



## The Racing Wheel

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

### International Toast



Tonight's international toast, presented by PHF and Sergeant, Bill Dickie, is to the Rotary Club of Macau, in Rotary district 3450 which has 66 clubs and 1800 members.

The Club received its charter in June 1947 and has 41 members who meet at 8:00pm each Thursday at the Venetian Macau Resort Hotel.

For further details, please refer to Bill's presentation as attached.

Thank you Bill.

### General Business

1. Associate membership – President Peter has one "candidate" already & recommends an annual fee of \$100.00, plus dinner fee when in attendance, and not to hold voting rights. To be finalised by the Board.
2. Recommendation that assistance be given to Jennifer Parsons – we donate one month's net van takings.

### Three Minuter

PHF Brian Welch presented the "Three Minuter" and spoke of life after (semi) retiring, giving troubles in the motor repair industry as a factor in making the decision to "sell up" and "move on".

Insurance companies are making it very difficult for a fair return to be made on any repair job that came in – repair codes now the norm with the insurance companies placing set amounts to be paid for each (repair) task.

Thus, in past years, a repair quote of say, \$ 6,000.00 would have been accepted whereas now this could be as low as \$ 2,000.00. If the repairer not happy with this, the insurance company will take the job to another shop. Then there are other shops that have to fix the ensuing bad repair.

As the industrial outlook wasn't good with no prospects in sight of it improving anytime soon, Brian (with the help of Bunning's) called it a day. Thanks Brian.

## ***Guest Speaker***



Guest Speaker Grant Paterson being Presented with his Rotary coffee mug by Sergeant Bill.

Our guest speaker tonight was Grant Paterson, an asset technician at Bathurst Regional Council and a former independent sports and turf consultant, who has over 27 years' experience in golf, bowls and cricket.

Grant was introduced to the meeting by Rtn Tony Pollard, acting on behalf of PP Geoff Fry who could not be in attendance tonight.

Grant has a certificate in green keeping, is a certified automotive mechanic, holds a diploma in Information Technology and is an accredited Australian Cricket Board Level 'O' Coach.

An interesting discourse on Grant's experiences with stadium ground construction and just exactly how the surface preparation has changed from years ago where players had to use a wet, muddy unpleasant ground to the latest using various scientific methods.

Typically, a playing surface profile now has a consolidated base upon which 100mls of gravel is placed, with a water table forming under a layer of sand with (of course) the turf at the top. The sand is very important and is usually 300ml deep being medium in density with an organic amendment.

Along with the modern drainage methods now used, this allows for any particular stadium to be used for different purposes with very fast changes to the surface being possible.

Grant also spoke of his time overseas visiting various countries illustrating his talk with a PowerPoint presentation on the places and people he encountered.

While in Kuwait in 2004, Grant took advantage of an offer to fly in Bell Iroquois helicopter, and used the flight to check a golf course he was working on.

After his talk, many questions were asked indicating the level of interest generated. Grant was thanked by Bill Dickie on behalf of the meeting, and presented Grant with one of our unbelievably world famous coffee mugs.

## Thought of the Week

The thought this week was presented by PHF Robin Price. Robin stated that in light of fact we live in times of equality:

*There is nothing in a house that a woman does that a man can't do.*

**Question.** Did you attend another Rotary meeting or participate in a Rotary project or activity? Please advise **all Rotary make-ups** to **Alan Petersen**.

## Next week 8<sup>th</sup> October @ Rotary

Registrar: Lee Rayner

Guest Speaker: Luis Hernandez

Greeter/3 Minuter: Tony Pollard

Thought for the Week: Stephanie Brown

## And the Following Week 15<sup>th</sup> October

Registrar: Robin Price

Guest Speaker: Matt Casey

Greeter/3 Minuter: Bob Newton

Thought for the Week: Doug Barnes

Fellows please find a replacement if you are unable to fulfil 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.

## Anniversaries and Birthdays

Please join us with best wishes to:

5 <sup>th</sup> October	Daphne & Alan Petersen
12 <sup>th</sup> October	Greg Madden
14 <sup>th</sup> October	Jan & Greg Madden
21 <sup>st</sup> October	Bill Dickie
27 <sup>th</sup> October	Tony Pollard



## October is Rotary Vocational Service Month

The Object of Rotary is a philosophical statement of Rotary's purpose and the responsibilities of Rotarians. The concept of **Vocational Service** is rooted in the Second Object of Rotary which calls on Rotarians to encourage and foster:

- High ethical standards in business and professions
- The recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations

- The dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society

Who do you know in our Community who exemplifies this in the personal and professional life?

