



# The Racing Wheel

The Rotary Club of Bathurst East Inc NSW Australia.  
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## Last week @ Rotary:

### International Toast



The International Toast was presented by PHF & Sergeant Bill Dickie. The toast this week was to the Rotary Club of Montrose, Angus in Scotland in Rotary district 1010, having 88 clubs with 2984 members in the district.

The Rotary Club of Montrose received its charter in 1958, currently has 29 members who meet each Tuesday at 6:15pm in the George Hotel, Montrose (pictured far right above). For further details, please refer to Bill's notes as attached.

Thank you Bill.

### General Business

1. President Peter advised the Van was at the Farmers' Markets last weekend – due to the limit on the goods we could sell together with the fact it was a quiet day, net profit for the day was only \$ 120.00.
2. Visitors: Celia van der Zwaag and Merryn Sweeney joined us again this week.
3. Food van for the Swap Meet being held on Sunday 1 February, Bill has ordered the meat, bread rolls – to be picked up on Saturday.
4. PP Stephanie Brown advised the "Cirkus-Surreal" will tour overseas again in April 2016, with a performance to be held on November 7<sup>th</sup> for a conference of staff from the Reliance Credit Union. Whenever such conferences are held, the Reliance staff also wish to undertake a community project in whichever town or city the conference is being held in. They have asked for ideas as to possible projects that may be undertaken while in Bathurst. Steph has requested we consider this matter and if anyone can come up with any suggestions, to please let her know.

- Stephanie also suggested as a social event, a car rally be held. The idea received good support with a committee comprising Steph, Doug Coates, Matt Casey, Bob Newton and Graeme Bright formed to look into the matter and report back.

## Three Minuter



The "Three Minuter" this week was presented by Rtn Chris Olson who gave an interesting story of his and Merran's recent experiences babysitting a 700kg bull (yes, this is a true story – no bu..., you know what I mean).

To cut a long story short, this *primitus laurus bovarius* (or prize winning bull) was found on the fourth day to be missing. A check of fences and so on gave no clue as to what may have happened to the bovine.

Eventually however, the bull was located on an adjoining property, but again, Chris and Merran could find no signs of how it managed to get there, as all gates were still closed, no holes in fences found and so on.

Chris left the bull alone and watched in amazement when the bull decided to return to Chris and Merran's property revealing in the process, just how it managed to get out. The cunning critter, after wandering back to the Olson's property line, pushed on the fencing wire, poking its head under the barb wire then pushing the other wire down and scrambling through the narrow opening it made for itself.

Once through, the fence sprang back to its original position leaving no clues behind. As Chris then said: "The electric fence now goes in". Amazing. Thanks Chris.

## Guest Speaker

In the absence of a guest speaker again this week, Brian Welch filled in for us and gave in excruciating details the "fight" he had with his ride on lawn mower last weekend and his subsequent hospitalization both locally and in Royal North Shore Hospital as a result of serious injuries sustained to his right hand.

Without going into the more "gory" details (pictures can be supplied on request), Brian was very fortunate the injuries suffered were not more severe than they turned out to be.

Nevertheless, while no fingers were lost, significant damage did result requiring ongoing treatment and physiotherapy. As Brian lamented: "The pain was nowhere near other "pain" inflicted when Marlene found out what had happened".

The look on the faces of various members as Brian described in detail the nature of the injuries sustained, made the talk all the more fascinating, with Merran (Olson) winning the "AHH DON'T SAY ANYMORE" prize for the most horrified look while at the same time, having ears covered. It proves again even the experts can still get caught.

Our thanks to Brian for stepping in (we think).

## Thought of the Week

The thought this week, was presented by Rtn Heather Crawford, who gave a quotation attributed to the Ancient Greek fabulist, Aesop:

**"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted".**



**Aesop** the Ancient Greek fabulist (or story teller) was credited with a number of fables now collectively known as Aesop's Fables, although his existence remains uncertain and (if they ever existed) no writings by him survive. However, many of the tales are characterized by animals and inanimate objects that speak, solve problems, and generally have human characteristics. Thank you Heather.

