# Moruya

# 26 September 2023

CREATE HOPE in the WORLD

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?

#### **Derek's Dissertation**

I was sorry to have missed last week's meeting to hear from our new member David, and to be part of the presentation of \$570 to Steve Young's neighbour Chris Harmon for his bicycle refurbishment project. I spoke to Chris a few nights later passing on my personal thanks, and a big thanks to Steve for bringing this to our attention.

John Spencer has received an email from Mervyn Jamieson who is unable to attend the races on Friday. Mervyn & Sharyn are currently in Adelaide, and he needs to stay to be with his ill brother. As such, we have two vacancies in John's race roster, so if anyone can fill in at the last moment, please contact John. (But no later than Tuesday— John is then caught up in a medical procedure. Editor)

This week we welcome R.C. Narooma to Moruya for the annual Cinder's Trivia contest. Thanks to Phil Smith for being our Quiz Master for the night, and we look forward to a night of "rollicking" fun. Fran and I are not sure if we will be able to attend as we fully recover from our bout of Covid. We've had our full course of antivirals, but if we can't make it, enjoy the night, and enjoy your Rotary.

Derek

Meal Numbers Steve Young will assume you will be attending Tuesday meetings unless he hears otherwise. We have to notify the Golf Club how many meals are required by 10 am on Tuesday. That is the number of meals ordered and they have to be paid for. If you will **not** be attending, please contact Steve by phone or message at 0438 739 246 before 10am Tuesday.

To assist the kitchen staff and avoid late service it is equally important that you contact Steve if you intend to bring any guests, plus any dietary requirements they have.

# **Last Week**

#### **David Cattanach—Life and Times**

David was born and grew up in the Riverina in a farming family. After a year at Uni he worked for the Commonwealth Bank.

Then came farming and a period of individual research into atmospheric gasses arising from modern agriculture. His research included the possible impacts of climate change, and he made presentations on these topics, leading to a Nuffield Scholarship which took him to the USA and Canada.

All this changed in 2015 when he had a major stroke. Speech, reading ability, short term memory and eyesight were all affected. He settled in Moruya, which provides medical and hospital support, two supermarkets and good neighbours like Lauren and Shirl.

His talk, very well received by his fellow Rotarians, was a milestone in his slow journey to recovery.



# **Bicycles to Adelaide**

As reported in last week's Bulletin Dr Chris Harmon's retirement hobby is to restore old bicycles and donate them to charities.



He has ten of these bicycles destined for Alice Springs and he is to drive with them to Adelaide, using Steve's trailer. The Board agreed to fund his fuel costs, estimated to be \$570. The picture shows the presentation cheque for that amount.

President Derek's Board. Vice President Allan Veness; Immediate Past President Shirl Cornish; Secretary Vere Gray Treasurer Jeff Proud Director Club Service Steve Young; Meal Numbers John Spencer; Program John Gillett; Bulletin John Sewell; Membership Peter Smith; Director International Shirl Cornish; Director Vocational Peter Smith; Director Community Service Chris Manahan & Steve Picton; Director Youth Service Rhonnie South Rotary Foundation Phil Armstrong; Catering Projects The Armstrongs, Protection Col Jay.

# Sad News Heather Chesher has died

From the provisional Rotary meeting held in the CWA rooms on 15 March 1956, Heather was a stalwart of our Club—the partner of Charter Member Ron Chesher and a tireless supporter of his many enterprises.

She was a member of two FAIM Teams. In1985 she and Ron, together with Peter Hancock worked on Los Negros Island, off PNG helping to build a public centre. Three year later they were part of a bigger Moruya team—Jim Turnbull, John Nader, Peter Bertram and Harold Wiffen building an assembly hall at Mainohana, north west of Port Moresby. Heather was the cook, working on a huge chunk of frozen beef, in a makeshift kitchen. Mince became the regular diet.

In June 1997 Heather was one of 515 women world wide to be given a Jean Harris Award for her work in the progression of women in society. We also made her a Paul Harris Fellow.

She was a club historian, maintaining a series of photograph albums illustrating our work, each photograph annotated with dates and people involved. She provided the illustrations in the case which won for us in 1993 a RI Significant Achievement Award for Quarry Park.



We celebrated Heather's 90th birthday with a

breakfast in Chesher Park, where the sign at the east end provides a lasting tribute to her contributions to our town.

As yet we have no details of the funeral.

Noon to six on Friday 29th
8.30am to 2pm on Saturday 30th

CWA Hall

Contact Wendy 4473 9840

Duty	This Week 26 September	Next Week 3 October
Badges	?????????	Wendy Smith
Invocation/Toast	CINDERS	Rhonnie South
Meet and Greet		Steve Picton
Cashiers	Conducted	Phil Smith
	Quizmaster	John Spencer
4 Way Test		Steve Young
Introduce	Phil Smith	Allan Veness
Thank		The Company

# Birthdays: Ros Veness

Sept 29 Friday	Races Batemans Bay Cup	The Gleesons
3 October	Steve Picton	Pilot Organisation
10 October	Board Meeting	
17 October	Social Evening	
20-22 October	District 9705 Conference	Bicentennial Hall Queanbeyan
Oct 19 Thursday	Races Pubs Day	ТВА
24 October	MUNA Students	Presentation
28 October (Sat)	Hosting Medical	Andrew Elek
30 October	Lunch at TAFE	From 12 noon
31 October	Mandy Hillson	Arts Central
7 November	Social Evening	
14 November	Board Meeting	
21 November	Walter Bock	Narooma, Bate- mans Bay Invited
28 November	Ken McLeod	Sceptics
5 December	AGM	
12 December	Christmas Party	
Dec 17 Sunday	Races Narooma Cup	ТВА
19 December	No Meeting	

If you have any suggestions for speakers—contact John Gillett on 0407 299 176