



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 2225
17 October
2017

District Governor 2017-18: Malcolm Chiverton

Assistant Governor: Ken Mirams

THIS WEEK'S MEETING

Speaker: Carol Quayle
Topic: ROMAC
Chairman: Jeff Needham
Desk & Regalia: Rob Goode, Trina Williams
Fellowship: Ernie Williams
Bulletin notes: Glenyse Cooper



RI theme 2017-18

Message from President Paul Taranto

Welcome everyone to our sixteenth meeting for the 2017-2018 year. Last week you did not hear from me as a bulletin was not issued. Our last two meetings however did have a common thread passing through them. The common thread was storytelling and the role of conversation. The life stories that Ernie and Trina Williams shared were wonderful (how paths can cross from different ends of the world through the magic of books). We then had Laurie Smale remind us that conversation and storytelling are an integral part of what it is to be human. It was great that so many club members shared their moments of storytelling at the end of last week's meeting.

Talking of storytelling I direct club members to the article in September edition of Rotary Down Under titled "Together We Inspire". The article covers the new global ad campaign being launched to tell the wider populace the Rotary story. Please take the time to read the article, visit the website and look at the material and then share it with family and friends. Although we are all Rotarians there is still much that we can learn as to what Rotary does and accomplishes.

Speaking about what Rotary does and accomplishes I would like to thank Keith Carpenter for attending the District Community seminar on Friday 6 October.

Keith heard about and brought back some results on the District 9810 2017 Bowelscan project. Over 1200 kits were sold with nearly 1100 completed. Of those completed around 5% returned positive results. This means that over 50 people have had early action taken to address a life threatening condition. This is surely a good example of Rotary and Rotarians making a difference. Our club member Cliff Riley has strongly supported this initiative over the years.

The Gnome and Fairy Festival committee held another meeting last Wednesday. Much is underway with many of last years' participants having been contacted and their involvement in next year's festival penciled into calendars. A big thank you to all involved. There are many more activities taking place over the next few weeks. It will be necessary for the club to hold a working bee at Epsom Hire in mid-February next year to ensure all the festival resources are in good order and ready for the big day. A definite date will be given to Club members before year's end.

My thought for this week comes from that insightful reader of human nature Mark Twain:
'I was seldom able to see an opportunity until it had ceased to become one.'

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President's message cont.

As I finish this message (on Saturday afternoon), I know Kay Gordon and Carol Quayle with their band of helpers are busy assembling the birthing kits. Tomorrow Brian Foley and his band of helpers will be feeding the participants in the Red Nose remembrance walk. The weather is looking good for both events. I am looking forward to hearing the outcome for both events this coming Tuesday.

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

Yours in Rotary
Paul

Club Meeting No 2223 – 3 October at Woodlands Golf Club, Mordialloc.

Attendance: 20 members

President's Announcements

President Paul opened the meeting, welcomed all members and made the following announcements and reminders:

- Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 are the "Lift the Lid days at Bunnings. Permission us given to run raffles for food hampers.
- The packing day for the birthing kits project is on Saturday 14 October. More helpers are needed
- The barbeque for the Red Nose "Walk for Remembrance" is on Sunday 15 October at Jells Park
- The Gnome and Fairy Festival committee held its first meeting and planning begun, The next committee is on 11 October.

Chairman for the evening was *Jack Pyziakos*

Director and Member Announcements

Jack Cooper made final announcements for the visit to Government House and Latrobe's Cottage held on 5 October.

Glenyse Cooper reminded us that the speaker on 24 October, Pam Hawkes is a part owner of the horse Black Caviar. This will be a partner's night.

The weekly raffle winners were Jack Pyziakos and Ernie Williams

Sergeant at Arms

With the conclusion of the AFL and Rugby League finals, Sergeant Cliff asked supporters of the winning teams to give summaries. Rob Goode gave a very short summary of Richmond's win. Jack Pyziakos told us about Storm's win and was happy to pay a \$5 delight. Len was happy to report that Tottenham won 4-0 and Ricciardi was third again in Malaysia.

And we celebrated Trina's birthday (that day) and Don Butler turned 93 the previous week.

Speakers: Ernie and Trina Williams

Ernie and Trina, our newest members told us some details of their backgrounds and life experiences. They have been married for 30 years and lived most of that time in Mentone. Between them they have four children.

Ernie was born in Sydney in 1944. The early years were hard as his mother was deserted by his father. Most of the time he was brought up by other family members. He did not do well at school and left at age 14 to sell newspapers and then went on to work for a book seller and became very familiar with the book industry. Subsequently Ernie moved to Melbourne to manage a business in the book industry and in the early 1970s he set up his own book wholesale company.

By the early 1980s, Ernie's first marriage had broken up and he met Trina who was also in the book industry when she visited Melbourne on business 1982.