## ***Next week 4<sup>th</sup> February @ Rotary***

Registrar: **John Martin**

Guest Speaker: **Stephanie Brown**

Greeter/3 Minuter: **Greg Madden** Thought for the Week: **Doug Coates**



Stephanie's guest speaker will be Mr Mick Slone, the recently appointed headmaster at Kelso High School. Steph though, emphasized the fact Mick will be speaking more about his career to date, rather than merely his first appointment as a headmaster. Sounds great.

## ***And the Following week 11<sup>th</sup> February @ Rotary***

Registrar: **Tony Pollard**

Guest Speaker: **Terry Mahony**

Greeter/3 Minuter: **Doug Barnes** Thought for the Week: **Kathy Woodley**

## ***Van Roster – 8<sup>th</sup> 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.



**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:

- 01 Feb John Martin - Birthday
- 13 Feb Brian & Esma Burke - Anniversary
- 23 Feb Dick & Ginger Crossing - Anniversary



## 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
- Sat 18 Apr Dinner – Combined Service Clubs of Bathurst
- 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.....



Jehovah Witness training centre...



Legal Department - *How private is your property...*

Several laws allow properties to be entered without the owners' consent.

Your home may be your castle but it is not a fortress. In some circumstances, police, emergency services and utilities employees have the power to enter your property without your consent.

Indeed, access to your property may be more open than you imagined, as Acting Police Sergeant Sharon Darcy points out. "Anyone has the right to walk up to a front door and knock on the door."

Revoking the implied licence to enter is a simple matter, according to property lawyer Darren Eliau of Evans Ellis Law. He says displaying a "Do not enter" sign, "such as those available from any \$2 shop", is sufficient to prohibit entry.

"There's no actual convention at law that says there is a certain wording that you must say. It's not governed by any statute. It's just what's reasonable.

'Do not enter', 'Do not trespass', 'No canvassers', 'No hawkers' — those types of things," Mr Eliau says.

If there is no sign, a verbal request to leave revokes a person's right to enter your property. Again, there is no exact wording and a vernacular indication will suffice.

Someone who has been asked to leave a property should not assume that, just because they are not hurting anybody, a shouting match is acceptable. It is not.

Mr Eliau says the usual position in law, in which a party needs to show loss before they can sue, does not apply.

"Trespass is a bit different. It is what's called actionable per se — actionable just because you did it. You don't need to prove a loss or damage," he says.

Nor should a visitor deviate from their intended lawful purpose. A plumber is not entitled to pick flowers; that is trespass.

Tenants have the power to restrict access to the properties they occupy. "The tenant can exclude the rest of the world," Mr Eliau says. "Just as we all can. That's the right of the tenant. They live in their rented place as if it's their place."

The community expects that essential services, including the protection of our health and safety, should be available to everyone. To supply these services, providers sometimes need to access a property without an owner's consent. In these cases, laws often enhance the service provider's rights of access.

The general manager for customer and community at Sydney Water for example, says: "We have the power to go on to properties, through the Water Industry Act, to access meters. We read the meter once a quarter. We also do meter exchanges."

Utility is not the only category of easement. Rights of way, carriage and support also entitle people other than the property owner to use the land.

A complex area of law, property owners are not always aware of the easements that affect them.

Acting Sergeant Darcy says the circumstances that allow police to enter a property are clear. "We've got powers without warrant and powers to enter with warrant. There's also another, which is an officer's authority to search for stolen goods.

"So there are three different types of powers of entry to property that police can use. They all relate to criminal offences."

Section 459A of the Crimes Act 1958 is an example of a statute that gives police power of entry without warrant. The section covers circumstances in which police have knowledge that a person who has committed an offence (indictable to five or more years of jail in Victoria) is inside. Police can enter that property to make an arrest.

Police also have the power to enter without warrant to stop a disturbance of the peace. Should police officers be standing at the front door and hear a fracas within, they are allowed to enter.

"We have a power to enter to stop that breach of the peace," Acting Sergeant Darcy says. "We can only remain on the premises as long as that breach is occurring. Once that breach of the peace is finished and everything is under control, we have no right to remain on the premises."

Since 2003, anti-terrorism laws have also given police the legal authority to enter a property without warrant.

