

**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

Last week's edition we expected to be the last for 2023, but as John Lennon once said, "Life is what happens when you're busy making other plans". As you will see there is an amended catering roster as Allan Veness has had an accident on a bike ride and unfortunately broke the fibula in his left leg. I had a chat with him on Saturday and he is in good spirits but expects to be laid up for maybe 6 weeks or so. By the time you read this, Allan will probably have been to Bega Hospital to have it properly attended to.

As a result, John Spencer has had to make some adjustments to the race day rosters for both race days in January which appear in this edition, plus Steve Young is picking up the oil, burgers and chips from Shalders at the Bay. So, for those who have stepped into the breach to fill these gaps, thank you very much for your extra efforts.

The article that I wrote about our Christmas party was published in the Moruya Mail and also appears in the latest edition of the District Newsletter (courtesy of Judy Ford who is the Editor), so if you didn't see it in the Moruya Mail, look for it in the District Newsletter.

According to the weather forecasts, the Christmas period was supposed to be a wet one, and Christmas Day certainly was, so hope you have stayed dry and have not been flooded out. On Saturday we had our daughter and family from Mt Annan arriving for Christmas, and on the 28<sup>th</sup> of December, Fran & I celebrate our 55<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. So, for all those celebrating some wonderful event, enjoy the day, and be very careful on the roads, what with increased traffic for the holiday season and wet conditions, staying inside might be a great idea.

We hope you have had a happy and joyous festive season with your partners, and family and friends.

Fran and I look forward to catching up with you all in January.

Derek

## Races on Sunday 17 December

Manager Steve reports:

*"Races on Sunday 17th December 2023, was a big attraction for the race goers, especially as the day had a pre-Christmas theme, with Santa driving down the track. Having a large hun-*



The back room

*gry crowd meant that the sales through the Rotary Kiosk were brisk and constant, keeping those working very busy.*

*It was great to see our members all working in harmony, including our visiting helpers, Sally Hearder in the kitchen and her son Mungo doing his apprenticeship on the chips and chicken cooking.*

*Our takings for the day were a healthy \$4,366, for which the Club will be very grateful, I'm sure. .*

*Cheers Steve."*



Front of House

Interesting that the takings were so close to last year's figure, \$4,173.

**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.



### The Car Raffle

Col and Bronwyn, helped by other members of the CAERH Committee, are putting in a mighty effort to sell tickets for the car. They have a marquee prominently identified, together with an explanatory notice, and of course, the car itself. Sales outlets have been mounted in markets and gatherings and in the coming week will move to Narooma.

Sales are not as many as might have been hoped. Two race meetings in January should prove favourable venues.

Talk to Col if you can help with the selling.



**Wendy Simes sent along a collection of 12 seasonal riddles from the *New Scientist*. The only one your editor could solve was Number 11.**

The following items have all been left in a specific location: golf balls, a hammer and a feather, six USA flags and 96 bags of human waste. What vehicles would you need to collect them?

*See below*



Jan 2 Tuesday	No Meeting	
Jan 8 Monday	Moruya Cup	Ward Hack
Jan 9 Tuesday	Steve & Jan Youg	BBQ
Jan 16 Tuesday	Meeting	Showground
Jan 19 Friday	Afflick Cup	The Armstrongs
Jan 23 Tuesday	Sue & Jeff Proud	BBQ
Jan 30 Tuesday	Back to Golf Cub	
Mar 3 Sunday	County Qualifier	TBA

A rocket and a moon buggy. These items were all left on the surface of the moon during the six successful Apollo missions.