



The Mordialloc Bulletin

News and Views of the Rotary Club of Mordialloc

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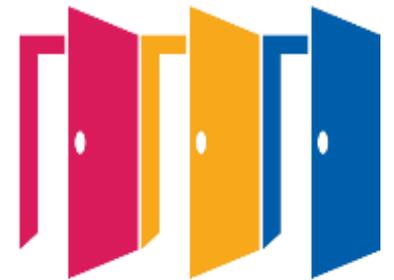
Meeting No 2371
8 December
2020

District Governor 2020-21: Alma Reynolds

Assistant Governor: Heather Chisholm

THIS WEEK'S MEETING Electronic Meeting using "Zoom"

Date: 8 December
Speaker: Dr Sarah Garner
Topic: Walter & Eliza Hall Institute
Chairman: David Brunt
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

Greetings one and all and welcome to our penultimate meeting for 2020. I have just returned from the 4-day Victorian mystery tour which I went on with nine other club members and partners. I think I can speak on behalf of all of us in saying we had a fabulous time. As a group we revisited some past destinations and also became acquainted with new places of interest in Victoria. We also had the opportunity to make new acquaintances. One thought that ran through my mind over the four days was the theme of entrepreneurship.

The classical definition of an entrepreneur is of an individual who starts a new business for the purpose of making a profit. More modern definitions include the notion that an entrepreneur is an individual who commences a new endeavour to transform their immediate world to solve a problem or create a benefit.

Certainly, Joel and Peter, the individuals that put together the tour itinerary and did all the work to make our four days an enjoyable experience, were entrepreneurs in the classical sense. However, their efforts also had elements that echoed the more modern definition. There were a number of occasions where we visited attractions and the comment was made that we were the first tour bus to come through since the lifting of the Covid restrictions.

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SUMMARY OF COMING EVENTS

- 12 Dec (Sat) Bunnings sausage sizzle
- 14 Dec (Mon) Board meeting 7.30 pm
- 15 Dec (Tues) Club committees
- 16 Dec (Wed) End Trachoma packing day. Taranto house 10.30 am. See details
- 17 Dec (Thurs) Christmas Dinner, Mentone RSL. 7.00 pm.

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 proprietors had a palpable sense of anticipation that normal activity was returning and they appreciated the effort that had been made for us to take part in the tour.

We saw examples of the more modern definition of entrepreneurship with the number of communities that have taken the initiative to engage artists to create large images on both retired and working grain silos. These are now attractions that are drawing visitors to the small towns in regional Victoria and getting people acquainted with their towns as well as their history.

We also met a couple who bought an olive farm because they liked the view.

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They knew nothing about growing olives let alone making olive oil. In eight years however they have taught themselves what is involved and are leading the way in creating world class extra virgin olive oil and associated products. The business is known as Goora Madda Olives. They have not been afraid to experiment and try things outside of the classical approach.

In many ways Rotarians can be entrepreneurs in the modern sense. When you think about that is what we do, we take on endeavours to make a difference that benefits the world around us.

If members have not responded to my earlier request around how we conduct our meetings in the New Year, please respond to Trina or me by the end of this week.

Jenny and Ernie should have some details to share with us about a Christmas function. I encourage as many members and friends to come along as possible.

This week's message comes from one of our best-known entrepreneurs Richard Branson.

"My biggest motivation? Just to keep challenging myself. I see life almost like one long university education that I never had — every day I'm learning something new." -Richard Branson, founder Virgin Group

Cheers Paul
"Rotary Opens Opportunities"

Club Meeting No 2370 – 1 December – Zoom Video

Attendance: 20 members, 1 visiting Rotarian

Visiting Rotarian: PDG Shia Smart

President *Paul* welcomed all members and guest PDG Shia Smart. He then announced the following:

- The club has received a certificate for a Major Donor in the bronze category for total contributions to Rotary Foundation of US\$100,000
- Paul has sent out an email to all members with options for club meeting structure for 2021. All encouraged to respond with preferences by 11 December.

Paul invited PDG Shia Smart to speak. Shia congratulated the Club for achieving all their Rotary goals for the 2019-20 year and thanked Past President Ernie. The club was presented with a Rotary citation certificate

Jack Cooper then chaired the remainder of the meeting

Reports and Members' Announcements

Treasurer *Graeme* reported accounts for 2019-20 were presented at the AGM and have been signed off by auditor, Bob Tye. No further transactions in week since AGM.

David (community) thanked all who had donated toiletries for Christmas parcels for special needs people. If anyone else wants to donate, items can still be delivered to David.

Also on community service matters, Di reported:

- Di is to meet with Albert from Mordialloc Men's Shed to talk about seating for the EMERGE project
- End Trachoma – production of hygiene kits is progressing. Packing the bags day is on Wednesday 16 December at 10.30 am – this may be the first of several days. Sandwich Lunch provided, bring a cake? Please contact Di if you can come.

Youth matters: *Di* reported as follows:

- Parkdale Secondary have presented their two end of year awards sponsored by Rotary to a debater and public speaker and to an indigenous student who has been a club leader.
- We also received thank you letters from two Year 8 students, Chris and Tom, at St. Bede's. These are shown on Page 4
- Meeting with Parkdale Secondary teachers to discuss Gnome & Fairy Festival is set for 15 December (time to be confirmed).

Di and *Jack Pyziakos* met with *Bunnings* to go over the new guidelines for our first sausage sizzle on Saturday, 12 December. The set up will be quite different, for example 5 people are needed on each shift and one person is to dispense sauce. *Phil* has further information from RC Hampton about their Covid-safe guidelines.