Many laws are administered locally and all councils have various powers of entry under different acts of Parliament.

"These acts specify how that power is to be exercised, even if a search warrant has been obtained," says Glen Eira City Council director of community relations, Paul Burke. The duty to remedy "nuisance" under the Public Health and Wellbeing Act falls to council-appointed environmental health officers, who have the right to enter a private house if the "nuisance" is deemed "a risk to public health or offensive".

Rights of entry vary under different acts. The Domestic Animals Act 1994, for instance, stipulates that the power of entry is to the land and non-residential buildings only - not to the actual building of residence.

The RSPCA gains its powers of entry from the relatively recent Animals Legislation (Responsible Ownership) Act 2001.

Since 2004, surveyors have a right to access land without the owner's consent. Again, the terms are specific. The surveyor must hold a surveyor's licence and access is permitted only when the completion of a survey is dependent on access.

Ambulance officers have no enacted rights of entry. Their right to enter is drawn from common law. The legal justification stems from the necessity to preserve life.



## **TIME TO LAUGH, CRY, OR BE DISGUSTED**

*At last, confirmation of 'Murphy's Law' with a wonderful Irish explanation...An Irish 'Miracle'*

Murphy drops some buttered toast on the kitchen floor and it lands butter-side-up. He looks down in astonishment, for he knows that it's a law of nature of the universe that buttered toast always falls butter-down.



So he rushes round to the presbytery to fetch Father Flanagan. He tells the priest that a miracle has occurred in his kitchen. But he won't say what it is, so he asks Fr. Flanagan to come and see it with his own eyes. He leads Fr. Flanagan into the kitchen and asks him what he sees on the floor.

"Well," says the priest, "it's pretty obvious. Someone has dropped some buttered toast on the floor and then, for some reason, they flipped it over so that the butter was on top."

"No, Father, I dropped it and it landed like that!" exclaimed Murphy

"Oh my Lord," says Fr. Flanagan, "dropped toast never falls with the butter side up. It's a mir...Wait... it's not for me to say it's a miracle. I'll have to report this matter to the Bishop and he'll have to deal with it. He'll send some people round; to interview you, take photos, etc."

A thorough investigation is conducted, not only by the archdiocese but by scientists sent over from the Curia in Rome. No expense is spared. There is great excitement in the town as everyone knows that a miracle will bring in much need tourism revenue. Then, after 8 long weeks and with great fanfare, the Bishop announces the final ruling...

"It is certain that some kind of an extraordinary event took place in Murphy's kitchen, quite outside the natural laws of the universe. Yet the Holy See must be very cautious before ruling a miracle. All other explanations must be ruled out. Unfortunately, in this case, it has been declared 'No Miracle' **because they think that Murphy may have buttered the toast on the wrong side!**"

Thanks to David Russel for the above.

## **UNIQUE MARRIAGE COUNSELING**

After just a few years of marriage filled with constant arguments, a young man and his wife decided the only way to save their marriage was to try counselling. They had been at each other's throats for some time and felt that this was their last straw.

When they arrived at the counsellor's office, the counsellor jumped right in and opened the floor for discussion. "What seems to be the problem?"

Immediately, the husband held his long face down without anything to say. In contrast, the wife began talking 90 miles an hour, describing all the wrongs within their marriage.

After 15 minutes of listening to the wife, the counsellor went over to her, picked her up by her shoulders, kissed her passionately and sat her back down. Afterwards, the wife sat speechless.

The marriage counsellor looked over at the husband, who stared in disbelief. The counsellor said to the

husband, "Your wife NEEDS that at least twice a week!"

The husband scratched his head and replied, "OK, I can have her here on Tuesdays and Thursdays I suppose."

### **FAITHFUL OR UNFAITHFUL?**

Three men died and stood in front of God.

God asked the first if he had been faithful to his wife. He admitted to two affairs during his marriage. God gave him a compact car to drive in heaven.

The second man admitted to only one affair and was given a midsize car.

The third man was asked the same question and said that he had been faithful to his wife until the day he died. God praised him and gave him a big luxury car.

A week later the three guys met in a parking lot. The man driving the luxury car began to cry.

"What's the matter?"

