



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 2241
6 March
2018

District Governor 2017-18: Malcolm Chiverton

Assistant Governor: Ken Mirams

THIS WEEK'S MEETING

Speakers:	Project team
Topic:	Briefing session for Gnome and Fairy Festival
Chairman:	Paul Taranto
Desk & Regalia:	David Brunt, Don Van
Fellowship:	Len Dawson
Bulletin notes:	Glenyse Cooper



RI theme 2017-18

Message from President Paul Taranto

Hello everyone and welcome to our thirty second meeting for the 2017-2018 year. I am glad that I am home once again and can greet you in person. I feel a little like Jules Verne's character from "Around the World in Eighty Days" Phileas Fogg (I wonder if Jules Verne deliberately used the Fogg surname with foggy headed in mind). The last leg of my trip had me travelling nonstop for 29 hours as I left FuShun in south western China to get to Canberra in time to see the Giants first JLT game on last Thursday evening and then driving to Bendigo via Melbourne (to drop my daughter home) to attend the District Conference. Although grueling the effort was well worth it with the Giants having a good win and the Conference once again delivering with uplifting and amazing speakers.

First let me thank all club members who helped prepare the packages of flyers/posters/pamphlets to be distributed to schools/kindergartens and who will be delivering said packages over the next week. These efforts are an important part of making the Gnome and Fairy Festival a success.

It was good to have several members and partners attending the Bendigo conference. I am sure they each took something away that impressed them. I was pleased that the club had our past members Mike Woods and Garry Warren remembered at the "In Memoriam" service.

I was also proud that our own Jack Cooper was recognized for the number of District Conferences that he has attended. There were two conference sessions that I found particularly reflective of the "Power of One". The first was the talk given by PDG Cathy Roth and the program she has helped start up – PALZ- Professionals with Alzheimer's. This is a wonderful initiative that helps slow the progress of this insidious disease as well as help people with the condition maintain their dignity. The second session was that given by Dave Burt who, after seeing the aftermath of a youth suicide (in our part of Melbourne) developed and delivered a program that uses the special relationships that can be found in sporting teams to assist troubled youth before they lose all hope. His program is called SALT (Sport and Life Training). I would like to see this introduced to our local sporting clubs if they are not already using it.

Staying with the theme of the "Power of One", I now return to what I left you with last week (i.e. my impending attendance at a Chinese Lantern Festival). I went to the festival and learnt that it was started by a young woman around the time of the Cultural Revolution in China. She wanted to learn and preserve the art of lantern making. Well she did well and her work and fame spread and the Lantern Festival came into existence. This Festival is now a month long celebration in ZiGong and the lanterns have evolved into fantastic cloth and light structures.

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I leave you with a photo from the Festival.



Thank you to Club members for what they have done and continue to do each day in **Making a Difference**.

Yours in Rotary

Paul

Club Meeting No 2240 – 27 February at Woodlands Golf Club, Mordialloc.

Attendance: 17 members, 1 Visiting Rotarian, 5 guests

Apologies: Paul Taranto, Rob Goode, Damian West, Graeme Bruce.

Visiting Rotarians: Richard Langebalie (Lancashire, UK).

Guests: David Spitteler (guest speaker) and Yvonne Spitteler, Sarah Wich, exchange student, Kathy Thompson, Helen Brunt

Illness: Rob Goode is still in Peninsula Private Hospital Frankston under treatment for an infection and irregular heart rhythm. Damian West is expected to enter Kingston Centre for monitoring of his condition

President Elect Announcements

President Elect Jack Pyziakos welcomed members and guests and gave reminders of the following coming events:

- The next Gnome and Fairy Festival committee meeting will be on 28 February at the Coopers
- The annual District 98010 conference to be held from 2 to 4 March in Bendigo

Carol Quayle chaired the remainder of the meeting

Director and Member Announcements

Secretary *Carol Quayle* advised that an invitation had been received from Kingston Council for the president to attend a mayoral function.

A walk to support Monash Children's Health was being held last weekend

Brian Foley advised that Sarah, her host parents, Mike and Ann, and Helen and he had attended the welcome home dinner for 2017 students now back from their 12 month exchange.

Jack Cooper reported that the G & F committee has prepared some 10,000 flyers for distribution to schools and kindergartens over the next week. Jack also gave final announcements for those attending the district conference last weekend.

Trina Williams announced that 14 members had attended the recent MTC theatre night and \$56 was raised.

David Brunt reminded everyone to try to get accurate numbers attending each week. This applies to advising both absences and guests to him by Monday.

The weekly raffle raised \$32 with the winners being Keith and Sylvio.

Brian Foley advised that RI President Ian Riseley will be speaking at Melbourne Rotary on Wednesday 14 March. Tickets are \$45 each. Brian has further details. Brian also referred to a request for short-term accommodation for a Rotary couple from Lakes Entrance who wish to visit their daughter in Aspendale who has newly born twins. They would like to visit regularly over the next 12 months.