**URGENT REMINDER.....**



*We can't escape it – if you can't fight it, join it. Yes, it's Bathurst 1000 race time again.*



*Also known as:*



## **A Brief History of the Bathurst 1000**

The Bathurst 1000 (currently called the Supercheap Auto Bathurst 1000) is a 1,000 kilometre touring car race held annually at Mount Panorama Circuit in Bathurst, New South Wales, Australia. The Armstrong 500, which became the Hardie Ferodo 500/1000 and later the Bathurst 1000, was first held on 20 November 1960 at Phillip Island in Victoria over 500-mile (800 km) to determine which car had the best combination of speed, performance and reliability.

The popularity of the race continued to grow so rapidly during the 1960s that by 1966 most major manufacturers operating in the Australian market became heavily involved in what became known as "the Great Race". This is because an outright win in the long and tough race would add great credibility to the car and its brand, especially in proving the winning car-brand offered the best overall package in terms of performance, durability, reliability and image. This proved to be a great marketing opportunity to increase sales and market share in the local market, and so the famous "Win on Sunday, Sell on Monday" concept was born.

Notably, it was during this period that the famous Holden-Ford-Chrysler rivalry originated. Holden has won the most races of all the car makes (25) and Ford is the second most successful with 14. The Bathurst 1000 race was initially intended for small vehicles, as it was thought V8s would struggle due to the conditions and the required driving techniques. However, a Mini Cooper S' outright win in 1966 was the last time a naturally aspirated 4 cylinder car won at Bathurst. From then on V8s and V6s have dominated the winners table. The most successful driver at Bathurst is Peter Brock, whose nine victories (1972, 1975, 1978–80, 1982–84 and 1987) earned him the nickname King of the Mountain.

The track itself is the most famous landmark in the small inland city of Bathurst. In total the track drops 174m from top to bottom. The race begins at the bottom of Mount Panorama and follows a series of sharp turns, steep straights and huge drops. The cars can reach up to 300km/hour near the end of the track, on the longest racing straight in Australia (1.9km in length). Bathurst 1000 continues to draw crowds of thousands and will no doubt remain Australia's most popular racing event for many years to come.

### QUIZ:

1. How many laps of the circuit were completed when the first race was held?
2. Who won that race?
3. In which year did the Morris Cooper 'S' win?
4. In which years did "Brockie" win?
5. Who won last year's race?

For the answers to the above and more, have a look at the list of past winners as attached to the newsletter. The list sets out all the winners from the first race back in 1963 to the winner last year.



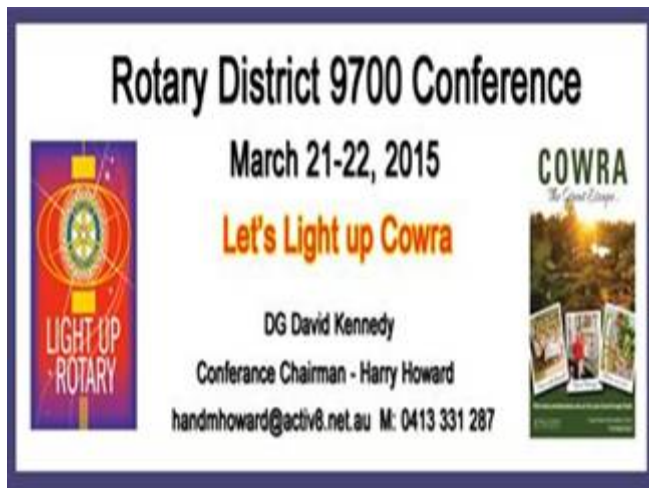
### Interesting facts department.....



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*ROTARY HAT DAY, this is what it's all about.....*

*With 1 in 5 people affected by mental illness, we're flicking the switch to shine a light on mental health through research.*

*Hat Day on Friday October 10 is a way you can get involved and show your support for people affected by depression, anxiety, schizophrenia, anorexia and many other serious conditions.*

*Hat Day is a fun and easy event at your workplace or club to help raise money. And EVERY cent you donate will be used to fund mental health research!*

*Visit the [Hat Day website](#) for more information and resources.*

**Make a donation**

**Now** Australians of all ages, from all walks of life will lead healthier lives. [Donate now](#)

# TIME TO LAUGH, CRY, OR BE DISGUSTED



## Twins

A woman has twins and gives them up for adoption. One of them goes to a family in Egypt and is named "Ahmal." The other goes to a family in Spain; they name him "Juan." Years later, Juan sends a picture of himself to his birth mother. Upon receiving the picture, she tells her husband that she wishes she also had a picture of Ahmal. Her husband responds, "They're twins! If you've seen Juan, you've seen Ahmal."

