



# 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 2204  
23 May 2017

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

**Assistant Governor: Ken Mirams**

## THIS WEEK'S MEETING

## Partners Night

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



RI theme 2016-17

## Message from President David

Dear Fellow Rotarians,  
What a great night we had at our club last week. Our guest speaker Helen Botham took us on a history lesson of Melbourne as she talked so earnestly of La Trobe Cottage and those early days. With a number of visitors present, we could not have asked for a better guest speaker. Thank you Glenyse for the way you have arranged our speakers over the past year. You have given us a great variety of speakers and information.

Our club board met on Wednesday night and we were glad to approve a contribution of \$2000 to the Sabu project. This major international project has taken a while to gain approval but everything now is in place, and we are glad to be able to support the Beaumaris club with this project. The board was also delighted that another \$6000 will be going to Interplast this year. Our International Committee chairperson Brian Schauer may be leaving the club but he is still working hard. Thank you Brian.

Another interesting International project that we will share in is the packing of birthing kits. This will be explained in more detail by Kay and has the potential to prevent a number of deaths at birth in third world countries.

Our club project with FareShare is nearly completed as all the equipment for their garden has now been purchased. This was done with the assistance of a District Grant, and our club will be reimbursed 50% of the total cost which was some \$4400. A letter of thanks from FareShare is attached to this bulletin.

We have a number of students who have applied for the National Youth Science Forum and interviews will be conducted shortly.

The Board is also glad to support a Club Fellowship afternoon at Kay's new abode on Saturday afternoon June 17. This will also give us the opportunity of looking over another retirement village in case we ever need to put our names forward.

Thanks to all who helped to run the Bunnings sausage sizzled last Friday and congratulations to Jack for organising another successful event. It raised \$860.

On Sunday, nine members as well as Kathy Pyziakos attended the annual District 9810 Assembly where District Governor Elect Malcolm Chiverton introduced the leadership team for the coming year and outlined some new Rotary initiatives. We also saw a short video of RI President-Elect Ian Riseley announcing the Rotary theme for 2017-18 "Rotary: Making a Difference"

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President's Message continued

On a sad note, we have learnt that Jill Brear's father died on Saturday. The thoughts and prayers of members are sent to Jill and her family at this time. No details of funeral arrangements are available yet.

Charles Dickens is reported to have said: "No one is useless in this world who lightens the burden of another." Perhaps this was an early interpretation of the Rotary theme: *Rotary Serving Humanity*.

Yours in Rotary

David

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**Club Meeting No 2203 – 16 May at Woodlands Golf Club, Mordialloc.**

**Attendance:** 19 members, 6 guests

**Apology:** Graeme Bruce, Jeff Needham, Paul Taranto (both on leave)

**Guests:** Helen Botham (guest speaker), John Botham, Helen Brunt, Helen Foley, Nethra (guest of Sylvio), Joy (guest of Kay).

**President's Announcements**

President David opened the meeting, welcomed guest and honorary member Tim Fitton. David then gave the following announcements:

- In answer to a member's question, Kay Gordon is currently the membership chairman.
- The monthly board meeting would be held on the following evening
- The next Bunnings sausage sizzle is on Friday 19 May.
- The Annual District Training Assembly will be held on Sunday 21 May at Deakin University, Burwood Highway, Burwood, from 8.30 am to 12.30 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.

Glenyse Cooper chaired the remainder of the meeting.

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**Director and members announcements**

Secretary *Carol Quayle* reminded members of Working with Children registration arrangements.

*Brian Foley* spoke on the following matters:

*FareShare:* Purchase of tools and equipment for the Moorabbin market garden property is now completed. The district grant should be received soon. Brian visited the Moorabbin and Clayton South properties earlier that day and showed various photographs

*Youth Exchange:* Brian and Kelly had interviewed outgoing student Nicola Brooks and her parents. 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). Johanna's visa application is being processed and she is expected to arrive in the first week of August.

*National Youth Science Forum:* To date four students have sought club sponsorship. Interviews will be held in early June after the final registration day.

*Jack Pyziakos* confirmed volunteers for the various times at the Bunnings sausage sizzle last Friday 19 May. Jack also confirmed that the next barbeque would be on Saturday 22 July (replacing one scheduled for August). Jack advised that a profit of \$100 was made from the Mordialloc Theatre night in April.

