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Last week @ Rotary 24th May

Visitors: we welcomed the one visitor to our Club this evening, that being the Mayor of Bathurst, Cr Gary Rush, with Mayor Rush also being our guest speaker.

International Toast



The International Toast was again this week presented by Sergeant Bill Dickie and was to the Rotary Club of Wanganui, New Zealand in Rotary District 9940. The Club received its charter in 1924 when 24 members were inducted in Rotary. Membership today stands at 45, with meetings held at noon each Monday in the Kingsgate Hotel (pictured above left).

The main fund raising activity is an annual book fair with 15,000 books being offered for sale each April over a three day period (see 'photo above right). Other activities include a Christmas party for needy children and another for adults. A recent project was the construction and sale of two homes, the proceeds of which enabled the local hospital to purchase a scanner. In all, a very active Club.
Thank you Bill.

Positions Vacant – volunteers urgently wanted

BULLETIN EDITOR. If we can't have this position filled, then no bulletin, so please take the job on. It doesn't have to be anything elaborate – however you would like it to be done. As advised Maree has been forced to step down as the Bulletin Editor for next year. It's an enjoyable, fun job and a volunteer to take over the role is needed. Kindly advise either President Peter or P.E. Tony if you would like to take this job on.

PRESIDENT ELECT 2015/16. Another vital role in our Club that must be filled. Volunteer again sought.

General Business

1. President Peter advised the van at last Saturday's official opening of the John Coote store was not exactly our most successful, with sales totalling only \$ 245.00. Our members present outweighed the crowd in attendance at the opening by the ratio of 2 to 1.
2. Peter also advised invitations to our special guests for next Wednesday's change over dinner have been accepted by our local (State) member Paul Toole, MLA, DG David Kennedy and President Elect from the Blayney Club Leanne Wright. At least two members of Interact to also be our guests.
3. PP Stephanie Brown spoke of the efforts being made by our Interact Club, mainly their weekly breakfast Club activity and the need for funding to enable the Interactors to carry on with this activity. Steph thought a \$ 500.00 donation would be of great assistance. President Peter, as an outgoing gesture, suggested \$ 1,000.00. The Club unanimously agreed and the donation made.
4. Changeover dinner – 40 persons confirmed so far, up to 50 expected. Cost \$ 45.00 per head, you can pay on the night.



Guest Speaker



Our guest speaker this evening was the Mayor of Bathurst, Cr Gary Rush with Cr Rush being introduced to the meeting by Rtn Chris Olson.

The Mayor spoke at length on his vision for the future of Bathurst, with three main factors being involved in order to make Bathurst the No. 1 council in the country. The three factors are:

- Economic
- Cultural, and
- Social.

The objectives can only be achieved by setting goals and by careful management particularly now that there has been gradual but continual withdrawal of funding at both State and Federal level.

This has further relevance when it is kept in mind that Council does not have free range to do as it pleases, but must operate under the provisions of the Local Government Act. Council has to try to expand revenue in order to finance growth, but not at the expense of rate payers.

Bathurst is the fastest growing local government area outside of the Sydney basin, with a 30% increase in the current population level expected over the next 16 years. Of this 30%, almost half will be aged 65 or older and Council has to plan for this.

Cr. Rush gave many other interesting facts and figures including Council will spend \$ 189,000,000 next year, compared with \$ 132,000,000 this year, of which rates only contributes one third. In conclusion, Cr. Rush stated that it is up to all of us to "Continue to shine a light on Bathurst".

PP Doug Coates was asked to present Cr Rush with one of our incredible, internationally known, Jess Jennings approved coffee mugs. Doug though, asked President Elect T.P. to help him with the honour, with a bi-partisan presentation subsequently being made.

Next week @ Rotary 1st July it's our

CHANGEOVER DINNER

President Peter invites all members, their spouse or any guest of their choosing to come along to the 2015 Changeover Dinner.

The dinner will be held at the Rydges Hotel, Mt Panorama, on Wednesday, 1 July at 6:30pm for 7:00pm.

DG David Kennedy will be our special guest on the night.

Cost is \$ 45.00 per head. Please advise our erstwhile Treasurer, Brian, of your attendance.



Be a gift
to the world

Don't Forget!

Membership Fees are now due!



