



The Mordialloc Bulletin

News and Views of the
Rotary Club of Mordialloc

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109 White Street Mordialloc
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Tuesday 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm

Meeting No 2358
1 September
2020

District Governor 2020-21: Alma Reynolds

Assistant Governor: Heather Chisholm

THIS WEEK'S MEETING Electronic Meeting using "Zoom"

Date: 1 September
Speaker: Dominic Taranto
Topic: Diversity
Chairman: Di Taranto
Bulletin notes: Brian Foley



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 everyone and welcome to our first spring meeting and our eighth for the year. It has certainly been quite a week with extreme weather hitting Melbourne, hurricane Laura wreaking significant damage on the Gulf Coast states in the USA and political quarrelling occurring the world over. Despite all this there were plenty of green shoots appearing to give us all a sense of optimism.

The week just gone saw:

- The news that Africa has been declared free of the wild polio virus (a great milestone in the Rotary EndPolio campaign and one that this club has supported over several years).
- Victoria seeing a continuing downward trend in CoVid-19 infections and seeing its first day of double-digit infections.
- Three new businesses preparing to open their doors in Parkdale village.
- The display of yellow wattle blooms and the perfume of jasmine in gardens with the subtle perfume filling the fresh morning air.
- Early morning sun now spilling through my bedroom window at a decent hour.

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SUMMARY OF COMING EVENTS

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| 3 Sept (Thur) | Inaugural Club Trivia Night. 7 – 8 pm
Further details to come. |
| 8 Sept (Tues) | Club Committees |
| 14 Sept (Mon) | Board meeting 7.30 pm |
| 15 Sept (Tues) | Konrad and Mimi Ermert - Aphasia
Victoria |
| 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 erection of our second sign at the Parkdale railway station promoting the "End Trachoma" project. (a picture is shown elsewhere in this bulletin)

We have a full speaker program for the months of September and October and I would like to thank all those involved in arranging the speakers and co-ordinating their involvement. Our Facebook site has details on several of the speakers and I ask club members to share these details through their family and friend's networks.

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Next week the club will be holding its regular committee meeting night leading into the next board meeting on September 14. The board will be looking to hear the committee recommendations around the Care Pack project, what project/activity should be the beneficiary of the Sept/Oct member voluntary contributions and how the club should celebrate the 100 year anniversary of Rotary in Australia along with updates on other club projects/activities. I ask all club members to get behind their committee chairs and actively engage in the committees' work.

As you have probably gathered my theme for this week is 'Optimism'. Being **optimistic**, in the typical sense of the word, is **defined** as expecting the best possible outcome from any given situation.

Cheers Paul
"Rotary Opens Opportunities"

My quotes for this week reflect what it is to be optimistic

"Even the darkest night will end and the sun will rise."
— Victor Hugo, "Les Misérables"

"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world."
— Anne Frank, "Anne Frank's Tales from the Secret Annex: A Collection of Her Short Stories, Fables, and Lesser-Known Writings"

Club Meeting No 2357 – 25 August – Zoom Video

Attendance: 17 members, 8 guests

Apologies: Jill Brear, Glenyse Cooper

Guests: Ben Dockar, Laura Christie (speakers), Bob Travers, Margaret Masur, Sharne Armitage, Deb Stephenson, Janine plus one other

President Paul welcomed members and guests. He then gave the following announcements:

- He referred to the Rotary "Learning Activity Template" included with last week's bulletin as a very useful tool for increasing engagement in Rotary.
- Both Brian Foley and Paul had participated in an on-line seminar on the Club Runner program and access to the District 9810. The Zoom session was recorded and is now available on the website at this address:

<https://www.9810rotary.org.au/page/website-help>

Paul then showed a short video presentation by the Governor of Victoria, Hon Linda Dessau, about the Covid pandemic

Reports and Members' Announcements

Trina (secretary) reported that 69 persons had expressed interest in the guitars on sale. Various items of mail and email have been distributed.

Treasurer Graeme advised that the club's term deposit of some \$21.600 has been re-invested for 7 months @ 0.75%, the best deal available.

David (community) said that 44 care packages have been distributed and another 11 are available.

Dianne reported that some \$800 has been raised so far from the sale of face masks. Kay advises that our face masks have made it all the way to Queensland - Jack Pyziakos' daughter Angela and granddaughters, Ebony, Maddison and Jasmine love their masks!



Please support this project by ordering your mask by emailing - kay.gordon@gmail.com - S M L - \$10 - postage included

Alan advised that 10 guitars are going out for display in a shop. Alan also said that he expects to have honey for sale again soon and will advise further.

Ernie reported that he is still working on a proposal to run a "virtual (on-line) art show".

Phil reported that the "Spoonville" site in Como Parade, Parkdale, had been vandalised and many spoons stolen. Police have been advised. In the meantime, the Facebook site is doing well with over 11,000 people having seen the article on guitars for sale.

Jack Cooper has made application to Kingston Council to hold the Gnome & Fairy Festival on Sunday 14 March 2020. This date is still tentative.

Kathy reported that Kay, Di, Trina and Kathy are organising a club trivia night on Zoom for Thursday 3 September

Guest Speakers – Ben Dockar and Laura Christie – “Technology Security”

Chairman Kathy introduced speakers Ben and Laura who are specialists in cyber security and involved in staff training in a large private health organisation.

Ben introduced the subject under the general heading of “Phishing and other Scams” and explained these are, how they happen and how to protect yourself

A scam is an illegal plan to make money usually by tricking people of all backgrounds, ages and income levels. It is not your fault! Scammers cast a wide net using telephone, email and all means of internet programs such as YouTube, Facebook and similar. Scams come in many forms and Australians have lost some \$89 million to these so far in 2020. While scams take many forms, Investment tops the list, followed by Dating & Romance and Buying & Selling scams

“Phishing” is a common main form of scam and features:

- Scams that use ‘bait’ to lure you in. They want you to click on a link, open an attachment, download a file, or provide information
- They often masquerade as a trusted entity such as your bank, your telco provider or a government organisation
- They are used to steal information, gain access to systems or networks, or cause damage or harm

Phishing aims to authenticate you by obtaining your personal data. By accessing systems or networks, criminals can steal information, monitor network activity, or even install malware and viruses.

Common types of Malware include:

- A Virus is designed to cause damage by corrupting data, wiping hard drives or shutting down systems.
- A Trojan Horse disguised as a harmless file, once installed criminals can gain access to your systems, allowing them to steal information
- Spyware is designed to go undetected and track browsing habit, online activity, record keystrokes and harvest your data such as usernames and passwords.

Some signs to detect a phish

- Don’t trust the display name
- Does it sound too good to be true
- Think before you click
- Check for spelling errors
- Beware of urgency
- Requests for personal information
- Check email signature
- When in doubt, ask for help!

To protect oneself against these attacks, it is important to have good antivirus software that is updated regularly as well as all installed Apps. A strong password is also important and a “password manager” can assist in this.

Ben and Laura then responded to a range of questions.

Kathy thanked both speakers for their most interesting and important presentation. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is being distributed with this bulletin. It includes a number of additional references for more information on the topic.



The updated club sign at Parkdale Railway Station

On the Lighter Side

This is Buddy , I bought him as a surprise present for my husband but it turns out he's allergic to dogs . So unfortunately I'm going to have to find a new home for him , and I'm just wondering if anyone out there can help ? . His name is Alan , he's 61, great at DIY, drives a nice car and plans wonderful holidays.