Trina was born in Watford UK in 1954, the second of four children. She still has family in UK and they try to get together every two or three years. After leaving school Trina did a secretarial course and one of her early jobs was to type the manuscript for one of John Le Carre's novels. She moved into the book business and worked for a publishing company that included a three-year posting in New York. She visited New Zealand and Australia first in 1982 and met Ernie. In 1987, Trina moved to live permanently in Melbourne and they married later that year.

After settling in Mentone, they both moved out of books and bought the Goods Galore retail business in Mentone which ran successfully for several years until it closed in 1997. After taking a break from work, both Ernie and Trina took up new careers in 2000. Ernie worked as a body corporate manager with franchises covering the Mornington Peninsula and Mentone areas. He finally retired in 2015. Trina began work at the Sandy Beach Centre where she trained as a computer teacher worked for 11 years managing all courses at the centre. Trina still works as a volunteer one day a week.

Now in retirement, both Ernie and Trina have a range of interests including their wide spread families.

Carole Quayle proposed the thanks

Club Meeting No 2224 – 10 October at Woodlands Golf Club, Mordialloc.

Attendance: 14 members, 8 members

Apologies: Jack and Glenyse Cooper, Carol Quayle, George Aivatoglou, Graeme Bruce, Jeff Needham, Trina Williams

Guests: Laurie Smale (speaker) and Carmel, Helen Goode, Helen Brunt, Di Taranto, Kathy Thompson, Peter and Joan Carazzo.

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Make-ups: Paul Taranto, Ernie Williams, Jack Pyziakos (Bunnings)

President's Announcements

President Paul opened the meeting, welcomed all members and guests and made the following announcements:

- A reminder of the Gnome and Fairy Committee meeting the following evening
- The hamper raffle held over the two days at Bunnings for Australian Rotary Health sold 230 tickets and a net profit of \$314, Over 100 interactions were made with members of the public expressing interest in Rotary.
- Bunnings also provided a range of "giveaway" toys for Rotary to distribute
- The club information flyer has been updated and Paul distributed hard copies. Soft copies will also be available.
- Two Interplast nurse training programs will be funded by District 9180 in Samoa and Vanuatu this year

Kay Gordon chaired the remainder of the meeting

Director and Member Announcements

Brian Foley (community) advised that the Mordialloc Neighbourhood House has completed installation of a new shade sail, funded by our club, in the children's play area. Brian also gave final details of the Red Nose barbeque.

Kay Gordon gave final details for the birthing kits packing day.

Di Taranto reported on her three-day trip to Lal Lal with exchange students Sarah and Neela (hosted by Templestowe).

The weekly raffle raised \$34 and winners were Jill Brear and Kathy Thompson.

Guest Speaker – Laurie Smale – "Conversation – is it dead in the age of the smart phone?"

Laurie was a Rotarian for three years with the Rotary Club of Box Hill Central in the early 1990s. Laurie is also an accomplished speaker, author and tutor in the Italian language.

Laurie put forward the proposition that, despite the widespread use of smart phones, speaking direct face to face remains an important part of human conversation and interaction. However, we cannot ignore the place of smart phones, and the wide variety of associated software programs that are now important means of communication for many people, not only the younger generation. Being a good listener is also an important part of conversation and there is the danger that the "listening" function is not so significant in electronic based communication.

Laurie gave several examples of situations where the "magic of conversation" has brought about long term benefit.

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.

18 Oct (Wed)	Board meeting, Taranto house 7.30pm
20 Oct (Fri)	Bunnings sausage sizzle. 8 am – 4 pm
15 Nov (Wed)	Board meeting, Taranto house 7.30pm
4 Dec (Mon)	Christmas lunch for people who live alone. Woodlands Golf Club, 12 noon
19 Dec (Tues)	Club Christmas Dinner, Woodlands Golf Club 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm TBC
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.

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

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/>

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

Laurie Smale (continued)

These included:

- A four hour train trip with a Canadian
- The story of a teacher running a school swimming sports, gave some tasks to a young girl who was scared of water. The teacher kept encouraging the child who eventually asked the teacher to join her in the water and teacher her to swim.

Ernie Williams proposed the thanks

Forthcoming Meeting Program & Rosters

Next meeting..... Partner's Night

Date: 24 October
Speakers: Pam Hawkes
Topic: The Black Caviar story
Chairman: Jack Cooper
Desk & Regalia: Don Butler, Don Van
Fellowship: Jack Pyziakos
Bulletin notes: Kelly Banks

And the next....

Date: 31 October
Speaker: To be advised
Topic: St Kilda Mums
Chairman: Carol Quayle
Desk & Regalia: Rob Goode, David Brunt
Fellowship: Kay Gordon
Bulletin notes: Jill Brear

No Meeting 7 November – Melbourne Cup Day

And the next....

Date: 14 November
Speaker: Alec Potts
Topic: Olympian Bronze Medallist 2016
Chairman: Jack Pyziakos
Desk & Regalia: Don Butler, Barry Donaldson
Fellowship: Ernie Williams
Bulletin notes: Kelly Banks

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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