

**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

In a previous edition of the Moruya Rotary Bulletin, I wrote about the history of Rotary's 4 Way Test. As we recite these 4 simple questions of 24 powerful words, do you ever think about their meaning? Adapted from various sources within Rotary, here is my take from these sources, and I believe that this is something for us all to think about. (All emphasis in *italics* are mine.)

**Is it the Truth?:** By asking whether something is the truth, it encourages honesty and transparency. When we prioritize truth, we ***build trust and credibility*** in our interactions.

**Is it Fair to all Concerned?:** The question of fairness reminds us to consider the impact of our actions on all parties involved. It ***promotes equitable treatment*** and helps prevent bias or favouritism.

**Will it build Goodwill and Better Friendships?:** This question encourages actions that contribute positively to relationships. When we act in ways that build goodwill and strengthen friendships, we ***create a more harmonious and supportive environment***.

**Will it be Beneficial to All Concerned?:** This aspect emphasizes the broader impact of our decisions. It encourages us to consider not only our own interests but also the well-being of others. When ***actions benefit everyone involved***, it leads to a healthier community and society.

I hope this has given you something to dwell on, and in part what it means to be a Rotarian. In some countries, the 4 Way Test is displayed in their parliaments.

Last week at R.Y.D.A. over 2 days, our kiosk volunteers fed year 11 students from the 5 local high schools, with about 140 meals for Wednesday and 200+ for Thursday.

This included feeding presenters and Rotary volunteers. I would like to thank all those who volunteered in the kiosk and fed everyone quite seamlessly. Steve Picton and I attended on Wednesday as group leaders for Moruya High School students. The day flowed well, and the presentation topics were very pertinent to the young year 11 students, about half of whom were on their learner permits. A woman from Western Australia, Fiona, told of an accident that occurred when she was 16 when her mother fell asleep whilst driving on a highway travelling at 110km/hr, and her older sister died as a result of her injuries. Some 20 years later, Fiona continues to suffer from her injuries, and will do so for the rest of her life. To speak so clearly about the accident and its repercussions made a lasting impression on me.

The kitchen at the Golf Club will be closed on 30<sup>th</sup> April for a changeover of caterers, and so at last week's meeting we decided that we would have a social night at the *Legacy of India* restaurant in Moruya. John Gillett will be organising the evening, so you would need to let John (or myself) know if you and your partner wish to attend.

Steve Picton is working with local volunteers to supply non-perishable food items to those in real need. See Steve's article in the bulletin for more details. He has requested that if we can bring some items this week, he will have a collection bin for us.

This week we welcome back our world traveller PP Shirl on her recent R.W.A.C.S. experience in the Philippines. As per usual for Shirl, I would expect this will be an informative and interesting evening.

*Enjoy your Rotary,*

*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.

## Jay Stewart's New Enterprise

When Steve Picton joined us in November 2022, he was much involved in a project where Jay Stewart, a disabled indigenous man from Mogo was to walk from Batehaven to Corrigans Beach, using his walking frame. This he did in early December with strong support from the indigenous community and six Rotarians.

Steve now writes:

“Following his successful fundraising efforts in 2023 to tackle homelessness, Jay has commenced a new community project called **Jay Feeds Eurobodalla**. We can help Jay to support struggling families in Eurobodalla. Bring non perishable foods to the next Moruya Rotary meeting or drop off at the permanent collection point at The Job Shop, 53 Queen Street Moruya.

Here's a suggested list of the foods needed:

*Noodles and rice; Canned or dried fruit and vegetables; Pasta and pasta sauce; Tuna and canned fish or meat; Packaged school snacks; Long life milk and juices; Breakfast cereals and crackers.”*

## Rotary Golf Day (25 October 2024)

John Spencer reported to the Board that as of 8th April we have a major sponsor *Local Search*, plus 12 sponsors who have purchased standard Golf / Dinner Packages. of various values.

The organizing committee currently comprises John Spencer, John Gillett and Jeff Proud. The total value of goods and services is close to \$8,000 with much more to come.

The evening dinner, prize giving and auction of donated items is shaping up to be a major part of the day. Fred Power will be the MC, Col Jay the auctioneer.

So at this stage we can all help by identifying donations for the auction, helping with publicity and entering 25 October as a date when you will be available throughout the day if needed.

## Date for Cinders Night at Narooma

At Narooma's suggestion this year's Cinders will be on Thursday, 25 July at Narooma. So there will be no meeting on Tuesday of that week. Possible bus hire??

## Changeover 2024—Tuesday 24 June



Jay Stewart with Sarah from South Coast Community Kitchen

Duty	This Week 16 April	Next Week 23 April
<b>Badges</b>	Chris Manahan	John Sewell
<b>Invocation/toast</b>	John Nader	Phil Smith
<b>Meet &amp; Greet</b>	Steve Picton	Rhonnie South
<b>Cashiers</b>	Michel Nader Fred Power	Wendy Smith Fred Power
<b>4 Way Test</b>	Jeff Proud	John Spencer
<b>Introduce</b>	President Derek	Phil Armstrong
<b>Thank</b>	The Company	Tony Armstrong

**Birthdays:** Steve Picton

**Anniversary:** The Manahans, Phil and Kim Armstrong

April 16 Tues	PP Shirl	Philippines Report
April 23 Tues	Dr Michael Holland	State Member for Bega
April 30 Tues	Dinner at “Legacy of India”	Partners welcome
April 26 Fri	Races	See Page 3
May 7 Tues	Tracy Blake and Claire Waite	Oncology/Prostrate
May 14 Tues	Board Meeting	



## RYDA last week

Steve Picton's photograph shows Wednesday's students arriving—he and President Derek helped in sorting out locations as the program dictated.

On the catering side all went well. It was a pleasure to see John Nader in full working trim.

So once again our contribution to this admirable program was charity money well spent.