented by Rtn Chris Olson who gave a fascinating run down on his recent decision to extend his 3 bay shed, with the following being the "facts and figures" ensuing:

Chris wanted to extend his 3 bay shed, however there was nothing that Chris could find on the computer to show how to do this. So, Chris went out and found himself a contractor, drew up his own contract, schedule of work and payment plan, and sat back being pleased with his efforts as seemingly, all eventualities were catered for. Did it work out that way? Judge for yourself. Work gets underway and:

- 1st dispute - with the contractor - the concrete slab – the recovery of the cost
- 2nd dispute - again with the contractor – materials delivered 2nd hand – not on

3rd dispute with the Council – current shed made of zinc alum, Council requirement colour bond, Chris won zinc alum it was.

Chris also told us of the story of the erection team, the wife and the Harley Davidson and building contractor. The building contractor was our very own Eric Copeland, seems Eric worked for \$30p.h (he was worth it), some negotiating went on between the main contractor and Eric, Eric won.

Chris was most pleased with the resulting shed: it was built to a very high standard, on time and on budget. One last thing was the fact the main contractor arranged for enough materials for 2 sheds to be delivered (theory being that once the shed had been erected he would take the surplus material away for another job), guess what? Chris got a 2nd shed from the material. According to Chris' payment plan the shed builder (Eric) was paid first, then the "subbies" and finally the main contractor (you know the story). Chris was one happy client. Almost forgot to add: it seems that when the slab was laid there was excess concrete so Chris also got a cricket pitch!

Well done Chris.



Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker this evening was Carla Archer, Historian and Canon of the Church of England here in Bathurst. Carla was introduced to the meeting by PP Brian Burke.

Carla commenced her talk with some background information about the start of WWI, which started as a little bit of a love story, revolving around the assassination in Sarajevo of Archduke Franz Ferdinand and his wife Sophie on 28 June 1914, which precipitated Austria-Hungary's declaration of war against Serbia.

As a consequence, the central powers (including Germany and Austria-Hungary) and the Allies of WWI (countries allied with Serbia or Serbia's allies) declared war on each other, starting WWI. Carla gave us an overview of the Archdukes family and the family succession.

Carla recommended a documentary ("37 days") shown on SBS recently which outlined the political structure in place when the war started. "37 Days" follows the catastrophic chain of events from the assassination of the Archduke, to the declaration of war between Britain and Germany on the 4th August.

"37 Days" explores what went on behind closed doors – how decisions were made by important political figures – including British Foreign Secretary Sir Edward Grey and Winston Churchill. Carla also recommended a book by A.J.P. Taylor – "War by Timetable" which is a history of the mobilisation of the armies of the Great Powers in 1914. Taylor argues that all the plans depended on railways, which had been timed to the minute, months or even years in advance.

Carla read a number of letters that were sent home from the Western Front which described both the beauty and hardship that Australian troops encountered. It was interesting how in one sentence they described the horror of war and the next the beauty of the landscape.

Carla then went on to describe some of the war cemeteries that she has visited on her trips to the various battlefields of the world, particularly those of the Western Front (her visit last year). She noted the sameness of the Commonwealth War Graves and how this has come about. It seems a gentleman by the name of Sir Fabien Arthur Goldstone Ware was responsible for recommending that an official body be established for creating a system for the recording of graves of men killed in action.

Again you really needed to hear Carla, to get the full impact of her story, a memorable speaker.

At the conclusion of her talk, Carla was thanked on behalf of the Club by PHF Bill Dickie for her efforts, and is our custom, was presented with one of our assassination proof, post 1914 coffee mugs.

Thought of the Week

An "oldie but a goodie" given by Rtn Graeme Bright:

"There are 3 types of people in the world – those that are good at maths and those that aren't".





Rotary District 9700 Conference

March 21-22, 2015

Let's Light up Cowra

DG David Kennedy
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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 26th November @ Rotary

Registrar: Greg Madden

Greeter/3 Minuter: Merran Olson

Guest Speaker: John Martin

Thought for the Week: Bill Dickie

John's guest speaker for the evening will be Phil Murray, one of Bathurst's leading photographers who would be well known to most, if not all, our members. An interesting talk will be given by Phil and we look forward to as many of our members who can be there on the 26th, to come along.

