



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 2353
28 July 2020

District Governor 2020-21: Alma Reynolds

Assistant Governor: Heather Chisholm

THIS WEEK'S MEETING Electronic Meeting using "Zoom"

Date: 28 July
Speaker: Steph Glover
Topic: Salvation Army, Kingston Gardens, Dingley
Chairman: David Brunt
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

Good day everyone and great to have you along for our third meeting. Thank you to all who engaged in the committee meetings last week and I look forward to seeing the reports from the committee chairs in the lead up to the next Board meeting scheduled for Monday August 10. Our support for local retailers has commenced and we now have vouchers from a retailer in Mentone and one in Parkdale. I am hoping to add a Mordialloc business in the coming days. I hope Philip Maxwell enjoyed redeeming his raffle voucher prize. Remember all who attend our zoom club meetings are automatically entered in the fortnightly raffle.

The CoVid-19 numbers are still disturbingly high but the silver lining appears to be that the numbers are stabilizing rather than continue to increase exponentially. This week has brought the next measure to manage the pandemic namely wearing masks when outside of our homes. Apart from the occasional steaming up of my glasses I have not found wearing a mask an imposition.

The current situation has shown just how many people do care about others in their community. Two examples caught my attention this week with the requirement to now wear masks in public.

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SUMMARY OF COMING EVENTS

- 4 Aug (Tues) Club meeting. - Giorgio Migliaccio "Ending Child Trafficking"
- 11 Aug (Tues) Samantha von Gleichenstein Mordialloc Neighbourhood House
- Some coming district events
- 4 Aug (Tues) Morning tea with the DG 10.30 am
- 16 Aug (Sun) Community Projects forum (4 pm)
- 19 Aug (Wed) Community Projects forum (11 am)
- 24 Aug (Mon) Club Runner workshop (7 pm)
- 31 Aug (Mon) Social Media workshop (7 pm)
- 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 and any other meetings, as decided by the board.

The first was just a simple sign a neighbour placed on their letter box, it simply said "I have spare elastic". The second was a news item that told of a primary school teacher "Kate" who made up 200 face masks and placed them at her front door and welcomed people to take one if they needed one. These two people saw a need and cared enough to do something to meet those needs.

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Our club is also demonstrating that our members care and the project we copied/borrowed from the Rotary Club of Glen Waverly, namely the assembly and distribution of food care packs' is underway.

I have attached to this week's bulletin a copy of the flyer that will be in each care pack. As you will see it includes the promotion of our social media and web sites. I encourage members to like and share the postings to our Facebook page.

This week's thought comes from the American anthropologist Margaret Mead and highlights the power of "care".

Cheers Paul
"Rotary Opens Opportunities"

Thought for the Week:
"Never believe that a few caring people can't change the world. For, indeed, that's all who ever have" – Margaret Mead

Club Meeting No 2352 – 21 July– Zoom Video

Attendance: 20 members, 2 guests
Guests: Brian Schauer, Margaret Aivatoglou

President Paul welcomed members and guests and commented that the first of the proposed fortnightly raffles would be drawn that evening. The "End Trachoma" program would be the first program supported by the club this Rotary year. Paul also chaired the remainder of the meeting.:

Treasurer *Graeme* thanked members who had already paid their annual subscriptions. Several had also included an additional amount to cover a donation for the Rotary Foundation under the EREY program. Paul added that these donations would be paid to the Foundation on the members' behalf and individuals would be contacted for further details if needed. Payments to the Foundation are a separate matter from donations to the club charity account.

Jack Cooper (projects) has sent a lengthy submission to the City of Kingston regarding the grant paid by council for the cancelled 2020 Gnome and Fairy Festival.

Launch of Centenary of Rotary in Australia

Paul then showed a video extract of the launch of the celebrations to mark the Centenary of Rotary in Australia by the Governor-General The Honourable Davis Hurley earlier this month. The launch included the Centenary Baton that will visit clubs in all states and territories over the next year.

In his address, the Governor-General described Rotary as an inspiring organisation and mentioned comments from 1921 describing Rotarians as "go getters" and "practical persons"

The two Rotary Centenary projects are End Trachoma and Eye Projects in Pacific Island countries.

Committee Discussions

Members then moved to committee meetings for Community, International, Marketing, Projects and Fundraising. The following matters Issues were reported from these meetings:

Community:

- The care packages project has commenced and donations sought
- End Trachoma
- Checking up on other persons such as friends, family and colleagues
- Those in aged care facilities (difficult at present)
- EMERGE (women's and children's refuge) to be approached if they need support
- The Parkinsons group is continuing

Marketing

- Updating club signage and social media
- Continuing liaison with local businesses

International

Continuation of priority projects subject to funds – Rotary Foundation giving, emergency relief, Donations to RAM, ROMAC and Brother Beausang School in Kenya In regard to the Birthing Kits project, consider involvement with Mentone Girls Secondary College and reducing the 1600 kits provided in the last two years.

