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# Moruya Changeover

**27 June 2023**



**CREATE HOPE  
in the WORLD**

**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?**

## PROGRAM

Call to order – **Rhonnie South**

Acknowledgement of Country– **Rhonnie South**

Invocation & Toast – **Andrew Elek**

Introduction welcome to guests – **Derek Anderson**

*Main is served*

*Musical item by Golden Carmichael “-Imagine”*

Toast to RI– **Vere Gray**

Response – **PDG Bruce Gruber**

Thank you to the Friends of Rotary– **Sue Proud**

*Dessert is served*

*Song by Golden Carmichael*

President’s Report - **President Shirl**

Presentations – **President Shirl**

## CHANGEOVER

Hand over Charter and Chain of Office –  
**PDG Bruce Gruber**

The Year Ahead -Introduce the New Board

**Incoming President Derek**

Four Way Test – **Lauren**

**That concludes the formal part of the evening.**

	2022-23	2023-24
President	Shirley Hayes-Cornish	Derek Anderson
Vice President	Andrew Elek	Allan Veness
President Elect	Derek Anderson	<b>TBA</b>
Secretary	Andrew Elek	Vere Gray
Treasurer	Jeff Proud	Jeff Proud
Club Service	Keith Armstrong	Steve Young
Program	John Gillett	John Gillett
Bulletin	John Sewell	John Sewell
Rosters/welfare	John Hayes	John Spencer
Membership	Peter Smith	Peter Smith
International	Shirl & John Hayes	Shirley Cornish
Vocational	Pauline Gleeson	Peter Smith
Community	Tony Armstrong	Chris Manahan and- Steve Picton
Youth	Rhonnie South	Rhonnie South
Foundation	Keith Armstrong	Phil Armstrong
Catering	Ward Hack	Armstrong Brothers
Protection	Col Jay	Col Jay
ShelterBox	Alan Shephard	<b>TBA</b>

Environment: Derek Anderson

<b>Past Presidents</b>	1972-73 Jim Rogers	1990-91 Allan Jennaway	2008-09 Michael Gold
1956-57 Don Mackay & Eric Mills	1973-74 Rolly Brown	1991-92 Ken Coates	2009-10 Rohan Gleeson
1957-58 Bernard Sheridan	1974-75 Peter Hancock	1992-93 John Sewell	2010-11 Derek Anderson
1958-59 Hugh McHugh Sn	1975-76 Brian Loutit	1993-94 Allan Veness	2011-12 Terry Young
1959-60 Bob Pillans	1976-77 Sid Crean	1994-95 Peter Smith	2012-13 Clare Hack
1960-61 Ron Cheshier	1977-78 Jeff Hodges	1995-96 Alwin Himan	2013-14 Geoff Fleming
1961-62 Eli Beaumont	1978-79 John Turnbull	1996-97 Peter McRae	2014-15 Keith Armstrong
1962-63 Noel Pitt	1979-80 Bill Curtis	1997-98 Jim Turnbull	2015-16 Mike Dent
1963-64 Allan Stormon	1980-81 Don Clare	1998-99 Roger Bayley	2016-17 Pauline Gleeson
1964-65 Norman McIntosh	1981-82 Des Durkin	1999-00 Tony Ratcliffe	2017-18 Mike Dent
1965-66 John McCoy	1982-83 Graham Alexander	2000-01 Alan Shephard	2018-19 Ward Hack
1966-67 Allan Wood	1983-84 Brian Smith	2001-02 Ron Cheshier	2019-20 Marian Pearson
1967-68 Leo O'Donahoo	1984-85 Bill Kilborn	2002-03 Roger Bayley	2020-21 Peter Smith
1968-69 Warren Hall	1985-86 David Suter	2003-04 Col Jay	2021-22 Chris Manahan
1969-70 Grahame Vidgen	1986-87 Rob Unwin	2004-05 Phil Armstrong	2022-23 Shirley Hayes-Cornish
1970-71 Tom Taylor	1987-88 Peter Bertram	2005-06 Steve Young	
1971-72 Tom Price	1988-89 John Nader	2006-07 John Gillett	
	1989-90 Len Oates & P. Hancock	2007-08 Ken McLeod	

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

## A Year of Shenanigans 2022-23

We started the year with some soul searching. Our club's medium age was 75. We had a meeting discussing our dwindling numbers. As one member said, 'If we don't do something we are stuffed.' Should we be more formal? Less formal? Have more banners? We set up a Future Committee but this did not last long ... events seemed to take over.

