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Club meets at Woodlands Golf Club
109 White Street Mordialloc
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Tuesday 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm

Meeting 2177
4 October
2016

District Governor 2016-17: Carol Lawton

Assistant Governor: Ken Mirams

THIS WEEK'S MEETING

Speaker: PP Don Kerley
Topic: District 9810 Conference 2017
Chairman: Jack Cooper
Desk & Regalia: Brian Schauer, Barry Donaldson
Fellowship: Jeff Needham
Bulletin notes: Glenyse Cooper



RI theme 2016-17

Message from President David

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Is there life after football? I guess that question gets asked at this time every year. Now that the fairy tale of Western Bulldogs has become a reality we probably will not want the season to end. If only the community could constantly put the passion and drive that we see at this time of the year into some form of community service what a better city we could have.

Now there are only six weeks to go to the Rotary Festival of Wheels. Let us continue to support the project team and give as much time as we can. This will be a major club project and has the potential to become a regular activity for our club. Prior to assuming the position of Rotary International President, John Germ said in an interview: "We need to enhance Rotary's public image by successfully and enthusiastically marketing who we are and the amazing things we are doing. No one should ever have to say What is Rotary?" The Festival of Wheels will give us the opportunity to do just that.

There is to be a District Community Services Seminar next Friday evening. Len and I will be attending but if any member wants to join us you would be most welcome. Len will give a very brief presentation of the Festival of Wheels. Seniors week is launched for the City of Kingston on this Wednesday and Brian Foley and I will attend that. The pace of life seems to increase every year at this time and our Community Service project, and our other Rotary involvement means that this year will be no exception.

Maybe that explains our RI theme for this year "ROTARY SERVING HUMANITY".

David

Last Week's Meeting No 2176 – 27 September at Woodlands Golf Club, Mordialloc.

Attendance: 21 members, 3 guests

Apologies: Rob Goode

Guests: Dr Victoria Stead (speaker), Helen Brunt, Helen Foley

President's Announcements

President David opened the meeting, welcomed members and guests and announced:

- Friday 7 October is Australian Rotary Health "Hat Day" to raise awareness of, and funds for, mental health issues. This has been identified as a major beneficiary of the Classic Car Festival.
- There is a District Community Services seminar on Friday 7 October. President David and Len Dawson will attend
- The launch of the 2016 Kingston Seniors Festival will be at 10.30 am on Wednesday 5 October adjacent to the Mentone Hub in Mentone Parade Mentone. President David and Brian Foley will attend to run a club stall.
- The Club Christmas Dinner is confirmed for Tuesday 20 December at Woodlands.

Brian Schauer chaired the reminder of the meeting.

Director and members announcements

Brian Foley (community) gave more details of the club stall at the launch of Kingston Seniors Festival. Although we do not have a specific event for Seniors Week, we can promote club activities such as the car festival and Christmas lunch for people who live alone. Brian added that the board had agreed that funds raised at this week's sausage sizzle would go to Australian Rotary Health. Bunnings is a major supporter of Hat Day through all its stores.

Jeff Needham is convening a youth committee meeting after the club meeting this week.

Brian Schauer (international) reported on a recent committee meeting. A recommendation was made to the board to pay half the annual donation for annual giving to Rotary Foundation now.

Jack Cooper gave an update on the Festival of Wheels planning. A detailed list has been prepared of all tasks to be done and members are requested to volunteer for half or full-day shifts. *Len* also advised that a meeting of the Mustang Car Club would be held at the same venue on Sunday 23 March where members see a typical display in action.

Paul Taranto reported on his initial meeting with fellow presidents-elects. Membership was a common theme and Paul will bring some new information to the club.

Paul also conducted the weekly Rotary Foundation raffle that raised \$29. Jill Brear and Dr Victoria Stead were the winners for the night.

Brian Foley read a message of thanks from Russ and Bev Hellier for the social afternoon attended by club members and friends

Cliff Riley had met Ann Travers recently who said Bob was helping students learn carpentry skills at Doveton Secondary College.

Sergeant at Arms

Sergeant *Jack Pyziakos* again tested our general knowledge with his quiz dealing with a range of sporting and other topics (e.g. the 24-hour race at Le Mans, "muscle cars" German U-boats).

The nearing footy final climax was a good subject. We all paid on half of Kay for the Cat's demise although she was glad to pay for the Brownlow Medal winner. Somehow St Kilda supporters were among the fines. And Paul Taranto was happy to pay a \$ delight as the Sandy Dragons won the TAC Grand Final and grandson Tim was again among their best.

Speaker: Dr Victoria Stead "PNG Women in the path of war"

Victoria Stead is an anthropologist at Deakin University. She is project leader of a group preparing a history of the women of PNG over the past 100 years focussing on the area of Oro Province close to the Owen Stanley Ranges in the north of the country. This period was dominated by the experiences of the Second World War and its aftermath.

