



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 2383
6 April 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: 6 April
Speaker: Kathy Thompson
Topic: Rotarian behind the badge
Chairman: Di Taranto
Desk: David Brunt, Don Van
Bulletin notes: Brian Foley



Message from President Paul

Hello everyone and welcome to our first meeting post the end of daylight saving. I trust you all enjoyed/took advantage of that extra hour that came with the switch over Saturday evening/Sunday morning. I would also like to wish everyone a happy and joyous Easter. The Easter period has many connotations for people but what is common is the sense of new life, hope and new beginnings.

Speaking of new beginnings, the club was finally able to present the new football equipment to the six teams in the south eastern Reclink league last Wednesday. If you have not already seen the photos posted on Facebook by both our club and Reclink, then I encourage you to do so. It was a great experience to see the Reclink participants play a demonstration match to open the season and see how well they support each other and the support they get from Reclink staff. I would like the community committee to consider adding involvement with Reclink to our portfolio of community projects.

There was one moment on Wednesday that reminded me of how powerful Rotary's activities are. One of the Reclink staff that was organizing the event, came up to me and told me how as a young man his family had very little. He and his family came home one day and there waiting for them was a collection of goods donated by Rotary. I think it would have been the Rotary Club of Frankston based on where he lived at that time.

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Summary of Coming Events

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
4 May (Tue)	Dinner meeting at Woodlands GC Speakers from Mordialloc Men's Shed
6 May (Thurs)	Theatre night, Mordialloc Theatre Company, 8.00 pm. Details on page 3
11 May (Tues)	Club committees meet on Zoom
23 – 30 May	District 9810 Training Assembly (online) Several sessions spread over the week. Details to come
26 Jun (Sat)	District 9810 Annual Changeover. Details to come.
29 Jun (Tues)	Annual Club Changeover.

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These donated items made a big difference to their life he said he would always be thankful to Rotary and appreciate what Rotary does in the community.

The week just passed also brought pictures of the school community at Lajamanu receiving their hygiene packs. These photos come from the school's Facebook page and so can be shared. Some are included in this week's bulletin. You can certainly see the joy and appreciation in the children's faces.

It was a great night at our fellowship dinner last Tuesday. Judging by the conversation level everyone has having a good time and also enjoyed their meals. The number of member partners that were able to come along was also a highlight. There will be more partner nights in the coming months.

With daylight saving ended, the club now moves to the schedule of having two face to face meetings at Woodlands and two Zoom meetings each four-week cycle. I know past members, honorary members and friends of the club get this bulletin. All are welcome to attend club meetings and if you intend to attend a Zoom meeting please let Trina Williams (trinawil@bigpond.net.au) know so she can send you the Zoom link.

Much of this week's message has been around the impact that Rotary can have so let me leave you with the last two paragraphs from the star fish story. For those that are not familiar with this story it is about a man who comes across a boy on the beach. The boy is picking up starfish and throwing them back into the sea. The man strikes up a conversation and asks the boy what he is doing.

"Son," the man replied, "don't you realise there are miles and miles of beach and hundreds of starfish? You can't make a difference!"

After listening politely, the boy bent down, picked up another starfish, and threw it back into the surf. Then, smiling at the man, he said, "I made a difference for that one."

Cheers Paul
"Rotary Opens Opportunities" (to make a difference in the lives of individuals)

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 2382 – 30 March – Fellowship Dinner at Bocconcino's Restaurant, Parkdale.

Attendance: 20 members, partners and guests. With plenty of pasta, pizza and other Italian delicacies, we all enjoyed a great evening of food and fellowship.

Apart from reminders about Reclink presentation day and the next Bunnings sausage sizzle, there were no other announcements or items of formal Rotary business. It was a great night of fellowship.

Other Announcements

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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Arrival of Hygiene Packs at Lajamanu School, Northern Territory

Under an Australia-wide project known as End Trachoma to celebrate 100 years of Rotary in Australia, Rotary Club of Mordialloc donated 231 hygiene packs to a school at Lajamanu, Northern Territory, in a remote location some 900 kilometres north-west of Alice Springs. Club members purchased materials and assembled the packs before they were despatched late in January. The packs arrived safely several weeks ago and have been distributed to all students at the school. Teacher Victoria Cassonato, who spoke to the club about the project in January, has sent the following pictures showing excited children of various ages with their packs.



More from Lajamanu



Victoria explains the packs to students

Photographs from the ReLink sporting equipment presentation day 31 March



More from the Reclink Day

