



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 2372
15 December
2020

District Governor 2020-21: Alma Reynolds

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THIS WEEK'S MEETING Electronic Meeting using "Zoom"

Date:	15 December
Speakers:	Club members
Topic:	Committee meetings – Community and Projects
Chairman:	Paul Taranto
Bulletin notes:	Brian Foley



Rotary Opens Opportunities
RI theme 2020-21

Message from President Paul Taranto

Hello everyone and welcome to our last formal meeting for 2020. The meeting night is one for the committees to come together and that is appropriate as there is much to be discussed with events and programs that will still need attention over December and January. We still have our Christmas function for this coming Thursday evening and this will be an opportunity to enjoy some fellowship before we break and look forward to more fellowship with family and friends during Christmas and the New Year.

It is timely to remember that the first object of Rotary is "The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service". From acquaintance fellowship can follow. It was clearly evident on Friday evening that our Club members treasured the opportunity to become reacquainted with face-to-face interaction (despite wearing masks and gloves whilst the onions were handled) as the onions were peeled and sliced in preparation for our first BBQ at Bunnings on the Saturday. Fellowship followed as we shared a meal and drinks with Kathy and Jack hosting us and everyone bringing something for the table.

On Saturday I was fortunate enough to see the first shift arrive at Bunnings feed the hungry customers. The joy and excitement were very evident again as members caught up with each other face-to-face for the first time since Covid restrictions were eased.

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SUMMARY OF COMING EVENTS

14 Dec (Mon)	Board meeting 7.30 pm
16 Dec (Wed)	End Trachoma packing day. Taranto house 10.30 am. See details
17 Dec (Thurs)	Christmas Dinner, Mentone RSL. 7.00 pm.
12 Jan 2021 (Tues)	Sports and Picnic night 4 – 8 pm Sandringham Croquet Club. Further details to come.

This week's club meeting is by Zoom video link, at 6.15 for 6.30 pm. Arrangements for club meetings in 2021 are still to be finalised

A big thank you to all those that put in a lot of hard work and planning to get this BBQ away. Another big thank you to all those who came along on the day to help sell around 800 sausages and many cold drinks. The new arrangements that Bunnings have set up are good in so much as there is more room for the cooking and handling. However the facility is now closed in on three sides so ventilation and cooling are limited so it became quite warm for those working inside the tents.

It has come to my attention that my request to members to provide some feedback on meeting options for the New Year has created some concern and anxiety.

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For those members for whom this has occurred, I apologise. As I have said previously the Covid lock down did give us the opportunity to see how we could continue to function without having to meet in person. On the other hand, the experiences of the last week have reinforced that face-to-face fellowship is an important element to being a member of Rotary. The Board will discuss the matter and will bring to the club membership a recommendation/s for members to consider adopting in the New Year. I again ask that all members respect other member's views and understand that our personal circumstances are different and that this will influence our preferences.

This week is certainly filling with opportunities for fellowship and service. I would like to thank in advance all those who will be coming to help pack the first of the End Trachoma kits this coming Wednesday.

Given the focus on fellowship in this message, it is worth sharing the definition that comes up when the word is entered into Google:

"Friendly association, especially with people who share one's interests.

"they valued fun and good fellowship as the cement of the community"

And a message from the late American writer Laurie Colwin (1944 – 1992)

"We know that without food we would die. Without fellowship, life is not worth living."

Cheers Paul

"Rotary Opens Opportunities" (for acquaintance and fellowship)

Club Meeting No 2371 – 8 December – Zoom Video

Attendance: 20 members, 3 guests

Apologies: Don Van, Paul Taranto,

Guests: Dr Sarah Garner, Casey Ah-Cann, Margaret Aivatoglou

In the absence of President Paul, Brian Foley presided and welcomed all members and guests. He then announced the following:

- Reminded all to review President Paul's email re options for future meetings and reply to Paul or Trina by Friday, 11 December.
- Brian asked if members were interested in having a social night at the Sandringham Croquet Club as in previous years, on Tuesday, 12 January. A booking has been made and details will be sent to members.
- Brian gave a round-up of the previous weekend's mystery tour of NE Victoria which was very much enjoyed by the 10 members and partners who participated..

