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Rotary Club of Mordialloc



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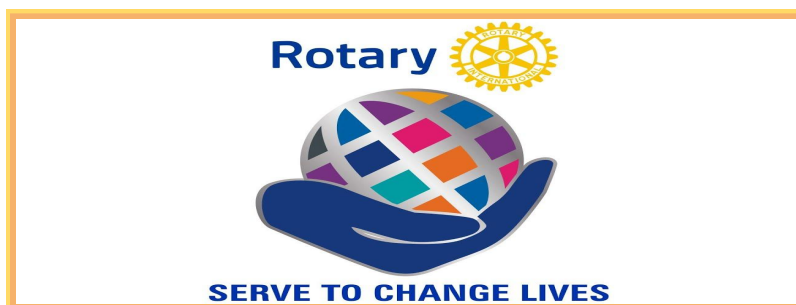
District Governor 2021-22: Dr Daryl Moran

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.

THIS WEEK'S MEETING IS ON ZOOM

DATE	19 October 2021
SPEAKER	KEITH STEVENSON
TOPIC	NORTH KOREA
CHAIR	GLENYSE COOPER
MEETING NUMBER	2411





Rotary Club of Mordialloc

President's message

Welcome to our sixteenth club meeting for the 2021-22 Rotary year.

We continue to watch the latest news on Covid with great interest, mindful that the disease will be still with us for months or even years after the present restrictions are eased. Inevitably, there will be further cases. The evidence is clear that double vaccination is the most effective form of protection from Covid combined with measures such as mask wearing and maintaining social distance from others.

As we move through various stages out of lockdown over coming weeks, the club is very hopeful of resuming many activities to assist the community get back to normal life. Our planning for coming events takes into account recent Government announcements regarding public events such as markets. In short, All Rotarian volunteers and market stall holders and their staff must be double vaccinated. Mask wearing is also mandatory. However, there is no compulsion for patrons, i.e. customers, to be double vaccinated although they should be required to wear a mask unless they have a valid medical exemption. Checking in with a QR code and social distancing are required for all market attendees.

David Brunt is in regular contact with Woodlands Golf Club regarding re-opening of the club facilities. The latest news is that we can expect to continue meeting on Zoom until the end of November and December is yet to be confirmed

Our next Mordi Market will be held on Saturday 23 October and we hope it will be as successful as the one held last month.

24 October is celebrated as World Polio Day. This is a timely reminder of the efforts that have been made by Rotary and other major organisations over the past 35 years to eliminate this deadly disease.

At this week's meeting, we will hear a first-hand account of North Korea by Keith Stevenson and the following week Paul Taranto will provide an update on the petrochemical industry in Victoria.

My quotation this week is on the subject of attitude from the English novelist Aldus Huxley:

"The secret of genius is to carry the spirit of the child into old age, which means never losing your enthusiasm."
– Aldus Huxley, 1894-1936

Have a fun week

Brian

Serve to Change Lives

Club Meeting No: 2410 12 October 2021 on Zoom

Attendees: George Aivatoglou, Jill Brear, Graeme Bruce, David Brunt, Jennifer 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, Trina Williams.

Visiting Rotarians:

Guests: Margaret Aivatoglou, Jim Hardy

Apologies: Jack Pyziakos, Portia Williamson

Attendance : 18 members, 2 guests.

Chairman for the evening: Brian Foley

Executive Reports:

Secretary: the Club Working with Children register has been reviewed and all member cards are up-to-date.

Treasurer: since our last meeting, we have paid \$9,500 to Interplast and \$200 each to St. Bede's and Mordialloc College for their awards nights. Our annual giving to the Rotary Foundation of \$3,100 was also paid. Graeme acknowledged Ernie's great job in raising funds of \$1,300 from the auction.

President announcements 12 October 2021

President Brian welcomed all members and our guests, Margaret Aivatoglou and Jim Hardy.

There is still both good and bad news on the Covid front. The continuing progress of vaccination rates across both Victoria and the whole nation is good. It brings us closer to the milestones that will initiate various stages of getting out of lockdown.

However, the surge in Covid cases in Victoria over the past couple of weeks has reduced a little but is still high. Also, the hospital system is under continued pressure with recent admission

of Covid cases and likely to remain so over coming months.

We are looking forward to further relaxing of restrictions as the various vaccination milestones are reached and, hopefully, we can look forward to resuming our many community activities. I am sure this will be foremost in mind in committee discussions this evening.

