



Rotary Club of Mordialloc



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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	9 November 2021
SPEAKER	CLUB MEMBERS
TOPIC	COMMITTEE MEETINGS
CHAIR	BRIAN FOLEY
MEETING NUMBER	2413





Rotary Club of Mordialloc

## President's message

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

As the rate of community vaccination has proceeded ahead of target over the past month, we were pleased to learn that we are finally able to resume face-to-face meetings at Woodlands Golf Club in the month of November. This date is a month earlier than had been expected recently. The board has decided that, for the summer months to the end of March, we will retain the pattern of three meetings per month as face-to-face at Woodlands and one virtual meeting on Zoom, at which committee meetings will be held. On the fifth Tuesday of the month, when it occurs, there will be a social function and, accordingly, a dinner has been organised at Doyles Hotel, Mordialloc, on 30 November which is the fifth Tuesday.

Our program organiser, Glenyse, has arranged a good list of interesting and varied speakers up to the Christmas break. We also have a fairly full calendar of barbeques and market activities in coming weeks. A number of other community activities and programs can be planned with some assurance that they will go ahead. We can expect that the second half of this Rotary year will be very busy for all club members as we look forward positively to implementing our many projects and activities. A list of coming dinners, market days and other activities is listed in this bulletin.

The Mordi Market held on Saturday 23 October was very successful with some twenty stalls operating. Apart from the funds raised, this event has already proved to be a positive for the community bringing local people together in a friendly atmosphere. Although our club is responsible for managing the market on the fourth Saturday of each month, a small number of our members are also running one stall in other weeks and thus maintaining our community presence.

November is Rotary Foundation month. For those who are members of the Centurion Club, I remind you to pay your annual subscription if it is not deducted automatically. Additional Centurions are also welcome. Either Paul or I can provide the details for you on how to make a personal contribution to The Rotary Foundation. Later in November, District Foundation Committee Chair David Alexander will be speaking to us about The Rotary Foundation

My quotation this week is on looking to the future from American President Barack Obama:

*“The future rewards those who press on. I don't have time to feel sorry for myself. I don't have time to complain. I'm going to press on.”* – Barack Obama, American President, born 4 August 1961.

Have a good week

Brian

*Serve to Change Lives*

## Club Meeting No: 2412 26 October 2021 on Zoom

**Attendees:** George Aivatoglou, David Brunt, Jennifer 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:

**Guests:** Margaret Aivatoglou, Jim Hardy, Portia Williamson

**Apologies:** Jill Brear, Trevor Salmon, Graeme Bruce

**Attendance :** 16 members, 3 guests.

**Chairman for the evening:** Brian Foley

### Executive Reports:

**Secretary:** a register of vaccination certificates has been created for those volunteering at the market, BBQs and other events. Di is contacting any friends of Rotary who are helping us for their details. AGM and call for a nominating committee – a notice has been emailed to all members.

**Treasurer:** nothing to report.

## President announcements 26 October 2021

President Brian welcomed everyone and thanked all who organised and helped at the Mordi market last Saturday. We had some twenty stalls in place and everything went well including the QR check in process. There was a steady flow of customers throughout the day and the atmosphere felt good. We made a profit of some \$950 on the day and it looks very promising to be even better over the coming summer months.

It is good to see that we are finally on the way out of lockdown in Victoria. However, it is a slow and gradual process and important that we continue to follow appropriate Covid precautions in regard to vaccinations, mask

wearing and social distancing. Trina has sent an email seeking members vaccination details. The club is required to maintain a register of vaccination details of all members and other volunteers at any of our markets, sausage sizzles and other events

The monthly DG meeting with club presidents and other Rotarians last Friday was entirely taken up with discussion and Q & As related to mandatory vaccinations for Rotarians and all volunteers on our projects. The meeting was recorded and I can supply the link for any who wishes to see and listen to it

We are looking for someone to run and edit the club Facebook page. We have had one member contact me so far and we could use a couple more to make it a team effort

24 October was World Polio Day. Quite a lot of information is available about Rotary's involvement in polio eradication over nearly 40 years. There was an interesting article in yesterday's Age newspaper by a lady in her seventies who had polio as a child, who now runs a support group for some 40,000 Australians who had polio as children and have developed "post-polio" syndrome in their later years. We have a friend with that condition.

