



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 we had the great pleasure of welcoming local indigenous educator Kerry Boyenga and her husband Trevor. Along with her sister Trish Ellis and brother Waine Donovan she has produced a local dialect indigenous dictionary which is being used in the local primary schools. Her talk to us was enlightening and entertaining. At the end of the night, I suggested she would be very welcome to come and visit us again.

Monday & Tuesday we have the M.H.E.R.V. van in Moruya, which will be located in the Moruya Mowers and Chainsaw yard. This year they are in a van rather than a trailer and will be operating from 9:30am till 3:30-pm. Thanks to Col Jay for the organisation, and especially to Sue & Jeff Proud who are hosting the nurse Jennifer and her son Col who will be in attendance from 9:30 both mornings till 3:30. I'm doing the 11:30 to 1:30 shift Monday, and if you can spare 2 hours on either day, please let Col know.

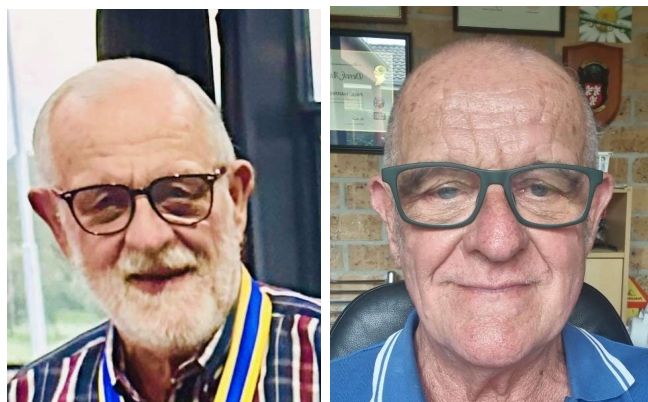
This week is a very important meeting, so please make an effort to attend. We have to nominate a President and Secretary for the upcoming Rotary year. By the rules of our Club Constitution, we have to have a President and Secretary to function as a club. During the last board meeting, there were several suggestions on how we nominate for these positions, including sharing the roles:

i.e.: Co-Presidents, and for Secretary an Administration Secretary and Minute Secretary.

These role sharing positions have known to work in other Clubs and organisations, so please consider the possibility of this arrangement. District training days are coming soon, for coastal clubs to be held in Batemans Bay, and we need a representative to attend to vote on the District Budget and some other

matters. Each club gets one vote.

Next week we meet at the Moruya Museum for a pizza night, so please let Steve know as soon as possible for the ordering of our pizza's. We've had a good relationship with the museum in the past, and since we assisted with the repairs of the veranda, now is a good time to renew our relationship with them. *Derek before* *Derek After*



Our oldest honorary member Lee starts his hundredth year. At a small gathering of family and friends last Tuesday, Lee showed that he has lost none of his ability to make a speech suitable to the occasion.

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 Kerry Boyenga—Dhurga Language

Kerry began her talk by thanking Robyn Legge for the pressure which had shaped her life and career- she as Aboriginal assistant at Moruya Primary, Robyn as the Principal recognizing and insisting that she should qualify as a teacher.



Kerry has seven siblings. Her mother and grandmother, both well known in our local indigenous people, were firm in their belief that the family should be educated and as a result most of them worked in teaching.

The late Jeff Ward, as Principal of Broulee Public School, strongly supported revival of the Dhurga language, making time available to Kerry and her brother Waine Donovan to begin lessons in the language. Their eldest sister Patricia Ellis was well known for her lead position in several Aboriginal groups and in the National Parks areas. She taught Dhurga at St Bernard's, Ul-ladulla and Carroll College.

The Dhurga language was originally spoken from Jervis Bay to Wallaga Lake and westward to the mountains. Successive government actions had effectively killed it, so that only odd words were still spoken by local families. So the major task of Trish, Kerry and Waine was to rescue words and meanings, drawing on research by ANU scholars and others, and compile a workable dictionary, a copy of which was donated to our club. The money came from Aboriginal grants.

Kerry spoke with enthusiasm of the classes she runs in primary school, of the way the position of Aboriginal kids within the class has vastly improved to the extent that they look forward to school and taking part. The hope is that their futures might be shaped into positive contribution to our community.

Strange then that there is no money in the State School budget to support teaching of native languages. There is a continued requirement that a second language be taught, but that does not include Dhurga.

There was general agreement that Kerry in her excellent presentation had made a compelling case for the restoration of Dhurga, but who will pick up the campaign when the talented three are too old to continue?

Duty	This Week 27 February	Next Week 5 March
Badges	Pauline Gleeson	At the Museum 6.30 to 8pm Pizza Night Partners
Invocation/toast	Rohan Gleeson	
Meet & Greet	Col Jay	
Cashiers	Ward Hack Fred Power	
4 Way Test	Cletus Heffernan	
Introduce	_____	
Thank	_____	

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 apologised
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	Prothesis

Alan Shephard's Accident.

On Friday Alan had left his car and was walking to Vulcan Street when he fell at the traffic lights. An ambulance took him to the hospital where it was found that he had broken his hip and needed transfer to Canberra. Col Jay retrieved the car and took it to its home in Post Street. Alan was particularly concerned that he had promised to do a spell at the Men's Health Van, so clearly we will need someone to do a two hour stint at the Moruya Mower and Chainsaw Centre in his place.

Zone Regionalisation

Last Tuesday Vere circulated the latest Zone Regionalisation publication, which basically places Moruya in a Community Group identified as 9705/7 with eleven other Clubs. Now we need enthusiastic leaders and a program of work.

It is not clear that this will help Moruya find a President and Secretary for 2024-2025.