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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 2284
5 February
2019

District Governor 2018-19: Russell Gurney

Assistant Governor: Kathy Monley

THIS WEEK'S MEETING

Speaker: Jenny Pudney
 Topic: First Aid
 Chairman: Brian Foley
 Desk & Regalia: David Brunt, Barry Donaldson
 Fellowship: Ernie Williams
 Bulletin Notes: Trina Williams
 Sergeant at Arms: Kathy Thompson



RI theme 2018-19

Message from President Jack Pyziakos

The past Rotary week started with PDG Malcolm Chiverton discussing Rotary membership under the theme "Towards 1200". He covered the different initiatives that can be used to increase membership such as the partner program, organisation or business partnerships and satellite clubs. Wearing your pins and Rotary identification, caps or shirts can start a conversation with people asking questions about Rotary and allows us to share with others the things that Rotarians are involved with and the fulfilment it brings.

I hope that we can have a session with all our members to go through the process of what we do, what we would like to do, where we have gaps and what are the things that would attract others and interest others. There is much to offer. And I have sent a copy of the membership talk to you all.

Today (Sunday) Kathy and I attended a youth exchange debriefing session and it was another great opportunity for us to understand our Rotary Exchange students, both outbound and inbound, and the highs and lows of their experience. The morning started with the inbound students responding to three questions they were given and each did a fantastic job. A past exchange student gave a talk on her experience and shared with the group her experiences in the first three weeks of her return.

She explained how difficult she found it as she had grown and the family and friends had not changed. It also gave parents and counsellors and opportunity to provide feedback on the program.

Over the weekend, Gabrielle has had discussions with our youth committee and is now in the planning stages of a fundraiser towards the "Backpacks Beds for Homeless", a Youth Exchange activity. A Swag Tea is to be held at Jenny Pudney' house on Saturday 23rd March. So everyone we will need your help and support for food and organisation and bringing family and friends. Cost is \$10 a head and \$5 for children.

A raffle option was discussed with the Rotary Exchange Committee and it was agreed that a raffle will also be held at the Multi District Conference, at the Youth Exchange booth. Colleen from Cheltenham club has a printer, so will be able to organise tickets @ \$5 a ticket. We will agree on the raffle prize and we are looking towards clubs with exchange students matching the dollars raised. This will need to be discussed with all concerned of course.

Happy Birthday to Carol and we are looking forward to Jenny Pudney speaking on First Aid this week.

"It's not hard to make decisions when you know what your values are" - Roy Disney

Jack Pyziakos *Be The Inspiration*

Club Meeting No 2282 – 22 January at Woodlands Golf Club, Mordialloc

Attendance: 17 members, 1 visiting Rotarian, 1 Guest.

Apologies: Don Butler

Visiting Rotarian: PDG Malcolm Chiverton (RC Box Hill Central, guest speaker)

Make-Ups: David Brunt, Brian Foley (Mordialloc Neighbourhood House)

Sickness: President Jack visited Damian West who is reasonably well. Damian arrived shortly after the meeting started.

President's Announcements:

President Jack Pyziakos welcomed all to the meeting and gave the following announcements:

- Parkdale Pre-School have approached the club for a donation of \$400 towards the cost of a Bunnings sausage sizzle. This was agreed and they would be asked to assist with the Gnome and Fairy Festival
- \$6000 has been raised by the club at the three sausage sizzles held since Boxing Day
- Members to attend the Multi-District Conference are Jack and Kathy, Jack and Glenyse, Paul plus exchange student Gabrielle.

Ernie Williams chaired the remainder of the meeting.

Director and member announcements

David Brunt (Community) advised that he had viewed the completed new playground at Mordialloc Neighbourhood House with Brian. The report will now be completed to claim the District Grant

Trina Williams (Youth) advised that Mentone Girls Secondary College have been accepted to participate in this year's MUNA. Parkdale SC are also interested and have been placed on the reserve list.

Gabrielle spoke of the "back pack beds" fundraising project for homeless people being run by Youth Exchange students. Gabrielle is raising funds together with another French student.

Earlier that day, Gabrielle had visited Moorabbin Magistrates Court together with Jill. She is interested in following a career in law and was particularly interested in the children's court system. Gabrielle has a weekend camp coming up.

Trina Williams is about to order new club polo shirts. Please contact her if you wish to order one.

Paul Taranto has updated publicity flyers for advertising the club in local shops.

Brian Foley showed photos of Nicola Brooks' return from youth exchange in France, the Mordialloc Neighbourhood House project, the City of Kingston Australia Day Awards and Gaby on Australia Day.

