



# 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 2203  
16 May 2017

**District Governor 2016-17: Carol Lawton**

**Assistant Governor: Ken Mirams**

## THIS WEEK'S MEETING

## Partners Night

Speaker: Helen Botham  
Topic: Latrobe and his cottage  
Chairman: Glenyse Cooper  
Desk & Regalia: Don Butler, Rob Goode  
Fellowship: Sylvio Tang  
Bulletin notes: Kelly Banks



RI theme 2016-17

## Message from President David

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

It is that time of the year again. Yes, I am referring to Budget time. Nothing brings out the lack of tolerance and good will so much as that one Tuesday night in the year when our "pollies" talk budgets. No matter what our political bias is, we have to rubbish everything that has gone on before, and find fault with any new presentations.

The Late Jim Rohn, an American business writer once wrote: "...Do not allow your awareness of past difficulty or failures to adversely affect your current and future possibilities. The greatest value of the past is how wisely we invest it in the future. Let the past be a servant for making the future both more enjoyable and profitable." (The Seasons of Life ) Sound advice for all in leadership positions today.

I attended the District Rotary Foundation Grants Seminar on Friday evening. While I am the first to admit that while this side of Rotary is not "my cup of tea", it is encouraging to know that there are Rotarians who are there to help our club through all the processes should we be wanting to apply for a grant in the future .

The work has started in earnest as we look to be engaged in the Rotary Youth Exchange Program again. Interviews have been conducted by Brian and Kelly with Nicole Brooks, our outgoing student, and her parents. Brian tells me that Kilbreda College will accept our incoming student Johanna Gruber from Austria on her arrival in Australia next August.

There is a Board meeting this week, a Bunnings barbeque on Friday, District Training Assembly on Sunday. Our Rotary life goes on. In all of our "busyness" Please don't forget the Rotary theme for this year " ROTARY SERVING HUMANITY

Yours in Rotary

David

**Club Meeting No 2202 – 9 May at Woodlands Golf Club, Mordialloc.**

**Attendance:** 16 members, 5 guests

**Apology:** Kay Gordon

**Guests:** Ryan and Joy Kisby (guest speakers), Michaela Kisby, Helen Brunt, Helen Goode.

**President's Announcements**

President David opened the meeting, welcomed all present and gave the following announcements:

- PP June Adams of RC Emerald & District died recently. June was the widow of Past District Governor Ray Adams.
- A report has been received from Len Brear on the Taveuni Eye Project in Fiji.
- A District Rotary Foundation Grants Seminar was to be held last Friday evening.
- The next board meeting will be held on Wednesday 17 May
- The Annual District Training Assembly will be held on Sunday 21 May at Deakin University, Burwood Highway, Burwood, from 8.30 am to 1 pm.
- The District 9810 Annual Changeover Dinner will be held on Saturday 24 June at Southern Golf Club, Lower Dandenong Road, Keysborough
- The Club Changeover Dinner will be held on Tuesday 27 June at Woodlands Golf Club.
- The District Governor's official club visit for 2017-18 will be on 11 July.

President *David* chaired the remainder of the meeting.

**Director and members announcements**

*Brian Foley* spoke on progress with the Youth Exchange Program. Contact has been made with outgoing student Nicola Brooks and Brian and Kelly would interview Nicola and her parents the following evening. Negotiations are continuing with local secondary schools to arrange schooling for the incoming student Johanna Gruber from Austria.

*Updates.* Nicola is a very impressive young lady, with a strong academic record and broad range of sporting and other interests. Two older sisters have undertaken Rotary youth exchange and both Nicola and her parents are keen to participate this year.

Kilbreda College Mentone has agreed to provide schooling for Johanna Gruber from Austria. Johanna is also a good student and talented musician (violin) and Kilbreda looks forward to having her in their music program. Documentation has been provided for Johanna's visa application to be processed.

*Jack Pyziakos* asked the meeting if members would like to run a Bunnings sausage sizzle on a Friday in the near future. The general agreement was in favour and the date has now been set for next Friday 19 May.

The weekly Rotary Foundation raffle was run by Keith Carpenter in Paul's absence. There was an extra prize this week with a small hamper of goods suitable as a Mother's Day gift donated by Felicity Steele, mother of last year's exchange student Ally. Thank you Felicity. The raffle raised \$30 and the winners were Rob Goode, George Aivatoglou and Keith Carpenter.

