



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 week your board met for the March Board meeting. Prior to conducting our board business Josh Prowse (Manager) and Taish Costello (Events Manager), Moruya Golf Club attended our meeting for an update on progress for our Golf Charity day in October. John Spencer reported that we have over \$3,000 in sponsorship so far, with Local Search being our major sponsor at \$1,500. Flyers will be printed by Taish for distribution, and other aspects were discussed. During our regular board meeting, we resolved that 100% of our profits for the day would go to the Carers Accommodation .

Your board also resolved that:

We would assist another Rotary club in sending a student to the RYPEN camp to be held at the **Borambo-la Sport and Recreation facility near Wagga Wagga.** **The cost of the camp is \$475 and may not be called upon to be paid to the District RYPEN Committee.**

The final report for the water pump and filtration project in the Philippines has been sent to the District Grants Chair. This should enable the District to reimburse the \$3,700 we applied for.

We agreed to support PP Shirl for the costs at the SHEP/Moruya Rotary stand at the upcoming International Convention to be held in Singapore.

In consultation with John Nader, we have agreed to donate \$250 to the Moruya Hospital Oncology Unit.

A date to now put in your Rotary Calendar is the 25th June when we will hold our annual Club Changeover.

At our regular meeting, we held a special meeting to fill some of the vacancies within the club. A summary of the minutes appear in the Bulletin.

This week we welcome Emeritus Bishop George Browning on the humanitarian issue in Palestine. This will be a partner's night, who as usual are always welcome. Secretary Vere has already distributed an email to that effect, reminding members to let Steve know if you are bringing a guest. Derek

Last Week The Toragy Cemetery Project

Chris Manahan was able to report the successful completion of this project which began in his year as President. Chris reported:

"National Parks collaborated with us and took the lead in completing an Environmental Assessment as well as a Project Plan and the relevant Heritage Impact documents. The Heritage side of National Parks were very specific in what degree of restoration we were hoping to carry out. And rightly so as the site had to be made safe for public use and, equally important, respect was required for the occupants of the gravesites we wished to restore. Early in 2024 we were ready for work with the final Conservation Risk Assessment document completed. Over two days we lifted vandalized headstones and placed them respectfully in their rightful location and we repaired woodwork that should last another hundred years.

A big Thank You to the National Parks officers who helped on the working bee and many thanks also to the members of the Rotary Club of Moruya in initiating and completing this worthwhile community project."



Mitre 10 donated the timber



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.



Special AGM

To tidy up the position of the Board for the 2024-2025 year part of last week's meeting became a Special AGM and made the following decisions:

President (2024-25)

Allan Veness

NOMINATED: Fred Power, SE-
CONDED: Andrew Elek CARRIED

It was noted that Allan accepted the position on the understanding that he would be absent for alternate dinner meetings due to a prior commitment.

Vice President

Andrew Elek

NOMINATED: Allan Veness, SE-
CONDED: Jeff Proud CARRIED

Minutes Secretary

Lauren Barnett

NOMINATED: Jeff Proud, SECOND-
ED: Col Jay CARRIED

It was noted that the positions of **Administration Secretary, Rotary Foundation Director and Community Services Director** are still vacant.

Easter Races on Saturday March 30th

John Spencer 's Roster is at Page 3..

Membership - possible new members

If you bring a potential new member to a meeting, the old rule was that the Club would pay for the guest's dinner. The same would apply to the second visit. Thereafter either you or the guest should pay—possibly time to bring out the nomination for membership paper work?

Duty	This Week 19 March	Next Week 26 March
Badges	Steve Picton	Phil Smith
Invocation/toast	Jeff Proud	Wendy Smith
Meet & Greet	Rhonnie South	Peter Smith
Cashiers	Peter Smith Fred Power	John Spencer Fred Power
4 Way Test	John Sewell	Allan Veness
Introduce	Allan Veness	—
Thank	President Derek	—

Mar 18 Monday	Hosting ANU medical students	Andrew Elek
Mar 19 Tuesday	Emeritus Bishop George Browning	Palestinian Issue
Mar 26 Tuesday	Social evening	
Mar 30 Saturday	Rotary Easter	Charity Races
April 2 Tuesday	Andries Dijkstra	Prothesis
April 10 Wed April 11 Thurs	RYDA	With Batemans

George Browning—a bit of Club history.

2012-13 was Clare Hack's year—our first lady President. Its theme was "Peace through Service". The highlight of the year was our "Peace Forum", a joint meeting with Batemans Bay and Narooma, on Wednesday February 20th with around ninety people present to hear two excellent speakers.

Dr Anne Gallagher spoke of 'Peace through freedom from exploitation' - very much her area of expertise. Bishop Browning spoke to the theme "No Justice, no Peace". Throughout history, conflict has been the norm—tribe against tribe, nation against nation, religion against religion. European colonisers withdrew from the middle east leaving artificial boundaries cutting across tribal territories. Refugee camps proliferate and the oppressed find new ways of rebelling. He concluded with his hope that we should find common values in all religious faiths.

Ten years on and it was a triumph for John Gillett, tackling one of our most difficult jobs in arranging a speaker program, to enlist George Browning. However, there have been murmurings that Rotary and religion do not mix and consequently a poor forecast of attendance on Tuesday.

Ten years on and the world is in much worse shape. We have the opportunity to hear a man with enormous knowledge of the middle east and with the analytical mind to present an overall picture. Don't miss it!

Editor