



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 2375
9 February 2021

District Governor 2020-21: Alma Reynolds

Assistant Governor: Heather Chisholm

THIS WEEK'S MEETING Electronic Meeting using "Zoom"

Date:	9 February
Speakers:	Club members
Topic:	Committee meetings – Community and Projects
Chairman:	Brian Foley
Desk:	David Brunt, Don Van
Bulletin notes:	Trina Williams



Message from President Paul Taranto

Hello everyone and thank you to all of you that are taking part in this week's committee meetings. It was lovely to be back at Woodlands last week and even lovelier to have 5 guests join us. The club has certainly been active the last few months and has been showing its face to the local community. This increased visibility can only assist in getting the message out to people just what Rotary is about, what our club is doing and what can be gained from becoming a Rotarian. I look forward to seeing more new faces in the weeks/months ahead.

The committees meet this week on Zoom and have much to discuss with the following items along with other initiatives that may be brought forward:

- Gnome and Fairy Festival
- Developing the scope of the Emerge project and taking some first steps.
- Progressing the youth sports equipment storage project at Mallacoota
- Developing the project to hold Telehealth seminars for the local community.
- The club's 50th anniversary celebration

The Clean Up Australia event, the End Trachoma hygiene kit project and the club's support of Parkinson's fundraising walk have all been promoted on our Facebook page. I remind members to give some thought to the other stories that can be told about what the club and members are doing.

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SUMMARY OF COMING EVENTS

15 Feb (Mon)	Board meeting Taranto house
16 Feb (Tues)	Club meeting at Woodlands GC Speaker Chris Dance "Papercut"
23 Feb (Tues)	Club meeting at Woodlands GC Speaker Peter Negri – Clubmates Travel
25 Feb (Thurs)	Mordialloc Theatre Night Shirley Burke Hall 8 pm
2 Mar (Tues)	Club meeting at Woodlands GC
9 Mar (Tues)	Club meeting on Zoom Committees
14 Mar (Sun)	Gnome & Fairy Festival, George Woods Reserve, Mordialloc

Please send your suggestions for stories to Phil, Trina or me so they can also go up on our Facebook page.

Some members may remember the phrase "Just when you thought it was safe to go back into the water!" Well the Covid virus has shown us again how wily it can be and it has once again reared its head in the Victorian community. Fingers crossed that the prompt response and follow up by the authorities will once again see this as a blip and not a wave.

At this time of the year we once would have been talking about the upcoming District conference and the fundraising effort by cyclists with the "Rotary Ride for Research dollars" in support of the Australian Rotary Research Foundation.

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This year with a virtual district conference, the ride organizers have come up with a new idea - the "Mad March Cycle Challenge". A copy of the flyer accompanies the bulletin. I encourage members to think about taking part and promote the campaign with their family and friends. Use this as an opportunity to spread the good news about what the Australian Rotary Research Foundation does for the Australian community in the area of mental health (amongst other things).

I have talked a bit about spreading the good news about Rotary's works so the quote this week comes from an American Evangelical Pastor Mark Driscoll:

"This world needs more than good works. It needs good news. Good works come out of the good news".

Cheers Paul

"Rotary Opens Opportunities" (for spreading good news)

Important PS:

For those weeks that we meet at Woodlands GC, please remember to tell David Brunt (0418526180) whether or not you will be attending the meeting **and** whether or not you will be having a meal. David needs to know before midday on Monday before the meeting.

Club Meeting No 2374 – 2 February – Woodlands Golf Club

Attendance: 14 members, 6 guests

Apologies: Jenny Pudney, George Aivatoglou, Carol Quayle, Brian Schauer, Phil Maxwell, Barry Donaldson, Jill Brear.

Guests: Trevor Salmon, Suzie Thorpe, Damian and Chris Pardy, Paolo, Jamie Payet.

President's announcements

President Paul welcomed members to our first face-to-face meeting since March 2020. He also welcomed the six guests and hoped they would learn about the range of club projects and activities during the meeting. Paul then mentioned the following:

- He drew attention to the latest edition of the district newsletter "Open Doors" that reported on a range of activities by clubs throughout the District.
- Paul and Di had visited Emerald at the recent weekend and saw signs of activity by local clubs.
- The recent sausage sizzle at Bunnings Mentone and the clean-up at Karkarook Park on Australia Day were both successful and examples of our club in action.
- The Gnome & Fairy Festival is now only six weeks away and planning is advanced including the appropriate Covid protocols.
- Thanks to all who had helped purchase and pack materials for the "End Trachoma" hygiene packs. 59 boxes containing 232 packs were despatched to Alice Springs on 27 January.

