



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 2217
22 August
2017

District Governor 2017-18: Malcolm Chiverton

Assistant Governor: Ken Mirams

THIS WEEK'S MEETING

Speaker: David Brunt
Topic: Illicit Drugs in our Community
Chairman: Jack Cooper
Desk & Regalia: Len Dawson, Don Van
Fellowship: Jeff Needham
Bulletin notes: Glenyse Cooper



RI theme 2017-18

Message from President Paul Taranto

Greetings one and all and welcome to our eighth meeting for 2017-2018. What a week it has been since we last came together. The tragic events in Charlottesville USA and Barcelona Spain again remind us why Rotary puts such effort into promoting peace and understanding. The Club is playing its part in this effort and we saw the fruits of that last week when we listened to the students tell us about their MUNA experience. It was rewarding to hear how the students had to put themselves in the shoes of a culture that was so different to what they are accustomed to and the resultant insights that gave them. Also we got to know some more about Sarah our student from Germany on the Youth Exchange program. We also heard from Kelly and the preparation that is being undertaken for our outgoing student Nicole.

The week just gone has also reminded us how fortunate we are to call Australia and Melbourne home. Once again Melbourne has been assessed by one of the International recruiting agencies as the World's Most Livable City. A feat now that our home town has achieved for seven years running. I am not sure how weather features in the assessment process but this last week it must have been a negative with the return of chilly wintery conditions.

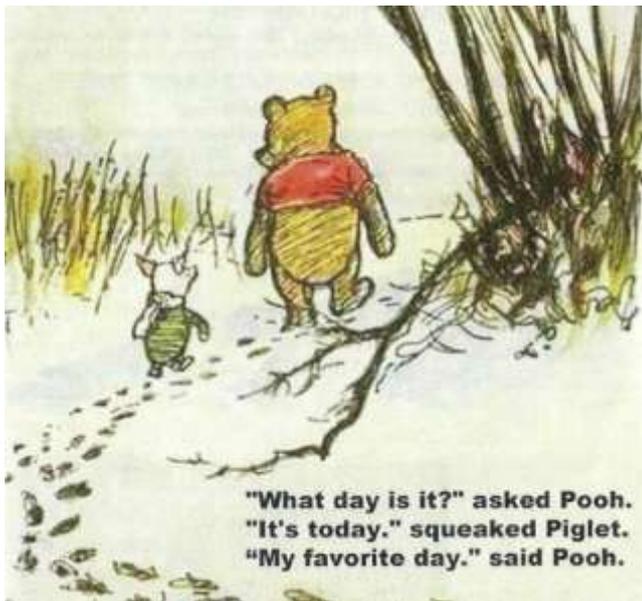
Next week we have as our speaker Ms. Kathryn McDonald. I have attached her CV elsewhere in the bulletin for your reference. Some members may remember we sponsored Kathryn to go on the Group Study Exchange Team that Kay Gordon led to Iowa in 2005. If members have family or friends that have children that may be interested in pursuing a career in engineering then I encourage them to invite them along to our August 29 meeting and hear Kathryn speak.

The Board met this week just gone and updated the operational plan for this year. I hope to share that with you in the not too distant future. The board also agreed to assist the Mordialloc Neighborhood House by funding the replacement of a large shade sail over a children's play area at the centre.

This week, I have Alan Alexander Milne the creator of Winnie the Pooh to thank for my little thought to share with you all. I trust that as you wake every day that it is your favorite day. See following page:

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President's message (cont)



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

Yours in Rotary
Paul

Club Meeting No 2216 – 15 August at Woodlands Golf Club, Mordialloc.

Attendance: 16 members, 7 guests

Apologies: Damian West, Graeme Bruce

Guests: Sarah Wich, Felicity Steele, Amy Palfreyman (Parkdale SC teacher), Matilda (Tilly) Davies, Bella McConville, Lauren Pollock and Tom Wieringa (PSC students)

Make-Ups: Kelly Banks (Youth Exchange training).

Travellers: Carol had heard from Kay in Ireland. Her granddaughter is continuing chemotherapy.

President's Announcements

President Paul opened the meeting, welcomed members and visitors and gave introductory announcements.

Jeff Needham chaired the remainder of the meeting

Youth Exchange Student Sarah

Brian Foley introduced our exchange student Sarah Wich who arrived in Melbourne on 29 July. Sarah is 16 years old and is attending Kilbreda College in Mentone. Her first host family is the Steele family in Parkdale.

Sarah lives in Nuremberg in the state of Bavaria and is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Nürnberg-Kaiserburg in District 1880. The club has some 80 members and District 1880 is sending out 32 exchange students this year, including two to Australia.

Sarah showed a very comprehensive pictorial presentation that gave interesting comparisons between Germany and Australia, photographs of the German capital Berlin as well as scenes of Nuremberg, her family, her hobbies and photographs from her recent graduation from middle school.

Sarah has two brothers. Her parents are separated and remarried so she also has an extended family of step siblings. She lives with her mother and one brother and spends time regularly with her father and his children.