Onions are to be sliced at *Jack* and *Kathy's* on Friday 11 December at 6pm. *Carol* questioned whether we are allowed to slice onions as a group. It was suggested we buy them pre-sliced or individuals prepare batches. *Phil* is to check with RC Hampton/Sandringham how they are managing this.

Ernie (projects and fundraising) reported:

- A meeting was held during the week of the Committee for the 100th anniversary of Rotary Australia and the Club's 50th anniversary. Australia Day celebrations were also discussed:
- City of Kingston have been contacted but no parade etc. is planned for Australia Day. *Paul* has talked to RC Moorabbin who are talking to rangers of Karkarook Park about a possible clean-up day. If this happens, we may be able to provide free sausage sizzle.
- Banners, flyers are to be used at various events through the year. *Shia* confirmed *Ken Miller* is the person to contact to source banners for 100th anniversary events.

Phil (marketing) reported he met with Metro Trains representative during the week, who has confirmed we can place a sign at the new Mentone station. Also signs can be installed at Mordialloc and Aspendale stations.

Paul will meet with President of Parkdale United Cricket Club on Thursday to discuss the club assisting with the Gnome & Fairy Festival.

Carol showed a certificate she received in recognition of her mentoring with Ambulance Victoria.

Club Christmas function – Jenny and Ernie are organising and it is now confirmed to be held at the Mentone RSL for a dinner on Thursday 17 December (RSL is not open on a Tuesday night).

Alan has honey for sale. Contact Alan to order.

The fortnightly raffle was drawn and the winner was David Brunt who received a voucher for “Just Italy”

Guest Speaker – Brian Foley – Rotary Foundation Issues

The mission of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

Brian described some history and highlights of the Foundation commencing in 1917 when it started on the ideas of then RI President Arch Klumph. Significant steps in Foundation history include:

- Slow progress during the 1920s and great depression of the 1930s
- In 1947, following the death of RI founder Paul Harris, The Foundation received large donations in memory of him.
- A major worldwide scholarship started using the donated funds
- In 1957 “Paul Harris recognition” was introduced, initially for individual donations and then extended to club donations in 1964. These resulted in significant increases in funds for the Foundation
- In 1965, Matching Grants and the Group Study Exchange program were introduced.
- In 1978, the grants program was expanded to large scale “Health, Hunger and Humanity” grants (3H).
- In 1979, a successful polio eradication program was undertaken in The Philippines.
- In 1985 after much discussion and based on The Philippines experience, the PolioPlus program was adopted and some \$247 million was raised from Rotarians.
- In 1988, WHO became involved and the immunisation program went worldwide. Other major bodies joined in later years
- In 1999, Rotary peace centres started
- By 2002, immunisation had reduced the annual worldwide incidence of polio from 350,000 (1985) to below 1000 with a major push to finish the job
- In 2013, the Simplified Grants system was introduced, older grants programs, GSE and Ambassadorial Scholarships were phased out.

- By 2015, worldwide polio cases had decreased by 99.9% since 1985.
- In 2020, Africa was declared polio free and only two countries remain polio endemic.

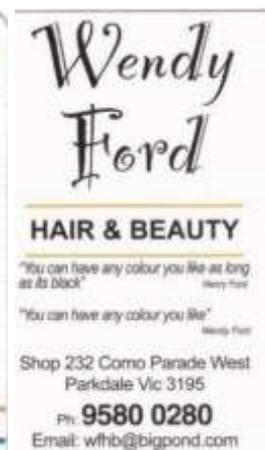
Brian then described how The Foundation uses contributed funds for Global and District grants and other programs. He also described various ways that Rotarians, clubs and corporations can contribute funds. He then outlined the district grants programs, Scholarships and Peace Fellowships, and the Areas of Focus used in the grants assessment process.

The presentation concluded with some photographs Brian took during a visit to Ethiopia in 2009 to assess a 3H grant application on behalf of The Foundation.

Jack Cooper thanked Brian for his presentation.

A copy of the full PowerPoint presentation has been sent to current members.

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Thank you messages from St Bede's College students

To the Rotary Club of Mordialloc,

I would like to express my thanks and gratitude for your gift towards the public speaking club at St Bede's College. I am honoured to have received this generous contribution and thoroughly appreciate the support towards rewarding speakers in their efforts of leadership throughout this unconventional year. I wish your club all success in it's future and truly respect the values and work you undertake in this area.

Warm Regards,
Chris

Dear Rotary Club of Mordialloc,

I hope that you are all well. I am in Year 8 at St Bede's College, Mentone, and it was a huge surprise to receive an award from the Rotary Club of Mordialloc. Thank you very much for the Certificate and very generous \$100, which is very exciting.

The award was given to me for organising a video of Year 8 boys, thanking the Year 12 boys for looking after us during our unusual school year in 2020. The Year 12 leaders, and many of the other Year 12 boys, created videos for the rest of the school, giving us encouragement and support during our home learning. Putting together a video to thank them for all of their kindness, while also studying for their exams, was just a small token of our gratitude. I didn't do it, expecting a reward. Nine other Year 8 boys contributed to the video, and if they didn't participate, my idea would never have progressed. My teachers also gave a huge amount of assistance and support, and it wouldn't have been successful without them.

Thank you for all of the work which Rotary does in our community, as well as the awards which you provide. You give us all a positive example of how much people can help and support others with generosity and kindness.

I hope that you all have an enjoyable end to 2020 and a happy and safe Christmas.

Hopefully 2021 will be COVID-free so we can have a more normal year!

Thank you very much for the award.

Kind regards,
Tom