It's easy to make our incoming Treasurer, Kathy Woodley very happy – give her money!! Namely \$100.00 please. Like, like NOW if you haven't already done so.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

June 4 Jan Madden – Birthday
June 7 Terry Mahony – Birthday
June 9 Jennifer Pollard – Birthday
June 19 Doug Barnes – Birthday
June 21 Luis Hernandez – Birthday



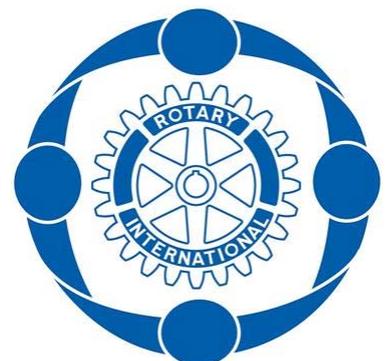
Other events and more!

Wed 01 July *Changeover Dinner – Rydges Mt Panorama*
Sun 23 Aug Observation Car Tour Around Bathurst
Wed 09 Sept District Governor's Official Visit & Ladies Night



June is Rotary Fellowships

Rotary's focus this month is Fellowships and whilst Fellowship is an important element of Rotary a Rotary International Fellowship is a separate entity (or club), apart from Rotary International but approved by the Board of Directors of RI, of Rotarians in at least three countries united by a common hobby or passion or profession, such as: Doctors and Bird Watchers and Social Network users and Golfers and Snowskiers and Musicians and Stamp Collectors.



Some Fellowships ask their members to pay dues, others do not. Some have been around for many years, some have huge memberships, some only a few committed people. Why not explore your passion and seek to connect with a Rotary

Fellowship and enjoy the best of both worlds?

There were 64 Fellowships officially registered with Rotary in June 2015.

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Tax tips department.....

TIP 1:

TRAVELLING OVERSEAS? Did you know that if your purchase presents for overseas relatives or others, buy a camera before you leave you are entitled to get your GST back?

Yes, it's known as:

Tourist refund scheme

Travellers departing Australia can get a GST or WET refund under the tourist refund scheme (TRS), administered by the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service (ACBPS). The scheme applies to certain goods purchased from an Australian retailer that has an Australian business number (ABN) and is registered for GST, by travellers at prices that include GST or WET. It does not apply to services such as accommodation. If a traveller has purchased GST-free goods, they cannot get a refund under the scheme. The requirements of the scheme are that a traveller may claim a refund under the TRS if they:

- buy a minimum of \$300 worth of goods from one retailer
- buy the goods no earlier than 60 days before departing Australia
- hold tax invoices from the same registered retailer for a total of at least \$300 for goods
- carry or wear the goods on board the aircraft or ship as cabin baggage
- present their tax invoices, goods, passport and boarding pass to the TRS booth when departing Australia.

Residents of Australia's external territories, such as Norfolk Island, Christmas Island and the Cocos (Keeling) Islands, can also obtain a refund of GST where they export the goods to their home territory as unaccompanied baggage. The external territory resident can arrange for goods to be exported home and present their tax invoices, proof of residency in their home territory and proof that the goods have been exported, or that arrangements have been put in place for the goods to be exported within 60 days, to the Tourist Refund facility as they depart Australia. A refund of GST (and WET if applicable) will be paid once all of the documentation is available.

Refunds are available until 30 minutes prior to the scheduled departure time of the traveller's aircraft, so as not to compromise the on-time airline departure schedules and affect the efficient operation of the airport.

The TRS does not apply to services - for example, accommodation. The TRS is administered by ACBPS. If a traveller has purchased goods GST-free they cannot also get a refund under the TRS.

Customs may refer false or misleading Tourist Refund claims to the ATO. If this happens we may decide to review the claim and even if the traveller did not get a refund they could be penalised.

The only catch:

If a traveller brings goods back into Australia that they have made a claim for a GST refund under TRS and the value of those goods (combined with any other overseas purchases) exceeds AUD \$900, they must be declared to Australian Customs and Border Protection Services and the GST refund will have to be repaid.

GST is payable on the entire value of the items, not just the amount that is over the AUD \$900 limit.

Penalties may apply to undeclared taxable goods.