Lynn Koerbin was a guest speaker. She was from Pambula Rotary and they were the instigators for building Bega Hospital's Carers Accommodation. The project raised \$2.3 million, half of which was government grants. It was built in two stages and now has 12 bedrooms, with ensuite, a large kitchen, a small and larger comfortable lounge and a laundry. It is a few hundred meters from the Bega Hospital. I asked, 'We are getting a new hospital, could we do it too?' Her answer was, 'Yes.'

I did a survey of members. Rohan Gleeson said, 'We have to do it.' This reflected the common view. If we do not do it no one else will; it will reduce stress of hospital stays; it will put Moruya Rotary in the public eye; it will solve our problem of falling members.

Andrew Elek did an application to New South Wales Health. We got it. Set up a temporary committee that became the conduit to an incorporated community company – Carers Accommodation Eurobodalla Regional Hospital – CAERH. Nine months later the independent committee was appointed with four Moruya Rotary members on that committee. Steve Young as Secretary, John Nader - Dep President, Pete Smith - Public Officer and Shirley Cornish - Publicity Officer. Rob Pollock from the Shire Council is President.

At year's end much of the copious paperwork required to set up a Community Charity has been done. About 20 of us visited Bega Carers Accommodation and were given a frank account of their experience. This has sparked draft plans of our building. It will be similar in size and type of facilities as Bega but vary on some details. However prices have risen considerably. CAERH has wide community support and a long lists of possible donors. There are plans to raffle an electric car and Vere has donated an absolutely fabulous quilt. Now that CAREH Inc is up and running on what is likely to be a five year course, it is no longer a Moruya Rotary project though I am sure our Club will continue to support it.

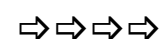
Sue Proud and Rohan Gleeson were key players in the organisation of the Moruya Mardi Gras on March 11<sup>th</sup> 2023. It had a huge parade, RiverLights, music by the river and our club had a sausage sizzle, tour of the granite quarry and fund raising buckets. The next Mardi Gras will be in two years.

Most importantly this year we have six new members. What a difference this has made. Rhonnie South was our second female club member 15 years ago. She left to care for young children and on return quickly became Youth Director to enthusiastically organise: two teams for Mini United Nations, Driver Awareness for Year 11s and the Youth Science Program. It is wonderful to hear the talks by the young people returning from these programs.

Rhonnie's partner Steve Picton's limousine service works with NDIS clients. He invited us to a Walk Against Homelessness lead by a First Nations client.

Vere Gray joined us from Batemans Bay Rotary Club and has brought with her a long term project providing sanitation in remote mountains in the Philippines. She will be secretary in 2023-24. Also new is Mervyn Jamieson who was a Rotarian in Adelaide and recently moved to Moruya. He is spending time traveling but when here is a cheery presence. Lauren Barnett's brings to us energy and enthusiasm and very useful IT skills. And lastly David Cattnach's initiation will be the week after Changeover.

On the negative side. Sadly two of our members died suddenly, Gerry Bussa and John Hayes. What a shock. The club gave much needed support and comfort to their families. Also two long serving members Huw Owen-Jones and June Mills do not have the mobility to attend meetings. So a big thank you to them for their conscientious efforts in the past.



This is the 10<sup>th</sup> year that Batemans Bay, Narooma and Moruya Rotary and the Jockey Club have donated the takings from a Race Day to our community. This year donations will take the total very close to \$200,000 a \$20,000 a year average. The Jockey Club regularly gives a generous \$10,000. This year it was the Easter Race Day meeting—Moruya Rotary – contributing the takings from the kiosk, Narooma – the bucket collection at the gate, and Batemans Bay – organised 6 race sponsors and the Fashion on the Field donations. The takings were donated to the Carers Accommodation Eurobodalla Regional Hospital CAERH.

Participation has continued with our regularly returning programs; MERV, Cinders, Happy Harold, gardening at Cheser Park, PETS and Club Assembly.