David Brunt then chaired the remainder of the meeting

Reports and Members' Announcements

Secretary *Trina* reminded of the board meeting to be held on Monday 14 December.

Treasurer *Graeme* made a payment to the Rotary Foundation and received money from honey sales.

Community:

- David is still receiving toiletries for gift parcels for people in special needs accommodation.
- Di reported on a meeting with Albert at the Men's Shed who is happy to help with seating for the EMERGE project and can source timber from off-cuts.
- End Trachoma hygiene kits – Di acknowledged the contributions made by Jill and Kay. Di is organising a packing day on Wednesday, 16 December at 10.30 – please let Di know if you can help. Sandi at End Trachoma is going to find transport for the kits at no cost. During the mystery tour, Di had received some toiletries from the motels where we stayed.

International: *Brian* noted that we have collected voluntary donations for "Give Every Child a Future", which have been matched by the club. He will advise *Graeme* where to make the payment. *Brian* is to attend a Rotary Foundation district meeting on Thursday.

Projects: *Ernie* advised:

- The first Bunnings BBQ is on Saturday, 12 December. Di will email all with roster, what each volunteer's job is to be and the Covid-safe guidelines.
- Gnome & Fairy committee meeting is on Wednesday, 9 December at 2pm at the Cooper's house.

Ernie then announced the Club Christmas dinner has been booked at the Mentone RSL on Thursday, 17 December with a 3-course Christmas meal for \$18. Please let *Ernie* know by Tuesday 15th if you wish to attend.

Kay advised the Parkinson's Peer Support Group will meet on Zoom on Thursday, 10 December at 10am. All are welcome to attend.

Kathy reminded all about cherries – orders will be delivered on Thursday, 10 December.

Jill passed on a comment from husband *Len* who has been a guest speaker at many Rotary club meetings. Guest speakers usually appreciate having a meal during the meeting especially if they have travelled a distance to attend a club. It might not be appreciated if the meal is delayed until after the meeting under a revised meeting format and timing.

Guest Speakers – Dr Sarah Garner and Casey Ah-Cann from WEHI (formerly the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute).

Casey Ah-Cann introduced WEHI, outlining the five research themes:

- WEHI.tv can be accessed on line for videos about how the science works
- Discovery tours – hope to be up and running again next year
- Consumer buddy program – for anyone who has the disease being researched
- Blood donor registry
- Community fundraising (see website)

Dr Sarah Garner then spoke concentrating on :

- Overview of research activities during Covid-19
- What is Covid-19 – one of a group of coronaviruses, identified by spikey appearance – there are a lot of coronaviruses, including MERS and SARS, some are also common cold viruses
- How does it make people sick – by using our cells as manufacturing plants, replicating themselves and infecting more cells
- Research has to learn how it interact with our cells in order to be able to create treatments and prevent infection

The Institute has specific Covid-19 projects dealing with:

- Drug discovery and development
- Clinical trials
- Understanding disease susceptibility
- Diagnostics
- Biologies

Sarah then showed a video of the latest technology being used which requires no human interaction. This includes:

- Research using the technology of re-purposing current drugs for new purposes. Two drugs have shown promise of combating Covid-19. All this is done in very short period of time, never before seen in human history
- A mini set of human lungs can be created in a petri dish and drugs added directly to see how they interact with the cells
- Trial of hydroxychloroquine trialled with healthcare workers – has been proved not to work
- Important arm of Covid-19 research – what in our immune system protects us? Why are some people more prone?
- Developing new diagnostic devices – strategies for managing outbreaks – i.e. a test that only requires 15 minutes to get a result for more rapid mass screening
- May be able to test if people have been exposed in the past and whether they are immune going forward
- Testing antibodies through vaccines for their ability to block the virus

- Important to understand why some people get very sick and others don't.

