



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

Last week we welcomed former President of RC Moruya Ken McLeod and his partner Karen Sorensen. Ken spoke about skepticism and of the many great results Skeptics Australia have achieved. This week we have our AGM, which will be preceded by a board meeting, the last for 2023. The next board meeting will not be held until February next year. If an issue arises that needs the board's attention, processes are in place to handle such a situation.

Disappointingly, as I write this on the afternoon of Friday 1st December, I have received very few nominations for the 2024/25 Rotary Year board, which is one of the objectives of the AGM, to elect that board. If you wish to join or continue with the Club's Board, it is imperative you let myself or Secretary Vere know as soon as practicable please! The club CANNOT effectively function without a properly elected Board as per our Club's Constitution. So please consider!

Next week we have our end of year Christmas Party. John Spencer has asked for numbers, and currently we have 46 attendees, plus LP Duo who are going to entertain us with their easy listening style of music. Ava Weymans, last year's Tertiary Education Scholarship Grant recipient will join us to tell us of her year's studies, and we have 3 successful candidates for this year's Grants joining us: Charlie Fletcher (double degree Creative Arts/Screen Media, U.O.W.); Tara Whittaker (double degree Psychology/History, A.N.U.) and Bailey Brady (Batchelor Education, P.E./ Maths, U.O.C.). These 3 young people will introduce themselves and tell us of their aspirations. If you intend to add guests to your list, can you please let John Spencer know by this week's meeting..

In January, we will have our usual summer BBQs, and so far, Sue & Jeff Proud, and Jan & Steve Young have invited us to their places, and we still have two more to fill. If you would like to host one of these very enjoyable social events, or if you have an idea of maybe going somewhere different for an evening, can you please let Secretary Vere, John Spencer or myself know. Our first meeting in 2024 at MGC will be on the 30th of January.

So far this half year, RC Moruya has accomplished some great projects: assisted Dr Chris Mason in sending bikes to Alice Springs; supported MDHS with the verandah repairs; through Col & Bronwyn and the Carers Committee get the MG EV Art Union underway; with Steve Picton's guidance completed our obligations for the Zone Regionalisation project; send the toiletry packs for the End Trachoma project; the Toragy Point cemetery restoration project is now very close to completion with a working bee next year; our support of youth with two outstanding high school teams from Carroll College who attended MUNA in The Museum of Democracy, the Tertiary Scholarship program and selection of two young adults to attend the RYLA camp at Murrumbatemn in January. (This great program is aimed at up-and-coming young business and professional people 18 to 30 years old.) None of this would have been possible without the input and support of all members and partners of this wonderful Rotary Club, so thank you all very much for your efforts so far in this Rotary Year and for your support of me as your Club President.

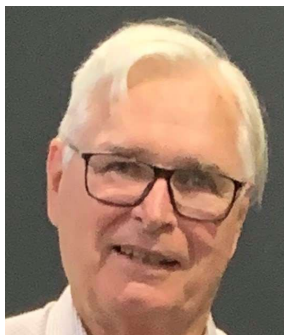
Yours in Rotary Service

Derek

President Derek's Board. *Vice President* Allan Veness; *Im-mediate 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 - Ken McLeod

Ken, now living in Bungendore, was our President in 2007-2008, a year which saw us leave the Golf Club caterers and transfer to the Bowling Club. It was a difficult year also on the fund-raising side as equine flu led to the cancelling of three race meetings.



It was probably about then that Ken mounted a case against an anti vaccination group who had managed to achieve registered charity status. The story of the two babies, too young to be vaccinated, who died of whooping cough, caught from a militant antivaxxer, was a feature of that campaign.

Since retiring, Ken has become more active in the Skeptic Society. Karen spoke of how well regarded he is within that group.

