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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 2250
 8 May
 2018

District Governor 2017-18: Malcolm Chiverton

Assistant Governor: Ken Mirams

THIS WEEK'S MEETING

Speaker: James Nicholas
 Topic: The Mystery of Fairyland
 Chairman: Len Dawson
 Desk & Regalia: Ernie Williams, David Brunt
 Fellowship: Kelly Banks
 Bulletin notes: Glenyse Cooper



RI theme 2017-18

Message from President Paul Taranto

Hello and welcome everyone to our forty first meeting for the 2017-2018 year. This message comes to you on the Sunday afternoon after I returned from Bunnings assisting with the selling of Raffle tickets for the Mother's day Raffle. I learned on the way to Bunnings that 6 May is World Laughter Day. **World Laughter Day** takes place on the first Sunday of May of every year. The first celebration was on 10 May 1998, in Mumbai, India, and was arranged by Dr. Madan Kataria, founder of the worldwide Laughter Yoga movement. He saw laughter as a positive and powerful emotion that has all the ingredients required for individuals to change themselves and to change the world in a peaceful and positive way. A little more on this later.

I would like to formally acknowledge and recognize Ernie Williams for stepping forward to be our President Nominee for the year 2019/2020 following Jack Pyziakos in 2018/2019. The Rotary Club of Mordialloc is indeed fortunate to have people to fill the role of President for the next two years. This is not the case for several clubs in District 9810. I am certainly looking forward to the club moving forward in the coming years.

I also have to thank Jack and especially Ernie and Trina Williams for organising the Mother's Day raffles and helping us use the prizes donated by local businesses for the Gnome and Fairy Festival. The raffle held at Bunnings today is looking like it will gross over \$200 and another raffle will be held next Saturday 12 May at Woolworth's Mentone store.

I encourage members to volunteer for this activity. Another two raffles are planned in the lead up to Father's day and it would be good if we can clear over \$1000 from these raffles.

A couple of reflections on the week just gone. At our meeting last Tuesday we were treated to a fantastic story of what has been achieved at Doveton High school. The efforts of Greg McMahon and his team are certainly worthy of wider recognition. However there is also the story behind the story and that is of Julius Colman and his Foundation. A successful person who is actively giving back to the community. I compared this with a couple of activities I encountered locally over the last week. The first was in the Woolworth's Thrift Park car park. A couple had finished their shopping, unloaded the bags from the trolley into their car and then left the trolley in the adjacent car park bay. I wondered if the thought had occurred to them that for the next person to park in that bay they would need to stop, get out of their car and move the trolley to, hopefully, the trolley bay. The couple's action seemed contrary to the concept of thinking about who comes next.

The next activity was the fiftieth anniversary celebration of the Mordialloc Braeside junior football club held on Friday 4 May. The MBJFC was started by three young boys living on the same street who wanted to play football. They managed to get a local business to back them and other players.

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From that original effort back in 1968 the MBJFC now facilitates 660 local children playing aussie rules football. This only happened because of the work of people thinking about those who would follow. As Rotarians we are very much in the mold of thinking about those who will follow.

This brings me back to World Laughter Day. Sometimes we can find ourselves weighed down with all that is happening around us and with all that we have to do. I have been very much in this frame of mind (all that I have to do) this last week. I then came across an article in my old school's newsletter. I share it with you below. I trust that the religious context is not off putting however the underlying message does not need a religious justification.

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

Yours in Rotary

Paul

Club Meeting No 2249– 1 May at Woodlands Golf Club, Mordialloc.

Attendance: 20members, 2 Honorary Rotarians, 9 guests

Visiting Rotarians: Bob Travers, Brian Schauer (both honorary members)

Apologies:, Cliff Riley, Sylvio Tang

Guests: Greg McMahon (guest speaker) Helen Goode, Ann Travers, Margaret Masur, Helen Brunt, Helen Foley, Sarah Wich (exchange student)

Make-Ups: All board members for 1 May meeting

Illness: Geoff Hillard is undergoing chemotherapy and doing well

Travellers: Sarah is back from the Central Australia and Barrier Reef safari

President Announcements

President Paul welcomed members and guests and announced the following:

- Flyers for next week's meeting were available
- Congratulations again to Barry Donaldson and his helpers for another successful Interplast golf day
- The club annual changeover dinner will be on Tuesday 26 June at Woodlands
- The District 9810 changeover will be held on Saturday 2 June at Southern Golf Club, Keysborough. Details are on Page 3

Brian Foley chaired the reminder of the meeting

Director and Member Announcements

Secretary *Carol* advised that RC Chelsea asked if a member would be available to assist with interviews on Thursday 10 May for its Junior Mayor program. Interviews would be held from 9 am to 1 pm at Chelsea Town Hall. Carol also reminded members to fill the volunteer chits giving times and activities spent on Rotary service.

Treasurer *Graeme* reminded members to advise meeting apologies, or extra guests, to David Brunt no later than 1 pm Monday. The club has to pay for meals ordered but not used.

Brian Foley (Community) would be visiting Mordialloc Neighbourhood House this week to look at a project for which funding is sought. We will also be looking at further assistance for Doveton Secondary College.

International: The board recently agreed to donate \$1000 to ROMAC. In regard to the Brother Beausang water project in Kenya, a report has been received giving more technical details. Brian Foley is reviewing these so a reply can be given.

