



# 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 2232  
12 December  
2017

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

**Assistant Governor: Ken Mirams**

## THIS WEEK'S MEETING

Speaker: Charles and Carolyn Wilkins  
Topic: Holidaying in Cuba and Mexico  
Chairman: Jack Cooper  
Desk & Regalia: Don Van. Barry Donaldson  
Fellowship: Brian Foley  
Bulletin notes: Jill Brear



RI theme 2017-18

## Message from President Paul Taranto

Welcome everyone to our twenty third meeting for the 2017-2018 year and our penultimate meeting for 2017. Our meeting last week and the events since then have certainly had me thinking about the past and where things are today. Time magazine announced their "Person of the Year" as "The "Silence Breakers" — those who have shared their stories about sexual assault and harassment." Here in Australia there have been the reports coming from the "Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse" revealing what was occurring in our own backyard not so many years ago. Then you read about efforts around the world that are trying to suppress the truth from coming out. On one hand it may get one down and feeling that things are getting worse on the other though it can reinforce one's faith that by and large the world is heading in the right direction and at the end of the day truth will out and the world will be better for it. On balance I am still in the latter camp.

Continuing on the theme of the "truth will out", I was pleased to have along my friends Donna McCrae and Michael Vale at our meeting last week to tell us the story of "Cobby". It was fascinating to hear how a curiosity about a short lived Television show led to a journey of discovery around chimpanzee's and their treatment in the entertainment industry and society in general.

When their documentary is completed and it is shown, it will certainly aid people's understanding of chimpanzees and hopefully leads to their better treatment in the future. The heartening part of the story was that people are already actively involved in helping the chimpanzees that have been so poorly treated in the past.

As Rotarians we are actively involved in bringing the truth of the world's realities to the fore. Whether it is the poor state of sanitation, the lack of medical facilities, the lack of education or the existence of slavery there are Rotarians telling the story of these realities. Also as Rotarians we are part of the solution for a better world with our efforts around fund raising, organizing projects and working with other organizations to make a difference. We are part of the story that gives the world hope for a better future.

We are fast approaching Christmas and it is very easy to get caught up in the frenetic paced activity that accompanies it. I trust members take the time to step back and remember that at its heart Christmas is a time to recall the birth of a child and the hope for peace, joy and goodwill to all, that accompanied that birth.

Before Christmas arrives there will be another Board meeting (December 13) and another Gnome and Fairy Festival meeting (December 20) so the activity continues.

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My thought/s for this week come from Carol Fox one of our great motivators and consultants here in Australia. Some may remember her from the District Conference held during Juliet Riseley's year here in Melbourne.. Carol tells us about the five ways people can feel appreciated.

I certainly appreciate what Club members do each day in **Making a Difference**.

Yours in Rotary

Paul

**This Christmas, as you are considering how to show your friends and family, you appreciate them consider the five ways people feel appreciated.**

**1. Words:** Some people respond best to positive words of appreciation. This means they actually prefer a card to a present. You can help these people feel loved and appreciated by sending them a card with beautiful words inside, a thank-you email, inspirational quotes, a poem or the words to an appropriate song.

**2. Acts of Service:** Some people prefer you to do things for them. At home this might include taking the garbage out or making dinner. At work, offering to make them a cup of coffee, pick up lunch or run errands will help these people feel appreciated.

**3. Gifts:** Some people do actually prefer to receive a present and they like it wrapped, even if it's small.

**4. Time:** Spending quality time with some people is the main way they know they are appreciated and rewarded. At home, it could be as simple as watching a movie with them and being totally present when you do so.

**5. Physical Touch:** Some people would rather have a pat on the shoulder or a hug, than receive an expensive gift.

**How do you discover how someone feels appreciated?**

Ask them about their favourite time someone showed them love or appreciation at work or at home, and listen carefully to their answer. These five '**reward languages**', when used, certainly help you to make work and home happier places to be.



## **Club Meeting No 2231 – 5 December at Woodlands Golf Club, Mordialloc.**

**Attendance:** 18 members, 7 guests

**Apologies:** Barry Donaldson, Jack Pyziakos, Graeme Bruce

**Guests:** Michael Vale and Donna McCrae (Guest speakers) Exchange student Sarah Wich, Dianne Taranto, Kathy Thompson, Margaret Aivatoglou, Helen Brunt

**Make-Ups:** Kelly Banks and Brian Foley (Youth Exchange Orientation), Paul Taranto, Ernie and Trina Williams, Brian Foley, Len Dawson, Don Van, Keith Carpenter, Jack and Glenyse Cooper, David Brunt (Christmas Lunch).

**Sickness:** Kay Gordon's grandson Callum is continuing to improve at Royal Children's Hospital following the good news last week. Kay visited Callum in the past week and found him up and out of bed. There is a fair way to go on his road to recovery.

### **President's Announcements**

President Paul welcomed members and guests and announced the following:

- Thanks for all who helped at the successful Christmas Lunch at Woodlands for people who live alone. Special thanks to Brian and David Brunt.
- Further to a report on Jill Brear's recent visit to Interplast, Paul explained how Barry Donaldson and he had proposed Len Brear's name to Interplast and Len was subsequently made an honorary members of that organisation.
- Paul distributed further copies of the publicity flyer listing club events and asked members to approach local shopkeepers to display them. There is now a generic version not referring to a specific date.
- Paul then called for a members' vote on two enactments proposed by District 9810 for the next Rotary Council on Legislation. The draft enactments had been distributed to members in hard copy and electronic format. There were 18 members present plus 3 who voted by post (email) making a total of 21 eligible to vote
  - Enactment 1: 17 in favour, 1 against
  - Enactment 2: 21 in favour, none against.
  - This result has been sent to District 9810

Paul chaired the remainder of the meeting

### **Director and Member Announcements**

*Brian Foley* (Community) thanked all members who had assisted at the Christmas Lunch at Woodlands Golf Club. 26 guests had participated and all seemed very happy and pleased.

