

The Mordialloc Bulletin

News and Views of the Rotary Club of Mordialloc

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Club meets at Mordialloc Sporting Club
528 Main Road Mordialloc (Cnr. Epsom Rd)
Tuesday 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm

Meeting 1999
18 December
2012

THIS WEEK'S MEETING



Annual Christmas Dinner
Woodlands Golf Club
White Street, Mordialloc
6.30 pm for 7.00 pm
\$55 per head plus drinks

Office Bearers 2012-13

President: Glenyse Guinan
Secretary: Brian Schauer
Treasurer: Malcolm Finlayson
District Governor: Brian Martin
Assistant Governor: Peter Murie

Message from President Glenyse Guinan

My dear Rotary friends

As we prepare for our Christmas celebrations, the news this week of another shooting tragedy in America has been really shocking, especially as the victims were innocent little children and teachers in their class room. The cultures of Australia and America are very similar in some respects and miles apart in others. We are left to only wonder how justification can be made that is the right of citizens to carry guns, let alone semi-automatic and automatic rifles. For those of us who have been fortunate enough to travel, it is always great to come home to relative safety in Australia and how lucky we are.

For our members past and present and Rotary friends who are unable to attend I hope you have a wonderful Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Enjoy your Christmas

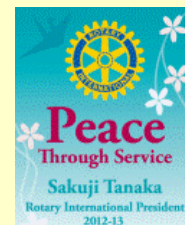
Glenyse

In the lead up to Christmas, many of us have another busy Rotary week ahead with a Gnome committee meeting on Monday where we plan to assess tasks and allocate personnel. We will need as much help as possible on Australia Day and the days leading up to the festival and will really appreciate any assistance that you and yours can offer. The last Board meeting for 2012 will be held on Wednesday evening.

After a busy year it is time relax and to celebrate Christmas with friends and family and I look forward to our Rotary Christmas Celebration at Woodlands Golf Club on Tuesday. I hope to catch up with many of you and your partners on the night.



RI Founder Paul Harris



RI theme 2012-13

Last week's Meeting No 1997, 4 December at Mordialloc Sporting Club

Attendance: 23 members, 2 guests

Guests: Kenneth Park (speaker), Margaret (Don Butler's daughter)

Apologies: Russ Hellier, Maureen McDonald, Jill Brear, Catherine Harris, Kay Gordon, Malcolm Finlayson

Make-Ups: Carol Quayle, David Brunt

President announcements

President Glenyse Guinan opened the meeting and announced the following:

- Len Dawson has prepared a stock of Christmas cards that members can purchase for \$1 (including envelope). Funds raised will go to club projects.

David Brunt chaired the remainder of the meeting

Director and member announcements

Carol Quayle (community) thanked those members who helped with collection and transport of Christmas gifts from Mentone Grammar School for distribution to needy persons. About 300 gifts were collected.

David Brunt thanked those who assisted at the Dingley Gardens Centre throughout the past year.

Jack Cooper has received a message from Honorary Member David Prichard that his wife Sue has been admitted to Monash Medical Centre and may require further heart surgery.

John Fowler (fellowship) gave final details for this week's Christmas Dinner at Woodlands Golf Club. The cost is \$55 per head. Paul Taranto will be MC.

Brian Foley reminded about the social and sports night at Sandringham Croquet Club on Wednesday 9 January.

David Wright advised that a function was to be held last Friday at the Shirley Burke Hall, Parkdale, at which the State Government would be making an announcement in regards to the Kingston Charitable Trust. Our club would use the occasion to present \$3000 to the Trust resulting from the recent golf day.

Sergeant-at-Arms

David Brunt deputising for regular Sergeant Jack Cooper, ran a short and sharp session. Max Crimmins was fined in honour of Dorothy's birthday the previous day. Everyone paid in honour of the late Dame Elisabeth Murdoch. David did a commendable job conducting Jack's regular quiz session, even if he had difficulty reading Jack's writing.

