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District Governor 2021-22: Dr Daryl Moran      Assistant Governor: David Cugley

Club meets at Woodland Golf Club, 109 White Street Mordialloc.  
 First and third Tuesdays 6pm for a 6.30 start.  
 Second and fourth Tuesdays on Zoom at 6.15 pm.  
 During Covid lockdown, meetings are Tuesdays Zoom at 6.15 pm.

**THIS WEEK'S MEETING IS ON ZOOM**

DATE	7 September 2021
SPEAKER	DG Dr Daryl Moran
TOPIC	District Governor's Visit
CHAIR	Brian Foley
MEETING NUMBER	2405



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## President's message

Welcome to our tenth club meeting for the 2021-22 Rotary year and the eighth one using Zoom.

The continuation of the lockdown across the whole of Victoria is certainly of concern across the whole community but nevertheless inevitable given the recent increase in cases and the seriousness of the Delta variation. It is interesting to note a recent change in strategy by governments in Victoria, New South Wales and the Commonwealth away from complete elimination of the virus towards living with it as vaccination increases.

As a club, we have continued with planning for various functions, and it is frustrating when we have had to cancel so many over the past few weeks. The latest cancellation is the annual Interplast Golf Day that had been scheduled for 17 September. The golf day supporting Interplast has been one of the club's signature projects for more than 20 years and it is likely to be well into 2022 before it can resume. We all must try to remain positive as planning for other events continues so that we can respond quickly when restrictions are eased sufficiently.

David Brunt advised me on Friday that the need for emergency food packages has resumed and he requests that members continue to deliver non-perishable food packages and hygiene products to his house.

Congratulations to Jenny Pudney who has been selected to lead the club as president in the 2022-23 Rotary year. Jenny has impressed us all with her leadership skills and enthusiasm across a wide range of Rotary activities. Jenny has the support of all members as she leads the club next year.

At this week's meeting, we will host District Governor Daryl Moran and wife Jenny for the District Governor's official club visit. Daryl and Jenny are both retired educators. I have known Daryl for over 20 years, and he brings his vast experience in education to support the many programs of Rotary. Jenny's DG Partner Project in 2021-22 will be to advocate for and support Days For Girls.

On the subject of positivity, I bring you a quote from American musician Willie Nelson:

*"Once you replace negative thoughts with positive ones, you'll start having positive results."* – Willie Nelson, 1933-

Have a great week

Brian

*Serve to Change Lives*



**Club Meeting No: 2402  
17 August 2021 on Zoom**

**Attendees:** George Aivatoglou, Jill Brear, Graeme Bruce, David Brunt, Jennie Cloke, Glenyse Cooper, Jack Cooper, Brian Foley, Alan Opie, Jenny Pudney, Jack Pyziakos, Cliff Riley, Trevor Salmon, Brian Schauer, Dianne Taranto, Paul Taranto, Kathy Thompson, Ernie Williams, Trina Williams

**Visiting Rotarians:** Nil

**Guests:** Margaret Aivatoglou, Lisa Harper, Brendan Kincade

**Apologies:** Nil

**Attendance:** 19 members, 3 guests

**Chairman for the evening:** Jenny Pudney

**Executive Reports:**

**Secretary:** The Board met on 16th August and items passed and discussed are in Committee reports.

**Treasurer:** most subs have been paid. The Board passed a resolution to open a new Bendigo Bank account for special events.

**President announcements  
17 August 2021**

A few planned events have been cancelled due to lockdown – Bunnings BBQ, Parkdale “Meet and Greet”, Mordi Markets for August and the Club social dinner on 31<sup>st</sup> August, which will now be a casual get together on Zoom instead.

Jenny Pudney has done a great job with the new look bulletin and the next edition will be produced by Trina in the first week of September.

Dandenong Storm Damage appeal – the target was \$100,000 and already some \$97,000 has been raised. Our Club donated \$5000. Applications from the clubs affected are to be received shortly and assessed. The

“hills” clubs will be looking for “flat lander’ partners and our club may be able to assist.

This week we farewelled Stuart McDonald who passed away on 14th August. Past President of RC Healesville, Stuart was known in our District and around the world for his great work with the youth exchange program, from which so many young people benefited during 30 years of his involvement.