*Sylvio Tang* (International) called a committee meeting after this week's club meeting.

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*Ernie Williams* took the name of helpers for the Bunnings sausage sizzle on Sunday 10 December.

*Jack Cooper* reminded about the District Conference to be held in Bendigo 2 to 4 March 2018. Jack also referred to the good work that Ernie was doing gathering sponsors for the Gnome and Fairy Festival.

The weekly raffle raised \$32 with Glenyse Cooper and Trina Williams as the winners.

**Sergeant at Arms**

Sergeant Cliff ran a short sharp session featuring Australian cricket and soccer teams. We all sang happy birthday for Damian. Sylvio had attended a 50<sup>th</sup> reunion of his school class in Mauritius while Len celebrated his 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

**Guest Speakers: Michael Vale and Donna McCrae – “Chimpanzees and Entertainment”**

Paul introduced Michael, who he had known since school days, and Donna who he has also known for some years.

Michael lectures at Monash University in visual arts. He is also a film maker and has entered portrait paintings for the Archibald Prize. Donna lectures at Deakin University in arts and is also a film maker.

As a child living in Adelaide in 1964, Donna watched a television show called “*Cobby’s Hobby*” featuring a young chimpanzee named Cobby and his trainer a man known as Murray Hill. Hill was the head of a circus family and had chimps and elephants living as pets at his home in USA.

Chimpanzees share 97% of their DNA with humans and have a similar lifespan. After some investigation, Donna discovered that Cobby was still alive at age 57 and has been living at San Francisco zoo since 1968. She decided with Michael to make a documentary based on Cobby dealing with the after effects on animals from the entertainment industry in their later lives. She travelled to USA, found Cobby living a relatively happy life in the zoo, and interviewed Murray Hill’s daughters Nada and Robin who had also been in the circus business. They have left that life behind many years ago but gave useful insights to Donna.

Michael and Donna became very concerned about what happens to animals after their circus lives. The animal’s careers are only in their juvenile years and afterwards they cannot return to live in the wild. In USA, the “accredited zoos” have high standards of care for such animals that end up in their care. However many animals end up in roadside zoos or as household pets where there are no standards of care. There are an estimated 1500 adult chimpanzees in USA. In the 1960s wild animals were widely exploited in USA although there has been changing attitudes and some improvement since then

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**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.

13 Dec (Wed)	Board meeting, Taranto House 7.30 pm
19 Dec (Tues)	Club Christmas Dinner, Woodlands Golf Club 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm
31 Dec (Sun)	Sausage Sizzle, Bunnings Mentone 8 am to 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**

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

Kay Gordon – to end December 2017  
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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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**Apologies for non- attendance**

Apologies for meeting absences 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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Guest speakers (cont)

Donna says that the image of smiling chimpanzees on greeting cards is an illusion as mostly it is a scared look on their faces.

She also believes that Cobby has had a fortunate life compared with many others who were abused after their entertainment careers ends.

Michael and Donna expect their documentary film to be completed by the end of 2017.

The presentation provoked a range of questions from members.

*Len Dawson* proposed the thanks

## Forthcoming Meeting Program & Rosters

### Next meeting.....

Date: 19 December



Annual Christmas Dinner  
Woodlands Golf Club  
6.30 for 7.00 pm  
\$35 per head for two-course meal  
Drinks at bar price

Please advise attendance by 12 December

### No Meetings 26 December and 2 January

Date: 9 January

To be advised

### And the next.....

Date: 16 January  
Speaker: Dr Kathleen McGuire  
Topic: Giving Back. How Rotary helped shape my life in music  
Chairman: Brian Foley  
Desk & Regalia: Barry Donaldson, Rob Goode  
Fellowship: Glenyse Cooper  
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### 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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YOUR LOCAL  
TRAVEL AGENCY  
WHO SUPPORTS  
OUR LOCAL CLUB

**DESTINATION HQ**  
TRAVEL DIFFERENT TRAVEL REDEFINED

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**Email Message Received by Kay Gordon from the Birthing Kits Foundation Australia**

**From:** [bookings@bkfa.org.au](mailto:bookings@bkfa.org.au)

**Date:** 30 November 2017 at 11:28:19 am AEDT

**To:** [kay.gordon@gmail.com](mailto:kay.gordon@gmail.com)

**Subject: BKFA Thank you – your kits have been delivered - November 2017**

Dear Kay,

BKFA Birthing Kits packed by you and your group go to women living in and facing the most challenging of circumstances when they give birth. One kit can mean the difference between life and death.

You'll be pleased to know that we distributed kits to the following field partners in November.

Thank you so much for your support.

Kit Distribution Report	
Country	Partner Organisation
Cameroon	Reach Out Cameroon
Cameroon	Spring Care Foundation
India	Kanths Samstha
Nigeria	Hacey Health Initiative
Uganda	Rwenzori Mountains Baghuma Integrated Association
Cambodia	One Family at a Time
DR Congo Kenya	Mission in Health Care and Development
India	Centre for Social Action Women's Education and Development Trust
Nigeria	Social Welfare Network Initiative
Somalia	Social Relief Organisation
Tanzania	Future Warriors Project
Tanzania	Universal Ministry of Africa
Uganda	Beaton Foundation Initiative
Uganda	Egoli Africa
Uganda	Rotary Club of Makindye
Uganda	Think Humanity
Uganda DR Congo Somalia Afghanistan Tanzania	World Vision Australia

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

*Hilary Carruthers*

Assembly Day Coordinator