



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 Dissertations

February is set aside for "The World's Greatest Shave" in support of the Leukemia Foundation. I'm intending to join up and get shaved. This in memory of my brother Barry who passed away 6th March 2017, he was only 70, and had no idea he had Leukemia till he went to Moruya Hospital for something else and they discovered his white blood cell count was extremely high. He spent 4 weeks in the isolation ward in Canberra Hospital, and despite all the amazing care he received, they were unable to save him. Barry's wife Mandy, Fran & I were with him when he passed away at 7:30pm. We were very close as our birthdays were only one day apart; he was 2 years older than I. (I'm getting a bit teary writing this.) You are all our very good friends and fellow Rotarians; I'm asking will you sponsor me if I get shaved?

Last week we commenced back at the MCG. We heard from IPP Shirl about her new role as joint R.A.W.C.S. (Rotary Australia World Community Service) District Chair and some of the amazing R.A.W.C.S. projects that are happening around the world supported by clubs in D9705. I'm always amazed at how small clubs can often achieve so much as they venture overseas working with local communities to provide water, sanitation, better education facilities, and so the list goes on. Congratulations Shirl on your new role! R.A.W.C.S. is a great example of Creating Hope in the World!

This week we welcome our two R.Y.L.A. participants to tell us of what I would imagine would have been an eye-opening and amazing week meeting new friends they didn't know they had and listening to some inspirational speakers; that is what the R.Y.L.A. camp is all about. (Both our daughters attended R.Y.L.A. when I was with Narellan Rotary in D 9750. The camps were held just south of Sutherland in a youth camp facility.)

Next week is a very special week as we welcome the three recipients of the Lions and Rotary Clubs Australia Day Citizens Awards, and Gary Traynor, who organised all of this, will be accompanying them. This is a partner's night and should be one of the highlights of the year. I look forward to seeing you at this meeting. *Derek*



In August 2022 Derek told the story of the arrival of the Anderson family as £10 Poms in 1957. (Derek's brother Barry & he were under 13, so his Dad only had to pay 5 for them.) Interest was expressed in the reasons leading to the decision to immigrate. Last week Derek filled in the story.

Both his parents were Londoners, born in 1921. Derek's Dad's was a large family, whilst his Mum had two brothers many years older. Their houses were typical two up, two downers—children upstairs, downstairs family kitchen and living room, front room kept for special occasions.

His father started work as an apprentice toolmaker, then switched to qualify as a draughtsman, an essential occupation when war came in 1939, eventually leading to his working on detailed drawings for jet engines. His mother worked for Siemens, the cable makers, running machines that made cotton covered cables. They married in October, 1941, both 20 years old.

Their back yard accommodated their Anderson shelter, a half-buried room of corrugated iron, covered with soil. Following the London blitz in 1940/41, London continued as a target for German attacks. There were bombs with timers, the pilotless V1 Doodlebugs and the more deadly silent V2 rockets.

Derek's brother James was born in 1946, in a country ravished by the war. To a couple with a young family, migration made a lot of sense.

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.

Shirley's RAWCS news

On Tuesday, Shirl took advantage of a break in proceedings to bring us up to date on her work with RAWCS.

She was elected chair of our local RAWCS, which has around 34 active projects, each sponsored by a parent Club. There is great variety of projects, some very large and covering year of service.

In January, Shirl spent two weeks on a SIM project (*School, Immersion Mission*) in Cambodia. A costly trip - there are no RAWCS funds to help pay air fares, costs have risen post Covid.

Shirl's write up on her venture is on Page 3. She provided all teaching material for her SHEP classes including 80 booklets.

Her next project is in April to join a large company in the Philippines, organized by Walter Boch, who spoke to us last November. She will be one of ten trainers.

There is a RAWCS conference in Port Macquarie this week to which she is driving. Her latest figures are that Australia has 463 RAWCS registered projects of which NSW has 265. Eastern Region of NSW, of which Shirl is chair, has 164 registered projects = 62% of NSW projects.

Hosting the ANU Medical Students

Andrew Elek has received an email from Hannah McGoldrick who is the Administration Officer looking after students.

