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

Building Better Communities



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Last week @ Rotary:

International Toast



In the absence of PHF Bill Dickie, the International Toast was presented by President Peter Keith.

Peter proposed a toast to the Rotary Club of Antwerp, Belgium in Rotary district 2170, a relatively young Club founded in 2003. It is the only English speaking Rotary Club in Belgium with a low average (membership) age of 45 years.

The Club holds two work meetings per month, separated by either a home/cultural activity meeting or a monthly dinner meeting open to members and partners with the added flavour of a guest speaker.

Goals of the Club include better friendship between people by "service above self" and lending a helping hand where needed.

General Business

1. Congratulations extended to our "senior" member, Dick Crossing OAM PHF, who turns 90 on Australia day. Well done Dick, and doubtless, there are many more years to come.
2. Visitors: Celia van der Zwaag and Merryn Sweeney joined us again this week.
3. Food van – future of the van at the monthly auction still in doubt, but the situation will be clarified before the next rostered date, February 8th.
4. Food van for the Swap Meet being held on Sunday 1 February next: PP Bob Newton advised rosters now organised.
5. Bathurst Bi Centenary on Saturday 9th May – Van again to be used, cost \$ 100.00.

6. Brian Welch issued a reminder of the "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.



Three Minuter

The "Three Minuter" this week was presented by Rtn Kathy Woodley, with Kathy giving us an interesting insight into the making and laying of asphalt paving.

As stated by Kathy, asphalt paving mixes made with asphalt cement are usually prepared at an asphalt mixing facility. There are two types of asphalt mixes: hot-mix and cold-mix. Hot-mix asphalt (HMA) is more commonly used while cold-mix asphalt (generally mixes made with emulsified or cut-back asphalts) is usually used for light to medium traffic secondary roads, or for remote locations or maintenance use.

Hot-mix asphalts are a mixture of suitable aggregate coated with asphalt cement. The term "hot-mix" comes from the process of heating the aggregate (usually 160 degrees C on site) and asphalt before mixing to remove moisture from the aggregate and to obtain sufficient fluidity of the asphalt cement for proper mixing and work-ability.

If a harder finish required, more lime is used. Compacting is very important –if the paving is not properly compacted, air will get in causing air holes; this reduces the effectiveness and usually results in customers wanting the job to be redone.

Kathy finished her talk noting there is a great amount of work to be undertaken in the Bathurst area over the next couple of years. Thank you Kathy,

Guest Speaker



In the absence of a guest speaker, Matt Casey filled in for us and gave details of the six week holiday he and his family had just enjoyed travelling around Europe along with a couple of stay overs in Singapore.

Matt said it was coincidental that the international toast this was to Antwerp, as part of the trip meant a stay of a week or so in Antwerp visiting relatives (Paula's brother) and having a great time there. Other relatives (again, on Paula's side) from Holland also made the "must visit" list.

Due to an unusually warm winter, snow was very scarce depriving them of a genuine white Christmas although it was still quite cold.

They spent New Year's in Paris with Paris being very crowded and not that enjoyable with so many revellers making Paris their centre of attention. Fortunately though, they were well clear of the City before the Islamic terrorist raids occurred.

Matt marveled at how his two young daughters appeared to have matured as a result of taking the holiday and of course, it was one that will remain in their memory for many years to come.

Our thanks were expressed to Matt for stepping in.

Thought of the Week

The thought this week, was presented by Rtn Merran Olson, who gave a quotation from the film "The Imitation Game" being a description of the main character, Alan Turing:

"The person who is perceived as most unlikely to achieve anything in life is often the one who achieves the most".

Very true – thanks Merran.

Next week 28th January @ Rotary

Registrar: **Doug Barnes**

Guest Speaker: **Brian Welch**

Greeter/3 Minuter: **Robin Price**

Thought for the Week: **Heather Crawford**

And the Following week 4th February @ Rotary

Registrar: **John Martin**

Guest Speaker: **Stephanie Brown**

Greeter/3 Minuter: **Greg Madden**

Thought for the Week: **Doug Coates**

Van Roster – 8th February

Morning: Terry Mahony, Graeme Bright, Maree Richards

Afternoon: 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 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.

