



The Mordialloc Bulletin

News and Views of the
Rotary Club of Mordialloc

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District Governor 2019-20: Shia Smart

Assistant Governor: Kathy Monley

THIS WEEK'S MEETING Cancelled

Weekly meetings and most activities cancelled or on hold until further notice due to the Coronavirus.



RI theme 2019-20

Message from President Ernie Williams

A lot has happened since our last bulletin on 19 March. There can be no weekly Club meetings until this emergency situation is over. The Board meeting scheduled for last Monday was cancelled and we will not be meeting face-to-face until it is safe to do so. However, we are still in contact with each other by phone and email as situations arise.

The Salvation Army needs our help:

Past President David Brunt has asked for Rotary volunteers to pack up approx. 60 Easter deliveries and later some food parcels as required. Volunteers are needed as follows:

Monday, 6 April – 4 to 6 people to pack up Easter care packages at the Salvos, Dingley

Pre-Easter – 4 to 6 people to deliver the care packages

Up to 10 people may be needed to deliver food parcels (leave at front door) through to April/May at this stage.

Some funds may be needed from our Club, which will be submitted to the Board for approval.

To volunteer, just call or email Ernie on 0403 046 448, etwill@outlook.com.

SUMMARY OF COMING EVENTS

Note: Due to the announcement of the COVID19 as a worldwide pandemic and introduction of restrictions by Government, most scheduled Rotary events will not go ahead or be re-scheduled until later in the year.

President's message continued

We will continue to send club bulletins regularly to our members and friends during the current crisis to keep you all informed of any Rotary activities and, in particular, where the club can be involved in assisting the community

Regards, Ernie
Rotary Connects the World

Something positive to reflect on

Trina's cousin forwarded this from a teacher in China reflecting on lock down:

We are just finishing our 7th week of E-Learning, seven weeks of being mainly housebound and seven weeks of uncertainty. We are healthy, we are happy, and we are humbled.

We are allowed to move around freely now with a green QR code that we show when we get our temperature taken. You get your temperature taken everywhere, and it's just become part of the routine. Most restaurants and shopping centres are now open, and life is coming back to our city.

As we watch the rest of the world begin their time inside; here are some of my reflections on the last seven weeks:

1. Accept that you have no control over the situation. Let go of any thoughts of trying to plan too much for the next month or two. Things change so fast. Don't be angry and annoyed at the system. Anxiety goes down, and you make the best of the situation - whatever that might be for you. Accept that this is what it is and things will get easier.

2. Try not to listen to/read/watch too much media. It WILL drive you crazy. There is a thing as too much!

3. The sense of community I have felt during this time is incredible. I could choose who I wanted to spend my energy on - who I wanted to call, message and connect with and found the quality of my relationships has improved.

4. Appreciate this enforced downtime. When do you ever have time like this? I will miss it when we go back to the fast-paced speed of the 'real world'.

5. Time goes fast. I still haven't picked up the ukulele I planned to learn, and there are boxset TV shows I haven't watched yet.

6. As a teacher, the relationships I have built with my students have only continued to grow. I have loved seeing how independent they are; filming themselves to respond to tasks while also learning essential life skills such as balance, risk-taking and problem-solving, that even we as adults are still learning.

7. You learn to appreciate the little things; sunshine through the window, flowers blossoming and being able to enjoy a coffee in a cafe.

To those just beginning this journey, You will get through it. Listen to what you are told, follow the rules and look out for each other. There is light at the end of the tunnel.

Despite the District 9810 Annual Conference, scheduled to be held in Echuca and Moama last weekend, being cancelled, Brian and Helen still travelled there. They joined nearly 100 other Rotarians and partners taking the opportunity to enjoy the area and assist the local economy. On Saturday afternoon they enjoyed a cruise along the River Murray.



Enjoying a sunny afternoon on The Murray while maintaining a social distance

A few odd jokes

An editor, weary of the abuse that followed his editorials, printed the Ten Commandments. A few days later came a letter, "Cancel my subscription. You're getting too personal."

Waitress: "Looks like rain today, doesn't it?"
Customer: "Yes, but I ordered coffee!"

There's nothing wrong with having nothing to say, unless you insist on saying it.

TV Repairman: "What seems to be the trouble?"
"The newscaster has a very long face."
"So would you if you had to read the news these days!"

Meteorologist (Weatherman): "Put down rain for today. Absolutely certain."
Assistant: "Are you sure sir?"
"Quite sure. I've forgotten my umbrella, my wife is having a lawn party, and I'm planning a game of golf!"

"Did you have trouble with your French when you were in Paris?"
"No. The French people did though!"

Chemistry Teacher: "Boy, what is HNO₃?"
"Oh... er... I've got on the tip of my tongue sir..."
"Spit it out quick boy. It's Nitric Acid!"

Teller of tall stories: "I was shipwrecked in the middle of the Pacific and lived for a week on a tin of sardines!"
Bored listener: "I'm surprised you didn't fall off!"