Kathy thanked Carol and Don for hosting an Australia day barbeque to celebrate Gabrielle's first six months in Australia. Kathy also drew attention to Gaby's diary of coming events and last week's comprehensive club bulletin.

Weekly Raffle

Paul ran the weekly raffle that raised \$32. Winners were Ernie, Carol and Don Van

Sergeant-at-Arms

Sergeant for the night was Paul Taranto who covered recent sporting highlights and the weather, including the success of Ash Barty and Sam Stosur at the Australian Open tennis, electricity cuts due the heat, use of air-conditioners and the Australian cricket team having a win. Other items where the 2023 RI Convention to be held in Melbourne, the barbeque at Carol and Don's house and the multi-district conference.

Guest Speaker – Malcolm Chiverton "Rotary Membership"

Malcolm is chairman of the District 9810 membership committee and began by outlining the overall District membership strategy and setting out some facts about current membership trends of District 9810 and our club.

Currently the District Membership figure is 1134, seven up from the 1 July 2019 figure of 1127. This is good as we are still showing growth.

RC Mordialloc has a current membership of 21 members. 16 years ago (1 July 2002) the club had 46 members which peaked in 2005 with 57 members. In July 2006 you dropped back to 47 members, July 2009 39 members, increased back to 41 members in 2011-2012, lost 3 by 2013 to 38 members, then dropped to 30 members in 2015, by August 2018 you bottomed out at 20 members where you are currently sitting. The diversity of the club is 8 female members (38.1%) and 13 male members (61.9%). The club's current goal for June 2019 is 25 members.

What is working for the club?

One thing is membership retention. You seem to have halted the dramatic fall in your membership. Hopefully this year you will turn the corner.

Both the main projects are working well: Gnome & Fairy Festival and the Golf Day for Interplast. Are we making use of them to attract new members?

Successful membership growth requires a clear plan covering strategic and operational plans. Some ideas, including some from other successful clubs include:

- Use social media to publicise club activities
- Undertake a Rotary "Health Check". The district committee can assist with this.
- Look among past members
- Mentoring of new members

- Showcase projects
- Use Facebook posts
- Attract retirees (we do very much)
- Seek publicity through the Neighbourhood House
- Form an Interact club

“TOWARDS 1200” is the District Goal for 2018-2019. If each Club from the 44 in District were to net 2 members by 30 June we would have 1221 members.

Of the 21 Australian districts, only 9810 and one other achieved positive growth in 2017-18. This was achieved with the partners and family membership opportunities. Other successful growth initiatives include satellite clubs (20 new members to date) and organisational membership taken up by three clubs.

Another district goal is for female membership to achieve 35% of total membership. Although we have reached that figure, we need to keep going.

Malcolm concluded by saying that to make membership work in the club, we need to:

- Provide leadership.
- Establish a membership team (not just one person) which should be linked with the PR/Marketing team.
- Membership is the product of all the good work we have done with our projects, marketed that success and inspired people to become part of a dynamic and friendly group.
- Develop a membership plan.
- The board meeting should include club membership as a key agenda item.
- Establish goals for recruitment and retention.
- Include membership chairman in cluster meetings

Brian Foley proposed the vote of thanks for Malcolm’s comprehensive presentation on membership matters.

Note that President Jack has forwarded the latest issue of the district membership newsletter “Towards 1200” to club members. This contains further information on most of the matters covered in Malcolm’s address.

On the Lighter Side

A young boy is writing a paper on childbirth and asks his parents how he was born.

His mother replies awkwardly: “The stork brought you”

“Oh” says the boy, “How were you and daddy born?”

“The stork brought us, too, and Grandma and Grandpa too”

The boy begins his paper: “This report has been very difficult to write due to the fact that there has not been a natural birth in my family for three generations”

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.

12 Feb (Tues)	Gnome & Fairy Festival meeting 12.30 pm.
15-17 February 2019	Victorian Multi-District Conference Melbourne Convention Centre – Sat 16 & Sun 17 Feb; Peace Through Service Conference – Fri 15 Feb
1 Mar (Fri)	Welcome home dinner for returning young exchange students. Mulgrave Country Club. Further details to come
17 March (Sun)	Gnome & Fairy Festival George Woods Reserve, Mordialloc
5 April (Fri)	Interplast Golf Day at Woodlands Golf Club
22 April (Mon)	Bunnings sausage sizzle 8 am to 4 pm

Future dates for Bunnings sausage sizzles. All Fridays:
 21 June, 19 July, 16 August, 20 September, 18 October, 15 November, 20 December

Members on Leave

Kay Gordon: 19 December to 5 March 2019

Di Taranto: 17 January to 6 March

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

Other announcements:

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.

