



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

Rohan and Sue need help on Saturday MARCH 11th and Sunday morning. They need **Cooks and Catering Captain** – cooks being a rather loose term for a BBQ. And if I know Rotary there will be plenty of people to tell you what to do if you give them a chance. And Rohan has set up **4 Tyro systems to tempt people** who do not carry cash to donate. And so far has only one – me.

Sunday morning 9 – 12 there will be two trips of 40 people to the **granite quarry** from the Waterfront. Those who do the Tyros will get to see this tightly controlled part of our history, listen to the spiel, have **lunch** at the **Waterfront** and have the money going in the right direction. Sounds good to me.

One more thing. The sails from last year's **River Challenge** are still there but the boat needs 2 or 3 handy Rotarians to spend a day getting it together. And to have the thrill of being out there on the **river at night with light** and all the others. If nobody volunteers it will NOT happen.



FAT TUESDAY – ‘Mardi’ is French for Tuesday and Gras means ‘fat’. A term for the day before Ash Wednesday day. But why? Because it is the day before Lent a season of fasting and penitence before Easter on the Catholic calendar. In England it became a custom to use eggs and fat before Lent and it is called Pancake Day. In New Orleans it became a carnival celebration with beads and floats.. . But the place to be this 11th March is Brazil.



Last Week—James Tugwell Journalist

James was quick to assure us that he was no stranger to Rotary, with a family history of Rotarians—father, grandfathers and various uncles going back into the 1920s. He instanced a bulk buy of wine by the Rotary Club which stocked the family cellar with “Epping Shiraz”. His parents hosted overseas students over the years which helped



fuel his love of travel. But it was his father, a Past President, who advised him that his greatest test as a post dinner speaker was to keep his audience awake, which advice James used as the basis of the exploding of several balloons which punctuated his talk.

When he finished formal education at Kings School he went to Canada for 15 months working with an organisation which introduced city kids to basic survival techniques, then made a slow return through America and South America. Back to University to study Media and Communication, which has left him with a deep regard for the wordmanship of writers like Tim Winton.

He joined the *Bay Post* as his first job as a journalist in December 2021. Essentially he sees himself a story retailer, interviewing people with stories to tell. So in the Wednesday *Bay Post* before his talk, he has by-lines on four main stories—the sale of the old Bodalla school and of the Priory at Bingie; the indigenous mural at Observation Point and the release of a sea eagle, all four stories well written and interesting.

So what is the future of local newspapers? Advertising income is slipping, competition from free on line papers is increasing. The *Bay Post* has its online version, available behind a pay wall. Printed or on line, it will still need journalists, investigators and writers of quality covering local news.

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* Col Jay; *Director Youth Service* **Rhonnie Sourh**; *Rotary Foundation* Keith Armstrong; *Catering Projects* Tony Armstrong; *Protection* Col Jay; *ShelterBox* Alan Shephard.

Races next Sunday, March 5th

Minor changes in John Spencer's Roster at page 3 have been discussed with the members involved. Any others, contact John:

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The Mardi Gras/Riverlights Festival

Sue continues to fill vacancies in the crew needed to make this major function a success. Here is a short summary of where we stand at present.

Setting Up

Sue is looking for specific people to pick up marquees, table & chairs on Friday.

Saturday's Chores

An early start to get the marquees and stalls ready for the market people.

Set up and manning of the Rotary marquee.

Cooking and selling sausage and onion rolls.

Two teams to launch the riverboats from the other side of the river up from Riverside park.

Sunday at Quarry Park

On the Sunday Chris Grieg will be conducting 2 x tours of the Quarry. It was a fantastic day last year; Chris is a very knowledgeable speaker and her talk was interesting and informative. Chris had pictures of how the quarry looked in the day. Sue will be looking for volunteers to assist with guiding people along the path into the Quarry. Enclosed shoes must be worn. It will be from 8.30ish and there will be two tours. Water, hats and sunscreen are a must as there is very little shade.

Sue will be sending an email to partners asking for helpers. If you haven't already let Sue know of your availability, it would be a great help if you would contact her.

District Action on Emergency Relief

Our District is taking steps to provide emergency relief for the many people affected by flooding in Central West NSW. We as individuals can probably best help through:

RAWCS Project No: 32 2022-23 Central West New South Wales Communities Flood Relief funds distribution (Rotary Australia Benevolent Society RABS). Its purpose is to distribute donated funds to people affected by the floods in Central West New South Wales communities. Donations to this project are tax deductible and are for distribution specifically to the Central West NSW region. To donate to this fund, log in to <https://rawcs.org.au/donate/> click on **Donate** to a specific project and follow the prompts.

Duty	This Week 28 February	Next Week 7 March
Badges	Steve Picton	Derek Anderson
Invocation/Toast	Jeff Proud	Keith Armstrong
Meet and Greet	John Sewell	Philip Armstrong
Cashiers	Phil Smith Wendy Smith	Tony Armstrong David Collis
4 Way Test	Rhonnie South	Andrew Elek
Introduce	Allan Veness	John Gillett
Thank	Steve Young	Pauline Gleeson

Birthday: Sharon Smith,

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

Presidents Elect Training & Learning & Development at Merimbula

As reported last week, Andrea Grosvenor, a Queanbeyan Rotarian, who is District Governor Elect for 2023-2024, has issued her program for Merimbula, March 17-19. Our President Elect Andrew will have a busy schedule.

For others of our club, next year's Board or new members, registrations are still open at the District website.

ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 5TH MARCH

John Spencer notes: There have been a couple of minor roster changes. The persons concerned are aware of them but please check your starting times. A large crowd is expected which could result in heavy traffic. It may take longer than usual to get to the racecourse.

5th March 2023	Serving area roster	DUTY MANAGER
AM Roster	10 : 30 TO 2PM	Mr Steven Young
Setting Up Serving drinks sandwiches	Alan Shephard	
Cashier	Ward Hack	
Order writer	Mike Dent	
Order filler 1	Andrew Elek	
Order filler 2	Merv Jamieson	
Cook	Phil Armstrong	
Prep	John Sewell/Garry Gray	
Chip Fryer	Steve Young	
Bain Maries 1	Sharyn Bais	
Bain Marie 2	Phil Smith	
PM Roster	2 PM TO Finish	
Cashier	Rohan Gleeson	
Order writer 1	Sue Proud	
Order Filler 1	Col Jay	
Order filler2	Tony Armstrong	
Cook	Steve Young	
Prep	Derek Anderson	
Chip Fryer	Jeff Proud	
Bain Marie 1	Sally Hearder	
Bain Maree 2	Bron Jay	
KITCHEN		
Jan Young	10:30 TO Finish	
Wendy Smith	10 :30 TO 3PM	
Jacinta Brown	10 : 30 to 2PM	
Pauline Gleeson	2pm to finish	