



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 2212
18 July 2017

District Governor 2017-18: Malcolm Chiverton

Assistant Governor: Ken Mirams

THIS WEEK'S MEETING

Speaker:	Selwyn Shahine
Topic:	Starting an Interact club
Chairman:	Jeff Needham
Desk & Regalia:	Don Butler, Rob Goode
Fellowship:	Sylvio Tang
Bulletin notes:	Kelly Banks



RI theme 2017-18

Message from President Paul Taranto

Welcome everyone to our third meeting for 2017/2018. The week that has just past has had its share of ominous newspaper headlines. However interspersed among those headlines there were still stories of people making a difference for the good of others. I know the actions of one Rotarian from the Rotary Club of Ringwood certainly made a difference for a student endeavoring to get to the next round of the National Youth Science Forum interviews. I trust everyone in our Club has had good week and, in their own way, found a way each day to make a difference.

Last week we had the privilege of hosting District Governor Malcolm Chiverton for the first club visit of his year. Malcolm noted the many activities that our club undertakes at local, national and international levels. In a thank you card he sent me acknowledging the welcome the club gave him, he noted that we are a "fabulous" club and he was sure we will continue to go on making a difference in 2017/2018. It was certainly a solid start to his year and the club's year to induct our two new members Trina and Ernie Williams. Membership is a very important focus area for Rotary and our Club. I look forward to all members supporting Kay Gordon in this area.

Thank you to everyone for completing the sheets indicating which areas of the club activities that members could become involved in 2017/2018. I have sent summaries to each of the committee chairs and a summary is attached to this newsletter. If I have made an error I apologize. If there is an area that you wish to contribute in please do not hesitate to speak to the committee chair. I am sure they will welcome everyone who can assist. At last week's meeting, Jeff Needham asked for all interested in the youth area to stay back and discuss the plans for this year.

The International Rotary family received some sad news this week with the unexpected passing of President-elect of Rotary International, Sam F. Otori. This is a sombre reminder that none of us "know the hour" and that one should always "Seize the Day". President Ian Riseley has asked us all to keep Sam's family and friends in our thoughts at this difficult time for them.

I thank all club members for what they do each day in *Making a Difference*.

Yours in Rotary

Paul

Club Meeting No 2211 – 11 July at Woodlands Golf Club, Mordialloc.

Attendance: 18 members, 2 visiting Rotarians, 4 guests.

Apology: George Aivatoglou, Sylvio Tang,

Visiting Rotarians: DG Malcolm Chiverton, Asst. Governor Ken Mirams.

Guests: Ernie and Trina Williams, Helen Goode, Helen Foley

Make-ups: Brian Foley, Carol Quayle, Paul Taranto (District Youth Exchange information night)

President's Announcements

President Paul opened the meeting, welcomed members and visitors and announced the following:

- A District Membership Seminar will be held on Friday 21 July at Box Hill and our club should be well represented. Details are in the attached flyer
- An email message has been received from Len Brear thanking the club for its contributions to Interplast totalling \$50,500 over the past 10 years. The full text of the email is in this bulletin.
- District handbooks have been distributed. Please advise of any errors.
- The next board meeting is on Wednesday 18 July

Paul also chaired the meeting for the evening

As an example of the "Power of One", Brian Foley told the story of the late John Dack, a long time member of the Rotary Club of Moorabbin. During WW2, John was a crew member of a bomber that crash landed in the Zeider Zee while returning from a raid over Germany. Although injured, he escaped the sinking plane and would have drowned except that a German soldier saw his plight and paddled a small boat out to rescue him. They were re-united after the war and became friends. In 2002, during a visit to Australia with his wife, the Moorabbin club recognised the former German soldier as a Paul Harris Fellow in recognition of rescuing John so many years earlier.

New Member Inductions – Ernie and Trina Williams
District Governor Malcolm, along with President Paul, then proceeded with the induction of two new members of the Rotary Club of Mordialloc, namely:

Ernie Williams, classification: Owners Corporation Management

Trina Williams, classification: Adult Education.