An integral part of Moruya Rotary is the active Friends of Rotary. They are the main stay at all events requiring food such as the Kiosk and Mardi Gras. They wanted an activity that would make a positive contribution. Friends decided on *End Trachoma*, a community health program needed in isolated First Nations communities. This program eradicates the pesky bacteria that infects the eye, scratches the cornea and with repeated infection causes blindness. Our community is Ampilatwatja (pronounced um-blubber-which). It is 300 kilometres north east of Alice Springs, with 390 residents. Moruya Rotary's project was completed within the year with the delivery of 17 family kits and 6 extra kids kits to the End Trachoma organisers who were in the Hall of Friendship at the Melbourne Convention. These kits together with contributions from Frankston North and Rochester Rotary will be transported to Ampilatwatja. What a great project.

Moruya Rotarians remember fondly the Sydney Convention. Twelve of us drove south to Melbourne in May with enthusiasm. At the Rod Laver Arena Jennifer Jones was gracious and caring as she acknowledged Rotarians who had devoted their lives to helping others. The Four Tenors gave us the show of a lifetime. Jan and Steve Young were excited to meet Sandi and Tracy from End Trachoma in the Hall of Friendship. In breakout sessions and speeches there was much inspiration and pride in Rotary's the life changing projects.

Our long term fundraiser is the Kiosk at the Moruya Race Track. It continues to supply hamburgers, fish and chips and sandwiches for ~10 meetings a year. We clear ~\$14,000 pa. This supports the Youth programs and this year gave seed capital to the Carers Accommodation. Often our guest speakers from organisations such as Vinnies, Anglicare or St Johns Ambulance leave with a cheque.

After much organising Australia Day was cancelled this year due to a clash with a surprise Nationalisation Ceremony, that was at the same time and on the same day. The Moruyian of the Year award, Cadets and Traditional Dance were transferred to the Shire Council event.

Something that has raised the spirits of the club has been an excellent run of guest speakers – thanks John Gillett.

Internationally Vere Grey has applied for a District Grant for a water system repair at Paowin School in the Philippines. Sexual Health Education by Pictures has been on hold but now has several very promising prospects as a result of the Melbourne Convention. I will be giving SHEP training in the jungle near Siem Reap in January 2024.

This year Moruya Rotary has had growth and change. Many members have had time away, visiting families all over the world or to travel. There is a constant need for someone to do something. But always someone will step up, fill in, have knowledge, encourage – Moruya Rotary has a wonderful collaborative spirit. So a huge hug and thankyou to everyone.

And this spirit of belonging and collaboration will continue as the Chain of Office passes to Derek Anderson an experienced and caring Rotarian.

*Shirley Cornish*

# TREASURER'S REPORT

This is my first report as Treasurer for Moruya Rotary.\*

Firstly, I want to acknowledge the work of our outgoing Treasurer, Rohan Gleeson, who held the position for the past 7 years. Over those years Rohan has managed the clubs accounts with skill and diligence and deserves the gratitude of all members for his willingness to hold the position for as long as he did. He has earned his rest.

For my part, I took on the role, somewhat naively, assuming it would be a reasonably simple task to pick up from where Rohan had left off. It turns out, like most new things, there's more to it that it appears from the outside looking in.

So, for the past number of months I've been like a deer blinded in the headlights, but my vision is starting to improve as I get more of an understanding of the internal workings of Rotary and our accounts.

I want to also acknowledge the invaluable assistance of Fred Power who does much of the grunt work in maintaining various spreadsheets and managing the Tyro machine. Phil Armstrong too has been a great support with his boundless knowledge and of course Rohan, who I continue to lean on for advice and assistance.

In taking over the role I have also migrated the accounts from the Cashman software used by Rohan to the Xero accounting software that is a cloud base system that will hopefully allow for a simpler transition to a new Treasurer when the time comes. To further complicate things, I am also new to Xero so this transition would have been impossible if not for the substantial assistance provided by Sue's son Justin, a Chartered Accountant, who has provided a large amount of his time at no cost to set up the clubs' accounts on Xero, teach me how to use the system and be my helpdesk on the numerous occasions I have gotten lost.

Rotary, through our club has once again put a significant amount of money back into our community totalling \$90,845.35. Much of this money is raised through the Racecourse kiosk that generated a

profit of over \$22,800 for the year. This would not be possible without the work of all our volunteers at the kiosk as well as our kiosk managers Ward and Lin Hack and our past managers Steve and Jan Young. With Ward's retirement from the role at the end of 2022 John Spencer has done a great job with the roster and our new system of kiosk managers is up and running.

