



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 2219
5 September
2017

District Governor 2017-18: Malcolm Chiverton

Assistant Governor: Ken Mirams

THIS WEEK'S MEETING

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



RI theme 2017-18

Message from President Paul Taranto

Hello and welcome one and all to our tenth meeting for the 2017-2018 year. The week just past has certainly been a very full one for me. Since we last came together I managed to enjoy a night at the movies with my wife Dianne (more on this in a moment), spent a lovely afternoon with my grandson Tim at the AFL Rising Star awards, conducted the NYSF Orientation session and had a nice Father's Day. I trust that everyone else has had just as good a week and in some small way made a difference each day.

If you are a softie sentimentalist like me then I can highly recommend the movie "All Saints". It tells the true story of how an Episcopalian Church (Anglican in the rest of the World) in Smyrna Tennessee USA was reinvigorated when facing being closed and the buildings and property being sold off. It is a great example of how seemingly overwhelming odds can be overcome and the benefits that can come from having an open and welcoming community. If you like "feel good" movies then see this one. You might have to hurry though as Dianne and I went on the opening day and we were the only ones in the theatre!

At our last meeting it was great to have one of our past beneficiaries of a Rotary program (Group Study Exchange) come and talk on how she has progressed.

What made the evening even more special was to have some students attend as guests of the club to hear Kathryn McDonald speak and be given an insight on how they can develop and advance their careers. To top the evening off we had the impromptu performance by Lucy and her Mum reciting the poem on how the unachievable can be achieved. I do hope that we can get a copy and include it in this week's bulletin. Having the student guests along is reminder to all members to seriously think about who they could/can invite along to each of the club meetings. I would like to think that every member can bring along at least two guests through the course of the year.

Another highlight last week was the recognition of George Aivatoglou as a Paul Harris Fellow by past President David. George has always been a strong supporter of all club activities particularly where hands-on work is involved.

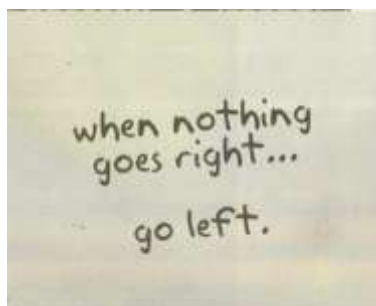
The last week has shown how the forces of nature can wreak havoc on anyone. We have seen a city as developed as Houston ravaged by the winds and especially the rains of Hurricane Harvey. To have 48 inches of water come down in the space of a few days illustrates just how powerful the forces behind warming and weather are.

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At the other end of the development spectrum there is Bangladesh and the flooding it is experiencing accompanied by a significant loss of life. In both situations we can expect Rotary along with other humanitarian organizations to be marshalling resources to assist those impacted. As yet we have not heard anything from District but I imagine we will do so over the coming weeks.

Last week I mentioned that this week would bring a respite from the AFL. Well I was wrong. There has been the All Australian team announcement and the Rising Star award. It was fantastic that my grandson Tim received a nomination and if you get to see the video clip of Tim and I you will see me giving the Mordi-Braeside canteen a plug and a short singing segment.

Many of you may be familiar with the saying that if you keep doing things the same way you will get the same result. My little caption below is a variation on this message, I hope you enjoy it.



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

Yours in Rotary
Paul

Club Meeting No 2218 – 29 August at Woodlands Golf Club, Mordialloc.

Attendance: 15 members, 17 guests

Apologies: Damian West, Kelly Banks

Guests: Kathryn McDonald (guest speaker), Helen Brunt, Helen Goode, Margaret Aivatoglou, Lucy Tsuchida and her mother Susan and friend Jordan.

Travellers: Last week we reported the safe arrival of Kay's second granddaughter in Ireland. News in recent days (Wed 30th) from Kay was that the new baby is named Teaghan Mackenzie Gordon and that elder granddaughter Clodagh is sufficiently improved to be discharged from hospital so the whole family could go home together. Clodagh will need some follow up treatment.

Jack and Kathy Pyziakos are due back from Europe this week.

Sickness: Damian West is unwell and undergoing tests.

President's Announcements

President Paul opened the meeting, welcomed all and visitors and gave the following announcements.

- A reminder for members to complete the activity slips and hand them in each week
- The first NYSF orientation day will be held on Saturday 2 September at Parkville. There will be some 91 persons in attendance Jeff, Len and Jill agreed to assist Paul on the day.
- The District allocation of NYSF students has been increased to 29. Mordialloc is assisting RC Ringwood who had four students selected.
- Paul welcomed Lucy Tsuchida who attended the 2017 NYSF and had been selected as a staff member (staffie) for the 2018 session
- The August edition of the District 9810 Newsletter is available and features a large photograph of the inbound exchange students including Sarah
- The club has received a request from local police for club members to assist with mentoring of local police officers. See Paul for more information.

