



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 Dissertation

This week, 24<sup>th</sup> October is World Polio Day when we think about the amazing results that Global Polio Eradication has achieved. On 29 September 1979, volunteers administered drops of oral polio vaccine to children at a health centre in Guadalupe Viejo, Makati, Philippines. The event in metropolitan Manila was arranged and attended by Rotarians and delegates from the Philippine Ministry of Health. When James L. Bomar Jr., then RI President, put the first drops of vaccine into a child's mouth, he ceremonially launched the Philippine poliomyelitis immunisation effort. With support of The Rotary Foundation, Rotary's first Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grant project was underway.

The project's success led Rotary to make polio eradication a top priority. Rotary launched PolioPlus in 1985 and was a founding member of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative in 1988 when Australian Rotarian Royce Abbey (Rotary Club of Essendon) was RI President. Through decades of commitment and work by Rotary and our partners, more than 2.5 billion children have received the oral polio vaccination. When the program started, typically there were around 300,000 cases per year in about 120 countries. From what I was able to research, there have only been one or two cases so far this year, with Afghanistan & Pakistan being the only Polio endemic countries. Something to think about, isn't it? Rotary's gift to the children of the future will be a world free of Polio, which after Smallpox will be the second communicable disease to be eradicated by immunisation!

After last week's meeting and the presentation by Steve Picton, I've been having a look at the candidates for the various roles up for election in the Regionalisation program. They all seem to be outstanding candidates, and for some roles there is only one candidate. When I have finished the submission to RI, I will report through the Bulletin how it all went.

This week we welcome our MUNA participants from Carroll College, and I look forward to their presentation.

As per usual, enjoy your Rotary and the fellowship of RC Moruya.  
*Derek*

## Steve Picton on Regionalisation

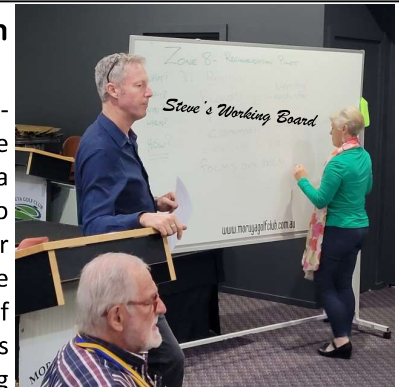
RI Zone 8 covers Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands. We are a trial zone set up by RI to pilot a new format for clubs. Why? Because the present arrangement of clubs and Districts is beset with clubs closing as members age and fail to attract young business and professional people.

Steve set us a series of questions. What are our strengths and weaknesses? What are our biggest challenges? From Charter member Michel to most recent member David there was agreement that our strength lies in our camaraderie. We can still undertake big projects but we are not well understood by our community.

So one answer is that we should form a Regional Community Group (RCG). A likely grouping would include Moruya, Narooma, Batemans Bay and potentially Ulladulla, plus any new clubs in that geographic area likely to be formed. It is too early in the planning stage to say how this might work—joint meetings, perhaps with zoom input? And, of course, shared projects.

We then considered secondary RCGs, not bound by the geography of the first. An obvious one was that we would like to be involved with Rotoract clubs; another that our work on trachoma might be shared with clubs around Australia.

In the afternoon of Steve's presentation, there arrived an email from the Pilot team, stressing the need to make our views known to them, and to take part in the election of officers who will head the various bodies involved in the complex plan. The suggested timing is very tight. President Derek and Secretary Vere will bear the weight of this, and we should be prepared to help them.



**President Derek's Board.** *Vice President* Allan Veness; *Immediate Past President* ShirI Cornish; *Secretary* Vere Gray; *Treasurer* Jeff Proud; *Director Club Service* Steve Young; *Meal Numbers* John Spencer; *Program* John Gillett; *Bulletin* John Sewell; *Membership* Peter Smith; *Director International* ShirI 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.

