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Club meets at Woodlands Golf Club
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Tuesday 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm

Meeting No 2369
24 November
2020

District Governor 2020-21: Alma Reynolds

Assistant Governor: Heather Chisholm

THIS WEEK'S MEETING Electronic Meeting using "Zoom"

Date: 24 November
Speaker: Peter Sindrey
Topic: East Gippsland Bushfire Recovery
Chairman: Paul Taranto
Bulletin notes: Brian Foley



Rotary Opens Opportunities
RI theme 2020-21

Note: Club Annual General Meeting will be held at 6.30 pm

Most Rotary activities are cancelled or on hold until further notice due to the Coronavirus. Board and club meetings in this period are held using Zoom.

Message from President Paul Taranto

Hello one and all and welcome to the latest bulletin of the Rotary Club of Mordialloc. A special welcome to our guest speaker for this week Peter Sindrey who will be telling us about the bushfire recovery efforts in East Gippsland. Club members may recall that the club made two substantial donations earlier this year to assist the bushfire recovery activities. There is an article in the November edition of Rotary Down Under (pages 26/27) which covers some of the aspects of the relief effort. Our attention has been fully occupied of late with the Covid 19 pandemic but it was only 10 months ago the east coast of Australia was making headlines around the world with the extent and intensity of the bushfires. Headlines will come and go but the underlying need for action to address the damage to lives and property is there for many years. Rotary can be a reliable partner in supporting these remedial efforts.

The news with Covid has been very encouraging for Victoria. At the time of writing (Sunday evening) we have had 23 consecutive days without a new infection. The easing of restrictions is pointing to the coming festive season being one where it can be enjoyed with family and friends in our homes and public places.

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SUMMARY OF COMING EVENTS

23 Nov (Mon)	Board meeting
1 Dec (Tues)	Brian Foley - Rotary Foundation issues
8 Dec (Tues)	Sarah - Walter & Eliza Hall Institute
12 Dec (Sat)	Bunnings sausage sizzle
15 Dec (Tues)	Club committees

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 recent experience in South Australia though is a warning that we cannot take the current outlook for granted so relying on and following the latest guidelines from the health professionals is also important.

This week I had the honour of being present when the winner of the Keith Carpenter Memorial Award was announced at the Parkdale Uniting Cricket Club. Our Community Chair David Brunt and our Treasurer Graeme Bruce were also present. Many members will recall Keith being a long serving member of our club.

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Keith supported many of the club activities whether it was handling the funds at club meetings, collecting and counting at the jumble sale or Gnome and Fairy Festival or reminding us of embarrassing moments when he was Sergeant. Keith could always be relied upon to help. Similarly at the Parkdale Uniting Cricket Club, he was there helping to prepare pitches, administrative duties and was a main stay of that club. On Keith's passing our club decided to honour his memory by recognising an up and coming cricketer at PUC who best exhibited Keith's qualities. This year was the second year that the award was given and we are committed to supporting the award for next year as well. It was gratifying to hear that Kingston Council will be naming the new pavilion at the Jack Grut reserve in Keith's honour.

November is Rotary Foundation month. This month's edition of Rotary Down Under has many articles on how the Foundation operates and how clubs can use the Foundation's leverage to make things happen. The Rotary Foundation can be relied upon to be there assisting 'Rotarians Do Good in the World' by delivering financial resources and facilitating new connections. There are many ways that club members can support the Foundation and Brian Foley will cover these at our December 1 meeting.

Reliability has been a theme running through this week's message so it is appropriate that the saying this week focus is on reliability:

"The benefit of being reliable is that people trust you and feel they can count on you". - Shaman Elder Maggie Wahls

Cheers Paul

"Rotary Opens Opportunities" (to create the future)

Club Meeting No 2368 – 17 November – Zoom Video

Attendance: 19 members,

Apologies: Carol Quayle, Graeme Bruce, George and Margaret Aivatoglou

President *Paul* welcomed all members and commented as follows:

- Victoria had now achieved 18 days (as at 17 Nov) without any new cases of coronavirus.
- An emergency fire alarm at Qenos factory that day had been resolved without serious harm

Paul also chaired the remainder of the meeting.

Reports and Members' Announcements

Secretary *Trina* had received two offers from people offering to sew for the End Trachoma project. There has also been a membership enquiry passed to Kay. A board meeting would be held this Monday.

Paul said that he, David, Phil and Graeme would attend the Parkdale United Cricket Club that Thursday to present the Keith Carpenter Memorial Award to a young cricketer

Kay reported that a total amount of \$1163 had been donated to date for the Parkinsons Walk appeal. Some money is still outstanding; Thanks to everyone.

Kathy referred to the resumption of Bunnings sausage sizzles and our club has been allocated Saturday 12 December. Some members offered to help.

Members then moved to rooms for the Community and Projects committee meetings. Reports from these meetings are summarised below.

Community:

The End Trachoma hygiene packs and the development of a sensory garden at the Emerge refuge are the main projects at present. Sewing of bags for hygiene kits is going well. DG Alma has commented favourably on our efforts for End Trachoma

Planning for the Emerge sensory garden project is continuing. Placement of the planned mural should be decided this week. The Mordialloc Men's Shed will construct some timber seats for the garden and the question of paying them needs resolution. If the project continues in 2021, it is possible that a District Grant could be available

The food parcels project is completed. Some 230 packs were distributed.

Still in discussion with Woodlands GC on resumption of club meetings. Should be clearer now after easing of restrictions. No date yet for club Christmas function, it might become clearer this week. The lunch for lonely people is cancelled for this year.

Projects:

Bunnings sausage sizzles are resuming and we have one booked for 12 December. There is a list of strict instructions, including clean clothes and aprons, to meet Covid requirements. Jack and Phil will attend the first Bunnings BBQ to see how it goes. It is also suggested that we write to the District Governor suggesting a nationwide increase in prices of sausages and drinks set by Bunnings.

A community social gathering on Australian Day is being considered. A display publicising the Centenary of Rotary in Australia is proposed at the Gnome and Fairy Festival.

Other Matters

Jack Cooper won the fortnightly raffle and earned a voucher for Bocconcino's pizzeria.

Jack also reported that George Aivatoglou is still not well. However, Jill reported that Len Brear is recovering well.

Phil has negotiated via local member Tim Richardson and obtained agreement of the transport authorities for erection of club signage at Mentone, Parkdale, Mordialloc and Aspendale railway stations.

IF YOU HAVE A SEWING MACHINE THEN WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Mordialloc Rotary is making 231 toiletry kits for the students of the P-12 Lajamanu School located 965km NW of Alice Springs. These kits will enable the students to care for their eyes and faces and will reduce the risk of Trachoma. Trachoma is a debilitating eye disease that is entirely preventable by good hygiene. We need your help to sew up bags and add draw strings, like the one shown in the photo. We will provide the cut fabric and strings, all you need to do is the sewing and threading of the draw strings. **If you can help please email Di at info@mordiallocrotary.org.au.**

Eliminating Trachoma is a Rotary Australia project and forms part of the celebration of 100 years of Rotary in Australia. We want Trachoma to be eliminated as a cause of blindness in indigenous communities. If you live in the Mentone to Mordialloc area, your help would be appreciated.

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