Our club accounts are in good shape and I look forward to working with incoming President Derek and further settling into the role over the next 12 months.

*Jeff Proud*

## Donations for 2022/2023

Cards for All	
(Bushfire Recovery Program)	\$50,543.35
Preschool Garden	\$ 1,775.00
CAERH	\$ 6,000.00
St John Ambulance Moruya	\$ 500.00
Jaylah Campbell	\$ 500.00
Youth Programs (NYSF)	\$ 2,330.00
Scholarships	\$ 8,500.00
End Tracoma Project	\$ 1,251.11
Ukraine (Sunflower Seeds)	\$ 300.00
Fiji Solar Battery	\$ 1,000.00
ShelterBox	\$ 1,000.00
Rotary Foundation	\$ 3,000.00
Polio Plus (Rotary Foundation)	\$ 1,000.00
Model United Nations MUNA	\$ 3,280.00
Defibrillators (Banksia Village)	\$ 7,350.00
Literacy Program Baby Books	\$ 1,516.00
Afghan Family	\$ 1,000.00
Total	\$90,845.35

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

Ongoing tasks included setting agendas and taking minutes of Board meetings and correspondence. On top of that was a surprising volume of communications and requests from the District and Rotary International. Some of the communications did not appear to be of urgent interest to all of our members. With help from Pauline Gleeson, I have been posting them to our website at <https://www.moruyarotaryclub.org.au/page/news-for-rotarians>.

## YOUTH SERVICE REPORT

We entered the year with Jerry Bussa as Director Youth. He died unexpectedly on 25th September and there was no activity on the Youth front until Rhonnie South returned to the club and agreed to take over the vacant chair. Her report follows.

It was with a heavy heart that I accepted the role of Youth Services in February following the sudden and tragic loss of Gerry, I perform this service in his honour.

The club was happy to once again provide support to the RYDA program which was held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April at the Moruya Jockey Club. This annual driver awareness program provides important road safety education to year 11 students from the five local high schools. Steve Young organised the catering, while Shirley and I attended the Tuesday sessions to support the students enrolled from Moruya High School.

The club invited Carroll College, St. Peters Anglican College and Moruya High school to submit an expression of interest for student teams to participate in the 2023 Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) events being held in Canberra this August. The club's offer of financial assistance to help cover the team admission fees was enthusiastically accepted by Carroll College. The College has a long history of representation at the MUNA competition, thanks in no small part to Moruya Rotary. This year the club will be funding two teams of three to participate. This is almost (excluding COVID interruptions) their tenth consecutive year of student participation!



An urgent request for assistance to support in bound student exchange applications received for our district was considered, after much deliberation it was agreed that Moruya Rotary are not in a position to support the youth exchange program in 2023.

Our youth scholarship program provided four young people with financial support to assist them with the costs of their tertiary education. Ava Weymans was awarded the \$4000 scholarship to assist her study of medical science at Newcastle University, while Ryle Schuchmann was awarded the \$5000 scholarship to study a Bachelor of Health and Physical Education at Wollongong. Amanda Emery (Business Management) and Thomas Derwent (International Relations and Law) became eligible to receive the second half of their education scholarships, both provided engaging presentations of their first year of study in their chosen fields.

## CLUB SERVICE AND PROGRAM REPORT

Moruya Rotary has followed previous traditions with meetings and activities during the 2022-23 Rotary year. It has been the responsibility of the Club Service director to assist and ensure that those meetings and activities run as smoothly as possible. We have had meetings at the Moruya Golf Club each week with several ventures to other venues for specific activities.

The most important thank you goes to John Hayes firstly and then John Spencer following John's passing for their efforts to pass on the accurate numbers for each meeting to the Moruya Golf Club. At times they had great success but often they suffered from members failing to let them know. A second very important thank you goes to all those people who gathered the necessary items for each meeting and put them away at the end.

We successfully lifted the Cinders Trophy from Narooma Rotary which added to social enjoyment of the return bus trip for all. Our Christmas Party was held at the Moruya Golf Club, and some were entertained by some poetry recitations!

