



# 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 No 2351  
14 July 2020

**District Governor 2020-21: Alma Reynolds**

**Assistant Governor: Heather Chisholm**

### THIS WEEK'S MEETING Electronic Meeting using "Zoom"

Date:	14 July
Speaker:	Brian Foley
Topic:	The Internationality of Rotary
Chairman:	Trina Williams
Bulletin notes:	Brian Foley



**Rotary Opens Opportunities**  
RI theme 2020-21

Most Rotary activities are cancelled or on hold until further notice due to the Coronavirus. However, we are holding board and club meetings in this period using Zoom.

### Message from President Paul Taranto

Hello and welcome to our first "regular" meeting for the new Rotary year. It is somewhat difficult to grasp what regular is these days but we can still count on coming together each Tuesday evening, enjoying each other's company and learning a little more of the good work going on around us. This week we hear from our own Brian Foley and how Rotary operates in the International sphere.

The reimposition of the stage 3 restrictions is disappointing but necessary to put the Covid-19 virus back in the box. Social separation does not have to equate to social isolation. I trust members are keeping in touch with family and friends via phone calls, emails and texts. Also that members are getting out for exercise and using the opportunity to greet neighbours and strangers with a simple "Hello" or "Good day".

This week the Club said farewell to one of its Past Presidents Doug Denyer. Although I could not attend the funeral in person I did attend the event virtually. Doug's family mentioned that Doug did not want the achievements of his life to be dwelled upon but it was evident from the eulogies of his sons that he served the community through many avenues including the Rotary Club of Mordialloc.

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### SUMMARY OF COMING EVENTS

- 13 July (Mon) Board meeting 7.30 pm start
- 21 July (Tues) Club meeting. Subject - Committee meetings
- 28 July (Tues) Club Meeting  
Speaker: TBA
- 13 Oct (Tues) Governor's official visit

All meetings to be by Zoom video link until further notice  
Club meetings each Tuesday at 6.15 for 6.30 pm  
Board meetings and any other meetings, as decided by the board.

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Almost 900 people logged on for the launch of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Rotary in Australia baton launch last Friday 10 July. I hope some Club members were among the 900. I liked the Rotary project "Give every child a future" that has been started to commemorate the anniversary. The baton handover from Canberra to Melbourne took the lead from now Past President Ernie when he virtually handed the President's Chain of Office from himself to me. Again Mordialloc leads the way.

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As in previous years I will aim to share a thought for the week with members. This week's thought reminds us that the small actions that we can take each day do lead to significant outcomes over the long haul.

Thought for the Week

*"Great things are done by a series of small things brought together."* - Vincent Van Gogh

Cheers Paul

*Rotary Opens Opportunities*

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**Club Meeting No 2350 – 7 July– Zoom Video – Annual Club Changeover**

**Attendance:** 18 members, 3 visiting Rotarians, 2 guests

**Visiting Rotarians:** DG Alma Reynolds, IPDG Shia Smart, ADG Heather Chisholm

**Guests:** Brian Schauer, Margaret Aivatoglou, Helen Brunt, Helen Foley

*Brian Foley* chaired the meeting. He began by welcoming all members and guests and reminding of the meeting protocols.

PP and charter member *Jack Cooper* proposed the toasts to Australia and Rotary International. Jack mentioned that the year 2021 would be a significant year with celebrations for the centenary of Rotary in Australia and the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Rotary Club of the Rotary Club of Mordialloc.

DG *Alma Reynolds* responded to the toast to RI and thanked the club for its achievements during the past year. Alma then spoke of the impacts of the Coronavirus on Rotary activities, made even harder by the re-imposition of restrictions in Melbourne. The need for Rotary services remains so we must adapt to the circumstances as best we can.

*Paul Taranto* then gave details of the club auction that would be finalised and results announced later in the evening. The raffle would also be drawn then.

Paul introduced IPDG Shia who made the following presentations:

A letter of congratulations and thanks to Brian Foley from Past RI President Mark Daniel Maloney for 30 years of Rotary service.

Certificates recognising recognition as Paul Harris Fellows for Ernie Williams and Trina Williams. Shia gave a short summary of how both Ernie and Trina immediately became involved in the whole range of club activities using their business and administrative skills to the benefit of the club.

