



# 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 2222  
26 September  
2017

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

**Assistant Governor: Ken Mirams**

## THIS WEEK'S MEETING

## Partners' night

Speaker:	Peter Carrazzo
Topic:	Footy Night – wear your club colours
Chairman:	Graeme Bruce
Desk & Regalia:	Trina Williams, Don Butler
Fellowship:	Keith Carpenter
Bulletin notes:	Glenyse Cooper



RI theme 2017-18

## Message from President Paul Taranto

Welcome everyone to our thirteenth meeting for the 2017-2018 year. I am writing this message on the Sunday morning following the completion of the AFL preliminary finals. Congratulations have to go to the Crows and Tiger supporters on their team's successes. The football changing room can be a very somber and sad place to be after a defeat. It is even more so after a preliminary final defeat. To get so close and then slip, will and does bring grown men to tears. You do get a very real feeling for just what a herculean effort it is to win a Grand Final as you stand amidst that changing room quiet. As they say there is always next year.

Most nights I take my dog Jetson for a walk. Often on these walks I come across other people doing similar activities. Some of these people become regulars and your passing acknowledgment of each other forms part of the evening's structure. In this last week I exchanged pleasantries with one of my regulars and he reminded me that the true start of spring is September 23 (the equinox when the daytime and nighttime is the same). This made me reflect that it is, in probably the last week that I have really started to notice the perfume of the blossoming trees and shrubs on my morning and evening walks. Spring is one of my favourite times and is certainly one of Melbourne's best times of the year. I trust members are also enjoying the changing of the seasons.

Last week we heard from Mr Peter Johnstone from "Catholics for Renewal" and the issue of governance in the hierarchy of the Roman Catholic Church. Peter's talk was timely with Pope Francis this week highlighting that the Church had been too slow in acknowledging and responding to the sexual abuse occurring in the Church. Also my old school St Kevin's College held a ritual of healing and hope to express an apology on behalf of the school to victims of abuse within the school community and all schools conducted by the Christian Brothers in Australia. I have copied a poem used in this ceremony at the end of my message. It is by the thirteenth century Persian poet Jellaludin Rumi called "The Guest House". I trust you find it as compelling as I did.

Last week your club's board met and considered a number of items involving the use of funds from the club charities account. You will hear at this week's meeting from the relevant committee chairs on how the Club's funds are being used to better the lives of others in our community and the world.

Another important matter considered by the Board was a letter from the Woodlands Golf Club advising that the cost of meals for our meetings needed to rise for the holding of club meetings at Woodlands to remain viable.

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President's message cont.

The Board believes that the request from Woodlands is reasonable given the standard of service the Club receives and also that there has been no increase since the club arrived at Woodlands almost 2 years ago. The Board also considered what other clubs do in regard to meal costs and service levels in reaching this decision. Accordingly the meeting cost with a meal will rise to \$30 commencing 3 October. The meeting cost without a meal will remain at \$5.

I thank all club members for what they do each day in *Making a Difference*.

Yours in Rotary  
Paul

#### *The Guest House*

*This being human is a guest house.  
Every morning a new arrival.*

*A joy, a depression, a meanness,  
some momentary awareness comes  
as an unexpected visitor.*

*Welcome and entertain them all!  
Even if they are a crowd of sorrows,  
who violently sweep your house  
empty of its furniture,  
still, treat each guest honourably.  
He may be clearing you out  
for some new delight.*

*The dark thought, the shame, the malice,  
meet them at the door laughing and invite them in.*

*Be grateful for whatever comes,  
because each has been sent  
as a guide from beyond.*

#### **Club Meeting No 2221 – 19 September at Woodlands Golf Club, Mordialloc.**

**Attendance:** 19 members, 6 guests

**Apologies:** Damian West, Sylvio Tang, Jack Pyziakos

**Guests:** Peter Johnstone (guest speaker) and Laurien, Helen Foley, Judy Russo, Brian McKittrick, Drew Libbis (honorary member)

**Travellers:** Kay Gordon was due to depart Ireland that day and arrive home on Thursday. Jack and Glenyse attended a Probus meeting and found that Russ and Bev Hellier are to visit Japan shortly.

**Sickness:** Damian West is improving.

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

President Paul opened the meeting, welcomed all members and visitors and announced the following:

- As part of the Australian Rotary Health "Lift the Lid" program there will be a barbeque at Bunnings Mentone on Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 October, 10 am to 2 pm each day.

- The latest edition of RDU has a number of interesting articles including one about the June 2018 Rotary Convention in Toronto.
- Paul has a potential future speaker and asked members to look for suitable speakers
- The meeting on 26 September will have a football theme. Members can wear club colours. Speaker is Peter Carrazzo, a friend of Paul and father of former Carlton player Andrew.

Jack Cooper chaired the remainder of the meeting

#### **Director and Member Announcements**

Treasurer *Graeme Bruce* said most annual subscriptions are paid and asked that outstanding ones be finalised.

*Brian Foley* said that exchange student Sarah had re-injured her sprained ankle but was recovering. Help is sought for members to host during the school holidays.

*Carol Quayle* (International) confirmed that the packing day for the birthing kits is on Saturday 14 October from 1 to 4 pm. More helpers are requested.