David Brunt was advised today that we can meet again at Woodlands from next week on. Next Tuesday is Cup Day, so no meeting. The following week, 9 November, we are due to meet for committees. Brian asked for comments on the proposed meeting schedule for the rest of the year – more to follow.

### Community Service report:

**David** – the next Parkinson's Peer Support Group meeting is on 11 November. We are awaiting the go ahead from Parkinson's Victoria and St Nicholas Church to meet in person. Food Handling Certificate – David will send out information to those interested this week.

### International Service report:

**Paul** – the Committee are looking at Alan's request to support Peter Brown in rebuilding a

school in Fiji (RC Wandin is putting on a fundraiser for the school).

#### Youth report:

**Di** – has been in touch with a student who we will support to participate in NYSF.

**RYLA** – Jack Cooper’s grandson, Finn is filling in the application to participate.

#### Projects, Marketing and Fundraising report:

**Ernie** – Saturday at the Mordi Markets was a great day. Ernie thanked George and Margaret Aivatoglou for a large donation of books and toys and for paying for the cost of the stall. We will have a Rotary stall each Saturday, and our next BBQ and Rotary day is on Saturday 27 November.

Interplast Golf Day is scheduled for 8 April – awaiting confirmation from Rossdale Golf Club re any charge for green fees.

Gnome & Fairy Festival – the Committee will meet on 10 November at 2pm. The date for the festival is Sunday 13 March 2022.

Bunnings BBQs – thanks to Jack Pyziakos for booking us on 2 November, plus 7 & 19 November and 24 December.

Christmas Raffle – Di and Paul are putting a raffle together with 3 great prizes. Tickets will be printed and sold for \$2 each. Books of tickets are to go out to members, local businesses and will be sold at the Mordi Markets. The draw will be on 21 December at our Christmas function.

#### Member Announcements:

**Paul** – acknowledged Parkdale Family Dentist who have donated toothpastes for David’s Christmas parcels.

**Di** – asked for volunteers for the upcoming Mordi Markets and Bunnings BBQs.

**Trina** – thanked everyone who has donated money for the “27 for Parkinson’s” fundraiser. We will donate the total amount, plus the Club’s donation this week.

#### Guest Speaker:

Paul Taranto gave a very interesting audio/visual presentation on the petrochemical industry in Australia, which he has worked in over many years. His talk covered the part

petrochemicals play in our lives, Altona’s story, the factors at play and the outlook for the future.

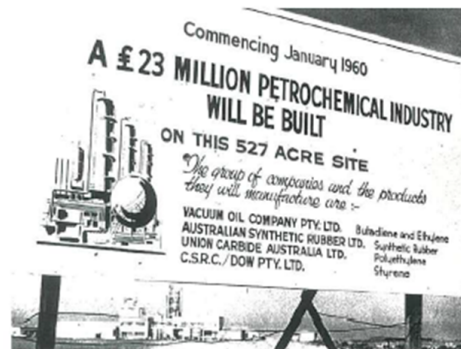
#### Some background:

Petrochemical products are everywhere in our daily lives, including plastics, fertilisers, packaging, clothing, detergents and much more. The term is short for chemicals derived from petroleum and the chemicals are categorised as: basic, intermediate and final product. Paul is involved in the basic group consisting of ethylene, propylene and benzene.

#### Some history:

The Standard Vacuum Oil Company (SVOC) (now known as ExxonMobil) were early adopters of extracting value from oil refinery operations by linking them to petrochemical plants.

- 1949 SVOC built the oil refinery at Altona. The company developed petrochemical plants alongside their oil refineries around the world, including Baytown Texas, USA, where Paul worked for 3 years.



The Victorian State Government announces a 23 million pound petrochemical industry was to be built on a 527 acre site in Altona.

- 1961 BF Goodrich Chemical Co. was the first to commence production at Altona, followed by the Altona Petrochemical Company, Union Carbide, Dow and ASR. In 1963, the Hoechst High Density Polyethylene Plant commenced operation, followed in 1969/70 by the Longford and Long Island Point gas and crude oil processing plants. At its prime, the Altona complex was very significant.
- 1987 – after reducing tariffs, the government ended all tariffs, which started the process of change which takes us to where we are today.

Qenos (Altona) was formed in 1999 by combining the ExxonMobil owned business Kemcor with the Orica owned polymer business at Botany. It is a joint venture.