And the Following Week 3rd December

Registrar: Doug Coates

Greeter/3 Minuter: Luis Hernandez

Guest Speaker: Bob Newton

Thought for the Week: Wayne Aitcheson

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 @ 12 December

President Peter Keith hereby invites all Chatswood 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:

9th November Brian Burke

11th November Merran Olson

28th November Matt Casey

30th November Peter Keith



Other events and more!

Sat 06 Dec [Masquerade Ball, Filipino Community. Further details: Luis Hernandez](#)

Wed 10 Dec Annual General Meeting

Wed 17 Dec Christmas Function at "The Hub"

Mon 16 Mar RYDA commences, finishes Fri 20 March

Sat 21 Mar District Conference, Cowra

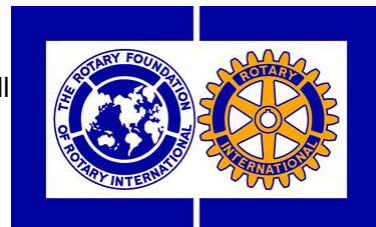
Thu 07 May Bathurst Bi Centenary Celebrations - Local Event Day



November is The Rotary Foundation Month

Rotary's focus this month is The Rotary Foundation.

The Rotary Foundation was created in 1917 as a non-profit endowment fund for Rotary "to do good in the world" and enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education and the alleviation of poverty. The Foundation has received over \$2.663 billion in voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends who share its vision of a better world.



Rotary challenges every club to encourage all members to become an EREY member (Every Rotarian Every Year).

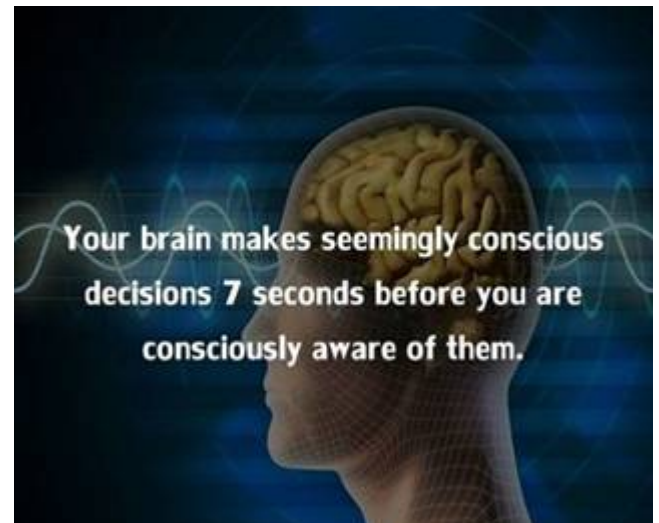
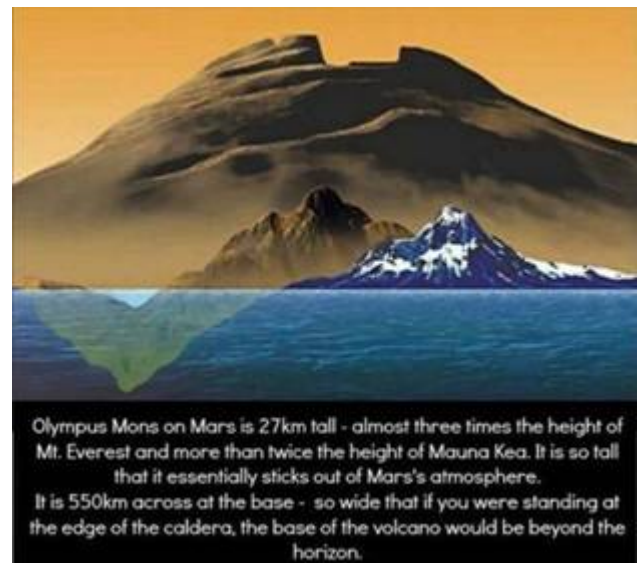
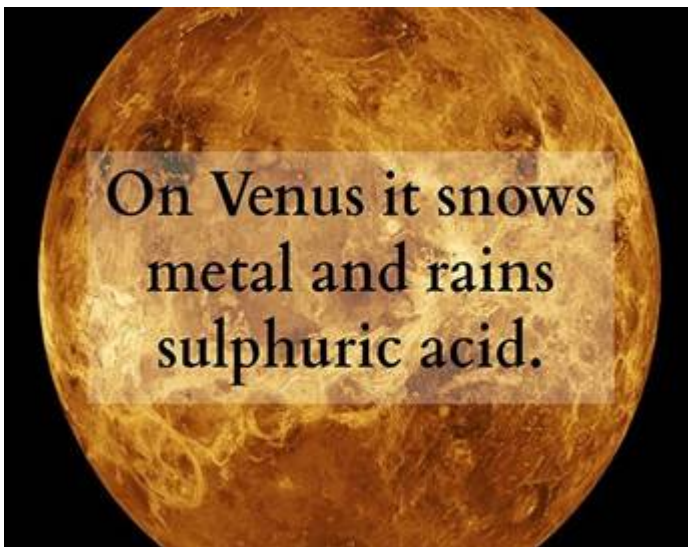