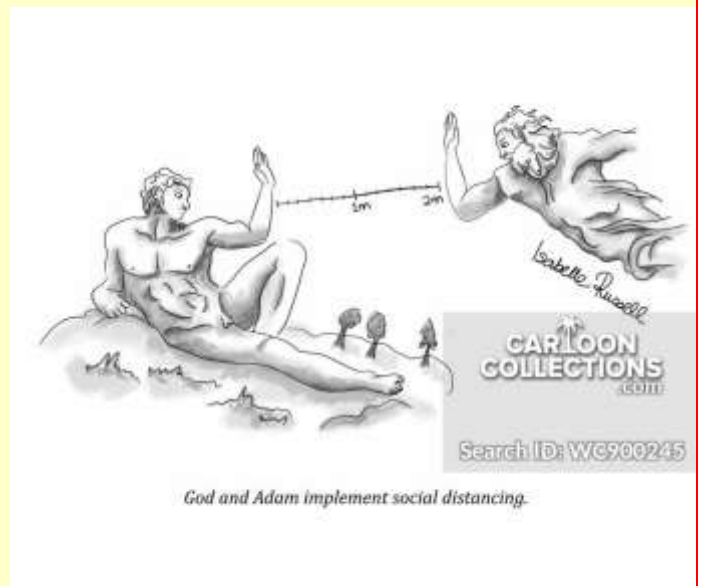
Alan has made another fundraising proposal that will be considered by the board shortly.

Projects and Fundraising.

Planning the Gnome & Fairy and Golf day to continue. Consider merging this committee with Marketing as they cover similar matters.

Raffle. Phil Maxwell won the now fortnightly raffle

On the Lighter Side



Proposed Insert for Care Packages



We Care. We trust this parcel assists during this difficult period.

Look for us on Facebook or on the Web

<https://www.facebook.com/rotaryclubofmordialloc>



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Message received from Melbourne Indigenous Transitional School (MITS)

PP Ernie received the following email message from MITS on 22 July. The club donated \$3000 to MITS early in 2020 to assist establish the school.

“Subject: MITS has established a Darwin Hub for Term 3

Dear Ernie,

I wanted share with you some important and exciting news: MITS will operate from a temporary Darwin Hub in Term 3.

Having run a very effective distance learning program through Term 2, we had been looking forward to welcoming our students back to in-person learning for Term 3. Two weeks ago, as the coronavirus situation in Melbourne deteriorated further, it became clear that our students would not be able to return as planned. We recognised that another term of distance education would have a significant impact on our students’ continued learning and growth.

So, we decided to temporarily move our operations north to a Darwin Hub for Term 3. We have flown 15 staff, nine of their family members and our three Victorian students to Darwin. Our Victorian students (and their families back home) are excited for the opportunity to experience the richness of life and culture in the Northern Territory. All of us who travelled up are serving 14 days’ strict quarantine in four Airbnb properties in Darwin and will be free to go in under a week’s time.

We’ve formed a terrific partnership to operate the Hub – both schooling and boarding – at the Michael Long Centre, operated by the AFL NT at Marrara Oval. We are excited that our students will be able to learn in a culturally strong and celebratory environment, just as they would normally at Tigerland in Melbourne. The Northern Territory Government has also been very supportive, from assistance with border crossing permits, to lending us a vehicle for the term.

Most importantly, the feedback from our parents and students has been uniformly positive. They appreciate our continuing commitment to their children’s learning and wellbeing. A core group of staff has remained in Melbourne to provide ongoing support to the smaller number of Victorian and Northern Territory alumni students who are with us in Melbourne for Term 3.

It’s important to note that this move is temporary. When our students and families choose MITS, they are choosing more than just the outstanding learning programs that we provide: they are also choosing the unique opportunities of Melbourne. There are many great organisations already operating in Darwin who we look forward to working with over the coming term. Our temporary move here will allow us to continue to fulfil our commitment to our students until it is possible for us all to return to Melbourne again.

This move is the right one for our students and families. It will require significant additional resources and funding. So many of our supporters gave generously in the lead-up to 30 June, but if you do have the ability to further support MITS and our Darwin Hub, please [donate here](#).

We’re really looking forward to sharing updates from our Darwin Hub in the weeks to come.

Best wishes
Ed

**Edward Tudor | Executive Director
Melbourne Indigenous Transition School”**