



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 2390
25 May 2021

District Governor 2020-21: Alma Reynolds

Assistant Governor: Heather Chisholm

Electronic Meeting using Zoom. 6.15 for 6.30 pm

Date: 25 May
Speaker: Don Kitson
Topic: Wheelchairs for Kids
Chairman: Trina Williams
Desk: David Brunt, Don Van
Bulletin notes: Brian Foley



Message from President Paul

Greetings everyone and welcome to this week's meeting via zoom. I trust everyone has had a good week. I know Dianne and I did with what was accomplished up at our country retreat. As some of you may know our retreat is a converted Methodist church (it ended its days as a Uniting Church) that was originally built back in the 1800's and at one time the pastor was a relative of Dianne's. This last week saw us, with the help of Dianne's sister's husband (a former Endeavour Hills Rotarian), restore one of the outside toilets to its former glory (now to be used as a storage facility, not for outside ablutions). This had me thinking about legacy and how we can shape what we pass on to the next generation.

Some of you may enjoy reading the "Barefoot Investor" (Scott Pape) in the Sunday Herald Sun newspaper. Last week he wrote about a gentleman by the name of David Swensen. David Swenson passed away in the previous week aged 67. He was the investment manager for the Yale University endowment fund. He grew the fund from a little over 1 billion dollars to over 31 billion dollars as well as teach many generations of students the basic principles on investing. He is/was mentioned in the same breath as Warren Buffet. Scott Pape made the point in the article that David Swenson could have left Yale and achieved much more for himself but rather stayed and in so doing achieved much more for the University and its students. That is David Swenson's legacy.

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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
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
1 July (Thurs)	Mordialloc Theatre Company production "Ladies in Retirement"
17 Sept (Fri)	Interplast Golf Day. Woodlands Golf Club

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All members should have received the May edition of "Rotary Down Under". On page nine there is a brief history of Rotary and the Fred Hollows Foundation. I did not know about the role of Rotary in assisting Fred Hollows' wife Gabi set up this Foundation. Nor did I know about the collaboration between the Rotary Club of Melbourne and the Fred Hollows Foundation in setting up the "End Trachoma" program (that our club actively supported earlier this year). What a wonderful legacy the foundation is for Fred Hollows' work and what a wonderful legacy that Rotary helped it happen.

Tonight's speaker will be talking to us about "Wheelchairs for Kids". Our club has supported this program for more years than I can remember. The weekly \$2 gold coin donations and, in recent times, the proceeds from honey sales from Alan's bees have allowed our club to supply over 200 wheelchairs for children. What a great legacy that is for our club.

My saying for this week comes from the Brazilian mixed martial arts artist Vitor Belfort
"Legacy is not what I did for myself. It's what I am doing for the next generation."
Vitor Belfort (1977 -)

Cheers Paul
"Rotary Opens Opportunities" (to leave a legacy)

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 2389 – 18 May – Dinner Meetings at Woodlands Golf Club

Attendance: 14 members, 3 guests

Apologies: Paul and Dianne Taranto, Graeme Bruce, Kay Gordon, George Aivatoglou, Carol Quayle, Brian Schauer, Phil Maxwell

Guests: Barry Arnold (speaker) and daughter Lindy, Jennifer Cloke.

President's announcements:

In the absence of President Paul, Brian Foley presided.

- Brian drew everyone's attention to last week's bulletin featuring an article with the latest update on the polio program. It says it is expected that our world should be declared "polio free" by the end of 2026! Brian spoke briefly about the history of the project, Rotary's involvement and other funding bodies who have come on board.
- Brian reminded everyone to register for the District Training Assembly, which is on-line this year. There are a number of sessions spread over a week, starting Sunday, 24 May.

Jack Cooper chaired the remainder of the meeting

Reports and member announcements

Secretary *Trina* reported that the Board will meet on Monday, 24 May. She read an email from Chris & Damien Pardy to club members, and shared recent emails and an invitation from RC Bentleigh Moorabbin Central to attend their changeover night.

In Treasurer Graeme's absence, *David* provided a short report on current funds.

