

**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

Last Tuesday, 18 members and partners met at the Legacy of India restaurant for a relaxed and very enjoyable social evening away from the Golf Club as they arranged their catering changeover.

Steve and Jan, Col and Bron, Peter and Sharon along with Don and Steph Carter as members of the CAERH team travelled to Narooma for an information evening regarding the upcoming Eurobodalla Regional Hospital. Rohan & Pauline also travelled to be part of the gathering. Local MLA Dr Michael Holland and the Mayor Matt Hatcher were part of a panel answering some written questions in a well run meeting. Col spoke about the Art Union and was able to sell some tickets.

Steve has also visited Alan Shephard in IRT Crown Gardens (room 35) Batemans Bay, and Alan is waiting for a room in Moruya IRT to move into. (Thanks to Steve Young for the report.)

This week we welcome Tracy Blake and Claire Waite to bring us up to date on the Oncology unit and care for Prostate.

The board meeting for May is fast approaching, so if you have an item or issue you would like discussed at board level, please please let Secretary Vere know so it can be considered to be added to our agenda.

### Our History

Paul P Harris (April 1868-January 1947) was a lawyer in Chicago who had a desire for camaraderie amongst his business associates. He gathered three of his associates: Gustavus Loehr, (October 1864-May 1918) a mining engineer; Silvester Schiele (June 1870-Dec 1945) a coal merchant; and Hiram E Shorey (August 1862-March 1944) a merchant tailor, together in Gustavus Loehr's office in the Unity Merchant Building in Chicago on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February 1905.

With an increasing number of attendees, following meetings were held in different locations, thereby "rotating" their meetings, and so the name *Rotary* evolved. By October 1905 there were 21 members, plus two Honorary members in the Rotary Club of Chicago.

The first International Rotary Club started in Winnipeg in 1910, followed by Dublin in November 1911. As Rotary spread, the International Association of Rotary Clubs was formed in 1912. Only 16 years after the first meeting, there were Rotary clubs in 6 continents, including Australia (with the Chartering of the Rotary Club of Melbourne on the 21<sup>st</sup> April, 1921). From these humble beginnings we now have Rotary International (name changed in 1922), with over 1.4 million Rotarians in over 37,000 clubs.

This is our organisation.

*Yours in Rotary Service*

*Derek*



**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.



## More on the Narooma Meeting

Narooma Rotary Club is to be congratulated on the success of last Tuesday's crowded meeting which they organized in collaboration with Advocacy Group ONE (One New Eurobodalla Level 4 Regional Hospital). They had assembled a panel of knowledgeable people, so could cover a number of topics associated with the new hospital. It helped that questions were submitted two weeks prior to the meeting so that panelists could prepare responses.

In addition to Dr Holland the panelists were emergency physician Dr Stuart Stapleton; Southern NSW Local Health District General Manager Coastal Network. Brad Scotcher; his colleague, General Manager, Corporate Services and Projects, Sarah Galton; Eurobodalla Shire Mayor Mat Hatcher. COORDINARE's Terry Hill led the forum.

Relevant to our CAERH Project Mr Scotcher said the carers' accommodation in Bega had proven useful while Dr Stapleton said the hospital would have a short-stay unit so people would not be discharged at inconvenient hours.

On the question of accommodation for builders and hospital staff, Mr Scotcher said they had rented more than 30 sites in Batemans Bay and Moruya for staff, including lo-cums, and there was limited overnight accommodation for on-call medical staff. Mr Hatcher said social and affordable housing was a council priority, including making land available for development.

On staffing, nurses and midwives are being recruited from England and Ireland. State funds are available to cover training for undergraduate nurses, midwives and other healthcare workers if they commit to five years in the public health system.

There was good cover for the meeting in the media. The ABC's South East Breakfast Program had a good report except it said that Narooma Rotary was running the Carers' Project. Bronwyn contacted the ABC to point out the error.



## A Hidden Hand - The Red Door Theatre Company Inc

### Rotary Tables

John Gillett suggests that we reserve two Rotary tables, the first on Saturday May 18, the second on Friday, May 24.

| Duty                    | This Week<br>7 May                | Next Week<br>14 May         |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Badges</b>           | Allan Veness                      | Lauren Bartlett             |
| <b>Invocation/toast</b> | Steve Young                       | David Cattanaach            |
| <b>Meet &amp; Greet</b> | Peter Smith                       | Shirl Cornish               |
| <b>Cashiers</b>         | Keith Armstrong<br>Phil Armstrong | Andrew Elek<br>John Gillett |
| <b>4 Way Test</b>       | Tony Armstrong                    | Pauline Gleeson             |
| <b>Introduce</b>        | Lauren Bartlett                   | —                           |
| <b>Thank</b>            | David Cattanaach                  | —                           |

**Birthdays:** None **Anniversary:** None

|                    |                                 |                                 |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| May 7 Tues         | Tracy Blake and<br>Claire Waite | Oncology/Prostrate              |
| May 14 Tues        | Board Meeting                   |                                 |
| May 21 Tues        | Andrew Constance                |                                 |
| <b>May 26 Sun</b>  | <b>Races</b>                    | <b>Broulee /Tomakin<br/>Cup</b> |
| May 28 Tues        | Social evening                  |                                 |
| June 4 Tues        | Angie Winter                    | Anglicare                       |
| June 11 Tues       | Board Meeting                   |                                 |
| June 18 Tues       | Social Evening                  |                                 |
| June 25 Tues       | <b>CHANGEOVER</b>               |                                 |
| <b>June 28 Fri</b> | <b>Races</b>                    | <b>Tradies Day</b>              |

### HOUSEKEEPING

We are short of a member to take over Rotary Foundation for the year 2024– 2025. Speak to Derek, Vere or Allan Veness

### Changeover—Our Report

It is time I made a start on the Changeover Report, so would all Board members please send me their contribution.

I can list the year's speakers. On the Finance side we have usually listed donations from the Charity Account during the outgoing Rotary year.

Many thanks

*Editor*

A little late for ANZAC - This poem by Joshua Dyer, an English 14 year old appeared in the Batemans Bay Bulletin. It was written in 2019 and went viral on Facebook with 69,000 appearances..



## One Thousand Men Are Walking

*By Joshua Dyer*

One thousand men are walking  
Walking side by side  
Singing songs from home  
The spirit as their guide

They walk toward the light milord  
They walk towards the sun  
They smoke and laugh and smile together  
No foes to outrun

These men live on forever  
In the hearts of those they saved  
A nation truly grateful  
For the path of peace they paved

They march as friends and comrades  
But they do not march for war  
Step closer to salvation  
A tranquil steady corps

The meadows lit with golden beams  
A beacon for the brave  
The emerald grass untrampled  
A reward for what they gave

They dream of those they left behind  
And know they dream of them  
Forever in those poppy fields  
There walks one thousand men