Paul then invited those present to attend a "virtual dinner" presented on a short video. For those who missed it, the YouTube link is:

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/yBJEP4lsRFY>

Chairman Brian then invited President Ernie to present his annual report for 2019-20, which he referred to as "The year that was". The report gives a comprehensive account of the club's many achievements during the year. All this unfortunately came to a halt in mid-March when the onset of the Coronavirus caused a cessation of most Rotary activities and the cancellation of our two major projects, namely the Gnome and Fairy Festival and the Interplast Golf Day.

The full text of Ernie's report is attached to this bulletin.

Outgoing President Ernie then performed a slick online changeover as he passed the president's chain of office to incoming President Paul and neither of them left their houses.

Paul then gave a short address listing some ideas and challenges for the year. He then introduced the following club officers and directors for 2020-21

President: Paul Taranto

Immediate Past President: Ernie Williams

Secretary: Trina Williams

Treasurer: Graeme Bruce

Rotary Foundation: Brian Foley

Directors: David Bruce, Jenny Pudney, Philip Maxwell

*Di Taranto* conducted the auction process inviting other bids in addition to those already received. The successful bidders were:

1. Cliff Riley - Bunning Voucher
2. Brian Schauer - Coles Voucher
3. Brian Foley - Woolworths Voucher
4. Margaret Aivatoglou - Woolworths Voucher
5. Trina Williams - Wish Card
6. Kathy Thompson - Beauty on the Park Voucher
7. Jenny Pudney - Paws and Whiskers Hamper
8. Trina Williams - Lobster Cave Voucher
9. Jack Pyziakos - Lobster Cave Voucher
10. Alan Opie - King Yuen Voucher
11. Margaret Aivatoglou - King Yuen Voucher
12. Alan Opie - Just Italy Voucher
13. Ernie Williams - Just Italy Voucher
14. David Brunt - Main Street Voucher
15. Jack Pyziakos - Moet and Chandon
16. Jack Cooper - Rosemount Shiraz

The total amount raised from the auction was \$1110. Thanks to all who took part in the auction.

The winner of the raffle was Jack Cooper.

### **Some one-liners to think about**

- When everything is coming towards you, you are in the wrong lane
- Ambition is a poor excuse for not having enough sense to be lazy
- Shin: a device for finding things in the dark (too true)
- If everything seems to be going well, you obviously have forgotten something

Some Photographs from the Zoom Changeover Night  
Thanks Di Taranto



PHF Certificate – Ernie Williams



PHF Certificate – Trina Williams

**Annual Report 2019-20**  
**Delivered by President Ernie Williams on Changeover night 7 July 2020**

Thank you for coming along tonight to our Rotary Club of Mordialloc Changeover Night for 2020. I am sorry we cannot all meet over a dinner and a drink tonight to celebrate our last 12 months, but it is still too early to enjoy each other's company in person just yet.

This is where I tell you what we achieved during my 12 months as your President and welcome our new President Paul Taranto for the next 12 months.

It has been a year of ups and downs. When I became President, I wanted to put my energy towards new memberships and, in particular, corporate membership, but despite my efforts in this direction, I fell short of the increase I anticipated. However, I was delighted to welcome our 2 new members, Phil Maxwell and Alan Opie (and his honey!) and thank both Phil and Alan for the contribution they have already made to our Club. We started out last July when our President Jack Pyziakos and Kathy were still in Europe attending the Rotary International Conference in Hamburg. Boy, a lot has changed in the last 12 months. Now we cannot even travel to Queensland, let alone Hamburg due to the Coronavirus.

Last July, we were saying goodbye to our last exchange student, Gabrielle. She was an exceptional exchange student, participating in all Rotary club activities, including Bunnings sausage sizzles. Thank you to everyone who worked to make Gaby's time with us a success, in particular her host club members, Carol, Jack and Kathy and Paul and Di. Also, last July, David and Helen Brunt started the Parkinson's Support Group at the Dingley Salvation Army, with regular help from Kay Gordon and other club members. It has been a great success.

We started our new committee system to maximise attendance and efficiency with 2 committees meeting on a club night on alternate months. We are still doing that, and it is going well with all attendees taking part.

A number of our members participated in the "National Tree Day" in late July. Kingston Council supplied the shrubs and we planted them along the Mordialloc Creek.

