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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 2395**  
**29 June 2021**

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

**Assistant Governor: Heather Chisholm**



Rotary Opens Opportunities

RI theme 2020-21

Tuesday 29 June  
 Annual Club Changeover Dinner  
 Woodlands Golf Club  
 109 White Street, Mordialloc  
 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm start  
 \$55 per head for Three-course meal  
 Drinks at bar prices

Chairman: Ernie Williams



**SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES**  
 RI Theme 2021-22

**Message from President Paul**

Greetings everyone and welcome to our changeover meeting.

This is my 45<sup>th</sup> and last message for my year. I trust my thoughts and message each week have been of interest and maybe at times have given you room for thought.

The shortest day has passed (June 21) and the reliability of our planet's path around the sun means that we have spring and summer to look forward to. The reliability of the Rotary year also means that my presidency comes to an end and President Brian's starts. Covid has shown that there are many aspects of life, such as planning for holidays and functions, that are no longer certain but at least the movement of the planets can still be relied upon.

I will not go into detail here on my review of the past year. This will be delivered at the changeover function. I can say however that I feel the club has met the challenge or objective that I put at the start of the year and that was to "Plan/Prepare the Future". Although my year ends, there are a number of activities that have started (such as the project/s with the Emerge women's shelter, the discussions on new markets at Mordialloc and Mentone and our on-going mix of zoom and face to face meetings) that illustrate the club is preparing the future.

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**Summary of Coming Events**

The Reclink "Love the game" carnival, Wattie Wilson Oval, Elwood. Event was deferred from 9 June due to Covid Lockdown. To be re-scheduled when restrictions allow it to proceed.

2 July (Fri)	Bunnings barbeque 8.am to 4.pm
6 July (Tues)	Meeting at Woodlands GC. Speaker: Brian Foley – The year ahead
9 July (Fri)	District 9810 Annual Changeover. Southern Golf Club, Keysborough 6.30 pm. Re-scheduled from 26 June
13 July (Tues)	Zoom meeting - committees
20 July (Tues)	Cr Tim Cochrane. City of Kingston
24 July (Sat)	Mordialloc Market. 7 Bear Street. 8 am to 2 pm
27 July (Tues)	Meeting at Woodlands GC. Speaker: Marcus Godinho - Fareshare
9 (Mon) - 10 (Tues) Aug	Tentative dates for Mallacoota trip
7 Sept (Tues)	District Governor's official club visit
17 Sept (Fri)	Interplast Golf Day.
13 Nov (Sat)	Rotary Club of Mordialloc 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and Dinner Woodlands Golf Club

**Note the form and timing of events listed is subject to alteration depending on the Covid situation**

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I have left members with many messages in my previous 44 missives. I think the one I leave you with this week is very appropriate given the ups and downs that the state and country and the world is experiencing with Covid and other calamities. It is a repeat but I think it best sums up what I want to leave as my last message.

*"It is really wonderful how much resilience there is in human nature. Let any obstructing cause, no matter what, be removed in any way, even by death, and we fly back to first principles of hope and enjoyment."*  
— Bram Stoker (1847 – 1912) - "Dracula"

Cheers Paul  
*Rotary Opens Opportunities (for hope and enjoyment)*

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**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.

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**Club Meeting No 2394 – 22 June – Virtual meeting on Zoom**

**Attendance:** 20 members, 2 guests

**Apologies:** Don Van

**Guests:** Jennifer Cloke, Margaret Aivatoglou.

**President's announcements:**

President Paul welcomed members and guests and announced the following:

- The board met the previous evening. Chairs can talk about issues discussed.
- It is hoped that the club changeover will be "in person" at Woodlands on 29 June.

Paul chaired the remainder of the meeting.

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**Reports and member announcements**

Secretary *Trina* reported that the club handbook for the coming year is about to go to the printers. The board approved Leave of Absence for the following members:

Brian Foley - 14 July to 3 August (This is likely to be deferred due to renewed Covid lockdowns in other States)

Phil Maxwell – 1 July to 30 September.

*David* (community) said the board had agreed to a range of community projects, in principle, for the coming year. One item that will be implemented shortly is a \$2000 donation to Fareshare.

