



Moruya 7 March 2023

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

Sunday March 5th is a very significant day for our key supporter the Moruya Jockey Club and consequently, Moruya Rotary.

Peter Atkinson, Chairman Moruya Jockey Club.
From the Website.

“NEWHAVEN PARK COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS REGIONAL QUALIFIER.

‘A first for this club, marking another step toward the Board’s vision for the racecourse as a superior racing and training venue. This will be a huge day for Thoroughbred racing in the Eurobodalla and for racing on the South Coast generally. Moruya Jockey Club, Shoalhaven City Turf Club and Sapphire Coast Turf Club work closely to promote racing in this area and trainers from all three clubs will be well represented on the day.

This is the day to see the best of country trained horses in action, competing to be selected to race in the Championship final at Royal Randwick on 1st. April.”

For a fabulous \$500,000 in prizemoney. A fantastic boost for Country Racing.

Our top trainers are Jamie Steward, Natalie Jarvis and Greg Backhouse. If you know nothing else about picking a winner choosing one of these will lower the odds.

Fred Power’s tips for the big Country Championship Qualifier Race are: Race 7 numbers 7,1,5,2.

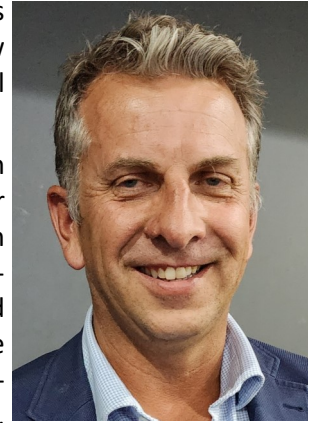
Fashion on the Field prizes are for Best Dressed Male (remember the men in pink), Female, Child (under 12), Hat and Couple. Something to discuss if we have a quiet moment.



Shirl

Last Week—Andrew Constance

There would be very few of us who have not known Andrew in his many years as Liberal State Member for Bega.



That membership lasted from March 2003 to December 2021, the first eight years in opposition when he was shadow minister for Ageing and Disability. Then, as part of the Government team progressively he was Minister for Ageing, Disability, Finance, Industrial Relations, State Treasurer, Transport & Roads, as well as a member of several joint and/or Standing Committees.

In short, when he resigned from State Legislative Assembly to stand as the Liberal Candidate for Eden/Monaro in the Federal Election, he was a thoroughly experienced politician and his narrow defeat by Fiona Phillips was the turning point in his political career.

But the true turning point was probably earlier. On New Years Eve in 2019, his home in Malua Bay was caught in the fires. All the publicity at that time showed a man deeply troubled not only for his electorate, but also for the nation.

So what has he done in the 15 months since the election? First he tried to shut down his media links. Then he travelled. He was in UK at a critical point covering the Queen’s death and funeral and the shuffling of Prime Ministers. He went to Europe and saw some of the results of the Ukraine war, including the Polish marchers.

He has one unanswered, and probably unanswerable question. Why can the spirit of helping others, so prevalent in the fires not continue? Why is it giving way to party politics? But a political party should reflect community needs and values—community before Party.

Senator Jim Molan’s death leaves a Senate vacancy. Andrew has thrown his hat in the ring facing competition from half a dozen other bidders. “Community before Party” would be a good working slogan for a Senator.

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.

Races on Sunday, March 5th

As John Spencer reminded us, this is likely to be a crowded day, so allow more time for travelling.

The Mardi Gras/Riverlights Festival next weekend

Sue writes: "I have attached the ever-moving roster for next week. I have not had time to separate the Rotarians and others so I've put others and Mardi Gras committee members in red. Please stress that this is a work in progress roster and anyone that has not been contacted and wants to help then please come forward. Also, if people have offered and aren't on the roster its because I forgot—so re-apply."

Sue's working sheets show how much work she has put into analysing the tasks to be done and then allocating people to the tasks. They occupy two A4 sheets printed in landscape. As you may find it helpful to have a printed copy, I am sending them separately in landscape format under the heading **Bulletin Tasks**.

The detailed arrangements for Sunday's visits to the Quarry were in last week's Bulletin *Editor*

New Hospital News

Steve, as Secretary of CAERH, gives notice that the next meeting is at 10am on Thursday, 16 March at the Golf Club. He also encourages us to seek membership so that we can have voting rights. The necessary form is an attachment to his email. The fee is \$1-00 with a \$2-00 annual fee. Sounds like a good idea but you will need the three dollars as cash!



Brad Hazzard was in Moruya for the formal opening ceremony for the new Hospital on 1st March. We must have had someone there but I have no photographs.

The event pictured below took place over a month ago—a sod turning by a group incensed by the slowness of the hospital build. Brad condemned the action as 'culturally insensitive' because the essential smoking ceremony had not taken place. However Dr Holland was able to assure him that the rebel sods that were turned were not on the actual site of the new hospital. All is well.



Duty	This Week 7 March	Next Week 14 March
Badges	Derek Anderson	John Gillett
Invocation/Toast	Keith Armstrong	Pauline Gleeson
Meet and Greet	Philip Armstrong	Rohan Gleeson
Cashiers	Tony Armstrong David Collis	Vere Gray Ward Hack
4 Way Test	Andrew Elek	John Hayes
Introduce	John Gillett	-----
Thank	Pauline Gleeson	----

Birthday: John Gillett

March 5	Races— a big day	See you there!
March 7	Vere Gray	Rotarian Experience
March 11	Mardi Gras	See Roster sent as separate email entitled <i>Bulletin Tasks</i>
March 14	Board Meeting	
March 17 to March 19	PETS and Club Assembly	Merimbula Service Club— Registration still open on District Website
March 21	Yumaro Living	Pizza Night—survival kit etc Partners Night.
March 22	ANU Medical Students	Dinner at members' homes see below
March 28	Social evening	
April 3 & 4	RYDA	At the Race Course
April 4	TBA	<i>Cinders is now on 11 July</i>
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	

Arrangements for hosting ANU Medical Students on Wednesday, March 22

Secretary Andrew has volunteered to organise this evening project. Broadly you offer to provide dinner to one, two, or even three Medical students. Over dinner you steer the conversation to discuss rural medical provisions, possibly highlighting the realities of the GP's position. It is a year or two since we last ran this project, but generally hosts were well pleased with the experience. So contact Andrew by email or on 0499 517 234. He will arrange delivery and pick up.