



# 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 2280**  
**11 December**  
**2018**

**District Governor 2018-19: Russell Gurney**

**Assistant Governor: Kathy Monley**

## THIS WEEK'S MEETING

Topic: Committee Meetings and Club Forum Review  
Chairman: Paul Taranto  
Desk & Regalia: Don Butler, Barry Donaldson  
Fellowship: Cliff Riley  
Bulletin Notes: Carol Quayle  
Sergeant at Arms: Jenny Pudney



**BE THE INSPIRATION**

RI theme 2018-19

## Message from President Jack Pyziakos

This week my inspiration comes from the challenges of our guest speaker Nina Owczarek, who spoke about Glaucoma, mainly child glaucoma. She spoke about the eye pressure and how the symptoms are very hard to detect and if not treated the child will go blind; about understanding and recognising that something is not right, the awareness of the health professionals in listening to parents about what is happening to their children and for the years of continual monitoring, guiding and mentoring their children to ensure they are very capable.

Not only does Nina have a child with glaucoma, but she is also involved with Glaucoma Australia and endeavours to give back to help people understand

Her clear message to all was to ensure you have your eyes tested every 2 years, or if you think there is something not right. So if you have not done this, please do so as the first step, as losing your eyesight is one of the worst things to happen.

When my father in law, Mr Jack Hungerford lost his sight at about 94, he said that was the worst as he could no longer read books in his spare time, and it made living very hard.

My other inspiration is Rob Goode. I attended his funeral this week and I have witnessed his work with

Rotary and his service above self, his being an inspiration to others and the respect he received from others. Even though Rob has been with the club for 40 years, there is always more that you can learn about him as a person, and indeed this happened on Thursday. Rob will be very sadly missed by all at the Club. As an organisation, our condolences go out to Rob's family.

Condolences also to the Tarantos as their black Labrador, Jetson has gone to a higher watering hole.

A lot of activity is happening this week with barbeques on Monday at Bunnings, followed by another BBQ on Monday night for the Carols by Candlelight rehearsal at the Brighton Town Hall; and on Wednesday, back to Bunnings again.

"The distance the person goes is not as important as the direction" – *Jack Gibson*

Be The Inspiration  
Jack Pyziakos

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**Club Meeting No 2279 – 4 December at the Buckingham Hotel, Highett**

**Attendance:** 14 members, 1 guest

**Apologies:** Carol Quayle, Gabrielle de Bonnières, Barry Donaldson, Brian Foley

**Guest:** Nina Owczarek

**Sickness:** Brian Foley is home from hospital and best wishes were sent to him for a quick recovery

**Travellers:** Jill Brear has returned safely from New Zealand, having experienced extreme rough weather in Bass Strait.

**Rotary visits:** Members who attended the Christmas lunch for people who live alone – Jack Pyziakos, David Brunt, Ernie Williams, Paul Taranto, Dianne Taranto, Jack Cooper.

**President's Announcements**

President Jack Pyziakos opened the meeting and welcomed members and guests. Announcements were:

- Next Bunnings BBQ is on Monday 10 December, followed by a BBQ for Bayside Carols rehearsal at the Brighton Town Hall that evening.
- Other Bunnings BBQs are on Wednesday 12 December, Boxing Day and we have just been asked to also do New Year's Day
- Herald Sun reported new outbreaks in New Guinea. Paul Taranto explained these instances are from polio vaccines and are not "wild polio", numbers of which are still declining.

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*David Brunt* chaired the remainder of the meeting.

David led members in a minute's silence in memory of Rob Goode who passed away on 29th November. Club members then shared their memories of Rob and tributes were paid by Cliff Riley, Jack Cooper and Kay Gordon.

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**Director and Member Announcements**

*Youth*

*Trina Williams* thanked all who attended the mock interviews at Parkdale Secondary College. Teachers at Parkdale showed enthusiasm for participating in MUNA next year, but we are awaiting confirmation. We have been contacted by Mordialloc College again requesting sponsorship for their end of year awards and the Board approved an award of \$100.

