



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 2234
16 January
2018

District Governor 2017-18: Malcolm Chiverton

Assistant Governor: Ken Mirams

THIS WEEK'S MEETING Partners' night

Speaker: Dr Kathleen McGuire
Topic: Giving Back. How Rotary helped shape my life in music
Chairman: Brian Foley
Desk & Regalia: Barry Donaldson, Rob Goode
Fellowship: Glenyse Cooper
Bulletin notes: Jill Brear



RI theme 2017-18

Message from President Paul Taranto

Welcome everyone to our twenty fifth meeting for the 2017-2018 year and welcome to 2018. I trust that everyone had an enjoyable, joyful and peaceful Christmas and that the New Year has started well. Our weather has certainly given us a local version of "Fire and Fury" that may not rival what is going on in the USA but is certainly relevant for us. The fires in Cheltenham and Langwarrin certainly reminded us that none of us are immune from the menace of bush fires. Fingers crossed that the country gets thru this season without too much devastation.

Although New Year's Eve and New Year's Day are meant to be quiet days our Club was busy running the sausage sizzle at Mentone Bunnings on both days. A huge thank you to Jack and Kathy Pyziakos for doing all that needs to be done to run a sausage sizzle as well as to all the Club members that then came along and assisted. The reward for all this effort was significant and the Bunning's customers certainly appreciated being able to get their customary sausage during a store visit.

I owe another thank you to Brian Foley for organizing the croquet day, last Tuesday. Fifteen members and partners came along and the day was perfect for trying to get round balls thru rectangular hoops.

With everyone self-catering and taking advantage of the BBQ facilities the afternoon/evening was rounded off with good meals all round.

In my last message for 2017 I pointed out that the coming six months will be busy ones for the Club. It is now just a little over two months and we will be holding this year's Gnome and Fairy Festival. It is important for Club members to get behind this project and support it as best they can. Please make sure you have March the 18th put aside and also ask family and friends if they can assist on the day.

Two weeks before the Gnome and Fairy Festival is the District 9810 Conference. It is being held in Bendigo and runs over the period Friday 2 to Sunday 4 March. An innovation this year is that members and guests can attend for all or part of the Conference. I recommend attendance; the speakers are always interesting the cost is always good value for money. I have left copies of the most recent flyer on the tables tonight showing details of the speakers. If you plan on attending even if only for a day please let Jack Cooper know.

Another item I have put on the tables this week is the listing showing Members interest in participating in the various committees. Committee Chairs are encouraged to engage with the people listed and have them get involved in the various Committee activities.

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The club also needs to finalise positions/roles for the 2018-19 year. If President Elect Jack Pyziakos has not already approached you to take up a role, I am sure he will do so over the next few weeks. Please give Jack and the club your support.

January highlights the Club's involvement in the youth area with Nicola our out bound exchange student heading off to France and Olivia going to the National Youth Science Forum. I look forward to hearing from them on their adventures.

My thought for this week comes from what some may consider the cliché associated with a New Year and that is making New Year's resolutions. I for one do not go along with the idea that it is at the New Year one should consider making changes for the better. Rather it is something that should be considered every day rather than wait for the New Year.

I repeat my thanks for what club members have done and continue to do each day in **Making a Difference**.

Yours in Rotary

Paul



Club Meeting No 2233 – 19 December. Christmas Dinner at Woodlands Golf Club, Mordialloc.

Attendance: 23 members, 2 visiting Rotarians, 24 partners and guests

Apologies: Carol Quayle, Felicity Steele and family.

Visiting Rotarians: Len Brear, Lyn Spencer

Guests: Among the guests, there were 12 partners of members and our exchange student Sarah and her fellow German exchange student Julia visiting from Brisbane. We were also delighted to have Mats Jonsen visiting from Sweden together with his wife and two daughters. Mats was hosted by the club as a youth exchange student in 1987/88 and spoke briefly of his time here.

Sickness: Kay Gordon's grandson Callum is continuing to improve and is now out of hospital and staying t Geelong. Kay's partner Geoff was hospitalised with a bowel infection over the holiday period. He is now improving and resting at home.

President Paul presided for the evening

Jack Cooper proposed the toasts to Australia, Germany and Sweden together with Rotary International.

President Paul then welcomed all present and asked for guests to be introduced.

Former Rotary exchange student Mats spoke briefly of his experience during the exchange and how it has influenced his later life. He surprised us all by still being able to fit into his highly adorned youth exchange jacket.

