



# 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 2221  
19 September  
2017

District Governor 2017-18: **Malcolm Chiverton**

Assistant Governor: **Ken Mirams**

## THIS WEEK'S MEETING

Speaker:	Peter Johnstone
Topic:	Governance issues facing the Catholic Church – Why bother? Meeting to extend to 8.30 pm
Chairman:	Jack Cooper
Desk & Regalia:	Ernie Williams, Don Van
Fellowship:	Jeff Needham
Bulletin notes:	Carol Quayle



RI theme 2017-18

### Message from President Paul Taranto

Hello everyone and a welcome to our twelfth meeting for the 2017-2018 year. I am writing this message earlier than usual this week so I do not know the outcome of the AFL finals played this weekend or what has happened in our world since we last came together. I trust the weekend has gone well for everyone at a personal level and that no further troubles have plagued the wider world.

Let me start with a reflection on last week's speaker John Botham. I was enthralled with John's research on George "Old King" Cole. The story that he unearthed from asking himself who was the "Cole" behind "Coles Wharf" was a fascinating one and certainly gave us all an appreciation of how one individual from the other side of the world helped shape the city we enjoy today. I hope as many members and the friends and family can get along to the visit to Latrobe Cottage and Government House being hosted by John's wife Helen on October 5. I am sure the stories shared that day will be just as interesting.

Last night, along with 24 other club members and family and friends, I enjoyed the latest Mordialloc Theatre Company (MTC) production "Equally Divided". Members may remember that we had Geoff Arnold from the MTC speak at the Club earlier in the year.

The production was certainly another exemplary effort in terms of the acting and the stage production. Although not a comedy, there were several lines that illicit a chuckle. The underlying theme of an absence of communication between parent and child, sibling and sibling all leading to mistrust and broken relationships is unfortunately still relevant. I commend the play to those that have not as yet seen it.

My pictorial message this week is one along the lines of "How can we inject a bit of fun" in the day to day routine. They certainly found a way in Canada.

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

Yours in Rotary  
Paul



This is a bus stop in Montreal

**Club Meeting No 2220 – 12 September at Woodlands Golf Club, Mordialloc.**

**Attendance:** 20 members, 2 guests

**Apologies:** Damian West, Trina Williams

**Guests:** John Botham (guest speaker), Helen Botham

**Make-Ups:** Paul, (NYSF reception Government House)

**Travellers:** Jack and Glenyse Cooper are back from Phuket. The latest news from Kay in Ireland is that elder granddaughter Clodagh has started a new course of Chemotherapy treatment and new granddaughter Teaghan is going well. Kay is due home on 22 September

**Sickness:** Damian West is improved and hopes to be back soon.

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**President's Announcements**

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

- The death of Past President Heather Norling of the Rotary Club of Clayton
- A reminder for members to complete the time chits of Rotary activity
- Local police are seeking Rotarians to act as mentors for local police officers. Honorary member Bob Travers, who was our liaison person with local police, has applied to be a mentor
- The meeting on 26 September will have a football theme. Members can wear club colours. Speaker is Peter Carrazzo, a friend of Paul and father of former Carlton player Andrew.
- There will be a meeting of the Gnome and Fairy Committee at Paul's house on 27 September.
- Paul had attended a reception at Government House earlier that day for Rotarians, staff and students involved in this year's NYSF program. Governor Linda Dessau spoke and was most encouraging for all the students.
- Simon Boys, who the club sponsored to attend the RYLA seminar last year, visited Vietnam recently and became very ill after eating local fruit.
- Next week's meeting, with speaker Peter Johnstone, is expected to run longer than usual to about 8.30 pm.

*Glenyse Cooper* chaired the remainder of the meeting

**Director and Member Announcements**

*Brian Foley* (community) referred to a proposal to support Doveton Secondary College in a hands-on early learning program. The college has now supplied design details and costs for materials and tools to construct a shelter shed. This will go to the next board meeting for consideration.

Brian also gave a brief report on exchange student Sarah who had recovered from a sprained ankle suffered three weeks ago. Sarah injured it again this week but is on the mend.

*Jack Pyziakos* reminded of the Mordialloc Theatre company night on 14 September.

Jack also announced that Bunnings, Mentone will hold a mental health awareness initiative, in conjunction with Rotary, on the weekend 7 – 8 October. Members are needed to help between 10 am and 2 pm on both days. This is a nationwide project between Bunnings and Rotary.

Jack advised that the next Bunnings sausage sizzle will be on Friday 20 October.

*Jack Cooper* gave details of the visit to Government House arranged by Helen Botham on Thursday 12 October. The tour commences at 10 am and takes about an hour. You need to assemble at the Government House gates no later than 9.45 am. Parking is available in nearby Birdwood Avenue or use public transport. Coast is \$13 per head and bookings and payments are due this week.

The weekly raffle raised \$39 with George, Keith and Jill as the winners. There was an extra prize this week of a book on La Trobe's Cottage donated by Helen Botham. Thanks Helen.

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**Sergeant-at-Arms**

Sergeant *Cliff Riley* ran a short quiz on various sporting achievements – e.g. Cameron Smith played 356 games of rugby, Rafael Nadal has now won 16 tennis grand slams and Richmond last won a premiership in 1980. In recent sporting events, Richmond won, so Rob Goode paid and the Giants lost so Paul paid. The Aussies finally won the cricket test so everyone paid.

