



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
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Tuesday 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm

Meeting 2194
24 February
2017

District Governor 2016-17: Carol Lawton

Assistant Governor: Ken Mirams

THIS WEEK'S MEETING

Speaker: Mick Brasher
Topic: Native Birds
Chairman: Jack Cooper
Desk & Regalia: Don Van, Rob Goode
Fellowship: Kay Gordon
Bulletin notes: Kelly Banks



Message from President David

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Last night (Thursday) 14 Rotarians enjoyed a time of fellowship over a Chinese meal. It was a great meal, and the first prize, if there was one, for the biggest mess made with chopsticks goes to your president. I am glad we did not have to wash the table cloths. Fellowship has been an important part of Rotary since its very beginning and we should take advantage of it wherever possible. Thank you to those who organised the night. It was really enjoyable.

Last week we listened with rapt attention as Di Taranto took us on her journey through the education system and her career in teaching. Thank you Di, it truly was inspirational.

Don't forget the official District Welcome Home Dinner for Ally and the other exchange students is on Friday 3rd March at The Mulgrave Country Club. And then it is all systems go for the Gnome and Fairy Festival on Sunday 19 March. We need the involvement of all club members to make this a great success.

Of course we also have the next Bunnings sausage sizzle on 13 March, Labour Day

In the introduction to a small booklet on *The Choir of Hard Knocks* the writer said: "The Choir of Hard Knocks" is an eclectic group of disadvantaged and homeless people who have come together to create an unlikely musical phenomenon." This is a beautiful description of fellowship. Jenny, one of the choir members said: "Whenever there are people loving and caring for each other, that's a family." This is something for us all to think about as we consider the 2016-17 Rotary theme "*Rotary Serving Humanity*".

Yours in Rotary

David

Club Meeting No 2193 – 21 February at Woodlands Golf Club, Mordialloc.

Attendance: 16 members, 4 guests

Apologies: Brian Schauer, Damian West,

Guests: Dianne Taranto (guest speaker), Helen Goode, Helen Brunt, Helen Foley

Make-Up: Kay Gordon (District board meeting)

Sickness: Brian Schauer and Damian West are still unwell.

President's Announcements

President David opened the meeting, welcomed all present and reminded of the following coming events:

- A club fellowship dinner 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.
- Bunnings barbeque, Monday 13 March, Labour Day
- The Gnome & Fairy Festival on Sunday 19 March
- Mental Health Awareness Night run by Bentmoor Men's Shed at Bentleigh Secondary College on Thursday 23 March. Sausage sizzle at 5.45 pm to precede 6.30 pm start for the forum

Kay Gordon chaired the remainder of the meeting.

Director and members announcements

Len Dawson (projects) gave update on planning for the Gnome and Fairy Festival. Contact is being made via email with some 100 schools and pre-schools. At least 18 stallholders are confirmed. The committee is very busy with the many tasks required.

Paul Taranto was to attend a youth forum run by RC Cheltenham at Milanos Tavern, Brighton Beach on 22 February.

Paul ran the weekly Rotary Foundation raffle with white wine and M & M chocolates as prizes. Jack Pyziakos and Graeme Bruce were winners. The raffle raised \$24.

Jack Pyziakos reminded of the sausage sizzle at Bunnings on Monday 13 March. There will be an onion peeling and chopping working bee at Jack's house on the previous day (Sunday), commencing at 5.00 pm. Jack will supply the wine!

Graeme Bruce and Cliff Riley met up in Hobart when they were both visiting last week. Although Graeme enjoyed his visit, he returned battered and bruised after a trip to a chiropractor.

Sergeant at Arms

Sergeant Jack Pyziakos ran the sergeant's session and fined those who did not attend the Greek festival. Better advertise it next time Jack. AFL, Rugby and English soccer all featured in the fines.

As expected, Paul willingly paid a \$2 delight for grandson Tim's good performance in his first outing with GWS at Narrandera. Paul and Dianne travelled to the town and found the accommodation and meal services were fully stretched.

Guest Speaker: Dianne Taranto "Reflections on a Career in Primary Teaching"

Dianne retired at the end of 2016 after 26 years teaching in the Catholic primary education system. She began her talk explaining that she finally qualified as a teacher after the early difficulties of her family situation almost thwarted her ambition to teach.

