



Rotary Club of Mordialloc Inc. Reg No A0011994G PO Box 289, Mentone Vic 3194 E-mail: info@mordiallocrotary.org.au Website: http://mordiallocrotary.org.au Club meets at Woodlands Golf Club 109 White Street Mordialloc Melways Map 87 H 11 Tuesday 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm

Meeting 2264 14 August 2018

District Governor 2018-19: Russell Gurney

### THIS WEEK'S MEETING Partner's night

Speaker: DG Russell Gurney

Topic: District Governor's Official Club Visit

Chairman: Jack Pyziakos

Desk & Regalia: Don Van, David Brunt

Fellowship: Brian Foley
Bulletin notes: Carol Quayle
Sergeant at Arms Kay Gordon



**Assistant Governor: Kathy Monley** 

RI theme 2018-19

### **Message from President Jack Pyziakos**

We had the pleasure last week of another great speaker Jenny Pudney talking about NAIDOC. Jenny gave us an understanding of how aboriginals work with the land and, being custodians, looking after the land for future generations rather than owning the land. For each of us, taking the time to understand different cultures can lead to harmony and peace. Jenny's' other great attributes were her clear diction and projection, engagement with the audience and knowledge of the subject.

This Friday marks the beginning of our third Friday of the month barbeques at Bunnings Mentone store, I invite you to put aside a couple of hours on these Fridays and bring a friend who may like an exciting time to meet the Bunnings customers and to have a yarn about life. This is one of our fund raising activities that help in our project funding work for our local communities and International programs.

I have just spent four wonderful days in sunny Queensland with no wind, enjoying the company of my daughter Angela, son in law Jimmy and grandchildren Ebony, Madison, Jasmine and Caleb. I also did a little work cleaning shrubs and trees from a property with my brother Michael assisting me.

There are a number of Rotary training meetings this week and next.

Kay Gordon and Kathy Thompson went to the Membership Retention & Growth Strategies Seminar last Friday so we will hear briefly from them on Tuesday. On Wednesday night I will attend the Rotary Radio Hour meeting at the Clarinda Community Centre to discuss format and time slots for the first three programs. The meeting starts at 7pm and I would welcome anyone coming to the meeting with me.

On Friday 24 August the District 9810 Foundation Seminar is being held from 6-30 to 9 pm at the Matsudo Room, Box Hill Town Hall, 1022 Whitehorse Rd, Box Hill, A keynote address from PDG Juliet Riseley on her observations of impactful Foundation projects around the world is part of the program. I invite you all to attend. We require numbers by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> so will confirm with you all on Tuesday.

Last Wednesday a large number of people, including many current and past Rotarians, gathered at Woodlands Golf Club for a service to farewell Past President and Honorary Member Russ Hellier. Family and friends spoke of Russ's professional life as a surveyor, his involvement with the development of the Beaumaris community, his many activities in Rotary, his love of family and friends, golf, croquet and travel.

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President's message cont.

And now for an update on our exchange student Nicola Brooks currently in France. Nicola recently spoke in French with Gabrielle, who is staying with the Brooks family. Gabrielle says Nicola's French is good as is her accent. Nicola has left for another week in 'the south' and then she has a week near Dunkirk. The summer school holidays are very long in France. Nicola will be going up to the next year level when school resumes. This is not a given in France and some students must repeat the year. Nicola's host mother, Stephanie Delabarre, said that it was a pleasure to host Nicola.

Paul, Di, Ernie and Trina are having great holidays and we are looking forward to Ernie and Trina returning this week. Jill Brear is keeping husband Len off his feet to ensure he is recovering well. Damian West is travelling well back at his BUPA home.

Kathy and I are looking forward this afternoon (Sunday) to watching Storm do battle with the Cronulla Sharks, so will sign off now. Keep well and enjoy life see you Tuesday

Yours in Rotary Jack Pyziakos



Club Meeting No 2263 – 7 August at Woodlands Golf Club, Mordialloc

Attendance: 13 members, 4 guests

**Apologies:** Damian West

**Guests:** Jenny Pudney (guest speaker), exchange student Gabrielle de Bonnieres, Helen Brunt, Helen Goode.

#### **President's Announcements**

President Jack Pyziakos opened the meeting and welcomed members and guests including exchange student Gabrielle de Bonnieres who was attending her first club meeting. Jack then gave the following announcements:

- Kingston Council has agreed to contribute \$3000 towards the cost of running the Gnome and Fairy Festival next March
- A District Membership Retention and Growth Seminar was held last Friday evening. Kay and Kathy agreed to attend.
- The 2018 Australia New Zealand Rotary Conference will be held at the Grand Chancellor Hotel in Hobart from 14 to 16 September. Attendance is open to all Rotarians

- The District 9810 Foundation Seminar will be held at Box Hill Town Hall on Friday 24 August from 6.30 to 9.00 pm.
- The next Bunnings sausage sizzle is on Friday 17 August. Helpers are needed.
- The memorial service for Russ Hellier was held at Woodlands Golf club last Wednesday
- Rotary is participating in a nationwide appeal," Bale Out" for drought affected farmers in conjunction with the National Farmers Association and TV Channel 9
- Next week's meeting will be the official club visit of District Governor Russell Gurney and wife Shelley.

David Brunt chaired the rest of the meeting

### **Director and Member Announcements**

David Brunt (club service) reminded that it is important that meeting apologies be notified to him **by 12 noon each Monday**. The club has to pay for meals ordered but not eaten. Late apologies do not relieve this obligation.

