



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 2235
23 January
2018

District Governor 2017-18: Malcolm Chiverton

Assistant Governor: Ken Mirams

THIS WEEK'S MEETING Partners' night

Speaker: Tony Currie
Topic: Special Operations Group, Victoria Police
Chairman: Ernie Williams
Desk & Regalia: Don Butler, David Brunt
Fellowship: Jack Pyziakos
Bulletin notes: Glenyse Cooper



RI theme 2017-18

Message from President Paul Taranto

Welcome everyone to our twenty sixth meeting for the 2017-2018 year. I also extend a special welcome to our fellow Rotarians and guests from the Rotary Clubs of Hampton and Beaumaris. Thank you for accepting the invitation to come and hear tonight's speaker, I trust you enjoy the evening and the hospitality at Woodlands.

At the moment we are all enjoying the Australian Open Tennis. It is a wonderful example of how this international event is now a part of our lives. It is also a wonderful example of how people of different backgrounds can come together and appreciate the talents of others. This is not too dissimilar to what Rotary achieves day in and day out. Last week's speaker, Dr Kathleen McGuire, was an exemplar of Rotary making a difference in one person's life and then that person going on and making a difference in other people's lives across several countries.

At last week's board meeting, two international initiatives were approved. I will leave it to the committee chair to share with members details of the projects but these initiatives continue Mordialloc's continuing involvement in the International area.

I am writing my presidential message this week whilst I am visiting my sister on the Sunshine Coast (in Queensland and, yes, the sun is shining).

This morning at the motel we had a woman in distress come and knock on our motel door. She initially just asked for a glass of water but later came back and told us she was hemorrhaging. It was obvious she was in a poor state. Dianne rang 000 and had an ambulance come and attend. The two young paramedics were wonderful and very caring to this woman who was on her own. This has me thinking about community. Community can exist in many ways. It can be family, friends, and colleagues at work and in clubs. It can be our very society. One essential element of any community is the caring that members have for one another.

My pictorial message for this week is around caring. I know that Rotary is a caring community and I trust we are all apart of several caring communities. I also trust that if the situation arises for any of us to care for one of our wider society members that we will do so.

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

Yours in Rotary

Paul

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Club Meeting No 2234 – 16 January at Woodlands Golf Club, Mordialloc.

Attendance: 21 members, 1 visiting Rotarian, 6 guests

Apologies: Kelly Banks, Jill Brear, Damian West

Visiting Rotarian: Kathy McGuire (RC North Balwyn) guest speaker

Guests: Frank and Jenny McGuire (Kathy's parents), Sarah Wich (exchange student), Helen Brunt, Helen Goode, Helen Foley

Make-ups: Jack Pyziakos, Paul Taranto, Jack & Glenyse Cooper, George Aivatoglou, Trina and Ernie Williams, David Brunt, Keith Carpenter, Don Van (Bunnings BBQs), Brian Foley, Kelly Banks (Youth exchange)

Sickness: Kay Gordon gave an update on her grandson Callum who is at home in Geelong until early January. Partner Geoff is resting at home and improving following a bowel infection.

Travellers: Jack Cooper advised that former exchange student Muts Jonson had returned home to Sweden with his family. Paul's American family visitors have also returned home

President's Announcements

President Paul welcomed members and guests to the first meeting for 2018 and announced the following:

- Thanks to Brian and Helen Foley for organising the croquet night at Sandringham
- Thanks also to Jack Pyziakos for organising two barbeques at Bunnings over New Year
- Nominations are open for the District Nominating Committee for 2020-21 and for the Governor Nominee for that year
- A board meeting would be held the next evening
- More flyers are available for distribution to shops and businesses.
- A Rotary mentoring program for Ambulance Victoria, similar to that for the police, is proposed by District 9810.
- The Gnome and Fairy Committee will meet on 24 January

Brian Foley chaired the remainder of the meeting

Director and Member Announcements

Secretary *Carol* has received an invitation from City of Kingston for the club to attend the council's Australia Day breakfast.

Treasurer *Graeme* reported that the club raised \$3410 from the recent two Bunnings sausage sizzles

The Rotary International theme for 2018-19 has been announced: "*Be the Inspiration*"



Brian Foley (community) advised that a letter of thanks has been received from Doveton Secondary College for our recent donation to the Hands on Learning project. The club will be invited to a ceremony at a future date.

Brian also said that he was among a large gathering of Rotarians, families and friends at Melbourne Airport last Saturday evening to farewell the outgoing exchange students. Nicola Brooks travelled to France and is now safely settled with a host family in Lille, Northern France.

President Paul is planning a club visit to the Soap Aid factory. It might be followed by dinner. Date yet to be set.

