



The Mordialloc Bulletin

News and Views of the
Rotary Club of Mordialloc

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Club meets at Woodlands Golf Club
109 White Street Mordialloc
Melways Map 87 H 11
Tuesday 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm

Meeting 2192
14 February
2017

District Governor 2016-17: Carol Lawton

Assistant Governor: Ken Mirams

THIS WEEK'S MEETING

Speaker: Michael Heathcote
Topic: Buying and Inspecting Property
Chairman: Brian Foley
Desk & Regalia: Rob Goode, Sylvio Tang
Fellowship: Len Dawson
Bulletin notes: Kelly Banks



Message from President David

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

All those who attended last week's meeting could not help but be impressed by the return home "speech" by our Exchange Student Ally. She was fluent, confident, and had certainly prepared well. One downside to the evening came from Stuart McDonald, the District Youth Exchange Committee Secretary, who reminded us that the average age of Rotarians is now 71 years. As we come close to the 112th Anniversary of the founding of Rotary, I could not help but ask myself if Ally would have had the same opportunity if Rotary did not exist. The question of gaining new members becomes increasingly important if we want to continue on.

As I read *Rotary Down Under* I am always impressed by the many "good deeds" that are reported - international service projects, local community service projects, vocational projects, they are all there, but without the drive and enthusiasm of local club Rotarians where would they be?

Writing in the latest Rotary Magazine, RI President John Germ said: "The world needs Rotary more than ever. It needs our courage, our optimism and our idealism. It needs the voice of tolerance, cooperation and hope that we can offer. It needs the example of an organisation that has proven that the citizens of all countries can work together successfully, gladly and in friendship."

The Rotary world of the Mordialloc Club may seem small but last week Ally took us on a journey throughout Austria and the surrounding countries. All of this was made possible by a Rotary program that we support.

Don't forget to plan for the Gnome and Fairy Festival on Sunday 19 March. We need the support of all members and as many other friends and helpers as we can gather.

There is a club fellowship meal on Thursday 23 February and the District Welcome Home Dinner to all the returning exchange students on Friday 3 March.

And please remember and act on our Rotary theme "Rotary Serving Humanity".

Yours in Rotary

David

Club Meeting No 2191 – 7 February at Woodlands Golf Club, Mordialloc.

Attendance: 13 members, 1 visiting Rotarian, 4 guests

Apologies: Brian Schauer, Damian West, Kay Gordon, Cliff Riley

Visiting Rotarian: Stuart McDonald (RC Healesville)

Guests: Helen Brunt, Helen Foley, Ally Steele, Felicity Steele

Sickness: Brian Schauer and Damian West are both unwell at present and will be away for a few weeks.

President's Announcements

President David opened the meeting, welcomed all present and raised the following matters:

- The next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday 15 February.
- A club fellowship dinner will be held on Thursday 23 February at Sing Tao Chinese Restaurant. In Beaumaris
- The District welcome home dinner for returning exchange students and families is on Friday 3 March at the Mulgrave Country Club.
- The microphone and amplifier are to be used at club meetings.

Jill Brear chaired the remainder of the meeting.

Director and members announcements

Brian Foley (community) announced that formal approval had now been received for a District Foundation Grant for the Fareshare kitchen garden project at Moorabbin Airport. There is also an opportunity for members to assist as volunteers at the garden.

A thank you note has also been received from RC Brighton North for our club's donation of \$1500 towards the cost of the "Busy Feet" dance program for disabled students in 2017. The venue for the weekly sessions has been relocated to the Castlefield Community Centre, 505 Bluff Road, Hampton.

Jack Pyziakos announced that last week's Bunnings sausage sizzle had raised \$769. Thanks to all members and partners who helped.

Jeff Needham (youth) advised that application details have been received for this year's Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) to be held on the weekend 6-7 May. The club has committed to sponsor two teams and details have been sent to Parkdale SC.

Jack Cooper (projects) said that arrangements for distribution of the funds from the Car Festival are yet to be finalised with RC Hampton.