While there have been many stories of violence, particularly against women, arising out of the war, there was also violence during the colonial era when the country was two separate countries, namely Papua and New Guinea. The history of the war was written mainly by outsiders (Australians, Americans and Japanese) with little written from the viewpoint of Papuan New Guinea men and practically none from the women. We know about the "fussy wuzzy angels" because of their work with the Australian soldiers but little else. This has led to a gap in understanding of the affect of the war on local women.

Victoria's study team includes a number of local women who liaise with other women to obtain their stories. At this stage, there are very few women with direct personal knowledge of the war period except a few from their early childhood. They must rely on oral reports and stories gained second-hand or have been handed down over one or more generations. It is a slow and patient process.

Some of the main study findings are:

- The war was very difficult and unpleasant for the women and involved considerable sexual violence
- The Japanese troops stole vegetables and assaulted young women
- Some women helped sick Japanese soldiers

Guest Speaker cont.

- The war did not make sense to Papuans
- Papuan men were recruited for war related work leaving women at home to do many unfamiliar tasks
- The sexual assaults on women led to many cases of family breakdown due the anger and shame of many men
- The domestic life of families and villages was completely disrupted by the war. Their land and homes were imposed upon and they were restricted in what they could do.

Eventually, the outcomes of the study will be presented to a museum at the University of Papua New Guinea.

Victoria then responded to a number of member's questions. There did not appear to be wide scale ostracism of any offspring from liaison of local women with foreigners. Jill commented that her father had served in the area during the war and spoke of the gentleness of Papuan women.

As a final comment, Victoria said that there were some 800 separate languages in the country and this made them one of the world's most diverse cultures and this adds to the communication difficulties.

Cliff Riley proposed the thanks.

Other Announcements

Apologies for non- attendance

Apologies for meeting absences should be directed to **David Brunt** by **telephone or text** to 0418526140 **no later than 2.00 pm on Monday**. Names of any guests can also be advised at this time.

Coin Collection for UNICEF

Please bring any spare foreign currency and place in the jar at the registration desk. Notes and coin for all countries are welcome including superseded ones.

Mordialloc Theatre Company
Shirley Burke Hall, Parkers Road, Parkdale
Thursday 10 November, 7.30 pm for 8.00 pm

Inspector Drake's Last Case

This is a zany whodunit that follows in the footsteps of the very funny BULLSHOT CRUMMOND staged in 2014. No-one could have foreseen the strange events that took place one dark evening at the home of Mrs. Gagarin. We see her taking a stroll. Next she screams, "Who is it? Oh it's you!" Next a gunshot! It's up to the world's greatest detective to solve the crime. But, in the words of Sergeant Plod, "don't believe everything you see...." After all, is it safe to say Mrs. Gagarin is actually dead? Let's see if you can help solve the crime.

Tickets: \$25. Contact Kathy Pyziakos

95841465 jackpyziakos@optusnet.com.au

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.

6 Nov (Sun)	SIDS Walk for Remembrance and BBQ at Albert Park Lake
7 Nov (Mon)	Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings Mentone 8 am to 4 pm
10 Nov (Thurs)	Theatre Night – Mordialloc Theatre Company "Inspector Drake's Last Case" 7.30 for 8.00 pm
20 Nov (Sun)	Classic Car Show, Moorabbin Airport.
5 Dec (Mon)	Christmas Lunch for Lonely People Woodlands Golf Club 12 noon
6 Dec (Tues)	Christmas Barbeque Kingston Gardens Centre Dingley Village
12 Dec (Mon)	Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings Mentone 8 am to 4 pm
20 Dec (Tues)	Club Christmas Dinner, Woodlands Golf Club – details to come
31 Mar to 2 April 2017	District 9810 Conference. "The Pier", Geelong. Further details to come

Members on Leave

George Aivatoglou – to 15 October

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: Mentone RSL
Palermo Street, Mentone
Melways Map 87 A8

Wives and Partners welcome, bookings not required

For further information contact Bob Wilson 9589 4282

Drinking glasses for sale

Drinking glasses, with Rotary logo and club name, are available for purchase for \$7 each. Please order from Secretary Carol Quayle

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.

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: 11 October
Topic: PP Bill Chapman
Topic: Water and Sanitation Issues
Chairman: Brian Foley
Desk & Regalia: Don Van, Don Butler
Fellowship: Cliff Riley
Bulletin notes: Carol Quayle

And the next....

Date: 18 October
Speaker: Margie and Peter Card
Topic: Syria Today
Chairman: Cliff Riley
Desk & Regalia: Barry Donaldson, Rob Goode
Fellowship: Paul Taranto
Bulletin notes: Jill Brear

And the next....

Date: 25 October
Speaker: Details To be advised
Topic:
Chairman:
Desk & Regalia
Fellowship:
Bulletin notes:

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?"

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