Brian Foley advised that an approach had been received from the District Youth Exchange committee for the club to host an incoming student and sponsor and outgoing next Rotary year. The board is considering this request.

Soap aid visit. The visit to the Soap Aid factory will be on Tuesday 29 from 4 to 6 pm. The address is: 81-85 Malcolm Road, Braeside. This will be followed by the normal club meeting at Woodlands

Jack Pyziakos advised that Ernie Williams had accepted the position of President Nominee for the 2019-20 year.

Paul thanked Ernie for this good work in organising vouchers and prizes to be raffled at Bunnings

Jack Cooper advised that negotiations were under way with Kingston Council on a date for the Gnome and Fairy Festival in 2019. It was expected to be in March.

The weekly raffle raised \$49.

Sergeant-at-Arms

Acting Sergeant for the night was Jack Cooper. Footy winners were fined. He then ran a short quiz on various sporting and matters from Australian history

Guest Speaker: Greg McMahon – Doveton Secondary College.

Greg was the principal of Parkdale Secondary College from 2006 to 2015 and became closely involved with Mordialloc Rotary primarily through our then youth chairman Bob Travers. In 2016 he moved to Doveton as principal of a radically different school serving an entirely different community to that at Parkdale. Doveton Secondary College now serves as a community hub delivering not only education for children but a range of other services from pre-natal to adults in the community. Doveton is a model for 10 other schools in disadvantaged communities around Victoria

Greg McMahon continued

The Doveton experience commenced in 2008 when the Colman Foundation, established by a wealthy philanthropist Julius Colman and his wife, approached then Victorian Premier Brumby saying that it wished to become directly involved in the education of kids in an area of significant disadvantage – ideally, one with a large migrant and refugee population. In September 2009, a unique social partnership was defined in a written Memorandum of Understanding with the State Government. This saw the construction of Doveton College.

The demographics of Doveton show that it is one of the most disadvantaged areas of the state with 12% unemployment, only 14% in full employment, 48 different languages and a high indigenous population. This was also reflected in the school population with 52 countries and 42 languages represented.

Issues identified in early research included lack of integrated services, poor quality teaching, health and welfare issues, low parenting skills, lack of safe home environment, child protection issues, drug, alcohol, violence and mental health issues within families, intergenerational poverty, lack of resources and role models, lack of stable housing, unemployment and disability and development delays.

Doveton College now addresses these areas of disadvantage by supplying a place-based approach to supporting the health, development and learning of all children and their families utilising the platform of a school. The College motto is now: *“Together We Can Make a Difference”*

The components of the program comprise:
Early Years and Learning program – highest quality learning, play groups and a baby college

Health supports: Maternal and child, paediatrician, paediatric registrar, a GP and allied health professionals such as psychologist, physiotherapist, podiatry, OT and speech,

Engagement and learning: Art, technology, music enhancement, hands-on learning

Adult learning and the community: Save The Children – playgroups, focus speakers, gathering place and indigenous links, men’s program – “Men of Doveton”, healthy little rainbows, parents groups, walking club, global kitchen. There are 200 adult learners

Greg concluded by mentioning the significant education achievements at Doveton in the past five years including the highest quality rating for the Early Learning Centre, in top 50 schools nationwide for improved NAPLAN, significant decreases in absences, high reading ability for those doing the Early Learning Centre courses and other positive key indicators.

Greg responded to a number of questions and *David Brunt* 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 May (Sun) Morning	District 9810 Training Assembly. Deakin University, Burwood.
2 June (Sat)	District 9810 Changeover. Southern Golf Club. 6.30 pm start, \$62 per head
26 June (Tues)	Club Annual Changeover Dinner Details to come
1 July (Sun)	Bunnings sausage sizzle 8 am to 4 pm
7 July (Sat)	Exchange student Sarah Wich returns home to Germany
26 Dec (Wed) Boxing Day	Bunnings sausage sizzle 8 am to 4 pm
15-17 February 2019	Victorian Multi-District Conference Melbourne Convention Centre

Members on Leave

Damian West: - to end of June

George Aivatoglou – end May

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

District 9810 Changeover Dinner

Saturday 2 June 2018

Start 6.30 pm for 6.50 pm

Southern Golf Club

Lower Dandenong Road, Keysborough

Cost: \$62 per head plus drinks at bar prices.

Payment by **credit card only** via Try Booking website.
<https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=364764>

Closing date for bookings Monday 28 May.

Forthcoming Meeting Program & Rosters

Next Meeting

Date: 15 May
Speaker: Bill Atherton
Topic: A letter from the war front in 1916
Chairman: Graeme Bruce
Desk & Regalia: Don Van, Rob Goode
Fellowship: Len Dawson
Bulletin notes: Carol Quayle

And the next.....

Date: 22 May
Speaker: PDG Tony Monley
Topic: The Rotary Foundation
Chairman: Jack Cooper
Desk & Regalia: Don Van, Trina Williams
Fellowship: Brian Foley
Bulletin notes: Jill Brear

And the next.....

Date: 29 May
Speaker: TBA
Topic: Visit to Soap Aid, 81 to 85 Malcolm Road,
Braeside from 4 – 5 pm
Normal club meeting to follow at Woodlands
Chairman: Jeff Needham
Desk & Regalia: Barry Donaldson, Don Butler
Fellowship: Len Dawson
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
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WHO SUPPORTS
OUR LOCAL CLUB

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TRAVEL DIFFERENT TRAVEL REDEFINED

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