Brian Foley chaired the remainder of the meeting

Director and Member Announcements

Treasurer *Graeme Bruce* reminded that a number of members have yet to pay annual subscriptions.

Brian Foley (community) advised that Red Nose organisation, previously SIDS, have advised that this year's Walk for Remembrance will be held at Jell's Park, Mulgrave on Sunday 15 October. Sufficient members indicated their availability to assist that day. Brian also said Doveton High School had provided details and cost estimates for a "hands-on-learning" project that the club is considering for assistance.

Paul and Jeff had met with staff at Parkdale Secondary College to discuss the possibility of forming an Interact club at the school. This had a general favourable reception and will now go to the school leaders for consideration.

Paul also advised that formal approval had now been received from Kingston Council for the next Gnome and Fairy Festival to be held at George Woods Reserve, Governor Road, Mordialloc on Sunday 18 March 2018.

Paul Harris Fellow Presentation – George Aivatoglou

Past President David Brunt called George Aivatoglou forward and presented him with the badge and regalia of a Paul Harris Fellow recognising his long service to the club in accordance with the humanitarian objects of the Rotary Foundation. George gave a short acknowledgement and appreciation for this recognition.

Note this presentation had been held over when George was absent from the 2017 club changeover dinner.

<p>Sergeant-at-Arms Sergeant Cliff Riley ran his weekly session focusing on a range of sporting losers, e.g. St Kilda Football Club and all losing AFL teams, Bernard Tomic (enough said), The Australian Bedisloe Cup team (again) and the Australian Cricket team.</p> <p>Cliff took us on a tour of Werribee Park mansion in his history of Melbourne series and Len Dawson introduced some little known acronyms that very few were able to decipher.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-----</p> <p>Guest Speaker- Kathryn McDonald “My Life as a Professional Engineer” 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 over 22 years. These include design engineering, plant support engineering and maintenance coordination. She has also undertaken roles in business planning and production scheduling.</p> <p>After the initial introduction, Kathryn gave the following further details about herself and her varied career:</p> <p>Her roles/professional activities include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design Engineer • Plant Support Engineer • Maintenance Coordinator • Production Scheduler • Major shutdown Coordinator • Business Planning Analyst • Production Manager • Business Improvement Manager • Vacation Student/Graduate Recruitment, Mentoring • RMIT Advisory Committee • Recipient of the Uhde Shedden Medal – recognition of practical services to the profession and to the practice of chemical engineering and is for early/mid career engineers. <p>She then went on to explain about Qenos and what it produces:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qenos uses ethane gas from the Bass Strait Gas Fields via Longford and then Long Island Point. • Qenos also uses LPG acquired from the Mobil Altona Refinery. • It heats ethane and LPG to 750 deg C in the presence of steam. • Within 2 seconds a wide variety of products are made, the rest of the equipment is to separate and purify these products for customers. • The main product from the Olefins site is ethylene, which is supplied to 2 downstream plants to make polyethylene. <p>The plant is complex, ... with lots of challenging problems (but that’s a good thing as engineers like to solve problems). Kathryn had a chance to work on plenty of challenging issues in the past 12 years.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Continued page 4</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" data-bbox="794 257 1497 795"> <tr> <td>14 Sept (Thurs)</td> <td>Mordialloc Theatre Company play “Equally Divided” 8.00 pm Shirley Burke Theatre, Parkdale</td> </tr> <tr> <td>20 Sept (Wed)</td> <td>Board meeting, Taranto house 7.30 pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>12 Oct (Thurs)</td> <td>Visit to Latrobe Cottage and Government House</td> </tr> <tr> <td>14 Oct (Sat) TBC</td> <td>Packing day for Birthing Kits Project, Sand belt Hotel, Moorabbin.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>15 Oct (Sun)</td> <td>Red Nose Day Walk for Remembrance. 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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.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-----</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 style="text-align: center;">-----</p>	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	12 Oct (Thurs)	Visit to Latrobe Cottage and Government House	14 Oct (Sat) TBC	Packing day for Birthing Kits Project, Sand belt Hotel, Moorabbin.	15 Oct (Sun)	Red Nose Day Walk for Remembrance. 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Some of the major challenges have included:

- Loss of ethane supply to the plant due to a break in the supply pipeline
- How to set up the plant for abnormal operation (for 2-3 months)
- How to repair the pipeline (working closely with the pipeline owner)
- How to re-commission the pipeline as sea water contains sodium (a contaminant for the plant, causing operational difficulties)

Working out how to integrating new projects into normal plant operation

- Commissioning and integrating the operation of \$200m of investment in the plant – spread across 3 projects
 - New converters (used to remove a poison for the customers)
 - New separation process
 - Cogeneration facility (produces both electricity + steam)
 - Need to ensure:
 - Equipment is safe to operate (pre-startup checks of instrumentation, safety equipment, equipment passes pressure tests)
 - Able to run the equipment (procedures, training, response to alarms)
 - Monitor the equipment (startup plan, instrumentation checks, monitoring tools)
 - Manage upset situations
 - Know if equipment is operating as expected (and action to take)

During this time Kathryn was also learning to be a team leader...

