



**CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD**

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

Hello my fellow Rotarians.

Have you ever wondered about the origins of Rotary's Four-Way Test which we recite at the end of our meetings each week? Well here is a brief history. The Four-Way Test consists of 4 simple questions, 24 powerful words, and is now one of the world's most widely printed and quoted ethical statements of the things we think, say, or do. Created in 1932 by Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor when he was asked to take charge of the Aluminium Products Distribution Company by Creditors as the business was facing bankruptcy. This test was for the company's employees to follow in their business and professional lives, and so became the guide for sales, production, advertising, and all relations with dealers and customers, and the survival of the company is credited to this simple philosophy. From a company facing bankruptcy, they were soon able pay all of their debts, and after twenty years the Four-Way Test enabled them to make a profit and pay a dividend to its investors.

Adopted by Rotary in 1943, The Four-Way Test has been translated into more than a hundred languages and published in thousands of ways. In 1954 Herbert J. Taylor gave R.I. copyright for the Four-Way Test when he served as R.I. President. *(Adapted from an article from Rotary D5630, Central & Western Nebraska and other sources.) For the full article, use the following link: [History of the Four-Way Test - Rotary District 5630 \(rotary5630.org\)](http://rotary5630.org)*

Last week was definitely the highlight for the year so far for our club. Helen Kop, Margaret Croese and Mackenzie Barnett-Hayes demonstrated why they were the worthy recipients for the Moruya Rotary and Lions Clubs Australia Day Awards. All three spoke well, and Helen's letter of support for her role in the Eurobodalla Vietnam Veterans Association was certainly a humorous highlight of the night. Next year, with better support from E.S.C., and leadership from our other guest Gary Traynor, we may be able to return to Russ Martin Park, who knows?

On Thursday, John Spencer organised with M.G.F. C.E.O. Josh the flyer for the charity golf day to be held on Friday 25th October. He has also been in contact with several local businesses who have already agreed to be sponsors. If you have someone who might be prepared to sponsor the day, please contact John, as he is the sponsor co-ordinator for the day so that we have only one point of contact. There will be a range of sponsorship options encompassing dinner only to golf & dinner packages. Cost for sponsors will range from \$200 to \$500, plus major sponsorship deals can be negotiated.

This week we welcome Kerry Boyenga on Indigenous Languages. This should be a very interesting presentation, as probably most of us have very limited knowledge of an Indigenous Language, and I would imagine for most of us it is limited to place names.

Next week we have a social evening where we will be discussing the vacancies for the future leadership of our club. This is a very important discussion to ensure our viability, so please come along and have your input to this discussion. Also, I shall have had my haircut and shave in support of the Leukemia Foundation. So far the Leukemia Foundation has received over \$800 in my name, but there is still time to dig into your pockets to support this worthwhile medical cause. For those who have already done so, a big thank you for support. *Derek*



Races on Sunday, March 3rd

John Spencer reports that he has all positions filled. Those involved and the Catering Managers will be given a copy of the roster for confirmation and a copy of the final roster will be in the Bulletin published on Sunday February 25th.

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.



Last Week— The Australia Day Rewardees

Garry Traynor refused to be in the photograph above—a pity because he had much to do with the ceremony which acknowledged the three on the opening day of the Moruya Show.

Helen Kop as Moruya Citizen of the Year was for many the first point of contact at the RSL’s office. Her knowledge of the support services available to service veterans was far reaching and she always found time to help in the complex paper work involved in her role as Advocate. At the time of her award she had over 130 cases in hand, mainly from Shoalhaven to the Victorian border. She will also often be found helping other volunteer organisations. *(See Helen’s letter of thanks opposite.)*

Margaret Croese as Community Spirit and Achievement awardee has for almost fifty years been a stalwart in the Catholic community. For most of those years she taught at St Mary’s Primary School. She has the ability to infuse children with her own love of music. In her own time she taught guitar playing. And it was her well rehearsed singing children who performed so ably at the recent Lions Carols by Candlelight. Her love of music and her beautiful singing voice can be heard as the lead singer in the Sacred Heart Choir. She has been active in the Parish Council. She spoke of her recent visit to Rome. The citation of her award spoke also of her care and support for individuals in who are in need.