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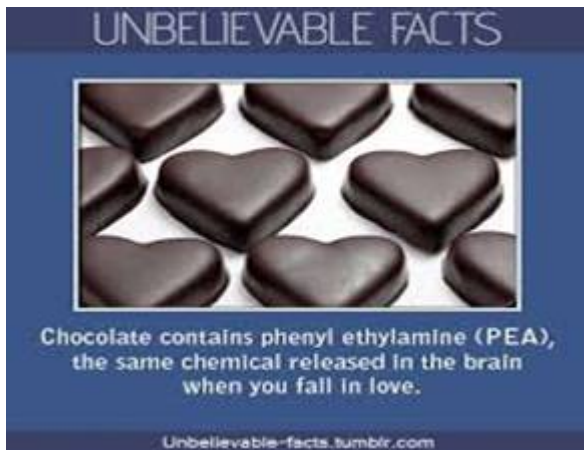
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Did You Know?

Maths Magic: Just try it.
"259 x your Age x 39 = ?"
You will get an interesting result.
www.factguru.info



The most incredible fact of all:



Consumer Corner: Contributing extra to super

Salary sacrificing

You've probably heard someone talking about 'salary sacrifice' at your family barbeque. But what does it actually mean? If you earn more than \$37,000, salary sacrifice can be a good way to grow your super. It involves giving up some of your pay and putting it into your super instead. You will save tax and boost your super.

Salary sacrificing is when you ask your employer to redirect a portion of your pay as a contribution to super. By 'sacrificing' some of your before-tax salary and putting it into your super fund, you get taxed at the special rate of 15%. That's why it's also known as 'concessional contributions' because there are tax concessions with these types of contributions. This suits higher income earners due to their higher [marginal tax rate](#).

Super concessional caps

There is a limit on how much you can put into super each year by salary sacrifice.

Most people can contribute up to \$30,000, including your employer's 9.5% super guarantee contribution. This is called the concessional contributions cap.

There are higher concessional caps for people closer to retirement, people aged 50 and over can contribute \$35,000 including your employer's 9.5% super guarantee contribution.

For more details see the ATO's information on [key superannuation rates and thresholds](#).

Setting up salary sacrificing

If you want to sacrifice some of your salary to super you should enter into a formal agreement with your employer. It is best to include the details in your terms of employment. This ensures your employer calculates their 9.5% super guarantee contribution on your original salary.

Government co-contributions

If you earn less than \$49,488 per year (before tax) and make after-tax super contributions, you are eligible to get matching contributions from the government. This is called the government co-contribution.

If you earn less than \$34,488 the maximum co-contribution is \$500 based on \$0.50 from the government for every \$1 you contribute. And just like that - you've made a 50% return on your money! The amount of the co-contribution reduces the more you earn.

How can I get the government co-contribution?

To receive the co-contribution you will need to lodge a tax return for the year.

The government will then work out how much you are entitled to. Assuming you're eligible, the government will pay the co-contribution directly to your fund.





