



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 2381
23 March 2021

District Governor 2020-21: Alma Reynolds

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THIS WEEK'S MEETING

Dinner meeting at Woodlands Golf Club, 6.00 for 6.30 pm

Date: 23 March
Speaker: Jenny Pudney
Topic: Covid Issues
Chairman: Trina Williams
Desk: David Brunt, Don Van
Bulletin notes: Brian Foley



Message from President Paul

Hello everyone and welcome to our meeting again at Woodlands. Someone once said, "You don't know what you have until it's gone". I do not know who the author is but the saying really encapsulates for me a lot of what we have faced over the last 12 months since the Covid pandemic struck. Our losses included freedom of movement, ability to catch up with family and friends, being able to have a meal out, holding face to face Rotary meetings, being able to hold public events and so the list goes on.

One particular loss for me was the ability to go and watch my grandson Tim Taranto play AFL football in person. The last time I was able to see him and his teammates run onto the ground and warm up and then play a game was the 2019 Grand Final. So this Sunday I will get to break an 18-month drought when Dianne and I fly to Sydney and see Tim and the Giants take on the St Kilda Saints at Giants' oval. I am writing this message Saturday evening and hope there are no last-minute hitches that arise from the heavy rains in Sydney.

The return of our ability to engage in public events is also very welcome. The Australia Day clean-up event at Karkarook Park, the return of Bunnings BBQs, the Decathlon "Ask me about Rotary" tent and our engagement with local businesses have all helped lift our profile in the community.

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Summary of Coming Events

30 Mar (Tues)	Fellowship dinner at Bocconcino's Restaurant, Parkdale. 6 for 6.30 pm Further details on Page 2
31 Mar (Wed)	Reclink presentation & BBQ. 11.00 am Lawson Poole Reserve, Cranbourne. Details Page 3
4 April (Sun)	Bunnings Mentone Sausage sizzle
6 April (Tues)	Dinner meeting Woodlands GC Speaker: Kathy Thompson "Rotarian behind the badge"
11 April (Sun)	Tour of Mentone Railway Station with Dorothy Booth. 1 pm
13 April (Tues)	Club committees meet on Zoom
19 April (Mon)	Board meeting at Taranto house. 7.30 pm
20 April (Tues)	Dinner meeting at Woodlands GC Speaker: Carly Michael "Photogenie."
27 April (Tue)	Zoom meeting (Speaker based in WA) Speaker: Monica Macoun, author of "You, Me and a Cup of Tea"
30 April (Fri)	District Conference Dinner. Venue to be advised
1 - 2 May (Sat-Sun)	Multi-District Conference (virtual) Details to come
6 May (Thurs)	Theatre night, Mordialloc Theatre Company, 8.00 pm. Details on page 2

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The club's engagement with other community organizations such as the "Friends of Karkarook Park, Mordialloc Men's Shed, the Dingley Salvation Army, Chelsea Police, Mentone Historical Society, "Friends of Mentone Station Gardens" and the Emerge Women's Shelter has meant that we have had a steady stream of speakers and guests coming to our meetings.

I have stressed previously that it is important for members to encourage guests to come along to meetings as this is an important avenue in getting new members. For the club to continue to do its good work in the local community and leverage off the reach of Rotary International, new members are vital. So I was pleased to advise members at last week's meeting that the Board has approved the membership application of Trevor Salmon. I am looking forward to inducting Trevor in the coming weeks.

We have a busy few weeks coming up with the fellowship dinner on March 30, the Reclink presentation on March 31 and the next Bunnings BBQ on April 4. The Mallacoota project is also steaming ahead and Jenny and Dianne should have some updates on our visit to Mallacoota in the next few weeks.

I opened this message with a saying on "You don't know what you have until it's gone". Membership is the life blood of any club so please work on spreading the message about Rotary and inviting guests along.

I will close with a quote reflective of the message above. "Appreciate what you have before it turns into what you had.." Anonymous

Cheers Paul
"Rotary Opens Opportunities" (to appreciate what you have)

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.

Evening Fellowship Meeting Tuesday 30 March
6 for 6.30pm
Bocconcino's Restaurant
276 Como Pde W, Parkdale Victoria 3195

Menu options can be seen at:
<http://bocconcinos.com.au/menu.html>

BYO is available for wines.

Please advise Kathy Thompson if you wish to attend.
Email: jackpyziakos@optusnet.com.au
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Club Meeting No 2380 –16 March – Woodlands Golf Club

Attendance: 12 members, 4 guests

Apologies: Graeme Bruce, Kay Gordon, Kathy Thompson, Jack Pyziakos, George Aivatoglou, Brian Schauer, Phil Maxwell, Carol Quayle Jill Brear.