Glenyse celebrated a birthday this week and Jack graciously paid the \$ delight.

Finally, Jill Brear entertained us by reading the biography of a former league footballer and asked us to say "Who am I?" Of course it turned out to be our own Cliff Riley who played for St Kilda in the early 1950s.

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**Guest Speaker: John Botham – Captain "Old King" Cole.**

John, a keen historian, had researched the history of Captain George Ward Cole (also known as "Old King Cole), a man who had a significant influence in the early development of Melbourne from the 1840 to his death in 1879. John's attention was drawn to Cole by a picture in the State Library of Victoria showing emigrants disembarking from a paddle steamer in the 1850s with a sign "Cole's Wharf" in the background. He decided to research the history of Cole's Wharf and discovered that Captain George Cole was a war hero, entrepreneur, and politician and had a big influence on life in Port Phillip for nearly 40 years from 1840.

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George Cole was born in Durham, England in 1793 and joined the Royal Navy at age 14 in the middle of the Napoleonic War. As midshipman he was involved in a battle against the French to retake Santo Domingo and later in the war of 1812 with the Americans where he was wounded and lost the use of an ear. When peace broke out, ships were decommissioned and men paid off. He had risen to the rank of Commander but was put on half pay and left the navy at age 24 after a distinguished career. He then entered the merchant marine service and commanded various vessels and worked in different enterprises such as the fur trade, pearling, sandalwood and whaling across the world.

In 1840 he arrived to settle in early Melbourne along with a son and two stepsons, his wife having died some years earlier. At age 47 he was older than other leading identities such as La Trobe, Lonsdale and Fawkner. He could see that Melbourne needed shipping as well as wharfage and other transport infrastructure. In 1841 he built the first private wharf on the Yarra and also bought up land along the river. Over the next 10 years he was in dispute with the colonial governments, both before and after separation, as they imposed steep licence and wharfage fees on the private wharfs to fund government expenditure. After a long campaign, the government bought Cole's Wharf at a fraction of what it had cost him.

Cole married his second wife, Thomas Ann, in Melbourne in 1842 who bore him four children.

Cole purchased land in Brighton from Henry Dendy where he established his main residence "St Ninian's" near what is now Cole Street. That house survived until it was demolished in the 1970s. He also had many land holdings in country areas around the colony.

As well as managing his wharf, Cole was chairman of the Port Phillip Steamship Navigation company that owned and operated many ships. He was also involved in coal mining, salvage of shipwrecks and goods, banking and insurance.

He served as a member of the first Victorian Legislative Council from 1853 to 1855 and later in the reformed Legislative Council from 1859 to his death in 1879. He held strong views on a wide range of issues and was often at odds with other members. He was a strong protectionist and also very concerned in the defences of Port Phillip. This led to the delivery of the coastal defence vessel HMVS Cerberus in 1871. He was also an advocate for realigning the lower reaches of the Yarra River and the Coode Canal was opened in the 1870s and is still the route of the river.

Cole died in 1879 and is buried in the Old Melbourne Cemetery.

John's address provoked a range of questions about Cole, Dendy and other early pioneers

Kelly Banks proposed the thanks

## 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.

20 Sept (Wed)	Board meeting, Taranto house 7.30 pm
27 Sept (Wed)	Gnome & Fairy Committee Taranto house. 7.30 pm
5 Oct (Thurs)	Visit to Latrobe Cottage and Government House. Registration and payment (\$13) due by 19 September
7 - 8 Oct (Sat-Sun)	Mental Health initiative Bunnings Mentone. 10 am to 2 pm each day
14 Oct (Sat)	Packing day for Birthing Kits Project, Sand belt Hotel, Moorabbin.
15 Oct (Sun)	Red Nose Day Walk for Remembrance. BBQ Jell's Park Mulgrave 10 am to 1.30 pm (approx)
20 Oct (Fri)	Bunnings sausage sizzle. 8 am – 4 pm
2 – 4 March 2018 (Fri–Sun)	District 9810 Conference, Bendigo
18 March 2018 (Sun)	Gnome & Fairy Festival George Woods Reserve, Mordialloc

### Members on Leave

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.

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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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### 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.

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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

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## Forthcoming Meeting Program & Rosters

### Next meeting.....

Date: 26 September  
Speaker: Peter Carrazzo  
Topic: Footy Night – wear your club colours  
Chairman: Graeme Bruce  
Desk & Regalia: Trina Williams, Don Butler  
Fellowship: Keith Carpenter  
Bulletin notes: Glenyse Cooper

### And the next....

Date: 3 October  
Speakers: Ernie and Trina Williams  
Topic: Rotarians behind the badge  
Chairman: Jack Pyziakos  
Desk & Regalia: Don Van,  
Fellowship: Carol Quayle  
Bulletin notes: Kelly Banks

### And the next....

Date: 10 October  
Speaker: To be advised  
Topic: To be advised.  
Chairman:  
Desk & Regalia:  
Fellowship:  
Bulletin notes:

## 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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