



The Racing Wheel

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

Building Better Communities

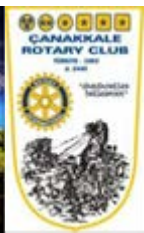


Week Ending 28th April 2015

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Last week @ Rotary 22 April

International Toast



The International Toast was again this week presented by PHF and Sergeant Bill Dickie. This week's toast was to the Rotary Club of Canakkale, Turkey, in Rotary district 2440, which has 63 Clubs with 1665 members in Turkey. Canakkale received its charter in 1986 and currently has 27 members who meet on Tuesdays at 12:30pm.

One of the main projects of the Club is organising and running a swimming race on 30th August each year and has been doing so for 26 years. The race is across the narrowest part of the Dardanelles, some 4.5 kilometres, but because of the current, the swimmers actually take a semicircular course of approximately 5 kilometres from the European side to the Asian side.

The race course crosses one of the busiest shipping lanes of the world, with the course being closed to shipping for 1.5 hours after which the swimmers are removed by boat.

Thank you Bill.

General Business

1. President Peter reported on the Board Meeting held prior to the dinner meeting stating a general discussion held regarding possible activities the Club may be able to hold for fund raising purposes with these including a Bathurst comedy festival.
2. President Peter also advised four members attended last Saturday's Combined Service Clubs Dinner held at the Panthers Club. Mayor Rush approached about becoming an honorary member of our Club.
3. Rugby Choir – nothing further heard at this time, may be better to postpone for now.
4. Graeme Bright reported bowel scan kits are ready for distribution to chemists. Some kits for our members to be made available at next Wednesday's meeting.
5. Car rally set down for Sunday 3 May next postponed.
6. Sergeant Bill suggested that proceeds from next week's sergeant session be donated to Legacy. Suggestion adopted, so take plenty of cash to next week's meeting.
7. Van Roster for Sunday, 10th May – one shift only, from 8:30am to 12:30pm. Manning to be decided at next week's meeting.

8. PP Geoff Fry also spoke on a possible fund raising venture being a food and wine festival. Geoff will obtain more details and report back.



Three Minuter

The "Three Minuter" this week was presented by Sergeant Bill Dickie. Bill spoke on the Lee Enfield .303 rifle.



The main infantry weapon used by Australian forces in the first half of the 20th Century was the Lee Enfield Mark III SMLE. This was a bolt action, .303 calibre rifle with a magazine holding 5 rounds of 0.303 or 7.6mm ammunition.

The rifle weighted 4 kilos, had an overall length of 1.11 meters – a trained soldier could fire 20 to 30 aimed shots per minute with a muzzle velocity of 744 meters per second, an effective range of 500 meters and a maximum range of 2,740 meters.

Those who participated in WW1, WW2, Korea, the 1950s national service scheme or cadets would remember well rifle drill with the Lee Enfield. Anyone who ever fired the rifle would remember the kick in the shoulder the first time it was used.

The Lee Enfield could have a sword bayonet attached to the muzzle and became commonly known as the "303". It was used by rifle clubs throughout much of the last century and as a hunting rifle after WW2. The 303 was replaced by the Australian Military Forces with the semiautomatic FN rifle in the late 1950s. Thank you again Bill.

Guest Speaker



Due to the unavailability of our guest speaker this week, the guest speaker session had to be cancelled.

Thought of the Week

The thought this week, was presented by PP Geoff Fry on his recent retirement from the world of high finance consultancy, being a quote from Mark Twain:

"Never invest in something you have to paint or feed".

Thank you Geoff.

Next week @ Rotary 29 April

Registrar: **Terry Mahony**
Greeter/3 Minuter: **Lee Rayner**

Guest Speaker: **Doug Coates**
Thought for the Week: **Brian Burke**

And the week after that: 6th May @ Rotary

Registrar: **Graeme Bright**

Guest Speaker: **John Cobby**

Greeter/3 Minuter: **Wayne Aitcheson** Thought for the Week: **Terry Mahony**

Van Roster – 10th May

Morning: Bill Dickie, Merryn Olson, Chris Olson

Afternoon: John Martin, Robin Price, Merran Sweeney

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.

