



# The Racing Wheel

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

Building Better  
Communities



## Week Ending 7<sup>th</sup> July 2015

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**Editor's Comment:** You truly didn't think you would be left without a Bulletin, did you? As a temporary measure I'll fill in until someone, anyone can take the job on. Unfortunately though, especially this week, it must of necessity be a shortened version. Enjoy.

## Last week @ Rotary 30<sup>th</sup> June

Last week at our annual Changeover Dinner, **President Peter Keith** handed over the chains of office to **President Elect Tony Pollard** as the 44<sup>th</sup> President of the Rotary Club of Bathurst East.

Special guests included the State Member for Bathurst, **Hon Paul Toole, MLA**, Past Rotary District Governor **David Kennedy**, and Past Assistant Governor **Alex Kruczaj**. We also welcomed guests from Orange and Blayney Clubs as well as visitors from the USA and elsewhere, and of course, our Rotary ladies.

Congratulations to our award winners: Rotarian of the Year: **Merran Olson**, Memorial Service Award: **Brian Welch**, Fellowship Award: **Chris Olson**, Humour Award: **Tony Pollard**.

The Club Member Award, whilst announced on the night, is not being named here as the recipient was absent, and we would like to present the award at our next meeting.

Many thanks to **Greg Madden** for acting as our MC, with Greg doing his usual top job.

**Bill Dickie** proposed the Toast to Australia, and **Doug Coates**, the toast to Rotary International. PDG **David Kennedy** delivered the response on behalf of Rotary International. Thank you all.

## *Next week @ Rotary 8<sup>th</sup> July*

Registrar: **Geoff Fry**  
Greeter/3 Minuter: **John Cobby**

Guest Speaker: **CLUB ASSEMBLY**  
Thought for the Week: **Bob Newton**

## *And the week after that: 15<sup>th</sup> July @ Rotary*

Registrar: **Luis Hernandez**  
Greeter/3 Minuter: **Celia van der Zwaag**

Guest Speaker: **Merran Olson**  
Thought for the Week: **Chris Olson**

# Rotary



# Be a gift to the world

## Don't Forget!

### Membership Fees are now due!



It's easy to make our 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

- July 5 Alan Petersen – Birthday
- July 9 John Cobby – Birthday
- July 9 John & Helen Martin - Anniversary
- July 24 Wayne & Sharon Aitcheson - Anniversary



## Other events .... and more!

- Sun 23 Aug Observation Car Tour Around Bathurst
- Wed 09 Sept District Governor's Official Visit & Ladies Night

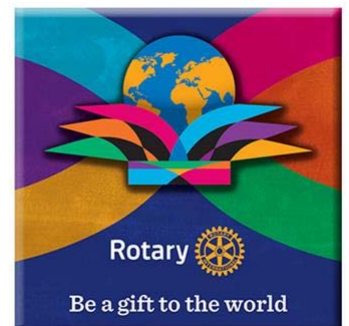


## July is Rotary Be a Gift to the World

Using their talents, expertise, and leadership, Rotary members worldwide are asked to be gifts to the world this upcoming 2015-16 Rotary year.

Rotary International President KR "Ravi" Ravindran (a member of the Rotary Club of Colombo, Sri Lanka) called his opening address to incoming District Governors the "most significant moment of my life."

"All of you have been given so many gifts. And you have now been given this great gift: one year to take all your talents, all your gifts, everything that you are and can become -- and Be a Gift to the World," said Ravindran, revealing his presidential theme at the annual five-day training meeting in San Diego, California, USA. "You have one year to take that potential and turn it into reality. One year to lead the clubs in your district and transform the lives of others. The time is so short, yet there is so much to be done."



Highlighting Rotary's biggest challenge, the eradication of polio, Ravindran said, "A future without polio is a gift that we have promised to the children of the world. And indeed it is a gift that we will give."

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## 10 must-know handy household hints

### Handy hint 1 - bananarama

Pull bananas apart before displaying them in your fruit bowl. If you leave them connected at the stem, they'll ripen faster and go brown quicker. Who knew?!

### Handy hint 2 - flexible vacuum

To suck up hard-to-reach gunk under your fridge, or behind a bookshelf, insert an empty paper towel roll into the end of your vacuum cleaner and bend, or flatten it, to squeeze into these difficult spots.

### Handy hint 3 - buying capsicum

We're not sure why, but a capsicum with three bumps on the bottom is sweeter than one with four. Oh, but four bumps makes for a crunchier, firmer capsicum, so you should weigh up crunch vs. sweet when picking out your pepper!

### Handy hint 4 - fend off weeds

Instead of tossing your daily rag in the recycling bin, use the newspaper as mulch and deter noxious weeds. Simply wet the sheets and put the layers around your plants and garden beds, covering with soil as you go. The weeds won't be able to get through the wet newspaper layers.

### Handy hint 5 - so cheesey

Wrap cheese chunks in aluminium foil and store in the fridge to keep your cheddar fresher for longer and to keep mould out.

### Handy hint 6 - mozzies be gone!

If you have the kind of blood that attracts mosquitoes like a moth to a flame, then listen up. To keep the pesky blood suckers at bay, place a fabric softener dryer sheet in your pocket. Mosquitoes are repelled by the scent and you'll smell like summer breeze all night!