Mackenzie Barnett-Hayes is our Junior Citizen of the Year. *(It is interesting that since Lauren joined Rotary, we have come to appreciate her family. Her mother Judy is a stalwart at the Races and Mackenzies’s twin brother Logan—he was at her table on Tuesday—will be serving chips at the next races.)*

Mackenzie is a stalwart in Gary Traynor’s cadets. Last ANZAC day she started at Tuross at 3.30am, a member of the catalque party at the Dawn Service. From there to Tomakin morning Service then the main Service at Moruya. Finally the dusk service at the WW2 bunkers near the Airport. There is every expectation that if she is available, she will do the same full day’s work this year on Anzac Day on 25th April.

Reliability and Dependability are the keynotes of her service.

Duty	This Week 20 February	Next Week 27 February
Badges	Tony Armstrong	Pauline Gleeson
Invocation/toast	Lauren Barnett	Rohan Gleeson
Meet & Greet	Andrew Elek	Col Jay
Cashiers	David Cattanach Fred Power	Ward Hack Fred Power
4 Way Test	John Gillett	Cletus Heffernan
Introduce	John Gillett	_____
Thank	Jeff Proud	_____

Birthdays: Vere Gray

Feb 20 Tuesday	Kerry Boyenga	Indigenous Language
Feb 20 Tuesday	President Derek	Shaven!!!
Feb 26 Monday & 27 Tuesday	Men’s Health Van	Col and Bronwyn
Feb 27 Tuesday	Our Future	Be there!!
Mar 3 Sunday	Country Qualifier	Armstrongs
Mar 3 Sunday	Clean Up Aus	We apoligised
Mar 5 Tuesday	Moruya Museum	Partners Pizzas
Mar 8-10 Weekend	PETS & District Learning	Batemans Bay
Mar 12 Tuesday	Board Meeting	
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	Prosthesis

Email from Helen Kop

Good afternoon members of Moruya Rotary,

I would like to express my thanks to you for the lovely evening that you put on, on the 13th, I have been very blessed to be able to work with veterans, helping them with the long and arduous process of claiming through DVA, I always get extremely excited when I can obtain the maximum for the veteran and also suffer to lows when the claims don’t go as I feel they should,

To receive the award was a shock and so unexpected.

I thank you and all those who were involved in the process.

Helen

Next Week’s Meeting—Background

First an extract from the draft minutes of our last Board Meeting.

From AGM – Board vacancies for 2024-25

The Board confirmed the positions of -
Allan Veness as Vice President
Peter Smith as Vocational Director

As well as

Andrew Elek as Protection Officer
 MOVED: *Shirl Cornish* SECONDED: *Steve Picton*

It was noted that there are vacancies for
 President
 Secretary
 Community Service Director
 Foundation Director

It was decided that at the dinner meeting on 27 February there would be a club discussion in an endeavour to fill the vacant positions, especially President and Secretary. Several suggestions were made to allow flexibility for these positions, and these will be discussed at the meeting as well as what the road-blocks are that defer people taking on the roles. It is hoped that the vacancies can be filled during the meeting.

Then and Now. It is tempting to look back to Rotary Year 2010-11, Derek’s first year as our President. The AGM saw every position in 2011-12 under Terry Young filled and a smooth path for Clare Hack as Secretary and President Nominee 2012-13. At the Club Assembly which followed was a comment *“We do not see the need to actively recruit new members though obviously we will not turn away people who show interest in joining us.”* With a membership of 59 we could afford to be smug.

As the table shows, we now have a membership of 31, which is actually greater than that of many clubs in the post Covid era. But our age distribution is more suited to PROBUS than to physically active and innovative Rotary.

90+	3
80 –89	2
70-79	15
60-69	8
Under 60	3

So what is to be done? This is all new ground. Under our Constitution we must have a President and a Secretary. Over the coming week, we should think of the problem and come to next week’s meeting with constructive ideas. It should be an interesting and, indeed, historic meeting.



Monday 26 February

9.30 –3.30

Tuesday 27 February

9.30—3.30

Moruya Mowers & Chainsaw

17/18 Church St (next to the Post Office)

MHERV (Men’s Health Educational Rural Van)

this year is staffed by a mother and son team. The Prouds have offered overnight accommodation—Col and Bronwyn are looking after operations

The Registered Nurse is happy to take your blood pressure, cholesterol levels, and blood sugar levels; and have a general quick chat about your health. Although the program is obviously aimed at men, women are welcome to attend.

The van will again be tucked into a corner at Moruya Mowers and Chain Saws. Col and Bronwyn will need a helping Rotary presence throughout the two days.

So do volunteer if you are available.