*Glenyse Cooper* called a short meeting that evening of those attending the Government House visit on Thursday 5 October.

The weekly raffle winners were Jack Cooper and Keith Carpenter.

#### **Sergeant-at-Arms**

Sergeant *Cliff Riley's* quiz covered the pop-up theatre, Jetstar's "fly before you pay" proposal and "Twiggy" Forrest's rugby initiative. Sporting achievements included Winx having its 20<sup>th</sup> win, the Matildas beating Brazil, Daniel Riccardo second in Singapore, the Australian cricketers losing as did the Davis Cup team.

President Paul had several \$ delights about Tim's latest achievements with the Giants and his daughter having a job with the *Mercy Ships* organisation and receiving a grant to complete a Masters degree. Glenyse' son Bryce is doing well in his career in space photography.

#### **Guest Speaker: Peter Johnstone "Governance issues facing the Catholic Church"**

Peter Johnstone OAM is president of "Catholics for Renewal", a group of people within the church concerned about the lack of adequate governance within the leadership of the Catholic Church. He has a background in management and governance issues in many government and other organisations.

In the 1980s, Peter was the Victorian Director of Human Services at a time when few people had any idea of the extent of child sex abuse in institutions and society generally. The emergence of abuse complaints in recent years, often 30 or 40 years after the event, has brought the matter to public attention and this led to the Royal Commission into "Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse" conducted by Justice McClellan.

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The Royal Commission has been wide ranging and has uncovered and documented the extent of abuse across church run institutions and many other organisations. It has also examined the responses of those institutions to the claims, both in regard to perpetrators and victims.

Peter made a submission to the Royal Commission on behalf of Catholics for Renewal which was critical of the Catholic Church response to allegations that seemed to be focussed on protecting the Church's image and the perpetrators rather than the victims. Peter described this second level of abuse as "institutional abuse".

Publicity of the extent of abuse in Catholic schools and institutions has provoked major responses among previous church adherents. It has led to disillusionment with the Church and a major decline in regular church attendance, particularly among younger people.

Traditionally, churches have played a major role and been close to governments in formulating policies relating to society. However the bonds between church and society are now much weaker although some senior clergy do not recognise this fact. Peter believes that the majority of bishops and other senior leaders do not understand modern concepts of accountability – it is not included in their training or selection processes.

Peter suggests that churches can still play an important and positive part in society but must adapt and modernise their management and processes to remain relevant. Some particular matters the Catholic Church need to address are:

- The issue of celibacy among priests.
- Greater role for women in the church. The needs to be gender balance in the power structures
- The culture of clericalism - described by Pope Francis as "*an evil in the Church*" and "*one of the strongest challenges faced by the Church.*"
- The "seal of confession". Failure to report abusers can be seen as protecting them and putting others at risk
- The role of Rome. The Royal Commission has recognised that the changes in leadership required in the church must be made at the very top, i.e. the pope. While Pope Francis is seen as progressive in many ways, he seems slow to respond to handling abuse cases.
- The McClellan Royal Commission has been one of the most powerful inquiries of this nature and is being followed by other countries. While abuse has been uncovered in church organisations in developed countries, there is a belief that other cases may emerge in Asia and Africa.

Peter responded to a number of questions such as refusal to grant confessional absolution to paedophiles, inclusion of leadership and governance in training of priests, influence of foreign trained priests and the application of principles to other organisations involved with young people including Rotary.

Jeff Needham 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.

27 Sept (Wed)	Gnome & Fairy Committee Taranto house. 7.30 pm
5 Oct (Thurs)	Visit to Latrobe Cottage and Government House.
7 - 8 Oct (Sat-Sun)	Mental Health initiative Bunnings Mentone. 10 am to 2 pm each day
14 Oct (Sat)	Packing day for Birthing Kits Project, Sand belt Hotel, Moorabbin.
15 Oct (Sun)	Red Nose Day Walk for Remembrance. BBQ Jell's Park Mulgrave 10 am to 1.30 pm (approx)
20 Oct (Fri)	Bunnings sausage sizzle. 8 am – 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

Sylvio Tang – To end of October

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

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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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### Where Other Clubs Meet

This information is available via the club website via the following link:

<http://mordiallocrotary.org.au/about-rotary/where-other-clubs-meet/>

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### Apologies for non- attendance

Apologies for meeting absences from the meetings on from 15 August until further notice, 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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## Forthcoming Meeting Program & Rosters

### Next meeting.....

Date: 3 October  
Speakers: Ernie and Trina Williams  
Topic: Rotarians behind the badge  
Chairman: Jack Pyziakos  
Desk & Regalia: Don Van, Barry Donaldson  
Fellowship: Carol Quayle  
Bulletin notes: Kelly Banks

### And the next....

Date: 10 October  
Speaker: Laurie Smale  
Topic: Conversation, is it dead in the age of the smart phone?  
Chairman: Kay Gordon  
Desk & Regalia: Don Butler, David Brunt  
Fellowship: Trina Williams  
Bulletin notes: Jill Brear

### And the next....

Date: 17 October  
Speaker: Carol Quayle  
Topic: ROMAC  
Chairman: Jeff Needham  
Desk & Regalia: Rob Goode, Trina Williams  
Fellowship: Ernie Williams  
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.

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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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WHO SUPPORTS  
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