

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

As I write this Fran & I have just returned from Moruya having attended the EV Expo organised by SHASHA & the Moruya Chamber of Commerce. There were about 20 EV's on display, and our car was the only Hyundai Ionic5. There was plenty of interest in our vehicle, and all up there were lots of interested people wondering through. SHASHA had made excellent core-flute display panels with comments by the owners and technical details they had researched.

Last week at our meeting I reported that I had been able to complete both the voting form and club plans and grouping form for the Regionalisation Project. The latter form was made easier as a result of the research and presentation made by Steve Picton. From the input from members, I was able to combine some of the individual suggestions to complete the strength and aspirations sections, as only three entries were permitted. In doing so, I managed to get all of our ideas across. As for grouping our Primary selection was with Batemans Bay, Narooma and possibly Ulladulla Rotary Clubs, but it will be interesting to see if we end up being grouped with more clubs based on a geographical selection. Our Secondary grouping was entered as Ending Trachoma project & Rotaract. We await with interest where we end up.

Last week we had the pleasure of the presentation by our four MUNA participants from Carroll College. When talking to them after the meeting, Liam is now the School Captain, whilst Emma is our NYSF entrant attending ANU in Canberra for two weeks in January. With the calibre of young people like these, the future of our society is in good shape.

Monday we attend a lunch at the Lantern Restaurant at Moruya TAFE from 12 noon, so we should arrive about 15 minutes earlier. Thanks to our good friend Debbie Pakis for extending the invitation and VP Allan for organising the numbers. Fran & are looking forward to this lunch, which in the past have always been most enjoyable.

This week we welcome Mandy Hillson from Arts Central, an important local group who are seeking our assistance with studio renovations, so will be interesting to hear what Mandy has to say.

Enjoy your Rotary,

Derek

Last Week—Reports by the MUNA Students



The MUNA format was that of a General Assembly of the United Nations There were six topics to be debated by the students, each leading to a resolution:

- Situation of the South China Seas
- Support of Democracy
- Effect of Crimes on the Environment
- Food Security
- Racism
- Myanmar

Our four students were from Carroll College. Their selected countries for debate were South Africa and Germany. This is their summary of MUNA

What did we Enjoy?

- Challenging other Countries especially collaboratively.
- Participating in a new experience.
- Learning.
- Meeting new people.
- The abundance of food.

What did we Learn

- Greater confidence.
- Greater insight into Global issues.
- Listening to others' perspectives.
- Practice in debating, public speaking and social skills.
- More insight into foreign affairs.
- Different countries perspectives.

And what did we conclude?

That the Rotary Club of Canberra Sunrise puts a hell of a lot of work into MUNA.

That our four entrants gave us a great presentation.

And why has Moruya High lost interest?

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.

The Museum Verandah—An Invitation



Dear Rotary members and Moruya Museum's 'Shed Team' As you will all be aware, the front veranda of the Museum has been restored to its former glory and I think we all agree, it looks magnificent. Photo attached.

On behalf of all members and volunteers of the Moruya & District Historical Society, the Committee wish to give our sincere thanks to Rotary for funding this project and to the Museum's 'shed team' for a dedicated and highly professional job.

As a token of our appreciation we would like to invite Rotary members and the shed team (and partners) to a small gathering for a glass of wine on Saturday 18 November at the museum at 4.00 pm to officially 'open' the new veranda.

For catering purposes please rsvp to Fran by 13 November - give her a call on 0427 738 300.

Kind regards *Sue Murphy* President MDHS

The Bicycles got to Alice Springs—a letter of thanks to Derek

I would like to personally thank you for supporting Chris Harmon get his donated bikes to our freight partner, Greyhound Freight in Adelaide for freighting to Alice Springs. Bike SA have run re-



remote community benefit programs for 15 years in Central Australia and without the goodwill of individuals like Chris and organisations like yours, our ability to support disadvantaged youth would be significantly diminished. Contributions such as both of yours allow our limited funds to stretch much further. You can be proud to be now among the supporters of a long running community initiative to give kids in remote Australia a brighter future.