The weekly Rotary Foundation raffle was run by Keith Carpenter and raised \$40. Helen Foley and Helen Botham (speaker) were the winners.

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**Sergeant at Arms**

Sergeant Jack Pyziakos started his session with a number of sports related fines. Nick Kyrios lost to Nadal at tennis, Jason Day lost so the golfers paid as did the losing supporters in AFL, Richmond, Geelong and Collingwood. St Kilda was fined for their sledging and everyone paid for the appointment of a female central umpire this week. Tim Taranto won the Rising Star Award although Paul is away and Storm lost.

In the quiz, Carol knew the answer to Red Nose Day. Cliff fined the president and sergeant because the meeting started early!

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**Guest Speaker – Helen Botham "La Trobe and his Cottage."**

Helen Botham is a speech pathologist by training and for some 20 years has undertaken garden research for the National Trust. Since 2004 Helen has been involved with the CJ La Trobe Society and has undertaken extensive research on La Trobe and his cottage. Her presentation covered the history of the cottage and the background and achievements of La Trobe who served in the settlement of Melbourne from 1839 to 1854.

Charles La Trobe came to Melbourne with his wife and 2 year-old daughter in 1839. He served as Superintendent of the Port Philip District, under Governor Hoddle, and was appointed Lieutenant-Governor of the new colony of Victoria from 1851 until his return to England in 1854.

Speaker continued

As no official housing was available for him at the time of initial appointment, La Trobe brought a timber prefabricated two-room cottage with him from England and it was erected on a corner of the "Government Paddock" in East Melbourne. The following year, La Trobe purchased the land at auction and named it "Jolimont" which later became the name of the nearby suburb. The cottage had additional rooms added and extensive gardens established as the La Trobe family increased with the birth of three more children.

La Trobe's period as Lieutenant-Governor coincided with the discovery of gold and Melbourne soon was regarded as richest city in the world. It was also a period of the establishment of many educational and cultural institutions and buildings. La Trobe initiated the establishment of Melbourne University and the Library and many gardens such as the Botanic, Carlton and Fitzroy Gardens. He also initiated the building of Government House in 1854 although it was not completed and occupied until 1876.

After La Trobe's departure, the cottage was initially rented out and the land was subsequently subdivided and sold. Industrial development encroached on the site and much of the grounds were lost to a shoe factory and the cottage buildings deteriorated and sections were removed. The National Trust acquired the remainder of the building in 1963 and moved it to a site near the Royal Botanic Gardens Herbarium. It was subsequently moved again and now is located at the southern end of Botanical Gardens.

The cottage was restored to its original configuration in the early 2000s and launched to the public by the Friends of La Trobe's Cottage in 2009. It is open for inspection from 2 to 4 pm on Sundays in the summer months. Joint tours of both Government House and La Trobe's Cottage are available for groups on Mondays.

Many other colonial governors had a military or naval background whereas La Trobe came from the civil service and had strong spiritual and evangelistic convictions that influenced his views. This put him at odds with many colonists and he was regarded as a controversial figure. On return to England he did not receive another colonial posting. He died in 1875.

Helen responded to a number of members' questions.

*Sylvio Tang* proposed the thanks for the most interesting and informative presentation.

Further information about La Trobe and his cottage is available at the website of the CJ La Trobe Society:

[www.latrobessociety.org.au/](http://www.latrobessociety.org.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.

17 June (Sat)	Fellowship Visit to Beleura Retirement Village, 107 Bungower Road, Mornington. 2 pm onwards.
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
22 July (Sat)	Bunnings Mentone sausage sizzle 8.00 am to 4.00 pm

### 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

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### 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: 30 May  
Speaker: Paul Taranto  
Topic: The Rotary year ahead  
Chairman: Brian Foley  
Desk & Regalia: Len Dawson, 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

### And the next....

Date: 13 June  
Speaker: To be confirmed  
Topic: Youth activities  
Chairman: Cliff Riley  
Desk & Regalia: Don Butler, Rob Goode  
Fellowship: Paul Taranto  
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.

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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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