



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 2237
6 February
2018

District Governor 2017-18: Malcolm Chiverton

Assistant Governor: Ken Mirams

THIS WEEK'S MEETING Partners' night

Speaker:	Karen Silcock
Topic:	Parkinson's Victoria. Current treatments and future research direction.
Chairman:	Carol Quayle
Desk & Regalia:	David Brunt, Trina Williams
Fellowship:	Jeff Needham
Bulletin notes:	Glenyse Cooper



RI theme 2017-18

Message from President Paul Taranto

Greetings and welcome to our twenty eighth meeting for the 2017-2018 year. I trust everyone has had a good week. I know I have learnt to appreciate what I have more but more on that a little later. Last week the club was fortunate to have Councilor Steve Staikos Mayor of Kingston come and talk to us. Taking on a political role is always a difficult one as you cannot please everyone. I appreciated what Steve shared with us on how he approaches his role and his thoughts on where to take the Kingston community in the years ahead. It was also good to hear how he viewed community service organizations such as Rotary and how they can be employed to leverage the Council's resources.

If the lines of communication have worked correctly members should have received an email giving details on the Trachoma Live event being held on 19-25 February. This event is being hosted by our own RI President Ian Riseley who is to kick off the effort to end Trachoma by 2020. There should be further details on this program in this bulletin. Trachoma is the leading infectious cause of blindness in the world today. Last week I shared with Club Members my experience of having to live without power for 20 hours. I thought that level of darkness was inconvenient. What I did not appreciate is what total darkness is like in other words what it is like to be blind.

Later in the week I had the benefit of experiencing what blindness is like. Dianne and I, Brian and Helen Foley along with Jack and Kathy Pyziakos and Sarah went along to a dinner "Dans Le Noir" organized by Kathy. The seven of us learnt what it was like to move around, to sit at a table, to co-operate with people around us and enjoy a meal in total darkness. We were assisted in this exercise by a lovely young woman Husna (blind herself). She introduced us to techniques on how to find a glass, to fill it and to consume a meal that you could not see. Husna and her family came from Afghanistan in 1999. It is certainly a unique experience to consume food and wine without seeing it and having to rely on your senses of taste and smell and touch to identify what you enjoying. For myself there was certainly an initial feeling of claustrophobia but this passed and then I felt myself trying to understand my environment and who and what was around me. I have to say the young lady sitting to my right and was not a member of our party was a hoot to get to know.

Looking back on the loss of power experience and then the experience of going without sight certainly made me think about what I had and to appreciate what I had. Whether it is our family, our friends, our health, our Rotary Club I suggest that we reflect what we have and appreciate what we have.

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This leads me to commend the quote below from Ralph Waldo Emerson the early nineteenth century American poet.

I repeat my thanks for what club members have done and continue to do each day in **Making a Difference**.

Yours in Rotary

Paul

"Cultivate the habit of being grateful for every good thing that comes to you, and to give thanks continuously. And because all things have contributed to your advancement, you should include all things in your gratitude." – Ralph Waldo Emerson

Club Meeting No 2236 – 30 January at Woodlands Golf Club, Mordialloc.

Attendance: 16 members, 3 guests

Apologies: Damian West, Barry Donaldson, Keith Carpenter, Ernie and Trina Williams Kelly Banks, Jill Brear

Guests: Cr Steve Staikos (guest speaker), Sarah Wich, exchange student, Helen Foley

Make-ups: Paul Taranto, Jack Pyziakos, Jack and Glenyse Cooper (Gnome and Fairy meeting)

Travellers: President Paul is going to China on business for two weeks in February.

President's Announcements

President Paul welcomed members and guests and gave the following announcements:

- The Gnome and fairy Festival is less than 7 weeks away. A list was circulated for members, family and friends to indicate their attendance.
- More weekly flyers are available for distribution to shops and businesses.
- We had a good speaker, Tony Currie, the previous week and members should seek out suitable speakers
- A flyer is available for the Interplast Golf day on 6 April.
- Paul lost his power at home on the very hot night
- A reminder of the dinner at Dans Le Noir.

