



The Mordialloc Bulletin

News and Views of the
Rotary Club of Mordialloc

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Club meets at Woodlands Golf Club
109 White Street Mordialloc
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Tuesday 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm

Meeting No 2380
16 March 2021

District Governor 2020-21: Alma Reynolds

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THIS WEEK'S MEETING Electronic Meeting using "Zoom"

Date: 16 March
Speaker: Dorothy Booth
Topic: Friends of Mentone Railway Station
Chairman: Ernie Williams
Desk: David Brunt, Don Van
Bulletin notes: Brian Foley



Message from President Paul

Welcome everyone to our latest meeting. I trust everyone has had a good week. The rain on the weekend was welcome. The week also brought the anniversary of the Covid 19 pandemic and our Premier taking a tumble. If I can just talk safety for a moment, the Premier's tumble is a reminder of the importance of taking care when going up and down steps or stairs. It may seem a fairly mundane and routine activity but it is also a relatively high-risk activity (as the Premier's injury and stay in hospital illustrates). With routine activities people can often behave as if the activity does not require their full attention and so try to do two things at once such as read or send a text message. The distraction that comes from trying to do two things at once can leave us blind to the hazard that exists (this could be wet or slippery stairs) and so a poor outcome is the result. I may sound a little preachy on this but it is a message that is worth repeating so that further incidents like the Premier's are avoided in the future.

I mentioned the rain earlier. Dianne and I managed to spend a couple of nights up at Lal Lal our country retreat. Something I take a great deal of joy in is seeing things work as they should. On this occasion it was watching how our water catchment system operated. As an engineer I am familiar with hydraulics and fluid dynamics. To the eye it is just pipes and tanks but the importance of the height of the gutters on various building and the entry levels for each tank is important in determining which tank fills first and so on.

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SUMMARY OF COMING EVENTS

15 Mar (Mon)	Board meeting 7.30 pm Taranto house
23 Mar (Tues)	Speaker: Jenny Pudney "Covid issues"
30 Mar (Tues)	Fellowship night. Details to come
31 Mar (Wed)	Reclink presentation & BBQ Details to come
4 April (Sun)	Bunnings Mentone sausage sizzle.
6 April (Tues)	Kathy Thompson "Rotarian behind the badge"

This week's club meeting includes dinner and will be held at Woodlands Golf Club 6.00 for 6.30 pm.

It may have appeared a little crazy but I got a buzz out of watching (standing in the rain) the three tanks fill and seeing the overflows activate in the order they were meant to. It was a good illustration of how good planning and design yields a productive outcome.

Speaking of productive outcomes I am pleased to say that the club's submission for an article to be considered for inclusion in the R100 coffee table book was completed on schedule. I have asked for a copy of it to be included with this bulletin. It is a great story and illustrates how our club has supported the local community over the last ten plus years. Thank you to Kay Gordon, Brian Foley and Bob Travers for making this happen.

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With the 100th anniversary of Rotary fast approaching I point out to members that there are some nice mementos (stamp, coins and a book) mentioned in this month's Rotary Down Under (pages 26 and 27). I am a sucker for mementos so I will be applying for them.

Speaking of telling our story, Trina Williams has asked members to send to her any photos and videos from our activities and projects this year. Trina will turn these into a two-minute video presentation to be shown at the District 9810 segment at the District conference in May.

I have said a lot about story telling so this week's quote is naturally about the power of telling a story.

"Stories are a communal currency of humanity." --Tahir Shah, in *Arabian Nights*

Cheers Paul

"Rotary Opens Opportunities" (to tell stories of Rotary's good works)

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.

About this week's speaker Dorothy Booth

"Winning Friends"
The Mentone Station Story

In 2002 the Mentone Station story started out as a fight to stop the area becoming a Bus Interchange. A story of a group of determined people who said a very loud "NO" to that idea fighting to retain and improve the precinct.

Hear how The Friends of Mentone Station & Gardens began, becoming a force to be reckoned by their efforts turning a degraded vandal ravaged tired looking, station and unloved garden space into a State Heritage listed site.

By bringing the community with us and engaging with many government instrumentalities along the way to create the community space you see to-day.

"The Jewel in the Crown of The City of Kingston".

Club Meeting No 2379 –9 March – Zoom meeting

Attendance: 17 members, 2 guests

Apologies: Graeme Bruce, Kay Gordon, Alan Opie, Jack Pyziakos

Guests: Margaret Aivatoglou, Jennifer Cloke

President's announcements

President Paul welcomed members and guests and then announced the following:

- Peter Sindrey of the East Gippsland Rotary Bushfire Recovery group has advised that the container for sports equipment is on its way to Mallacoota.
- This year's District Conference will be a multi-district event held on-line over the weekend 1 and 2 May. A specific segment for District 9810 will be held on the afternoon of Sunday 2 May.
- The Bunnings BBQ held on Labour Day was a success. Thanks to all who helped.
- The club's article for the Rotary Centenary Book was nearly complete. (The finished article is attached to this bulletin)

President Paul chaired the remainder of the meeting.