Sergeant-at-Arms

Acting Sergeant for the night was Jack in the absence of Cliff. He started with a test of our knowledge of recent news items concerning a senior police officer and a prominent politician. Jack Pyziakos had a birthday that day as well as Carol's granddaughter. Glenyse' grandson Will is to undertake a long hike in the September holidays.

Guest Speaker: David Spitteler "The Asylum Seeker's Centre"

David was born in India during the British period and came to Australia as a young man at the time of partition in 1947. An ordained Anglican minister of religion, David and wife Yvonne have run the Asylum Seeker's Centre for 21 years, the last 18 of which have been based in Dandenong. The centre is an interdenominational Christian response to the material needs of asylum seekers and refugees. The centre is run entirely by volunteers, receives no government assistance and relies on donations from churches and other organisations to fund its operations.

David differentiated between "Asylum Seeker" and "Refugee" as follows:

An *Asylum Seeker* is an on-shore applicant for refugee status. A person has to prove persecution, political, religious, sexual etc, to stay here as an asylum. There have been no new asylum seekers since "boat people" were denied entry.

A *Refugee* is an off-shore applicant sponsored by Government and come to Australia with Government Assistance.

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Guest speaker (cont)

Rohingya Moslems and Sudanese make up the majority of refugees assisted at the Dandenong centre.

David gave examples of the hardships facing refugees in our community. Contrary to what some in the community believe, refugees receive only about half the government assistance of an aged pensioner. He cited the case of a 20 year-old in detention in Perth for four years for unlicensed driving and alcohol offences when he was 16. His family and support networks are still in Melbourne.

David responded to a number of questions concerning the large number of refugees in the world.

David Brunt proposed the thanks.

Other Announcements

Details re Purple Cloak choir project

The following information has been sent by Dr Kathy McGuire who told us about her Purple Cloak Choir Project when she spoke to the club in January.

At least nine different groups, covering choirs, Rotary clubs and secondary schools have expressed interest in being involved. Details are set out in Kathy's website for the project available on the following link:

<https://playingourpart.teamapp.com/articles/2163091-p-o-p-choir-news-feb-2018>

On this site you will find:

- Schedule: rehearsals and recording dates, times, venue
- Overview of the project
- Music for printing
- Audio for listening/learning

Warmly,
Kathleen
Choir Director

A Reflection on Easter from Damian West

Rotary *can* make a difference
Rotary *will* make a difference
Rotary *does* make a difference

The organisational psychologist would argue that these differences are vital for us to reflect upon at three levels – the individual, the group and the larger organisational membership

A prominent local example is the upcoming Gnome and Fairy Festival. This major Rotary event has gathered and harnessed the individual skills and talents of its committed members now galvanised to confirm that *from little things big things grow*.

Easter shows that if one inspired man had not died and come back from the dead, then every individual, group and organisation would be searching for a reason to live and a reason to die.

Happy Easter

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.

7 Mar (Wed)	Gnome & Fairy Festival committee meeting. 7.30 pm
18 March 2018 (Sun)	Gnome & Fairy Festival George Woods Reserve, Mordialloc
21 March (Wed)	Board meeting – Taranto house 7.30 pm
2 April (Easter Mon)	Bunnings Mentone sausage sizzle 8 am to 4 pm
6 April (Fri)	Interplast Golf Day, Woodlands Golf Club
16 April (Mon)	Dr Kathleen McGuire song project recording session. Abbotsford Convent.
2 June (Sat)	District 9810 Changeover. Southern Golf Club. Details to come
15-17 February 2019	Victorian Multi-District Conference Melbourne Convention Centre

Members on Leave

Kelly Banks - 16 January to 20 March
Carol Quayle – 3 to 20 March
Ernie and Trina Williams – 12 March to 3 April
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

Book and Toy Stall at Gnome and Fairy Festival

Kay Gordon and Trina Williams are organising a used book and toy store at the Gnome and Fairy Festival next month. Please ask among your family and friends if they have any used toys and children's books

The used goods can be left and Trina and Ernie's home, 56 Patty Street, Mentone. Kay can also be contacted on mobile 0447 437 950.

Forthcoming Meeting Program & Rosters

Next Meeting

Date: 13 March
Speaker: Cliff Riley
Topic: Rotarian behind the Badge
Chairman: Sylvio Tang
Desk & Regalia: David Brunt, Don Butler
Fellowship: Jeff Needham
Bulletin notes: Jill Brear

And the next.....

Date: 20 March
Speaker: Peter Degorski
Topic: Why are Brains and Thunderstorms the Same But a Little Different
Chairman: Brian Foley
Desk & Regalia: Don Van, George Aivatoglou
Fellowship: Jack Cooper
Bulletin notes: Glenyse Cooper

And the next.....

Date: 27 March
Speaker: To be advised
Topic:
Chairman:
Desk & Regalia:
Fellowship:
Bulletin notes:

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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