**Sergeant at Arms**

Jack Pyziakos was on the job again with the usual sporting fines and his quiz covering a range of subjects. Brian Foley was happy to pay for Australia winning the world teams championship at croquet. Helen Goode knew the answer to the quiz question on films. AFL footy winners were fined, Sydney beat Melbourne in the soccer final and everyone acknowledged the late Lou Richards.

**Guest Speakers – Ryan and Joy Kisby – “After Recovery”.**

President David introduced Ryan and Joy who he has known for some years. Ryan is a busker and also now a helper at the Salvation Army Kingston Gardens Centre. Both Ryan and Joy have had difficult lives, suffered addiction and are now in the recovery phase. They both told us of their life journeys.

*Ryan* said that as a teenager he did not fit in at school, in his family or anywhere. He began drinking alcohol heavily with some mates and became depressed, argumentative and unable to find stable employment after leaving school. He first attended an Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) meeting at age 20 and spent the following five years in and out of detoxification and rehabilitation facilities.

He met Joy, who was also alcoholic, around this time. It was good for a while until he began having blackouts and hallucinating. He admits to driving while drunk and is lucky not to have got caught or killing anyone. The situation came to a head in 2009 and he went back to AA where he met some good people who helped. He has not drunk alcohol since that year and describes himself now as “stark raving sober!” He and Joy married that year.

Ryan now has good relations with his family and is pleased that he was sober for the last years of his father's life. He has been playing guitar in a band for four years. Ryan then played his guitar for us and sang “Piano Man”.

*Joy* had a similar background to Ryan. She did not fit in with her peers, suffered anxiety and depression as a teenager, dropped out of school and began drinking with other teenagers having similar problems. She became a mother at age 16 and underwent counselling. She started the nightclub scene when she was 18 and by her early 20s was into drugs. She then met Ryan and together they met many other drinkers and lived in a caravan park, the best they could afford.

She attended her first AA meeting and like Ryan has not had a drink since 2009. They married and obtained proper accommodation.

Speakers continued

Joy and Ryan now have a young daughter, Michaela, who accompanied them to the meeting. She receives good support from her family and now volunteers at the Salvation Army centre as a barista and helper with special needs people and play groups. She receives ongoing professional help and believes that life is good for her now. Her elder daughter is now 21 and doing well in London.

Ryan then concluded with another Bob Dylan song "Times are a-changing"

Brian Foley proposed the thanks and commended Ryan and Joy for their honest and frank summary of their situation and the fact that they are now putting back into the community by helping other disadvantaged people.

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Ryan entertained us with guitar and song



L to R: Ryan, President David, Sergeant Jack, Joy

### 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.

17 May (Wed)	Board meeting, 7.30 pm David Brunt's house
19 May (Fri)	Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings Mentone. 8.00 am to 4.00 pm
21 May (Sun)	District Training Assembly Deakin University Burwood Hwy, Burwood 8.30 am to 1.00 pm
24 June (Sat)	District 9810 Changeover Southern Golf Club, Lower Dandenong Road, Keysborough Further details to come.
27 June	Club Changeover Night Woodlands GC. 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm
11 July	District Governor's Official Club Visit

### Members on Leave

Russ Hellier – indefinite  
Brian Schauer – indefinite  
Paul Taranto – 6 to 28 May  
Jeff Needham – 6 May to 13 June  
If you plan to be absent for three weeks or longer, please request leave of absence through the secretary.

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### 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

### 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/>

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### 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.

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### 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.

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### 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

## Forthcoming Meeting Program & Rosters

### Next meeting.....

Date: 23 May  
Speaker: Helen Robertson  
Topic: Technology for Seniors  
Chairman: Kelly Banks  
Desk & Regalia: Don Van, George Aivatoglou  
Fellowship: Brian Foley  
Bulletin notes: Glenyse Cooper

### And the next....

Date: 30 May  
Speaker: To be advised  
Topic: "  
Chairman: Brian Foley  
Desk & Regalia: Don Butler, Rob Goode  
Fellowship: Sylvio Tang  
Bulletin notes: Carol Quayle

### And the next....

Date: 6 June  
Speaker: Ken Mirams  
Topic: Working with Children Certification  
Chairman: Carol Quayle  
Desk & Regalia: Don Van, Barry Donaldson  
Fellowship: Brian Foley  
Bulletin notes: Kelly Banks

## 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.

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## 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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