In welcoming guest Jamie Payet, Paul explained Jamie's role in arranging sale of the large number of guitars donated to the club by Alan Opie in honour of his late son. Jamie has many contacts in the music industry and has been able to finalise many sales.

The first project likely to benefit from the guitar sales is provision of storage facilities for sporting goods for youth in Mallacoota under the bushfire relief program.

Paul then chaired the remainder of the meeting.

Other Reports and Members Announcements.

Treasurer *Graeme* advised that all subscriptions have now been paid. The term deposit will be due for re-investment shortly.

Brian (international) reported that \$500 each has now been paid to Rotarians against Malaria (RAM) and Rotary Oceania Medical Aid to Children (ROMAC).

Ernie (projects) reported as follows:

- The clean-up day at Karkarook Park on Australia Day in conjunction with Moorabbin and Bentleigh Moorabbin Central went well. The three clubs made a number of contacts among the general public.
- The recent committee meeting for the Gnome & Fairy committee reported that all is on track. An application to the Department of Health for the festival is in preparation. The next committee meeting is on 10 February.
- Barry Plant, City of Kingston and Bendigo Bank are major sponsors for the Gnome & Fairy Festival. Some 18 advertising boards will be erected around the district.
- A "meet and greet" program for shopping centres is in preparation.
- The Interplast Golf Day is scheduled for Friday 9 April.

Paul added further comment on the Australia Day clean-up. The three clubs involved agreed that it was a success and are keen for it to run again 2022. Much rubbish was collected – more than was obvious when we arrived there. The "Friends of Karkarook Park" group were very satisfied with our efforts and the result.

David (community) reported that a Covid training program for the Parkinsons Group is being developed. The next meeting of the group will be announced shortly, probably in March.

Paul suggested that a public seminar on the use of Telehealth could be developed to meet a community need.

Jack Cooper added to Ernie's comments on the Gnome & Fairy Festival. A tent has been found for purchase for approximately \$600 which is less than the annual hire cost in previous years. A portable ATM is being hired.

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Kathy Thompson spoke about the club night at the Mordialloc Theatre Company production on 25 February. The remaining two tickets were immediately sold! Details of the show are repeated below:

Mordialloc Theatre Company

2021 First Production

"Love Loss and What I Wore".

By Nora and Delia Ephron, directed by Barbara Crawford

An award-winning series of monologues performed by a cast of five women. The subject matter of the monologues includes women's relationships and wardrobes and at times the interaction of the two, using the women's wardrobe as a time capsule of a woman's life.

Shirley Burke Theatre, Parkers Road, Parkdale
Thursday 25 February at 8.00 pm
All tickets \$10

Contact Kathy Thompson for tickets
Email: jackpyziakos@optusnet.com.au

Jack Pyziakos told us details of his new "Rolls Royce" Hondo lawn mower that has a double row of blades and cuts grass very finely. He considers the mower to be great value.

Alan responded with his story of visiting the "Victoria ward" at a local hospital in the early days of rotary lawn mowers. Alan also said that his bees are in good condition and it should be a good year for honey.

Winners of the club raffle were Jack Cooper and guest Trevor Salmon.

In his concluding remarks, President Paul thanked all six guests and expressed the hope that they learned something about Rotary and our club in particular. He extended a welcome them to return to the club and consider becoming a member.

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**MAD MARCH
CYCLE CHALLENGE
2021**



"MAD March Cycle Challenge"
Ride, run, walk or swim to **Make A Difference**.
March 1st to 31st 2021

How far can you cover in the month of March 2021 — 10km or 1000km?
Challenge yourself in your regular exercise routine or start a new one to improve your health.
Set a target distance and fundraising goal, seek sponsorship.
Challenge your friends to join you.

Raise funds for **"Australian Rotary Health"** to sponsor medical research.
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Donations are tax deductible.

"Registration is free"

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