*Jill* and *Brian* spoke briefly about work the of Fareshare and how the club has assisted it in the past including a district grant for development of a kitchen garden near Moorabbin Airport. Paul suggested that we have a club visit to Fareshare in the new Rotary year.

*Paul* gave a short summary of international Rotary Foundation projects proposed for the coming year.

*Dianne* reported as follows:

- In addition to the \$2000 already identified for support of NYSF students, up to \$3000 for support for the Santos Science Experience is also proposed.
- An application has come from one Mentone Girls Secondary College student for the January 2022 NYSF program..
- The next Bunnings sausage sizzle is planned for Friday 2 July.
- An email reply has come from Peter Sindrey concerning the Mallacoota trip in August. The date and proposed arrangements seem suitable to him.

Treasurer Graeme advised that the board had set the annual subscription at \$300 per head for 2021-22, no change from the current year. The partner discount has been discontinued.

*Ernie* (projects) advised as follows:

- The Interplast Golf Day will go ahead on Friday 17 September as scheduled on a similar basis as previous years. Separate negotiations with Woodlands are required for future years.
- Arrangements are proceeding for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations
- "Ask about Rotary" days are planned for Saturday 28 August at Parkdale and Saturday 4 September in Mentone.
- The board agreed that we hold a monthly "arts, craft, car boot sale" at Bear Street Mordialloc. The first date is Saturday 24 July, from 8 am to 2 pm.
- A draft budget, with timelines, has been prepared for 2021/22. Total anticipated income is \$60,000 and budgeted expenditure is \$76,000.

Paul said he was still awaiting advice from Reclink as to when the next sports day is scheduled.

*Alan* advised that he has now received his police check.

*Jack Pyziakos and Kathy* hope to visit Queensland shortly. Jack also referred to a staff vacancy at Bunnings as Hannah who we have dealt with is retiring.

*Trevor* commented on recent polio cases reported in Papua New Guinea, complicated by the Covid situation in that country.

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**Guest Speaker: Jennifer Cloke**

In introducing Jennifer, President Paul referred to the strong links that have existed between Rotary and the Salvation Army and, in particular between our club and Dingley Gardens Centre. We expect Jennifer to be formally inducted into the club at our next in person meeting (now planned for this week's changeover meeting).

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Jenny began by saying that she had read a lot about Rotary and her then husband was a Rotarian from 1983 to 1985 when they lived in Katanning, Western Australia. However, the most she saw of Rotary was on "wives' nights".

Jenny spent her young days in Northern Victoria where she attended three primary schools and four high schools. Earlier she attended Eaglehawk kindergarten and was so keen to learn that she went to both morning and afternoon sessions. She was the eldest of five children with three brothers and one sister. She also spent time in the girl guides.

Jenny lived on a dairy farm for a period and learned various skills including milking cows and cow pat throwing!

After high school, Jenny's first job was at a bakery in Boronia and then was a sales assistant at Myer Melbourne where her most memorable client was Andrew Peacock. She also worked at a library at Melbourne University. 41 years ago, at age 19, she commenced training with the Salvation Army and next January she will reach 40 years of service with the Salvation Army.

Her career with the Salvation Army has taken Jenny to several states – South Australia, Victoria, Western Australia, Tasmania and back to Victoria. She lived in 19 different houses over time but has been in her present one for 27 years. She has undertaken a wide range of activities in her service including nursing, hairdressing, teaching, chaplaincy, working with Beyond Blue, as well as disability work and with seniors. She worked with Glenyse Cooper for a period while managing volunteers.

Jenny has four children, aged 36 to 31 and one granddaughter. Her eldest son had a major accident while attending Easter celebrations in Launceston in 1994. He suffered major brain injuries and underwent urgent and extensive ground-breaking brain surgery in Hobart that saved his life. The family moved back to Victoria for his ongoing treatment. He is now 36 years old and living independently with his disability.

Jenny is now looking forward to use her wide experience to serve the community both through continued work with the Salvos at Dingley Gardens and with Rotary.

Several members commented on Jenny's background and Alan suggested that he had some similar experience and felt he was a kindred spirit.

On behalf of all members, Paul thanked Jenny for taking us all through her great life journey and we look forward to having her as a member.

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