



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 2387
4 May 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: 4 May
Speaker: Gerald Keleher, Albert Orchard
Topic: Mordialloc Men's Shed
Chairman: Di Taranto
Desk: David Brunt, Don Van
Bulletin notes: Brian Foley



Message from President Paul

Welcome everyone to our latest meeting. It was a lovely evening on Friday night as we shared a fellowship Conference Dinner with club members and some partners. Thank you Kathy Thompson for organising this event. The choice of the Cheltenham RSL was a good one and our fellow Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Beaumaris thought so too as they also held their District Conference dinner there as well.

The multi district conference held this weekend certainly demonstrated that Rotary can still put on a show even when Covid was making life difficult. It once again opened my eyes to projects and activities that other Rotarians are undertaking that I had not heard of. For example, the Rotary program called SAFE Families. SAFE is an acronym for **S**top **A**buse in **F**amilies **E**verywhere. This topic links in well with what we heard last week from our speaker Monica Macoun. Our club may like to look into this program a little further and see if it is a program we can support and/or promote.

Another project that caught my attention was the one spoken about by Robert Pradolin called "Housing All Australians". This project is looking at innovative ways to link public land ownership with private capital to get affordable housing built for the many Australians that cannot access home occupancy through traditional pathways.

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Summary of Coming Events

6 May (Thurs)	Theatre night, "Things I know to be True" - Mordialloc Theatre Company, 8.00 pm.
8 May (Sat)	"Ask About Rotary" table, Centreway, Mordialloc
11 May (Tues)	Club committees meet on Zoom
15 May (Sat)	100 th Anniversary celebration picnic Event Cancelled
16 May (Sun)	Wine tasting at Beckingham Winery Moorabbin at 1.00 pm. Details to come
17 May (Mon)	Board meeting at Taranto house. 7.30 pm
18 May (Tues)	Dinner meeting at Woodlands GC Speakers: Barry Arnold and daughter "Inspiring people who have made a difference"
23 – 30 May	District 9810 Training Assembly (online) Several sessions spread over the week. Registration details will be sent to members.
25 May (Tues)	Club meeting on Zoom. Speaker to be advised
26 Jun (Sat)	District 9810 Annual Changeover. Details to come.
29 Jun (Tues)	Annual Club Changeover. Woodlands Golf Club

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Members may recall that the club has supported the Timor Leste solar power project. Well that got a mention but did you also know that Rotary also assisted Timor Leste build their embassy in Canberra! There is no doubt that Rotary is not shy in taking on some big issues and the addition of the Environment as an area of focus from July 1 this year illustrates this point.

I would like to thank Trina Williams again for putting together the presentation of what our club has done in 2020/21 so far. Our presentation was one of a limited number that were highlighted in the District 9810 break out session in the afternoon.

As I write this message, Dianne and I are preparing for a largish family event on Sunday. Unfortunately, this will mean I will miss Sunday's district conference presentations. I hope to hear from members on Tuesday what was covered.

Speaking about family celebrations, one of our members Jack Pyziakos took time out this week to travel up to Queensland to see his grandson Tate try out for a junior NRL representative squad and side. Jack got to experience that moment when Tate's name was read out as being successful in both making the squad and the side. I guess this will mean more trips to Queensland and I trust a handsome contribution in the sergeant's bowl on Tuesday night.

The manner in which the district conference was held this weekend, and the topics covered, certainly gave substance to something Paul Harris said: *'The story of Rotary will have to be written again and again..'*

Paul Harris 1868 – 1947

Cheers Paul
"Rotary Opens Opportunities" (to be part of something great)

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 2386 – 27 April – Electronic Meeting on Zoom.

Attendance: 17 members, 3 guests

Apologies: Kay Gordon, Jack Pyziakos

Guests: Monica Macoun (guest speaker), Jennifer Cloke, Margaret Aivatoglou

President's announcements:

President Paul welcomed Rotarians and guests. He announced:

- 100 Years of Rotary in Australia – the proposed picnic at Jells Park on 15 May has been cancelled.

- Information is now available concerning a Rotary relief program following the recent cyclone in Western Australia. The board will contribute to it. *Trina* then chaired the remainder of the meeting.

Reports and member announcements

Secretary *Trina* reported that some items of correspondence had been passed on to the relevant committees. With the induction of Trevor, current club membership is 23.