"I just passed my wife, and she was riding a bike!"

### **THE MARRIAGE FAIRY**

A couple had been married for 25 years and was celebrating the husband's 60th birthday.

During the party, a fairy appeared and said that because they had been such a loving couple all those years, she would give them one wish each.

The wife said, "We've been so poor all these years, and I've never gotten to see the world. I wish we could travel all over the world." The fairy waved her wand and POOF! She had the tickets in her hand.

Next, it was the husband's turn. He paused for a moment, and then said, "Well, I'd like to be married to a woman 30 years younger than me."

The fairy waved her wand and POOF! He was 90.

### **STORY ABOUT EVERYBODY**

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody.

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was asked to do it. Everybody was sure Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it.

Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it.

It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done

### **TWO STUDENTS MISS A FINAL EXAM**

Introductory Chemistry was taught at Duke University for many years by professor Bonk. One year, two guys took the class and did pretty well on all the quizzes and mid-terms--so much so that going into the final, they each had a solid A. These two friends were so confident going into the final that the weekend before finals week, despite the Chemistry final being on Monday, they decided to go to the University of Virginia to party with some friends.

They did this and had a great time. However, with their hangovers and tiredness, they overslept all day

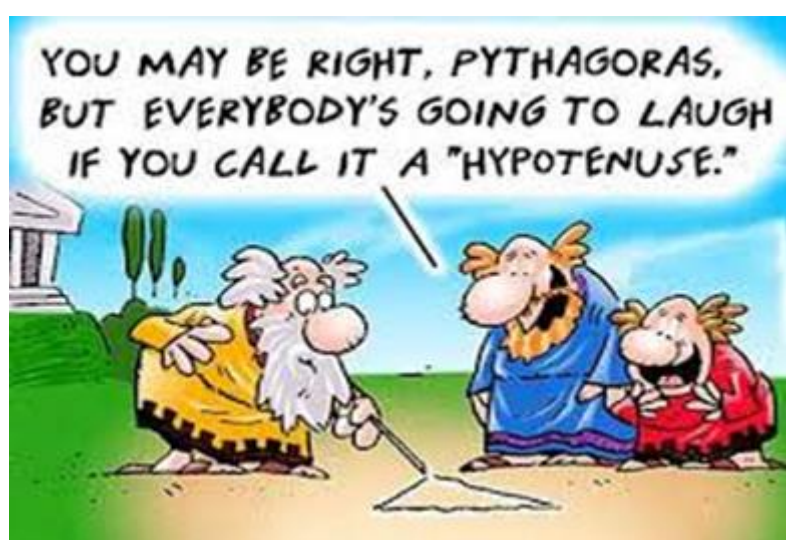
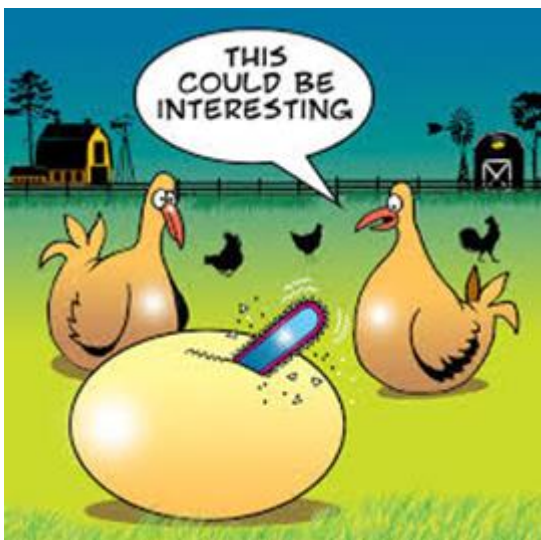


