



**IMAGINE
ROTARY**



Invocation. *For good food, for good friendship and the privilege to serve we give thanks.*

Four Way Test of the things we think, say or do. *Is it the TRUTH? Is it FAIR to all concerned? Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?*

John Hayes

2 April 1938—7 April 2023

It was to be a weekend with their families—Shirl to spend Easter with her daughter in Brisbane, John to have his family here in Moruya.

Shirl emailed me yesterday afternoon “Hi John, letting the club know that John died after a happy night with his family last night in Moruya. He went to sleep and did not wake up. I am now taking a flight from Brisbane and John’s family will be at home. Feeling a bit disconnected. Shirl”

So ends a partnership which was already well established when they first joined us in August 2015. Separately and jointly, their contribution to Rotary, here and internationally, is enormous. Shirl’s SHEP program was delivered in PNG, the Philippines, Timor Leste and the booth at the Hamburg Convention and in every case John was solidly and practically in support.

Before she left, Shirl had sent me this week’s Shenanigans. This extract from them well illustrates their comfortable relationship, their love of Moruya and John’s great sense of community work.

ACT OF KINDNESS *John Hayes came home today with this lovely experience. He is a volunteer with Meals on Wheels. For the last year he has been taking a resident of Banksia Village shopping at Woolies every Thursday. When they went to pay the bill of \$130 the lady said, ‘As you have been a regular customer for so long, there no charge today. Accept this as a Happy Easter gift.’ What a wonderful community we live in.*

Shirl is now home at 186 Vulcan Street. Peter and Sharon are on their way to see what help may be needed.

Present arrangements are that Tuesday’s Board meeting will go ahead, possibly with Derek in the chair. Secretary Andrew is in Magnetic Island, so Peter will take the minutes. The formal induction of new member Lauren is waiting for the production of a badge, so will probably be on April 18th.

Last week: Warwick Winn General Manager, Eurobodalla Shire Council



Rohan in his opening welcome listed tertiary institutions which have awarded degrees or diplomas to Warwick, most of them directly covering specialist areas of local government. No wonder, therefore that our Mayor, describing him as outstanding in a field of strong contenders, arranged to meet him in Sydney to discuss the job and its problems before Warwick finally decided to move.

He was born in New Zealand and studied organizational psychology at the University of Canterbury. From there to England and marriage and family before returning to New Zealand. He came to Australia in 2002, and in a steady rise was CEO of Manningham council in Victoria, then of North Sydney City Council before moving to Penrith where he served four years as General Manager.

So why leave a thriving city, with around 1800 staff and contractors for our Council? Warwick felt that he was losing touch with the people they served and looked for a smaller community. He was quickly introduced to our most pressing problem—housing, either to buy or to rent. True, the State Government has promised finance for 1,000 housing lots, but there is enormous work involved in their location and design. So far, the Shire has avoided the experience of Bega and Snowy Monaro in applying for a Special Rate rise.

True to his commitment to meet more people, Warwick attended the Broulee meeting which was against a subdivision, and also the long running battle for access to Congo. He was impressed by the civilized behavior of people at both meetings.

He has a love of street trees and Col Jay, in thanking him assured him that we shared that love, pointing to our history over the years.

Warwick is an accomplished speaker, punctuated with a fine sense of humour. Interesting times ahead!

President Shirl’s Board. *Vice President* Andrew Elek; *Immediate Past President* Chris Manahan; *Secretary* Andrew Elek *Treasurer* **Jeff Proud** *Director Club Service* Keith Armstrong; *Meal Numbers* John Hayes; *Program* John Gillett; *Bulletin* John Sewell; *Membership* Peter Smith; *Director International* Shirl Hayes; *Director Vocational* Pauline Gleeson; *Director Community Service* Tony Armstrong; *Director Youth Service* **Rhonnie Sourh** *Rotary Foundation* Keith Armstrong; *Catering Projects* Tony Armstrong, *Protection* Col Jay; *ShelterBox* Alan Shephard.

RYDA last Monday and Tuesday.



The picture shows the crew preparing for action. 140 served on Monday. 150 on Tuesday. Each got a sausage and onion roll, a bag with hash brown and a bottle of water.

Steve reports that the hash browns were very popular.

The thirty minutes allocated for serving was comfortably met.

Duty	This Week 4 April	Next Week 11 April
Badges	Steve Picton	Peter Smith
Invocation/Toast	Jeff Proud	Phil Smith
Meet and Greet	Sue Proud	Wendy Smith
Cashiers	Fred Power John Sewell	Rhonnie South John Spencer
4 Way Test	Alan Shephard	Allan Veness
Introduce	Rohan Gleeson	-----
Thank	Tony Armstrong	-----

Birthday: Keith Armstrong
Anniversaries: None



Then on Tuesday, President Shirl and Rhonnie joined the helpers in moving students between classrooms—where, of course, the whole purpose of RYDA is at work

April 11	Board Meeting	
April 18	Ken Hutt	Mt Everest Conquest
April 25	Social Evening	
May 2	Vocational Award	
May 9	Board Meeting	

Easter Saturday Races



A good crowd on a sunny Easter Saturday saw our kiosk being very popular.

Thanks to all who turned up, especially to a good number of " Friends of Rotary", being Liz Fleming, along with daughters Victoria and Catherine and granddaughter Lucinda.

And our enthusiastic new member Lauren ably assisted by her Mum, Judy.

Thanks to all for a great day of camaraderie. Steve Y.

Sales raised \$3932.