TIP 2

Making the most of the \$20K Tax Incentive

Do you need a new server? Is it time to update the boardroom projector? Are your desktop computers running more slowly than they used to? Perhaps you've put off capital expenditures because of the tax burden involved. If that's the case, there's good news. On 12 May 2015, the Australian Government announced its new Budget, which included numerous incentives designed to stimulate small business growth and encourage investment. The new Budget will enable owners of small businesses – that is, businesses that have an annual revenue of less than \$2 million - to immediately claim tax deductions for any assets that cost less than \$20,000.

What does it mean for you?

Traditionally, small business owners have had access to a small write-off threshold, allowing them to invest a nominal amount in capital and immediately claim it back on tax. Until May of this year, the threshold was set at \$1,000 – now it's 20 times higher. Pending legislative approval, the new rule will stay in effect until 30 June 2017. This gives businesses two years to take advantage of a rare opportunity to invest aggressively in their future growth.

Filling in the details

There are few exemptions to the new accelerated depreciation scheme. You won't be able to deduct the cost of indoor plants or items that have their own depreciation rules (like capital works or assets allocated to a software development pool). Eligible assets that cost more than \$20,000 can be progressively depreciated (that is, claimed back on tax) at a rate of 15 percent in the first year and 30 percent each year thereafter. And everything else? If it's under \$20,000 and will help your business grow – then whether it's new or second-hand – you can claim it back straight away.

Where should you start?

For an IT company that's looking to grow, one of the first things to consider is upgrading or replacing hardware that has become obsolete. Moore's law tells us that computer processor speeds double every 18 months, which is a handy rule of thumb for keeping your equipment up to speed (literally). To help maintain your competitiveness, now might be a good time to consider investing in new servers, computers and other infrastructure.

A crucial caveat

As with all Budget initiatives, the implementation of the accelerated depreciation scheme is subject to parliamentary approval. If it is approved, it will retrospectively include all eligible assets purchased from

7:30 pm on 12 May 2015. You can check the [ATO website](#) for news on the status of the legislation. If it's successful, this might just be the year to bring your small business up to date.

Computers department.....which browser for you.....



Just browsing

Your internet browser is the transportation device that allows you to navigate the internet for work and play. And, just as when you're buying a new car, it's important to get the right combination of speed, security and versatility. That's why we've summarised the pros and cons of the three major browsers, so you can make the choice that's best for you.

Firefox

According to research performed in February 2015^[1], Firefox is the world's third-most popular browser, with more than half a billion users^[2]. Firefox is free and open-source, which means that its source code can be accessed and improved by coders across the world. As a result, it has developed a reputation as an unusually responsive browser, with constant updates to enhance its security and incorporate new technologies (such as HTML5).

Firefox is intuitive, highly customisable and a strong performer. In fact, a recent study showed that, in comparison to other major browsers, Firefox scores highest in memory efficiency, reliability and various measures of speed.^[3] Users can enhance the Firefox experience with various add-ons, from the popular Adblock tool to numerous browser themes. The browser is available across most computer operating systems (including Windows, Mac OS and Linux), and there's an Android mobile app.

Google Chrome

Since its launch in late 2008, Google Chrome has quickly grown to become the world's most popular browser. In January 2015, StatCounter found that Google Chrome not only accounts for more than half of all desktop browser usage, but is also the most popular browser on mobiles and tablets. Chrome's popularity is largely due to its seamless integration with Google accounts, and consequent ability to synchronise user data across multiple devices. Like Firefox, it offers numerous add-ons, and frequent updates to optimise speed and security.

Microsoft Internet Explorer

Once the doyen of browsers, Internet Explorer's popularity has declined in recent years due to issues with speed (it remains the slowest of the major browsers) and its limited offering of add-ons. Nevertheless, it is still used on a significant portion of Windows computers, which come with the browser pre-installed.

In January 2015, Microsoft announced that it would be discontinuing development of Internet Explorer and replacing it with a new browser called Microsoft Edge. Early demonstrations indicate that Edge will significantly outperform Internet Explorer and may even rival Chrome and Firefox. So keep your eyes open for its official launch with Windows 10 on 29 July this year.

Other options

Of course, there's no reason to limit yourself to the major browsers. Opera is a popular alternative, and was even named the best major desktop browser in 2012. Safari remains the default browser on iOS and OSX devices, and, like Chrome, offers cross-platform synchronisation via iCloud accounts. Finally, the Torch Browser purports to combine the best of both Chrome and Firefox, with in-built features including a BitTorrent client, a download accelerator and a customisable layout.

