



**7th Sept  
2008**

## ROTARY HYPOTHETICAL

This week is one of our very special "in house" events where the guest speaker spot is taken over by Bill Neill with the aim of finding out just how the Four-Way Test is relevant to our every-day lives.

For those who need a reminder, the Four-Way Test states:

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?**

Bill will introduce the subject "Can a Fib be Morally the Right Thing". There will then be time for table discussion, and to enable us to reach a conclusion spirited debate will be call for from the floor.

To whet your appetite for the debate, see below a preview of the Hypothetical. We hope that you will have time to think about the situation before arriving on Tuesday and be ready to give us your opinion on the matter.

*Patricia Harrison*



"Have you ever imagined a world with no hypothetical situations?"

**NEXT WEEK:** On 14th October our speaker will be Tony Lund, Disability Services Australia - "Challenges in 21st Century"

## ROTARY – People like you and me

### ETHICS HYPOTHETICAL

#### "CAN A FIB BE MORALLY THE RIGHT THING"

You and your partner have one child, a son, who until recently has been somewhat of a lost soul, little direction and seemingly unmotivated. Recently, however, he has won a position of employment in which he is wholly engrossed. His whole life changed with the job and he has become focused and looking forward to each day. He has developed that sense of self worth

A few weeks after your son got his job you were flying to Melbourne for an important business meeting. Firstly, the taxi failed to arrive. Then your own car had a flat battery.

In desperation you turned to your son and asked him to drive you to the airport. Time was running short and your son agreed. The traffic was at times bad and so, to make up time, when he could you pushed your son to drive as fast as possible.

Your son trusts and respects your judgment. He looks to you as a figure of authority. He recognises that he may be exceeding the speed limit but as it is you he was helping and it was you who was encouraging him to speed he did so.

On your return from Melbourne you found that your son had received an infringement notice from the RTA in respect of exceeding the speed limit, by 20km. He has a fine of \$1,000 and will lose enough demerit points to lose his licence.

Your son accepts his fate in good stead even though the loss of his drivers licence will mean he will lose his job, that

depends on him being able to drive.

Your partner suggests you could sign the statutory declaration on the back of the infringement notice saying that you were the driver. You will not lose your licence (and don't drive much anyway). The fact that your son exceeded the speed limit is not disputed but the margin (20km above the limit) is highly improbable as the traffic only permitted brief spurts of speed. Further, the fact that your son did exceed the speed limit was entirely your own fault, you urged your son to speed and he did so as a dutiful son and to help you with your commitment to your job.

**What do you do:-**

***Leave it with your son, he accepts he was the driver and the speeding was his responsibility. He does not believe he exceeded by 20km and is considering contesting the issue and hopes the magistrate will allow him to keep his licence.***

***Sign the declaration and make a false statement that enables you to accept the obligation which you feel is morally yours. Can you justify the false statement by saying that it is false only in a technical sense and is true in the sense that you were in "command" of the vehicle and your son was only following your instructions.***

**Be there on Tuesday!**

# THE ROTARY CLUB OF SYDNEY

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# AROUND THE CLUB

with Ann Burleigh

## IMPORTANT HEALTH MESSAGE:

It was a bit like a re-union last week when Guest Speaker, **Charlie Frew** visited the Club. He had an important message to share but he also caught up with old colleagues **John Craig** and **Ann Burleigh**, old school friend **Bill Neill**, Killara Golf Club members eg. **Cliff Marriott** (another of CF's hats is Past Captain, Current President of KGC). He missed **Garry Browne** and **Alex Shaw** who were unable to attend.

**And that important message?** It related to **bowel cancer**. Yuck, I hear you say. Listen up those of you who missed the opportunity to hear Charlie, a Board member of the **Bowel Cancer & Digestive Research Institute**, speak. In a nutshell, bowel cancer is a significant killer. 90 Australians per week, die from bowel cancer. The *good news?* Early detection could save your life. If detected early, bowel cancer has a high survival-success rate. Even if you are asymptomatic, it's wise, over the age of 50, to have a screening test. If you have symptoms like bleeding [always check the toilet bowl] change in bowel habit, abdominal bloating or pain or chronic tiredness, please see your doctor. If you have a family history – see your GP pronto! As Charlie said 'It's crunch time'. For heaven's sake, or maybe *your* sake, don't die of embarrassment!