Brian Foley chaired the remainder of the meeting

Director and Member Announcements

Brian Foley (youth exchange) advised that Sarah enjoyed a trip to the high country in NE Victoria over the long weekend with other exchange students organised by RC Manningham. Nicola Brooks appears to have settled in well with her host family and school in France. She is getting to grips with the French language.

Jeff Needham is seeking applicants for MUNA from Parkdale Secondary College. Mentone Girls Secondary College to be approached if needed.

Jack Cooper advised that arrangements for the Gnome and Fairy Festival are going well. Advertising boards will go up shortly. We have about the same number of stalls as last year with 60% paying and 40% community groups. Still negotiating with council for a sign board at George Woods reserve.

The weekly raffle raised \$27 with Helen Foley winning the wine and David Brunt the chocolates.

Sergeant-at-Arms

Sergeant Cliff still had the hot weather on his agenda. Those not affected by power outages or using their AC all night were good for a fine as were those who rushed to the rain gauge when it rained. Sporting fines included the AO tennis, Jason Day winning at golf, the start of the women's football season and the rugby girls. Paul's daughter Jessica has completed her Master's thesis. And the sergeant did not mention that the Australian of the Year is a lady quantum physicist.

Guest Speaker – Cr Steve Staikos, Mayor, City of Kingston

Councillor Staikos began by acknowledging the traditional owners and the people of Kulin nation and elders past and present. There is a joint commitment to reconciliation by City Kingston. At the new Mordialloc life saving club there is an indigenous gathering place intended for young people to learn culture and customs of ancestors. It is important to maintain building blocks of healthy society. In this respect it is not dissimilar to Rotary. He acknowledged the club for its role in community

In introducing himself, Cr Staikos said he was born in 1983, completed schooling at St Bede's College in 2001, was first elected to Council in 2008 representing the North Ward and was Mayor for the first time in 2009. Whilst being one of the youngest of the 9 councillors, he is now the third longest serving.

The changes in Council over the past 10 years have been enormous. The Council was in a borderline financial position in 2008 with rundown facilities so that many of upgrades and updating of facilities have occurred since then in areas such as sporting facilities, maternal and child health and kindergartens. Kingston is now in the top four sustainable councils of 35 in the metropolitan area. The State Government has imposed a 2% cap on annual rate rises and this can be managed due to the changes that have been made.

"Rates, roads & rubbish" are often seen as the main concerns in municipalities but the range of activities is much broader with over 100 separate services provided and is the closest tier of government to the daily life of the community. Council employs some 1400 staff, has multiple depot sites, extensive parks and gardens, home help service and operates 10 libraries to name a few.

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Some key tasks for the next three years include:

- A massive report into neighbourhood character.
- Development community has multi-level apartments butting up against community expectations and wishes particularly in Moorabbin, Mordialloc and Cheltenham.
- Changes over the past 10 years have seen 10,000 population growth, 4000 new dwellings, mainly apartments, although single dwellings are still the majority.
- Melbourne’s population is expected to increase to 8 million by 2051 so there is a need to make the transition from old to new suburbs.
- In this nearly doubling of population, we don’t want to see a Los Angeles situation. We need cleaner, more friendly environment without many cars, planning developments that are sensitive – Mentone - lower density, while Cheltenham and Moorabbin can sustain higher density

As councillor for the North Ward, covering essentially much of the old City of Moorabbin, there has been a problem with the closure of old sand pits used as rubbish tips. This has slowed due to recycling and it is proposed to develop both passive and active recreation areas. A new park will open shortly in Clayton South using soil from level crossing removals.

Council has a \$1.3 million grants program that assists local aid and advice bureaus, increasing needs for food hampers and other emergencies. The Kingston Charitable Trust has now raised over \$1 million capital that enables it to run a \$50,000 grant program for local organisations.

