



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 2064
13 May 2014

District Governor 2013-14: Merv Ericson

Assistant Governor: Lesley Zuccaro

THIS WEEK'S MEETING

Speakers: Gary Oram
Topic: Proactive Policing
Chairman: Jack Cooper
Duty Desk: Kay Gordon, Max Crimmins
Regalia: Mike Woods, John Hoffmann
Fellowship: John Fowler
Bulletin notes: Jill Brear



RI theme 2013-14

Message from President Len Dawson

BACK TO THE FUTURE

Last week's editorial was a retrospective look back at our Rotary year. But that's history now and we have a number of established events, such as the Art Show on the immediate horizon. For next year, as for the past two years, we are negotiating a suitable date with the Kingston Council for the Gnome and Fairy Festival, hopefully in March. Plus, of course, there are our Interplast golf day and Bunning's BBQ days.

Our Sergeant, Jack Pyziakos, spotted a press article on the loss of funding and resources for the Blue Light organisation by the Victorian Police. In particular this affects their youth camp in Maldon. A phone conversation with the onsite camp managers outlined their major problems for this self-funded non-profit camp. A visit to Maldon ensued and a further meeting between Ivan Ray CEO of Blue Light and Bob Travers and myself followed in Mordialloc.

Blue Light was originally set up to help year 5-6 and pre-teen disadvantaged kids to cope with acute social problems through their well known discos and this "home away from home" youth camp.

This is too complex a project to outline further here so Ivan Ray will visit the club in July as a guest speaker. He can tell us about Blue Light and how we may possibly be able to help keep this worthwhile pro-active youth initiative alive. Jack, Bob and I will meet to present some ideas to the new incoming club Board for consideration.

The Rotary wheel continues to turn and the new Rotary year will be with us in six weeks time. Next Sunday, 16 May, is an important day in the Rotary calendar with the District Training Assembly to be held at Parkdale Secondary College. This is an event for all Rotarians, not just the office bearers and committee heads, and I ask all members get behind Carol and make an effort to come to the Assembly and find out specific Rotary programs and initiatives for the coming year.

Have a good week

President Len

Last meeting, No 2063, 6 May at Mordialloc Sporting Club

Attendance: 26 members, 1 visiting Rotarian, 5 guests.

Apologies: John Hoffmann, Rob Goode

Visiting Rotarians: Greg McMahon (Aspendale)

Guests: Andreas Baruhas and his father Harry, Stewart Nelson, Peter Rowley.

President's announcements

President *Len Dawson* opened the meeting and welcomed visitors and Rotarians. Len mentioned the following recent correspondence:

- A letter of thanks from the Foleys to the club for sending them a floral arrangement for their 50th wedding anniversary.
- An acknowledgement of the club's donation of \$250 towards Wheelchairs for Kids.

Bob Travers chaired the remainder of the meeting

Director and member announcements

Secretary *Brian Schauer* referred to the new containers placed on the tables to collect donations for Wheelchairs for Kids.

Carol Quayle (community) raised the following matters:

- An urgent request from the district youth exchange committee looking for a host family for an incoming Swedish exchange student due to arrive in August.
- A reminder about the district training assembly to be held at Parkdale Secondary College on Sunday 16 May from 8.30 am to 1.00 pm.

Donations have been made for the following community projects:

- The Kingston Koori Kids network \$750
- Righteous Pups \$1000
- The Queensland Rotary drought appeal \$1000.

Bob Travers introduced Senior Constable Peter Rowley who has been involved with Bob for the past year on the Rotary and Victoria Police mentoring program. Peter responded briefly explaining how he had worked closely with Bob and had gained a much wider appreciation of Rotary activities by both ours and other clubs.

Bob then introduced *Andreas Baruhas*, the club's participant in the 2014 National Youth Science Forum (NYSF). Andreas is a year 12 student at Mentone Grammar School studying science subjects, German and literature. He gave a short address describing his experience of NYSF commencing with the selection process that began in May 2013, attendance at the science forum in Canberra during January 2014 and action since then. NYSF brings together over 400 students from throughout Australia who all share a broad interest in science. Over 1000 students initially applied for the NYSF program.

The NYSF program is run over two weeks based at Australian National University, Canberra. The program comprises addresses by great speakers who are leaders in various branches of science, discussion forums, debates and visits to research laboratories. They saw many innovative and inspiring research projects. The discussion sessions included subjects such as climate change, nano-physics and the ethics of research. Andreas said that the experience of attending NYSF had opened his eyes to a much wider view of science and the associated issues and he has a more definite idea for his future study and career.

On his return from NYSF, Andreas has participated in a follow up "Next Step" program. He has also been invited as one of six Australians to attend the Euro Youth Science Forum in Copenhagen in two months time. Andreas concluded by thanking the club for supporting him attending NYSF.

Bob Travers then announced that the club board had agreed to support Andreas raise funds to attend Copenhagen by donating proceeds from the next Bunnings sausage sizzle. This is on the basis that Mentone Grammar will provide some students to work at the sausage sizzle.