Carol Quayle retired as club secretary after 5 years and Trina Williams took over. Carol remained on the Board and we thanked her for her tireless and efficient work as secretary.

Dianne Taranto brought our attention the great work being done at the Rotary "Donations in Kind" warehouse in Footscray and we will be donated \$1,600 to upgrade 20 laptops for the Nokor Tep Foundation in Cambodia through the Rotary Australian overseas aid fund. The Wheelchairs for Kids donations continued through the year. In July, we sent them \$1,300 from our \$2 collection each week at club meetings. That means that 8 new wheelchairs could be constructed and sent overseas from Perth. That was just July!

Rather than continue month by month, I would now like to highlight our activities through the year:

The Gnome & Fairy Festival committee worked tirelessly for many months to set up a great event. As you know, it had to be cancelled 2 days before because of the Coronavirus situation. It was very hard for me to place cancellation signs over the 11 real estate boards advertising the event on the Friday morning, but it was the right decision! Thank you to Committee Chairman, Jack Cooper and to members, Glenyse Cooper, Jack Pyziakos, Dianne Taranto, Jill Brear, Phil Maxwell and Trina Williams.

We continued to be offered many sausage sizzles at Bunnings and were particularly busy over the Christmas and New Year period. The total raised for calendar year 2019 was \$20,000. Thanks go to Jack Pyziakos and Dianne Taranto for their organising of the sausage sizzles, and to all those who volunteered to help. In addition, we raised \$1,000 for running a BBQ at Mirvac Homes open day, and a further \$1,100 for providing a BBQ for Bayside Carols rehearsal. We also ran a Father's Day BBQ at Bunnings and a raffle which raised \$300 + a \$100 Bunnings voucher.

Barry Donaldson and his helpers once again put in a lot of work to set up the Interplast Golf Day, which also had to be cancelled. Our thanks go to Barry, who was also honoured this year with a special award from Cameron Glover, CEO of Interplast, who recently spoke to our Club.

In November, we ran the Birthing Kits project, together with Cheltenham Rotary. 1600 kits were made up for export to Asian and African countries and some 65 volunteers did a great job on the day. A big thanks to Kay Gordon for organising the event, and to Jenny Pudney whose students did a lot of the preparation work for packing day. Jason Carter and David Marsh from Reclink Australia came to a club meeting to speak about their organisation – a sport and art-based program for the unemployed. We have since agreed to fund the purchase of their sporting equipment for just over \$2,000, for which half was funded by Rotary grant. Well done to Paul Taranto for organising this.

Other monies donated were \$10,000 for bushfire relief, \$1,000 to the Melbourne Indigenous Transition School (MITS) to fit out accommodation; \$2,000 to Kingston Council's Rental Assistance package; 2,000 to the Salvation Army for community support projects; \$100 each for awards at Mentone Girls' Secondary and Mordialloc Colleges; purchase of a defibrillator for the Mordialloc Neighbourhood House; \$1,000 donated to ShelterBox for the victims of the Bahamas cyclone, plus donations to Australian Rotary Health, End Trachoma, End Polio, ROMAC, RAWCS and Rotary Foundation giving; and, as previously mentioned, donations to Donations in Kind and Wheelchairs for Kids.

4 members, including myself, attended an evening at Parkdale United Cricket Club to present a cheque for \$500 to Paddy Mahar as the recipient of the inaugural Keith Carpenter Memorial Award for best young cricketer, for the purchase of cricket gear.

Throughout the year, we had some interesting guest speakers and I thank Glenyse Cooper for her work in finding speakers for our Club Meetings. In mid-October, our special guest speaker was District Governor Shia Smart. She presented us with a new Rotary pull-up banner for us to use to promote Rotary at outdoor functions and events. Shia also presented a Paul Harris Fellow badge and certificate to long-time club supporter, Mark Hooper from Epsom Hire. Mark's help, along with the late Rob Goode, has been enormous over the years and we still store many of our items at Epsom Hire. It has taken Jack Cooper many years to get Mark to come along and receive the award.

Among other speakers were Alina, the City of Kingston Social Inclusion Officer. We have worked closely with her and will continue to do so as her responsibilities fall within our areas of interest in helping people in our area. With Alina's help, the Kingston City Council's magazine featured our club and, in particular, our charter member, Jack Cooper. Jack's contribution to the Club and to the wider community for over 50 years was celebrated in the article.