Guests: Dorothy Booth (guest speaker), Peter Radcliffe, Jennifer Cloke, Trevor Salmon

President's announcements

President Paul welcomed members and guests and then announced that the board had met the previous evening and made several decisions. Directors can give details.

Ernie Williams chaired the remainder of the meeting.

Reports and Member Announcements

Secretary Trina:

- The board had approved an application for membership from Trevor Salmon. This is published in this bulletin.
- Ernie was granted three weeks leave.
- The next Bunnings BBQ is on Sunday 4 April.
- The club will pay the hall hire fee for the Parkinsons support group.

Brian, on behalf of the treasurer, advised that the club term deposit is about to mature and the board has agreed to transfer \$5000 to the Charities account and reinvest the balance.

Di Taranto reported that the hygiene kits for the End Trachoma project had been distributed to students at the Lajamanu School, Northern Territory. Pictures or a video of the distribution are expected to come soon.

David (Community):

- Despite David's hesitancy in relation to holding a seminar on Telehealth, Mordialloc Neighbourhood House are keen to promote it along with several other organisations. David will pursue this further.
- Final details of the Reclink presentation day were still awaited. (Ed. These have now been received and are listed on Page 3)

Brian (International) said that the planned program was complete and planning would now start for next year.

Jack Cooper is preparing an application to Kingston Council for a grant towards the cost of the next Gnome & Fairy Festival.

Paul said that an arts and craft market was being held at Elwood last Sunday that could be a model for a similar event for our club.

The annual club district conference dinner is agreed for Friday 30 April. Details to come.

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A trip to Mallacoota is planned for presentation of the container for sports equipment. This is expected to be set shortly in conjunction with the Rotary East Gippsland Fire Recovery group.

Jack Cooper won the raffle and guest speaker Dorothy won second prize. The raffle raised \$38 and the wheel chair collection raised \$15.

Application for Club Membership

The club board has received and approved an application for membership from the following person:

Name: Trevor Salmon
Classification : Mechanical Engineering

Any member who objects to this nomination should submit details of the objection to me in writing by 30 March 2021

Trina Williams
Secretary

Proposed Reclink Presentation Day - 31 March

Reclink has arranged to host the day at the Lawson Poole Reserve in Cranbourne, at the corner of Thompson's Road and South Gippsland Highway. It is the home ground of the Casey Cobras Reclink Team.

The location on Google Maps is:
<https://goo.gl/maps/cJ7hJwY9JL Gj62x9>

The program for the day is:
11:00am The event would start around 11am as teams arrive
11:50am The Rotary presentation to hand over equipment to teams
12:00am Matches commencing
2:30-3pm The event concludes.

Rotary Club of Mordialloc members (helping with the BBQ) will bring the BBQ and associated equipment, arriving at 10-30. Dianne will organise the roster.

Other Mordialloc members interested in attending the day and the presentation should arrive between 11 and 11.30 am.

Guest Speaker Dorothy Booth – “The Friends of Mentone Station and Gardens Group”

Dorothy is a retired school teacher and became involved with the station in 2002 when the State Government proposed to relocate a bus interchange on the gardens site adjoining the Mentone railway station. This was opposed by many local business people and community members. A rally in opposition to the proposal attracted some 200 people and the group was set up, headed by Gary Spencer, a retired army officer, with Dorothy as deputy. Local businessman and ex-councillor, Reg Marlow, was first treasurer.

Its mission is stated as:

“To improve the Station & Gardens standards, as a source of community pride and to appreciate and preserve this significant, State Historical Asset.”

The Vision is:

“To establish Mentone Station & Gardens as a source of public pride and as the gateway to the Mentone Community”.

And the Motto is:

“Enhancing the gateway to the Mentone Community.”

Dorothy gave a mainly pictorial presentation showing views of Mentone Railway Station, the gardens and other surrounding areas from the 1920s, through more recent years up to the new station and gardens established by the level crossing replacement program. Over this period the friends' group has negotiated with many government agencies especially during the planning and implementation of the crossing replacement. A major step that has assisted them was obtaining listing the railway station as a State Heritage Site in 2006. During all the negotiations, Dorothy stressed that all the planners, engineers and other people were very respectful and listened to all the arguments in deciding action to be undertaken.

Dorothy responded to questions and has agreed to host a tour of the station and gardens by our members on Sunday 11 April. She describes the site as *“The Jewel in the Crown of the City of Kingston.”*

David Brunt proposed the thanks to Dorothy.



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