Guest Speaker – Kenneth Park – “Exploring the Channel Islands.

Kenneth is a consultant and regular leader of small group tours. His speciality is the Channel Islands, British territories located close to the coast of North West France.

Kenneth showed a selection of colour photographs depicting the magnificent scenery and lifestyles of the main islands. The Channel Islands have a long history and civilisation going back thousands of years. During World War 2 they were occupied by the Germans, suffering severe hardship and there is much evidence remaining of the occupation. The effects still live on in the memory of many inhabitants. Each island has distinctive character and culture. Farming, tourism and finance (banking) are major industries

The Channel Islands are territories of United Kingdom and have access to England by ferry and aircraft. The relationship with the United Kingdom is unique. They acknowledge Queen Elisabeth as sovereign although she is known there as the Duke of Normandy. However, there is also a strong French influence and this is reflected in culture, food and lifestyle.

Guernsey is relatively large in area and has very distinctive blue telephone and postal boxes (otherwise similar to the UK ones). It is also a major banking centre. French author and writer Victor Hugo lived his latter days there.

Alderney is a small island with a population of only 2,400. It is also closest to both France and England. It was very heavily fortified by the Germans in World War 2 fearing an attack by the British that never happened.

Herm is the smallest accessible island. Cars and bicycles are banned except for some farming vehicles.

Brecqhou is a small island close to Sark. It is currently owned by the Barkley brothers, owners of the “*The Daily Telegraph*” and in conflict with Sark although it is subject to Sark law.

Sark is another small island with a population of only 600. During World War 2 it was ruled by a formidable lady “The Dame of Sark” who stood firm against the Germans. It was the last European territory to abandon feudalism (in 2008).

Jersey has the largest population of the Channel Islands is famous for its Jersey dairy cattle and the world class zoo established by Gerald Durrell.

Kenneth responded to a range of questions relating to the unique Channel Islands

Carol Quayle proposed the thanks.

Other announcements

APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE

Apologies for absences from the weekly meeting should be directed to Len Dawson on 0438892499 **by 12 noon on the day of the meeting.**

Wheel Chairs for Kids

Please remember to put \$2 in the box on each table each week to go to the "Wheel Chairs for Kids" program. Every \$125 contributed gives one child the freedom of mobility and also liberates a carer.

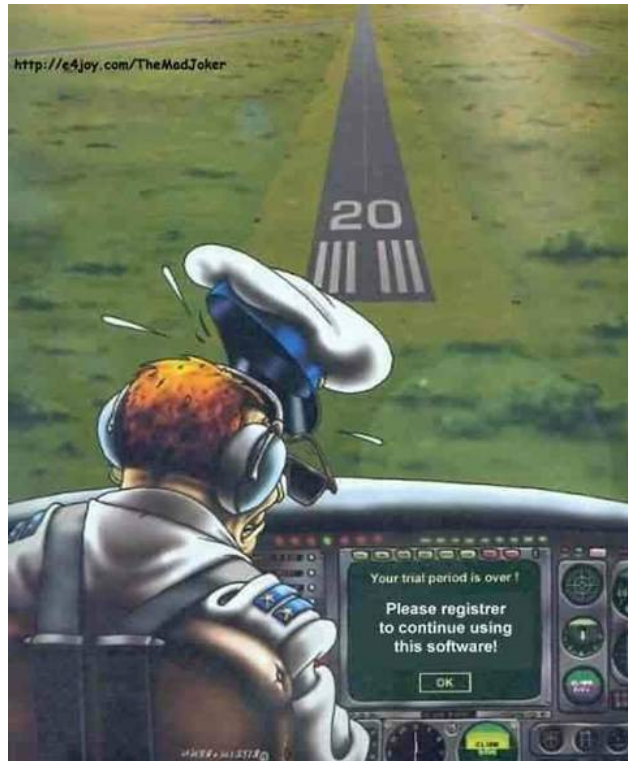
Book Stall at Gnome Festival

Kay Gordon is collecting second-hand books for sale on a book stall at the Gnome Festival. Please contact Kay if you have any suitable books – children’s books are particularly welcome. Kay can arrange pick-up in Mentone and nearby areas.