Jack also said the main flyer advertising this year's Gnome and Fairy Festival has been received and it will be sent to over 100 primary schools and kindergartens in the area. Email addresses for all these are being obtained.

Jill Brear suggested that club members attending the district conference might like to join with Ally Steele in wearing Austrian dress at the conference dinner.

Brian Foley had received a message from past member Tony Stove now living in Merimbula. Tony and Judy are well and send best wishes to all members but especially St Kilda supporters such as Keith Carpenter.

Paul Taranto ran the weekly Foundation raffle that raised \$25 with white wine and chocolates as the prizes. Jack Cooper won the chocolates and the wine went to auction with Jack Pyziakos making the winning bid.

Sergeant at Arms

Sergeant Jack Pyziakos ran a short sergeant's session. The Davis Cup tennis win and cricket loss to the Kiwis were fines for all. The start of the women's football with three players being suspended was a highlight. Jack was fined for "removing" a spare bread roll from Keith's table

Speaker: Ally Steele – 12 Months Youth Exchange in Austria.

Ally is a Year 12 student at Kilbreda College in Mentone and returned home in mid January 2017 from a 12 month posting in Austria under the Rotary Youth Exchange Program. She gave us a very detailed account of her activities over the year, illustrated with many photographs.

Ally lived in a town of about 2000 population in a picturesque mountainous area and attended school distant 25 minutes travel time by bus. There were 20 students in her class, only four of whom were girls. Ally was hosted by several Rotarian families. She arrived in mid-winter and the exchange students all undertook a short program learning to ski. They also attended a two-week intensive language training course in German and over the period of her stay Ally became fluent in the language. The main excursion in the early stage was a visit to Budapest where they saw *Les Miserables* performed in Hungarian.

The Spring time is a time of many festivals and community events. Hiking is very popular, mainly day trips in very steep country, as well as swimming. She also visited Vienna and the Australians felt at home when they saw a Fosters Pub. A highlight of this time was the Rotary Euro Tour visiting Rome, Florence, Venice, Croatia, France and Monaco. They also attended the Rotary district conference where she met the then RI President.

Ally's parents visited Austria in the summer and they visited Linz, Salzburg, Vienna and many museums together. There was more hiking and swimming during this time.

