

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 many of us sat on the verandah of the Broulee Surfers Life Saving Club overlooking the serene waters of South Broulee Beach. This was the first time Fran & I had been to the club since the extensive renovations 2 years ago, and we were very impressed with what has been achieved for improvements in the club house. Thanks to all who provided salads or desserts, and special thanks go to Allan Veness for organising the venue, and he informed us of the many accolades that the Surf Club has received. John has more on that in his editorial. This week we will be welcomed by Sue & Jeff at their lovely property at Mossy Point. Please make sure you let Steve & Jan know if you're attending, and if you can contribute to either the salads or desserts.

When we return to MGC for our regular meetings, we have to start planning for our Charity Golf day at MGC. (The Spring fair at Liz Flemming's property will be held in abeyance due to personal reasons). The charity golf day will be held in October and will require some extensive long-term planning to bring it to fruition and will involve a commitment from a majority of our members. According to the advice John Spencer & I received from MGC CEO Josh, this should be a major fund-raising event for our club.

Speaking of fund raising, Fred reports that the takings for the Afflick Cup meeting on Thursday was only \$3,275, as there was a smaller than expected crowd. Our next race meeting in March is an important event in the racing calendar, and according to Fred will be well attended. Thank you to all who worked at the kiosk, with the Armstrong clan being well represented: Phil, Keith (as the race day managers), and Keith's sons Tony and Mick. A big thanks to Mick for joining us on the day.

Our first meeting at the M.G.C. will be next week, on the 30th of January.

Derek



Last Week at Broulee Surf Club

We dined well on kebabs, supplemented by cold meats and salads provided by members, as were the desserts.

Our location on the balcony of the Surf Club would be hard to match. The beach was well populated by tourist surfers, the more hardy of whom were still active after sunset.

The transformation of the Clubhouse, driven largely by Allan Veness and his crew was completed two years ago.

In 2023 Broulee was the NSW surf life saving club of the year. Commenting on this prestigious award Allan notes: *"The building certainly helped but we were also judged on our patrol history, nippers programs, our efforts in fostering links with Canberra, being inclusive in our programs, surf sports and overall organisation. We are very proud of our achievements. It was a pleasure to host the Rotary club."*

To which we would surely reply that it was a great pleasure to be the guests.

From Elek daughter Sophia

Why do Peruvian owls hunt in pairs?

They are in cahoots.

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 last Friday, 19th January.

Race Day Manager Keith reports:

"Indeed a quiet day.

The races on 19 January had a much smaller crowd than on 8 January and thus it was a quieter day in the kiosk. All positions were manned and there was little pressure most of the time. Consequently our takings were down but similar to the same meeting last year. Thanks to all workers including the guests."



Sales— This year \$3,275.40
Last Year \$3,465.75



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Duty	Next Week 30 January	Following Week 6 February
Badges	Michel Nader	Allan Shephard
Invocation/toast	Steve Picton	Phil Smith
Meet & Greet	Rhonnie South	Peter Smith
Cashiers	Jeff Proud Fred Power	Wendy Smith Fred Power
4 Way Test	John Sewell	John Spencer
Introduce	President Derek	Rhonnie South
Thank	The Company	Phil Smith

Birthdays: John Nader, John Spencer, Lauren Barnett. Phil Armstrong.

Anniversaries: The Heffernans and the Youngs

Jan 23 Tuesday	Sue & Jeff Proud	BBQ
Jan 30 Tuesday	Back to Golf Cub	Derek Anderson
Feb 6 Tuesday	Amanda Bootalazza Leo Chrisrallo	RYLA experience
Feb 13 Tuesday	Board Meeting	
Feb 20 Tuesday	Kerry Boyenga	Indigenous Language
Feb 27 Tuesday	Social Evening	
Mar 3 Sunday	Country Qualifier	TBA
Mar 5 Tuesday	Moruya Museum	Partners Pizzas ??
Mar 12 Tuesday	Board Meeting	
Mar 19 Tuesday	Emeritus Bishop George Browning	Palestinian Issue
Mar 26 Tuesday	Social evening	
Mar 30 Saturday	Rotary Easter	Charity Race Day

Presidents wanted

We all got copies of District email asking for nomination for the position of District President for the year 2026-2027. The proposed duty statement suggests that we are looking for a Rotarian of near superhuman powers, particularly as it is not known how the Regionalisation project may impact the job.

Here in our Rotary Club, our needs are much simpler. We need a President of quite ordinary powers for 2024-2025 to attend the President Elect Training Session, March 8 –10 in Batemans Bay.

So will a quite ordinary member, assured of support by fellow club members, step forward? Otherwise it will be an empty chair at PETS for Moruya Rotary Club, almost certainly for the first time.