



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 2384
14 April 2021

District Governor 2020-21: Alma Reynolds

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THIS WEEK'S MEETING

Electronic Meeting on Zoom using Zoom, 6.15 for 6.30 pm

Date: 13 April
Speakers: Club members
Topic: Committees – Community and Projects
Chairman: Paul Taranto
Desk: David Brunt, Don Van
Bulletin notes: Brian Foley



Message from President Paul

Welcome everyone to our latest Zoom meeting for our committee meetings. The week just past has certainly had some momentous developments with the passing of Carla Zampatti, the change in advice around the Astra-Zeneca vaccine and the passing of Prince Philip the Duke of Edinburgh. Several items caught my attention this week and at first it was difficult to identify an underlying theme but then it became clear that the theme was “doing”.

Australia, as I have discussed previously, has its fair share of inventive/innovative people. Carla Zampatti certainly fits into that category with her work on developing women’s fashion that was functional but had a timeless elegance. It was a tragedy to hear that she died as the result of a fall whilst attending the opera at Lady Macquarie’s chair in Sydney. I do not know all the details around the incident but it is certainly a reminder that all should take care when going up or down stairs. A simple everyday activity can have a tragic outcome.

A head line on Thursday’s *Australian Financial Review* (AFR) caught my eye. It announced that “Canny Canva founders join Australia’s 10 richest with \$8 billion in wealth”. I had not heard of Canva but it is an IT company that has developed presentation software that is now in use by 85% of the Fortune 500 companies. Canva is only nine years old and its three Australian founders still hold a controlling interest.

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Summary of Coming Events

11 April (Sun) Event cancelled due to weather	Tour of Mentone Railway Station with Dorothy Booth. Meet at “Busy Boy”, Cnr. Mentone Pde & Florence St, at 1.45 pm for 2.00 pm tour
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.
1 – 2 May (Sat-Sun)	Multi-District Conference (virtual) See “District 9810 Open Doors 6 April for TryBooking link.
16 May (Sun)	Wine tasting at Beckingham Winery Moorabbin at 1.00 pm. 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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It reminded me of Chris Dance and his company Papercut. These young Australian entrepreneurs are certainly doing a great job of identifying the needs of the new economy and developing the products to meet those needs.

Another feature that I enjoy in the AFR is the Chanticleer (the name of the rooster in Reynard the Fox fables) column. An item that caught my eye was the noting that the Japanese car manufacturers are within a whisker of USA auto supremacy. It may have taken 70 years from when the first Toyota was sold in the USA but what the Japanese have been doing in the areas of understanding customer requirements, quality control and cost reduction has seen them set the standards in the global automotive industry.

Finally there is the Duke of Edinburgh. Much will be written about his role and his love for his wife, the Queen. Despite the strictures that came with being a consort to the Queen, he was still able to do many things that came from his own initiative. For me, one of these great initiatives was the "Duke of Edinburgh" awards. These awards have given wonderful encouragement to 14 – 24-year-olds to do things that assist them to be the best they can be. Rest in Peace Prince Philip and thank you for all you have done for the peoples of the world.

It was wonderful last week to welcome our newest member Trevor Salmon into our club. I have assigned Trevor to the Projects committee where I am sure he will contribute to the various projects that the Club is looking at.

I will close this week's message with a saying from the late great George Bernard Shaw.

"Doing what needs to be done may not make you happy, but it will make you great."

— George Bernard Shaw

Cheers Paul

"Rotary Opens Opportunities" (to do so many things)

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 2383 – 6 April – Woodlands Golf Club, Mordialloc.

Attendance: 12 members, 2 guests

Apologies: George Aivatoglou, Graeme Bruce, Barry Donaldson, Kay Gordon, Phil Maxwell, Carol Quayle, Brian Schauer, Ernie and Trina Williams.

Guests: Trevor Salmon, Jennifer Cloke

President Paul opened the meeting and welcomed members and guests.

Induction of new member Trevor Salmon

President Paul carried out the formal induction ceremony to welcome Trevor Salmon to membership of the Rotary Club of Mordialloc. Paul presented Trevor with a Rotary cap and various documents setting out the object of Rotary and various procedures. He was then welcomed personally by each member present.

Trevor has the classification of Mechanical Engineering and Paul explained that he works in the same company as Paul and has considerable expertise in project management.



President Paul performs the induction of new member Trevor

Paul then resumed the meeting and presented Jill Brear with the badge and certificate as a member of the Rotary Foundation Centurion Club.

Di Taranto then chaired the remainder of the meeting.

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New Centurion Jill with new member Trevor

Reports and member announcements

David and *Brian* gave brief updates on club finances. The Charities account had benefitted from the \$1112 raised at the recent Bunnings sausage sizzle. Total funds available stands at \$48,473.

