Moruya

8 August 2023



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?

The ESC Breakfast—Steve Reports

Following an invitation from ESC to do a breakfast at 7.30am to 9.00am for their Staff Motivational Meeting in the Moruya Basketball Stadium, being held on Thursday 3rd August, our Club jumped at the opportunity, as we did in 2016, 2018 and 2020.

We were able to use the modern professional reconditioned showground kitchen, which was updated with a big Rotary grant following the bushfires in 2019/20.

Moruya Rotary was to supply

Egg and Bacon Rolls for 380 attendees, to include some Gluten free rolls.

As is usual, our Club stepped up to the mark, with many helpers. And a big thanks to them. (Shirl, Wendy, Vere and Gary, Jan and Steve, Col and Bron, Phil and Kim, Ward, Allan V, John G.) On behalf of absent President Derek, a big thanks, especially as our funds enjoyed a healthy increase."

Solomon Islands - Vere Reports

Seven boxes of discontinued school uniform from Moruya High School. 15 boxes of medical equipment ex Batemans Bay Hospital and 10 boxes of library books and teaching aids ex Broulee Public School will be on their way to the Solomon Islands via Orange shortly after a working bee this week to repack some boxes and secure them for travel (thanks to Steve Young and Garry Gray for their help).

Two Rotarians in Orange have managed, for quite a few years, a womens and childrens health program on Ysabel Island under a RAWCS banner. Donated goods go to local schools, the one hospital in the province, medical clinics in remote areas, womens groups and vocational training colleges. John Nader has very generously donated a driver and truck to transport the boxes to Orange, which will be done during August. And the boxes will be shipped via Sydney to the Solomon Islands with other donated equipment, when there is supply to do so.

From Jan Young. I have had news that our End Trachoma kits have reached Alice Springs.

It could still be a few weeks before they reach their destination school and then are handed out as part of the health/hygiene programme.



When Ken first visited us in July 2016 he told us of his successful paraglide from the top of Cho Oyu, the sixth highest mountain in the world.

He then began planning a similar feat from Everest, again as a fund raiser for *End Polio Now.* He invited fellow



Rotarians to join him at base camp, with some success until Covid came along.

2022 found him at base camp, waiting for the climbing visa for his party. Demand for the visas was high and the outcome unpredictable. When it finally came through, Ken is inclined to thank our Tibetan Ambassador, Felicity Volk for intervention.

So the team began the ascent but at Camp 2, at about 6,400 meters up, disaster struck. Ken developed a lifethreatening chest infection and had to retreat as quickly as possible. Later, safely back home, his local doctor confirmed that he had suffered from Covid.

His attention now turned to film making, making use of his vast collection of photographs and videos. He teamed up with a professional photographer

Ken was to have been our speaker on 18 April, but when John phoned him to confirm the booking, Ken was leaving for Tibet. The destination was the Lobuche Peak where he spent two days camping and paragliding, watching Sherpa training and generally finishing the film

Then on Friday we received the notification that Ken will is to be the guest of Junee Rotary on August 26th. There is to be a showing of *Flying from Everest* which may be the finished film, which Ken hopes to show through the cinema chains and TV Networks.

Now aged 63, Ken's commitment to the *End Polio* campaign continues unabated and indeed the news of the few cases which remain is heartening.

An amazing man.

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.

Future Club Activities- Allan Veness Reports

Several members have put forward ideas for possible projects. All are worthy of consideration. A summary:

- Steve Picton Careers Q and A plus mock interviews. This would target high schools in the 2537 post code area.
- Steve Picton Annual Service Clubs Expo. A community information event where local community organisations could share essential information.
- Brenda Gillett Financial support for a local successful participant of the 2023 Youth Advisory Council. Bille-Rose from Tuross. Information provided.
- 4. **John Nader** Support for Hospital Carers accommodation. He suggests specific fund-raising events for this organisation.
- 5. **John Spencer** Rotary Golf Day. This would be run in conjunction with MGC. Several ways we can all be involved and could be a good money raising event. Lots of info provided.
- 6. Ward Hack More a suggestion than a firm proposal at this stage to have another go at organising a small farms field day. The club tried this in 2019 but drought and fires beat us then. We would need to work with many other community groups to successfully pull this one off.
- 7. **Harvest Festival event** at Liz Fleming,s property at Jerramadra. This was going to be a spring fair but will be delayed. This has club approval already.
- 8. Allan Veness Riverside Walk in Moruya. Erect a plaque recognising the First Nations people of the local area. Nothing like this currently exists in the Eurobodalla.
- 9. **Allan Veness** A helping hand for Art Central. This organisation is currently looking for funds and help to buy a new pottery kiln and to repaint the building.
- 10. **Derek Anderson** Improved town walk signage in APEX park.
- 11. **John Sewell** work with Historical Society in design and build of an open fronted display of artefacts.

On Tuesday 15th August we dine at the Indian Restaurant for a partners night. 6:30 for 7pm

Cost will be \$25 per person

BYO Wine ,is ok but beer has to be purchased from the restaurant.

Please notify John Spencer before 1 pm on Friday 11th August if **YOU** <u>ARE</u> going AND if you will be accompanied.

An early response would be appreciated.

Duty	Next Week 8 August	Next Week 15 August
Badges	Steve Picton	
Invocation/Toast	Jeff Proud	
Meet and Greet	Rhonnie South	
Cashiers	Sue Proud John Sewell	At the Legacy of India—see notes
4 Way Test	Alan Shephard	below
Introduce		
Thank		

Anniversary: David and Denise Collis

PROGRAM

John Spencer will be working on the roster for the races on August 20th which will be in next week's Bulletin.

8 August	Board Meeting	
15 August	Legacy of India	Dining out
18 August	Vietnam Veterans	Batemans Bay
August 20 Sunday	Races—Clubs Day	The Prouds
22 August	Robert Shore	PoWs
29 August	Jaquie Olfen	SEWACS Suicide
5 September	Social Evening	
6 September	Tea for MOW	Jan Young
Sept 11 Monday	Races—Pubs Day	Lauren Barnett
12 September	Board Meeting	

Meal Numbers. See the note alongside about figures for the Legacy of India on 15 August.

Normal weeks John Spencer 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 John by phone or message at 043 8282 663 before 10am Tuesday.

Sad news that following a fall at home Huw fractured a hip bone. After surgery in Bega, he is now in the sub acute ward at Moruya,