



# 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 2363  
6 October 2020

District Governor 2020-21: Alma Reynolds

Assistant Governor: Heather Chisholm

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

Date: 6 October  
Speakers: Members  
Topic: Club Committees  
Chairman: Paul Taranto  
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 everyone and welcome to our Club's latest committee meeting night.

The week just gone has continued to bring a number of surprises and good news. First though I have to recognize that we are once again enjoying daylight saving time. The extended daylight hours at the end of the day will hopefully bring occasions for family and friends to come together and enjoy each other's company and a meal. The infection trend continues to trend down though the next two weeks will be critical for Victoria for it to get the trend to take another step down. As was highlighted with what has occurred with the President of the United States this week it is important to continue to follow the guidelines around safe distancing, wearing masks and hand hygiene.

Last week I spoke about the first question in the four-way test "Is it the Truth?" An item in last week's "Open Doors" (Edition 7) brought to mind the other three questions of the four-way test, "Is it fair to all concerned?", "Will it build goodwill and friendships?", "Will it be beneficial to all concerned?". The item was about a bequest to the Rotary Foundation from a Ms Elaine Nagy, a single woman who was not a Rotarian. The bequest was for more than half a million dollars.

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### SUMMARY OF COMING EVENTS

- 12 Oct (Mon) Board meeting. 7.30 pm
- 13 Oct (Tues) Governor Alma Reynolds, official club visit
- 20 Oct (Tues) Dean Beattie, Men's Health
- 27 Oct (Tues) Andrew Webb, CFA

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.

I wonder if it was the elements of the four-way test especially the last three that prompted her to entrust such a significant sum to Rotary to use on her behalf.

The item in Open Doors above also highlights the importance/value of letting people know about Rotary, about ourselves and what we do. Ms Nagy obviously was aware of Rotary and what Rotary does. I thank Phil Maxwell for his posts on our Club Facebook page. Phil's posts cover not only club activities and events but also some of his own personal observations about what is good and wondrous.

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I encourage all club members to pass on to Phil their own thoughts and observations around what they see as being good and wondrous in their lives. I also encourage members to share club posts to family, friends and groups they may be members of.

On the quirky side, we learnt something new about water this week. For those of you that have a scientific bent it was announced this week that very cold very pure water can form two liquid phases. Just think of the water in your glass splitting into two liquids (like oil and water). How amazing is that? It is not something we will see in everyday life as the water has to be very pure and the temperature is lower than minus 80 degrees C but does go to show we still have a lot to learn and understand about our world.

I talked earlier about sharing what is good and wondrous so my thought for this week comes from St Paul who despite being in a prison in Rome was still exhorting his friends to focus on things good and wondrous.

*"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things."*  
- St Paul's Letter to the Philippians (4:8)

Cheers Paul  
*"Rotary Opens Opportunities"*

#### **Club Meeting No 2362 – 29 September – Zoom Video**

**Attendance:** 19 members, 2 visiting Rotarians. 1 guest

**Apologies:** Jack Pyziakos

**Guest:** Margaret Aivatoglou

**Visiting Rotarians:** Russell Marnock (Emerald & District), Sandi Fulcher (Chadstone East Malvern)

President Paul welcomed all members and guests including Russell and Sandy who would be presenting on the Trachoma project. Paul mentioned the need for continued caution in respect of the Covid pandemic referring to its re-emergence in a number of overseas countries.

*Di Taranto* chaired the remainder of the meeting.

#### **Reports and Members' Announcements**

Treasurer *Graeme* reported that funds are continuing to come into the Charities account including around \$14,000 from sale of guitars and \$4000 from other donations.

*David* (community) reported that a total of 60 care packages have been distributed, the latest to international students. No donations of goods are required at present. However, David is seeking donations of Esky coolers if any member has one available for use by the students. They are unlikely to be returned.

In relation to the October "virtual walk" fundraiser for Parkinsons Victoria, Kay has registered a team in the name of the club. Each member will be sent a confirming email message from Parkinsons Victoria. It might be necessary to adjust dates of birth as Kay was not sure of some of these.

*Brian* (International) spoke briefly about the recent District Foundation and International seminar. He will report further to the committee and board.

Paul has written to the Parkdale Secondary College parents' group asking if they can help at the Gnome and Fairy Festival.