<p>Ally Steele (cont)</p> <p>There was more travel during the autumn including a week Rotary trip to Prague, Dresden and Berlin where they saw the remains of the Berlin Wall, the Brandenburg Gate, Checkpoint Charlie and other sites.</p> <p>A major highlight of the winter was the lead up to Christmas with each week of December having a different theme. There were numerous Christmas markets and it culminated on 24 December when the Baby Jesus brings presents. The last highlight was the final dinner involving all youth exchange students being hosted in the area.</p> <p>In conclusion Ally expressed her thanks to the Rotary Club of Mordialloc, Rotary District and the Rotarians in Austria for making her overseas stay possible.</p> <p>Ally responded to several questions including one in relation to refugees. She said that Austria was generally much better off than other European nations although tensions had emerged and this has led to divisions and very tense local elections over the refugee question.</p> <p>Stuart McDonald then spoke briefly, thanking our club for giving Ally the chance for the exchange. The District would soon be seeking host clubs for the 2018 exchange. He acknowledged the difficulty of attracting host families among older Rotarians and maybe parents of past exchange students could be approached.</p> <p>Felicity Steele, Ally's mother, indicated that her family would be prepared to host an overseas family.</p> <p><i>Jeff Needham</i> proposed the thanks -----</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Other Announcements</p> <p>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. -----</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Welcome Home Dinner for Youth Exchange Students – Friday 3 March</p> <p>Ally Steele has returned home from her successful and enjoyable year in Austria. Details of the District Welcome Home Dinner are as follows:</p> <p>Date: Friday 3 March Time: 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm Venue: Mulgrave Country Club Cnr Wellington and Jells Roads Wheeler's Hill (Melways Map 80 H1) Cost: Returning students and parents – no charge Other attendees \$30 per head Two course dinner plus drinks at bar prices -----</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Coin Collection for UNICEF</p> <p>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.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SUMMARY OF COMING EVENTS</p> <p>Please note the following dates and events in your diary. It is important that all members support the club in these activities.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="798 257 1492 851"> <tr> <td>23 Feb (Thurs)</td> <td>Club Fellowship Dinner Sing Tao Chinese Restaurant 5 - 7 South Concourse, Beaumaris. 7.00 pm.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3 March (Fri)</td> <td>Youth Exchange Welcome home dinner. Mulgrave Country Club 7.00 for 7.30 pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>13 March (Mon)</td> <td>Bunnings Mentone sausage sizzle 8 am to 4 pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>19 March (Sun)</td> <td>Gnome and Fairy Festival. 10 am to 4 pm. Please note venue change to: George Woods Reserve, Governor Road, Mordialloc</td> </tr> <tr> <td>31 Mar to 2 April 2017</td> <td>District 9810 Conference. "The Pier", Geelong.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>21 April (Fri)</td> <td>Interplast Golf Day, Woodlands Golf Club</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4 May (Thurs)</td> <td>District 9810 Golf Day. Keysborough Golf Club. \$55 per head</td> </tr> </table> <p>Members on Leave Russ Hellier – to end February Carol Quayle – 16 January to 21 March Brian Schauer – to 28 February Damian West – to 28 February George Aivatoglou – to 7 March Jill Brear – 14 February to 18 April If you plan to be absent for three weeks or longer, please request leave of absence through the secretary. -----</p> <p style="text-align: center;">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 <i>Wives and Partners welcome, bookings not required</i> For further information contact Bob Wilson 9589 4282 -----</p> <p>Used Spectacles for Taveuni Eye Project, Fiji Anyone with spectacles, including sunglasses that are no longer in use is asked to donate them to the Taveuni Eye Project in Fiji being conducted by the Rotary Clubs of Boronia and Nunawading. The spectacles can be delivered to Jill Brear. -----</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Where Other Clubs Meet</p> <p>This information is available via the club website via the following link: http://mordiallocrotary.org.au/about-rotary/where-other-clubs-meet/ -----</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wheelchairs for Kids</p> <p>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.</p>	23 Feb (Thurs)	Club Fellowship Dinner Sing Tao Chinese Restaurant 5 - 7 South Concourse, Beaumaris. 7.00 pm.	3 March (Fri)	Youth Exchange Welcome home dinner. Mulgrave Country Club 7.00 for 7.30 pm	13 March (Mon)	Bunnings Mentone sausage sizzle 8 am to 4 pm	19 March (Sun)	Gnome and Fairy Festival. 10 am to 4 pm. Please note venue change to: George Woods Reserve, Governor Road, Mordialloc	31 Mar to 2 April 2017	District 9810 Conference. 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Forthcoming Meeting Program & Rosters

Next meeting..... Partner's Night

Date: 21 February
Speaker: Dianne Taranto
Topic: Reflections on a Career in Primary Education
Chairman: Kay Gordon
Desk & Regalia: Len Dawson, Don Butler
Fellowship: Brian Foley
Bulletin notes:

And the next....

Date: 28 February
Speaker: Mick Brasher
Topic: Native Birds
Chairman: Jack Cooper
Desk & Regalia: Don Van, Rob Goode
Fellowship: Kay Gordon
Bulletin notes: Glenyse Cooper

And the next....

Date: 7 March
Speaker: To be confirmed
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?"

SUPPORT
YOUR LOCAL
TRAVEL AGENCY
WHO SUPPORTS
OUR LOCAL CLUB

DESTINATION HQ
TRAVEL DIFFERENT TRAVEL REDEFINED

Beumaris
23 North Concourse
9589 3294

Mentone
Thrift Park Shopping Centre
9584 3833