**Community Service report:**

David - most activities are on hold due to lockdown. Salvation Army frozen meals – Jennifer Cloke says there is still lots of storage room if anyone wants to donate meals. The Board has approved some Club donations as well. Emergency care packages – David will receive donations from members to put together packages as per last year’s lockdown for distribution to local organisations.

**International Service report:**

Paul - no decisions were made at the last Board meeting, but there have been 3 requests for assistance, which will be discussed at the next meeting of the International Committee: RAM (Rotarians Against Malaria); RC Glen Waverley, for water and sanitation project in Indonesia, and ShelterBox for emergency relief for earthquake victims in Haiti.

**Youth report:**

Most activities are on hold due to lockdown. Paul reported on NYSF, which is progressing and interviews will take place on 4<sup>th</sup> September.

**Projects, Marketing and Fundraising report:**

Ernie - most upcoming events have been cancelled due to lockdown: Bunnings BBQS, Parkdale “Meet and Greet” and Mordi Markets. Other future events are to be confirmed, namely: Mentone “Meet and Greet” on 4<sup>th</sup> September and the Interplast Golf Day on 16<sup>th</sup> September.

**Guest speaker:** Brendan Kincade, OAM, JP is the State Vice President of the Vietnam Veterans Association and a Paul Harris Fellow.

Brendan regularly speaks to school students as part of the Vietnam Veterans Education Team. He was a reluctant soldier, but in 1967 at the age of 20 he was called up to serve in Vietnam. Before going to Vietnam, he had to learn how to use weapons to become a rifleman, then underwent a very hard 3 weeks training in Queensland. Arriving in Vietnam in unbearable heat, he was sent to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment and replaced a 20-year-old who had been killed. He was in Vietnam until 1969, and the resulting trauma led to alcoholism, like many others who have seen active service.

Brendan started speaking to schools in 1998 and normally speaks to Years 9-12 – it is valuable for students to hear from someone who was actually there. Brendan also meets school groups at the National Vietnam Veterans Museum on Phillip Island and takes them on a guided tour.

Brendan talked about ensuring that soldiers returning from Afghanistan are treated better than the returning Vietnam Vets. The organisation called “Open Arms” offers counselling for all veterans and families.

Brendan has worked with Jenny Pudney to further education about the Vietnam War in schools and he went with Jenny to the History Teachers Association in Melbourne, where school teachers gave an accolade to Brendan and his team for the great work they are doing.

**Member Announcements:**

**Glenyse** - outlined the work done by Interplast for the benefit of the guests present.

**Paul** – talked about the National Youth Science Forum for the benefit of the guests present.

**Jack Cooper** - asked about donations through RAWCS for the Dandenong Ranges Storm Project, which Brian confirmed are identified by person and Club.

**Next Week:** Our guest speaker is Erica Ray, Prison Officer and Paramedic.



**Club Meeting No: 2403  
24 August 2021 Zoom**

**Attendees:** George Aivatoglou, Jill Brear, Graeme Bruce, David Brunt, Jennie Cloke, Glenyse Cooper, Jack Cooper, Brain Foley, Alan Opie, Cliff Riley, Trevor Salmon, Brian Schauer, Dianne Taranto, Paul Taranto, Kathy Thompson, Ernie Williams, Trina Williams

**Visiting Rotarians (name and club):** Nil

**Guests:** Erica Ray, Margaret Aivatoglou

**Apologies:** Jenny Pudney

**Attendance (Members, visiting Rotarians, guests):**  
17 members and 2 guests

**Chairman for the evening:** David Brunt

**Executive Reports:**

**Secretary:** Nothing to report.

**Treasurer:** Nothing to report.

**President announcement  
24 August 2021**

We are still in lockdown, as is all of Victoria now that the Delta variety of Coronavirus has spread into regional areas and the number of cases has increased. While resentment against long lockdowns is understandable, the disgraceful demonstrations in both Sydney and Melbourne last weekend show some people do not appreciate the seriousness of the disease and do not care about the consequences of their selfish behaviour.