Did you Know? Fun Facts about Rotary

Firsts and Other Fun Facts

Did you know that Rotary founder Paul Harris wasn't the first president of a Rotary club? That distinction is actually held by Harris's friend Silvester Schiele, who served as the first president of the Rotary Club of Chicago. Harris deferred his club leadership duties until February 1907, when he was elected the third president of the Chicago club.

Club firsts

On 1 August 1912, the Rotary Club of London became the first club chartered outside of North America. The Rotary Club of Dublin, Ireland, had been organized earlier, but didn't receive its charter until 1 May 1913.

Presidential firsts

Paul Harris was elected as first president of the National Association of Rotary Clubs (which later became Rotary International) in 1910, and is the only president to have served two terms.

Other firsts: Canadian E. Leslie Pidgeon (1917-18) was the first Rotary president from outside the United States, Sydney W. Pascall (1931-32) was the first from Great Britain, and Maurice Duperrey (1937-38) was the first from continental Europe.

Foundation firsts

In 1929, The Rotary Foundation gave its first gift, US\$500, to the International Society for Crippled Children (later Easter Seals), which was founded in 1921 by Rotarian Edgar F. Allen, of the Rotary Club of Elyria, Ohio, USA.

Paul Harris Fellow recognition was established in 1957 to show appreciation for contributions, and to encourage substantial ones, to what was then the Foundation's only program: Rotary Foundation Fellowships for Advanced Study, the precursor to Ambassadorial Scholarships.

Today, the recognition acknowledges individuals who contribute, or who have contributions made in their name, US\$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation.

Convention facts

Edinburgh, Scotland, hosted the first convention outside North America in June 1921.

Rotary's first convention in Asia was held in Tokyo in 1961. Among the record-setting 23,366 paid and unpaid registrants was the emperor of Japan.

The largest convention to date, based on the number of paid registrants, was the Rotary centennial convention, held in Chicago in 2005.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Please join us with best wishes to:

- 03 April Bob Newton – Birthday**
- 11 April Chris Olson – Birthday**
- 20 April Robin Price – Birthday**
- 23 April Tony & Jennifer Pollard – Anniversary**
- 29 April Brian & Marlene Welch - Anniversary**



Other events and more!

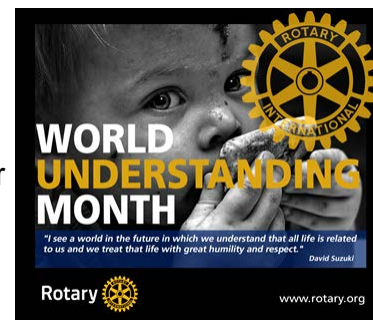
- Sun 03 May District Assembly, High School, West Wyalong
- Thu 07 May Bathurst Bi Centenary – Local Event Day & Van
- Sat 09 May Bathurst Bi Centenary – Local Event Day & Van
- Wed 01 July *Changeover Dinner – Rydges Mt Panorama***
- Wed 09 Sept District Governor’s Official Visit & Ladies Night.
- Sat 19 Sept Australian Rugby Choir visit, maybe.



April is Rotary Magazine Month

Rotary's focus this month is the Rotary Magazine.

Have you explored the rich world of Rotary Media information? April is magazine month and may be just the time to find and read some of the 27 regional magazines published for Rotarians all around the world including our Rotary Down Under, The Rotarian, Rotary World Press with stories and photographs of the people, the projects and Rotary activities from around the world.



[Click here](#) to access our Rotary Down Under Magazine.

More than half of Rotarians worldwide receive a regional magazine instead of The Rotarian. These publications are produced independently by Rotarians, distributed in more than 130 countries and published in 24 languages. They have a combined circulation of 872,000.



Interesting 'photos  *department.....*







Credit advice Department.....

Repayment history indicators (RHI) now appearing on credit files

The day was coming, and has now arrived.

In March 2014, the new credit reporting regime began in earnest in Australia and we were told that repayment history information would now be recorded on credit files. The legislation that brought this change came into effect in early 2013, and from this date credit providers could collect late payment information and have it at the ready to insert onto your consumer credit file as soon as practicable.

Over the past month, late payments – or as they are sometimes called ‘repayment history indicators’ (RHI) – are finally showing up on credit reports. RHI is different to a ‘default’, which is information about a payment of \$150 or more that has been overdue for at least 60 days.

