



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 I

t build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Derek's Dissertation

Monday, the 15th of January, will be 60 years since I signed my enlistment papers, (along with my Dad (Ted)) and joined the R.A.A.F. as an Aircraft Engineering Apprentice. I was 15 ½ years old. This commenced a 16-year engagement with the R.A.A.F. There were about 30 of us from N.S.W., and we were joined by about 80 or so from Queensland who had journeyed down to Sydney. We all caught the overnight mail train to the city of Wagga Wagga (stopping at every station imaginable) which was to be our home away from home for the next 2 ½ years. We arrived at Wagga Wagga railway station at 5:30 the next morning, driven by either bus or in the back of a truck to the R.A.A.F. Base Forest Hill, about 16kms to the east of the city. On arrival we were shown to our quarters (4 to a room), and then taken to the Airmen's Mess for breakfast. The next two days we were kitted out with our bedding, uniforms, which included underwear, socks etc... Everything was supplied, and then we started to learn what it meant to a part of the Armed Forces.

The apprenticeship scheme in the Air Force commenced in 1948 after a need was recognized to train young boys (aged 15 to 17) in the requisite technical aircraft trades. This scheme was based on a similar one the R.A.F. had commenced in the early 1930's. I trained as an Aircraft Electrical Fitter, a trade that was transferable to civilian life. About 165 of us commenced that year and we were the 18th Apprentice Intake. 144 graduated on the 1st of July 1966, and our reviewing officer for our graduation was the incumbent Governor General Lord Casey. After our graduation, we were posted to various Operational Squadrons, Maintenance Squadrons or Aircraft Depots (A.D.) around Australia. My first posting was to N^o 2 A.D. at the R.A.A.F. base at Richmond, west of Sydney. Later Intakes also included young girls. The last Apprentice graduation was the 46th Intake on the 29th of March 1993, with only 31 graduates. All previous intakes were invited to attend, and we all had a march past prior to the main event of the day.

This great scheme had sadly become unsustainable, though there are 4,668 engineering and 1,105 radio graduate apprentices who have passed through this scheme. Most went on to become Senior N.C.O.'s, many obtained Officer Commissions in many fields, and a graduate of the 33rd Intake, W.G. McDonald AO CSC rose to the rank of Air Marshall. He trained as a Motor Transport Fitter, obtained his "wings" in 1989 as a pilot and flew mostly Maritime Reconnaissance aircraft.

This week we enjoy the hospitality of the Broulee Surfers Life Saving Club. I would like to thank Allan Veness for organising this at a late stage. Lauren Barnett originally registered us with E.S.C. so we could hire their facilities, but the pavilion was not really suitable for our needs. So, I would like to thank Lauren for registering us, and we may be able to use E.S.C. facilities in the future. The Broulee Surf Club has tables and chairs we can use, so you only need to bring crockery, cutlery, and glasses with you. As I said in my email that Secretary Vere circulated, we do need to ensure the club room is left in a clean and tidy state. Next week we enjoy the hospitality of Sue & Jeff Proud at Mossy Point.

Our first meeting at the M.G.C. will be the following weekweek, on the 30th of January. *Derek*



Last Week at Steve and Jan's

Steve's big shed provided the ideal weatherproof setting for this meeting of members and partners. As they mingled and chatted the overall ambience was proof that we are a very friendly club of nice people.

After a heavy spell of cooking at the Kiosk hot plate on Monday, Peter again showed his expertise. Salmon and sausages made the base for salads provided by members.

The desserts, again provided by members, made a tasteful follow up. Special mention is reserved for President Derek's trifle, the recipe for which involves a modicum of Grand Marnier.

Thank you Steve and Jan for a delightful meeting.

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.

Races on Monday 8th January

After balancing Monday’s figures, Fred reported:

“Busy day. \$5776.71. Hopefully next one will be similar. MJC is going from strength to strength!!! Good for Rotary if we keep up with the opposition.”

Race Manager Ward reported:

“The rain failed to keep a large crowd from attending the gallops last Monday.

Thank you to all members who were involved in preparing for, working during the meeting and cleaning up on completion.

Sales of over \$5000 reflect the fact that we were very busy all day and sold out of pretty well all the food we had.

Mention must be made of the help given by Lauren's son Logan who was with us for most of the day. Despite no previous experience he quickly proved adept at putting together hot dogs, chicken caesar burgers, fish and chips and serving customers. Well done Logan.

We will need you all again for the next meeting on Friday, 19 January, 2024.”

Ward

An interesting bit of history.