TIME TO LAUGH, CRY, OR BE DISGUSTED



Let's continue where we left off last week with some more genuine, honest Aussie humour



First though, we can't leave out our friends from across the ditch:

Two boys are playing with a rugby ball on the street outside Eden Park in Auckland, when one is attacked by a vicious Rottweiler. Thinking quickly, the other boy grabbed a stick and wedged it under the dog's collar and twisting it he luckily broke the dog's neck and stopped the attack. A reporter strolling by sees the incident and rushes to interview the boy. "Young Warrior Fan Saves Friend," he starts writing in his notebook. "But I'm not a Warriors fan," the little hero replied. "Sorry, since we're in Auckland, I assumed you were," and starts again. "All Black Fan Rescues Friend from Horrific Attack," he writes. "I'm not an All Black fan either!" the boy said. "I thought everyone in Auckland was either a Warriors or All Blacks fan...so what team DO you go for?" the reporter asked. "I'm a Roosters and Wallaby fan!" the child beamed. The reporter starts a new sheet in his notebook and writes, "Little Bastard from Australia Kills Beloved Family Pet."

Scientists at Air New Zealand built a gun specifically to launch dead chickens at the windshields of airliners travelling at maximum velocity. The idea is to simulate the frequent incidents of collisions with airborne fowl to test the strength of the windshields. Australian engineers heard about the gun and were eager to test it on the windshields of their new Qantas A380 aircraft. Arrangements were made, and a gun was sent to the Australian engineers. When the gun was fired, the engineers stood shocked as the chicken hurled out of the barrel, crashed into the shatterproof shield, smashed it to smithereens, blasted through the control console, snapped the engineer's back-rest in two and embedded itself in the back wall of the cabin like an arrow shot from a bow. The horrified Aussies sent Air New Zealand the disastrous results of the experiment, along with the designs of the windshield and begged the Kiwi scientists for suggestions..... Air New Zealand responded with a one-line memo: "Defrost the chicken....."

Bruce and his mate Davo are fishing near a bridge.

Suddenly a hearse and two funeral cars go over the bridge and Davo stands up, takes off his cap and bows his head. When the cars have gone he puts his cap back on, sits back down and carries on fishing. Bruce turns to him and says, "Davo, that's the nicest respect fullest thing I've ever seen you do" Davo replies, "Well, we were married for nearly 30 years"

A blonde was about two hours from the Gold Coast when she was flagged down by a man whose truck had broken down.

The man walked up to the car and asked, 'Are you going to the Gold Coast?' 'Sure,' answered the blonde, 'do you need a lift?' 'Not for me. I'll be spending the next three hours fixing my truck. My problem is I've got two chimpanzees in the back which have to be taken to the Gold Coast Zoo. They're a bit stressed already so I don't want to keep them on the road all day. Could you possibly take them to the zoo for me? I'll give you \$100 for your trouble..' 'No worries,' said the blonde. So the two chimpanzees were ushered into the back seat of the blonde's car and carefully strapped into their seat belts, and off they went.

Five hours later, the truck driver was driving through the heart of the Gold Coast when suddenly he was horrified!!

There was the blonde walking down the street and holding hands with the two chimps, much to the amusement of a big crowd.

With a screech of brakes he pulled off the road and ran over to the blonde.

'What the heck are you doing here?' he demanded, 'I gave you \$100 to take these chimpanzees to the zoo.'

'Yes, I know you did,' said the blonde, 'but we had money left over --- so now we're going to Sea World.'

Bruce's 75 year old dad thought he should do something about his "ginormous" beer belly so he went to the gym.

While he was there a young sheila with a perfect body came in, and Bruce's dad got the hots for her immediately.

So he went up to the trainer and asked him which machine he should use to impress the young sheila.

The trainer looked him up and down and said: "The ATM in the reception area...."

A bloke sitting at a bar at Sydney Airport noticed a really beautiful woman sitting next to him.

He thought to himself: 'Wow, she's so gorgeous she must be an off duty flight attendant.'

But which airline does she work for?'

Hoping to make her acquaintance, he leaned towards her and uttered the Delta slogan: 'Love to fly and it shows?'

She gave him a blank, confused stare and he immediately thought to himself: 'Damn, she doesn't work for Delta.'

A moment later, another slogan popped into his head.

He leaned towards her again 'A great way to fly?'

She gave him the same confused look.

He mentally kicked himself, and scratched Singapore Airlines off the list.

Next he tried the Thai Airways slogan: 'Smooth as Silk?.'

This time the woman turned on him, 'What the #@\$\$% do you want?'

