



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 2240
27 February
2018

District Governor 2017-18: Malcolm Chiverton

Assistant Governor: Ken Mirams

THIS WEEK'S MEETING

Speaker: David Spitteler
Topic: The Asylum Centre
Chairman: Carol Quayle
Desk & Regalia: Don Van, Don Butler
Fellowship: David Brunt
Bulletin notes: Jill Brear



RI theme 2017-18

Message from President Paul Taranto

Welcome everyone to our thirty first meeting for the 2017-2018 year. I bring you greetings from FuShun a provincial city of approx. 1 million people in ZiGong province Sichuan. The production facility that I am working at was once a secret military establishment back in the days of Mao Tse Tong. Mao feared that the Western powers would try and invade China and he set up three lines of defense. FuShun was part of the third line and the production facility was set up to manufacture the various rubbers and elastomers needed for military vehicles and planes. Today it is no longer part of the industrial military complex and its production facilities are used to manufacture some of the more exotic elastomers used in everyday items. My hosts are very hospitable and I fear my liver and waist line are getting a serious workout.

I have heard last week's talk by Olivia was well attended and well received by members. I was pleased that I bumped into Peter Degorski (a previous speaker at the Club on NYSF) and he was able to attend and meet Olivia and her about her experience at the NYSF. I have started to receive emails from other Clubs that their NYSF students have given their talks at their sponsor Clubs and they also have been well received. The cycle is about to start again to select students for the 2019 programs.

The roster sheet for the Gnome and Fairy festival should also be doing the rounds. Club members are asked to complete the roster sheet for themselves as well as family and friends that can help. It is also important to indicate the role that you would prefer to have. If you have no preference then please indicate "Any". Please keep March 6 free to attend our meeting as roles and arrangements for the Festival will be conveyed to members that evening. Please also extend an invitation to family and friends to also attend this meeting.

Returning to FuShun. As members would be aware Chinese New Year was recently celebrated. The people of FuShun are small in stature, very hard workers, ferocious fighters and very laid back in comparison to other Chinese. They are also the home of the Lantern festival that is part of their New Year celebrations. Tomorrow evening I am being treated by a visit to the main lantern display. I wish everyone a happy year of the dog (they are friendly and loyal) and leave you with a photo of my good friend Jetson the Lab.

Thank you to Club members for what they have done and continue to do each day in **Making a Difference**.

Yours in Rotary

Paul

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Club Meeting No 2239 – 20 February at Woodlands Golf Club, Mordialloc.

Attendance: 19 members, 7 guests

Apologies: Paul Taranto, Rob Goode, , Barry Donaldson, Damian West

Visiting Rotarians: Ivan Mackay (RC Yarraville, PDG D9800)

Guests: Olivia Jaconelli (guest speaker) and her mother Lyn, Lucy Tsuchida and her mother Susan, Sarah Wich, exchange student, Peter Degorski, Kathy Thompson.

Illness: Rob Goode is still in Peninsula Private Hospital Frankston with an infection and possible heart attack. He is still undergoing tests.

President Elect Announcements

President Elect Jack Pyziakos welcomed members and guests and gave reminders of the following coming events:

- The next Gnome and Fairy Festival committee meeting will be on 28 February
- The Mordialloc Theatre Company production on 22 February
- The Youth Exchange “welcome home dinner” for returned students held on 23 February

Jeff Needham chaired the remainder of the meeting

Director and Member Announcements

Secretary *Carol Quayle* advised that a letter had been requested from Dianne and Glenn Ford of Lakes Entrance offering to house sit and carry out other household tasks for periods up to three weeks in this area. Glenn is a long-term member of Rotary Club of Lakes Entrance. Their daughter and her husband live in Edithvale and have recently had twins and they wish to spend time close to them. A scanned copy of their letter is at the back of this bulletin. If anyone can assist, it is suggested that you contact the Fords direct. Telephone numbers are in the letter.