In Treasurer Graeme's absence, *David* advised the current state of club finances as:

General A/C	\$4,077
Charities A/C	\$4,060
Projects A/C	\$19,730
Term Deposit	\$16,733

David (Community) reported:

- A donation to the disaster appeal for Western Australia is being followed up..
- The Parkinson's Support Group will meet next on 13 May.
- The question of a Telehealth seminar is being considered with Mordialloc Neighbourhood House

Brian (international) has received a recent update from RC Doncaster on the *Light Up East Timor* solar project. Steady progress is being made although there is a current delay due to recent severe flood damage, an increase both Covid and Dengue Fever resulting in lockdown in many areas.

Di advised that she is working on updating police checks for volunteers at the Emerge refuge centre. *Di* also advised that there is no forward date for the next Bunnings sausage sizzle yet. Bunnings have not commenced Friday sizzles.

Ernie (Projects) reported that:

- 50th Anniversary preparations are proceeding. The next committee meeting will be on Friday 30 April.
- Arrangements for the next Gnome and Fairy Festival are on hold
- The Interplast Golf Day is booked for Friday 17 September at Woodlands GC
- Jill has organised a stall at Bentleigh Market to sell potted succulents on Sunday, 2 May. See report and picture below
- Ernie has organised a "Ask About Rotary" stall will be held at Centreway, Mordialloc on Saturday, 8 May, with a raffle and succulent. sales
- *Di* and Trevor are the committee to consider a car boot sale.

Kathy reminded of the Conference dinner booked at the Cheltenham RSL for Friday, 30 April. *Kathy* also said that all tickets for the Mordialloc Theatre Company production on Thursday, 6 May have been sold.

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Jennifer Cloke referred to the backpack swag project conducted as a fundraiser by Rotary exchange students in 2018-19. The Dingley Gardens Centre had expected to receive swags to the value of \$1000 but none have been delivered. It appears that the company producing them is out of business and the program collapsed.

The club raffle supporting local businesses was won by George Aivatoglou who chose a “Just Italy” voucher.

Other Announcements

Jill and Len Brear ran a stall at the Bentleigh Rotary Market on Sunday 2 May to sell pots of succulent plants. They were made welcome. They sold 14 pots for the day and overall sales were slow on the day. However, the experience was valuable and it is worth continuing with the succulents.



Jill with her pots and the club banner at Bentleigh Market

Guest Speaker - Guest Speaker – Monica Macoun – “You, Me and a Cup of Tea”

Monica appeared by video link from Bunbury, Western Australia, where she now lives and works as a psychologist as principal of a business Let’s Talk. One area that Monica specialises in is the field of child abuse where she works counselling both the victims and perpetrators of past abuse.

As a young child Monica, and other members of her family were victims of child abuse. Despite this early experience, Monica pursued studies in psychology and has now worked in the field for some 25 years and has published a book “You, Me and a Cup of Tea”.

This book contains considerable resources based on research, her own experience and that of others. In the preparation of the book, she had sections of it reviewed by many friends and colleagues.

Some facts and suggestions on child abuse by Monica:

- It is a very uncomfortable subject for most people and that is a barrier in trying to tackle the problem.
- It is a fact that about one in four females have been a victim of some form of child abuse by the time they reach 18 years of age. The corresponding figure for males is one in six by the age of 18.
- A high proportion of perpetrators of abuse, perhaps as high as 90%, were themselves victims of abuse when young.
- Breaking the cycle of abuse relies on education and treatment and much more effective than punishment
- Sending people to prison and then releasing them does not rehabilitate them.

The following questions were raised by members following the presentation:

- The role of schools in educating students on the subject. Monica suggested this gives a false sense of security for parents who must take some responsibility. Also a large number of offenders are well known to the victim such as relatives or friends.
- The effect of imprisonment on offenders. While some offenders do change their ways after being in prison, Monica believes it is not an effective way to manage the issue
- Supervision of offenders. Under Monica’s program, offenders undergo 40 weeks of group therapy and during this time they need to be separated from all children including their own.

Trina gave the vote of thanks.

Monica has provided the following link to her website: www.letstalkcounselling.com.au

This site provides more information on the issues raised in her talk. It also provides information on the sale of the book “You, Me and a Cup of Tea” that is available in both paperback and eBook formats.

On the Lighter Side

A few One-Liners

- Eagles may soar but weasels don’t get sucked into jet engines
- The early bird gets the worm but the second mouse gets the cheese
- I am not cheap but I am on special this week
- I intend to live forever – so far so good
- Everyone has a photographic memory; some just don’t have film.
- Laughing stock: cattle with a sense of humour.
- Black holes are where God divided by zero.
- The only substitute for good manners is fast reflexes
- If everything seems to be going well, you have obviously overlooked something

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