In our age of social networks it seems that weird theories and weird groupings can flourish. Qanon, prominent in the January 6 attack on the Capitol, spreads the view that there is a conspiracy of Democratic pedophiles. Global warming deniers can find prominent supporters. Sovereign Citizens is a cult encouraging its followers to believe they are above the law. Anti vaxxers believe that MMR vaccine cause autism and of course, they were particularly busy during the Covid epidemic.

It appears that there are many who turn to the networks for actual daily news.

People claiming psychic powers have actually been used by police in the search for missing bodies—a present day equivalent to the old witchcraft. Water diviners have been part of agriculture’s resources for centuries, though it seems that present day practitioners rely more on study of the geography of the search area than the magical movement of sticks in the diviner’s hands.

Alternative medicines and treatments abound. Homeopathy, much followed by some leading citizens, is a well known example.

This was an entertaining delivery, well illustrated by stories of strange people and events. One slide “COVID 5G” which caused much amusement is attached to this Bulletin.

Of course, as Rotarians, we would still encourage new and innovative thinking and inventions—outside the square as the jargon has it, and among those new outcomes will no doubt be more fodder for skeptics.

Duty	This Week 5 December	Next Week 12 December
Badges	David Cattanach	
Invocation/Toast	Shirl Cornish	
Meet and Greet	Andrew Elek	
Cashiers	John Gillett Pauline Gleeson	
4 Way Test	Rohan Gleeson	
Introduce	Allan Veness	
Thank	Steve Young	

Birthdays: None
Anniversary: The Prouds

Program

30 November Thursday	Everest Film at Narooma Kinema	6.30pm—Ken Hutt will be there
5 December	Board Meeting AGM	
12 December	Christmas Party Ava Weymans	Student
Dec 16 Saturday	Batemans Bay	Christmas Party
Dec 17 Sunday	Narooma Cup	Steve & Jan Young
Jan 8 Monday	Moruya Cup	Ward Hack
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.

Two random thoughts in the warm up to Christmas.

1. Atheism is a non –prophet organization
2. A Buddhist refused Novocain for his root canal therapy because he sought to transcend dental medication

RACES—Sunday 17 December

Managers : Steve and Jan Young

17 December	AM Shift 1030 am—2pm
Setting Up. Prices- drinks sandwiches ,	Alan Shephard
Cashier	Keith Armstrong
Order writer	Keith Armstrong
Order filler 1	Andrew Elek
Order filler 2	Phil Smith
Cook	Steve Picton
Prep	Garry Gray
Chip Fryer	Steve Young
Bain Marie 1	Vere Gray
Bain Marie 2	Shirl Cornish
	AFTERNOON SHIFT 2pm to Finish
Cashier	Phil Armstrong
Order writer 1	Phil Armstrong
Order Filler 1	Ward Hack
Order Filler 2	Steve Young
Cook	Vacant
Prep	David Cattanach
Chip Fryer	Allan Veness
Bain Marie 1	Peter Smith
Bain Marie 2	Vacant
Kitchen	
10.30am to finish	Jan Young, Wendy Smith to 3ish Rhonnie South Sue Proud from 2pm

From Queanbeyan comes the following brain exercise

What nine letter word in the English language is still a word when eight letters are removed one by one?

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

5 December 2023

AGENDA

Attendance

Apologies

Confirmation of Minutes of AGM held 6 December 2022

Confirmation of Minutes of Special General Meeting held 4 April 2023

Matters Arising from Minutes

Presentation and Adoption of Financial Statements to 30 June 2023

Election of Office Bearers for 2024-25

This section of the meeting is to be chaired by President Derek

Nominations are called for the following positions:

President (2024-25)

President-elect (2025-26)

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Club Service Director

Community Service Director

International Service Director

Youth Service Director

Vocational Service Director

Rotary Foundation Director

Membership Director

Positions also to be appointed (no nomination required)

Catering; Welfare and Rosters; Protection; Bulletin ; Program

Appointment of Public Officer

Appointment for review of Club Financial Statements

Adoption of Club Constitution and By-laws

General Business

Close of Meeting