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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 2382
30 March 2021

District Governor 2020-21: Alma Reynolds

Assistant Governor: Heather Chisholm

THIS WEEK'S MEETING

Date: 30 March

Fellowship dinner at Bocconcino's Restaurant, 276 Como Pde West, Parkdale.
6 for 6.30 pm

BYO is available for wines.

Please advise Kathy Thompson if you wish to attend.

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Rotary Opens Opportunities
RI theme 2020-21

Message from President Paul

Welcome everyone and I hope you have been able to join me and other members at our fellowship dinner at Bocconcino's in Parkdale. The week just past has seen Victoria reach 28 days without a Covid community infection (the experts saying this means the virus has been eradicated in Victoria, for now). There has also been the emergence of a community transmission case in Brisbane and the abatement of the floods in NSW. The floods have wrought enormous loss for many and in some cases it has been loss following loss after the recent bush fires.

Fire and flood brought to mind Dorothy Mackellar's poem, "My Country" and the lines:

*"I love a sunburnt country, A land of sweeping plains,
Of ragged mountain ranges, Of droughts and flooding rains."*

The ravages of drought, fire and flood certainly call upon the resilience, the support and inventiveness of the community impacted and those that care about them. Australians have shown themselves to be an inventive lot and have come up with ideas and inventions to address needs as they became aware of them.

A television show I have been enjoying recently is "Aussie inventions that changed the world." I was not aware that it was an Australian who first used an electric charge to stimulate a stopped heart.

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Summary of Coming Events

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 3
23 - 30 May	District 9810 Training Assembly (online) Several sessions spread over the week. Details to come
29 Jun (Tues)	Annual Club Changeover.

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This endeavour eventually led to the application of pacemakers that keep many people alive today. Another Australian tested the use of lithium as a treatment to help people suffering from bipolar disorder. Today lithium treatment helps many people modulate their brain activity and lead stable lives. In recent times Dr Fiona Wood saw that there was a need for a better faster treatment for burns victims. Her work led to the development of a spray on skin treatment that has shortened the treatment time by many weeks.

Rotary is well versed in seeing needs and then doing something about addressing them. The "EndPolio Now" campaign is a great example of how Rotary has seen a need and has then harnessed the advantages of an International organisation to drive the effort to eradicate the world of this scourge.

In the months ahead the Rotary clubs in NSW will no doubt become aware of needs in their communities that are not being met through local state and federal government efforts. When the time comes, I am sure ours and other Rotary clubs will look to support the NSW clubs as they work to fill gaps as their communities rebuild.

This week's message has been about responding to needs so this week's saying is appropriately about our role in responding to needs. It comes from the American author Marianne Williamson.

"Each of us has a unique part to play in the healing of the world."

Cheers Paul

"Rotary Opens Opportunities" (to find ways to meet community needs)

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 2381 – 23 March – Woodlands Golf Club

Attendance: 14 members, 1 guest

Apologies: Graeme Bruce, Jack Pyziakos, George Aivatoglou, Brian Schauer, Phil Maxwell, Carol Quayle, .

Guest: Trevor Salmon

President's announcements

President Paul welcomed members and gave the following announcements:

- With the end of daylight saving on 4 April, the monthly meeting schedule will be two face-to-face, two on Zoom and one fellowship meeting when there is a fifth Tuesday in the month.

- At the request of several members, a sergeant's fine session would be conducted by Paul that evening.
- The club has a busy schedule for the next couple of months.

Trina Williams chaired the remainder of the meeting.

Reports and Member Announcements

Secretary *Trina* reported that last week's speaker, Dorothy Booth, had donated a book on the history of the Mentone Station Gardens group to the club.

David, on behalf of treasurer Graeme, advised that payment had been made to the East Gippsland Rotary Fire group for the Mallacoota container for sports equipment. Brian added that \$5000 has been transferred from the investment account to the charities account.

Current count balances are:

General - \$4040

Charities - \$7158

Projects - \$19730

Investment - \$16763

David (Community) reminded of the Reclink sports equipment presentation at Cranbourne on Wednesday 31 March. Details are shown on Page 3. It is expected that 70 to 80 players would be present plus Rotarians so we should cater for 100 persons at the barbeque.

Di Taranto reported:

- Onion peeling for the Reclink barbeque would be held at the Taranto on Monday 29 March from 5 pm.
- The hygiene kits for the End Trachoma project had been distributed to students at the Lajamanu School, Northern Territory. Pictures of the distribution are still coming.
- Albert and John from the Mordialloc Men's Shed have completed a seat for delivery to Emerge.

Paul then spoke about the Mallacoota container project. Paul has been speaking with Peter Sindrey about a suitable date for our club to visit Mallacoota for the formal handover. Local media would be invited.

Jack Cooper said that he and Phil had looked at the Mentone railway site as a venue for a club event.

David said that the ABC series "Back Roads" would be reporting on Mallacoota last Thursday (25 March).

Kay said that a mid-week market was held in Mornington and was very popular.

Cliff reported that he had received his first Covid injection that day.

Paul then held a short sergeant's fine session, the first held since the first lockdown in March 2020. Among items raised was the fact that Victoria had recorded no ne Covid cases for nearly a month. Paul was also pleased to see a football match at Giants' stadium last week. Brian had become a member of the "OBE club" last November and Helen joined him recently.

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David won the raffle and Cliff won second prize. The raffle raised \$38 and the wheel chair collection raised \$11.

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/cJ7hJwY9JJLGj62x9>

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.

Mordialloc Theatre Company

Play – *"Things I Know to be True"*

Shirley Burke Theatre
Parkers Road, Parkdale
Thursday 6 May at 8.00 pm

This will be the Melbourne premiere of *Things I Know to be True*, directed by Geoff Arnold. Renowned Australian playwright, Andrew Bovell has crafted a funny, honest and moving family drama set in the suburbs of Melbourne and we are proud to be staging the first Melbourne production of this outstanding play.

Tickets \$25 each. Contact Kathy Thompson if you wish to attend.

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Guest Speaker Jenny Pudney – "Covid Issues"

Jenny gave us an interesting account of her work as a Covid contact tracer over several months in the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services. Due to the strict confidentiality requirements of Jenny's employment and privacy issues, the content of her talk cannot be published.

Jill Brear gave the vote of thanks.

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