We also heard from:

Elijah McEvoy and Lachlan Doyle, 2 St. Bede's students who our Club sponsored to take part in the 4-Way Speech contest. Both reached the finals and very well. Thank you to Jill Brear for working with St. Bede's to organise this event.

Rachel Moraes, our NYSF sponsored student spoke to us in December. Unfortunately, the NYSF program which ran in January 2020 was cut short due to Coronavirus concerns.

We met regularly through the year for fellowship events and thanks go to Kathy Thompson who has regularly organised theatre nights at the Shirley Burke Theatre in Parkdale, which were attended by members and friends. We again thank Brian and Helen Foley for starting the year off with a great afternoon at their croquet club, playing croquet and enjoying a dinner together.

We celebrated Don Butler's 95<sup>th</sup> birthday. Don has been a member of our club for over 30 years and has been actively involved for the whole of that time. Don decided to step down as a member in late March this year and a special presentation will be made to him soon. In particular, we recognise his contribution to hearing reading at Mordialloc Beach Primary School every Friday for 10 years.

At Christmas, Jack Pyziakos, Alan Opie and I also supported David Brunt at the Salvation Army's Christmas BBQ. 42 people attended our annual Christmas lunch for people who live alone, which was organised by David Brunt. Thank you to David for a great event.

40 members and guests attended our Christmas dinner meeting with lots of carol singing and laughter. Once again, Paul and Di Taranto organised a bumper raffle with lots of prizes, which raised \$215. Thank you to Paul and Di. Through March and April everything was cancelled because of the pandemic – the Gnome & Fairy Festival, the Interplast Golf Day, our weekly meetings, the district conference at Echuca and the Bunnings sausage sizzles, Reclink BBQ and presentation at Hastings.

David Brunt organised with the Salvation Army to pack 70 odd Easter care parcels. David and Helen did the packing themselves, but the Salvation Army said our club members could not do deliveries as they were concerned about anyone over 70 being out and about in the current Coronavirus environment. So, members of the Salvos did the deliveries. Our Club did provide some funds for the parcels, but David and Helen did the bulk of the work. Well done David!

During this time, Brian Foley continued to produce and send out bulletins to keep us all informed, so we did not lose contact with each other. We actually enjoyed his joke fillers in the bulletins!

We held our first virtual club meeting on "Zoom" on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> April and 15 members attended. Instructions were sent out in the weekly bulletin and Brian Foley and Trina Williams assisted with helping members get on to Zoom. It became apparent that we would be holding these virtual meetings for some months to come and that no fundraising events could be held for possibly the rest of the year.

Meanwhile, Alan Opie continued to do good to raise funds for Wheelchairs for Kids by selling his honey to members and friends. Thank you Alan!

We started having guest speakers again, the first being Shannon Pudney who spoke about her experiences at the Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN), a 2-day residential program for Year 9 students to develop their potential. May was busier than I thought it would be. First up was a visit from our District Governor, Shia Smart, who gave us a view of the worldwide Rotary situation. The International Conference in Hawaii in June has been changed into a Zoom conference, starting late June. Shia also presented Brian Foley with a District Foundation Service award.

President Elect, Paul Taranto, will present his team for the 2020-2021 year later in the meeting, with the following members retiring from the Board – Jack Cooper, Carol Quayle and Jack Pyziakos. They have been a great asset to our Club on the Board as we are sure they will continue to be for many years to come.

Jack Pyziakos and Kathy Thompson suggested we run a Family Fun Day when the Coronavirus pandemic is behind us. Kay Gordon has produced a draft outline, involving schools and community groups.

And now finally to June. Restrictions are slowly being lifted, but many may stay until next year, so Paul Taranto asked our committees to present their needs for the next year or so, bearing in mind that we may possibly not be able to raised more funds than we currently have on hand. The total amount identified will be at least \$25,000 and possibly more, depending on how much the Federal Government funds people out of work and other key social needs in our community, so watch this space ...

Our incoming President Paul has hit the road running having already held a meeting to gather ideas for what members want to see in the coming year. I take my hat off to you Paul, as the coming year will be one where you and all of us must be available to adjust to changing times. I hand over the Presidential chain and congratulate you.