## Blind

Two men, Jim and John, were walking their dogs when they passed by a restaurant. "Let's go in and get something to eat," Jim suggested. "We can't" responded John, "don't you see the sign says NO PETS ALLOWED."

"Aah that sign," said Jim "don't worry about it" and taking out a pair of sunglasses, he walked up to the door. As he tried walking into the restaurant he got stopped at the door, "sorry no pets allowed." Can't you see" said Jim "I am blind, this is my seeing eye dog."

But it's a Doberman pincher, who uses a Doberman pincher as a seeing eye dog?" the man asked "Oh," Jim responded "you must have not heard, this is the latest type of seeing eye dog, they do a very good job."

Seeing that it worked, John tried walking in with his Chihuahua. Even before he could open his mouth, the doorman said "don't tell me that a Chihuahua is the latest type of seeing eye dog."

Thinking quickly John responded in an angry voice "**You mean they gave me a Chihuahua?**"

## Heaven

A man died and went to The Judgment, they told him, "Before you meet with God, I should tell you — we've looked over your life, and to be honest you really didn't do anything particularly good or bad. We're not really sure what to do with you. Can you tell us anything you did that can help us make a decision?"

The newly arrived soul thought for a moment and replied, "Yeah, once I was driving along and came upon a person who was being harassed by a group of thugs. So I pulled over, got out a bat, and went up to the leader of the thugs. He was a big, muscular guy with a ring pierced through his lip. Well, I tore the ring out of his lip, and told him he and his gang had better stop bothering this guy or they would have to deal with me!"

"Wow that's impressive", "When did this happen?"

"About three minutes ago," came the reply.

## Caught

Max was caught red handed by a police officer in the very act of burglarizing a store. He was quickly brought to trial.

"How do you plead? asked the judge.

"Your honor," answered Max, "before I plead guilty or not guilty I ask that the court kindly appoint a lawyer to defend me."

"Max you were caught in the actual commission of a crime. What could any lawyer possibly say in your defense?"

That's exactly my point, your honor," said Max. "I'm also curious to hear what he could possibly say!"

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## The Appeal

It was a Tuesday when the judge passed a verdict against a certain lawyer's client. On Wednesday the lawyer rushed into the judge's chambers. "Your honor I just found out new information and I would like to file an appeal." "What did you find out?", asked the judge. After a few moments of silence the lawyer responded "well I found out my client has another \$5000 dollars."

## Eyesight

"Harry," whined Mary, to her husband of 20 years. "What should I do?! I'm not ready for old age! I'm only 40 years old but I look and feel like I'm over 55! My face is all wrinkly, my back is bent over, and my hair is all thinned out."

"Well," said Harry after looking her up and down, "There is one thing about you that still works as good as new."

"Oh Harry!" said Mary sitting down next to her husband, "you always know just what to say! What are you referring to?"

"Never mind" said Harry looking down.

"C'mon Harry, please tell me what you were referring to."

"Mary, please don't make me."

"Harry I insist."

"Well I was going to remark about how your eyesight seems to be working just fine!"

## Read This Carefully

- 1) You are reading this.
- 2) You are human.
- 3) You can't say the letter "P" without separating your lips.
- 4) You just attempted to do it.
- 6) You are laughing at yourself.
- 7) You have a smile on your face and you skipped No. 5.
- 8) You just checked to see if there is a No. 5.
- 9) You laugh at this because you are a fun loving person & everyone does it too.
- 10) You are probably going to send this to see who else falls for it.

## The Tax Man Commeth

The owner of a small sandwich shop is brought before the tax auditor because of certain deductions. The auditor wants an explanation for the deduction of two trips to Greece as business expenses. Going on, the auditor also wants an explanation for a week in Paris, four days in Capri, and a weekend in Bermuda.

"You have a small sandwich shop", the auditor protests. "How can you claim a deduction for these trips?"

The owner of the shop says, "We deliver!"

A man, called in for an audit at the Australian Tax Office asked his accountant for advice on what to wear.

"Wear your shabbiest clothing. Let him think you are a pauper.

Then he asked his lawyer the same question, but got the opposite advice.

"Do not let them intimidate you. Wear your most elegant suit and tie."

Confused, the man went to his rabbi, told him of the conflicting advice, and requested some resolution of the dilemma.