Don't Forget!

Membership Fees are now due!



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

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Please join us with best wishes to:

- 18 Jan Robin & Kaye Price -
- 19 Jan Geoff & Lorraine Fry -
- 24 Jan Heather Crawford - birthday
- Crossing – **90 not out** -birthday
- Coates - birthday



- 26 Jan anniversary
- 29 Jan anniversary
- Dick
- Doug

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.



Interesting 'photos department.....



With a big thank-you to David Russell for supplying the above.

Gary C.K. Huang
Rotary International President-elect 2014-15

It is better to light a single candle,
than to sit and curse
the darkness.

“LIGHT UP ROTARY”

Rotary
PR District 3350



Greetings from Kiama

David and Joan Russell have sent greetings for a productive and happy 2015 to all in Bathurst East Rotary.

Both have been very busy since arriving in Kiama with David stating: "This is a particularly busy period for the local club with frequent BBQ outings and their 24th Antiques Fair this weekend, preparations for which started on Thursday:

marking out the stall holders' areas and arranging power to each and a roster running to 4 pages (I'm on five times)."

He went on to describe what happened at a "sausage sizzle" held recently as well as mentioning Kiama Rotary's International project: "Last Wednesday we sold 140 steak sandwiches and 200 sausage sandwiches in 90 minutes at a beachside caravan park. 8 rostered on.

"Each year they (Kiama) send two container loads of school furniture, uniforms and medical equipment to Madang.

"My calendar has only 8 days with nothing happening for January."

And finally: "Best wishes to everyone for a great 2105".

We continue to wish David and Joan all the best in their retirement.



UNUSUAL AUSTRALIAN FACTS DEPARTMENT....

Did you know -

* Independence for WA- In April 1933, 68 per cent of West Australians voted in favour of seceding from the Commonwealth of Australia. However, they needed permission from the British Parliament before they could officially become a new country. Meanwhile, Australia's Federal Parliament was arguing that Britain should not interfere in Australian politics. The end result was that Britain never made a decision. Consequently, Western Australian remained part of the Commonwealth.

* Cartoonists - A cartoon is a drawing that makes a satirical, witty, or humorous point. On 17 July 1924, the world's first society of cartoonists, the *Black and White Artists' Society*, was formed in Sydney.

* Yowie sighting - In 1987, the Alice Springs police station received a call from a frightened family. The family had stopped for a cup of tea after a morning of rabbit hunting. Then a huge ape like creature, two meters tall and covered in hair, leapt out of an empty water tank and began walking towards them. The family fled to their truck and the creature ran after them before disappearing into the bush. The man, *Frank Burns* believed it was a man however the women, *Phyllis Kenny*, told the press she could tell the difference between man and beast and this was definitely a beast. The following day police searched the area and found a man, 203 centimetres tall weighing an estimated 127-159 kg (or about two Oprah Winfreys) sitting naked by the roadside. The man was then taken to a local mental hospital.

* Australia was the 3rd country, after the US and Russia, to launch a satellite into orbit. It was for the British, using a 'Blue Streak' rocket.

* Purple wallaby - The Purple-neck Rock Wallaby [*Petrogale Purpureicollis*] does exist -it inhabits the Mt Isa region in Northwest Queensland. The Wallaby secretes a dye that transforms its face and neck into colours ranging from light pink to bright purple.

* The Fierce Snake or Inland Taipan has the most toxic venom of any snake. Maximum yield recorded (for one bite) is 110mg. That would probably be enough to kill over 100 people or 250,000 mice.

* Mungo man - In 1974, scientists discovered the *Mungo man* - a primate who was ritually buried 40-60,000

years ago with his hands covering his private parts. ANU's *John Curtin School of Medical Research* found that the skeleton's genetic material contained a small section of mitochondrial DNA. It was analysed and compared to the genetic material from nearly 3,500 people; including Neanderthals, Asians, ancient Aborigines, and present-day Aborigines. It was found that Mungo Man's DNA lacked a gene that was common to all the other samples. Consequently, unlike every other known person on the planet, or unearthed skeleton, Mungo man cannot be traced to humans that left Africa any time in the last 200,000 years.

