

The Racing Wheel

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

Building Better Communities



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Last week @ Rotary 29th 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 Plymouth, Devon, England, in Rotary district 1290, which has 41 Clubs with 1158 members in. Plymouth received its charter in 1921 and currently has 53 members who meet 1:00pm on Mondays at the Royal Western Yacht Club, Queen Anne's Battery (pictured above right).

The Club assists the Plymouth Food Bank with other projects supporting schools in rural Zambia by providing educational materials in conjunction with other local Rotary clubs. For more information, please refer to the copy of Bill's notes as attached.

Thank you Bill.

General Business

- 1. President Peter reported the van was at last Sunday's auction. Moderate amount of \$ 245.00 taken in sales.
- 2. District Assembly West Wyalong on Sunday next Kathy Woodley and Tony Pollard attending.
- 3. Rugby Choir visit in September President Peter reported arrangements still not finalised however he will follow up.
- 4. Letter from Marilyn Roberts, wife of DGE Gary Roberts wanting our club to arrange for a PHF to be presented by her on the occasion of the DG's visit to our Club next August. Copy of letter attached. Members are asked to read the letter and decide whether we support this project.
- 5. Rtn Graeme Bright advised the bowel scan kits have arrived and will be distributed to chemist outlets next week.



The "Three Minuter" was presented by PP Geoff Fry with Geoff filling in for Lee Rayner who was absent this week.

Geoff gave additional details of fund raising activities involving several motorcycle rallies stating for example, the Douglas Rally held recently had a turnover of \$ 11,000.00 with a profit of only \$ 86.00. Geoff is of the view these events, if managed by our Club should return a profit of \$ 300.00 or more.

Geoff also mentioned the next rally is the "Jampot" rally being held on November 7 this year. "Jampot" refers to the slang term given to the rear suspension of 1950's motorcycles. Up to 160 riders will be making the trip and will spend four days in Bathurst.

Further information will be given by Geoff as it all progresses. Thank you Geoff.

Guest Speaker



Our guest speaker this week was our very own intrepid traveller, Kathy Woodley who gave a visual presentation of her holiday to Vietnam enjoyed by Kathy earlier in the year.

Kathy, as part of her presentation, gave many facts on Vietnam including the country's population is 92 million or 1.28% of the world's population, is the 7th largest rice producer, has 37,000,000 motorbikes with the Mekong River flowing 4,900 miles within Vietnam.







Ho Chi Min City

Hanoi

Ha Long Bay

Cities visited included Ho Chi Min City (population 9,000,000) and Hanoi (6,500,000 citizens) as well as seeing the Cu Chi Tunnels and hide outs left over from the Vietnamese war. The tunnels had hospitals, dining rooms and other amenities built into them. Quite remarkable.

One of the more picturesque places visited by Kathy was Ha Long Bay, in northeast Vietnam. Ha Long Bay is known for its emerald waters and thousands of towering limestone islands topped by rainforests. Junk boat tours and sea kayak expeditions take visitors past islands named for their shapes, including Stone Dog and Teapot islands. The region draws scuba divers, rock climbers and hikers, the latter favouring mountainous Cát Bà National Park.

Thank you Kathy for the interesting presentation.

Thought of the Week

The thought this week, presented by Sergeant Bill Dickie consisted of a quote from Francis of Assisi:

"Start by doing what's necessary, then do what's possible, and suddenly you are doing the impossible".

Thank you Bill.

Next week @ Rotary 6th May

Registrar: Graeme Bright Guest Speaker: Tony Pollard

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

And the week after that: 13th May @ Rotary

Registrar: Stephanie Brown Guest Speaker: Heather Crawford Greeter/3 Minuter: Celia van der Zwaag Thought for the Week: Merran Sweeney

Van Rosters

7th **May** 9:00am to 1:00pm Graeme Bright, Merryn and Chris Olson

1:00pm to 4:00pm Peter Keith, Brian Welch, Tony Pollard

9:00am to 1:00pm Maree Richards, Kathy Woodley, Peter Keith

1:00pm to 4:00pm Brian Burke, Matt Casey, Brian Welch

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 fulfill your rostered duty.



Birthdays and Anniversaries

May 9 Lorraine Fry – Birthday May 11 Christine Mahony – Birthday

May 18 Esma Burke - Birthday



Other events and more!

Sun 03 May District Assembly – West Wyalong

Thu 07 May
Sat 09 May
Bathurst Bi Centenary – Local Event Day & Van
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Wed 01 July
Wed 09 Sept
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Sat 19 Sept
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Changeover Dinner – Rydges Mt Panorama
District Governor's Official Visit & Ladies Night
Australian Rugby Choir visit, (maybe).



Interesting 'photos department.

Old Railway Stations on the Western Line (where are they?)







Oberon Line 1970s

Carlwood Station – 1950s

A down 36 class leads a pass. service out of Tarana

past an HS carriage (adjacent to the carriage shed) waiting its turn for a run up to Oberon on the branch line.







Portland station in the days of steam.



Mudgee station just prior to closing.