Sarah and Casey then answered a number of members' questions. One asked for some background on the establishment of the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute. In summary, Walter and Eliza Hall came to Australia for the gold rush of the 1890s. While they made limited money from gold, they made a fortune by running a transport business. After Walter died, Eliza and her family decided to use some of the family fortune establish a medical research institute in Walter's memory. It commenced operation in 1915 and since then has employed some of the country's leading medical specialists in undertaking studies and making significant discoveries in immunity, cancer, infectious diseases. Funding is supplied by State and Commonwealth governments and philanthropic donors.

David Brunt proposed thanks to the speakers.

More information is available on the WEHI website:

www.wehi.edu.au – You can also subscribe to quarterly newsletter "Illuminate"

On the lighter side for Christmas

A Carolling We Will Go.

Do you know the popular titles to these well-known Christmas carols? Answers on Page 4

- 1 To call forth the entire assembly loyal in their belief!
- 2 We listen to messengers of harmonious sounds!
- 3 Nocturnal times pan of unbroken quietness!
- 4 Small Judean municipality, southeast of Jerusalem!
- 5 Our auditory mechanisms perceive their voices at the zenith!
- 6 Diminutive masculine master of skin covered cylinders!
- 7 May blessings grant respite to ecstatic personages of male gender!
- 8 Venture forth and voice from a specific alpine geological formation!
- 9 The first-person nominative plural of a triumvirate of Oriental potentates!
- 10 Nocturnal awe of the time span characterized by religiosity!
- 11 Distant from the present locale in a device devoted to animal alimentation!
- 12 The initial commemoration of divine incarnation!
- 13 It occurred during the nocturnal point equidistant between crepuscular periods of Non-precipitous weather!
- 14 A troiche of oceangoing vehicles was apparent
- 15 Felicitations to Sol's third major satellite!
- 16 Do not prevent the crystallization of hydrogen hydroxide forming precipitate from the atmosphere!
- 17 Apply an ecologic visually aesthetic improvement to interior causeways!
- 18 The metallic hemispherical percussion instruments stimulated my auditory nerves at the incarnation feast!
- 19 During the vigilance of custodians of ruminants of the genus ovus!
- 20 I shall return to the site of my domicile for the celebration of divine nativity!

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A few Christmas Q and As:

Q: What does Santa Claus do in his garden?
A: Hoe, hoe, hoe!

Q: If an athlete gets athlete's foot, what does an astronaut get??
A: Missile toe!

Q: What do snowmen eat for breakfast?
A: Snowflakes.

Q: What do you call people who are afraid of Santa Claus?
A: Claustrophobic.

Christmas Quotes

"What I don't like about office Christmas parties is looking for a new job the next day." --Phyllis Diller

"The Supreme Court has ruled that they cannot have a nativity scene in Washington, D.C. This wasn't for any religious reasons. They couldn't find three wise men and a virgin." --Jay Leno

Answers to names of carols on Page 3

- 1 Oh Come All Ye Faithful
- 2 Hark The Heralds Angels Sing
- 3 Silent Night
- 4 Oh Little Town Of Bethlehem
- 5 Angels We Have Heard On High
- 6 Little Drummer Boy
- 7 God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen
- 8 Go Tell It On The Mountain
- 9 We Three Kings
- 10 I'm Dreaming Of A White Christmas
- 11 Away In A Manger
- 12 The First Noel
- 13 It Came Upon A Midnight Clear
- 14 I Saw Three Ships Come Sailing
- 15 Joy To The World
- 16 Let It Snow
- 17 Deck The Halls
- 18 The Christmas Bells
- 19 While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks By Night
- 20 I'll Be Home For Christmas



Christmas Greetings and Happy New Year to you all
and your families