District Governor Daryl has now clarified the issue of mandated vaccines for Rotarians and volunteers at markets and other outdoor events. In short, All Rotarian volunteers and market stall holders and their staff at Rotary markets must be double vaccinated. Mask wearing is also mandatory. However, there is no compulsion for patrons to be double vaccinated although they should be required to wear a mask unless they have a valid medical exemption. Checking in with a QR code and social distancing are required for all market attendees.

Brian handed over to David to report on his call with Woodlands. David said they suggested we continue meeting on Zoom through November. They don't anticipate holding functions until the end of November, and maybe even later, and the amount of social distancing required makes it difficult to accommodate large numbers. Our Christmas lunch for people who live alone has to be cancelled.

Member Announcements :

Alan – Peter Brown, who was President of RC Chelsea, is now working in Fiji and needs funds to help re-build the school. Alan will forward Peter's email to International Chair, Paul.

Jack C. – will let Barry Donaldson that money has been donated to Interplast. Also, Jack and Glenyse have a 21 year old grandson who is very interested in RYLA.

Paul – let everyone know to be prepared that rapid antigen testing every 3 days is now a regime at his workplace, Qenos, and likely to be in many places.

Trina – reminded all about the "27 for Parkinson's" fundraising in October. Anyone who is getting sponsored for walking, please let

Trina know and she will make a donation as a club "team. The Board has approved matching all monies raised dollar for dollar.

Kathy – asked about authorised worker permits for market days. Ernie said everyone should bring their own with them and Trina will sign them on the day on behalf of the Club.

Committee meetings

The Community Service and Projects committees met and reported as follows:

Community Service:

- Food Handling certificates for Bunnings BBQ's. There is no expiry date on certificates but they need to be updated every 5 years. If any member wants to update their food handling certificates let David know and he will organise for the Mordialloc Club to pay for the certificates.
- EMERGE - waiting on quote for the seats from the Men's Shed.
- Mordialloc Neighbourhood House are still running their EC programs. Will ask the Board for \$1000 to donate.
- Emergency care packages - we have sent 112 packages that have been given out to date. Some of the packages have been given to the Salvation Army. No need for any goods at the moment. As Christmas is coming up, if you have surplus supplies of toiletries, please start to collect them. We have a lego set as a donation which will go to a family in need.
- This Thursday is the next meeting for the Parkinson's Support Group via Zoom.
- Christmas Dinner for People That Live Alone has been cancelled, but David is going to investigate a take away option or another location to hold the event.
- There is some doubt about the High-tea for the Parkinson's Group at this stage too.
- There is \$1000 for the Men's Shed which will be put forward to the Board.
- Christmas Hampers - Jennifer said that the Salvation Army will be short on Xmas gifts this year. Salvos are doing Xmas hampers and would like us to donate toys. Will need

volunteers to put the hampers and toys together.

Message from David - When everything lifts, we will be very busy. Please make sure that you look after yourself.

Projects and Fundraising:

- 50th Anniversary. The celebration dinner is postponed to 7 May 2022. We hope to hold a small gathering for members in November, possibly in a park.
- Interplast Golf Day 2022. There are on-going discussions with Woodlands, meanwhile Rosedale Golf Club is a possible alternate venue and a tentative booking has been made for 8 April 2022.
- Bunnings BBQs are booked for Sunday 7 November and Friday 26 November.
- Mordi Markets grew to 20 stalls last week. We can only sell food stuffs and succulents at the next one on 23 October. A permanent table will be booked for all Saturdays from 1st November to be a "Rotary Opportunity Table". Abbey Pudney has offered to be on the stall each week to contribute to her community volunteer hours.
- Bendigo Bank have given us a grant of \$300 to assist with the costs of the sausage sizzle.
- Raffle Paul suggested raffling donated goods we are holding, plus a hamper, to be advertised on our Facebook page and sold at the market when possible.
- The next Market Committee meeting is on Thursday 21 October at 7.30pm
- Jack C suggested hold a Gnome & Fairy Committee meeting in early November.



Club Meeting No: 2409 5 October 2021 Zoom

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Visiting Rotarians (name and club): Tony Stokes (RC Box Hill Central – guest speaker), Amrit Singh (RC Southbank)
Guests: Margaret Aivatoglou, Portia Williamson
Apologies: Graeme Bruce, Jack Pyziakos
Attendance (Members, visiting Rotarians, guests): 18 members, 2 visiting Rotarians and 2 guests
Chairman for the evening: David Brunt

Executive Reports:

Secretary: nothing to report.

Treasurer: nothing to report.

President announcements 5 October 2021

President Brian welcomed all and in particular, welcomed our guest speaker, Tony Stokes and guests, Margaret Aivatoglou, Portia Williamson and Amrit Singh.