L to R: Ernie, Trina, President Paul, Governor Malcolm during the induction

Committee and Member announcements

Jack Pyziakos reminded of the next Bunnings sausage sizzle to be held on Saturday 22 July. Jack and Paul will be speaking with City of Kingston this week concerning the Gnome and Fairy Festival.

Brian Foley reported on the following matters:

- The youth exchange briefing session held last Friday, for those in the youth exchange program.
- Discussions with Mordialloc Neighbourhood House on possible collaboration on community projects.
- Update of the club website

Barry Donaldson advised of a travel scam he had come across run by dodgy travel operators. Details are on the Smart Traveller website.

Jeff Needham reminded members of the need for all members and persons dealing with young people to have a Working with Children certificate. A meeting of members interested in assisting with youth activities will be held after this week's club meeting.

David Brunt reminded that from next week on he will be away and apologies for meeting attendance should be advised to Jack Pyziakos.

Damian West's "Musings" article is on Page 6 of this week's bulletin

The weekly raffle for Australian Rotary Health raised \$49. The winners were Len Dawson, Malcolm Chiverton and Graeme Bruce.

Sergeant-at-Arms

Sergeant Cliff Riley was back on the job and started by fining supporters of all winning AFL teams. Storm lost so Jack Pyziakos paid up. Cliff then ran a quiz with the theme of the geography of the Melbourne CBD as he took us on a "tram ride" of various city landmarks such as St Paul's Cathedral, Hosier's Lane, the State Library, Houses of Parliament, the old gaol and the MCG. All who had not visited these had to pay.

Carol had a dollar delight as she celebrates her wedding anniversary this week.

Guest speaker- District Governor Malcolm Chiverton

Malcolm began by thanking President Paul, Secretary Carol, President-Elect Jack, other club directors and Assistant Governor Ken for their discussions with him earlier that day. Malcolm also apologised for Karen being absent from the club visit as she had work commitments that day.

Malcolm commented on the documents he had been sent from the club including the 2016-17 Annual Report and draft plans for the current year. He concluded that the club is very active and instanced the Gnome and Fairy Festival, the Festival of Wheels and our support for 10 different international projects including ROMAC and Interplast and encouraged us to keep going on these that have a great benefit for needy people.

We are also heavily involved with our community through a range of community activities that increase the profile of both Rotary Club of Mordialloc and Rotary more generally.

He then described our work with youth projects as “sensational” and hoped that we will be able to get an Interact club started. Currently there are 9 Clubs throughout District. Malcolm also suggested that we get together with our cluster clubs to start a Rotaract Club. The District desperately needs another Rotaract Club in this area.

Malcolm thanked the club for our donations to the Rotary Foundation where we are certainly “punching above our weight in Annual Giving and contributions to Polio eradication. Rotary is on the verge of eliminating a second man made disease with only 6 reported cases of polio this year. Malcolm was really pleased that we obtained a District Grant to assist FareShare and contributed to the Global Grant of RC Beaumaris.

Malcolm then thanked Kay Gordon for her great work as the District Secretary for the last two years. She had done a fantastic job and was never frazzled. He also thanked President Paul, another tireless worker as Chair for National Youth Science Forum and Conocco Phillips Science experience, PDG Brian Foley who still gets involved in international and other District matters and Carol Quayle for her work on the ROMAC committee.

The next District 9810 Conference will be held in Bendigo from Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th March 2018. The conference theme is: *Together Towards Tomorrow*. There are already some very good keynote speakers lined up and Malcolm encourages all Rotarians to consider attending.

As the Governor’s partner’s program for 2017, Karen has chosen Stage 2 of the Purnululu Aboriginal School Project near the Bungle Bungles in the north of Western Australia. This year the specific aim is to fund an additional aboriginal education officer.

