Moruya

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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 welcomed Andrew Constance who spoke mainly about volunteering and kindness. Courtesy of John & Brenda Gillett, we also welcomed two young Taiwanese women who John & Brenda met at Riverside Park on the weekend. Both have a job for 5 weeks at the Moruya Industrial centre, and John & Brenda provided accommodation for a few nights. They have been staying in a flat at John Nader's house, so thank you to John and Brenda and John Nader for showing such kind hospitality.

Remember, for this week again, Jeff is taking the meal numbers in Steve's absence. Jeff's contact details are:

Planning for our Club Changeover for the 25th June is now underway, so please put this date in your diaries. Pauline has agreed to be our M.C. for the evening, with Steve Picton to give the Toast to R.I. and Col Jay the Toast to our Partners. I've sent an invitation to both Batemans Bay & Narooma Rotary Clubs who have acknowledged the invite, but we won't know till later how many may attend. The Batemans Bay "Rollover" (President Pam Thorpe is continuing) is on the 18th July, but have not heard when Narooma are having their Changeover.

Recently I've had reason to visit the Emergency Care Clinic at the Batemans Bay Hospital, which is a "pop in clinic" only. The attention I received was good, but they are unable to provide any follow-up on any results they may find, always referring you back to your own personal doctor. Whilst the clinic has the intention of relieving emergency centres at hospitals, you may still often be left with weeks waiting for a visit to your own doctor.

Sunday we are catering at the races again, this time for the Broulee/Tomakin Cup. Phil has a full roster, so thank you to all those who again volunteered to assist on the day.

Yours in Rotary Service Derek

Last Week—Andrew Constance

Recognising that Rotary is a non political body Andrew promised to stay clear of his political career. (Though question time after his talk occasionally forced him into that area)

Instead Andrew spoke on the world we live in, irretrievably changed by our experiences in fires and Covid. While the fires drove us together, increasing often our sense of comradeship and belonging, the forced isolation of Covid lockdowns had the opposite effect, tending to encourage a 'me and my' outlook rather than 'us and our'.

Andrew rates 2007 as the most significant year of the century. On 30th June, Steve Jobs launched the first iPhone, the mobile phone which could be carried in a pocket or purse. Its functionality mushroomed with the ability to take and transmit photographs. Today we use it for maps, flashlights, clocks, scanners, video cameras, calendars, calculators, computers and more.

Zara is Andrew's 17 year old daughter, one of a generation who have grown up with this expansion and with the Internet dominated by social media, leading to a tendency to use the flat screen instead of human contact. Essential to good human interaction is KINDNESS, which Andrew finds lacking in so much of today's world.

On the local scene, Andrew has nothing but praise for the community effort which went into provision of carers' accommodation at Bega hospital and believes that our effort to match them at our new hospital is well worthwhile.

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.

A Scam to Watch out for

Steve Young and Huw Owen-Jones and probably others have received short emails apparently coming from a fellow club member. If you do receive an email along these lines, check the email of the sender against the email address printed on page three of the Bulletin.

Our 68th Birthday

This week, Vere circulated an email from India, District 3150.

Suren Poruri, the District Chairman (Global Grants) on May 18th Emailed President Derek to wish him and all our members a happy 68th birthday.

Clearly an excellent way of illustrating the world wide coverage of Rotary International, involving Suren in combing through RI's data bases and, no doubt dispatching daily a batch of individually addressed emails.

Our club history tends to see, as our effective start day, the gathering in the RSL Hall on 24th June 1956 when our charter was presented. The *Advertiser* described it as "The Most Representative Gathering of Business People ever to assemble in Moruya." The gathering of around 200 included Rotarians from around the District as well as our 26 charter members, including of course Michel Nader with the Classification "Clothing Gents Retailing"

Shirl volunteers to help ROMAC

Shirl, who is at the Singapore Convention manning our SHEP stall, writes:

In July ROMAC is looking for a host for Krisselda, a 9 year old girl and her mother Sonia from Papua New Guinea. Krissy has had the same stoma surgery as Jasine, from the Philippines, who we sponsored in 2019. Krissy has had the surgery and is quite fit and independent but needs to be near Canberra.

Sandra and Brian Goldstraw are her hosts but wish to go to Timor Leste from 15th to 22nd July, the second week of the school holidays, and perhaps have another week of respite.

I have offered to do this and, as there are three ROMAC patients at this time, Sandra was very pleased with the offer. It would be lovely for Moruya Rotary and Friends to be involved.

Wendy is willing and has a list of things happening.

So let me know if you can help. I will be back from Singapore on June 3rd.

Duty	Thist Week 28 May	Next Week 4 June
Badges	John Nader	Johm Sewell
Invocation/toast	Michel Nader	Peter Smith
Meet & Greet	Steve Picton	Rhonie South
Cashiers	Peter Smith Fred Power	Allan Veness Steve Young
4 Way Test	Jeff Proud	Keth Armstrong
Introduce		Phil Armstrong
Thank		Tony Armstrong

Birthdays: Allan Veness Anniversary: None

May 26 Sun	Races	Broulee /Tomakin Cup
May 25 –to May 29	RI Singapore Convention	Shirl's SHEP display
June 4 Tues	Angie Winter	Anglicare
June 11 Tues	Board Meeting	
June 18 Tues	Social Evening	
June 25 Tues	CHANGEOVER	
June 28 Fri	Races	Tradies Day



Just arrived from Shirl—her SHEP stall at the Singapore Convention.

Sunday's Races

Race Manager Phil's report on the day will be in next week's Bulletin.