In President Derek’s first year as President (2011/12) our January 3rd Races sales were a record. The kiosk had three selling windows (Derek was on Window 2). The van alongside sold fish and chips. Rohan and Pauline set up a snack tent near the entrance to the course. The resulting sales were: Kiosk \$9,710.25; Van \$2,478.50; Snack tent \$827.00—Total for the day: \$13,015.75.

Then and Now. We had 57 members, with an average age probably ten years younger than now, 33 of whom were rostered for duty. Now, John Spencer works hard to raise 20.

But undoubtedly the biggest reason for the difference is that the Jockey Club has changed. (See Fred’s report above). It advertised this January 8 as a family outing day listing alternative food outlets: *Moruya Ice Cream Café (Members), Mr Salubrious (Mexican Cuisine), Riverside Pizza & Hot Diggity Dogs. Also on site will be the Cafféissimo Coffee Van, D’Lish D’Lite Donut Van and Reggies Ice Cream Van.*

There is no mention of Rotary or the Kiosk.

Friday 19 January Race Managers **K&P Armstrong**

19 January	AM Shift 1030 am—2pm
Setting Up. Prices-drinks sandwiches ,	Alan Shephard
Cashier	Keith Armstrong
Order writer	Keith Armstrong
Order filler 1	Ward Hack
Order filler 2	Andrew Elek
Cook	Peter Smith
Prep	Sharon Smith
Chip Fryer	Steve Young
Bain Marie 1 Noon to 2pm	Tony Armstrong
Bain Marie 2	Judy Barnett
	AFTERNOON SHIFT 2pm to Finish
Cashier	Phil Armstrong
Order writer 1	Phil Armstrong
Order Filler 1	Steve Young
Order Filler 2 after 2.30	Steve Picton
Cook	Jeff Proud
Prep	David Cattanach
Chip Fryer	Tony Armstrong
Bain Marie 1	Derek Anderson
Bain Marie 2	Shirl Cornish
Kitchen	
10.30am to 2pm 10.30 to 2pm 10.30 to 2pm	Jan Young, Lauren Barnett style="color: red;"> Vacant
2pm to finish	Jan Young
2pm to finish	Sue Proud
2pm to finish	Rhonnie South

PROGRAM JANUARY

Jan 16 Tuesday	Meeting	Broulee Surf Club
Jan 19 Friday	Afflick Cup	The Armstrongs
Jan 23 Tuesday	Sue & Jeff Proud	BBQ
Jan 30 Tuesday	Back to Golf Cub	Derek Anderson
Mar 3 Sunday	County Qualifier	TBA

PROGRAM FEBRUARY

- 30 Jan Derek Anderson dissertation
- 6 Feb Rylarians Amanda Bortolazza and Leo Christallo
- 13 Feb Board Meeting
- 20 Feb Social evening
- 27 Feb At Historical Museum, Partners – Pizzas

Over their many years in Bateman Bay Rotary Club Vere Gray and Garry were involved with projects to improve the life of remote villages in the Philippines. Vere undertook the task of seeking two Global Grants to build toilets in several remote villages where other organisations had promised but not delivered. They were promised Rotary would not let them down. Working with the Rotary Club of Intramuros, Rotary District 3820, local clubs here (we donated \$1,000) and our District, 25 twin toilets were built in two villages and Vere was able to attend the "Turn over" ceremony in February 2020. The second Global Grant was to build a gravity fed water system and toilets to serve two other villages. We donated \$1,000 to this project too. Covid led to delays and restrictions, but eventually that project was also completed in March 2022, with over 1,000 beneficiaries.

The Rotary Club of Intramuros then looked to Vere for help in their new project. By this time Vere had transferred to Moruya and we agreed to support her application for a District Grant. This is her report.

DISTRICT GRANT UPDATE

We are all invited to the Turnover ceremonies at the Paowin Elementary School south of Manila, Philippines on 3 February.

Our District Grant project to provide the school with water has been completed. A bore was drilled adjacent to the nearby lake, where a pump station was built, high enough that it won't get flooded. There is a Rotary marker at the site and a plaque will be attached. Everything is painted in the Rotary colours of blue and yellow, including the nearby shelter for villagers waiting to catch a ferry.

One of the village men planted a lovely garden. A pipeline takes water to a holding tank, which is then fed to the school. A drinking station for the students has also been built. The project has been funded by RC Moruya and RC Intramuros as well as District Grants from D9705 and D3810.

The students, teachers and nearby villagers are so excited to finally have water after their previous supply was made unusable following a typhoon several years ago. The Intramuros Rotarians - and the school community - are grateful to RC Moruya for partnering with them on this project.

The project exemplifies Rotary's motto to "Create Hope in the World".



Vere Gray