Malcolm then brought to attention some specific Rotary matters for 2017-18 on behalf of RI President Ian Riseley. This Rotary year we will answer the question “What is Rotary?” with the theme “*Rotary: Making a Difference*”. Each of us chooses to serve in a different way knowing that our service makes a difference in the lives of others. Whether we are building a new playground or a new school, improving medical care or sanitation, training conflict mediators or midwives, we know that the work we do will change people’s lives – in ways large and small – for the better.

This year RI President Riseley has made it reasonably easy for every club in the District to achieve a Presidential Citation. Ian is asking all Clubs to Support and Strengthen Clubs, Focus and Increase Humanitarian Service and enhance Rotary’s Public Image and Awareness. This year’s Rotary Citation will recognise clubs that complete activities that support these priorities. Clubs will have the entire Rotary year – 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 – to achieve the citation’s goals. Malcolm believes that the citation document is well thought out and can be used as a roadmap for membership, service and the profile of our club.

Malcolm’s specific vision for 2017-18 covers the following four areas:

1. Membership and Public Image
2. Projects and Planning
3. Giving
4. Training and Development

Through Membership and Public Image, he would like to see a net increase of 2 members per club (one to be a female) and 3 members for clubs with over 50 members.

Through Projects and Planning, he encourages your club to:

- have a strategic plan
- participate in Cluster projects
- become more involved with Rotaract and Interact and boost the Rotary profile
- partner with other organisations for local and international projects
- focus on programs and activities that support youth and young leaders and through the Rotary Foundation’s six areas of focus strategy

Through Giving, he encourages clubs to:

- increase your club’s contribution to the Rotary Foundation
- Continue to support the eradication of Polio. (Clubs that contribute a minimum of \$1000 US will see their donation grow to \$7500 with matching grants from Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and District 9810

Training and Development, Malcolm encourage clubs to develop Future Leaders through Rotary Leadership Institute and Vocational Services.

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<p>District Governor (cont)</p> <p>Malcolm concluded that if we can achieve these goals we will grow our District. With passion, energy and love of Rotary, we can really Make a Difference in our Community, in our District and in our World!</p> <p>Malcolm then responded to several members' questions</p> <p><i>Brian Foley proposed the thanks</i> -----</p> <p>Email received from Len Brear, outgoing chair of the District Interplast Committee: "Dear Paul, David, Brian, Barry, Jack, Cliff, Carol and Kay</p> <p><i>Greetings!</i></p> <p><i>I am writing to thank the Club for its wonderful support for Interplast and your and the Club's support during my role as District Chair over the last 3 years.</i></p> <p><i>I thank Barry, Jack, Cliff and those involved in running the Golf Day as a dedicated fundraiser for Interplast. What a magnificent effort sustained for so many years.</i></p> <p><i>Your Club has proudly supported Interplast for a very long time. From the records of our District 'Club' donations over the last 9 years the Rotary Club of Mordialloc has been the most consistent of all Clubs by donating each year, and donating the highest amount totalling \$50,500. And in the last three years contributed the highest 'Club' total of \$18,500 (that is, without taking into account individual donations).</i></p> <p><i>Your Club has truly made an outstanding effort and these donations which have come about by dedicated, consistent, hard voluntary work have benefited so many children and families with altruistic surgical and other services they would not have had access to.</i></p> <p><i>As you know in recent times your funds and others have been used for the Laos, Samoa and Fiji programs already completed and your funds of \$6000 in 16/17 will contribute to another program soon.</i></p> <p><i>I know that your Club's support for Interplast will continue for a long time and in particular note that Barry has booked Woodlands Golf Course for the next two or three years. (I hope I have the same energy when I am in my mid-eighties!)</i></p> <p><i>I attach the 'Final' updated Interplast Report for last year and the last 3 years. An extraordinary result by any measure with over \$300,000 raised from Clubs and individuals in 3 years, and nearly \$160,000 last year, aided by a Global Grant and 3 very large personal and business donations. The detail is in the Report.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">See column on right</p>	<p>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"> <tr> <td>21 July (Fri)</td> <td>District membership seminar. 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Names of any guests can also be advised at this time. From 24 July until further notice, apologies should be advised to Jack Pyziakos on 0421708055. -----</p> <p>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 -----</p> <p><i>Kindly pass on the good news to members (other than Jill who has lived with it!)</i></p> <p><i>Cheers</i> <i>Len"</i></p>	21 July (Fri)	District membership seminar. See attached flyer for further details.	22 July (Sat)	Bunnings Mentone sausage sizzle 8.00 am to 4.00 pm	29 July (Sat)	Exchange student Sarah Wich arrives from Germany	14 October (Sat)	Packing day for Birthing Kits Project, Sand belt Hotel, Moorabbin.	2 – 4 March 2018 (Fri–Sun)	District 9810 Conference, Bendigo	18 March 2018 (Sun)	Gnome & Fairy Festival George Woods Reserve, Mordialloc (Details to be confirmed)
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Forthcoming Meeting Program & Rosters