Dianne was the eldest of five children brought up in the Dandenong area. Dianne attended secondary school at Dandenong and loved home economics which she desired to teach. However, she was forced to leave school on her 16th birthday and get a job to support the family financially. Over the next 5 years she had a variety of jobs but still had the desire to teach. During this time she met Paul, at a jazz ballet class. Then Dianne got the urge to travel and spent the next five years travelling the world until Paul followed her to London where he proposed. She accepted on the basis that she would be able to return to study to become a teacher.

In the early years of their marriage, family responsibilities and moving to different locations for Paul's work, made further study difficult. Eventually she enrolled at Churchill Institute in Gippsland when they were living in that area. Dianne commented that in one memorable week they returned to live in Melbourne, she gave birth did an examination. She finished off teacher training at Melbourne University.

Dianne's 26 years teaching have been a continual learning curve and she spoke of three main issues:

1 Computer and technology in learning and education
Dianne started teaching in the chalk and duster era when the only teacher technical aids were tape recorder, television, movie players and an occasional film. I Pads, laptops and other computer systems are now the basic tools of teaching. The students are all up with the technology and teachers have to work hard to keep ahead.

2 The Disability and Discrimination Act 2005
This now requires that students with disabilities must have the same access to classroom teaching, facilities and excursions as all other students. This has resulted in some students rarely seen before, such as those with Autism or Down's Syndrome becoming part of the mainstream. While some people have objected to special attention being given to these students, most accept it.

<p>Speaker (cont)</p> <p>While some additional finance is given to meet the special needs, it is insufficient. However, a good feature is that many students now have greater empathy for those with disabilities.</p> <p><i>3 Challenges to Teaching</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Raising the professional standards of teaching. Australian teachers are drawn mainly from the middle range of students. This compares with Finland, often quoted as having the world's highest teaching level, where teachers are drawn from the top students Developing curriculum to meet the continuing changes in the workplace Identifying students in danger of falling behind. Poor performing students are often those with the highest absenteeism. Teaching is now aimed at meeting the needs of all students, including high and low achievers, as well as those in the middle <p>Dianne's presentation provoked a number of questions relating to NAPLAN, returning to study later in life, use of books compared with electronic readers, reduction of illiteracy and early intervention for students falling behind.</p> <p><i>Brian Foley proposed the thanks</i></p> <p>-----</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>-----</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> <p>-----</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Welcome Home Dinner for Youth Exchange Students – Friday 3 March</p> <p>Details of the District Welcome Home Dinner are::</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>-----</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="798 291 1493 884"> <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>23 March (Thurs)</td> <td>Bentmoor Men's Shed. Mental Health/ Positive Wellbeing, free information session. Bentleigh Secondary School 6.30 pm to 9.00 pm</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 15 March 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>-----</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bayside Kingston Prostate Cancer Support Group</p> <p>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>-----</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Used Spectacles for Taveuni Eye Project, Fiji</p> <p>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>-----</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>	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	23 March (Thurs)	Bentmoor Men's Shed. Mental Health/ Positive Wellbeing, free information session. Bentleigh Secondary School 6.30 pm to 9.00 pm	31 Mar to 2 April 2017	District 9810 Conference. "The Pier", Geelong.	21 April (Fri)	Interplast Golf Day, Woodlands Golf Club	4 May (Thurs)	District 9810 Golf Day. Keysborough Golf Club. \$55 per head
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Forthcoming Meeting Program & Rosters

Next meeting.....

Date: 7 March
Speaker: Rob Salvatore
Topic: Motor Cycle Safety
Chairman: Paul Taranto
Desk & Regalia: Don Butler, Len Dawson
Fellowship: Jeff Needham
Bulletin notes: Glenyse Cooper

And the next....

Date: 14 March
Speaker 1 & Topic: Christine Rees (Heart Foundation)
Active Living for a Healthy Heart
Speakers 2 & Topic: Project team members
Gnome & Fairy Festival briefing
Chairman: Brian Foley
Desk & Regalia: Don Van, Rob Goode
Fellowship: Sylvio Tang
Bulletin notes: Kelly Banks

And the next....

Date: 21 March
Speaker: Glen Tippett
Topic: Australian Rotary Health
Chairman: Jeff Needham
Desk & Regalia: Don Butler, Kelly Banks
Fellowship: Cliff Riley
Bulletin notes: Glenyse Cooper

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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