"We are well into our 2024 planning and we were wondering if Moruya Rotary would be interested in hosting our 1st year ANU medical students who will be coming to the Eurobodalla the week of 18 March 2024..... At this stage we don't have confirmed numbers but would be no more than 26 students [and more likely closer to 20 - 24]. They will be staying at the Ingenia Holiday Park again in Moruya."

On the Tuesday of that week we have Bishop Browning as guest speaker, so Andrew will decide with Hannah which other night will be suitable. Please let Andrew know if you would like to host and whether you prefer one or two students and also if you have any preference for which night – 0499 517 234

"Nippers" are now "Same Wave"

Same program, new name—kicked off again at Moruya Surf Club. Mike Hallahan contacts Surf Club members: *"We are always on the hunt for new volunteers to help with the program, so if you are interested or can help out please get in touch."*

Our honorary member Mike Dent asks *"Do you think that any Rotarians may be able to assist with this most valuable public service??"*

Duty	This Week 6 February	Next Week 13 February
Badges	Allan Shephard	Allan Veness
Invocation/toast	Phil Smith	Steve Young
Meet & Greet	Peter Smith	Shirl Cornish
Cashiers	Wendy Smith Fred Power	Keith Armstrong Fred Power
4 Way Test	John Spencer	Phil Armstrong
Introduce	Rhonnies South	President Derek
Thank	Phil Smith	The Company

Birthdays: Mervyn Jamieson, Sue Proud, Fred Power

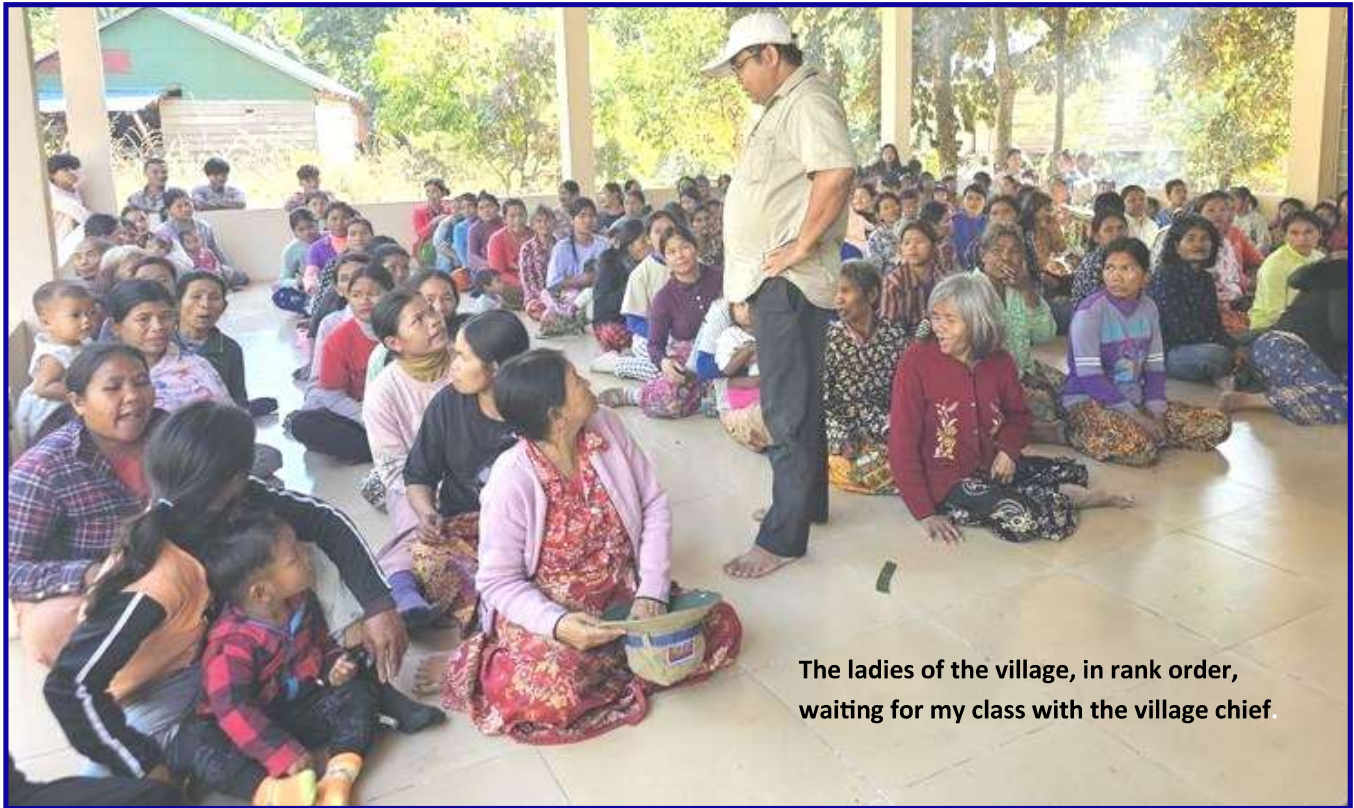
Feb 6 Tuesday	Amanda Bootalazza Leo Chrisrallo	RYLA experience
Feb 13 Tuesday	Board Meeting	Three Australia Day Awardees
Feb 20 Tuesday	Kerry Boyenga	Indigenous Language
Feb 27 Tuesday	Social Evening	
Mar 3 Sunday	Country Qualifier	TBA
Mar 5 Tuesday	Moruya Museum	Partners Pizzas ??
Mar 8-10 Weekend	PETS & District Learning	Batemans Bay
Mar 12 Tuesday	Board Meeting	
Mar 19 Tuesday	Emeritus Bishop George Browning	Palestinian Issue
Mar 26 Tuesday	Social evening	
Mar 30 Saturday	Rotary Easter	Charity Race Day