*Projects*

*Jack Cooper* reported that the Gnome and Fairy planning is progressing well and a committee meeting will be held at Jack and Glenyse's on Wednesday, 5 December at 7.30.

*Community*

*David Brunt* thanked all who assisted at the Christmas

lunch for people who live alone on 3 December, and thanked Kay for organising the "Spice Girls" entertainment (they will be entertaining us again at our club Christmas dinner).

*Kathy Thompson* drew attention to Jack's recent email about webinar "Membership Models for the Future of Rotary", which you can join online at 11am on Thursday 6 December. A recording will be available after if you are unable to attend.

Kathy offered all members the opportunity to purchase 2k boxes of cherries for \$24 each, to be delivered either on Thursday 6 or Monday 17 December. Email Jack to go on the list.

*Ernie Williams* said he would resume the collection of stamps for the EndTrachoma project. Please bring your stamps to our weekly meetings, or contact Ernie for drop off.

For upcoming BBQs, we have enough volunteers for 10 & 12 December, but would welcome anyone who can help for a few hours on Boxing Day and New Year's Day,

*Paul Taranto* reported that the club had a good night at the Mordialloc Theatre on 22 November and congratulated Don Butler on another well-constructed set. The evening raised \$68 for the club.

*David Brunt* asked for attendance numbers for the Club Annual Christmas Dinner as soon as possible. A list will be circulated at our next meeting and members are encouraged to invite guests.

Paul said that special Christmas raffles have been put together by Dianne for the evening.

*Paul Taranto* advised that Kathryn McDonald is able to come to our next meeting to facilitate a review of how things are going since our last Club Forum.

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**Sergeant-at-Arms**

Sergeant for the night was Paul Taranto, who asked President Jack to nominate someone to answer each question. If the answer was not correct, all were to put in; a correct answer earned a chocolate. Questions were: What year was Brian Foley District Governor? How many District Governors has the RC Mordialloc had? How many rotary clubs are there worldwide? How many rotary districts does Australia have? How many avenues of service are there? In what city was the 1<sup>st</sup> rotary meeting held? And the 2<sup>nd</sup> rotary meeting? Cross the floor fines included Cliff for being nominated to answer twice at the last meeting; Jenny for implementing a "stand-in" policy at her school meetings; Paul for getting a Christmas bonus at work.

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**Guest Speaker: Nina Owczarek – Children with Glaucoma**

Nina talked about glaucoma and the goals of Glaucoma Australia and she shared with us her personal story

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about her son Bailey's glaucoma diagnosis when he was just a baby.

Childhood Glaucoma is an unusual condition - glaucoma mainly affects older adults, plus quite a few people in their 30s and 40s. Known as "the silent thief of sight", there are no obvious signs as you develop glaucoma and by the time it is diagnosed, you may have already lost a lot of sight.

At age 2 months, Nina took Bailey to the GP as his left eye looked different. He was immediately rushed to the Royal Children's Hospital with high eye pressure which required emergency surgery. In the ensuing years, Bailey needed 15 more operations and also cataract surgery. Special care was needed in raising Bailey, for example he couldn't be allowed to cry as it increases blood pressure.

Bailey is now 8 and is a robust and happy little boy with some vision impairment as a result of the glaucoma. His condition has to be managed and there are things he can't do - e.g. he can go in pool, but not in the ocean as microscopic particles can get into the drainage channel of his eyes and cause infection; and others he can happily participate in, such as ballet, which he enjoys.

As a result of her experience, Nina wanted to help other parents and children with the challenges of how to manage on-going developments from the condition and how to be an advocate for your child. She volunteered with an organisation in the USA and contributed information on their website. She now works with Glaucoma Australia and sits on 2 councils helping to increase awareness. Nina stressed the importance of early detection as childhood glaucoma is very aggressive, every day is important and children need to see an ophthalmologist as soon as possible.