Congratulations to President Shirl on a successful year and best wishes to incoming President Derek. Thanks to all for their assistance during the year. *Keith Armstrong*

Throughout the year, John Gillett has been responsible for finding interesting speakers—not an easy task as he coped with last minute cancellations. The table illustrates his successes.

John will continue the task in Derek Anderson's 2023– 2024 year. He asks that we all help to identify possible speakers and pass their details to him for follow up.

Date	Speaker	Subject
June 28	Pauline Sullivan	Anglicare
July 5	Kathryn Maxwell	SHASA
July 19	Margie O'Tarpey	Circle Foundation
August 16	Greg Malavey	African Adventures
August 23	Alan Shephard	Melanesian Islands
August 30	Derek Anderson	Ten Pound Poms
September 6	Andrew Elek	Family Travels
September 20	David McInnes	Geophysics
September 27	Janice Sagar	Moruya Bookshop
October 18	Brigadier Sue Melotte	Afghanistan
October 25	Meeting at Skydive	
November 8	New Members	Rhonnie and Steve
November 22	Rob Pollock New Member	CAERH Mervyn Jamieson
November 29	Amelia Seymour	Flying Instructor
December 13	Christmas Party	Poetry
February 7	David Quinton	Broulee Brewery
February 21	James Tugwell	Journalist
February 28	Andrew Constance	Political career
March 7	Vere Gray	Philippine projects
March 28	Mervyn Jamieson	Life and Times
April 4	Warwick Winn	New General Manager
April 18	Dr Dianne McInnes	Criminologist
May 2	Vocational Award New Member	Sue Page Lauren Barnett
May 9	Sue Page	St John's Ambulance
May `16	Ella Widen	NYSF Student
May 23	John Gillett	Red Door Theatre
June 6	Convention Discussion	Attendees
June 13	Lauren Barnett	Life and Times
June 20	Sue Murphy	Historical Society



## FRIENDS REPORT— THE TRACHOMA PROJECT

On the 17<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 3.30pm in the café formerly known as the Vulcan café, the seed of this project was planted by the then President Elect, Shirley Hayes Cornish. The aim of the meeting was a brain storming session with Rotarian women, and the partners of Rotarian members. The End Trachoma project was highlighted and the process of information gathering began.

The aim of the End Trachoma Project is to make toiletry kits for the children and their families who attend “Families as First Teachers” (FaFT) in the Northern Territory. The goal being to educate children from an early age to prevent trachoma by using their own toiletry kits for hygiene and to prevent cross contamination between family members.

In April 2022, Jan Young contacted the End Trachoma Project Admin Co-ordinator, Sandi Fulcher and Shirley presented the project to the board for approval and funding. The project was approved and so started the journey.

We couldn't proceed until we had a confirmation of the community we were making the toiletry kits for and that came in August 22. Whilst we had not received information on that Community, we were advised that other Rotary clubs would be part of the Project. At that stage we had confirmed an amount of 15 bags. In the end we were able to supply 17 Family kits (2 x adults and 2 x children), 6 extra kids kits and spare toiletries.

In the meantime, I started looking for donations for the products required. Harris Scarfe in Moruya were helpful with reduced costing on the hand towels and facecloths, Bottles of Australia also reduced cost of the children's water bottles and Colgate -Palmolive sent some free product. Jan Young spent an extraordinary amount of time perusing and purchasing well priced items at the Reject shops and K-mart. We had donations of material to make the bags, including a large amount from Derek and Fran's daughter in Dubbo, which would hold all the toiletries.

In December we learn that our FaFT community is in Ampilatwatja (um-bludder-witch). A closed community of 50 children and 6 Teachers. Our Rotary partners are Frankston North in Victoria and Rochester again in Victoria.

Jan and Steve Young donated their dining room as the sewing, packing, storing headquarters and the word went out that help was needed. A lot of people became involved where they could. We had ideas for improvement, sewing a hook on the corners of the towel and facecloths for hanging. People that weren't available to sew, such as myself, helped with pinning and packing kits in well organised groups. Others took kits away to be sewn after the pattern cutting and others to iron on the labels. At the end of the day, there was a lot of involvement, be it ideas, donating fabric, pinning, sewing, threading, ironing and finally packing the kits for transport.