The man smiled, then slumped back in his chair, and said,

'Ahhhhh, Jetstar.....'

Robbo runs in to the pub and yells Bruce!!! Some rotter just stole your ute!

Bruce replies; did you see who it was?

Robbo: no, but I wrote down the rego number!

Bruce gets pulled over for a random breath test.

The cop says; you got any ID?

To which Bruce replies; About what?

Bruce to his mate Robbo: someone stole all my credit cards last month.

Robbo replies; did you report it to the cops?

Bruce: no way mate! The thief is spending a lot less than my missus did!

Bruce woke up this morning at 8, and could sense something was wrong.

When he got downstairs he found the missus face down on the kitchen floor, not breathing!

First he panicked and didn't know what to do. Then he remembered McDonald's serves breakfast until 10:30.

And finally.....

An Australian ventriloquist visiting New Zealand walks into a small village and sees a local sitting on his porch patting his dog. He figures he'll have a little fun, so he says to the Kiwi:

"G'day, mind if I talk to your dog?"

Villager: "The dog doesn't talk, you stupid Aussie."

Ventriloquist: "Hello dog, how's it going mate?"

Dog: "Yeah, doin' all right."

Kiwi: (look of extreme shock)

Ventriloquist: "Is this villager your owner?" (pointing at the villager)

Dog: "Yep"

Ventriloquist: "How does he treat you?"

Dog: "Yeah, real good. He walks me twice a day, feeds me great food and takes me to the lake once a week to play."

Kiwi: (look of utter disbelief)

Ventriloquist: "Mind if I talk to your horse?"

Kiwi: "Uh, the horse doesn't talk either....I think."

Ventriloquist: "Hey horse, how's it going?"

Horse: "Cool"

Kiwi: (absolutely dumbfounded)

Ventriloquist: "Is this your owner?" (Pointing at the villager)

Horse: "Yep"

Ventriloquist: How does he treat you?

Horse: "Pretty good, thanks for asking. He rides me regularly, brushes me down often and keeps me in the barn to protect me from the elements."

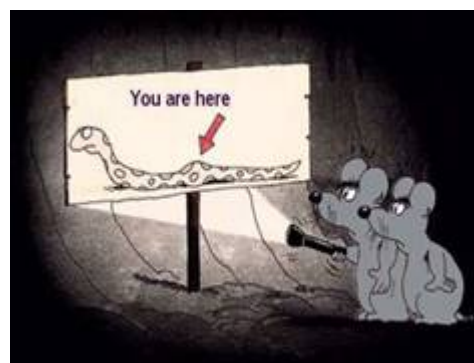
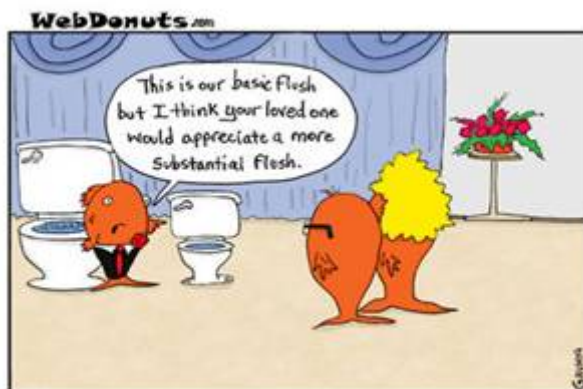
Kiwi: (total look of amazement)

Ventriloquist: "Mind if I talk to your sheep?"

Kiwi: (in a panic) "Don't believe a word she says, that sheep's a bloody liar.."

I'm sure Chris and Merran will forgive me - eventually!!!

Cartoon corner





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

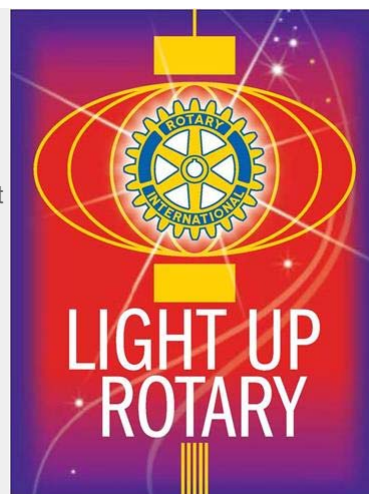
What is Rotary?

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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