Jack Pyziakos thanked all members, partners and friends who had worked at recent barbeques. The next one is planned for Easter Monday.

Jack Cooper reminded those attending the district conference, from 2 to 4 March, that registration and accommodation bookings need to be finalised.

Jack presented certificates to Trina and Ernie Williams, our newest members of the Centurion Club

Sergeant-at-Arms

Sergeant Cliff is committed to upholding standards at club meetings and accordingly President Paul was admonished for the late start. The poor performances of some Australian tennis players and the One day cricket team also came to attention.

Guest Speaker – Dr Kathy McGuire “Giving back. How Rotary helped shape by life in music”

Kathy received a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship in 1994-95, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Mordialloc. This enabled her to study music at the University of Surrey, Guildford, UK, for 12 months where she qualified with a Master's degree in music with a major in conducting. During her time in UK, Kathy had many conducting opportunities with local orchestras as well as visiting rehearsals of the English National Opera. She met renowned Australian conductor Simone Young and travelled through Europe with her and attended some operatic performances that Simone conducted..

Kathy McGuire cont.

Kathy had previously known about Rotary for a long time as her grandfather, local historian Frank McGuire, had been a member of Chelsea Rotary and her father, also Frank, was a member of Seaford Rotary although not at the time of her Ambassadorial Scholarship.

Simone Young had given her some useful career advice including that the best opportunities for female conductors might be in USA. After completing her Ambassadorial Scholarship, Kathy returned to Australia for some time. She then travelled to USA and was accepted at the University of Colorado at Boulder as a candidate for Doctor of Musical Arts. She received a full tuition waiver and a teaching position as well as free accommodation. Outside university, Kathy conducted many local choirs and orchestras and was Music Director at a local Episcopalian church. She also spoke at local Rotary clubs and graduated in May 2000.

After graduation, Kathy applied for about 60 positions, mainly at universities. She auditioned, partly as a joke, and was successful with a full-time position as artistic director of the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus with some 200 male members. She was also involved with a community women's orchestra. In these positions, Kathy met many politicians and celebrities and became aware of the power of music as a means for change.

Among the celebrities Kathy was involved with were Joan Rivers, Carol Channing, Alan Cumming, Lily Tomlin, Cameron Daddo and even Dame Edna Everage. Kathy utilised her vocation was to use music as a means for positive change in activities such as:

- SFGMC: *SingOut* program, raised \$500K USD for health service organisations e.g. AIDS/HIV
- Co-founded GLAM Youth Choir (Gay, Lesbian & Allied Musicians) in San Francisco
- Volunteered as a rider and roadie in the AIDS LifeCycle (annual ride, San Francisco to Los Angeles)
- Co-founded a women's bike riding group; organised rides from San Francisco monthly
- Founded and led Singers of the Street (SOS) in San Francisco – choir for people at risk of homelessness

Kathy returned to Australia in 2013 and took up a position as Director of Music at Queens College, University of Melbourne. She also collaborated with Jonathon Welch of the "Choir of Hard Knocks", on composing and conducting "Street Requiem" a work for choir and orchestra that has been performed 25 times in three countries and received international recognition. She has continued to work with various orchestras and supports many causes.

Kathy spoke at the District 9800 Conference in 2016 and subsequently joined the Rotary Club of North Balwyn

Glenyse Cooper proposed the vote of 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.

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| 24 Jan (Wed) | Gnome & Fairy Festival committee meeting. 7.30 pm |
| 2 Feb (Fri) | Dans le Noir ? at The Como Melbourne. 7.30 pm. \$90 per head |
| 7 Feb (Wed) | Board meeting. Taranto house. 7.30 pm. Note date change |
| 14 & 28 Feb (Wed) | Gnome & Fairy Festival committee meetings. 7.30 pm |
| 2 – 4 March 2018 (Fri–Sun) | District 9810 Conference, Bendigo |
| 7 Mar (Wed) | Gnome & Fairy Festival committee meeting. 7.30 pm |
| 18 March 2018 (Sun) | Gnome & Fairy Festival George Woods Reserve, Mordialloc |
| 2 April (Easter Mon) | Bunnings Mentone sausage sizzle 8 am to 4 pm |

Members on Leave

Kelly Banks - 16 January to 20 March

Jill Brear – 16 January to 13 February

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

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."

Forthcoming Meeting Program & Rosters

Next Meeting **Partners night**

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

And the next.....

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

And the next.....

Date: 13 February
Speaker: Chris Rae
Topic: Hodges Real Estate
Chairman: Trina Williams
Desk & Regalia: Don Butler, Don Van
Fellowship: George Aivatoglou
Bulletin notes: Carol Quayle

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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