Last Tuesday

The Nader Brothers,

as always, welcome fellow diners.





The ladies of the village, in rank order, waiting for my class with the village chief.

SHEP - Two weeks in Cambodia by Shirley Cornish

School Immersion Mission (SIMS) Cambodia has been helping 3 villages of remote subsistence farmers, (1½ hours rough travel into the jungles from Siem Reip) for 10 years. I have condoms to demonstrate but the doctor says, 'They do not have.' All of the women, the chief and a few men watching from outside receive a booklet of Sexual Health Education by Pictures.

I explained to my interpreter what we would talk about. That a man and woman are the same in many ways, our eyes, nose, brain and heart. Today we talk about what is different, the woman's and man's role in making a baby.' She understood. We talked, they watched intently, they understood. Next was 9 photos of a babe inside the womb showing its development. Three months tiny fingers and toes, 4 - hearing, 6 - brain, 7 - bones, 8 - muscles, 9 - complete. They were mesmerised, amazed. Question: A baby born at 7 months? The tuk-tuk driver with 4 boys asks, 'How can I get a girl baby?'

I tell them that a woman is not mature for childbirth until she is 18. They know younger women and babies who have died and teenagers with fistula or premature babies.

The photos and symptoms of STIs are real - not joyful. The audience do not know they are caused by sex – so many diseases come and go. They listen to the Safe Sex message. At the end I walk among them with the poster of symptoms. One lady pointed to the hand with spots that is characteristic of syphilis, 'My husband has,' and then the yellow discharge, 'My husband has.' There is a limp toddler laying in her arms. I say, 'Go doctor,' she shakes her head (no money). The local doctor liaises with SIMS Cambodia and agrees to a free consultation. And 'Yes,' he says, 'They do have STIs.' Syphilis is particularly dangerous as early symptoms go away and the person infects for 10 to 30 years before the infection overcomes them.

Two of our group of eight are nurses, 'They need an STI clinic,' they say. Sue Morgan the Project Manager tells me, 'I love the way the women are so engrossed ... perhaps there are other health education topics we could give them.'

Later the SIMS group sit down and talk with a group of women – women control the money in Cambodia. SIMS has some money. The women look healthy and their blood pressure tests were better than Australians. What do you need? They do not know what to say. They forage in the forest, grow veggies, have chickens and geese and water. Some of the wealthier have toilets – clean, no smell. Yes was the conclusion, we have money for two that everyone can share.

Our physio makes life more comfortable for a land-mine victim in this photo. His leg ended below the knee and he was blind. There were 41 new landmine victims in Cambodia in 2022.