Brian Foley advised that Sarah is now living with the Brooks family in Moorabbin. The welcome home dinner for students returned from the 2017 exchange is on Friday 23 February

Jack Cooper reported that the G & F committee had visited Epsom Hire this week and found club equipment is in order.

The weekly raffle raised \$33 with the winners being Sarah Wich, winning a bottle of wine for her host family, and David Brunt.

Sergeant-at-Arms

Sergeant Cliff had some curious fines. Who knew that Cliff's birthday (2/2) is also “groundhog day” in USA – not many of us it seemed. He then spoke about those of us, nearly all, of European heritage, and asked if we still referred to “the old country”. He then queried whether Britain is truly the old country when the oldest known skeleton there is some 8,000 years old. By contrast, the oldest known remains found in Australia, “Mungo Man” is estimated to be 50,000+ years old. The Winter Olympics dominated recent sporting coverage and Cliff referred specifically to the extraordinary feats in the cross country and downhill skiing.

Guest Speaker: Olivia Jaconelli “National Youth Science Forum 2018”

Olivia is a Year 12 student at Mentone Girls Secondary College and was sponsored by our Rotary Club to a 12-day session of the National Youth Science Forum held in Canberra in January 2018.

NYSF is a 12-day residential activity for students interested in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). Participants gain significant insights into the variety of study and career opportunities available across STEM fields. The program is run by a non-profit organisation that works in partnership with Rotary who sponsor students from throughout Australia. The program is supported by a wide range of academic, public and private organisations from these disciplines.

Olivia participated in a group that concentrated on ecological and environmental studies, including field visits to collect samples of micro-organisms, bringing them to laboratory for examination and then returning them to their habitat. The study also included laboratory testing of coffee making!

The students attended the formal opening in Parliament House, were addressed by many eminent scientists, had opportunities to talk directly with the scientists, met past NYSF students, visited the national science museum and learned a bit about politics. A highlight for Olivia was to sit next to Professor Ian Chubb, former Chief Scientist of Australia and spoke with him.

Olivia thanked the club for providing her a great opportunity to experience many aspects of the STEM subjects and interact directly with those involved. Olivia believes that her probably study course will be in zoology.

Lucy Tsuchida was sponsored by the club to attend the 2017 NYSF and was then invited to attend as a staff member in 2018 (at a different session from Olivia). Lucy commented that she now had an even wider view of NYSF and was convinced to study science.

Guest speaker (cont)

Both speakers responded to questions and again thanked the club for supporting them. *Brian Foley* proposed the thanks.

Other Announcements

Rotary "End Trachoma by 2020" Project

The "End Trachoma by 2020" program will have a series of short presentations on Facebook during the week 19 to 25 February. The Facebook link is:

<https://www.facebook.com/endtrachomaby2020>

Thank you letter from Lucy Tsuchida

Hi Brian,

Just wanted to thank you again for inviting me to the Rotary meeting on Tuesday and offering to take a look at the event which my friend is holding on International Women's Day, I will leave a link to the event here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/changing-the-game-for-women-in-stemm-iwd-panel-discussion-tickets-42858074655?aff=es2>

I hope you are able to share the importance of women in science and thank you for being a part of the conversation to close the gap. - Lucy Tsuchida

Details re Purple Cloak choir project

The following information has been sent by Dr Kathy McGuire who told us about her Purple Cloak Choir Project when she spoke to the club in January.

At least nine different groups, covering choirs, Rotary clubs and secondary schools have expressed interest in being involved. Details are set out in Kathy's website for the project available on the following link:

<https://playingourpart.teamapp.com/articles/2163091-p-o-p-choir-news-feb-2018>

On this site you will find:

- Schedule: rehearsals and recording dates, times, venue
- Overview of the project
- Music for printing
- Audio for listening/learning

Warmly,
Kathleen

Choir Director

[Playing Our Part Choir](#) (for the Purple Cloak)

Distribution of Flyers for Gnome and Fairy Festival

A supply of printed flyers advertising the Gnome and fairy festival will be available at tomorrow's club meeting. Volunteers are required to deliver these to primary schools and kindergartens **this week** if possible. Glenyse Cooper will provide addresses and details.