Next meeting.....

Date: 25 July
Speaker: Geoff Arnold
Topic: Mordialloc Amateur Theatre Group
Chairman: Jack Pyziakos
Desk & Regalia: Don Butler, Ernie Williams
Fellowship: Kay Gordon
Bulletin notes: Carol Quayle

And the next....

Date: 1 August
Speaker: Mark Pearman
Topic: Current trends in real estate
Chairman: Jack Pyziakos
Desk & Regalia: Don Butler, Trina Williams
Fellowship: Sylvio Tang
Bulletin notes: Kelly Banks

And the next....

Date: 8 August
Speaker: Mark Balla
Topic: We Can't Wait
Chairman: Sylvio Tang
Desk & Regalia: Rob Goode,
Fellowship: Jack Pyziakos
Bulletin notes: Jill Brear

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

Beaumaris
23 North Concourse
9589 3294

Mentone
Thrift Park Shopping Centre
9584 3833

Damian's Musings for this week

THE POWER OF ONE

From a U boat commander to an ordained Catholic priest, Walter Silvester was a power of one – a light in the darkness for those blind to hope and love. This story tells of his journey.

That stormy July, the Bay of Biscay was in a savage recalcitrant mood. By dusk that evening, the winds had shrieked and howled then whipped the roiling waves into arcades of endless white caps.

The frozen hunched figure standing on the conning tower of the submarine was Kommander Walter Joseph Silvester. He wrote in his daily log that night, that such was the intensity of the maelstrom, there were welts the size of golf balls on the grey scarred hull of the tortured submarine.

It was provident for U 243 to head home to safe harbor in the fortified concrete submarine pens of St Nazaire. U 243 had survived her first patrol and won safe passage with a confident crew and the trust of his officers. But now he needed to ventilate his boat for fresh air and the recharging of his batteries for the boat's electrical and torpedo systems.

DETERMINATION

Silvester surfaced the submarine and ordered the crew to exit from the conning tower gangway. All appeared well until a crewman shouted, "nine o'clock port bow." A British Spitfire with all guns blazing had weaved a passage through an eiderdown of grey cumulus. Silvester, stunned by the sudden ferocity of the attack, had witnessed the bloody strafing of the bridge. Silvester returned to the submarine's control room and had to push aside the bodies spreadeagled in a bloody tangle in the conning tower and dragged out the survivors single-handed.

The U Boat then sank. He was later picked up by a British patrol boat and was imprisoned. He was released at the end of the war.

COURAGE

Prior to the start of WW2 Walter Joseph Silvester had been a trainee Catholic priest with a German order called the Pallottines. He restarted his training after the war and was ordained a priest in 1956 and was posted to Melbourne. He made a stunning contribution to the growing of trust and respect in the community.

He rode a motorbike and played the guitar, unique skills from a U Boat captain who was sunk twice. He was a true performer.

Father Silvester was often asked about his U Boat experience. He was arrested in Kiel on the charge of picking up Soviet sailors from a merchant ship which he had sunk. He was freed after intensive lobbying with Admiral Doenitz, Chief of the German Naval High Command, to save his life.