David (Community) reported that the Parkinson's Support Group met on Thursday 13 May – regrettably, the health of a number of the group members has declined in recent times. The Reclink "Love the Game" day is on 9 June at Elwood and Jack Pyziakos is organising our BBQ for the day. Please advise Di Taranto if you can help.

Brian reported on the EMERGE project. Brian and Paul attended the District grants seminar and Brian has now put in a preliminary district grant application for the project. For International – nothing specific to report on. Paul will take on International Chair for next year.

Ernie (Projects) reported as follows:
"Save the Date" notices have been sent out to all guests for the Club's 50th Anniversary dinner on Saturday 13 November. The Committee is organising guest speakers and entertainment.

The Interplast Golf Day is on track to be held on Friday, 17 September.

For the Gnome & Fairy Festival, Ernie has asked for feedback from the Committee with regard to holding the event on Sunday, 12 September. Jack Cooper has flagged the date with Kingston Council and Parkdale Secondary College.

A committee for the Car Boot Sale met and has a tentative date of 24 July – it is hoped it could be held at Parkdale Secondary. Ernie is awaiting a response from the Principal.

Mentone Railway station walk around -Ernie is following up with Dorothy Booth.

The next Bunnings BBQ is on Sunday, 13 June – please let Di Taranto know if you can help.

Kathy talked about the next production at the Mordialloc Theatre Co. She is unable to organise this one, so Trina offered to check ticket availability and email details to all. A booking has now been made for Thursday 1 July.

Alan talked about the Wheelchairs for Kids organisation that since 1998 has produced 48,400 wheelchairs for children in developing countries including 15,807 in Africa. Their newsletter "The Drill" has more information. This week's speaker is the CEO of the organisation.

The weekly raffle winners were Brian Foley and Jack Cooper. The raffle raised \$38 and the Donations to Wheelchairs for Kids amounted to \$17.15.

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Guest Speaker - Barry Arnold - "Inspiring People who have made a difference"

Glenyse Cooper introduced the guest speaker for the evening, Barry Arnold, known as "the Music Man" and a member of the Cerberus Probus Club

Barry gave a presentation on "People Who Made a Big Difference" through history, a collection of those who have made a difference by speaking, living and discoveries. The presentation started with Martin Luther King with reference to his famous "I have a dream ..." speech. Other notable people mentioned were:

Abraham Lincoln inspired with the Gettysburg Address. Johannes Gutenberg changed the world with the invention of the first moving type printer.

Mother Teresa lived a life of loving and serving others. Emeline Pankhurst campaigned and achieved the vote for women over 30 (she died just before it was changed to age 21).

Nelson Mandela, responsible for the end of apartheid Florence Nightingale who turned hospitals into places of healing.

Jesus and Mohammed were featured in the presentation.

The Wright brothers persevered with attempts to fly and led the way for flight to be possible for all.

Galileo featured for his discoveries as an astronomer and mathematician.

Isaac Newton for the formulation of the laws of motion and universal gravitation.

Barry also included some controversial figures ... Karl Marx and Hitler, who made a difference but not for the best reasons or outcomes.

Winston Churchill featured for his inspirational speeches and leadership.

Albert Einstein's contributions were immense and Barry shared his quote: "if you can't explain it simply then you don't understand it well enough".

J Robert Oppenheimer made a difference to the world with the design of the atomic bomb.

Henry Ford made mass production of vehicles available to all people.

Lastly Barry talked about his favourite person to make a difference in the world. He named Guido Monaco who, in about the year 1000, created the musical staff notation and made it possible to share the music of the great composers. Barry asked us to reflect on our favourite songs and played an inspirational recording of Anthony Warlow singing "Without a Song"

In response to a question, Barry said that he had carried out research of many characters through history to develop his list of inspiring people.

Ernie gave the vote of thanks.

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Emerge Project Update

Last Wednesday, 12 May, Di Taranto, Jenny Pudney and Alan Opie attended the Emerge refuge centre along with volunteers John, Alan and Albert from the Mordialloc Men's Shed and installed timber seating as the next stage of the sensory garden development at the refuge. These photos supplied by Di show the volunteers and the installed seating.