Next Tuesday, 31 August, we had planned to hold a club social dinner at a restaurant. As we cannot eat out, we plan to hold a Zoom meeting with a casual flavour. We welcome every member to give a short talk, no longer than about two minutes, on a subject of their choosing. Minimum of Rotary business.

The following week, we have the District Governor Daryl Moran for his official club visit.

The Dandenong Ranges Storm Project - application forms are being sent to clubs in affected areas to submit their proposals. I have offered Mordialloc to assist clubs who are looking for a partner club.

Last Friday evening I attended a monthly meeting of club presidents and other district leaders on Zoom. Main discussion covered project ideas for clubs during lockdown and also the Dandenong Ranges storm damage projects.

DG Daryl also mentioned some interesting on-line seminars over the coming weeks:

- Monday 30 August, 7-8 pm - Social Media workshop
- Tuesday 31 August, 5-6 pm – Vocational service
- Monday 6 September, 7- 8 pm – Engaging with Rotary Alumni
- Thursday 16 September, 7.30 – 8.30 pm – Foundation and International seminar

The funeral service of Rotarian Stuart McDonald, of Rotary Youth Exchange will be on Thursday at 1.30 pm

#### **Community Service report:**

David - Helen and David Brunt are assembling care packages (food and hygiene items) and more donations are welcome. They can be left on the doorstep of David's home.

Jennie Cloke thanked all for frozen meals delivered to the Salvos, and more are welcome. Di offered to deliver to the Salvos on members' behalf if needed. The Club has agreed to fund up to \$200 for purchase of meals.

#### **International Service report:**

Paul - 2 further requests for assistance have been received - to be discussed at the next Committee meeting.

ReLink - when lockdown ends, they hope to run a three-day event and Paul has indicated we will support them.

#### **Youth report:**

Di - nothing new to report.

Paul - NYSF student interviews are on Saturday, 4th September.

#### **Member Announcements:**

Jack Cooper has completed an 8-page document for the grant from City of Kingston for the Gnome & Fairy Festival.



Jill Brear wishes to pay money to the Salvos to purchase frozen food.

**Guest speaker:** Erica Ray, Prisoner Officer and Paramedic, introduced by David Brunt, who referred to his own background working in the prison system.

Erica gave an overview of the prison system in Victoria that has several levels depending on factors such as the character of offenders, nature of their offences, degree of security required etc.

Throughout her 10-year career, Erica has worked in a maximum security prison when officers are required to maintain security as well as other tasks related to prison health and wellbeing.

The normal capacity of the prison is 300 persons. However, due to Covid restrictions, all prisoners currently occupy single cells, reducing overall capacity to about 200. Stringent quarantine

precautions are maintained to avoid Covid getting inside the prison. iPads and mobile phones are used by prisoners for communication.

Erica then gave some background of her experience as a prison officer. She was appointed to the role at age 28 and had to learn quickly on the job after a 7-week training period. It is important for prison officers to take personal safety precautions and act carefully when dealing with prisoners. Prison officers learn to be respectful when dealing with prisoners and knowing the stages which lead to a violent encounter and how to manage them is very important.

Erica has also worked as a paramedic. She considers that the workplace culture is much better, and there is more respect shown in the prison system than in the ambulance service.

Erica then responded to members' questions as follows: Why did she become a prison officer? After returning from a period overseas, it was the only job available.

Meals for prisoners? There is no large meal room. There is a small day room when prisoners can eat or take the meal back to their cells.

When asked to compare how a prison officer works compared with other types of work, Eric suggested it was like extreme parenting -you must be able to manage extreme behaviour.

Why do ambulance officers get assaulted? A number of reasons, among them a uniform can provoke some, people who are drug and alcohol affected can lash out, as can people experiencing trauma and pain.

Can ex-prisoners volunteer in the community after release? Not likely for most of the prisoners in Erica's area.

David Brunt gave the vote of thanks.