In regard to community service, David advised that he will meet with the Kingston service clubs network on Thursday 16 August. Don Van is following up on the tree planting project.

Brian Foley said that exchange student Gabrielle has settled in well with the Brooks family and at Kilbreda College where she has made several friends. Brian also drew attention to an error in the last bulletin. The correct date of the next Gnome and Fairy Festival is Sunday 17 March 2019.

Kathy Thompson reported that the club raffle the previous week had raised \$32. Kathy then showed a short video relating to the appeal for drought affected farmers. The link to the "Bale Out website" containing the video is: <a href="https://www.buyabale.com.au/">https://www.buyabale.com.au/</a>

Carol Quayle said that she would attend a function at Emerge last Wednesday for homelessness week. Carol had also attended a games night for children at Hampton Rotary run by Sergeant Aaron Ferguson of the Moorabbin community policing unit. Plans are being developed for our club to run a similar event.

The weekly club raffle raised \$26. Winners were Glenyse and Brian

### Sergeant at Arms - Barry Donaldson

Barry had done his homework and the session focussed on a range of questions covering general knowledge, sport and the meaning of sayings, e.g.

The Ghan passenger train

Power station fumes

For the men – brands for fashion design and women's handbags

Naming of ships and boats, what is the difference (ships are defence department vessels, all others are boats) Football results – AFL and women's soccer.

Some of us knew some of the answers

# Guest Speaker - Jenny Pudney - "NAIDOC"

Jenny's talk related mainly to the concept of "Acknowledgement of Country", its purpose and importance in understanding differences in culture and attitudes to land between indigenous people and the European settlers.

Typical wording of the Acknowledgement of Country is: 'I acknowledge the Traditional custodians of the land on which we are meeting. I pay my respects to their Elders, past and present, and the Elders from other communities who may be here today.'

An Acknowledgment of Country allows the wider community (Indigenous and non-Indigenous) to show respect for and acknowledge the Traditional Owners, their culture, their heritage and their continual relationship with lands and waters. It demonstrates that we value and recognise the Traditional Owners' customary place within Australian society today.

In Melbourne we acknowledge *the people of the Kulin Nations*. This is inclusive of all groups in the area.

Important points in the wording of the acknowledgement are:

- Always use "Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders" to include both distinct indigenous groups.
- Use "I" rather than the organisation's name, or "we", to make the acknowledgement more personal.
- Capitalise "Elders" as a sign of respect.
- Use "traditional custodians" and not "traditional owners" as Aboriginal people don't own the land.
- Always include a reference to Aboriginal land.

Use of the term "custodians" rather than "owners" recognises the fundamental difference between aboriginal and the European settler attitude to land management and usage. For example, during droughts, aboriginals would take the settlers sheep, believing it "to be the common property of all people". They did not understand the concept of ownership.

Concerns have been voiced by politicians and others about the political correctness of Acknowledgement of Country - not a view shared by all the aboriginal community, always include the land.

Jenny's presentation prompted a number of questions and comments. President Jack spoke of his experience of working and playing sport with aboriginal people in Queensland. David Brunt spoke about his experience as chaplain in the prison system where there were number of aborigines and they did not understand "white fella" culture. Also the attitude of aborigines to "family" that covers everyone in their community whereas in European culture usually means blood relatives

Glenyse Cooper proposed the thanks for Jenny's most interesting presentation

#### 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.

Official Visit from District Governor
Russell Gurney
Bunnings sausage sizzle 8 am to 4 pm
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Packing day for Birthing Kits Project at
the Sandbelt Club Hotel, Moorabbin
Bunnings sausage sizzle 8 am to 4 pm
Bunnings sausage sizzle 8 am to 4 pm
Victorian Multi-District Conference
Melbourne Convention Centre
Gnome & Fairy Festival
George Woods Reserve, Mordialloc
Interplast Golf Day at Woodlands Golf
Club
Bunnings sausage sizzle 8 am to 4 pm

#### **Members on Leave**

Jill Brear – 10 July to 21 August Ernie and Trina Williams – 19 July to 16 August Paul and Dianne Taranto – 16 July to 28 August Graeme Bruce – 3 August to 9 October

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 **0418 526 140 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

# **Forthcoming Meeting Program & Rosters**

### **Next Meeting**

Date: 21 August

Speaker: 1 Gabrielle De Bonnieres, Rotary

Exchange Student

2 Brian Foley

Topic: 1 Gabrielle's club presentation

2 Rotary International Convention 2018

and Rotary Friendship Exchange

Chairman: Cliff Riley

Desk & Regalia: Trina Williams, David Brunt

Fellowship: Kathy Thompson
Bulletin notes: Kay Gordon
Sergeant at Arms Barry Donaldson

# And the next.....

Date: 28 August
Topic: Board meeting
Chairman: Ernie Williams

Desk & Regalia: Don Van, Don Butler

Fellowship: David Brunt
Bulletin notes: Trina Williams
Sergeant at Arms Brian Foley

#### And the next.....

Date: 4 September
Speaker: Bruce Reynolds

Topic Boat Building on the Gippsland Lakes

Chairman: Jack Cooper

Desk & Regalia: Kathy Thompson, David Brunt

Fellowship: Brian Foley
Bulletin notes: Glenyse Cooper
Sergeant at Arms Paul Taranto

# **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.

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# 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
TRAVEL DIFFERENT TRAVEL REDEFINED

Beaumaris
23 North Concourse
9589 3294
Mentone
Thrift Park Shopping Centre
9584 3833