



**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

We had a very interesting meeting last week, with a full house. We welcomed: DGE Rob Uhl (Rotary E-Club of Brindabella); AG Haseena Tweedle (RC Berry); Pres. Pam Thorpe and members and partners from RC Batemans Bay; David and Rachel McGuiness from RC Narooma; Walter Boch (RC Burwood) who was our guest speaker; Councillor Rob Pollock (Chair of the Carers Accommodation Committee) and Moruya Partners. Rob Pollock informed the meeting on the progress of the Carers Committee, and Walter Boch spoke of his early life in Germany and his involvement with fund raising with Rotary.

During the week Fran & I have been looking at entertainment for our end of year Christmas Party, to be held Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December. We are currently looking at engaging Peter & Libby Evans, better known as LP Duo, playing and singing, and some of us may wish to dance. They performed regularly at our previous Australia Day events at Russ Martin Park. John Spencer has been in contact with MGC organising the menu for the night, which will be a two course meal (mains & dessert) with 3 alternative drops. Cost is expected to be \$45, which will include 2 bottles of wine for each table. Due to a previous booking in the auditorium, we will be having our meeting in the restaurant, and John is in the process of negotiating tables for 6 rather than some long tables. Final numbers for this night should be in by the 5<sup>th</sup> December.

Next week (5<sup>th</sup> December) is our all-important AGM, where the next year's Rotary board will be voted on and endorsed. Nomination forms will again be available this week, and please consider the role you can play. We especially need a President Elect and Secretary, as Vere and I will be standing down from our current roles. The positions on the board that need a nomination are:

*President Elect (2024/25), President Nominee (2025/26) and Vice President. Secretary & Treasurer and the following Directors: Club Service; Community Service; International Service (IPP Shirl has nominated here); Youth Service; Vocational Service; Rotary Foundation; and Membership.* The following are appointed positions: *Catering; Welfare & Rosters; Protection; Bulletin and Program*, and do not require a nomination.

This week we welcome former member and Club President Ken McLeod, and his partner Karen Sorenson. Ken is a Life Member of Sceptics Australia and has raised many issues, such as the rise of the anti-vaxers in our communities. Ken will be keeping us up to date with his current research. Like me, enjoy your Rotary Experience.

Derek

## Last Week - Walter Boch's Story

Walter's boyhood was dominated by Nazi Germany. He was eight when the war ended. His elder brother who had just been drafted into the German forces disappeared and has never been heard of since. Walter felt he was so lucky to



have fallen into the hands of the British army, a move which eventually brought him to Australia.

Work abounded. He married, a partnership which lasted 55 years. Now his new partner is Lynne who accompanied him at our meeting—we saw the photo of the Bochs and the Hayes at the Hambourg Convention in our Bulletin of 14 November.

He joined Burwood Rotary Club in 1967. At the time, there was little interest in the club in overseas matters, whereas Walter felt it a duty that some of Australia's blessings should be shared by less fortunate countries. So in his year as President he established a Community Chest, to be fed with the proceeds of the raffles which he organized for the next eight years.

Then, over twenty years, monies passing through the Community Chest totalled several million. 82% of profits went to community projects in Australia and overseas—twenty countries in all, including China, Russia, India and the Philippines. It was in the Philippines, through RAWCS, that the Bochs met Shirl and John, and were able to organise Shirl's teaching sessions.

It certainly was an interesting story and Walter, now in his eighties, showed no sign of slowing down.

**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* Steve Young; *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.

## Last Week - Councillor Rob Pollock, OAM

The recent AGM of the CAERH committee confirmed Rob's continued position as its President, so it was good to have his views on the way ahead for the carers accommodation project..

Broadly, drawing on his long experience in dealing with government, he believes that the more we as a community progress, the more likely it will be that we will be able to get support for our project. Multiplex will be starting serious build of the new hospital in the new year and we will make sure that we work with them in the design and positioning of the carers space.

## Introducing the Art Union

No longer a raffle—because of the value of the prize, it is classified and registered as an Art Union. Col and Bronwyn, Steve and Jan will be taking the car to the markets, here, Batemans Bay and no doubt Narooma, and will welcome help.

Last week saw a good take up of the books of ten tickets—more will be available this week. All the security checks necessary before we can have a CAERH EFTPOS machine have been sorted out by Steve. A selling team is probably four strong, and as the project develops, Rotary may be asked to help.

**CARERS ACCOMODATION  
EUROBODALLA REGIONAL HOSPITAL**

**WIN: MG Electric Car - ZS EV Essence**  
**VALUED AT \$50,000**

Drawn following sale of 3000 tickets  
Charity Art Union No. 26731      **tickets \$50 each**



## Progress on the Toragy Cemetery Project

Daniel Bridle, our National Parks contact on the Toragy point cemetery project, has advised Chris Manahan that all assessments and associated paperwork has now been completed. The next step will be a joint working team with Daniel in February 2024.



## January Meetings 2024

We have no meetings on Tuesdays 19th and 25th December and Vere has put out an email asking for hosts for the five Tuesdays in January—2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th. Usually we only ask for four hosts, which would mean returning to the Golf Club on the 30th, so I guess it will depend on the respond we get to Vere's email. She asks that you let President Derek know. We will also be looking for a drinks master..

If we are to fill an eight seater table or two, John Gillett suggests either 15 or 16 December.

| Duty             | This Week<br>28 November         | Next Week<br>5 December         |
|------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Badges           | Steve Young                      | David Cattnach                  |
| Invocation/Toast | Keith Armstrong                  | Shirl Cornish                   |
| Meet and Greet   | Shirl Cornish                    | Andrew Elek                     |
| Cashiers         | Phil Armstrong<br>Tony Armstrong | John Gillett<br>Pauline Gleeson |
| 4 Way Test       | Lauren Barnett                   | Rohan Gleeson                   |
| Introduce        | Pauline Gleeson                  | Allan Veness                    |
| Thank            | The Company                      | Steve Young                     |

**Birthdays:** None  
**Anniversary:** The Gilletts and the Naders

## Program

|                         |                                   |                                  |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 28 November             | Ken McLeod                        | Sceptics                         |
| 30 November<br>Thursday | Everest Film at<br>Narooma Kinema | 6.30pm—Ken Hutt<br>will be there |
| 5 December              | Board Meeting<br><b>AGM</b>       |                                  |
| 12 December             | Christmas Party<br>Ava Weymans    | Student                          |
| Dec 16 Saturday         | Batemans Bay                      | Christmas Party                  |
| Dec 17 Sunday           | Narooma Cup                       | Steve & Jan Young                |
| Jan 8 Monday            | Moruya Cup                        | Ward Hack                        |
| Feb 18 Sunday           | Races                             | TBA                              |

## Housekeeping

1. Rohan has anew email address:  
[rohan@gleesonadvisory.com.au](mailto:rohan@gleesonadvisory.com.au)
2. John Spencer is starting work on the Roster for December 17. Contact him on 0438 282 663 if you are available.

**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.