Wanted – Old Shirts

Also wanted for the Gnome Festival are old shirts – men’s, long sleeve, button-up variety (not short sleeved or T shirts). These will be used as smocks for children involved in gnome painting at the festival. If you have some old shirts (the older the better) please give them to Jill Brear.

More on the Lighter Side of Computers



A Legal Interpretation of 'Twas the Night Before Christmas

Whereas, on an occasion immediately preceding the Nativity festival, throughout a certain dwelling unit, quiet descended, in which could be heard no disturbance, not even the sound emitted by a diminutive rodent related to, and in form resembling, a rat; and

Whereas, the offspring of the occupants had affixed their tubular, closely knit coverings for the nether limbs to the flue of the fireplace in expectation that a personage known as St Nicholas would arrive; and

Whereas, said offspring had become somnolent, and were entertaining re: saccharine-flavoured fruit; and

Whereas, the adult male of the family, et ux, attired in proper headgear, had also become quiescent in anticipation of nocturnal inertia; and

Whereas, a distraction on the snowy acreage outside aroused the owner to investigate; and

Whereas, he perceived in a most unbelieving manner a vehicle propelled by eight domesticated quadrupeds of a species found in Arctic regions; and

Whereas, a most odd rotund gentleman was entreating the aforesaid animals by their appellations, thus:

"Your immediate co-operation is requested. Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, and Vixen; and collective action by you will be much appreciated, Comet, Cupid, Dunder, and Blitzen"; and

Whereas, subsequent to the above, there occurred a swift descent to the hearth by the aforementioned gentleman, where he proceeded to deposit gratuities in the aforementioned tubular coverings.

Now, therefore, be ye advised: that upon completion of these acts, and upon his return to his original point of departure, he proclaimed a felicitation of the type prevalent and suitable to these occasions, i.e.

Merry Christmas to All and to All a Good Night!



**Rotary Club of Mordialloc
Club Committees 2012-13**

(First named member is chairman and second is the 2 in C).
Committee membership may change during the year.

Community: Carol Quayle, David Brunt, Don Butler, Drew Libbis, Sylvio Tang, Catherine Harris, John Hoffman, Helene Rogers, Evan Johnson, Jo Quinn

International (Includes Rotary Foundation): Brian Foley, Barry Donaldson, Cliff Riley, Helene Rogers, Jack Cooper, Tim Fitton, Tony Gorbaty, John Hoffman, Carol Quayle

Vocational: Leon Quinn, Rob Goode, David Wright, Cliff Riley, Barry Donaldson, Damian West, John Dawe, Jack Pyziakos, Tim Fitton

Youth (New Generations): Maureen McDonald, Bob Travers, Len Dawson, Max Crimmins, Kay Gordon, Jill Brear, Tony Gorbaty

Club Service: Len Dawson, Jeff Needham, Brian Foley, Jack Pyziakos, Cliff Riley

Sergeant-at-Arms: Jack Cooper, Keith Carpenter, Bob Travers

Membership: Kay Gordon, Jeff Needham, Paul Taranto, Max Crimmins, Catherine Harris

Marketing: Len Dawson, David Wright, John Fowler, Jeff Needham, Bob Travers, Brian Foley (Bulletin and IT)

Fellowship and Fundraising: John Fowler, Clem Quick, Jack Pyziakos, Kay Gordon, Mike Woods, Russ Hellier, Len Dawson

Art Show: Jeff Needham, Jack Cooper, Don Butler, Max Crimmins, Cliff Riley, Len Dawson, Brian Foley

Golf Days: Barry Donaldson, Russ Hellier, Jack Cooper, David Wright, John Hoffman