Bob and *Paul Taranto* then spoke about the selection process that has commenced for the 2015 NYSF. Three clubs, Chelsea, Aspendale and Mordialloc have agreed to combine to interview prospective participants from this area.

Andreas' full report on NYSF was printed in last week's bulletin.

Jack Cooper referred to a request from the district youth exchange committee trying to contact a past youth exchange student from 1988, Lindel Smith, who lived in Beaumaris at that time. Jack also said that art show entry forms are currently being printed and a working bee would be arranged shortly to prepare them for posting out to artists.

Cliff Riley again spoke of the Rotary Bowelscan program that runs for the month of May. Test kits are available from Cliff or five pharmacies in the Mentone, Parkdale and Cheltenham areas.

Jeff Needham drew attention to the Fare Share brochures placed around the tables.

Sergeant-at-Arms

Sergeant Jack Pyziakos was back on the job and started with a fine on supporters of football winners in all codes. Jack was so surprised that his "usual suspects" of late arrivals had all arrived early, so he fined everyone else.

Guest Speaker: Greg McMahon – World Challenge Project – Fiji

Greg is a member of the Rotary Club of Aspendale and principal of Parkdale Secondary College. He has worked closely with Rotary Club of Mordialloc and several other local clubs for a number of years on a range of initiatives for young people.

Greg commenced by providing background to the Taveuni project. Chelsea Rotarians Peter and Helene Brown are planning to move to live in Fiji and have initiated a project to provide computer training and other services to school children in a rural area of Fiji. It is proposed that students from Parkdale Secondary College would visit and work with the Fijian students. Support has been provided from IBM with supply of tablet computers although there are other issues to be faced including no electricity in some areas.

Parkdale Secondary College proposes to undertake this project in partnership with World Challenge with which it has previously organised project visits by students to Cambodia and Thailand. World Challenge is an international company, founded in 1987 and operating in Australia since 2003. It specialises in running student adventure travel to instil life skills in students with the ethos of adventure, challenge and care for the environment.

Students are responsible for raising the cost of their participation, approximately \$5000 for a four-week trip. Greg suggests that there is an opportunity for Rotary clubs to collaborate and assist students in their fundraising by inviting the students to work on various Rotary club projects.

In the subsequent questions and discussion session, there was general agreement that there is potential for our club to assist Parkdale SC and World Challenge in this project. The school has commenced the planning and selection process for a project visit in about July 2015.

Paul Taranto proposed the thanks to both Andreas and Greg for their informative presentations.

Other announcements

APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE

Apologies for absences from the weekly meeting should be directed to Len Dawson on 0438892499 **by 12.00 noon on the day of the meeting.**

Wheelchairs for Kids

Please remember to put \$2 in the box on each table each week to go to the "Wheelchairs for Kids" program. Every \$150 contributed gives one child the freedom of mobility and also liberates a carer.

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.

16 May (Fri)	Bunnings Mentone sausage sizzle 8 am to 4 pm
18 May (Sun)	District Training Assembly Parkdale Secondary College 8.30 am to 1.00 pm
21 May (Wed)	Board meeting. 7.30 pm at Cooper's
1 – 4 June	RI Convention, Sydney, Australia. Convention website: http://www.riconvention.org/en/2014/Pages/ridefault.aspx
3 June	<i>No meeting</i>
20 June (Fri)	Bunnings Mentone sausage sizzle 8 am to 4 pm
24 June (Tues)	Annual Club Changeover Dinner Doyles Hotel, Mordialloc 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm. Details to come
28 June (Sat)	District 9810 Changeover Dinner Kingston Links Golf Club, Rowville
4 July (Fri)	Bunnings Mentone sausage sizzle 8 am to 4 pm
11 – 17 August	Annual Art Show. Southland Shopping Centre

Members on Leave

Tim Fitton – 10 May to 27 June
Bob Travers – 10 May to 10 July
Len Dawson – 26 May to 19 June

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

Where Other Clubs Meet

This information is available via the club website via the following link:

<http://mordiallocrotary.org.au/about-rotary/where-other-clubs-meet/>

Forthcoming Meeting Program & Rosters

Next meeting.....

Date: 20 May
Speaker: Carol Quayle
Topic: Club Planning
Chairman: Carole Quayle
Duty Desk: Drew Libbis, Don Butler
Regalia: Clem Quick, Jack Pyziakos
Fellowship: Paul Taranto
Bulletin notes: Jeff Needham

And the next.....

Date: 27 May
Speaker: To be advised
Topic: To be advised
Chairman: David Brunt
Duty Desk: Damian West, Russ Hellier
Regalia: Drew Libbis, John Hoffmann
Fellowship: Jack Cooper
Bulletin notes: Glenyse Cooper

And the next.....

No club meeting on 3 June. RI Convention in Sydney

And the next.....

Date: 10 June
Speaker: Mac Purcell
Topic: Rotary membership. A successful partnership in UK
Chairman: Kay Gordon
Duty Desk: Don Butler, Helene Rogers
Regalia: Rob Goode, Barry Donaldson
Fellowship: Paul Taranto
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

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.

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?"