## Thursday's Races –Manager Derek reports

Race day on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> was a very quiet day, takings only \$1,683.00. The busiest times were preparing the lunches for Stewards (8) and Barrier Boys (16).

The first race was 2:00, and we finished cooking by 4:30. In my time at the kiosk, Thursday was the smallest crowd I've seen and quite a few members made the same comment.

My thanks to all who turned up on the day, and especially Lauren's mum Judy & Sally from the Eclub of Brindabella. Though not busy, a great day of Rotary Fellowshipship.  
Derek

## Melbourne Cup Day at the Jockey Club

The Jockey Club plan a great day of picnics and celebrations, which will include a showing of the big race on the big screen. The flyer for the event is attached. John Spencer has booked one Fiorente Package for 6 persons for his friends and neighbours. If there is interest from Rotarians (and it certainly looks a great event) if you let John know he will arrange an appropriate booking.. The prices shown are of course for the package, not the individual!

## A working holiday in Cambodia?

Last week Shirl spoke briefly about her next RAWCS venture, heading off to Cambodia in January.

*Water for Education - Siem Reap Province, Cambodia* has been running for about eight years, starting as a private project for Sue and Brian Morgan then taken over by RAWCS. It provides teaching and equipment to jungle schools in Siem Province. Covid halted the work. Now five people are heading off to distribute supplies, assess new needs and repair equipment. Shirl says they would like two or three more volunteers. The cost would be around \$4,000 to cover air and ground transport, accommodation and visas. Talk to Shirl if you are interested.

## Spring Fair at Jerramadra

Liz Fleming is still interested in hosting an open day at Jerramadra as a fund raiser for a community project. She, President Derek, Secretary Vere, Allan Veness and Rohan met earlier this months to disuss how we can help in mounting a Spring Fair there. Rohan is our main point of contact.

## Dinners for ANU Medical Students.

Andrew reports that the dinners for 16 ANU medical students on Wednesday went smoothly. Host families were Ward and Lin Hack, Derek and Fran Anderson, John and Brenda Gillett, Peter and Sharon Smith, Andrew and Jane Elek,, Steve Picton and Rhonnie South. Thanks to all involved and we would be happy to volunteer again next year if required.

Duty	This Week 24 October	Next Week 31 October
Badges	David Collis	Ward Hack
Invocation/Toast	Andrew Elek	Cletus Heffernan
Meet and Greet	Shirl Cornish	Andrew Elek
Cashiers	John Gillett Pauline Gleeson	Merv Jamieson Col Jay
4 Way Test	Rohan Gleeson	Chris Manahan
Introduce	Rhonnie South	Allan Veness
Thank	Wendy Smith	Steve Young

**Birthdays:** John Sewell (96 reads the same upside down)

20-22 October	District 9705 Conference	<b>Bicentennial Hall Queanbeyan **</b>
24 October	MUNA Students	Presentation
<b>30 October</b>	<b>Lunch at TAFE</b>	<b>From 12 noon</b>
31 October	Mandy Hillson	Arts Central
7 November	Jockey Club	See Opposite
14 November	Board Meeting	
21 November	Walter Bock	Narooma, Bate- mans Bay Invited
28 November	Ken McLeod	Sceptics
5 December	AGM	
12 December	Christmas Party	
<b>Jan 8 Monday</b>	<b>Moruya Cup</b>	<b>TBA</b>
<b>Feb 18 Sunday</b>	<b>Races</b>	<b>TBA</b>

**\*\*District Conference. We should have a report from PDG Phil in next week's Bulletin.**

**Meal Numbers Steve Young** will assume you will be attending Tuesday meetings unless he hears otherwise. We have to notify the Golf Club how many meals are required by 10 am on Tuesday. That is the number of meals ordered and they have to be paid for. If you will **not** be attending, please contact Steve by phone or message at **0438 739 246** before 10am Tuesday.

To assist the kitchen staff and avoid late service it is equally important that you contact Steve if you intend to bring any guests, plus any dietary requirements they have.