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.

28 Feb (Wed)	Gnome & Fairy Festival committee meeting. 7.30 pm
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2 – 4 March 2018 (Fri–Sun)	District 9810 Conference, Bendigo
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7 Mar (Wed)	Gnome & Fairy Festival committee meeting. 7.30 pm
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18 March 2018 (Sun)	Gnome & Fairy Festival George Woods Reserve, Mordialloc
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21 March (Wed)	Board meeting – Taranto house 7.30 pm
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2 April (Easter Mon)	Bunnings Mentone sausage sizzle 8 am to 4 pm
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16 April (Mon)	Dr Kathleen McGuire song project recording session. Abbotsford Convent. Details to come
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2 June (Sat)	District 9810 Changeover. Southern Golf Club. Details to come
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Members on Leave

Kelly Banks - 16 January to 20 March

Carol, Quayle – 3 to 20 March

Ernie and Trina Williams – 12 March to 3 April

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. Please ask among your family and friends if they have any used toys and children's books

The used goods can be left and Trina and Ernie's home, 56 Patty Street, Mentone. Kay can also be contacted on mobile 0447 437 950.

Forthcoming Meeting Program & Rosters

Next Meeting

Date: 6 March
Speaker: Project team
Topic: Briefing session for Gnome and Fairy Festival
Chairman: Paul Taranto
Desk & Regalia: David Brunt, Don Van
Fellowship: Sylvio Tang
Bulletin notes: Glenyse Cooper

And the next.....

Date: 13 March
Speaker: Cliff Riley
Topic: Rotarian behind the Badge
Chairman: Sylvio Tang
Desk & Regalia: David Brunt, Don Butler
Fellowship: Jeff Needham
Bulletin notes: Jill Brear

And the next.....

Date: 20 March
Speaker: Peter Degorski
Topic: Why are Brains and Thunderstorms the Same But a Little Different
Chairman: Brian Foley
Desk & Regalia: Don Van, George Aivatoglou
Fellowship: Jack Cooper
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?"

SUPPORT
YOUR LOCAL
TRAVEL AGENCY
WHO SUPPORTS
OUR LOCAL CLUB

DESTINATION HQ
TRAVEL DIFFERENT TRAVEL REDEFINED

Beaumaris 23 North Concourse 9589 3294	Mentone Thrift Park Shopping Centre 9584 3833
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Letter from Dianne Ford

8th February 2018

Dianne Ford
12 Ferndale Parade
Lakes Entrance 3909

Tel: 0418302600 / 51552129

Dear Sir/Madam

I am reaching out to your Club regarding House Sitting in your vicinity, we have also registered on Mindahome recently.

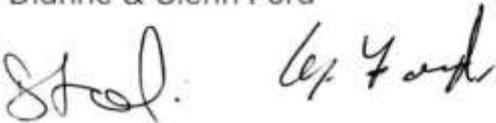
My Husband Glenn is a member of the The Rotary Club of Lakes Entrance, joined in 1985, PP, Treasurer and we have been actively involved in the Student Exchange Program Hosting Students over the years.

Our daughter Kelly and Husband Clint reside in Edithvale and have six week old Twins. We would like to be closer to them over the next 12 months to help out when needed but also allowing them space to manage themselves, so this is the reason I am making contact with you, short stays or up to 3 week periods would be most suitable for us and also helping out somebody going on holidays having someone to water a garden or look after a Pet.

The only time we would not be available would be Easter as Kelly, Clint and the Twins will be visiting us and between the 28th April and 12th of May,

Yours sincerely

Dianne & Glenn Ford

Handwritten signatures of Dianne and Glenn Ford. The signature on the left is 'Dianne' and the signature on the right is 'Glenn Ford'.