Councillor Staikos then responded to a range of questions covering use of former industrial sites, future transport needs, the level crossing removal program, the move of St Kilda Football Club back to Moorabbin, diversity on council, relative rate levels between Kingston and Bayside the Mentone Renaissance project.

Glenyse Cooper proposed the vote of thanks for a most comprehensive and interesting address.

Other Announcements

Rotary "End Trachoma by 2020" Project

The "End Trachoma by 2020" program is a major Rotary initiative promoted by RI President Riseley and supported by the Australian Government. It has special significance for Australia because of the seriousness of this eye disease in our indigenous communities.

There will be a series of short presentations on this project on Facebook during the week 19 to 25 February. Further details are in the flyer at the end of this bulletin and in a separate email sent to each member. The email has direct links to the Facebook page.

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.

8 Feb (Thurs)	Board meeting. Taranto house. 7.30 pm. Note further date change
10 Feb (Sat)	Farewell BBQ for Sarah. 51 Marina Rd Mentone. 1 pm onward. BYO. Salads provided
14 Feb (Wed)	Gnome & Fairy Festival committee meeting. 7.30 pm
28 Feb (Wed)	Gnome & Fairy Festival committee meeting. 7.30 pm
2 – 4 March 2018 (Fri–Sun)	District 9810 Conference, Bendigo
7 Mar (Wed)	Gnome & Fairy Festival committee meeting. 7.30 pm
18 March 2018 (Sun)	Gnome & Fairy Festival George Woods Reserve, Mordialloc
2 April (Easter Mon)	Bunnings Mentone sausage sizzle 8 am to 4 pm
2 June (Sat)	District 9810 Changeover. Southern Golf Club. Details to come

Members on Leave

Kelly Banks - 16 January to 20 March
 Jill Brear – 16 January to 13 February
 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

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.

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

Book and Toy Stall at Gnome and Fairy Festival

Kay Gordon and Trina Williams are organising a used book and toy store at the Gnome and Fairy Festival next month.

They would like to have donations of suitable children’s books and toys for sale at the festival. Please advise Kay or Trina direct if you have suitable books or toys.

Forthcoming Meeting Program & Rosters

Next Meeting **Partners night**

Date: 13 February
Speaker: Chris Rae
Topic: Hodges Real Estate
Chairman: Trina Williams
Desk & Regalia: Don Butler, Don Van
Fellowship: George Aivatoglou
Bulletin notes: Carol Quayle

And the next.....

Date: 20 February
Speaker: Olivier Jaconelli
Topic: National Youth Science Forum
Chairman: Jeff Needham
Desk & Regalia: David Brunt, Rob Goode
Fellowship: Brian Foley
Bulletin notes: Glenyse Cooper

And the next.....

Date: 27 February
Speaker: David Spitteler
Topic: The Asylum Centre
Chairman: Carol Quayle
Desk & Regalia: Don Van, Don Butler
Fellowship: David Brunt
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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YOUR LOCAL
TRAVEL AGENCY
WHO SUPPORTS
OUR LOCAL CLUB

DESTINATION HQ
TRAVEL DIFFERENT TRAVEL REDEFINED

Beumaris
23 North Concourse
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Mentone
Thrift Park Shopping Centre
9584 3833

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ENDTRACHOMA BY 2020



JOIN OUR FACEBOOK LIVE
DAILY 5PM EDST 19-25 FEB 2018

Australia remains the only first world nation where trachoma still persists, prevalent in a number of our remote indigenous communities. The long-term solution rests with hygiene and education and this is where Rotary's Trachoma Project has a role.

A line-up of international and specialist speakers, including RI President Ian Riseley will show DAILY and LIVE on our Facebook page from Monday 19th February 2018.

Each live event will run for only 10 minutes or so, but if you miss it, don't fret, videos will be available afterwards on the EndTrachoma by 2020 Facebook page, as well as YouTube. Send through your questions for the live series over Facebook, or to lien@endtrachoma2020.org.au.

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