Two views of Brewongle station. Now demolished and long gone. Disused & neglected Raglan station.



Georges Plain - closed.



Newbridge – closed.



Hazelgrove 1960s - long gone.

A couple with compliments of Terry Mahony:

Nine Prize-winning Idiots

Number One

"I am a medical student currently doing a rotation in toxicology at the poison control centre in Brisbane. Today, this woman called in very upset because she caught her little daughter eating ants. I quickly reassured her that the ants are not harmful and there would be no need to bring her daughter into the hospital. She calmed down and, at the end of the conversation, happened to mention that she had given her daughter some ant poison to eat in order to kill the ants. I told her that she better bring her daughter into the emergency room right away".

Number Two.

Some Boeing employees on the airfield in Sydney decided to steal a life raft from one of the 747s. They were successful in getting it out of the plane and home. Shortly after they took it for a float on the river, they noticed a Westpac Rescue Helicopter coming towards them. It turned out that the chopper was homing in on the emergency locator beacon that activated when the raft was inflated. They are no longer employed at Boeing.

Number Three.

A man, wanting to rob a Bank of Queensland, walked into the Branch and wrote "Put all ya muny in this beeg." While standing in line, waiting to give his note to the teller, he began to worry that someone had seen him write the note and might call the police before he reached the teller's window. So he left the Bank and crossed the street to the NAB Bank. After waiting a few minutes in line, he handed his note to the teller. She read it and, surmising from his spelling errors that he wasn't the brightest light in the harbour, told him that she could not accept his stickup note because it was written on a Bank of Queensland deposit slip and that he would either have to fill out a NAB deposit slip or go back to Bank of Queensland. Looking somewhat defeated, the man said, "OK" and left.

He was arrested a few minutes later, as he was waiting in line back at the Bank of Queensland. Happened in Brisbane.

Number Four.

A guy walked into a little corner store in Cairns with a shotgun and demanded all of the cash from the cash drawer. After the cashier put the cash in a bag, the robber saw a bottle of Scotch that he wanted behind the counter on the shelf. He told the cashier to put it in the bag as well, but the cashier refused and said, "Because I don't believe you are over 21".

The robber said he was, but the clerk still refused to give it to him because she didn't believe him. At this point, the robber took his driver's licence out of his wallet and gave it to the clerk. The clerk looked it over and agreed that the man was in fact over 21 and she put the Scotch in the bag. The robber then ran from the store with his loot.

The cashier promptly called the police and gave the name and address of the robber that she got off the licence. They arrested the robber two hours later.

Number Five.

A pair of robbers entered a record shop nervously waving revolvers.

The first one shouted, "Nobody move!". When his partner moved, the startled first bandit shot

Happened in Adelaide

Number Six.

A guy wanted some beer pretty badly. He decided that he'd just throw a brick through a liquor store window, grab some booze, and run. So he lifted the brick and heaved it over his head at the window. The brick bounced back knocking him unconscious. It seems the liquor store window was made of Flexi-Glass...

The whole event was caught on videotape.

Happened in Perth WA.

Number seven.

"My daughter went to a local McDonalds and ordered a burger. She asked the person behind the counter for minimal lettuce. He said was sorry, but they only had iceberg." Happened in Surfer's Paradise.

Number eight.

"I was at the airport, checking in at the gate when an airport employee asked: "Has anyone put anything in your baggage without your knowledge?" To which I replied, "If it was without my knowledge, how would I know?" He smiled knowingly and nodded. "That's why we ask." Happened in Melbourne.

Number nine.

"When my husband and I arrived at a car dealer to pick up our car, we were told the keys had been locked in it. We went to the service department and found a mechanic working feverishly to unlock the driver's side door. As I watched from the passenger side, I instinctively tried the door handle and discovered that it was unlocked. "Hey", I announced to the technician, "it's open!" His reply, "I know – I've already done that side".

Happened at the FORD dealership in Dubbo.

Tit for Tat

A man and a woman have a chance meeting in a park and decide to meet up that very night for a meal. After the meal they go for a drive in his car to a romantic cliff top. Not a cloud in the night sky with all the stars shining bright, they both decide to get into the back seat...

Whilst having fun the woman suddenly stops and says "I'm really sorry about this and I should have told you earlier but I do this for a living and if you want to go all the way it will cost you \$50".

"WHAT!, you're telling me this now when I'm all up for it! OK, I'll pay you"

The man pays and to be fair had a fantastic time. Afterwards they both get back into the front seats and just sit there...

After a while the woman said "Shall we move on then?"

The man said "I'm really sorry I should have told you earlier, I'm actually a cabbie, it's going to cost you \$55 to get home".

Thanks Terry.

To be sure, to be sure

Paddy, the electrician, got sacked from the Prison Service for not servicing the electric chair.

He said in his professional opinion it was a death trap!

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Paddy, the boyfriend of a woman whose head was washed up on a Clare beach was asked to identify her.

A detective held up the head, to which Paddy said "I don't think that's her, she wasn't that tall!"

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Paddy and his wife are lying in bed and the neighbours' dog is barking like mad in the garden.