Di thanked all those who helped at the Easter Sunday sausage sizzle. It was a good result given that there were less customers than usual due to Easter. Di and Alan had worked all day. Paul added that the good relationship with Bunnings developed by Jack Pyziakos means that they often turn to us when other groups drop out.

David (community) was sorry to miss the Reclink presentation day. He liked the pictorial report in last week's bulletin.

Brian (international) said that there is an emerging disaster due to massive flooding and landslides in East Timor and parts of Indonesia for which Rotary aid funds might be required.

Di reminded of three coming events:

- Speakers from Mordialloc Neighbourhood House at the club meeting on 4 May
- The Mentone Railway Station garden tour on Sunday 11 April (*deferred due to inclement weather*).
- Beckingham Winery (Moorabbin) tasting Sunday 16 May.

Jill said that could arrange for a range of succulent plants in pots for sale as a fundraiser. Her husband Len has a large number growing at Sorrento.

Paul gave a short explanation of the community service group Reclink formed to assist young people from disadvantaged backgrounds through sport.

Paul referred to our project undertaken in 2020 to provide football equipment to six teams in the Reclink SE Melbourne football competition as reported in the last bulletin. Paul suggested our club could assist Reclink with other special days and events.

Kathy spoke of the following coming events:

- The play "Things I know to be True" at Shirley Burke Theatre on Thursday 6 May. Only two tickets are left. Contact Kathy if you wish to attend.
- District Conference dinner on Friday 30 April. Venue being considered is Cheltenham RSL

Sergeant-at-Arms

By popular demand, the sergeant's session has been re-instated and Jenny filled the role. Jenny tested our knowledge of first aid with a range of questions relating to first aid procedures. The questions included:

- The number of compressions required when applying resuscitation for a child (It is the same as for an adult).
- Location of the defibrillator at Woodlands GC
- How to dislodge a blockage when a person is choking
- Compression only CPR technique (due to Covid)

There were several "across the floor" fines.

Rotarian behind the badge – Kathy Thompson

Kathy was born and raised on a farm property at Biloela, Queensland. Her parents were originally from Victoria and had purchased the farm property. It was first a dairy farm but later moved to wheat and cattle.

Kathy was the fourth of five children and soon learned to be independent. She attended a local school in her younger years and did ballet for some time. Her secondary years were spent at a boarding school where she played hockey.

Kathy's mother and two older sisters were nurses and when she completed schooling Kathy chose pharmacy. She commenced working at a pharmacy in Biloela and then moved to one in Brisbane. She later moved to Melbourne when her first job was working at Hattam's department store in Bentleigh. There was a branch of HBA insurance nearby and, when a job was advertised there, Kathy applied and got it.

Around this time, Kathy started travelling a fair bit both in Australia and overseas. She toured South East Asia when visiting a geologist relative and also travelled to France for business with HBA. AXA subsequently took over HBA and, subsequently, AXA was taken over by the English company BUPA with who Kathy still works.

Kathy had known husband Jack's family from her early years in Biloela and they were married 21 years ago.

Kathy then responded to a number of members' questions

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Kathy Thompson (cont)

In response to a question concerning the future of private health insurance, Kathy said that the private funds all have many products available in addition to basic insurance. It is well worth researching available products via company websites. Customers should try to take advantage of these add-on options.

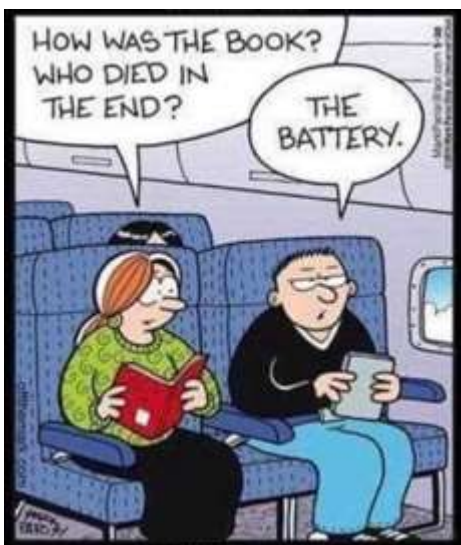
Di Taranto proposed the thanks for Kathy's interesting presentation.

The raffle winners were Kathy Thompson and Di Taranto. The raffle raised \$28 and the wheel chairs collection raised \$8.

On the Lighter Side

Ode to my Spell Checker

*I have a spell in checker
It came with my PC
It plainly marks for my revue
Mist takes I can not sea
I ran this poem threw it
I am shore your pleas to no
It's letter perfect inn it's weigh
My checker tolled me sew*



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