Final words

Given that the major browsers generally offer comparable performance, your choice will likely come down to personal preference. Whichever you choose, it's important to update regularly, take appropriate measures to protect your data, and, of course, install a stylish theme.

Interesting 'photo  *department*

LAST YEAR'S CHANGEOVER



Oh, how young we looked all that time ago!!



TIME TO LAUGH, CRY, OR BE DISGUSTED

Old Definitions as defined by one of our not so old, oldies, Terry Mahony:

ADULT

A person who has stopped growing at both ends and is now growing in the middle.

BEAUTY PARLOUR

A place where women curl up and dye.

CHICKENS

The only animal you eat before they are born and after they are dead.

COMMITTEE

A body that keeps minutes and wastes hours.

DUST

Mud with the juice squeezed out.

EGOTIST

Someone who is usually me-deep in conversation.

HANDKERCHIEF
Cold Storage.

INFLATION
Cutting money in half without damaging the paper.

MOSQUITO
An insect that makes you like flies better.

POLITICAL CORRECTNESS
A doctrine fostered by a delusional, illogical minority.

RAISIN
A grape with a sunburn.

SECRET
A story you tell to one person at a time.

SKELETON
A bunch of bones with the person scraped off.

TOOTHACHE
The pain that drives you to extraction.

TOMORROW
One of the greatest labour saving devices of today.

YAWN
An honest opinion openly expressed.

WRINKLES
Something other people have....similar to my character lines.

OLD
I very quietly confided to my friend that I was having an Affair.
She turned to me and asked, "Are you having it catered?"
. . . and that, my friend, is the definition of 'OLD'!!!

Thanks Terry

Facebook

Presently, I am trying to make friends outside of Facebook while applying the same principles.

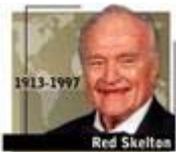
The night before therefore every day, I go down on the street and tell the passerby what I have eaten, how I feel ,what I have done, and what I will do after, i give them pictures of my family, my dog and me gardening and spending time in my pool.

I also listen to their conversations and I tell them I love them.

And it works: I already have 3 persons following me : 2 police officers and a psychiatrist.

Who remembers that great American comedian, Red Skelton? Here's a great example of his humour:

RED SKELTON'S RECIPE FOR THE PERFECT MARRIAGE



1. **Two times a week we go to a nice restaurant, have a little beverage, good food and companionship. She goes on Tuesdays; I go on Fridays..**
2. **We also sleep in separate beds. Hers is in California , and mine is in Texas ..**
3. **I take my wife everywhere, but she keeps finding her way back..**
4. **I asked my wife where she wanted to go for our anniversary. "Somewhere I haven't been in a long time!" she said. So I suggested the kitchen..**
5. **We always hold hands. If I let go, she shops..**
6. **She has an electric blender, electric toaster and electric bread maker. She said "There are too many gadgets, and no place to sit down!" So I bought her an electric chair..**
7. **My wife told me the car wasn't running well because there was water in the carburetor. I asked where the car was. She told me, "In the lake."..**
8. **She got a mud pack and looked great for two days. Then the mud fell off..**
9. **She ran after the garbage truck, yelling, "Am I too late for the garbage?" The driver said, "No, jump in!"..**
10. **Remember: Marriage is the number one cause of divorce..**
11. **I married Miss Right. I just didn't know her first name was 'Always'..**
12. **I haven't spoken to my wife in 18 months. I don't like to interrupt her..**
13. **The last fight was my fault though. My wife asked, "What's on the TV?" I said, "Dust!"..**

His audiences loved it.....these were the good old days when humour didn't have to start with a four letter word. It was just clean and simple fun. And he always ended his programs with the words... "God Bless" with a big smile on his face.

Drugs

A couple lived near the ocean and used to walk the beach a lot.

One summer they noticed a girl who was at the beach almost every day. She wasn't unusual, nor was the travel bag she carried, except for one thing; she would approach people who were sitting on the beach, glance around and then speak to them.

Generally, the people would respond negatively and she would wander off.

But occasionally someone would nod and there would be a quick exchange of money and something that she carried in her bag.

The couple assumed that she was selling drugs and debated calling the cops, but since they didn't know for sure, they decided to just continue watching her.