Sarah's main hobbies are horse riding, photography, piano and scouting. She hopes to be able to continue these while in Australia.

Report on Model United National Assembly 2017

The District 9810 Model United National Assembly for 2017 was held in the Legislative Assembly of the Victorian Parliament on the weekend of 6-7 May last. There were 40 two-person teams each representing a different country. Mordialloc sponsored two teams from Parkdale Secondary College, Lauren Pollock and Tom Wieringa representing Jordan and Tilly Davis and Bella McConville representing Kenya. Both these countries have beliefs and values that are very different from our own and the students tried as far as they could to accurately represent these countries.

Jordan is a Muslim country located in the Middle-East, close to Syria, Israel, Saudi Arabia and Iraq. As delegates of Jordan we debated on topics such as

- The Syrian Arab Republic
- Rights of refugees
- Renewable energy resources

Kenya is a developing nation located in East Africa. The resolutions that were most relevant for us were:

- Violence against women
- Renewable energy resources
- Responses to natural disasters

The students had to learn a lot about their respective countries in the weeks before MUNA as they had little prior knowledge of the cultures and attitudes. They agreed that it was difficult to come to terms with some aspects such as attitudes to violence against women. They all agreed that the experience of debating in the atmosphere of Parliament House was wonderful. They met many new friends and found the experience was very worthwhile.

In the students' words: *We would like to thank the Rotary Club again for your support so that we could have this wonderful opportunity and hope that you continue to support Parkdale Secondary College in the future.*

Jill Brear proposed the thanks to the students and their accompanying teacher.



MUNA participants in National dress

Other Announcements

Mordialloc Theatre Company
 Shirley Burke Theatre, Parkdale
 Thursday 14 September at 8 pm
 "Equally Divided"

Synopsis:

Set on the south coast of England, *Equally Divided* begins shortly after the funeral of Edith and Renata's mother. Edith, severe, embattled and unmarried has sacrificed her life to nurse the bedridden old woman. Renate, glamorous and married several times, has spent her life doing what she pleases.

When the contents of the will are made known, childhood rivalries recur in this astute and intelligent play.

Tickets: \$25 each, available from Kathy Pyziakos
 Note: Although Jack and Kathy are overseas until early September, you can still book tickets by email to Kathy at: jackpyziakos@optusnet.com.au

Kathryn McDonald – Guest Speaker 29 August

Kathryn graduated with a Bachelor of Chemical Engineering degree at RMIT University and has worked at Qenos, Australia's exclusive polyethylene manufacturer, in a variety of roles. These include design engineering, plant support engineering and maintenance coordination. She has also undertaken roles in business planning and production scheduling. Her most recent role is Production Manager at the Olefins site with responsibilities for the operational facility including safety, health, environment and a large workforce involved in producing ethylene, the foundation stone for the manufacture of polyethylene.

Kathryn's career has also included diverse experiences such as being part of a steering committee for a Leadership Development program, mentoring younger engineers and leading safety audits of chemical plants including in China. She is also a recipient of the Uhde Shedden medal a recognition of practical services of the profession and to the practice of Chemical Engineering in Australia/New Zealand for younger engineers.

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.

14 Sept (Thurs)	Mordialloc Theatre Company play "Equally Divided" 8.00 pm Shirley Burke Theatre, Parkdale
20 Sept (Wed)	Board meeting, Taranto house 7.30 pm
14 October (Sat) TBC	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

Members on Leave

Jack Pyziakos – 25 July to 1 September
 Barry Donaldson – 25 July to 12 September
 Kay Gordon – 1 August to 28 September

If you plan to be absent for three weeks or longer, please request leave of absence through the secretary.

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/>

Apologies for non- attendance

Apologies for meeting absences from the meetings on from 15 August until further notice, should be advised to **David Brunt**. These can be by telephone or text to **0418526140 no later than 1.00 pm on Monday before the meeting**. Names of any guests can also be advised at this time.

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

Rotary Action Group against Family Violence

The Rotary International Board has decided to recognise the Rotarian Action Group against family violence. Further information is available from the Action Group website: www.ragfamsafe.org

Carol Quayle can also provide information.

Forthcoming Meeting Program & Rosters

Next meeting.....

Date: 29 August
Speaker: Kathryn McDonald
Topic: My Life as a Professional Engineer
Chairman: Brian Foley
Desk & Regalia: Ernie Williams, Don Butler
Fellowship: Trina Williams
Bulletin notes: Jill Brear

And the next....

Date: 5 September
Speaker: Dr Netra Khadka
Topic: Diabetes Management
Chairman: Sylvio Tang
Desk & Regalia: David Brunt, Don Van
Fellowship: Carol Quayle
Bulletin notes: Kelly Banks

And the next....

Date: 12 September
Speaker: John Botham
Topic: George Cole, an early Melbourne identity
Chairman: Glenyse Cooper
Desk & Regalia: Don Butler, David Brunt
Fellowship: Kelly Banks
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?"**

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