



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?*

This Week's Speaker—a Special Night

We have **Warwick Winn** the General Manager, Eurobodalla Shire Council. Make him welcome!

Trachoma—an Update on Progress

At a Zoom meeting on 17 May last year we had PDG Michael Milston and Sandi Fulcher, the then administration coordinator of the “End Trachoma” Rotary effort, to add weight to the decision of our partners that this should be their project.

Australia is the only developed country that still has trachoma, the troublesome eye disease which can lead to permanent blindness. Essentially it is a disease of the indigenous communities which can be eliminated by an individual child's hygiene—not at all easy to achieve in settlements where scarce water leads to shared face washing, and in a culture which encourages sharing of possessions.

Then on 18 October, Jan Young brought along samples of bags and contents and on Thursday she invited the friends to her house to work on the project.

SHIRL'S SHENANIGANS

Steve brewed the coffee and Jan served a variety of slices and biscuits as fuel for gossip and laughter as we pinned bright strips of colour on face washers and hand towels. This was so that 37 children and 17 adults know which is theirs. They are not allowed to share until their community is Trachoma Free for three years. Trachoma makes the eye feel as if it is full of sand and it scratches the cornea. Antibiotics kill the bacteria but recurring infections can cause permanent blindness. Combs and shampoo also help to keep the number of bugs down. The hygiene message is reinforced by another section of the End Trachoma Project - a gift of washing machines and water. Our kits will go to the Ampilatwatja School pronounced 'um – blubber – which'. Which witch? The Blubber one, so easy to remember but nothing like its spelling. The town has 390 residents, a medical clinic, airfield and football ovals of red sand. It is on a mainly red dirt road 300 kilometres from Alice Springs in the direction of Mt Isa. *Shirl*

Mervyn Jamieson's Life and Times

We welcomed Mervyn and partner Sharyn Bais to our Club on 22 November last year, since when we have seen both of them in action, helping out at the races.



Last week Mervyn told us about life in South Australia, where he was born and educated. He began working life as a trainee diesel mechanic and went on to build a major business, *Jamieson Truck / Trailer Sales and Rental* dealing in second hand trucks and new trailers.

He and his first wife divorced and, looking for new opportunities, he joined the Rotary Club of Largs Bay, where his leadership skills made him President on three occasions.

Meanwhile he had met Sharyn, the widow of one of his customers. She joined him in Rotary and became a President and dual PHF.

Mervyn's views on Rotary's development and futures are worth discussing. Broadly he saw his club as having a small central corps who got things done, and an outer fringe who did not. The opportunities for community work became tangled in bureaucratic regulations. Recruitment of new members, particularly since COVID, was slow, as family life took precedence. Largs Bay seems to have shrunk to approximately five members.

So Mervyn and Sharyn had a fairly cynical view of Rotary when they moved to the Anchorage. Their first visit to our club was to test the water. Fortunately we have passed that test. Mervyn is a member and Sharyn is, of course, warmly invited to accompany him at any meeting.

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.

The Trachoma Project.

Last Monday, Jan Young emailed her co-workers on the Trachoma project, inviting them to a meeting at her house on Thursday. She said that they had almost all the material to make bags for 37 children and 17 adults. The adult bags each contain two sets of towels and face washers, 34 adults in total. Some of the adults are teachers .

Sue comments *"I was blown away by the amount of prep Jan has put into this project and feel that Jan and the ladies with the sewing capabilities of which I have none will take this project to the end. I'm one of the pinner and the filler of bags along with others."*

The friends achieved a lot and will meet again after Easter.



It seems that before dispatch to the nominated school, our bags will be linked with bags made by the Rotary Clubs of Frankston North and Rochester. The kits will be packed up in boxes weighing no more than 19kg. These boxes will be sent to a central location, presumably in Victoria, to be then onforwarded to the NT Central point to be distributed in one lot.

That part of the operation is still to be worked out but the suggestion that some of our members might like to take our boxes to the school is unlikely to happen though, of course it doesn't preclude Rotarians doing a road trip to meet the community if they are keen. The community is very remote and vehicles will have to travel over some distance on dirt roads of a standard that is unknown at this stage.



From the Ampilatwatja School photographs.

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

April 3 & 4	RYDA	At the Race Course—see below
April 4	Warwick Winn	General Manager, Europodalla Shire Council
April 8	Saturday Races	Rotary Easter Cup. See Roster Page 3
April 11	Board Meeting	
April 18	Ken Hutt	Mt Everest Conquest
April 25	Social Evening	
May 2	Vocational Award	
May 9	Board Meeting	

RYDA this Monday and Tuesday.

As Steve explained last week, RYDA catering is different. Each day we need to feed roughly 180 students and staff in half an hour, say from noon to 12.30.

This year, the menu will be changed, mainly because of the scarcity of chips. Each serving will be a sausage and onion roll plus a hash brown (cooked in the chip fryer) and a can of water. This is our contribution to this important project.

In addition, on Tuesday, when Moruya High School will be attending, President Shirl and Rhonnie will be helping out with the student groups.

The Crews:

Monday: Steve and Jan, Col and Bronwyn, Pauline and Sue.

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Sorry to report that June Mills has COVID.

Next Saturday (Easter Saturday) Roster

8th April 2023	Serving area roster
AM Roster	10 : 30 TO 2PM
Setting Up	John Sewell
Cashier	Ward Hack
Order writer	Derek Anderson
Order filler 1	Mike Dent
Order filler 2	Vacant
Cook	Steve Picton
Prep	Fleming Daughter 2
Chip Fryer	Steve Young
Bain Maries 1	Elizabeth Fleming
Bain Marie 2	Fleming Daughter 1
PM Roster	2 PM TO Finish
Cashier	Vacant? Phil Armstrong from 2.30??
Order writer 1	Peter Smith
Order Filler 1	Col Jay
Order filler2	Judy (Lauren's Mum)
Cook	Keith Armstrong
Prep	Lauren Barnett
Chip Fryer	Allan Veness
Bain Marie 1	Vacant
Bain Maree 2	Bron Jay
Washing up	Vacant
KITCHEN	
Jan Young	10:00 TO Finish
Wendy Smith	10 :00 TO 3PM
Kim Dent	10 : 00 to 2PM
Sally	2pm to finish

DUTY MANAGER: Steven Young

Promoted from his role serving the Trachoma crew on Thursday, 30th March

