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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 2392
 8 June 2021

District Governor 2020-21: Alma Reynolds

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Electronic Meeting using Zoom. 6.15 for 6.30 pm

Date: 8 June
 Speakers: Club members
 Topic: Committee meetings
 Chairman: Paul Taranto
 Bulletin notes: Brian Foley



Message from President Paul

Greetings everyone and welcome to this week's committee meetings via zoom. I trust the second week of lock down is going as well as it can for you. I have noticed that the children in our street are once again turning to pavement art to add a little brightness to those going out for their two hours of exercise. Our dog BoBo is certainly getting an extra walk or two these days. One positive aspect of the lockdown for me is that it is giving me a chance to catch up with my reading of newspapers, I have quite a backlog to get through. I may be a bit old fashioned but I still prefer to read/catch up on the news via the printed word rather than skimming through a computer/phone screen.

Some members may remember the 1977 film "Close Encounters of the Third Kind". In it the character, Roy Neary (played by Richard Dreyfuss) an electric lineman, has his daily life turned upside down after a close encounter with a UFO. The film has him eventually embarking on a completely new life path. My reading this week has thrown up some real life examples of people encountering circumstances that lead them to at least significantly altering their life path.

One of my favourite papers is the Australian Financial review. This is not because it has information on financial markets and shares (though I do take that in as well) but it also has insightful articles on current and international affairs as well as articles on some of our leading citizens.

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Summary of Coming Events

9 June (Wed)	Reclink "Love the game" carnival, Wattie Wilson Oval, Elwood. 9.30 am to 3.30 pm EVENT DEFERRED
13 June (Sun)	Bunnings sausage sizzle, Mentone. 8 am - 4.00 pm Status to be reviewed
15 June (Tues)	Dinner meeting at Woodlands GC. Speaker: Trevor Salmon
21 June (Mon)	Board meeting at Taranto house. 7.30 pm
22 Jun (Tues)	Zoom meeting. Speaker TBA
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 EVENT CANCELLED
2 July (Fri)	Possible Bunnings barbeque
Mon 9 - Tues 10 Aug	Dates for Mallacoota trip
17 Sept (Fri)	Interplast Golf Day.

Note the format and timing of events listed above is subject to alteration depending on the extent of Covid lockdown restrictions

This week there was an article titled "Chairmen tell of life-changing events". In the article Gordon Cairns (the current Chair of Woolworths) tells of his 5 year response to change his psyche after receiving the worst 360 degree performance review in the company's history.

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John Mullen the current Chair of Telstra shares how his outlook on life changed after two near death experiences following being spiked by a sting ray. Finally Catherine Livingstone, the current Chair of the Commonwealth Bank, tells how a trek in Nepal 35 years ago started an annual retreat into a natural setting to regain perspective, energy and mental health.

Rotary is also full of stories about encounters that have led people to alter their own or other people's life paths. We heard one of those recently with the presentation on "Wheel Chairs for Kids". Another came in an email to me this week from Mark Balla the outgoing President of Box Hill Central. A visit to India led Mark to set up the charity "We Just Can't Wait" that funds, organizes and installs new toilet facilities in schools in India so girls can stay at school. Don Stephens the founder of the charity "Mercy Ships" is another example where an encounter with Mother Teresa of Calcutta led to his commitment to serving the neediest people in the world.

I trust that when I sit down to write my penultimate message next week the virus is back in the bottle and Victorians are once again free. My message this week comes from me:

"Each day we all can all experience encounters of the third kind. What happens after that encounter is up to us." - Paul Taranto (1952 -)

Cheers Paul

"Rotary Opens Opportunities" (to experience encounters of the third kind)

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 2391 – 1 June – Virtual meeting on Zoom

Attendance: 18 members, 3 guests

Guests: Jess Woolley (speaker), Jennifer Cloke, Margaret Aivatoglou.

President's announcements:

President Paul welcomed members and guests and announced the following:

- Secretary Trina has sent the link for the Salvation Army's Red Shield Appeal (Kingston Chapter)
- Di sent a message to members listing possible dates in August for a two-day visit to Mallacoota for the handover of the container for sports equipment. (After receiving responses, the dates have now been confirmed for 9 and 10 August)
- Club committees are now preparing budgets for the 2021-22 year and these will be discussed at this week's committees

Glenyse chaired the remainder of the meeting.

Reports and member announcements

In the absence of treasurer Graeme, David advised there had been no financial transactions in the past week.

In regard to community, David reported that, at that stage, the ReLink "Love the Game" day is still on 9 June at Elwood. Due to the continued lockdown, this is now deferred. David is preparing a budget for a considerable range of projects for committee discussion this week.

Brian (international) reported there is no current activity. Draft budget has been prepared by Paul who will take this role next year.