A Covid summary had good news about vaccination rates, but bad news as the State recorded its highest infection rate. There are now a number of industries where vaccines are mandatory and this has ramifications for Rotary club markets. The District Governor, Daryl is seeking clarification and will let us know what needs to be done – possibly vaccine records held at events.

The Summer meeting schedule now comes into effect and when restrictions permit we will hold 3 face-to-face meetings and one on Zoom per month. There is a 5th Tuesday in November and Glenyse has booked La Cuccina in Beaumaris

again for us all to have a dinner there if permitted to do so.

The 50th Anniversary celebrations have been postponed and everyone who was asked to “save the date” has been notified that it will be held in May 2022.

Thank you to everyone who responded to the auction of vouchers donated by local businesses. Unsold vouchers were donated to the local ambulance service in Mordialloc and Chelsea.

Community Service report:

David – thanked all members who have donated goods for the emergency care packages. Another 20 went out during the week, bringing the total for this time to 100.

International Service report: nothing new to report.

Youth report: nothing new to report.

Projects, Marketing and Fundraising report:

Ernie – the organiser of the Mordi Markets, Tiffany, has advised that in future all workers at the market have to be fully vaccinated and there must be someone on site with a Food Handlers certificate. In addition, all Rotarians working at the market must have an “Authorised Worker Permit” (Ernie has emailed application instructions to all). All stall holders must have public liability insurance, otherwise they can pay \$6 each time to be covered by the Rotary insurance.

Mentone Railway precinct – Ernie recently spoke to Dorothy Booth to follow up on the concept of a Rotary artisan market in Mentone. Dorothy is to meet with the Kingston Council CEO next week. Ernie will talk to Ron Brownlees, who is connected with the Bentleigh market.

Member Announcements :

Alan – Peter Brown, who was a member of RC Chelsea and now working in Fiji is looking for donations as the recent hurricane did a lot of damage there and wiped away the school. Alan will talk to International Chair, Paul.

Jenny organised the donation of the remaining auction vouchers to Ambulance Victoria, who asked her to thank the Club for supporting their paramedics at this difficult time.

Kathy will apply for Streetraders Statements for upcoming Mordi Market dates.

Guest Speaker:

Tony Stokes is a Rotarian and member of the Rotary Club of Box Hill Central. He has served as the District International Service Chair and 7 years ago joined the **Rotary Action Group Against Slavery (RAGAS)**, for which he is now Southern Region Coordinator.

Modern Slavery is a very complex issues, which encompasses human trafficking, servitude, forced labour, child labour, debt bondage, deceptive recruitment and forced marriage.

40.3 million people are victims and this number increases by 25,200 per day, with 500,000 criminals involved. The US Dept. of Labour defines the extent of this criminal activity in the world as second only to the arms trade. Tragically, only 0.2% of the people enslaved are helped annually and Covid has made the situation worse – poverty and vulnerability lead to slavery.

The UN Sustainable development goal 8.7 (2015) is to “take immediate and effective measures to eradicate forced labour, end modern slavery and human trafficking and secure the prohibition and elimination of the worst forms of child labour, including recruitment and use of child soldiers and, by 2025 end child labour in all its forms”.

Why is Rotary involved? Slavery is fundamentally a human rights issue and doesn't meet the Rotary 4-way test. In 2009 Rotarians formed the Rotary Action Group Against Child Slavery. In 2013 RI endorsed RAGAS, focusing on both child and adult slavery.

It is a global network of 29 coordinators in 11 countries, with members and supporters in over 65 countries. Victoria is well represented in the

membership numbers. Members raise awareness by speaking, through newsletters, social media and Rotary events, and take action through advocacy and forming partnerships for projects.

It is estimated that 15,000 people live in slavery in Australia, mainly through trafficking into forced labour and the sex worker trafficking of women and girls.

Projects supported by a number of Rotary clubs have raised in excess of \$80,000. In Australia RAGAS partners with the organisation A21 to develop Primary Prevention Training, a course which is delivered in primary schools.

What progress has been made? Over the past 10 years, there is more accountability by businesses, banks etc., media awareness is increasing and consumers think more about their buying patterns. Australia now has a Modern Slavery Act (2019).

There is more awareness and more convictions and every action helps make a difference. Tony asks us all to be alert and report things that don't look right to the ALP through their hotline.

For more information, the current website is www.ragas.online, and the RAGAS newsletter is circulated with the DG's “Change Maker” news. Tony can be contacted via his email: tony@ragas.online.