After a couple of weeks the wife said, 'Honey, have you ever noticed that she only goes up to people with boom boxes and other electronic devices?' He hadn't and said so.

Then she said, 'Tomorrow I want you to get a towel and our big radio and go lie out on the beach. Then we can find out what she's really doing.'

Well, the plan went off without a hitch and the wife was almost hopping up and down with anticipation when she saw the girl talk to her husband and then leave.

The man then walked up the beach and met his wife at the road.

'Well, is she selling drugs?' she asked excitedly.

'No, she's not,' he said, enjoying this probably more than he should have.

'Well, what is it then? What does she do?' his wife fairly shrieked.

The man grinned and said, 'She's a battery salesperson.'

'Batteries?' cried the wife.

'Yes!' he replied.

'She Sells C Cells by the Seashore!'

Lexophilia

Lexophilia is a word used to describe those that have a love for words, such as "you can tune a piano, but you can't tuna fish", or "to write with a broken pencil is pointless." A competition to see who can come up with the best lexophiles is held every year in an undisclosed location. This year's winning submission is posted at the very end.

- .. When fish are in schools, they sometimes take debate.
- .. A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months.
- .. The batteries were given out free of charge.
- .. A dentist and a manicurist married. They fought tooth and nail.
- .. A will is a dead giveaway.
- .. With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.
- .. A boiled egg is hard to beat.
- .. When you've seen one shopping centre you've seen a mall.
- .. Police were summoned to a day-care centre where a three-year-old was resisting a rest.
- .. Did you hear about the fellow whose entire left side was cut off? He's all right now.
- .. A bicycle can't stand alone; it's just two tired.
- .. When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds.
- .. The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine is now fully recovered.
- .. He had a photographic memory which was never developed.
- .. When she saw her first strands of grey hair she thought she'd dye.
- .. Acupuncture is a jab well done. That's the point of it.
- ..And the cream of the twisted crop: Those who get too big for their pants will be totally exposed in the end.

FIFTY BUCKS:

Bill and his wife Blanche go to the state fair every year, And every year Bill would say, "Blanche, I'd like to ride in that helicopter"

Blanche always replied, "I know Bill, but that helicopter ride is fifty bucks, And fifty bucks is fifty bucks!"

One year Bill and Blanche went to the fair, and Bill said, "Blanche, I'm 85 years old. If I don't ride that helicopter, I might never get another chance."

To this, Blanche replied, "Bill that helicopter ride is fifty bucks, and fifty bucks is fifty bucks."

The pilot overheard the couple and said, "Folks I'll make you a deal. I'll take the both of you for a ride.

If you can stay quiet for the entire ride and don't say a word I won't charge you a penny! But if you say one word it's fifty dollars." Bill and Blanche agreed and up they went.

The pilot did all kinds of fancy manoeuvres, but not a word was heard. He did his daredevil tricks over and over again, But still not a word... When they landed, the pilot turned to Bill and said, "By golly, I did everything I could to get you to yell out, but you didn't. I'm impressed!"

Bill replied, "Well, to tell you the truth I almost said something when Blanche fell out, But you know, Fifty bucks is fifty bucks!"

HOW'S YOUR HEARING?

An old man went to the Doctor complaining that his wife could barely hear. The Doctor suggested a test to find out the extent of the problem. "Stand far behind her and ask her a question, and then slowly move up and see how far away you are when she first responds."

The old man excited to finally be working on a solution for the problem, runs home and sees his wife preparing supper. "Honey" the man asks standing around 20 feet away "what's for supper?"

After receiving no response he tried it again 15 feet away, and again no response. Then again at 10 feet away and again no response. Finally he was 5 feet away "honey what's for supper?"

She replies "For the fourth time it's lasagne"!

IRISH ROTARIANS:

Two Irish Rotarians were working to beautify the city streets.

One would dig a hole and the other would follow behind him and fill the hole in.

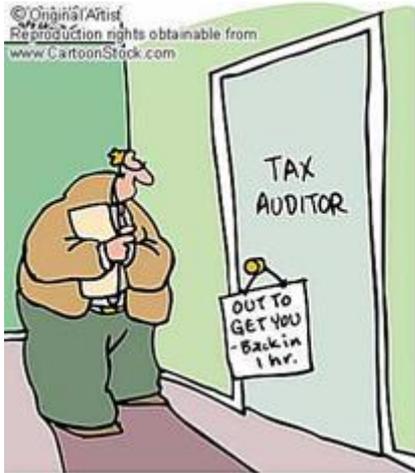
They worked up one side of the street, then down the other, then moved on to the next street, working furiously all day without rest, one man digging a hole, the other filling it in again.

