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# Moruya 27 September 2022

**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

**At last End Trachoma** has given us the details to go ahead. The Coordinator, Sandi Fulcher, emails, 'I have been trying to get this 4th leg of our Toiletry Kit project off the ground since January. Patience is a virtue.....as they say. And so I thank you for yours ... I really do think that COVID sent the NT for a sixer as communication has been extremely challenging the last 6 months in particular and it seems they are still recovering.

**John Gillett gave us a treat** by inviting Narooma Rotarian David Innes as guest speaker Tuesday night. The enthusiastic dynamic geophysicist gave those of us who studied typing and home science at school an inkling of the complex procedures used to help discover minerals. His chilling conclusion was that by changing energy use from carbon (coal and oil) to minerals (lithium and copper) there is a hazard – the waste is toxic however of a different form.

**Thinking about Creating Tomorrow** It is a great honour that our Zone 8 has been chosen to do this vital pilot study. It is time for Rotary to update procedures, change bad habits, to stand up and shout about the great things we do and invite others to join us. A challenge for this pilot is to come up with a membership scheme that would suit our club and enable a diverse membership such as couples, young singles and couples and those financially or racially different.

**District Conference October 21-23.** I am excited about Mitch Tambo the entertainment for the Op-Shop Ball at the Wagga-Wagga Conference. Remember Dolly in Gunsmoke? I have a red frilly dress. Also on the program is Peter Morris from Reconciliation Australia, Prof Rennee Leon the Vice-Chancellor of Charles Sturt University and I'm not sure about Mark Baila – the Toilet Warrior.

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### David and Rachael McInnes on Geophysics

David is a Narooma Rotarian. He presented his highly technical subject with tremendous enthusiasm and a comprehensive collection of images, mostly illustrating the diverse geology of Australia and its history as a very ancient land.

Ground penetrating radar is the main instrument of research, and now the whole of our continent has been scanned by airborne GPR. From the results the skilled geophysicist can detect where various metals are likely to be found.

As we move away from fossil fuels this knowledge becomes crucial. Lithium, nickel, cobalt, manganese and graphite are involved in battery performance. Of these, lithium is currently the key. It exists in quantity in Australia and is mined mainly in West Australia. However the mined mineral needs extensive and complex treatment before it can be used in batteries. As of now there is no method of recycling lithium batteries, leading to David's view that in ten years time, lithium will be the new asbestos, shunned by all.

### *Pizza, Poetry and Plonk*

Batemans Bay Club are holding a "Pizza, Poetry and Plonk Night" on Thursday 6 October at Nelligen Park at 6.00pm. \$15 per person covers the Pizza – BYO Poetry and Plonk (along with glasses for the Plonk). Contact is Pam Thorpe – 0418 871 685

**President Shirl's Board.** *Vice President* Andrew Elek; *Immediate Past President* Chris Manahan; *Secretary* Andrew Elek *Treasurer* Jeff Proud/Fred Power; *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* Gerry Bussa; *Rotary Foundation* Keith Armstrong; *Catering Projects* Ward Hack, Jan Young and Allan Veness; *Protection* Col Jay; *ShelterBox* Alan Shephard.

## Races this Friday September 30th

As at Sunday morning, we are in serious trouble in manning the kiosk this Friday. Tony does not have enough names to make a roster. The day is complicated by a Carers accommodation meeting in the morning and by the departures of three Armstrong stalwarts to take part in the Melbourne Half Marathon, fund raising for Rotary Health.

Our records show that, pre Covid, this was always a busy day, raising over \$3,000. Ward wrote earlier this week *"It will be important to fill all roster positions I think. We need to feed the Stewards at 12.00, so I suggest we have the **first shift from 11.00 to 2.00 pm** and the **second shift from 1.00 to 4.00 pm**. This would give us an overlap to help at the busy time but will need some to stay to help clean up."*

So please help by contacting Tony on **0427 892 166** or email **tony68armstrong@gmail.com**. And if you can persuade family members or friends to come along, that will be fine.



## The Baby Book Project

Steve and Jan began this project in Steve's 2005-2006 year. Maternity Services for the whole shire had been centralized in Moruya so the plan was to present a small book to every child born in our hospital, the costs to be shared by the three Rotary Clubs. A special deal saw 350 signed copies of Jackie French's *Diary of a Wombat* launch the project—the picture above shows baby Bobby Garner and his Mum with the first book.

Seventeen years later and the project is still going strong. Steve and Jan reckon we have so far donated 6,800 books. A number of different books have been used, the most recent a series of Steve Parish booklets, each with a story by Rebecca Johnson. That series is now ending and Rebecca has written a thank you note:

*Dear Jan and the lovely Rotary Club of Moruya.*

*Thank you so much for buying my books over the years. Even though I am so sad that this era has now come to an end, its kind of nice the very last of my books were purchased for such a lovely reason.*

*Kindest regards and happy reading. Rebecca.*

Duty	This Week September 27	Next Week October 4
Badges	Ward Hack	Jeff Proud
Invocation/toast	John Hayes	Sue Proud
Meet & Greet	Cletus Heffernan	John Sewell
Cashiers	Col Jay Chris Manahan	Peter Smith Phil Smith
4 Way Test	Fred Power	Alan Shephard
Introduce	Sue Proud	_____
Thank	Jeff Proud	_____

**Birthdays:** Ros Veness, Judith Manahan

**Anniversaries:** The Spencers

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

Phone 0413 015 776 or, if that fails,  
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September 27	Janice Sagar	Moruya Books
September 30	Friday Races AND Carers Accommodation Meeting	Batemans Bay Cup
October 4	Social Evening	
October 11	Board Meeting	
October 18	Brigadier Sue Melotte	Afghanistan
October 21-23	District Conference Wagga Wagga	Registrations now open
October 25	Partners. Meeting at Skydive.	5.50pm for 6pm, bring survival gear.
November 1	Races	Melbourne Cup Tuesday—no meeting
November 8	Board Meeting	
November 15	Walter Bock	Rotary Projects
November 22	Social Evening	
November 29	TBA	

**Final thought:** Nostalgia isn't what it used to be.

**Post Final Thought:** Nor is there any future in it.