Gnome Festival: Len Dawson, Jack Cooper, Jeff Needham, Carol Quayle, Cliff Riley, George Aivatoglou, Evan Johnson

Program: Rob Goode, Bob Travers, Tony Gorbaty, Carol Quayle

Raffles: Paul Taranto, Keith Carpenter

Footy Tipping: Russ Hellier, Rob Goode

Bowelscan: Cliff Riley

Attendance: Cliff Riley, John Dawe

On-to-Conference: Jack Cooper

Used Stamps Collection: Brian Foley

Almoners: Max Crimmins, John Dawe, Glenyse Guinan

PHF Committee: Jack Cooper, Brian Foley, Rob Goode

SUMMARY OF COMING EVENTS

Please note the following dates and events in your diary. It is important that all members support the club in these activities.

18 Dec (Tues)	Club Christmas Dinner at Woodlands Golf Club. 6.30 for 7.00 pm \$55 per head
9 Jan (Wed)	BBQ and social croquet. Sandringham Croquet Club. 4.00 pm onwards.
26 Jan (Sat)	Australia Day Victorian Gnome Festival 10 am to 4 pm Peter Scullin Reserve, Mordialloc
3 Feb (Sun)	Club social day to celebrate 2000 th meeting. Jack Cooper's property, Cape Schanck.
4 Feb 2013 (Mon)	Bunnings sausage sizzle
15 (Fri) to 17 (Sun) Mar	District 9810 conference at Wangaratta
23 – 26 June 2013	Rotary International Convention, Lisbon, Portugal.

Members on Leave

Graeme Bruce – 1 July to 31 December
Tony Gorbaty – 23 November to 15 January 2013
Drew Libbis – 27 November to 5 February 2013
Bob Travers – 1 December to 1 March 2013

If you plan to be absent for three weeks or longer, please request leave of absence through the secretary.

Bayside Kingston Prostate Cancer Support Group

WHEN: First Monday of each month
TIME: 9.30 to 11.30am
WHERE: Beaumaris RSL
489 Balcombe Road, Beaumaris
Melways Map 86 B5

Wives and Partners welcome, bookings not required

For further information contact Bob Wilson 9589 4282 or Max Crimmins 9555 4704

The Rotary Four-Way-Test

- 1. Is it the TRUTH?**
- 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?**
- 3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**
- 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?"**

Forthcoming Meeting Program & Rosters

No meetings 25 December, 1 and 8 January

And the next.....

Date: 9 January (Wed)
Sports Night and Picnic Barbeque
Sandringham Croquet Club
4.00 pm onwards
Foreshore Reserve, Beach Road, Sandringham
(opposite Abbott Street)
Enter Car Park B10 (Melways Map 76 F9). Parking fee applies
BYO food and drink. BBQ facilities available
\$15 per head. Please wear flat soled shoes.
All equipment provided
Family and friends welcome.
Please advise numbers attending to Brian Foley

And the next.....

Date: 15 January
Speaker: Len Dawson
Topic: Gnome Festival – final briefing
Chairman: Tim Fitton
Duty Desk: Don Butler, Maureen McDonald
Regalia: David Wright, George Aivatoglou
Fellowship: Rob Goode
Bulletin notes: Keith Carpenter

And the next.....

Date: 22 January
Speaker: Janet Davis
Topic: Berry Street
Chairman: David Wright
Duty Desk: Cliff Riley, Catherine Harris
Regalia: Barry Donaldson, Clem Quick
Fellowship: Jo Quinn
Bulletin notes: Jill Brear

TOASTS:

Australia:

Please charge your glasses and assist me in toasting our
great country, Australia
(pause) To our country: Australia

Rotary International:

Please drink a toast to our organisation:
Rotary International, (pause) Rotary International

ROTARY INVOCATION

For good food, for good fellowship, and the opportunity for
Service through Rotary, We Give Thanks



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George Aivatoglou, Manager

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The Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND. High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

FOURTH. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.