An onlooker was amazed at their hard work, but couldn't understand what they were doing. So he asked the hole digger, "I'm impressed by the effort you two Rotarians are putting into your work, but I don't get it: why do you dig a hole, only to have your partner follow behind and fill it up again?"

The hole digger wiped his brow and sighed, "Well, I suppose it probably looks odd because we're normally work as a three-person team. But today the Rotarian who plants the trees called in sick!"



Tax Time Cartoon Corner



"And of course the former often leads to the latter, and vice versa."



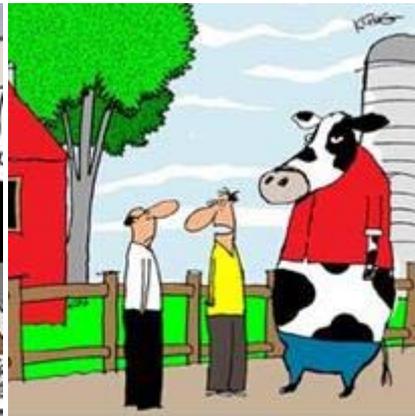
"DID YOU GET THAT LITTLE PROBLEM WITH THE TAX DEPARTMENT SORTED OUT, DEAR?"



"...and that, in simple terms, is the new, proposed tax reform plan."

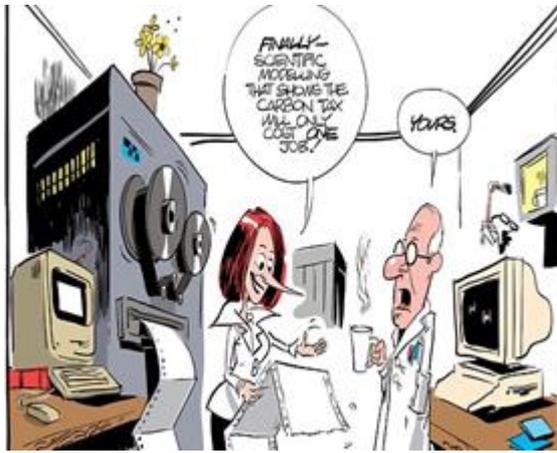


"Bob, do you have time for a tax audit?"



"I can't afford to pay taxes on my cows and pigs, so I'm trying to pass them off as my employees."





"That's the way Dad does it on his income tax."



"It's snappy, it's today -- I like it."



"So, when would be the best time to breakup with the guy I'm living with...taxwise?"



"How can it be tax evasion when they caught me?"



"Who says the government doesn't have a sense of humor. After convicting you of not filing your taxes, they made your inmate number the same as your tax identification number."



"It wasn't so much armed robbery as my client converting the owner's assets from a sole proprietorship to a mutual fund."



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"I understand you gave it all to the poor, but do you have any receipts?"



"It appears to be some sort of tax cut promise."



The Four Way Test

of the things we think, say and 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?

WHERE DID THE YEAR GO? BEING MY LAST "BULLETIN", MY THANKS TO THOSE WHO HELPED BY SENDING IN CONTRIBUTIONS, TO THOSE TO ACTUALLY READ IT, I TRUST YOU ENJOYED IT. IT'S BEEN FUN, ALTHOUGH IT'S NOW TIME TO SAY CHERIO AND ADIEU!!



Tony Pollard – Editor

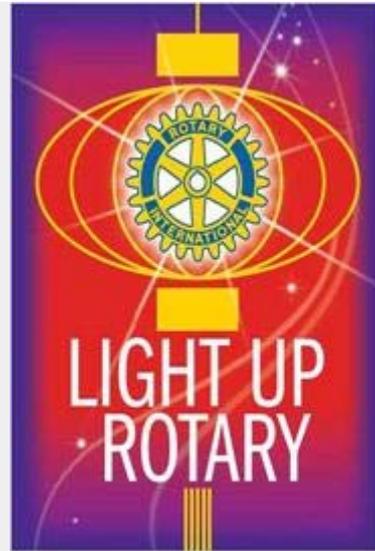
What is Rotary?

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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