What is glaucoma? A group of eye diseases where vision is lost due to damage to the optic nerve. It is thought that 300,000 Australians may have glaucoma, but only 50% are diagnosed. There is a higher risk of developing the disease if family members have it also. For adults, the disease may develop over time and it is important to get eyes tested regularly. Treatment is with eye drops to control the pressure. At present, the optic nerve can't be repaired, although research is showing some good results.

Nina finished by answering a number of questions from members.

*Dianne Taranto* 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.

10 Dec (Mon)	Bunnings sausage sizzle 8 am to 4 pm
12 Dec (Wed)	Bunnings sausage sizzle 8 am to 4 pm
18 Dec (Tue)	Club Christmas Dinner, Woodlands Golf Club 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm
26 Dec (Wed) Boxing Day	Bunnings sausage sizzle 8 am to 4 pm
1 January 2019 New Year's Day	Bunnings sausage sizzle 8 am to 4 pm
15-17 February 2019	Victorian Multi-District Conference Melbourne Convention Centre - Sat 16 & Sun 17 Feb; Peace Through Service Conference - Fri 15 Feb
17 March 2019 (Sun)	Gnome & Fairy Festival George Woods Reserve, Mordialloc
5 April 2019 (Fri)	Interplast Golf Day at Woodlands Golf Club
22 April 2019 (Mon)	Bunnings sausage sizzle 8 am to 4 pm

### Members on Leave

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

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### My Rotary Registration

All members are asked to register in "My Rotary"  
The RI website is: <https://www.rotary.org/en>  
The "My Rotary" link is: <https://my.rotary.org/en>  
Then go to: "Register for a New Account". RI registration number, email address and a password are required.

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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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### 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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### Apologies for non-attendance

Apologies for meeting absences should be advised to **David Brunt**. These can be by telephone or text to 0418 526 140 no later than **1.00 pm on Monday before the meeting**. Names of any guests can also be advised at this time.

## Forthcoming Meeting Program & Rosters

### Next Meeting

Date: 18 December



Annual Christmas Dinner  
Woodlands Golf Club  
6.30 for 7.00pm  
\$35 per head for two-course meal  
Drinks at bar prices

### No Meetings on 25 December and 1, 8 January

#### And the next.....

Date: 15 January  
Club Social Evening – details to be advised

#### And the next.....

Date: 22 January  
Speaker: Club Members  
Topic: Committee Meetings  
Chairman: Carol Quayle  
Desk & Regalia: Don Butler, Don Van  
Fellowship: David Brunt  
Bulletin Notes: Kathy Thompson  
Sergeant at Arms: Cliff Riley

### 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.

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## 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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## UNICEF NEEDS YOUR FOREIGN COINS

More and more of us are heading overseas and we always seem to return with useless foreign coins that end up in the bottom of a drawer somewhere.

Ron Brooks, RC of Forest Hill, coordinates their collection in this successful D9810 project. In the last 3 years, 300kgs of coins **and notes** sent to UNICEF were valued by them at over **\$10,000**. Put out a labelled 200gm coffee jar at your weekly club meeting which will hold over 2.2kg of coins.

UNICEF Partnerships Manager emailed "*We see Rotary and UNICEF as a perfect match, a dream fit*". UNICEF works in over 190 countries for the rights and welfare of all children. It supports children's health needs, clean water and sanitation, quality basic education, and protection from violence, exploitation, and HIV.



- *\$2 feeds a malnourished child for a day*
- *50 cents provides a dose of life-saving measles vaccine*

So, get out that coffee jar and let's recycle this "scrap metal" into something valuable for kids. And while you are at it, let's give UNICEF any leftover paper money.

## DONATE IN THE JAR AT OUR WEEKLY CLUB MEETINGS

Contact: Ernie Williams at [etwill@outlook.com](mailto:etwill@outlook.com) or 0403 046 448