



**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 and John are at District Conference at Wagga where Saturday concluded with an op shop dinner. However a highlight during the day was when DG Geraldine Rurengo started to sing *Imagine* and a choir of spectacted mature ladies with song books walked on to accompany her. More from Shirl next week?

### SHIRL'S SHENANIGINS

**Our Website** Thanks to Pauline, when you Google *Moruya Rotary Club* we can admire your/our photos and the clean cut look. And curiouser and curiouser what is happening at Sky-dive?

**Red Door Theatre** Also,not to be missed is John, Brenda and Superman Gillet's stage debut in Moruya Red Door theatre's, *Agatha Crusty & The Village Hall MURDERS*. 18 November to 3rd December—Friday and Saturdays at 7pm, also Sunday 27 November at 2pm. We will organise a mass Rotary seating and perhaps dinner.

**Australia Day** Suggestions for Australia Day welcome. Businesses to show their wares, entertainers, something a bit different to catch the eye as well as old favourites. *Shirl*

#### Rhonnie South and Steven Picton

It was a pleasure to welcome our two new members and an even greater pleasure to hear that they have friends who may be interested in joining us. We have now the serious business of induction—New Member Folders, lapel pin badges, dinner badges. Looking at the program, this could be for our meeting on November 8th.

### Brigadier Sue Melotte: NATO in Afghanistan

The global area now known as Afghanistan has a history dating back to Alexander the Great and the Silk Route to Europe.



After a period of Communist type leadership, Russia was invited in and came to dominate with thousands of troops. Under Gorbachev this ended in 1988. Following the 9/11 attacks, the USA, Britain and Australia invaded in 2001, in pursuit of al-Qaeda and Osama Bin Laden.

NATO became involved for twenty years in a non-combative role. In 2015 this was consolidated in the Resolute Support Mission (RSM). Support was to include planning of operations and development of personnel. RSM provided a civilian oversight of the Afghan national defence and security forces and institutions. Its aim was to ensure that they acted in accordance with the rule of law. At its peak it had over 17,000 personnel, mainly Afghans, coming from 39 nations. As with almost every aspect of Afghani life, corruption was widespread.

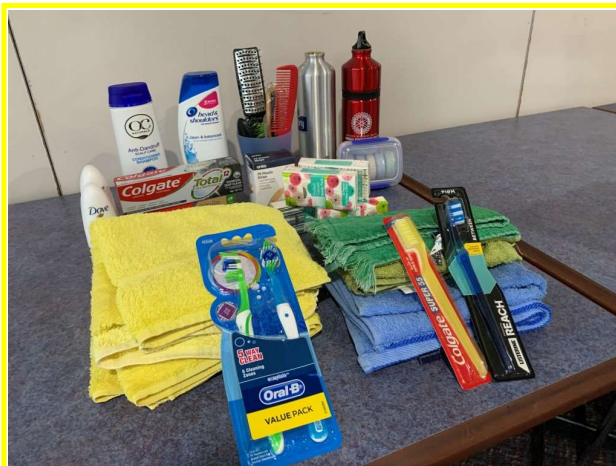
RSM was a tailor made assignment for Sue with her background of training design and application. But she must have been a unique one star senior in the operation. She did not wear a head scarf, nor did she carry a weapon.

NATO headquarters were in Kabul, whereas the Australian troops fighting the Taliban were in Kandahar in the south. Both of course were involved in the sudden take over of Kabul by the Taliban and the crisis evacuation of western personnel and supporters.

In the light of present allegations of criminal conduct by our forces and the lengthy case mounted by Ben Roberts-Smith VC, it is interesting that Sue has nothing but praise for the fighting arms of the Australians.

Alan Shephard, whose son Colonel Mark Shephard returned from two spells in Afghanistan with an illness which ultimately led to his death, thanked Sue for the clarity with which she had pictured the situation there.

**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* Vacant; *Rotary Foundation* Keith Armstrong; *Catering Projects* Ward Hack, Jan Young and Allan Veness; *Protection* Col Jay; *ShelterBox* Alan Shephard.



### Trachoma Progress

Early this year our partners identified “End Trachoma” as a worthwhile project. At our meeting on 17 May, PDG Michael Milston and Sandi Fulcher told us by Zoom what is involved.

Australia is the only developed country that still has trachoma, the troublesome eye disease which can lead to permanent blindness. Essentially it is a disease of the indigenous communities which can be eliminated by an individual child’s hygiene—not at all easy to achieve in settlements where scarce water leads to shared face washing, and in a culture which encourages sharing of possessions.

So the project is to make 500 bags, all the same size but each made of different patterned material.

Last week Jan Young made up a prototype bag filled with samples as shown above. Each will contain a face washer and hand towel, soap in a container; toothpaste and toothbrush in a container; shampoo, conditioner, brush and comb, two deodorants, four pocket tissues, two 750ml reusable drink bottles, a packet of band aids and an information card about trachoma.

When completed and filled, the bags will be sent to a facility with whom we have been partnered in the Northern Territory.

Jan hasn’t said how much her bag of goodies cost and we know that Sue has been scouting for donations. But 500 bags is a big project which will surely qualify for assistance from the Charity Account.



Duty	This Week October 25	Next Week November 1
Badges	Partners night - meeting at Skydive 5-50 for 6-0pm bring crockery and cutlery. Chairs and tables will be pro- vided	
Invocation/toast		
Meet & Greet		
Cashiers		
4 Way Test		
Introduce		
Thank		

NO MEETING

**Birthdays:** John Sewell (XCV) Chris Manahan (LXVI)

**MEAL NUMBERS** John Hayes will assume that you **ARE attending unless you let him know by Sunday noon that you are not. The details are .**

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Shirl on 0419 404 220**

### Program

October 25	Partners. Meeting at Skydive.	5.50pm for 6pm, bring crockery and cutlery. Chairs and tables will be provided.
<b>November 1</b>	<b>Races</b>	<b>Melbourne Cup Tuesday—no meeting</b>
November 8	Board Meeting	In duction of new members
November 15	Walter Bock	Rotary Projects
November 22	Social Evening	
November 29	Sheldon Jones	Pilot training
December 6	<b>AGM</b>	
Decenber 13	Christmas Party	

### **Races Melbourne Cup Day November 1st**

**Tony hopes to have the Roster later this week and, of course, it will have to appear in next week’s Bulletin.**

So please contact Tony on 0427 892166, or email him on [tony68armstrong@gmail.com](mailto:tony68armstrong@gmail.com) and let him know of your availability.