Reports and Member Announcements

Di Taranto reported that the recent Bunnings barbeque raised \$1680. The next barbeque would be held on Easter Sunday 4th Easter.

Di also reported that the hygiene kits for the End Trachoma project had arrived at the Lajamanu School, Northern Territory and would be distributed on Friday. Teacher Victoria would send pictures or a video of the distribution.

David (Community) reported that Reclink will hold the presentation of donated football equipment on 31 March. Details of time and venue to be confirmed. As the club will run a barbeque, a driver is needed for Jack's truck to tow the barbeque trailer.

Kathy said that she had used a voucher for the salon "Beauty on the Park" and was very pleased with the service.

Committee Meetings.

The members then moved into two committee groups with a summary of their discussions as follows:

Community and Club Service

- The Reclink equipment presentation day will be held on Wednesday 31 March. *Di Taranto* can drive the truck with barbeque trailer. Paul will prepare a flyer with details of the event.
- Parkinsons support group would meet on Thursday 11 March at St Nicholas Hall in Mordialloc. Under the restrictions, no food or drink service can be provided. Fellowship is the main purpose of the group. On the advice of two medical clinics, a seminar on use of Telehealth should be deferred until Covid is under control.
- Emerge – The flowering gum tree has been planted. The Men's Shed has started making a seat. Possible future features include a BBQ, gazebo area and more seating.
- Under Club Service, Bocconcino's in Parkdale is suggested for the fellowship dinner on 30 March. A date for the conference dinner yet to be considered.

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Projects Committee

- Arrangements for “Meet and Greet” sessions in various local shopping centres are now being examined. Council approval will be required and is already available for Mordialloc.
- The planning for the 50th anniversary celebration is as reported by Jack and Brian last week.
- The Interplast Golf Day is now rescheduled to 17 September at Woodlands Golf Club.
- The possibility of holding an Art and Handicrafts show in Mentone or Parkdale is being examined.

Trina Williams won the raffle for which a voucher from a local business was the prize. Trina chose the Main Street Caffe in Mordialloc.

On the Lighter Side



The problem with stealing quotes off the Internet is you never know if they are genuine.

~ Abraham Lincoln

Some one-liners:

- I intend to live forever – so far, so good.
- Laughing stock - cattle with a sense of humour
- Everyone has photographic memory. Some just don't have film.
- Shin – a device for finding furniture in the dark.
- If you are not making waves, you are not kicking hard enough.
- If everything seems to be going well, you must have overlooked something.

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Club's submission for the Rotary Centenary Coffee Table book

Header Copy

When you need something done? Who do you call? With apologies to Ray Parker Jr, it is not the "Ghostbusters" it is your local Rotary Club. When the Mordialloc Police station were looking for a group to help them acquire a beach buggy to use in patrolling Melbourne's southern beaches, who did they turn to? The Rotary Club of Mordialloc.

Body Copy

The City of Kingston is a bayside council of Melbourne that covers 24 kilometres of 8 beautiful beaches from Mentone to Carrum. In 2009 Snr. Sergeant Brad Hanel, who was in charge at the Mordialloc Police station at the time, approached Mordialloc Rotary Club incoming President Robert Travers to see if it would be possible to supply a 4-wheel drive all-terrain vehicle (commonly known as a beach buggy). This buggy would be used by the Police to patrol the beach areas to keep the community safe while enjoying a family outing.

The Parkdale Community Bendigo Bank was approached by the Rotary Club of Mordialloc to see if funds were available and the bank very generously covered the cost of purchasing a beach buggy along with signage to recognize the Bank and Rotary's involvement. The Rotary Club of Mordialloc purchased the trailer that was needed to transport the buggy to and from the beach.

What an achievement when in 2011 The Rotary Police buggy commenced Patrol and the community was well served for 4 years by the original vehicle. In 2015 the Rotary Police Buggy needed to be replaced and again the Rotary Clubs of Mordialloc, Aspendale and Chelsea came together in conjunction with the Parkdale Community Bendigo Bank and the City of Kingston to get a new one. The Rotary Club of Mordialloc covers the cost of the vehicle's registration and list the vehicle as a club asset under the Rotary District insurance policy.

The Rotary Police beach buggy always creates a great deal of excitement with the kids, and also gives the community a sense of safety when it is spotted on patrol at the beach. The Rotary Police buggy has also been used by the Police at the Melbourne Grand Prix to patrol the crowds that attend.

This Rotary Police buggy project is a great example of how a Rotary Club works with local agencies and other Rotary Clubs, to provide an asset that enhances a communities' wellbeing on an ongoing basis. On a hot summer day thousands of people flock to our beaches, where they can relax and enjoy the sun and sand, knowing that they can be supported by the Rotary Police Buggy if needed.

Rotary at Work in our Community.



New Buggy (2015 – current day)



Old Buggy (2010 -2014)