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.

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

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

Youth Corner

A collection of contributions from participants in our various youth programs

From Youth Exchange Student Gabrielle de Bonnieres (Gaby) 3 February

"Hi Everyone.

This week was very good for me. On Monday, I went to the barbecue at Carol and Don's place and it was great. I think I would never forget my first Australia Day. Thank you Carol!

On Tuesday, Jill nicely proposed to go to Moorabbin Court because she knew that I am interested in law. We saw some interesting cases and it was very interesting for me to see how the Australian courts work. My favourite was definitely the children's court and that gave me some ideas about future. After that, we went to Glenys place for afternoon tea and Jack showed me a couple of pictures and I really appreciated that. Finally, we went to the Rotary meeting and I had a great time with everyone as usual.

On Wednesday, Abbey, Jenny's daughter, helped me to do my homework and in the afternoon we stayed inside because of the heat but we had a great time anyway. At night, I went at hockey with Mike and Nicola. Unfortunately, we played half a game because of the storms.

On Thursday, I went to the gym with Jack and then I stayed at home to chill. Also I (sort of) helped in the afternoon for some gardening at one of his friend's place. After a good sleep, I went back to school on Friday. We went to Monash University, I didn't find it very interesting but I was happy to not work anyway. Saturday I went to the gym in the morning with Jack. In the afternoon, Colleen, Jenny, Abbey and Carol came at home to help Kathy and I to find ideas to raise money for the swag project. We finally decided to organise a 'Swag Tea' on the 23rd of March at Jenny's place. I am grateful that they gave me as many ideas. On Sunday, I went with Kathy and Jack to a Rotary Youth Committee meeting of my district. I have met a couple of student who came back from overseas and it was very interesting to listen to their experience. At night, I went to the Chinese to celebrate the Carol's birthday and it was very good. How could I finish the week better than that?

Gaby. "

From National Youth Science Forum Participant Zahra Mackenzie 1 February

"NYSF was one of the best experiences of my life. To be surrounded by people who had the same understanding of education and passion for science as myself was an absolute gift. I am incredibly thankful to the Mordialloc Rotary Club for giving me the opportunity to partake in such an exclusive and unique event. NYSF was an opportunity to better understand myself whilst simultaneously getting to know those all around Australia who have amazing ideas for the future. I implore every upcoming year 12 student interested in science and maths to investigate NYSF as it is an opportunity of a lifetime and one you will not forget nor regret.

I look forward to seeing you again, and sharing my experiences at NYSF.

Zahra"

A short contribution from our incoming Youth Exchange Student Sarah Wich in 2017-18 now home in Germany

"And on Tuesday I have my theory test for driving a car and I am so scared but I will pass it somehow hopefully.

Sarah

Another short contribution from our outgoing Youth Exchange student Nicola Brooks recently returned from France

"Back in training 2 nights a week for hockey and settling back into school this week. Very excited to be home

Nicola"

Forthcoming Meeting Program & Rosters

Next Meeting

Date: 12 February
Speaker: Club members
Topic: Committee Meetings
Chairman: Carol Quayle
Desk & Regalia: Jenny Pudney, David Brunt
Fellowship: Kathy Thompson
Bulletin Notes: Jill Brear
Sergeant at Arms: Barry Donaldson

And the next.....

Date: 19 February
Speakers: Greg King
Topic: Vocational programs
Chairman: Paul Taranto
Desk & Regalia: Don Butler, Don Van
Fellowship: Ernie Williams
Bulletin Notes: Glenyse Cooper
Sergeant at Arms: Brian Foley

And the next.....

Date: 26 February
Speaker: Jess Taranto
Topic: Mercy Ships
Chairman: Trina Williams
Desk & Regalia: George Aivatoglou, David Brunt
Fellowship: Kathy Thompson
Bulletin Notes: Jill Brear
Sergeant at Arms: Barry Donaldson

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.

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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Mentone
Thrift Park Shopping Centre
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Rotary Club of Cheltenham
In conjunction with the Deafness Foundation
Art Show
17 – 19 May 2019



An Exhibition and Sale of pre-loved Works of Art.
An Art Show with a difference
Looking for something new for your home or office?
Great buys, great art for sale!

Dates: Opening Cocktail Function
Friday 17th May, 2019 7.30 pm (\$30 entry)
Saturday 18 May, 2019 Open 10am to 4pm
Sunday 19 May, 2019 Open 10am to 2.30 pm

Venue: Brighton Town Hall, Carpenter Street, Brighton

Entry: \$5 includes catalogue

Entries: Close 8 April.

All proceeds to projects of Deafness Foundation and Rotary Club of Cheltenham



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