#### Where is the industry now?

- 2000 the reality of running a petrochemical operation in Australia started to hit and shut downs of a number of businesses occurred.
- 2005 Qenos was sold to Cem China.
- 2009 – the rupture of the ethane pipeline in Port Phillip Bay resulted in Huntsman’s West Footscray polystyrene plant shutting down.
- 2010 – a \$195m expansion project was approved, and in 2011 Qenos celebrated 50 years of operation
- 2017 -Qenos launched ExSource, its specialty polymers/products arm.

In 2019 Mobil Altona celebrated 70 years and was very upbeat. Then Covid came along and diminished the demand for petrol and diesel. In September 2021 the Mobil refinery ceased operation and Qenos has announced it will reconfigure its Altona operation, resulting in the closure of the Plastics Plant and the Scal-1 Ethylene Steam Cracker.

#### Factors at play:

Paul outlined factors at play for the future of the industry, including: market size, availability of advantaged feedstock, scale, government settings and infrastructure.

#### What does the future look like?

- Australia and the world will continue to need the polymers that the petrochemical industry produces.
- New processes/technologies will be developed that will deploy the chemistry already known to produce the monomers required to produce the polymers: Hydrogen. Circular economy. The Altona and Botany operations will continue for some years yet with ethane feedstock coming from the Bass Strait and Cooper Basin provinces.
- Qenos has world standard polymer chemists and technical laboratories.
- Qenos still has the advantage of having a number of different polymer production

technologies which allows it to move quickly as Australian market needs shift.

- Qenos also has a specialty import arm (Ex-Source) that has partnership relationships with other polymer and specialty product companies.
- Qenos continues to supply specialty services to its shareholder ChemChina.

Brian gave the vote of thanks.



### Club Meeting No: 2411 19 October 2021 Zoom

**Attendees:** George Aivatoglou, Jill Brear, Graeme Bruce, David Brunt, Jennifer 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 (name and club):** none.

**Guests:** Margaret Aivatoglou, Keith & Robyn Stevenson (Guest Speaker), Colin Barry, Portia Williamson

**Apologies:** none.

**Attendance (Members, visiting Rotarians, guests):** 19 members, 5 guests

**Chairman for the evening:** Glenyse Cooper

**Executive Reports:**

**Secretary:** notice of the AGM in November will be going out soon.

**Treasurer:** gave a short summary.

## President announcements 19 October 2021

President Brian welcomed everyone and remarked on the good discussions we had in committee meetings last week. Many of the matters were dealt with at our board meeting on 18 October. Individual directors will announce decisions.

Brian told everyone he had spoken the day before with Phil Maxwell who has been on leave for the last three months. Phil has now advised that he does not propose to renew his Rotary membership beyond the end of 2021. He praised the Rotary Club of Mordialloc, has no complaints and wished us all well. The clash of meeting nights with his camera club is his problem. I expressed my thanks for the good work he did in the club and sent good wishes to him and Sue. Phil has resigned from the board immediately, so the board will appoint a replacement shortly. We are also looking for someone to run and edit the club Facebook page

### Community Service report:

**David** – please let David know if you would like details of an online Food Handlers course. The Board has approved paying for members to obtain their certificate.  
The Board approved a donation of \$1000 to Mordialloc Neighbourhood House to go towards their Covid-safe plan, also \$2,000 to the Salvation Army for Christmas hampers. If you have any toiletries please pass them on to David for the hampers.

### International Service report:

**Paul** – the Club will become involved with a project in Fiji to rebuild a school – more details in the next few weeks.

### Youth report:

**Di** – Finn Wheatley has been nominated for RYLA. Finn will come and talk to the Club about his experiences.  
EMERGE – waiting on a quote from the Men's Shed for seating.

The Board approved payments to local schools for their awards nights, and \$50 vouchers to each of our Smith Family sponsored students.

### Projects, Marketing and Fundraising report:

**Ernie** – Bunnings sausage sizzles are booked for 9 and 26 November and a new one for Friday, 24 December.

50th Anniversary – the last meeting (social) will be an unofficial celebration for our Club.

Mordi Markets – we will now be able to sell books, toys and succulents. Paul and Di are putting together a Christmas raffle and printed raffle books will be available for members to sell to family and friends.

