



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

At last week's meeting, we had a considered discussion regarding the Regionalisation project underway with our district 9705 being a pilot. There had been some concern that there may be some changes in the way we operate as a club as a result of this project. The overall consensus is there will be no changes for our club. The administration of Rotary is changing, with its main focus on membership. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who contributed last week. As Steve Picton commented, let's just see where it goes, good advice I think.

There is some welcome news for our Club, PP Keith Armstrong has stepped up to take on the role as our Administration Secretary, working with Lauren who has agreed to be our Minute Secretary. A big thank you to both of these members.

Club Director Steve spoke about the upcoming R.Y.D.A. program to be held at the Moruya Jockey Club, and our Club's involvement providing the catering for all students plus staff: presenters; teachers and Rotary Volunteers. PP Neil Simpson from RC Batemans Bay has provided numbers for both days, 140 for Wednesday 11th of April and 180 for Thursday 12th April. Volunteers will be called upon to cook, prepare and distribute the food over the two days. Some of us are going along as student group guides for the two days as well.

Today, Saturday we had the Rotary Charity Race Day with all proceeds going to the Hospital Carers Accommodation project. There was a good crowd, and Fred reports that our takings were \$3,971.65^C A big thank you to Phil & Keith who were the Kiosk managers today and to all who lent a hand volunteering. A special thanks to Sally Header and her son Mungo who were there all day.

This week we welcome Andries Dijkstra to talk about Prothesis, and as I mentioned in last week's report, Fran & I are very interested to hear what Andries has to say.

Enjoy your Rotary,

Derek

Last Week's Social Evening

It was a pity that the meeting was not better attended, because there was some quite serious discussion on the future of our club. Last week's Bulletin had responded to an email from the DG addressed to the Coast and Highlands Group, 9705-7, twelve clubs in all which, under present District arrangements, are the bailey wick of an Assistant Governor.

Last week's Bulletin had suggested that, as the Pilot Scheme develops, we could find ourselves working with Batemans Bay or Narooma on shared projects. This possibility found no supporters, with one email suggesting that joint ventures have not worked in the past.

It was hard to find a supporter for the Pilot. We have given Steve Picton the task of keeping us up to date with developments, but there was general dissatisfaction with the District hierarchy. The amalgamation of 9700 and 9710 into our present 9705 made the District Governor's job much harder, yet produced no obvious benefits to individual clubs like ours. PDG Phil explained the advantage he had found in being able to visit all his clubs early in his year—a program which DG 9705 would not be able to follow because of the number of clubs involved.

So what happens to existing District structures as the Pilot progresses? Different titles, different working arrangements? The meeting seemed to find a well supported consensus that we should stay as we are, looking at possible new projects as they emerge, and working with non Rotarians if necessary. *(Always, presumably, checking insurance and technical capabilities. Editor.)*

A social meeting with plenty of good discussion—pity that we had so few attendees.

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.

Saturday's Easter Charity Races.

Keith Armstrong Reports

Today's races kiosk saw us take in \$3971.65 which is a good result for us and therefore a good result for the Carers Accommodation fund raising. It was the Rotary Charity Race Day put on by the Moruya Jockey Club. It was a glorious day and people turned out to have a good time. Business built up to steady by the first race and remained steady till the last race. Thank you to all those who volunteered to ensure the smooth running of the kiosk. It was particularly pleasing to have John Nader as the assistant cashier, handling the cash side of things and the drinks and cups of tea!!

Our next outing is Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA) on the 10 and 11 April and thanks go to the volunteers who have filled that roster.

| Duty | This Week 2 April | Next Week 9 April |
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| Badges | Steve Young | Rohan Gleeson |
| Invocation/toast | Tony Armstrong | Ward Hack |
| Meet & Greet | Andrew Elek | Col Jay |
| Cashiers | Phil Armstrong Fred Power | Cletus Heffernan Fred Power |
| 4 Way Test | Pauline Gleeson | Merv Jamieson |
| Introduce | President Derek | TBA |
| Thank | John Gillett | TBA |

Birthdays: Keith Armstrong

Anniversary: The Prouds

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| April 2 Tues | Andries Dijkstra | Prothesis |
| April 9 Tues | TBA | TBA |
| April 10 Wed April 11Thurs | RYDA | With Batemans Bay |



Keith's 76th birthday is coming up and he celebrated by volunteering to fill the Secretary's position in 2024-2025.

So continues the history of Service since his Presidential year, 2014-2015.

Secretary in 2016-2017 and 2020-2021.

Club Service and Foundation 2022-2023.

Races Catering 2023-Present