Thanks for coming Charlie. Good luck with this crucial initiative.

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**Sue Davidson** – welcome back from leave of absence. We missed you.

Did you know that the erudite, urbane **Mike Hodgetts**, was a Car Park Attendant in a former life? He has a *very* interesting story to share on this ...

**Ken Sutherland**, **Don Knudsen** and **Sophie Dillon** have built muscles on muscles moving the Club Archives around. **Dave McLeish** gets a weekly work-out with the set-up and strip-out of Club paraphernalia. Thanks all.

**Robert Mitchell** did a commendable job filling in as Clayton's Sergeant for **Rod Rate**. He was amazed by the attention he received from AB and PT.

Have you heard President **Patricia's** 'poo' story?

Beware of the glamorous **Janette Parkinson**. She knows journalists. She dubs you in. You have been warned.

**Ted McKeown** just happened to be in the right place at the right time, to acquire a large wooden elephant. We hear that **Alison** was less than enchanted. It's somewhat of a worry that the lady has a knife ... that's another story.

There's blood everywhere as the carnage of Wall Street continues. None of us are bullet-proof but we hope no lethal blows befall our members. With that mixed metaphor, I'll fall on my sword ... AB+

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Please send us your news or news of your fellow members. Just email [rotarymatters@people.net.au](mailto:rotarymatters@people.net.au) and type away!

## Rotary's 4-Way Test

It asks the following four questions:

"Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?"

Christine Dunstan Productions invites members to morning tea to be introduced to **INSIDE OUT**.

This is a ground breaking new Australian drama exploring the impact of mental illness on a mother and her son. This event will be held between 11am and 12:30pm on October 9 at the Seymour Centre.

Please contact Patricia Harrison if you are interested in attending.

## What's for lunch this week:

Hot; Lamb rump on topped of mash served with rosemary jus and seasonal vegetables

Dessert: Sticky date pudding with butterscotch sauce & cream

Salad: Chicken Caesar salad

Vegetarian: Spinach & ricotta cheese cannelloni

# Coming Up!

- 14 Oct Luncheon - Tony Lund, Disability Services Australia - Challenges in 21st Century  
17-19 Oct District 9750 Conference, University of Technology Sydney.  
21 Oct Luncheon - Helen Grasswill, Producer "Australian Story"  
28 Oct Luncheon - Diana "Bubbles" Fisher, "Behind the scenes on royal occasions"  
28 Oct Rotary Means Business, 6pm - 7:30pm, 2nd Floor, Castlereagh Hotel.  
11 Nov Luncheon - Caltex Teachers Awards  
18 Nov Luncheon - Judith R. Fergin, US Consul General  
18 Nov Art Show Cocktail Party - Wentworth Gallery  
25 Nov Luncheon - Indy Singh on the Indian Economy.  
2 Dec Luncheon - Mt Eliza Presentation  
16 Dec Christmas Dinner

Please transfer these dates to your PDA or Diary.



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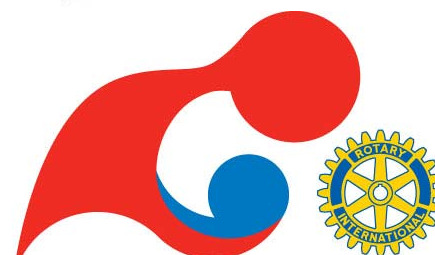
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If you visit another Rotary Club or related meeting, please make sure you email Membership Director Harry Fox with the details - [harryfox@wilsonlearning.com.au](mailto:harryfox@wilsonlearning.com.au)

**The Rotary Club of Sydney meets every Tuesday at 12:30pm, Cello Room, 4th Floor, Castlereagh Hotel, 169 Castlereagh Street, Sydney.**

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