**Next Week:** Club Social Night on Zoom

## Club Meeting No: 2404 31 August 2021 Zoom

**Attendees:** George Aivatoglou, David Brunt, Jennie Cloke, Glenyse Cooper, Jack Cooper, Brian Foley, Alan Opie, Jenny Pudney, Cliff Riley, Trevor Salmon, Brian Schauer, Dianne Taranto, Paul Taranto, Kathy Thompson, Ernie Williams

**Visiting Rotarians (name and club):** Nil

**Guests:** Margaret Aivatoglou

**Apologies:** Jill Brear, Graeme Bruce, Jack Pyziakos, Trina Williams

**Attendance (Members, visiting Rotarians, guests):**

15 members and 1 guest

## President announcement 31 August 2021

The lockdown continues. Congratulations to Jenny Pudney for taking on the Club presidential role for next year. She will have the support of all members.

Next week, 7 September, we have the District Governor Daryl Moran for his official club visit. Ernie and I attended a pre-visit briefing with him this afternoon.

Last night, Jennifer Cloke and I attended an interesting District Social Media workshop. Two other sessions are on next week: 6 September, 7-8pm - Engaging with Rotary Alumni; 16 September, 7.30-8.30 - Foundation and International Seminar.

Brian chaired the rest of the meeting, which was a casual social night. All members were invited to speak for 2 minutes on any topic of interest.

Ernie offered to run an auction to sell several vouchers from local businesses, which were donated for the Gnome & Fairy Festival and the Interplast Golf Day. A full list is attached at the back of this bulletin. Please place your bids by 30 September 2021 by email to Ernie at [etwill@outlook.com](mailto:etwill@outlook.com).

## Toasts

**Rotary International:** Please drink a toast to our organisation: Rotary International. (Pause) Rotary International

**Australia:** Please charge your glasses and assist me in toasting our great country, Australia. (Pause) to our country: Australia.

## Forthcoming meeting program and rosters

DATE	LOCATION	SPEAKER	TOPIC	CHAIR	DESK	BULLETIN	SERGEANT
14 Sept	Zoom	Committees	Committee Reports	Trina Williams	NA	NA	NA
21 Sept	Zoom	Anna Worsnop	Bendigo Bank	Ernie Williams	NA	NA	NA

## SUMMARY OF COMING EVENTS

Please note the following dates and events in your diary. It is important that all members support the club in these activities.

<b>Dates to be confirmed</b>	Reclink "Love the Game" series.
	Mentone & Parkdale "Meet and Greet"
<b>7 September (Tuesday)</b>	District Governor's official club visit
<b>20 September (Monday)</b>	Board Meeting
<b>13 November (Saturday)</b>	Rotary Club of Mordialloc 50th Anniversary Celebration at Woodlands Golf Club.

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## ROTARY AUCTION

The following vouchers have been donated by local businesses as prizes for the Gnome & Fairy Festival and Interplast Golf Day that are now cancelled. Vouchers are valid until 2022+.

**We invite you to bid on them NOW!**

Auction closes 30 September 2021. All bids by email to Ernie Williams at [etwill@outlook.com](mailto:etwill@outlook.com)

Value	Business	Description
\$30	Downunder Pickers, Dingley Village	Flowers, plants, antiques etc.
	Back-in-Motion, Mentone	Physiotherapist - 40m massage
	Back-in-Motion, Mentone	Physiotherapist - 40m massage
\$50	Decathlon, Cheltenham	Sports, outdoor, camping etc. megastore
\$30	Decathlon, Cheltenham	Sports, outdoor, camping etc. megastore
\$20	Truly Scrumptious, Mentone	Café – open for takeaway during lockdown
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\$25	Shoemakers, Mentone	Shoe retailer
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\$25	Main Street, Mordialloc	Café – open for takeaway during lockdown
\$30	Main Street, Mordialloc	Café – open for takeaway during lockdown
\$30	Main Street, Mordialloc	Café – open for takeaway during lockdown
\$100	Lobster Cave, Beaumaris	Open for takeaway/delivery during lockdown
\$50	Rokk Ebony, Mentone	Hair salon
\$15	General Public, Dingley	Ten pin bowling, family games etc.
\$20	Aviation Museum, Moorabbin	Family Pass
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\$30	Lombard the Party People, Moorabbin	Partyware etc. retailer
\$20	Woolworths/BWS	Use at any Woolworths/BWS location