Moruya

30 May 2023



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?

SHIRL'S SHENANIGANS

Walter Bock is the most outstanding Rotarian that I have had the pleasure to work with. He has nearly finished his autobiography which I am editing:

A HAPPY WANDERER FROM WAR-TORN GERMANY TO WIDE OPEN AUSTRALIA-MY LIFE BY WALTER BOCK.

He stayed with me on Tuesday night on his way to the Melbourne Convention.

Lauren Barnett deserves the prize for the best Changeover Invitation on the South Coast. Shirl

Derek's Report

In 1992 I was asked to become involved with forming a new Rotary Club in Narellan (sponsored by Camden Rotary), which eventually Chartered on the 27th of October. This invitation came about as a result of our daughter Kerryn being selected as an exchange student to Finland by Camden Rotary.

Somehow I became the President Elect (for the Rotary year 1993/94) after our Charter President(who had come across from Camden Rotary). Early in 1993 the Rotary International Conference was held in Melbourne, and so I went to learn a lot more about Rotary's place in the world. The RI President then was Cliff Dochterman from the US, and he was an inspiring speaker.

This week, quite a few of our members are repeating that pilgrimage to Melbourne for this year's RI Convention for RI President Jennifer Jones, and I hope they have an enjoyable and inspiring time at the Convention.

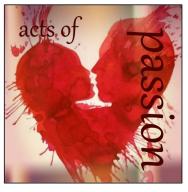
Last week President Shirley was hosting a distinguished Rotarian and I had the privilege of running the meeting. Along with all who attended, I enjoyed PP John Gillett's informative talk about the formation and history of the Red Door Theatre. As a result, 12 of our club members and partners are going to the Red Door Theatre on the 3rd of June to see "Acts of Passion", and thanks to Rhonnie and John for organising and booking the tickets.

With so many of our members away, this week is a social meeting and an opportunity for any members to discuss Rotary matters. Next week we welcome back our RI Convention attendees with a wrap up of their experiences. Derek Last week : The Red Door Theatre Company

Anthony Mayne put out a call in 2016 to see if there was interest to form a local company in Moruya. Among those who responded was Linda Heald, who directed the first five productions. Her death was a serious setback, as was the onset of Covid.

The lack of a permanent home was the reason why the earlier plays were presented in several locations— Narooma, Broulee and two in Moruya. For stage hands this meant a design limitation to cope with the packing and reassembling of the stage settings.

Now the company has been granted a permanent home in the RSL Hall and we saw the advantages of that new venue in the their last production *Agatha Crusty and the Village Hall Murders* which brought fame to Brenda Gillett as the murderer and also to son James, whose love of stage earned him a Commendation Award at the prestigious Canberra Area Theatre Awards.



Their new production – two short plays *Curtain Call* and *The Ladybirds* under the title *Acts of Passion*—opened on Friday, May 26. There is a matinee performance at 2pm this Sunday, then 7pm performances next Friday and Saturday.

Congratulations to John Gillett, who, with occasional technical help from Jeff Proud, presented the new video telling the story of the Red Door. John invited us to join them, not necessarily to act, but to help in a variety of back stage and front of house tasks.

Thanks to some smart work by Rhonnie, we have booked two front row tables for eight for Saturday June 3rd at 7pm. Premium tickets for front row tables cost \$30 per ticket or \$25 concession. Tickets can be purchased at the door or at <u>ticketor.com/mrdtc</u>.

We are invited to take along finger food and drinks.

President Shirl's Board. Vice President Andrew Elek; Immediate Past President Chris Manahan; Secretary Andrew Elek Treasurer Jeff Proud Director Club Service Steve Young; Meal Numbers John Spencer; 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 South Rotary Foundation Keith Armstrong; Catering Projects The Armstrongs, Protection Col Jay; ShelterBox Alan Shephard.

Heather Chesher

We had been noticing for some time that Heather's memory was failing—not unusual at 92. Peter and Janelle decided that she was no longer coping on her own. After a trial move to Banksia, which Heather did not like, on 15 December 2020—we celebrated Heather's 90th birthday



Wednesday last they had to move her into Opel Care at Dalmeny. She is able to have visitors.

ShelterBox-a new leader needed

Alan Shephard who has been leading our Club's support of ShelterBox for years has decided that his health has so deteriorated that he is no longer able to carry on. So we need a new leader.

Alan's team had established a winning format. On Saturday mornings outside the Swimming Pool, they would erect the tent and on two tables display the contents of a standard box.

That equipment is available, but we will need a new display because ShelterBox in a world of disasters— Syria, Pakistan, Ukraine - no longer relies on the box, but matches goods to individual needs. Talk to President Elect Derek. It is a great project.

Changeover—the meal

After discussions between John Spencer and the Golf Club, our board has agreed to subsidise the event and set the cost at \$35 for entree and main alternate drops. 2 bottles of wine per table and of course bread rolls. The Golf Club has also agreed to donate prizes for the night.

John will be contacting members to get a 'yes/no' answer on planned attendance.

Invitations have been sent to a number of individuals and to Batemans Bay and Narooma Clubs

President Shirl and President Elect Derek have pretty well finished the program for the meeting, which will include a musical item.

Changeover—The Annual Report

The Bulletin which goes out on Sunday 25th June will be our annual report for Changeover, so I would appreciate it if Board members would give me their entries by say, 20th June. I will compile the list of Speakers. For the Treasurer's report a brief statement of the state of the three accounts and a list of donations in the year to date will be fine.

Many thanks

Duty	This Week 30 May	Next Week 6 June
Badges	Alan Shephard	Steve Young
Invocation/Toast	Phil Smith	Derek Anderson
Meet and Greet	David Collis	Keith Armstrong
Cashiers	Allan Veness Fred Power	Phil Armstrong Tony Armstrong
4 Way Test	John Sewell	Lauren Barnett
Introduce	Social Evening	Convention
Thank		Reports

Birthday Allan Veness

May 27-31	Melbourne Convention	Many Members attending
May 30	Social Evening	
June 6	Discussion -Convention	Attendees
June 13	Lauren Barnett - Life and Times	
June 20	Sue Murphy	Museum matters
June 27	CHANGEOVER	
August 20	Races—Clubs Day	The Prouds
September 11	Races—Pubs Day	Lauren Barnett
September 29	Races—BB Cup	The Gleesons
December 24	Races – Narooma Cup	The Youngs
January 8	Races– Moruya Cup	Ward Hack

Meal Numbers.

John Spencer will assume you will be attending Tuesday meetings unless he hears otherwise.

We have to notify the Golf Club how many meals are required by 10 am on Tuesday. That is the number of meals ordered and they have to be paid for. Last week we had two late withdrawals, potentially a \$38 shortfall. One member has reimbursed. The cashiers or treasurer will accept your outstanding contribution.

If you will not be attending, please contact John by phone or message at 043 8282 663 before 10am Tuesday.

To assist the kitchen staff and avoid late service it is equally important that you contact John if you intend to bring any guests, plus any dietary requirements they have.