Apart from reminders of two coming events, there were no other items of Rotary business.

During the evening we enjoyed a delicious two-course Christmas meal prepared and presented so well by the Woodlands staff.

We were entertained by local entertainer *Don Jones* who fascinated us with a range of jokes presented in a rather droll voice. He then performed a range of magic tricks with ropes, multi-coloured handkerchiefs and packs of cards. There was plenty of audience participation and highlight when we had exchange students Julia and Nicola plus our member Sylvio giving a rendition of Jingle Bells, using different coloured bells under Don's direction.

Damian West also entertained with the sad story of how his "Florsheim" shoes got him into trouble during his priestly career.

Paul and Dianne again ran the Christmas raffle with a wide selection of prizes donated by members, The raffle raised \$180.

Social Night at Sandringham Croquet Club – 9 January

Last Tuesday, 12 members and partners, together with exchange student Sarah, enjoyed a barbeque and picnic night at Sandringham Croquet Club. Most also played croquet with varying degrees of success. The weather was fine and mild and this resulted in a very pleasant evening. Thanks to Brian and Helen Foley for arranging use of the club facilities and organising the night.

Editor's Note: This was the tenth year that we have run this event at the croquet club. Numbers seem to have dropped off in recent years. There is a fair amount of effort involved in the organisation. While I am happy to organise another croquet night next year, I would also welcome any ideas for an alternative venue, such as a bowls club.

Other Announcements

**Friday 2 February at 7.30 pm
Dans le Noir ? at The Como Melbourne**

This is a chance to enjoy fine dining completely in the dark as a blind person

Cost: \$90 per head plus drinks
Please confirm your booking to Kathy Thompson (Pyziakos) as soon as possible.

“Please note that this experience is a unique meeting with diversity, a visually-impaired member of our staff will take care of your table. In order for you to have an amazing experience, we carefully manage our logistics, so could you please confirm your booking as soon as possible.

We hope that this experience will overwhelm and amaze you as it did for almost 1.2 million visitors over the last 13 years in Paris, London, Barcelona, Madrid, St. Petersburg, Auckland, and our numerous events worldwide.

Kind regards,

Dans Le Noir? at The Como Melbourne”

On the Lighter Side

Some interesting observations for the Inner Wheel ladies

Why is lemonade made mostly from artificial ingredients but dishwashing liquid is made from “real lemons”?

“Aim towards the Enemy” – Instruction on US rocket launcher

‘Anyone who goes to a psychiatrist ought to have his head read’ – Samuel Goldwyn

“Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity”

Egotist – someone who is usually me-deep in conversation

Some days you are the moth and some days you are the windscreen

Reporter interviewing a 104 year-old woman: “What is the best thing about being 104?” Reply: “No peer pressure”

If a pig loses its voice, is it disgruntled?”

Cannibal – Someone who is fed up with people”

“I wondered why the ball kept getting bigger – then it hit me”

Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie

*“It isn’t pollution that’s harming the environment. It’s the impurities in the air and water that’s doing it”
– George W Bush*

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.

16 Jan (Wed)	Board meeting. Taranto house. 7.30 pm
2 Feb (Fri)	Dans le Noir ? at The Como Melbourne. 7.30 pm. \$90 per head See notice at left
2 – 4 March 2018 (Fri–Sun)	District 9810 Conference, Bendigo
18 March 2018 (Sun)	Gnome & Fairy Festival George Woods Reserve, Mordialloc

Members on Leave

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



Forthcoming Meeting Program & Rosters

Next Meeting **Partners night**

Date: 23 January
Speaker: Tony Currie
Topic: Special Operations Group, Victoria Police
Chairman: Ernie Williams
Desk & Regalia: Don Butler, David Brunt
Fellowship: Jack Pyziakos
Bulletin notes: Kelly Banks

And the next.....

Date: 30 January
Speaker: Councillor Steve Staikos, Mayor City of Kingston
Topic: Update on Council Activities
Chairman: Kelly Banks
Desk & Regalia: Don Van, Rob Goode
Fellowship: Ernie Williams
Bulletin notes: Carole Quayle

And the next.....

Date: 6 February
Speaker: Karen Silcock
Topic: Parkinson's Victoria. Current treatments and future research direction
Chairman: Carole Quayle
Desk & Regalia: David Brunt, Trina Williams
Fellowship: Jeff Needham
Bulletin notes: Jill Brear

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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