Di reported on the following matters:

- Activity is on hold at Emerge due to the lockdown. Lara is the new contact person there.
- Help has been requested by Yarrabah Special School to establish a breakfast club and this is being planned.
- Mallacoota visit. Two likely dates had been circulated to members for info. It is now confirmed for Monday 9 and Tuesday 10 August.
- In regard to youth matters, A \$25 voucher has been provided for Mason the student sponsored through the Smith Family. The National Youth Science Forum will go ahead in January 2022 as will the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA). Di is trying to find out what other Rotary youth programs will go ahead in 2022

The next production at the Mordialloc Theatre Co – *Ladies in Retirement* scheduled for 1 July has been cancelled.

At this stage, the club changeover is expected to go ahead on 29 June.

Jenny reported that she had attended the membership session of the district assembly.

Alan Opie has honey for sale. Please contact Alan direct.

Kathy raised the issue of insurance for coming events in next Rotary year and said that Bunnings have offered a barbeque for Friday 2 July. Philip can advise the insurance officer for this event.

The next Bunnings barbeque scheduled for Sunday next, 13 June, will depend on the announcement on Covid restrictions later this week.

Guest Speaker – Jessica Woolley "Digital Coercive Control in Family Violence"

Chairman Glenyse introduced Jess who she met through the Parkinsons Support Group where her mother is a participant. Jess has degrees in Arts and Law at Deakin University and is currently studying for an honours degree in criminology through research into digital coercive control of women in Victoria.

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Jess has provided a copy of her detailed presentation and is happy to have details published in this bulletin. The following covers some of the main issues discussed and some questions raised by members during last week's meeting.

Responses to family and domestic violence in Victoria over time:

- Pre-1970s - Police reluctant to treat domestic and family violence as worthy of intervention
- 1970s – Women's refuge movement challenged this attitude.
- 1985 – United Nations adopted a resolution against family and domestic violence. This prompted Australian jurisdictions to use civil law for assault cases in the home.
- 1985 – late 1990s - Law evolves on physical family violence
- Late 1990s – Range of maltreatment against women broadened in law to include emotional, psychological, financial and physical abuse
- 2000 onwards – Victoria innovative in family violence with whole of government approach
- 2015-16 – Royal Commission into Family Violence

Coercive control comes in many ways and a recent Australia-wide survey of women who have experienced it suggests jealousy (73%), abuse (67%), movements monitored (65%), financial (56%), social isolation (54%), accused of an affair (54%), stalking (41%).

A recent definition of coercive control is *“the use of devices and digital media to stalk, harass, threaten and abuse partners or ex-partners (and children)”*, Technology now provides perpetrators with *“greater ease in controlling victim-survivors' lives and new means of perpetrating abuse such as stalking, harassment and isolation.”*

Women living in rural, regional and remote areas often experience isolation in both a geographic and social sense, compounding their vulnerability to intimate partner violence. Identified risk factors include limited access to medical and support services; fewer employment and education opportunities; family income being controlled by one person in the case of family businesses. These factors are the subject of further study into the best means of addressing the situation of women in rural areas compared with those in urban areas.

Jess's current research is focused on addressing three basic questions:

- How do practitioners perceive the experience of victims?
- The impact of geography in seeking help.
- Any differences between practitioners in metropolitan and regional areas in their responses.

These issues are being addressed through a series of structured interviews among practitioners and support workers, academics and victims and across metropolitan and regional Victoria.

Jess responded to a range of members' questions:

Funding of her research. – Not needed at present. Might be needed in future.

Are mental health issues a problem? This is one of many factors

Police response, referring to a recent death in Queensland. - Further changes in police and justice systems is needed.

Do restraining orders work? - Sometimes they work but they are easy to break and often are.

The outcome of the justice system in operation. Many perpetrators do not seek help from a psychologist – Agreed prison can be a revolving door.

Is abuse increasing or reducing? – Rate does not seem to be changing much over time.

Use of the term “family and domestic violence.” Why not just violence. – Family violence is used in Victoria and is relevant to indigenous families.

Problem with communicating with people whose first language is not English. Consider this in research? – Not the subject of current research but could include it if she continues in further study of the subject.

In response to a question to her future career, Jess said that she hoped to study further for a PhD and then pursue a career in academia or policy making area of government.

Glenyse gave the vote of thanks for Jess's detailed presentation.

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President Paul Taranto and President Elect Brian Foley invite
you to attend the

Annual Club Changeover Dinner

Woodlands Golf Club

109 White Street, Mordialloc

Tuesday 29 June 2021

6.30 pm for 7.00 pm

Cost: \$55 per head for three course dinner

Drinks at bar prices

RSVP no later than Tuesday 22 June to:

Brian Foley: foley.be.hc@bigpond.com 0407508186

or

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