Di reported on the following matters:

- Development of a sensory garden at the Emerge Women's and Children's refuge is being followed up.
- Making and sale of face masks is still going well.
- Our project for End Trachoma is to deliver 100 hygiene packs to a school in a remote area of Northern Territory. Jill and Kay are purchasing supplies

Kay Gordon won the fortnightly club raffle. The prize was a voucher for Bocconcino's Pizzeria, Parkdale.

#### **Guest Speaker: Russell Marnock – "End Trachoma"**

Chairman Di introduced Russell who is a member of the Rotary Club of Emerald and District. A Rotarian for 14 years, he has held a number of club and district roles including being the District 9810 Champion for End Trachoma since 2018. Russell was supported by End Trachoma project officer, Sandi Fulcher.

Russell commenced with the comment that Australia is the only developed country with a significant incidence of the eye disease Trachoma. It is also prevalent in a number of countries in South America, Africa, the Indian sub-continent and Vietnam. In Australia, the high incidences are in Western Australia and Northern Territory with less in South Australia, and parts of Queensland and NSW. Trachoma is a serious disease that causes blindness and other major eye problems affecting some 2 million people worldwide.

The Rotary Districts of Australia developed the End Trachoma project in 2016 and have been working since then with State and Territory health agencies in these areas. They have developed a wide range of individual projects in indigenous communities based on a World Health Organisation strategy to improve hygiene, environmental and other factors. Examples of the many projects undertaken so far include:

- A washing machine project
- Improved bedding for children
- Portable water tanks
- The national mirror project and towel hooks in houses (simple but necessary in many villages)
- Health software and hardware support.

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End Trachoma (cont)

Ongoing projects include:

- Supply of 10,000 towels (good quality from India)
- Health promotion program in Western Australia including provision of a fully equipped trailer
- Development of specific health program in Northern Territory
- Hygiene packs for children
- Production of the film "Homeland Story" funded by the Rotary Club of Melbourne

Sandi Fulcher thanked the club for the offer of 100 hygiene packs. These would be part of the proposed 1000 of such packs for schools in Northern Territory. Identification of schools and the numbers of packs required are currently being assessed.

Russell and Sandi then responded to a number of members' questions.

Chairman Di then thanked speakers for their presentation.

Further information and latest update on the End Trachoma website are available on the project website: [www.endtrachoma2020.org.au](http://www.endtrachoma2020.org.au)

The Rotary Club of Melbourne and the End Trachoma project are presenting the film "Homeland Story" on Zoom on Thursday 8 October at 7.30 pm. If you wish to attend, please register on TryBooking at:

<https://trybooking.com/BLPVO>

A donation of \$11.50 is requested. A flyer for this film is attached to this bulletin



Dianne, Kathy and Paul walked the Mentone Historical Walking Trail at the weekend. The photograph was taken in the grounds of the house at the corner of Como Parade East and Warrigal Road. This was built in the late 1880s and is now a medical centre. Further information is available about the walking trail is available on the city of Kingston website

### A Lockdown Reflection

Kay has submitted the following from Shar and Tim Hughes, members of the Parkinsons Support Group.

#### Our Melbourne Lockdown

*These lockdowns are getting annoying and quite frankly I've had enough. I've discussed the matter over a cup of tea with the kitchen sink, and we both agree that the experience is draining.*

*I didn't mention anything to the washing machine as she puts the wrong spin on everything.*

*Same with the fridge. He only gives cold shoulder. I asked the lamp, but she couldn't shed any new light on the situation.*

*The vacuum cleaner was rather rude and told me to suck it up Princess. The threshold was no better, it suggested I get over it.*

*The carpet advised me to sweep my feelings under the rug. But the fan was more upbeat and thought that the crisis would soon blow over.*

*The toilet looked a bit flushed and didn't offer an opinion.*

*The wall didn't say a word either, just gave me a blank stare.*

*The doorknob was more forthcoming - told me to get a firm grip on the situation and move on.*

*The front door declared I was unhinged and so the curtains told me to.....you guessed it right - pull myself together.*

*Then the chair told me to table it, and the table remarked, I didn't have a leg to stand on.*

*When I told the table to break a leg, the mirror said that my comments reflected poorly on my thinking.*

*However, in the end, the iron set things straight. . . said everything will be fine. No situation is too pressing for long anyway*

Stay safe everyone ♥

