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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 2389  
18 May 2021

**District Governor 2020-21: Alma Reynolds**

**Assistant Governor: Heather Chisholm**

Dinner Meeting at Woodlands Golf Club. 6.00 for 6.30 pm

Date: 18 May  
Speakers: Barry Arnold and daughter  
Topic: Inspiring people who have made a difference  
Chairman: Jack Cooper  
Desk: David Brunt, Don Van  
Bulletin notes: Trina Williams



### Message from President Paul

Hello everyone and welcome to our latest dinner meeting at Woodlands. I apologise that I cannot be with you this evening. I would like to thank, in advance, Barry Arnold and his daughter for coming along and telling club members about "Inspiring people who have made a difference". This subject matter is one that I have a deep and ongoing interest in. It is possible that in the future that I would not need to miss out but I could just dial in, so to speak, and hear the talk virtually.

Brian Foley and I attended the district grants seminar last Friday and it was a great demonstration of how meetings can be conducted both face to face and virtually. Brian was there in person and I dialled in. Mark Balla of the Rotary Club of Box Hill Central has a device that makes it fairly straight forward (just four connections he said) to bring together microphones, cameras, displays and computers that allow all to see and hear and comment as material is discussed.

It was important that Brian and I attend the seminar as it is a pre requisite for us to successfully apply for a district grant for the next stage of the Emerge project (outdoor BBQ and associated facilities). Following the seminar, Brian drafted our application and after my wife Dianne and I reviewed it, it was sent to District. I would like to thank Brian for his initiative as I believe this puts us towards the front of the queue when the time comes for decisions to be made as to where the district grant funds go.

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### Summary of Coming Events

23 – 30 May	District 9810 Training Assembly (online) Several sessions spread over the week. Program and registration details sent to members.
24 May (Mon)	Board meeting at Taranto house. 7.30 pm
25 May (Tues)	Club meeting on Zoom. Speaker – Don Kitson "Wheel Chairs for Kids"
1 June (Tues)	Dinner Meeting at Woodlands GC. Speaker to be advised
8 June (Tues)	Club meeting on Zoom - Committees
9 June (Wed)	Reclink "Love the game" carnival, Wattie Wilson Oval, Elwood. 9.30 am to 3.30 pm
13 June (Sun)	Bunnings sausage sizzle, Mentone. 8 am - 4.00 pm
15 June (Tues)	Dinner meeting at Woodlands GC. Speaker to be advised
21 June (Mon)	Board meeting at Taranto house. 7.30 pm
26 Jun (Sat)	District 9810 Annual Changeover. Southern Golf Club.
29 Jun (Tues)	Annual Club Changeover. Woodlands Golf Club
17 Sept (Fri)	Interplast Golf Day. Woodlands Golf Club

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Speaking about projects, the latest edition of "Open Doors" provides a great window on what other clubs are doing. This can be a source of ideas and inspiration of what we would like to take on. Following other clubs on Facebook can also be another source.

Recently I saw a Facebook post from a club where members (and friends) were knitting blankets and soft toys and were sending these to go with the wheelchairs that "Wheelchairs for Kids" produce and supply to those requiring a wheelchair. This struck me as a very good "hands on" initiative that could also involve people outside of the Rotary Club. Our club has had a long association with "Wheelchairs for Kids" and this maybe an opportunity to extend our assistance. As good fortune would have it our next club zoom meeting (on May 25) will have a speaker from "Wheelchairs for Kids" so this is something we could ask them about.

For those familiar with the series "Game of Thrones" the phrase "winter is coming" will ring a bell. This week winter certainly arrived in Melbourne with cold winds, rain and chilly temperatures. I trust everyone got through the winds unscathed and have kept warm. Certainly having a blanket to cover the legs would be welcome.

Our speaker this week is talking about inspiring people, "Open Doors" provides insights to inspiring ideas so it is appropriate this week's saying is around inspiration. It comes from an individual who has certainly made a difference.

*"Because the people who are crazy enough to think they can change the world are the ones who do". - Steve Jobs 1955 -2011 Joint Founder of Apple Inc*

Cheers Paul

*"Rotary Opens Opportunities" (to do inspiring 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 2388 – 11 May – Virtual meeting on Zoom**

**Attendance:** 17 members, 2 guests

**Apologies:** Ernie and Trina Williams

**Guests:** Jennifer Cloke, Margaret Aivatoglou

#### **President's announcements:**

President Paul welcomed Rotarians and guests and then announced that the main business of the evening would be committee meetings.

Paul also chaired the remainder of the meeting.

#### **Reports and member announcements**

Treasurer *Graeme* gave a brief overall summary of club finances for the Rotary year. Club total funds amount to approximately \$45,000. At this stage, we have raised \$14,000 through various means and paid out some \$32,000 as donations and contributions to project costs.

*Jill* held a table selling succulents as part of the club the "Meet and Greet" stall at Centreway Mordialloc on the previous Saturday morning, 8 May. Sales went well, as 60 were sold and raised \$220. Plants in pots seemed very popular. Succulent sales now total \$395.

*Brian* referred to the program for the online district training assembly over the week 23 to 30 May. There are sessions available for all Rotarians. Paul and Brian attended the District Presidents' meeting on Friday last and saw a hybrid meeting in action – with a few hiccups.