Joseph Fagan, Project Manager

Duty	This Week 31 October	Next Week 7 November
Badges	Ward Hack	No meeting at the Golf Club, but we will be well represented at the Jockey Club party.
Invocation/Toast	Cletus Heffernan	
Meet and Greet	Andrew Elek	
Cashiers	Merv Jamieson Col Jay	
4 Way Test	Chris Manahan	
Introduce	Allan Veness	
Thank	Steve Young	

Birthdays: Chris Manahan; Therese Armstrong



And looking back to last week, a special thanks to the club and especially Sharyn Bais for a memorable birthday and very edible cake

30 October	Lunch at TAFE	From 12 noon
31 October	Mandy Hillson	Arts Central
7 November	No meeting	Jockey Club
14 November	Board Meeting	
18 November	Museum 4pm	Verandah
21 November	Walter Bock	Narooma, Batemans Bay Invited
28 November	Ken McLeod	Sceptics
5 December	Board Meeting AGM	
12 December	Christmas Party	
Jan 8 Monday	Moruya Cup	TBA
Feb 18 Sunday	Races	TBA

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.



PDG Phil lists some highlights from the weekend:

- Presentation by former Socceroos Captain and human rights lawyer and campaigner – Craig Foster AM. Talking about “Courage Against Injustice” and about how people need to stand strong against injustice and how important human rights are for all.
- Launch of the Districts Campaign against Domestic and Family Violence. All of the Districts within NSW have formed a partnership with the NSW Police – to take action to raise awareness and advocate against Domestic and Family Violence. A “Day of Action” is planned throughout the District for 1 December 2023.
- A youth panel including two incoming Exchange Students (one from Germany and one from Denmark), one NYSF participant, one RYPEN participant and one RYLA participant – reinforced the benefits of Rotary’s Youth programs.
- A presentation by the Wiradjuri Cultural Exchange Team who went to Dakota in the USA – meeting native Americans on their home soil. They mentioned that some practices are very similar to their own practices in Australia. They were especially interested in some of the ways that some of the owners of the reservations fund their self managed operations – “casino’s” – which usually consisted of some slot machines in the service station - and one that had set up a marijuana plantation (which is legal in Dakota) and their first year returns were in the millions of dollars!!
- There were a large number of Club projects mentioned as well that really are making a difference in local communities.
- An Indigenous Scholar funded by ARH acknowledged the support she had received from that Scholarship and mention was made of the ongoing challenges of Polio and Malaria.
- Rob de Castella AO spoke about his Indigenous Foundation for Marathon runners. While he admitted that the initial reason was probably to try and find some potential Olympic Marathoners to challenge the Africans – after seeing the first four finish the Boston Marathon – he acknowledged that there were far more important benefits from the program than running at the Olympics. Rob

received a call from an officer at a Western Australian correctional centre where all of the indigenous inmates had been following the progress of one of the first four who had come from the same town as them. They said – if he can do it – so can we. Rob helped set up a track within the institution and out of the 35 (I think) indigenous youth in the facility – 25 ran the equivalent of a full marathon and the other 10 ran the equivalent of a half marathon. The feedback on the benefit was amazing.

A new Rotaract e-club has been launched to allow people from rural areas like ours – between the ages of 18 and 35 – to join a Rotaract Club.

From a personal perspective – one of the best District Conferences I have attended for a few years. Informative and enjoyable and allowing time to catch up with people. The next District Conference is scheduled for 25-27 October 2024 and it will be held in Mittagong.

High School Interviews

Back in August Allan Veness compiled a list of projects which we could undertake in the coming year. Number 1 was Careers Q & A and mock job interviews for High School students. Steve Picton followed up on this and reports progress and the next steps:

“Vere has received a positive response to our offer from Carroll College and Moruya High School.

I recommend that we prepare by identifying Rotary members who are eligible and suited to the ‘mentor’ role.

At minimum, mentors must have a valid working with children check (WWCC).

More than that, successful mentors have the skills and attributes that make for a positive experience. A simple induction process delivered in conjunction with school representatives may cover this.

With your consent Derek, I will draft a simple expression of interest (EOI) for our members to complete if they are interested in the role. We can use this to establish who is available and whether any upskilling is needed. Members without a WWCC can be assisted too.

Once we reach the 31 October deadline for interested schools, I’d like to make contact with reps from participating schools to gather more information on timing and format.

Regards Steve Picton.”

It must be around twenty years ago that we used to run mock job interviews, so this will be an interesting project.