



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?

President's Musings

Prior to the meeting last week, a special Board meeting was held to discuss the projects that you as members submitted to VP Allan Veness. Allan reported to the meeting concerning the board's deliberations. Briefly, they were: Careers interviews; Service Clubs expo; financial support for a Youth Advisory Council participant; Carers accommodation; a Rotary Golf day; Small Farm Fields day; Jeremadra Autumn Fair; Indigenous Plaque; Support to Art Central; Town Walk sign replacement; a display at the MDHS Museum; and the ongoing Toragy Cemetery project. Some are just a financial commitment, some easily do-able, and others requiring some long-term planning, so watch this space for future developments.

We again welcomed DGN Robert Shore (RC Batemans Bar) last week, whose absorbing presentation on PoWs had us spellbound.

John Spencer has an ongoing medical issue and has been in Moruya and Canberra Hospitals, and Sandra requested maybe some club members could take on his three roles within the club, and I would like to acknowledge Steve Young (meal numbers), Tony Armstrong (race rosters) and Peter Smith (Welfare Officer) for stepping up to fill in whilst John recovers.

Due to the race day on Tuesday the 12th September, there will not be a club meeting that night, and the board meeting scheduled for then will be held a week earlier on the 5th September.

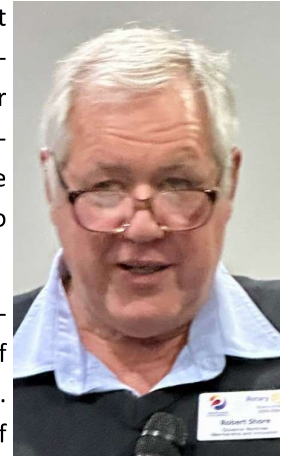
This week we welcome Jaquie Olfen (SEWACS Suicide), and I for one am interested to hear what she has to say.

Wednesday we will be attending the funeral service for the late LCDR Dr Graham Thomas, PHF at the crematorium. The service commences at 1pm, so we should be there at least by 12:45 to form a Guard of Honour as his casket is brought in for the service, and as per usual, please wear your Rotary T-Shirts. As Graham had been a serving RAN member, it would be appropriate for other veteran's to wear medals, I know I shall be.

Cheers Derek

Last Week: Robert Shore on Prisoners of War

As mentioned last week, Robert has moved from Parkes to Batemans Bay. He now chairs our District's Membership and Innovation Committee. He is the District Governor Nominee to serve in year 2025-2026.



In 1992 he was teaching in Narabri and took on the task of writing/editing a local history. Contact with ex Prisoners of War led to his searching out PoWs over a much wider area and recording their stories. His talk was a selection from those stories, most concerned with prisoners taken in Malaysia and Singapore. Changi Camp featured, with a story of a prisoner whose gardening skills were valuable enough to ensure that he was not sent on to Burma or Japan. Another was working in Nagasaki when the second atomic bomb burst over head. The most harrowing was his meeting with one of the 12 Australian survivors of the Sandakan Death Marches—2,400 allied prisoners killed by Japanese guards, the killing continuing after the Japanese surrender. He also tracked down German and Italian prisoners, captured in Greece or Crete—one Italian who wanted to remain in Australia, had to return to Italy then apply to enter as an immigrant.

Robert's overall impression was that PoWs saw themselves (and perhaps were seen by other ex servicemen) as somehow inferior to regular fighters. His work in recording their stories, remembered 50 years after the events, will help dispel that erroneous assessment.

President Derek's Board. *Vice President* Allan Veness; *Immediate Past President* ShirI 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* ShirI 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.

Races on August 20th—Sue Reports

Jeff and I had the "pleasure" of being Duty Managers for the day. While a little daunting initially to take on the responsibility, the task proved relatively straightforward with the assistance of the instructions provided and the wonderful Rotarians who worked on the day. Phil Armstrong met us at the Kiosk on Saturday and Steve and Jan Young arrived at 9.30am and provided invaluable instruction and assistance in getting set up ready for the first shift and staying for the remainder of the day.

We were met with a day the ebbed and flowed but customers were served efficiently throughout the day due to the experienced team with wait times kept to an absolute minimum.

A big thankyou to all for a day that resulted in \$4,161.30 in sales notwithstanding the very close proximity of The Lost Thong food van. We wonder however whether the first shift started a bit early at 10.30am given that the gates didn't open until midday and the first race was at 1.15pm. We were however very well prepared for our first customers.

Sue and Jeff Proud

Future Club Activities

A special meeting of the Board on 22 August considered the 11 suggested activities for the balance of this year, as listed in the Bulletin of 8th August. All were considered possible, though the resurrection of the Small Farms Field Day is better left to next year. If we are to have a golf day as a fund raiser, we need a project leader—speak to Derek if you are interested.

Museum Verandah Costs—a Clarification

Sue Murphy has asked that we correct a figure in her letter in last week's Bulletin—the cost is \$139 over budget estimate, which the Historical Society will carry.

Progress on the Toragy Cemetery project

Chris Manahan has received an update from Daniel Bridie, the Ranger of the NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service who is responsible for the cemetery. He reports that he is midway through the Conservation Risk Assessment which he hopes to complete in September, so that work can begin.



This Toragy Point Tapestry is the work of Shirley Jurmann seen standing alongside it at the Moruya Museum.

Welfare Report.

No date yet for **Keith's** transfer to Moruya sub acute ward.

Cletus is home but expects to return to Canberra for the next stage of medical treatment.

John Spencer was transferred to Canberra overnight on Thursday. Now hopes to be back in Moruya Hospital early this coming week.

Huw will move on Wednesday into respite in IRT for two weeks.

Duty	This Week 29 August	Next Week 5 September
Badges	Tony Armstrong	John Nader
Invocation/Toast	Lauren Barnett	Michel Nader
Meet and Greet	Shirl Cornish	Andrew Elek
Cashiers	Vere Gray Christine Greig	Steve Picton Fred Power
4 Way Test	Ward Hack	Jeff Proud
Introduce	Col Jay	-----
Thank	Chris Manahan	-----

Birthday: Peter Smith, Robyn Legge

29 August	Jaquie Olfen	SEWACS Suicide
5 September	Board Meeting Social Evening	
6 September	Tea for MOW	Jan Young
Sept 12 Tuesday ***	Races—Pubs Day	Lauren Barnett
12 September	No meeting	Tuesday races
19 September	TBA	
26 September	Cinders	We host
Sept 29 Friday	Races Batemans Bay Cup	Day Manager needed
20-22 October	District 9705 Conference	Bicentennial Hall Queanbeyan

***Roster for Races on TUESDAY 12th September. John Spencer was part of the way through a roster when illness struck. Tony Armstrong has volunteered to take over so please contact him on 0427 892 166 to confirm your availability. The roster should be in next week's Bulletin.

Meal Numbers. You will have heard that John Spencer is in hospital. Steve Young has volunteered to handle meal numbers. Steve 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 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.