Jan and Steve Young on their way to the Rotary Convention in Melbourne, dropped off our 5 boxes filled with the 17 family kits and 6 extra kids kits to Pack and Send in Camberwell Victoria. They will join the boxes coming from Rotary clubs Frankston North and Rochester. All boxes will be put on a pallet and shrink wrapped before heading to Alice Springs then onforwarded to the community of Ampilatwatja. Pack and Send are delivering at cost which is very generous of them. They are, as are we, in awe of Sandi Fulcher's work. Sandi is our overall co-ordinator of the project and has been sending these kits to outback Australia for years.



Many thanks to all involved. Mission completed on 28<sup>th</sup> May 23, except to await final transport cost and Nick Bussa has generously offered to help with that cost. Thank you, Nick.

**Sue Proud & Jan Young**



# COMMUNITY SERVICE

## Toragy Point Cemetery Update

Firstly a little history. A couple of years ago when Peter Smith was President and under Col Jay's guidance, our club installed some signage to Pioneer cemeteries at Glen Duart and Long Swamp indicating the dates they were in use. We have in mind to continue with Toragy Point Cemetery signage as well as rectifying and making safe some of the grave sites. This has proven to be quite a process best explained by quoting our National Parks contact, "NPWS has completed the Project Plan and Statement of Heritage Impacts documents. The final document under legislation required before works can commence is a Conservation Risk Assessment. This document is half complete."

I believe workloads and staff shortage has slowed the process and NPWS has apologized for delays. However this is a delicate project that needs to be done properly and with respect. Let's hope we can start soon. *Chris Manahan*

**Our most outstanding service (and money raiser) is, of course, our catering at the races which is covered by the Catering Report. However, throughout the year there have been miscellaneous acts of service by the club or by individuals.**

### July

NAIDOC. Ward and helpers fed sausages to about 500 celebrants.

### August

Col and John Hayes did maintenance of the PCYC After School Program, including installing a basketball ring.

### September

We distributed 22 x \$1,000 debit cards for bush-fire relief. Jan Young and Pauline organized tea for Meals on Wheels volunteers. A painting party re-decorated the kiosk,

### October

Rohan and John Gillett began the movement of the Happy Harold drug Information van between schools in the area.

### November

Under Tony Armstrong, work began on replacing wooden sleepers with corrugated metal vegetable beds at the Campbell Street Preschool. Andrew and Jane repaired and weeded the small garden in Chesher Park.

### January

Phil and Col represented Rotary at the formal opening of the rebuilt kitchen at the Showground, for which Rotary had donated \$40,000, raised from various Rotary sources

### March

Rohan and Sue Proud, as members of the Chamber, became the organisers of much of the Mardi Gras and Riverlights activity, a very busy day. On the Sunday morning, Christine Greig organized two quarry walks and presentations. Secretary Andrew organized dinners at members houses for ANU Medical students.

### April

We as usual organized free lunches for the two days of RYDA. In addition, President Shirl and Rhonnie assisted in the organizing of classes.

### May

Col and Bronwyn acted as hosts and organisers for the two days of the Rotary Mens Health van.



## VOCATIONAL SERVICE REPORT

During Shirli's Presidential year, two Vocational Service events took place. The first was a visit to Skydive Oz where twenty-four members and partners visited the facility. Hosts for the evening were Paul Smith, the owner, and Jules McConnel. Jules is no stranger to our club having been a guest speaker ten years ago. The night was a great opportunity for our members to gain insight into a very successful Moruya business.

Our Vocational Awards night saw Susanne Page from the St John Ambulance - Moruya Division honoured for her tireless volunteering with St John for over ten years. Sue was also presented with a \$500 donation to the Moruya Division. Susanne was a huge hit on the night, so much so that she was asked to come back the following week as a guest speaker to tell our members more about St John Ambulance.

*Pauline Gleeson*

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We began the 2022 – 2023 Rotary Year with 31 aging members and great concern for our future.

Two of our stalwart members Jerry Bussa and John Hayes died this year. However new friends appeared. Merv Jamieson a long standing member and several times Past President of a South Australian Rotary club has joined us and his wife Sharyn Bias, also a multi Past President, although not a member, regularly joins us and supports our meetings and working bees.