Members had some questions for Tony: Paul – can a difference be made in Hong Kong and India. In Hong Kong work is being done with big companies to raise awareness. India is tricky, but a start has been made there.

Cliff – how can you become a member, and can a club become a member. Individuals can join

via the website, and it may be possible for clubs in the future.

Alan – can anything be achieved by working with religious leaders? Yes, but it is difficult for Rotary to go into that area.

Glenyse commented that the Salvation Army are very active in efforts to end slavery.

David gave the vote of thanks.

Final announcements:

Brian invited Portia Williamson to share a little about herself. Portia is semi-retired, a volunteer at Vinnies and a keen golfer. She was born in Ceylon and has lived in Australia for 49 years.

Jack C – advised he has spoken to Woodlands and booked Saturday 7 May 2022 for the 50th Anniversary Celebration dinner.

Toasts

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

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

Forthcoming meeting program and rosters

DATE	LOCATION	SPEAKER	TOPIC	CHAIR
26 Oct	Zoom	Paul Taranto	The Petrochemical Industry in Victoria	Trevor Salmon
2 Nov	NA	NA	No meeting due to Cup Day	NA
11 Nov	Zoom	NA	Committee meetings	Brian Foley
16 Nov	Zoom	Sebastian King	CPRS program at the Royal Children's Hospital	TBA

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.

To be confirmed	Reclink "Love the Game" series.
23 October (Saturday)	Mordi Market sausage sizzle and succulent sales
7 November (Sunday)	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle
19 November (Friday)	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle
27 November (Saturday)	Mordi Markets sausage sizzle and "Rotary Opportunity Table"



RYLA

Club members – we are looking for a suitable candidate to sponsor for the 2022 RYLA experience. These events will be held from the 17th to the 22nd of January 2022 for young adults 18 to 30 years of age. If you know anyone you feel is suitable – son or daughter, niece, nephew, grandchild, neighbour etc please let Di Taranto know ASAP. Below a brief overview of what is entailed if you are talking to someone about RYLA. More information can be found on the RYLA 9810 website.

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is an intensive leadership experience organized by Rotary clubs and districts where you develop your skills as a leader while having fun and making connections.

What are the benefits?

Connect with leaders in your community and around the world to:

- Build communication and problem-solving skills
- Discover strategies for becoming a dynamic leader in your school or community
- Learn from community leaders, inspirational speakers, and peer mentors
- Unlock your potential to turn motivation into action
- Have fun and form lasting friendships

What's involved?

RYLA events are organized locally by Rotary clubs and districts for participants ages 14 - 30. Depending on community needs, RYLA may take the form of a one-day seminar, a three-day retreat, or a weeklong camp. Typically, events last 3-10 days and include presentations, activities, and workshops covering a variety of topics. Want more information? <https://www.9810rotary.org.au/Page/ryla>

SUMMARY OF CURRENT ROTARY ACTIVITIES

Organisation	Support during lockdown
Parkinson's Disease	Local Parkinson's support group is running via Zoom and Parkinson's Victoria '27FORPARKINSON'S' walk.
Fareshare	\$2000 Donation to support this important organisation
National Youth Science Forum	NYSF is a program for talented Year 11 students seeking to undertake higher studies in the sciences, medical and engineering areas.
Salvation Army	Donations of frozen meals to the Salvation Army in Braeside
Dandenong Storm Damage Relief	\$5000 donation
Interplast	\$9500 donation for facial surgery program for children in Asia and Pacific Islands
Ambulance Vic	Donation of vouchers to our local Ambulance Victoria service in Braeside for frontline workers.
Organisation	Ongoing support
Reclink	Sports program to assist disadvantaged people.
Rotary Foundation	Donations for humanitarian projects throughout the world
Wheelchairs for Kids	Provision of wheelchairs for disabled children in developing countries.
Parkdale United Cricket Club	Support for aspiring young cricketers, in memory of a past member.
Smith Family	Financial support for children to assist with schooling costs
City of Kingston	Homeless support
Every Child a Future	Donation for the vaccination of children in the Pacific Islands
ROMAC	Donation to Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children
End Trachoma Project	Hygiene packs for Indigenous children in the Northern Territory
Local Schools	Donations for citizenship awards
Santos Science Experience	Program for Year 9 students interested in the sciences.
Victorian Bushfire relief	Donation
End Polio Campaign	Donation for Rotary's worldwide program to eliminate Polio.
Mordialloc Mens Shed	Collaborative hands on assistance with EMERGE
Emerge Project	Supporting a local women's and children's refuge
Yarrabah School	Hands on assistance with the Breakfast Club