*Happy birthday anthem - In 1977, Alan Jones scored a surprise victory in the Austrian Grand Prix. Initially officials were going to play the Austrian anthem but then realised that Australia and Austria were not the same country. Unfortunately, they didn't have the Australian anthem so instead a local drunk played "Happy Birthday to You" on a trumpet.

*Australian Football was invented by Sydney Tom Wills and Henry Harrison - both were both born in Sydney. Tom played the Aboriginal game of *Mangrook* as a child and it is believed the native game inspired the rules he initially proposed. The game then took hold in Victoria, but was largely rejected by Sydney.

*Waltzing Matilda - '*Waltzing Matilda*' the title of Australia's most famous song, is German for 'carrying a backpack'.



TIME TO LAUGH, CRY, OR BE DISGUSTED

Australia Day Celebrations – more Australian jokes.

A bunch of blokes are camping and fishing and have run out of grog.

So Johnno and Bruce decide to walk to the nearest bottle-o to get some new supplies.

The others keep fishing and eat a few pies.

Two hours later Bruce walks back in to the camp, straining under the weight of four cartons of XXXX.

Where's the hell is Johnno? asked the mob.

Oh, he just had a stroke or heart attack or something, Bruce says.

What, and you just left him there?

Yeah well, Bruce replies, I couldn't carry both Johnno and the beer, it was a tough call, but then I figured that nobody was going to steal Johnno.....

Sheila works at an office, when her boss calls her up.

The boss is not very good at maths and has problems calculating a discount on an invoice, so he asks her, if I was to give you \$20 000.- ,minus 10%, how much would you take off?

Sheila yells out: absolutely everything, mate!

Ponder on these imponderables for a minute:

If you take an Oriental person and spin him around several times, does he become disoriented?

Do infants enjoy infancy as much as adults enjoy adultery?

If a pig loses its voice, is it disgruntled?

Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?

Why is a person who plays the piano called a pianist but a person who drives a racing car not called a racist?

Why do overlook and oversee mean opposite things?

If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen defrocked, doesn't it follow that electricians can be delighted, musicians denoted, cowboys deranged, models deposed, tree surgeons debarked, and dry cleaners depressed?

Bruce spotted a nice looking sheila while he was driving around the golf course.

Because of this he didn't see an obstacle in front of him and bang, crash, he overturned his golf cart. The nice sheila came running over and helped him get out from under the golf cart and back on to his feet, and she was very concerned about him. I live just around the corner here, she said, come back to my place and I'll get you a drink and clean up your clothes a bit. Mmmmm... I don't think my missus would like that, he said. But the nice sheila would not give up and eventually she convinced Bruce to follow her to her house. Here she pulled a few cold beers out of the fridge, cooked him some lunch, and washed his clothes that were soiled. As Bruce was still limping a little she suggested she should give him a massage. Again Bruce said; I dunno, I don't think my missus would like that, but she was persuasive and brought out some oil and gave his legs and back a massage. By now the daylight was fading and she suggested to him that he should stay for dinner as well, and even spend the night there. I'd love to, Bruce said, but the missus is not gonna like it, she is gonna be really cranky with me. How is she gonna know, the sheila said, and where is she anyway? Bruce: under the golfcart....

A lawyer and a blonde woman are sitting next to each other on the plane from Cairns to Perth.

That's a very long flight so in the end the lawyer decides to make some conversation and asks the blonde if she would like to play a fun game. The blonde is tired and just wants to take a nap, so she politely declines and tries to catch a few winks.

The lawyer persists, that the game is a lot of fun. "I ask you a question, and if you don't know the answer, you pay me only \$5; you ask me one, and if I don't know the answer, I will pay you \$500."

This catches the blonde's attention, and- to keep him quiet- she agrees to play the game. The lawyer asks the first question. "What's the distance from the Earth to the Moon?" The blonde doesn't say a word, reaches in to her purse, pulls out a five-dollar bill, and hands it to the lawyer.