"Let me tell you a story," replied the rabbi.

"A woman, about to be married, asked her mother what to wear on her wedding night. 'Wear a heavy, long, flannel nightgown that goes right up to your neck.'"

But when she asked her best friend, she got conflicting advice.

'Wear your most sexy negligee, with a V neck right down to your navel.'"

The man protested: "What does all this have to do with my problem with the IRS?"

"No matter what you wear, you're going to get screwed."

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The taxman was surprised to receive a letter which read:

"Dear Sir, Last year I cheated on my tax and I can't sleep for thinking about it. I am therefore enclosing a cheque for 2,000 dollars. If I find that I still can't sleep, I'll send you the balance."

-Anonymous

In order to simplify tax collections in the near future the Tax Office will issue a new easier to use tax form.

Instructions:

1. Simply complete: How much money did you make this year? \$\_\_\_\_\_
2. SEND IT IN.

According to the government, a taxpayer is someone who has what it takes.

### **Funny Army Joke with Airman Jones:**

Airman Jones was assigned to the induction center where he was to advise new recruits about their government benefits, especially their GI insurance.

It wasn't long before Captain Smith noticed that Airman Jones had almost a 100% record for insurance sales, which had never happened before.

Rather than ask about this, the Captain stood in the back of the room and listened to Jones's sales pitch.

Jones explained the basics of the GI Insurance to the new recruits, and then said: "If you have GI Insurance and go into battle and are killed, the government has to pay \$200,000 to your beneficiaries.

"If you don't have GI insurance, and you go into battle and get killed, the government has to pay only a maximum of \$6000."

"Now," he concluded, "which bunch do you think they are going to send into battle first?"

### **Cartoon corner**





"Drive, George, drive! This one's got a coal hanger!"



"It's simple. My nurse blindfolds me, I spin around a few times, and then I try to reattach your tail."



A recent study found frequent use of cell phones can present a serious health risk to the incredibly inconsiderate.



"And when exactly would it be a good time for my tantrum?"

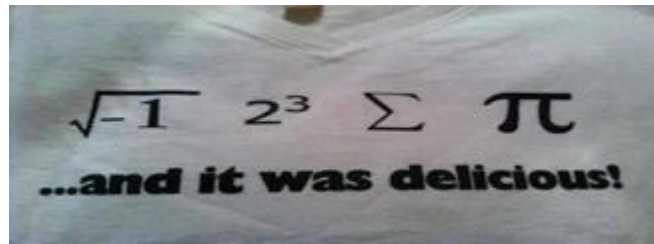


"Your sales have been so bad lately, firing you wasn't good enough."

[A couple of time wasters for your spare moments:](#)

[\(Answers on last page\)](#)

(A). Can you decode this picture and tell me what it says?



(B.) A certain street contains 100 buildings.



They are numbered from 1 to 100. How many 9s are used in these numbers?

(C.) What does this image riddle means? (Careful – this is tricky)



(D.)

I am a 6 letter word.  
Letters 6-5-2 spell out a drink,  
Letters 4-5-2-3 spell out a fruit,  
Letters 1-2-6 spell out a pet,  
Letters 3-2-6 spell out a pest, which often gets eaten by 1-2-6  
What am I ?



## What is Rotary?

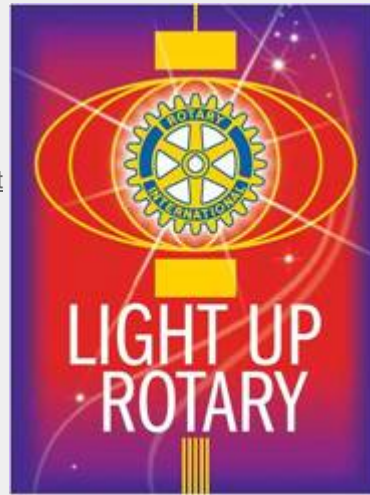
Rotary is ordinary people around the world sharing their professional skills and working together in a social environmental to build better communities.

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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### **Answers – Puzzles**

(A.) I Ate Some Pie and It Was Delicious

(B.) Answer: 20

Just count the nines in the numbers: 9, 19, 29, 39, 49, 59, 69, 79, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99.

Note: 99 contains TWO nines!

(C.) painless operation (think about it!!)

(D.) CARPET

Drink : Tea

Fruit : Pear

Pet : Cat

Pest : Rat

**OK, UNTIL NEXT WEEK, TAKE CARE**



**Tony Pollard – Editor**

