



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 2376
16 February
2021

District Governor 2020-21: Alma Reynolds

Assistant Governor: Heather Chisholm

THIS WEEK'S MEETING Electronic Meeting using "Zoom"

Date: 16 February
Speaker: Chris Dance
Topic: Papercut
Chairman: Paul Taranto
Desk: David Brunt, Don Van
Bulletin notes: Trina Williams



Message from President-Elect Brian

In the absence of President Paul, here are some of my own thoughts from the past week

Mordialloc Rotarians are all saddened to learn of the death of our long-term active member, and recent Honorary Member, Royden (Don) Butler at the age of 96. A bereavement message from the Rotary Club of Mordialloc appeared in the *Herald Sun* newspaper today (15 February). Our condolences are extended to Margaret and family.

Don was a club member for over 30 years and was extremely active in the local community until about a year ago. He was an enthusiastic volunteer for most club projects some notable ones being the Annual Art Show, the Annual Jumble Sale, the school reading program at Mordialloc Primary School and the clean-up and beautification at Parkdale Railway Station. Don was a multiple Paul Harris Fellow and District 9810 Secretary to then DG Don Holderness in 1992/93.

A week ago, we were expressing pleasure in having enjoyed our first in-person club meeting back at Woodlands GC since last March. Then on Friday, everything reverted several months to Stage 4 lockdown conditions across the whole community. Hopefully, the present outbreak will be contained soon and we can all resume the "new normal" under Covid-safe conditions.

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SUMMARY OF COMING EVENTS

- 15 Feb (Mon) Board meeting at 7.30 pm on Zoom
- 23 Feb (Tues) Club meeting at Woodlands GC
Speaker Peter Negri – Clubmates Travel. Meeting format to be advised
- 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

With the Covid situation in Melbourne still evolving, the location and format of the meetings listed above is to be confirmed. Project activities and other events will be confirmed closer to the dates

Over the recent weekend, I attended the Multi-District President-Elects Training Seminar involving three Victorian district and the one Tasmanian district all held on Zoom. There was discussion on crisis management and adapting to Covid restrictions for club meetings and activities, some more successfully than others. There was a very positive approach to the future and need for Rotary service in the post-Covid period. I will be at our district's PETS sessions on three evenings this week. More information on plans for next Rotary year will be available in May and June.

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The weekend discussions on crisis management reminded me of a statement attributed to Winston Churchill – “A crisis is a terrible thing to waste.”

Cheers Brian Foley
“Rotary Opens Opportunities”

Important Notice re meeting attendance:

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 2375 – 9 February – Electronic Meeting on Zoom

Attendance: 17 members, 1 guest

Apologies: Paul and Di Taranto, Carol Quayle, Don Van.

Guest: Margaret Aivatoglou.

President-Elect’s announcements

In the absence of President Paul, President-Elect Brian presided and chaired the remainder of the meeting. Brian welcomed members and announced the following:

- It was good to meet in person at Woodlands the previous week and welcome a number of guests.
- Last week’s meeting was on Zoom as this was found to facilitate committee meetings.
- The district events schedule “Highlights” listed the Gnome and Fairy Festival prominently.
- The District 9810 website shows two photos from the Australia Day clean-up and BBQ at Karkarook Park.
- The Rotary International theme logo for 2021-22 has been announced “Serve to Change Lives.”
- Brian would be attending the Multi-District PETS on 13 and 14 February with follow up sessions on District 9810 issues the following week all on Zoom.

Reports and Member Announcements

Phil outlined the situation with government approval needed to run the Gnome & Fairy Festival. *Phil* advised that 2 weeks ago we applied for a government permit for a Tier 2 event, with the advice that this needed to be in 4 weeks before the event. Today we were advised it may take another 4-6 weeks for approval, thus preventing us from proceeding with all the necessary advertising. *Phil* is to contact our local MP, *Tim Richardson* to seek his help and a decision will then be made by the board level as to how to proceed.

Secretary *Trina* reminded all that the next Board meeting is on Monday, 15 February. 2 emails were received expressing interest in membership and these were forwarded to *Kay* for reply. A request from the NT Learning with Families program was received re “End Trachoma hygiene kits. An email from City of Kingston advised no further support needed for their client.

Jack Pyziakos advised he contacted Bunnings who have offered a BBQ on Labour Day, Monday 8 March.

Kathy advised tickets are booked for the Mordialloc Theatre Co. on Thursday, 25 February. 20 people are going and the theatre will have 65 seats available out of their normal capacity of 200.

The Community and Projects & Marketing Committees then met and reported back as follows:

Community:

- *David* expressed his general concern with the whole community sector where many problems are arising from the prolonged Covid lockdown.
- Parkinson’s Support Group – many patients have gone downhill over recent months. It is hoped that the support group can resume in March. Development of a training course for Covid marshals is complex and very bureaucratic.
- Proposed “Telehealth” seminar – *David* has discussed the idea with *Samantha* at Mordialloc Neighbourhood House. She has talked to the Alfred Hospital and others, who agree it is a good idea and will support a seminar at the MNH – to be run on a Thursday. *David* asks members and friends to share any experiences they may have had of Telehealth, either good or bad. *Jill* has used the system and found it useful for prescriptions although she had some concerns. *Jenny* has found that calls can extend well beyond the allotted time. Doctors should keep to time.
- Reclink presentation – not yet.
- Mallacoota youth sports equipment. The local Rotary club appreciates that we are still involved.
- Another school in Northern Territory is interested in the hygiene kits.
- *Jill* reported that *Fareshare* is likely to resume in June under strict conditions.

Projects

- Gnome & Fairy Festival – committee meeting on 10 February is cancelled, pending further word on government approval. *Phil* will contact our local MP. *Tim Richardson* and a decision will then be taken.
- Interplast Golf Day – *Barry Donaldson* has canvassed previous players and decided to cancel the April event based on their responses. *Jack Cooper* and *Ernie* are to talk to Woodlands to find an alternative date, possibly later in the year. *Jill* suggested tying in golf day with our 50th anniversary celebrations – all agreed this is a good idea.
- 50th anniversary – venue is confirmed. *Jack Cooper* is compiling a list of invitees.
- “Ask about Rotary” meet and greet tables in shopping centres are to go ahead in April. *Ernie* to ask permission from Council. A BBQ donated by Bunnings is available for a raffle.

Alan has lots of honey available – please ask family and friends and let *Alan* know how many jars you want.

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Jenny advised that she is very busy in her role as a contact tracer – much harder than school teaching.

David Brunt has sent me the following message concerning Ryan Kisby.

*“Hi Brian,
Just to let you know that my friend Ryan passed away on Wednesday night. Ryan had been a guest at the club on a couple of occasions both as a speaker and as a singer. Ryan was diagnosed with MND about 2 years ago . Ryan also attended our Parkinson Support Group. Ryan was 40 years of age.*

David”

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