### Member Announcements :

**Paul** – there is a District Sunday Sundowners meeting discussing the “Days for Girls” partner project.

**Di** – please collect the lego bricks free with shopping at Woolworths.

**Paul** – Jamie Payet is planning a series of gigs around Victoria. DG Daryl Moran has agreed that 5 district governors will promote the event, and Australian Rotary Health will be a beneficiary of funds raised.

**Trina** – reminded everyone about participating in 27forParkinsons walk. Trina will email all with how to donate sponsorship money and the Board have agreed to match all funds raised dollar for dollar.

**Jack C** – the Gnome & Fairy Committee will meet on 10th November at 2pm.

### Guest Speaker:

Keith Stevenson has been a lecturer at Melbourne University in Politics within the Arts faculty.

In 2013 Keith went to North Korea. North Korea is half the size of Victoria. It was easy to get into North Korea, but they ask travellers to not bring in any religious propaganda. You can take cameras etc, as the internet doesn't work for foreigners in North Korea.

Keith's presentation consisted of a detailed history of Korea from 1945 onwards. Keith also discussed the class system. As an economist

Keith was interested in the economy in Korea and he travelled around 60 % of the country over 13 days. He wasn't worried about his personal safety from petty crime at this time, but you can't travel by yourself in North Korea and there is an absence of tourism. Keith shared his photos from his holiday and included a picture of the 'Rocket Hotel'. Football is very big in North Korea, the sporting facilities are very high class.



You must be formally dressed to visit the statues of Kim Jong-il and Kim Jong-un. Children in North Korea seemed to be healthy and well dressed. Public transport buses were reasonable in pe yong ying, and bikes are a very popular mode of transport. Keith has a photo of the big parade ground that we see on the news, and told us that North Korea has a big reputation in film production.

Glenyse called for questions.

Paul asked whether Keith's experience was representative of the whole country? From what Keith saw, the level of nutrition and clothing was high. He concluded that there was a reasonable standard of living in North Korea. Cliff asked what the basis is for their economy. Keith explained that they hold consumption to a basic level and they put the money towards armed defence. Korea's main power is coal and hydro. The Korean's value education highly.

Glenyse gave a vote of thanks.

## 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.

### Other Announcements:

#### Rotary Club of Mordialloc Annual General Meeting

Date: 23 November 2020, Time: 6.30 pm  
Meeting to be held at Woodlands

#### Business:

- Confirmation of minutes of 2020 AGM
- Presentation of financial report for 2020-21
- Receive report of nominating committee and elect club officers for 2022-2023
- Other business

Trina Williams  
Secretary

#### Club Social Evening

Dinner at Doyles, The Bridge Hotel, Mordialloc  
On Tuesday, 30 November at 7pm  
Please let Glenyse Cooper know if you are coming by 26/11.



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## Forthcoming meeting program and rosters

DATE	LOCATION	SPEAKER	TOPIC	CHAIR
11 Nov	Zoom	NA	Committee meetings	Brian Foley
16 Nov	Woodlands	Sebastian King	CPRS program at the Royal Children's Hospital	TBA
23 Nov	Woodlands	David Alexander	Rotary Foundation and Club AGM	Paul Taranto
30 Nov	Doyle's		Club Social Night	
7 Dec	Woodlands	Alan Lunghusen	RAWCS	Paul Taranto
14 Dec	Zoom	NA	Committee meetings	Brian Foley
21 Dec	Woodlands	NA	Club Christmas Dinner	

## 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.
7 November (Sunday)	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle
19 November (Friday)	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle
27 November (Saturday)	Mordi Markets sausage sizzle and "Rotary Opportunity Table"
26 December (Sunday)	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle







**Rotary**  
District 9810




SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

# Rotary Storm Recovery Festival



**SUNDAY 27th FEBRUARY 2022**

**10.00am - 4.30pm**

Monbulk Recreation Reserve, Moore's Rd, Monbulk

*'A Time to Heal - A Time to Thank - A Time to Help'*

**The Rotary Clubs of Belgrave, Emerald and Monbulk**  
seek your support to stage this major event.

Contact; Monbulk President, Helen Riethof at [helenriethof2@bigpond.com](mailto:helenriethof2@bigpond.com)

## SUMMARY OF CURRENT ROTARY ACTIVITIES

Organisation	Recent Support
Parkinson's Disease	Local Parkinson's Peer 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 & \$2,000 for Christmas hampers.
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 local Ambulance Victoria service for frontline workers
Mordialloc Neighbourhood House	\$1,000 donation for Covid relief
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