



**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 SHENANIGINS

**Old favourites return.** At last, activities we have enjoyed for many years are returning. It was a busy board meeting that signalled activities to come. The lifesaving **RYDA** is on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> April. This has been expertly managed by Neil Simpson for 14 years, however it is time for him to train someone new for this very valuable program. Moruya's commitment will be organised by our new Youth Director Rhonnie South. Hosting the **ANU medical students** also makes for an interesting evening. This is returning on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. And we looked back to acknowledge the long service of **Huw Owen-Jones** with a Rotary Honorary Membership. And as John S wrote last week are you the Brains or the Brawn for the **Mardi Gras**, 11 March?

We have new projects too.

**CAERH** is now looking at the myriad of details to administer the new incorporated company. The board agreed to give \$3,000 seed capital.

**Greening Moruya** Andrew Elek is working with Eurobodalla Shire council with Proposals for planting shrubs and trees near Moruya.

**Cyclone Repair** Our new member Vere Grey has been working in remote Philippines on sanitation projects for many years. One needed repair after a cyclone. The board agreed to apply for a District Grant.

**The Spring Fair** – Rohan is to continuing to work with Elizabeth Fleming to prepare her gorgeous garden for this special event.

**Cinders** – last year it was in July because of Covid and our singing bringing the trophy home brightened up the winter. This year we will host on 11<sup>th</sup> July.



### Last Week—at Col and Bronwyn's

This was the last of our summer barbecues—it was to have been held two weeks ago, but heavy rain intervened and the slope set aside for parking was saturated.

Col had borrowed marquees from the Jockey Club, so we were well covered if it had rained—however the weather was perfect, as were the views over valley at sunset.

Bronwyn greeted us with platefuls of freshly cooked mini quiches. There were 39 of us and each qualified for two of these.



*"Cheers" says Michel*

Barbecued chicken and sausages with salads, followed by donated desserts lived up to the pattern set by the January meetings.

It was Valentine's Day and we left with heart shaped chocolates rounding off a gastronomic feast. But the delight of these meetings is in the company, the continuous flow of conversations between friends.

Thursday found our hosts hard at work, clearing up, packing marquees and cleaning the barbecue before returning it to the kiosk. Thank you both!



**Conversations with Residents from Across the Seas**

**Jeff and Pam Thorpe** from Batemans Bay Rotary are English migrants who initiated this project. In the line-up are participants from the Philippines, Morocco and Greece.

**President Shirly'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* Shirly Hayes; *Director Vocational* Pauline Gleeson; *Director Community Service* Col Jay; *Director Youth Service* **Rhonnie Sourh**; *Rotary Foundation* Keith Armstrong; *Catering Projects* Tony Armstrong; *Protection* Col Jay; *ShelterBox* Alan Shephard.

## Races on Sunday, March 5th

John Spencer's Roster is at page 3. You will see that Steve Young has agreed to be the Manager, on what is forecast to be a huge day for the Jockey Club as they enter the Newhaven Park Country Championship.

Any amendments, contact John:

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## The Mardi Gras/Riverlights Festival



These posters will be appearing around the town.

At this week's meeting Sue will be looking for volunteers so do be prepared to help.

## Presidents Elect Training & Learning & Development at Merimbula

Andrea Grosvenor, a Queanbeyan Rotarian, who is District Governor Elect for 2023-2024, has issued her program for Merimbula, March 17-19.

As expected, our President Elect Andrew will have a busy schedule, starting with a meeting with Andrea on Friday evening followed by the informal dinner. His serious sessions begin at 0830 on both Saturday and Sunday.

For our other attendees, the Learning and Development sessions are more varied, offering individual choice.



Duty	This Week 21 February	Next Week 28 February
Badges	Ward Hack	Steve Picton
Invocation/Toast	John Hayes	Jeff Proud
Meet and Greet	Cletus Heffernan	John Sewell
Cashiers	Col Jay Chris Manahan	Phil Smith Wendy Smith
4 Way Test	June Mills	Rhonnie South
Introduce	John Nader	
Thank	Michel Nader	

**Birthday:** Sharon Smith,

February 21	James Tugwell	Journalist
February 28	Andrew Constance	Political update
<b>March 5</b>	<b>Races— a big day</b>	<b>Roster at Page 3</b>
March 7	Vere Gray	Rotarian Experience
<b>March 11</b>	<b>Mardi Gras</b>	
March 14	Board Meeting	
March 17 to March 19	PETS and Club Assembly	Merrimbula Service Club— <b>Registration now open on District Website</b>
March 21	Yumaro Living	Pizza Night—survival kit etc Partners Night.
<b>March 22</b>	<b>ANU Medical Students</b>	<b>Dinner at members' homes</b>
March 28	Social evening	
<b>April 3 &amp; 4</b>	<b>RYDA</b>	<b>At the Race Course</b>
April 4	TBA	<b>Cinders is now on 11 July</b>
<b>April 8</b>	<b>Races</b>	<b>Rotary Easter Cup</b>
April 11	Board Meeting	
April 18	Ken Hutt	Mt Everest Conquest
April 25	Social Evening	
May 2	Vocational Award	
May 9	Board Meeting	

## The Benefits of Walking.

*"Walking can add minutes to your life."*

This enables you at 85 years old to spend an additional five months in a nursing home at \$5,000 per month.