Dianne reminded of the visit to the Beckingham Winery in Moorabbin to be there at 1 pm on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Committee Discussions**

Members then moved into meetings of the Community and Projects committees. Summaries of matters discussed are as follows:

##### *Community*

- The Reclink "Love the Game" carnival is confirmed for Wednesday 9 June at Elwood. Jack Pyziakos with BBQ trailer and three other volunteers needed. Cost to feed about 100 persons \$300 to \$400.
- Rotary SAFE program (<https://rotarysafefamilies.org.au/>) needs further investigation.
- Agreed that we consider an annual award or donation to Mordialloc Theatre Company in memory of Don Butler
- We could consider the offer from Bean's Republic for a Christmas luncheon for the Parkinson's group.
- The committee would seek out another school in Northern Territory for a donation of hygiene kits to follow the Lajamanu project.

##### *Projects*

- The possibility of holding an artisan's market at Mentone Railway Station Gardens be discussed with both Kingston Council and the Friends of Mentone Railway Station
- A few possibilities for using surplus tools from the Mordialloc Men's Shed were discussed. Jeff Needham who is involved with the East Bentleigh Men's Shed also has plenty of surplus tools. Donation of such tools to the Rotary Donations in Kind group could be one use. Alan suggested that surplus tools be sold through a Sunday market where there is a steady demand.
- Club 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Good progress achieved recently. Jack Cooper and Brian Foley are working on the club history.

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- 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary continued. "Save the Date" notices going out to likely attendees.
- "Meet and Greet" stalls in shopping centres. The Mordialloc one went well as did the sales of succulents. Other planned for Mentone and Parkdale.
- Possible car boot sale. The sub-committee was due to meet the following evening. St Patricks school park on Saturday morning was suggested as a venue.
- The Emerge project, phase 2, was discussed comprising an outdoor barbeque and furniture. Brian suggested we seek a District Grant to cover 50% of cost. A preliminary submission to be made to District
- There is a possibility of conducting the next Gnome and Fairy Festival in October. If it is to proceed, we need to allow two months lead time to obtain the necessary approval from the health authorities.
- Guitar man, Jamie Payet, is being considered as musician for the club changeover.

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The club raffle was won by Jenny Pudney who chose a voucher on Jiminy Kitchen, Parkdale.  
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#### On the Lighter Side – Fun Puns

What do you call a melon that's not allowed to get married? Cantaloupe

What does a thesaurus eat for breakfast?  
A synonym roll

BREAKING NEWS! Man gets hit by a rental car.  
Said it Hertz.

Why did the cows return to the marijuana field?  
It was the pot calling the cattle back.

Lance is a very uncommon name these days, but in Medieval times people were called Lance a lot

I don't mean to brag, but... I just put a puzzle together in one day and the box said 2-4 years.

If you boil a funny bone it becomes a laughing stock.  
That's humerus.

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## **WORLD LEADERS TAG 2023 FOR THE LAST CASE OF POLIO!**

*The following article is due to be published in the June 2021 edition of Rotary Down Under. It was prepared by PDG Bob Aitken, the Rotary International Zone 8 Coordinator for the "End Polio Now" program. Bob was the editor of Rotary Down Under for many years*

The END POLIO NOW 'end game' is under way ...

Exciting news is that senior leaders with the Global Polio Eradication Initiative and the World Health Organisation have agreed that our world should see the last case of wild polio virus by the end of 2023. Then, with the completion of the required three-year polio free period, our world should be declared 'polio free' by the end of 2026!

This rationalisation is the start of the planning process by GPEI, based on current facts and figures and what our leaders learn behind the scenes.

RI Past Vice President Mike McGovern, Chair of Rotary International's PolioPlus Committee, told a zoom meeting of RI END POLIO NOW Zone Coordinators on May 11 he had never been more 'optimistic' about the ultimate success of our 45 years plus campaign.

'All the signs are there,' he said. 'For the first time, recent sampling along the Pakistan/Afghanistan border (60 sites) has found no trace of the wild polio virus. It has been 14 weeks since the last case of the wild polio virus was reported – and only two cases this year.'

Chair Mike said his optimism was still tinged with caution, given we were close to zero cases a couple of years ago, but emphasised 'all the signs were encouraging'.

Given that good news, RI Past President and Rotary Foundation Chairman Elect John Germ, brought the meeting back to reality with the warning that end of Rotary year fund raising was vitally important for Rotary teams to maintain the pressure in 2021/22.

'We will need every cent of the Gates Foundation US\$100 million matching grant to continue funding every aspect of our campaign. To qualify, RI must raise US\$50 million by June 30 and, at this time, we are lagging by US\$4,482,000 compared to the same period last year,' he said.

'Some 26 of our 41 regions are down on Polio giving and only 128 Districts (less than half have donated 20% of their DDF to Rotary's priority project.'

Past President John urged EPN team leaders to go back to their coordinators and urge them to work with RI Directors and TRF Trustees in their Regions to stir fundraising support.

'Challenge your own fellow Zone Coordinators, District Governors and other senior leaders to join the cause and give personally as an example to Districts and Clubs.

'Encourage your teams to lean on the non-givers' he urged.

'There are still too many Rotarians who have never given personally to END POLIO NOW,' he concluded.

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