Now, it's the blonde's turn. She asks the lawyer, "What goes up a hill with three legs, and comes down with four?" The lawyer uses his laptop, searches all references. He uses the Airphone; he searches the Net and even the NSW Library. He sends e-mails to all the smart friends he knows, all to no avail.

After one hour of searching he finally gives up. He wakes up the blonde and hands her \$500. The blonde takes the \$500 and goes back to sleep.

The lawyer is going nuts not knowing the answer. He wakes her up and asks, "Well, so what goes up a hill with three legs and comes down with four?"

The blonde reaches into her purse, hands the lawyer \$5 and goes back to sleep.

When I was a kid I used to pray every night for a new bike.

Then I realised that the Lord doesn't work that way, so I stole one and asked Him for forgiveness.

Bruce's teenage son had just passed his driving test and asked his dad if he could borrow the ute.

Bruce was not all that keen on his hot headed son hooning around in his beloved V8 Holden so he set some conditions: "You bring your grades up from a C to a B average, study your bible a little, and get your hair

cut. Then we'll talk about the ute".

The son thought about that for a moment, decided he'd settle for the offer, and they agreed on it.

After about six weeks Bruce said: "Mate, you've brought your grades up and I noticed that you have been studying your bible, but you haven't had your hair cut".

The boy said: "You know, Dad, I've noticed in my studies of the bible that Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses had long hair...and there's even strong evidence that Jesus had long hair"

To this his Bruce replied: "Yes, and did you also notice they all walked everywhere they went?"



Australia Day & Other Cartoons



WARREN BROWN

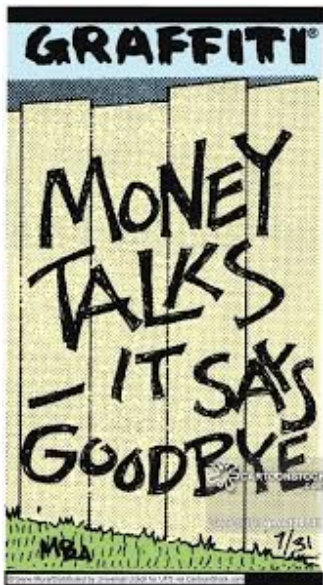


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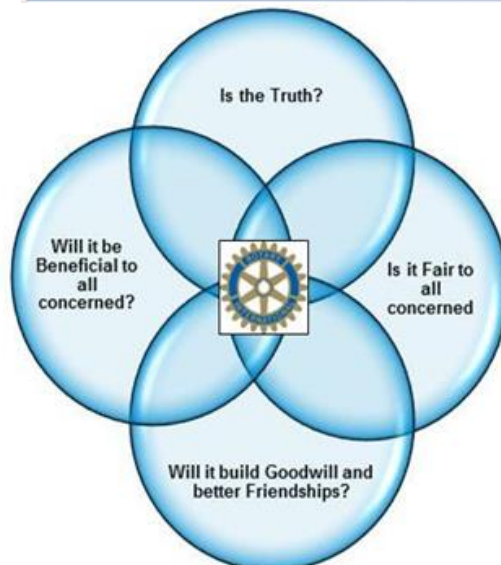




Remember. Never eat an Australian.
They are full of vegemite!



FOUR-WAY TEST
Of the things we think, say or do



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



Tony Pollard – Editor

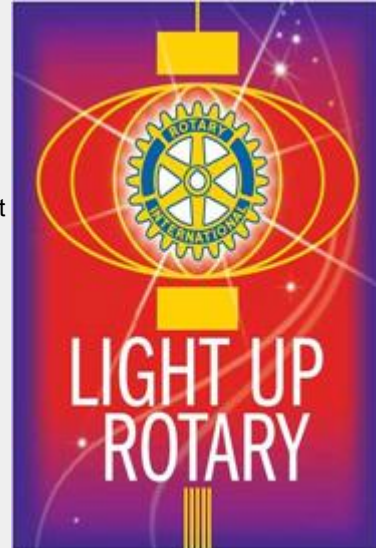
What is Rotary?

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
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