



**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?*

## President's Musings

We now know the date for the upcoming referendum for Australians to consider whether to vote "Yes" or "No" to alter the Constitution, proposing to give Australia's Indigenous peoples a right to give advice only on government policies concerning them, and to recognize Australia's Indigenous peoples as the First People of Australia.

Regardless of how you intend to vote, I would hope that you will do so in a considered and well-informed way regarding the humanity of this decision. Unfortunately, this process has been heavily politicized rather than being debated only on the human side of the argument.

As I write this, I have just returned home from attending Graham Thomas's funeral. As you would expect, it was well attended. Rotarians and ex-defence personnel formed a Guard of Honour as his casket was carried into the chapel. Graham's brother Warwick is an ordained priest and conducted the service. At the conclusion, Moruya RSL Sub-Branch conducted a moving memorial to his Naval Service after which nearly everyone there placed poppies on his casket. A gathering was held after at the MJC Members Lounge, and I informed Lorne that if she has anything that requires to be attended to where we can help, to let us know, and she was thankful for that offer.

This week is a social evening, and prior to the meeting there will be a board meeting, again conducted by VP Allan in my absence. Enjoy the evening and enjoy your Rotary service.

*Derek*

## Last Week: Jaquie Olfen *SEWACS*



South East Women and Children's Services Inc. operates the Women's Refuge and the Youth Refuge in Moruya.

Domestic violence is not new—there have always been bullying husbands and fathers, secure as wage earners and, in the

not so recent past, in the promise of the bride that she would love, honour and **obey**. Today such men are frustrated and the law is firmly on the woman's side, to the extent that last year there was legislation to ban 'coercive control', the master and servant relationship which often precedes actual physical violence.

Too often physical violence leads to the wife taking the children and seeking refuge. Jacquie told of the "Safer in the Home" program where the wife will stay in her home which is equipped with locks and cameras and a direct phone line to police should the offending male gain or threaten entrance.

Jacquie showed two videos, the first identifying by drawings and graphs situations in which male domination led to violence and persecutions. The second showed a young husband being abused by his wife to illustrate that in almost a third of domestic violence cases, the victim is male.

Do men who as children who grew up in a violent home turn to violence in their adult relationships? Jacquie says the statistics are unclear.

**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.

## Thanks from the Thomas Family

Lorne writes:

Lorne, Greg and Rob would like to thank all the members of Rotary, firstly for the guard of honour they provided for Graham on Wednesday and for cards, calls and especially the hugs were all greatly appreciated.

*Lorne and family*



### District Conference—bookings now open.

Registrations are open at <https://rb.gy/ehfs5>

Conference runs from Friday, 20th October to Sunday 22nd October, at the Queanbeyan Bicentennial Hall. Speakers on Saturday include Rob de Castella, former world champion marathon runner, now Director of the Indigenous Marathon Foundation.

Conference dinner is on Saturday evening in the Queanbeyan RSL Bowling Club from 6.30pm to 11pm and there is also breakfast available on Sunday morning,

#### Welfare Peter Reports

As at the end of the week ..... Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September, there have been no major changes in the general health of our four hospitalised Rotarians. Both John Spencer and Cletus are at home and were able to attend the Graham Thomas funeral last Wednesday. On the other hand, Keith is now in Moruya hospital and while on the long road to recovery in the Rehab ward, is in good spirits but quite unsteady on his feet. Huw also is very cheerful and was moved to IRT where it is hoped that he will regain his balance. Barbara is keen to have him back home but feels that she would not be able to cope until he becomes more mobile.

#### Open Garden at 56 Thomas Street –Sunday 17 September

This is a Hospital Auxiliary fund raiser open from 9.30 to 4.30. Entry is \$ 7-00, includes refreshments. Children are free. There is a Bonsai demonstration at 11am

Duty	This Week 5 September	Next Week 12 September
Badges	John Nader	No Meeting— Tuesday is a Races Day
Invocation/Toast	Michel Nader	
Meet and Greet	Andrew Elek	
Cashiers	Steve Picton Fred Power	
4 Way Test	Jeff Proud	
Introduce	-----	
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#### Birthdays: None

5 September	Board Meeting	
6 September	Tea for MOW	Jan Young
Sept 12 Tuesday ***	Races—Pubs Day	Lauren Barnett
12 September	No meeting	Tuesday races
19 September	TBA	
26 September	Cinders	We host
Sept 29 Friday	Races Batemans Bay Cup	The Gleesons
20-22 October	District 9705 Conference	Bicentennial Hall Queanbeyan

**Meal Numbers John Spencer is back home, but expects that if all goes well, it will be October before he can resume his duties, so Steve Young will continue to handle meal numbers.** Steve 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.

#### A belated Dad Joke:

**Q** What would you need to move a weather station?

**A** Four Castors