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SHIRL'S SHENANIGANS

(Shirl attended the Shire's Australia Day presentations – these are her jottings. The photograph shows her with Rob and our two local politicians)

It is truly humbling to read the nominations for Moruya Citizen of the Year. Briefly **Rob Pollock** of the Moruya Newsagency has been a leader for the Moruya Surf Life Saving Club for decades giving active rescues, training to 100s, organiser and participant for the George Bass Marathon and fundraising – disco nights, raffles etc. Similarly for the Rugby League Sharks and organiser for the recent successful Mardi Gras and River Lights. A driving force for the plaque of friendship in Russ Martin Park. Established Christmas lights for Moruya main street.

Kay Rees Nash, Recognition of Community Spirit and Achievement Award. This one-off award was granted as Kay has recently moved to Batemans Bay and will not be available for a Moruya award in the future. Briefly she has been Secretary for the successful Bay Moruya Markets since 1995, increasing stallholders to +120, customers up to 4,000 weekly and earning \$90-\$120,000 rent for council. Similarly successful at the Moruya Speedway with complex service to motor sports at state and local levels given with personal dedication, commitment and resilience. Has provided work opportunities for people on Community Corrective Orders.

Conversations at Batemans Bay

Friday night at the Batemans Bay Rotary Club's was a compilation of their YouTube - *Conversations with residents from over the seas*. Participants were from Greece, Morocco, China, the Philippines and England. It was a very pleasant evening enabling connection with our northern neighbour. Moruya Rotary was well represented by John and Brenda Gillett, John and Annette Nader, John and Shirl Hayes and Andrew and Jane Elek. *Shirl*



Last Week at Ward and Lin's

Once again this proved an ideal location for January meeting, particularly when rain set in. It is two years since we visited just after the house had a near escape from the fires, thanks to the bravery of neighbour Mark Mineham, who was a welcome guest at last night's meeting. Now almost all evidence of the fire is gone, and the entrance drive has a new fence, the posts made from Ward's iron-bark tree, sawn by Mark.

We had an interesting group of visitors:

Marilyn and Michael Pinson, Lin's cousins from London - you may have noticed the Union Jack flying in their honour;

Brian Calnan (another neighbour);

Dave and Robyn Gibson (Carers project);

Mathew Thomas (President, Batemans Bay Rotary—he gave a short address outlining the Club's progress);

Elizabeth Fleming-always welcome.



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* **Rhonnies Sourh** *Rotary Foundation* Keith Armstrong; *Catering Projects* Tony Armstrong, *Protection* Col Jay; *ShelterBox* Alan Shephard.

Rotary at the Eurobodalla Show

A highlight of the show was the formal opening of a number of buildings including the refurbished kitchen. The official party for the opening



of the show and the kitchen included Mayor Matt Hatcher, MP Fiona Phillips, MP Dr Michael Holland and the President and Secretary of the Show Society. “Even better to have helped make the kitchen facilities here top notch with a \$40,000 Australian Government grant,” Fiona Phillips said.. “The Eurobodalla District Show Society also secured \$40,000 from the Rotary Club to complete the project.”



Col Jay and Phil Armstrong, seen here with Lindsey Boyton, represented Rotary.

Phil provided details on Rotary's financial contribution including the money provided by RIBI as well as the Rotary Club of Moruya's contribution and support.

Rotary of the British Isles, Disaster Recovery Trust
 Rotary District 9705 Bushfire Recovery Funds
 The Rotary Club of Moruya

PROGRAM

January 31	The Jays	88 Mountain View Road
February 7	David Quinton	Broulee Brewery
February 14	Board Meeting at President Shirli's	Followed by a picnic meal
February 21	Janes Tugwell	Journalist
February 28	Andrew Constance	Political update
March 5	Sunday Races	
March 7	Vere Gray	Rotarian Experience
March 14	Board Meeting	
March 17 to March 19	PETS and Club Assembly	Merrimbula Service Club—Talk to Andrew Elek if you plan to attend
March 21	Yumaro Living	Pizza Night—survival kit etc
March 28	Social evening	

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays: None

Anniversaries: None



PDG Phil's sunflowers—from the “Seeds for Ukraine” packet?