RHI indicates whether you have missed or made a payment on a certain type of credit contract. You will be considered to have missed a consumer credit payment if you make the payment more than 14 days after the date it was due to be paid. The RHI will appear on your consumer credit report as a 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, X next to the month in which the payment was due. A higher number (or ‘X’) will indicate that the payment has been overdue for longer.

If you pay only part of the amount owing, you are taken to have missed a payment. However, in relation to credit cards, you are only taken to have missed a payment if you fail to make the ‘minimum payment due’ (as indicated on your credit card bill). The amount of any missed payment is not recorded on the credit file – only the fact that you have made or missed a payment.

Only credit providers who hold an Australian credit licence can put RHI information on a credit file. Common types of credit providers in this category are those who provide home loans, personal loans (including payday loans), and credit cards. Energy companies, telecommunications companies, and bills for other services do not place RHI information on your credit file.

RHI will affect your ability to obtain certain types of credit in the future (such as a home loan, a personal loan or a credit card), and stays on your credit file for two years. Correctly placed RHI indicates to credit providers that you are struggling to meet your current credit obligations. If a credit provider approves a loan while you are struggling to meet other payments, it may breach the rules around responsible lending.

As with defaults and court actions on credit reports, there are rules that concern the placement of RHI on a credit file. If you are adversely affected by RHI, you can have your solicitor for example, investigate whether the markers have been placed correctly, and erase them if an error has been made.

This of course, can in itself take time and cost you. The only solution: always pay your loans, credit cards, bills on time.

Privacy factsheet 34 from the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner has been used to prepare this article.



TIME TO LAUGH, CRY, OR BE DISGUSTED

We're in the Army Now

An army major visits the sick soldiers, goes up to one private and asks:

"What's your problem, Soldier?"

"Chronic boils, Sir"

"What treatment are you getting?"

"Five minutes with the wire brush each day."

"What's your ambition?"

"To get back to the front, Sir."
"Good man." says the Major.

He goes to the next bed. "What's your problem, Soldier?"
"Chronic piles, Sir"
"What treatment are you getting?"
"Five minutes with the wire brush each day."
"What's your ambition?"
"To get back to the front, Sir."
"Good man." says the Major.

He goes to the next bed. "What's your problem, Soldier?"
"Chronic gum disease, Sir"
"What treatment are you getting?"
"Five minutes with the wire brush each day."
"What's your ambition?"
"To get the wire brush before the other two, Sir"

LUCKY DRIVER

A police officer pulls over a driver and informs him that he has just won \$5,000 in a safety competition, all because he is wearing his seat belt.

"What are you going to do with the prize money?" the officer asks.

The man responds, "I guess I'll go to driving school and get my license."

His wife says, "Officer, don't listen to him. He's a smart aleck when he's drunk."

The guy in the back seat pops up out from under the blanket and says, "I knew we wouldn't get far in this stolen car."

Just then a knock comes from the trunk and a voice calls out, "Are we over the border yet?"

A LESSON IN MORALS

One day at the end of class, little Johnny's teacher asks the class to go home and think of a story to be concluded with the moral of that story. The following day the teacher asks for the first volunteer to tell their story.

Little Suzy raises her hand. "My dad owns a farm and every Sunday we load the chicken eggs on the truck and drive into town to sell them at the market. Well, one Sunday we hit a big bump and all the eggs flew out of the basket and onto the road."

When the teacher asked for the moral of the story, Suzy replied, "Don't keep all your eggs in one basket."

Little Lucy went next. "My dad owns a farm too. Every weekend we take the chicken eggs and put them in the incubator. Last weekend only eight of the 12 eggs hatched."

Again, the teacher asked for the moral of the story.

Lucy replied, "Don't count your chickens before they hatch."

Next up was little Johnny. "My uncle Ted fought in the Vietnam war, and his plane was shot down over enemy territory. He jumped out before it crashed but could only take a case of beer, a machine gun and a machete. On the way down, he drank the case of beer. Then he landed right in the middle of 100 Vietnamese soldiers. He shot 70 with his machine gun, but then he ran out of bullets! So he pulled out his machete and killed 20 more. Then the blade on his machete broke, so he killed the last ten with his bare hands."

The teacher looked a little shocked. After clearing her throat, she asked what possible moral there could be to this story.

"Well," Johnny replied, "Don't muck with Uncle Ted when he's been drinking."