Paddy says "To hell with this!" and storms off. He comes back 5 minutes later and his wife asks "What did you do?" Paddy replies "I've put the dog in our garden. Now let's see how they like it!"

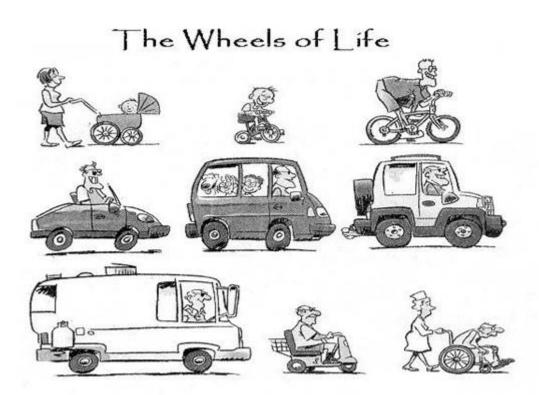
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Mick and Paddy are reading headstones in a cemetery.

Mick says "Crikey! There's a bloke here who was 152!"

Paddy says "What's his name?"

Mick replies "Miles, from London!"



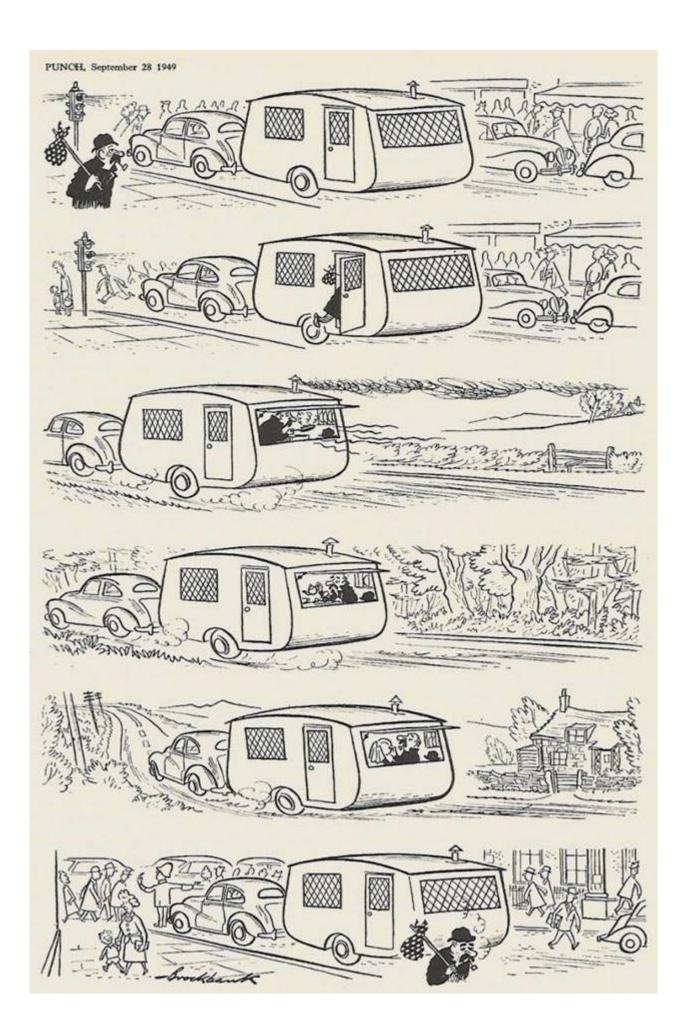


Caravan Cartoon Corner

Cartoon Corner this week is dedicated to all our caravanning members. My thanks to Greg Madden for the idea.

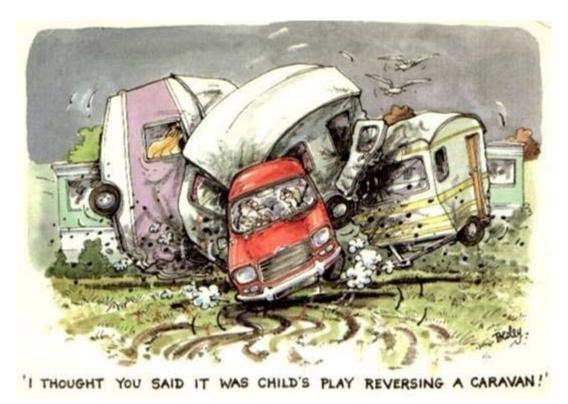












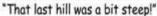


"Our Pop-up is big, but it's not THAT big. So, put your big screen TV, stereo and computer back in the house!"



"I know the guide book said this site was a bit remote...."



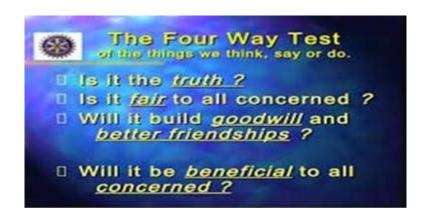




"You replaced my photo with a photo of your pop-up, and you wonder why I'm angry?"



"No offense, but your design of our pop-up may have a few flaws."



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