- Production Manager role was the first time Kathryn became a team leader
- It's a big step from responsibility for your own work and informal team lead work for specific tasks
- Looked after a team of ~ 110 people, with 9 direct reports
- Lots of things to learn as a team leader
 - Assignment of work
 - Development of the team
 - Getting work done through others – meeting goals)
 - Resolving issues as they arise (safety, production, people)

Kathryn also travelled to China to help improve Safety, Health and Environmental (SHE) outcomes

- She worked with local SHE teams to identify SHE issues and identify methods to improve
- Excellent opportunity to learn about another culture

Kathryn is now working in a broader and more strategic role working to get the best out of the plant. This requires a review of all aspects of plant operation: improving yield, making more product, reducing costs, running optimally, completing work more efficiently and looking at processes and activities that could be completed more efficiently (or are simply no longer required).

- Kathryn then summarised what she had learnt as:
- Defining the problem
- Achieving a goal even when it seems there is no solution
- Everyone must have the same goal for success
- Doing the best with what you have often opens up other opportunities
- Be curious – ask questions and listen

Kathryn then responded to several questions about her roles and the attitudes of staff.

Len Dawson proposed the thanks

Other Announcements

Mordialloc Theatre Company
Thursday 14 September at 8 pm
"Equally Divided"

Tickets are still available @ \$25 each from Kathy Pyziakos by email to Kathy at:
jackpyziakos@optusnet.com.au

Damian's Musing for the week:

*I slept and dreamed that life was joy
I woke and saw that life was but service
I served and understood that service was joy*
Rabindranath Tagore

Something on the lighter side for golfers

(from Damian)

Some pithy comments from caddies:

Golfer: "I think I am going to drown myself in the lake"
Caddy: "Think you can keep your head down that long?"

Golfer: "I'd move heaven and earth to break 100 on this course"
Caddy: "Try heaven, you've already moved most of the earth"

Golfer: "Do you think my game is improving?"
Caddy: "Yes, you miss the ball much closer now"

Golfer: "Do you think I can get there with a 5 iron?"
Caddy: "Eventually"

Golfer: "Please stop checking your watch all the time, it's a distraction"
Caddy: "This is not a watch – it's a compass"

Golfer: "Do you like my game?"
Caddy: "Yes sir but I prefer golf"

Golfer: "This is the worst course I've ever played on"
Caddy: "This isn't the golf course. We left that an hour ago"

Golfer: "That can't be my ball, it's too old"
Caddy: "It's been a long time since we teed off, sir."

Forthcoming Meeting Program & Rosters

Next meeting.....

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

And the next....

Date: 19 September
Speaker: Peter Johnstone
Topic: Governance issues facing the Catholic Church – Why bother?
Chairman: Jack Cooper
Desk & Regalia: Ernie Williams, Don Van
Fellowship: Jeff Needham
Bulletin notes: Carol Quayle

And the next....

Date: 26 September
Speaker: tba
Topic: Footy Night – wear your club colours
Chairman: Graeme Bruce
Desk & Regalia: Trina Williams, Don Butler
Fellowship: Keith Carpenter
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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9589 3294

Mentone
Thrift Park Shopping Centre
9584 3833

PREPARING FOR TRANSITION TO THE NDIS



Wednesday 6 September 2017

6:30pm for a 7pm start

Sandybeach Centre

2 Sims St, Sandringham

This **90 minute information session** is aimed at assisting people with disability and their families start to prepare for transition to the NDIS and includes:

- Basics on the NDIS in a user-friendly format - what it is, who for, what it funds and how the scheme works
- Practical ways to prepare for and manage the transition to the NDIS
- Latest updates on the scheme



Presenter:

Christine Scott has many years working with the disability 'system', along with personal experience as a parent of a young adult with a disability who has been funded by the NDIS since 2013.

Christine also works at **VALID** and has supported many individuals and their families with resolving NDIS issues and in getting the best out of the NDIS in the 3 Victorian launch sites.

Please call **9598 2155** to reserve your place.

Tea/Coffee provided

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