When the Bells Toll

On hearing that her elderly grandfather had just passed away, Katie went straight to her grandparent's house to visit her 95 year old grandmother and comfort her.

When she asked how her grandfather had died, her grandmother replied, "He had a heart attack while we were making love on Sunday morning."

Horrified, Katie told her grandmother that 2 people nearly 100 years old having sex would surely be asking for trouble.

"Oh no, my dear", replied granny. "Many years ago, realizing our advanced age, we figured out the best time to do it was when the church bells would start to ring. It was just the right rhythm. Nice and slow and even. Nothing too strenuous, simply in on the Ding and out on the Dong."

She paused, wiped away a tear and then continued, "And if that damned ice cream truck hadn't come along, he'd still be alive today!"

Drunk

A man is in bed with his wife when there is a rat-a-tat-tat on the door. He rolls over and looks at his clock, and its half past three in the morning.

"I'm not getting out of bed at this time," he thinks, and rolls over. Then, a louder knock follows. "Aren't you going to answer that?" says his wife. So he drags himself out of bed, and goes downstairs. He opens the door and there is man standing at the door. It didn't take the homeowner long to realize the man was drunk.

"Hi there." slurs the stranger, "Can you give me a push?" "No, get lost, it's half past three. I was in bed." says the man and slams the door.

He goes back up to bed and tells his wife what happened and she says "Dave, that wasn't very nice of you. Remember that night we broke down in the pouring rain on the way to pick the kids up from the baby-sitter and you had to knock on that man's house to get us started again? What would have happened if he'd told us to get lost??"

"But the guy was drunk." says the husband.

"It doesn't matter." says the wife. "He needs our help and it would be the right thing to do."

So the husband out of bed again, gets dressed, and goes downstairs. He opens the door, and not being able to see the stranger anywhere he shouts:

"Hey, do you still want a push??" and he hears a voice cry out "Yeah please."

So, still being unable to see the stranger he shouts: "Where are you?"

And the stranger replies: "I'm over here, on your swing."



Cartoon corner

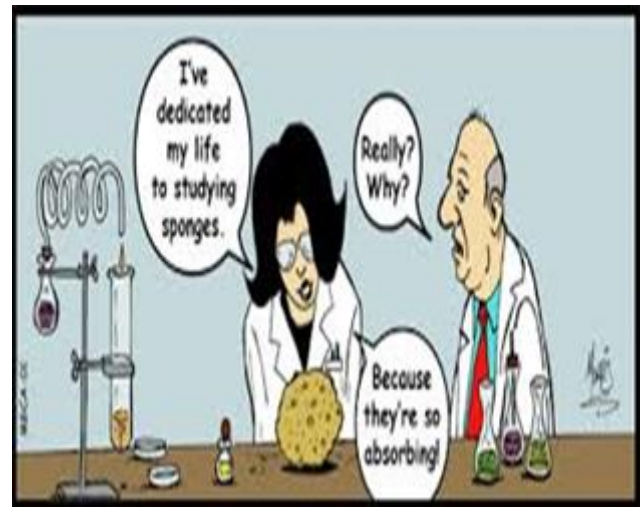




"My doctor told me to avoid any unnecessary stress, so I didn't open his bill."



"My computer kept locking up on me, so I smashed it to pieces. After I buy a new one, I'll look into anger management."



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 ?

OBJECT OF ROTARY

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster;

First: The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service ;

Second: High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve the society;

Third: The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

Fourth: The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

THAT'S IT FOR NOW, SEE YOU ALL NEXT WEDNESDAY



Tony Pollard – Editor

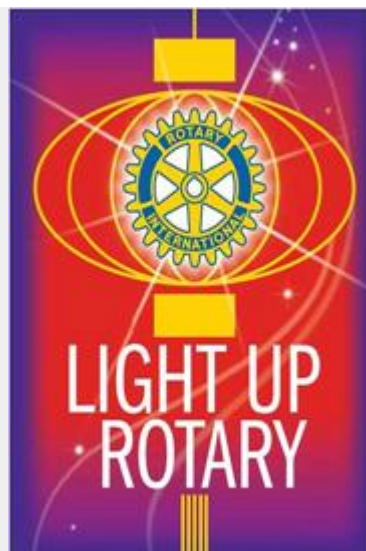
What is Rotary?

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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