Rhonelle South a past Moruya Rotarian going back many years has rejoined our club and taken on the Youth Directorship. Her partner Steve Picton has also joined Moruya Rotary and he has teamed up with Past President Chris Manahan to jointly run the Community Service Portfolio.

Vere Gray, a lady with a long Rotary History has recently transferred to Moruya from Batemans Bay Rotary. Vere is a Past President and a holder of multi Paul Harris Fellowships. She has taken on the role of Secretary for the coming year.

Lauren Barnett is settling into our Club very well after her recent induction and has already volunteered to be one of a small number of Race Day Managers.

David Cattanach has been to a number of recent Rotary meetings. He is still recovering from the effects of a serious stroke about 8 years ago and after a previous life as a farmer and the various skills acquired, he will be a welcome addition to Moruya Rotary. His induction will be in in July.

The membership numbers have taken a small tumble. Huw Owen-Jones had to give up on health grounds after years of service. Now we have the late news of the resignation of June Mills. June has been a great contributor to the Club as well as the wider community over the years and health issues have made it difficult for her to attend meetings as well as participate in projects.

So we end the year in a healthy position with 34 members and a lower average age, though of course we can expect some natural attrition in the coming year. My thanks to Editor John who has helped with numbers.

*Peter.*

# ROTARY FOUNDATION REPORT

## A brief Foundation Report for the Change Over Bulletin.

The Rotary Foundation is Rotary's Charity and supports many projects that make a difference in local, national and international communities by doing good in the world. The Club and individual Members of the Club have continued to support the Rotary Foundation during 2022/23. Donations to the Foundation totalled \$5,936.00 for the year. The Club obtained a Foundation District Grant to the value of \$4,000.00 to support a local community project which I suspect will be covered under the Community Service Report. *Phil Armstrong*



## Latest End Polio Figures

Pakistan and Afghanistan remain the only two countries with wild polio. At the Melbourne Convention it was shown how difficult is the work of administering vaccines in those two countries with reports of 64 health workers killed.

The May 2023 figures show that in the year to date Afghanistan has reported two cases and Pakistan one. In the previous year, 2022, there were two cases in Afghanistan and twenty in Pakistan and eight in Mozambique.

There are also figures for **vaccine derived polio**, when following vaccination an attenuated form of the virus is excreted and in areas of poor sanitation can potentially cause problems.

In 2022 there were 909 cases in 25 countries and in 2023, 74 cases in eleven countries.

## Centurion Donations

When we pay \$25 for our meal, Fred credits approximately \$5 to our personal Rotary International Account. When that amount reaches \$100 in a Rotary year, we become Centurions.

A few years back there was much more pressure to have us all Centurions and indeed there were at least two years when that goal was achieved.

However, those were the years when there was much more emphasis on attendance, with pages in our constitution devoted to attendance rules including the "make ups" achieved by visiting other clubs. Now that attendance has become virtually voluntary, the possibility of achieving 100% centurion status as part of dinner fees is no longer automatic.

Fred's table shows this year's centurions. No medals, but the satisfaction that our money is going to an excellent cause.

	<b>Totals</b>
Anderson Derek	\$ 150.00
Armstrong Keith	\$ 141.00
Armstrong Phil	\$ 129.00
Armstrong Tony	\$ 106.00
Elek Andrew	\$ 123.00
Gillett John	\$ 144.00
Gleeson Pauline	\$ 109.00
Gleeson Rohan	\$ 117.00
Gray Vere	\$ 149.00
Hack Ward	\$ 100.00
Hayes John	\$ 129.00
Hayes-Cornish Shirl	\$ 153.00
Heffernan Cletus	\$ 106.00
Jay Colin	\$ 121.00
Manahan Chris	\$ 105.00
Nader John	\$ 147.00
Nader Michel	\$ 177.00
Power Fred	\$ 147.00
Proud Jeff	\$ 147.00
Proud Sue	\$ 129.00
Sewell John	\$ 189.00
Smith Peter	\$ 100.00
Veness Allan	\$ 105.00
Moruya Rotary Club	\$ 110.00

## CARERS ACCOMMODATION EUROBODALLA REGIONAL HOSPITAL

The need for carers' accommodation at our new hospital had been discussed by all three Eurobodalla Rotary Clubs for the past two years. We then took the initiative and called a meeting of all interested. As a follow up, a new incorporated body was formed. Steve Young, the Secretary of that body takes up the story.