SUMMARY

Walter Joseph Silvester was an extraordinary man. He demonstrated the singular skill of inclusion. He could relax and allow people to be themselves. He was a lighthouse of faith, integrity and courage for those who sought his guidance. Moreover, he was dogged in his ability to deal with failure or opposition.



U-Boat on the surface

TOWARDS 2000

MEMBERSHIP SEMINAR

Friday 21 July @ 6.45 pm

OUR GOAL

To remain as Rotary District 9810 in our own right

To have 1200 members in District 9810 by 1 December, 2017

This equates to growth of 100 across the District

Let's grow each club by at least nett 2 members in the next 4 1/2 months

Let's work together as a team to grow and retain District 9810

FEATURING

- **Rotary Coordinator Tim Moore**
Sharing strategies for Corporate Membership and Satellites
- **Our New Satellite Satellite Club of Scoresby—**
Caribbean Gardens (of Rowville Lysterfield) will share their story. The focus of this group is a combination of Business Networking & Rotary
- **Blending with Marketing**

FEATURING

- **Demographics of our District**
Helping to understand who makes up our Local Council areas?
- **Are You Ready for Business?**
- **The Growing Clubs—What are their strategies?**
- **People of Action Campaign by Rotary International**
- **And more**

WHERE: Melbourne Baseball Club, Surrey Drive, Box Hill
(On Left Side as drive down Surrey Drive)

TIME: 6.45 pm start to 9.00 pm.

Finger food will be available from 6.15 pm.

Bar will be open if you wish to purchase a drink. Tea / Coffee provided.

RSVP to Neil White on nwhite@kingston.com.au or sms to 0418 378 647

with Club Name and Names of attendees.

Please RSVP by Tuesday, 18 July if possible.

Areas of Club Activity in 2017-18

In response to a recent questionnaire by President Paul, members indicated they could help in the following areas.

Membership

Chair: Kay Gordon

Len Dawson
Don Butler
Don Van
Rob Goode
George Aivatoglou
Jack Cooper
Glenyse Cooper
Brian Foley
Jack Pyziakos
David Brunt
Graeme Bruce
Sylvio Tang
Jill Brear

Youth

Chair: Jeff Needham

Len Dawson
Don Butler
Don Van
Rob Goode
Kay Gordon
George Aivatoglou
Brian Foley
Jack Pyziakos
David Brunt
Sylvio Tang
Jill Brear

PR/Marketing

Chair: Len Dawson
Don Butler
Kay Gordon
Rob Goode
George Aivatoglou
Jack Cooper
Jack Pyziakos
David Brunt
Sylvio Tang

Community

Chair: Brian Foley
Deputy: David Brunt

Len Dawson
Don Van
Don Butler
Rob Goode
George Aivatoglou
Jack Pyziakos
Graeme Bruce
Sylvio Tang

Projects

Chair: Paul Taranto
Deputy Chair: Jack Pyziakos

Len Dawson
Jeff Needham
Don Van
Don Butler
Rob Goode
Kay Gordon
George Aivatoglou
Jack Cooper
Glenyse Cooper
Brian Foley
David Brunt
Cliff Riley
Graeme Bruce
Sylvio Tang
Jill Brear

Program

Chair: Glenyse Cooper
Len Dawson
Don Butler
Don Van
Rob Goode
Kay Gordon
George Aivatoglou
Jack Cooper
Brian Foley
Jack Pyziakos
David Brunt
Graeme Bruce
Sylvio Tang

International

Chair: Sylvio Tang

Len Dawson
Jeff Needham
Don Van
Don Butler
Rob Goode
Jack Cooper
Glenyse Cooper
Brian Foley
Jack Pyziakos
David Brunt
Cliff Riley

Rotary Foundation

Chair: Jack Cooper

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Note: The composition of the committees listed above will be finalised shortly. If you are willing to serve on a committee, please advise the relevant chairman.