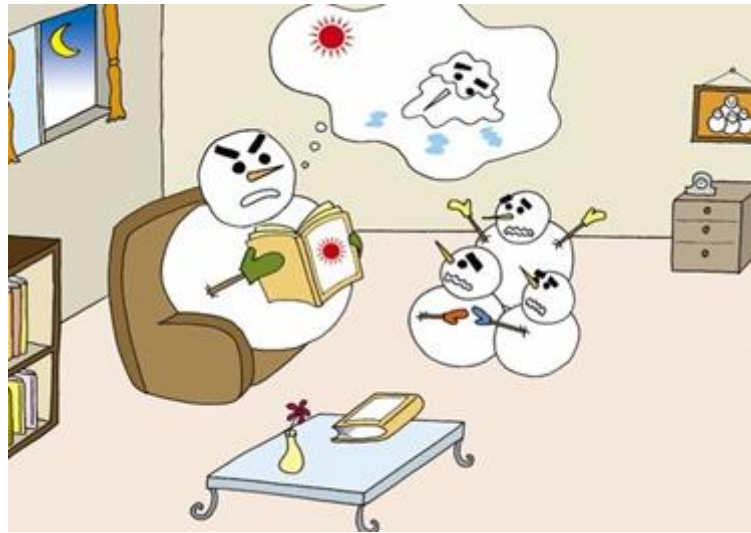
Sunday and didn't make it back to Duke until early Monday morning. Rather than taking the final then, they found professor Bonk after the final and explained to him how they missed the final. They told him they went up to the University of Virginia for the weekend and had planned to come back in time to study, but they had a flat tyre on the way back and didn't have a spare. They couldn't fix it for a long time and were late getting back to campus.

Bonk thought this over and agreed that they could take the final the following day. The two guys, elated and relieved, studied that night and went in the next day at the time that Bonk had told them. He placed them in separate rooms and handed each of them a test booklet. He told them to begin.

They looked at the first problem which was something simple about molarity and solutions; it was worth 5 points. "Cool," they thought, "this is going to be an easy final". They then turned the page. They were unprepared, however, for what they saw on it. The question contained only two words: (95 points) which tyre?

## Cartoon Corner

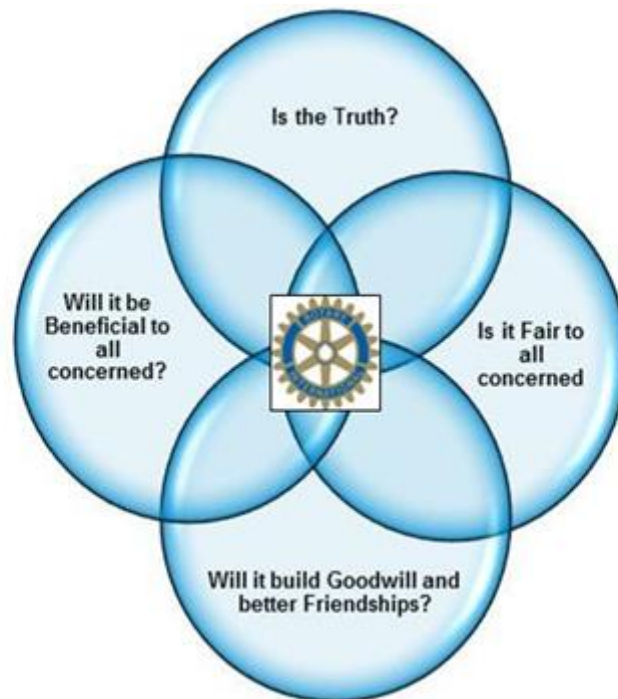






*Message from the Rotary Club of Orange North - they are having an event on Thursday night the 19<sup>th</sup> February, with all proceeds are to go to Polio Plus. Please refer to the information sheet attached.*

**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**

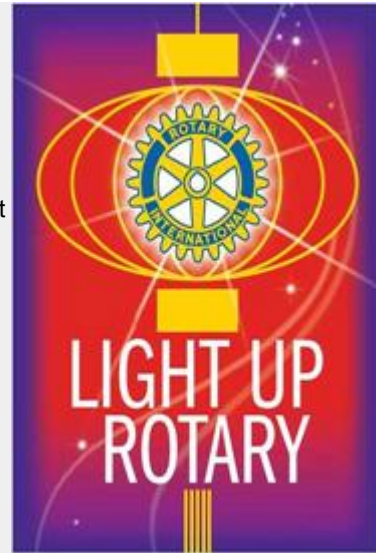
## What is Rotary?

Rotary is ordinary people around the world sharing their professional skills and working together in a social 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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