The first meeting of the CAERH Inc group was held at Moruya Golf Club on 1st July 2022, to explore the needs for a carer's facility within the grounds of the proposed Eurobodalla Regional Hospital site.

Members of the wider Eurobodalla community attended. Community groups, such as the Rotary clubs from Batemans Bay, Moruya and Narooma, local Lions clubs, Hospital Auxiliary and members of the general public were represented.

An Executive Team has been appointed, a Mission Statement has been created, (*To bring together the Eurobodalla community to raise funds to construct and provide accommodation for carers of persons receiving treatment from the new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital.*), along with the various legal requirements such as Certificate of Incorporation, bank accounts, charity classification and ABN plus a Post Office Box number!

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2023 was a landmark date, with the official signing of The Heads of Agreement between Southern NSW Area Health District and the Carers Accommodation Eurobodalla Regional Hospital Inc.

The CAERH Inc group has garnered support from our elected political members and has also enjoyed several very generous financial donations from local community groups and private individuals.

Should anybody require further information, please contact the Secretary, via the Moruya Post Office Box No. 59.

## CATERING REPORT

In the past we relied on individuals to manage our catering at the kiosk. Steve and Jan Young ran it for many years except when Peter Smith and Marian Webb took on the task. The last member to volunteer was Ward Hack. He gave ample notice that he would end his term at Christmas 2022. No one volunteered to take over, and Ward raised the possibility that the job could be split—already there were members like Allan Veness and Jan Young who regularly took on supporting jobs. So the proposal was that there would be an **overall Manager**, responsible for stock and ordering and a **Race Day Manager**. On that basis, the Armstrong brothers said they would accept the overall running of kiosk catering.

For each race day John Spencer will do the roster. Col Jay will look after gas supplies. John and Sandra, Shirl and Jan Young and Keith will order and pay for specific items. Alan Veness will continue to look after deep fryer items. Fred Power will look after cash and the Tyro. John Sewell will print menus and price lists

Ward has prepared a comprehensive check list for the Race Day Manager which certainly illustrates that we run a responsible catering business. Typical tasks for the day (which actually begins the day before checking that the drinks refrigerator is switched on) include arriving early, placing the defibrillator on its outside stand, turning on the oven and water heaters.

Then there are the services we provide to the Jockey Club. Stewards meals are to be delivered one hour before the first race. (Jan Young normally looks after these). Barrier Boys hamburgers and chips are needed after the second race. Details are to be recorded and placed in the cashier's bag so that the Jockey Club can be invoiced.

Throughout the day the Manager keeps supplies flowing freely, moving staff if necessary; accepts responsibility for closing leaving the kiosk clean and tidy, every thing switched off **except the deep freeze**. Finally, recovers the defibrillator from its outside stand.

## INTERNATIONAL REPORT

Vere Gray has applied for District Grant for a water system repair at Paowin School in the Philippines. Sexual Health Education by Pictures was put on hold due to Covid but has several very promising prospects as a result of the Melbourne Convention. I will be training SHEP with Sims Cambodia in the jungle, a bus and walking journey, from Siem Reap in January 2024.

*Shirley Cornish*

### **SIMs (School, Immersion Mission)**

SIM's Cambodia Inc. supports family, friends and selected staff in immersion experiences in Cambodia. Lacking in some inter country visits to third world countries is the opportunity to have a hands-on experience, contributing something positive to the community they visit. SIM's Cambodia Inc. will provide advice for groups wishing to teach, and tour in Cambodia and especially in and

## SHELTERBOX REPORT

The Bulletin of 30 May reported that Alan Shephard, after years of leadership, is giving up ShelterBox because of ill health. So far, no one has volunteered to take his place.

One of the last magazines he received *2022 Partnership Impact Report*, covering the partnership of ShelterBox and Rotary shows how far we have travelled from the days when the physical box and its contents was the working unit of the project. Now each disaster area is assessed as to how it can best be helped with specifics like water filters, heating, food, blankets, even cash. Our traditional displays at the Swimming Pool do not reflect these changed working arrangements.

At present the Charity Account holds \$357.08 under the heading ShelterBox The Board decided that we would make that up to \$1,000 and send it to ShelterBox as a donation