### Handy hint 7 - crispy leftover pizza

To reheat a pizza so that the base is out-of-the-oven crisp, heat your leftover slices in a fry pan on low-medium heat on the stove until warm and wave goodbye to the days of soggy microwave pizza.

### Handy hint 8 - reopening envelopes

If you seal an envelope and realise you've forgotten to include something inside, just place it in the freezer for an hour or two and voila, the envelope will unseal without a trace!

### Handy hint 9 - the power of garlic

Add garlic immediately to a recipe if you want a subtle taste and towards the end to blast it with flavour.

### Handy hint 10 - getting rid of ants

It may sound cruel, but if you have an ant problem, desperate times call for desperate measures. Put small piles of polenta where you see ants and they'll gobble it up, return 'home' and won't be able to digest it. Your ant problem (and the ants) will soon be dead.



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

**Just a couple for old time's sake:**

**A man was sitting on the edge of the bed, watching his wife, who was looking at herself in the mirror.**

**Since her birthday was not far off he asked what she'd like to have for her birthday.**

**'I'd like to be eight again', she replied, still looking in the mirror.**

**On the morning of her Birthday, he arose early, made her a nice big bowl of Coco Pops, and then took her to "Adventure World" theme park. What a day! He put her on every ride in the park; the Death Slide, the Wall of Fear, the Screaming Roller Coaster, everything there was.**

**Five hours later they staggered out of the theme park. Her head was reeling and her stomach felt upside down. He then took her to a McDonald's where He ordered her a Happy Meal with extra fries and a chocolate milkshake.**

**Then it was off to a movie, popcorn, a soft drink, and her favourite lollies, M&M's. What a fabulous adventure!**

**Finally she wobbled home with her husband and collapsed into bed exhausted.**

**He leaned over his wife with a big smile and lovingly asked, 'Well Dear, what was it like being eight again?'**

**Her eyes slowly opened and her expression suddenly changed.**

**'I meant my dress size!!!'**

**The moral of the story: Even when a man is listening, he is gonna get it wrong.**

### **Ancient Golfers**

Four men, well along in years, had played golf as a foursome every Sunday morning, until one of them passed away. The other three asked the club pro if he could find them a compatible gentleman to fill out the foursome again. "No problem," answered the pro.

"But, you have to understand," one of the guys, named George, explained, "that Ralph, who died, was like our eyes. We're all getting some cataracts, and have trouble seeing the ball. Ralph's eyesight was perfect, and he was our spotter."

The pro promised to see what he could do, and, when the others returned the following Sunday, he

introduced them to a truly ancient looking gentleman, named Walt.

"How old are you?" George asked.

"I'm ninety-four," Walt responded.

"Fabulous," said George. "But how's your eyesight?"

At this, Walt blew up. "Don't insult my eyes," he yelled. "I may be old, but I've got 20-20 vision. I have eyes like an eagle. Don't insult me!"

"Okay, okay," the others said. "Let's play golf."

George was first on the tee, and he hit a long, low drive, that faded significantly after about 200 yards. He turned to Walt.

"Did you see where it went?" he asked the ancient one.

"Did I see where it went? I told you not to insult my eyesight. Of course, I saw where it went. I've got eyes like an eagle!" Walt yelled.

"Okay, I'm sorry," said George. "Where did it go?"

"Sorry.....I forgot", replied Walt.

### Lawyer jokes to finish up on:

1. A lawyer opened the door of his BMW, when suddenly a car came along and hit the door, ripping it off completely. When the police arrived at the scene, the lawyer was complaining bitterly about the damage to his precious BMW.

"Officer, look what they've done to my Beeeemer!!!", he whined.

"You lawyers are so materialistic, you make me sick!!!" retorted the officer, "You're so worried about your stupid BMW, that you didn't even notice that your left arm was ripped off!!!"

"Oh my gaaad....", replied the lawyer, finally noticing the bloody left shoulder where his arm once was, "Where's my Rolex???!!!!!!!"

2. When the man in the street says: "If it ain't broke, don't fix it," the lawyer writes:  
"Insofar as manifestations of functional deficiencies are agreed by any and all concerned parties to be unperceivable, and are so stipulated, it is incumbent upon said heretofore mentioned parties to exercise the deferment of otherwise pertinent maintenance procedures."
3. A group of terrorists hijacked a plane full of lawyers. They called down to ground control with their list of demands and added that if their demands weren't met, they would release one lawyer every hour.



# Full Moon Cartoon Corner



"It's the family curse. Every full moon I turn into an accountant."



A meeting Thursday night? Hang on... No I can't: It's the full Moon, I'll be out howling with the pack...

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"IT DOESN'T MATTER IF THIS ONLY HAPPENS AT THE FULL MOON. YOU STILL HAVE TO PAY YOUR DOG LICENCE, SIR."



"We need more funding, so we spliced particles from a dollar bill with the DNA of a Holstein. We're hoping to create a cash cow."



**Thanks folks, until next time, best wishes.**



**Tony Pollard – Temp 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

