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Rotary Club of Mordialloc



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Club meets at Woodland Golf Club, 109 White Street Mordialloc.  
Summer Schedule is First, third & fourth Tuesdays 6pm for a 6.30 start.  
Second Tuesday is on Zoom.

### THIS WEEK'S MEETING IS AT WOODLANDS

DATE

21 December 2021

Annual Christmas Dinner  
Woodlands Golf Club White Street, Mordialloc  
6.00 pm for 6.30 pm  
\$30 per head plus drinks

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## President's message

Welcome to our twenty fourth club meeting for the 2021-22 Rotary year and the last for 2021.

Firstly, I must thank all members and friends of the Rotary Club of Mordialloc who have contributed in many ways to assist the club over the past six months. Despite the difficulties of a further four months of lock down due to Covid, we have continued to operate and support the community as best we could. Club and committee meetings were held on Zoom when necessary. Since the restrictions eased in the past two months, face-to-face meetings and activities have resumed and we have managed to re-engage with our community and our various partner organisations.

Board members have been very busy planning future events and we look forward to a very busy period in 2022. In particular, we look forward to resuming our popular community activity the Gnome and Fairy Festival now scheduled for 20 March next. The following week we have an opportunity to hear about the wider world of Rotary when the two-day Rotary District Conference is held on Friday 25 and Saturday 26 March.

On Friday 8 April we will be resuming our long established and successful Interplast Golf Day at Rosedale Golf Club, Aspendale. Following that, we should finally be able to celebrate the Fiftieth Anniversary of our club with the dinner at Woodlands Golf Club now re-scheduled to be held on Saturday 7 May.

In addition to the major activities described above, we can look forward to many other community, international and youth programs proceeding in 2022. I am confident that by the end of the 2021-22 Rotary year, we should be able to report another very successful year.

Helen and I wish all members, their families and friends of the club Christmas greetings and best wishes for a healthy and peaceful New Year in 2022.

I leave you with a thought on the meaning of Christmas written by author Charles Dickens over 150 years ago that is still relevant today:

*"I will honour Christmas in my heart and try to keep it all the year."* Charles Dickens, English novelist, 1812 - 1870

Brian

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## Club Meeting No: 2419 14 December 2021 on Zoom

**Attendees:** Jill Brear, Graeme Bruce, David Brunt, Jennifer Cloke, Jack Cooper, Brian Foley, Jenny Pudney, Cliff Riley, Trevor Salmon, Brian Schauer, Dianne Taranto, Paul Taranto, Kathy Thompson, Ernie Williams, Trina Williams.

**Visiting Rotarians (name and club):** none.

**Guest:** Portia Williamson

**Apologies:** George Aivatoglou, Glenyse Cooper

**Attendance (Members, visiting Rotarians, guests):** 15 members, 1 guest

**Chairman for the evening:** Brian Foley

### **Executive Reports:**

**Secretary:** a Certificate of Appreciation for the Club was received from Yarrabah School. Our Annual Statement has been filed with Consumer Affairs following the AGM held in November.

**Treasurer:** Graeme gave a report and advised the current status of all club accounts. A full reckoning of the raffle ticket sales is to be done.

## President announcements 14 December 2021

President Brian welcomed all to the meeting. Last week's meeting was held at Woodlands and our guests were Alisa Chech, our NYSF candidate, and her father Stan. Our guest speaker was Alan Lunghusen, from RC Rowville-Lysterfield is the current District RAWCS chairman. He told us briefly about the Dandenongs Storm Damage project, and his main presentation was on the Kiriwina Island project, Papua New Guinea (*see report later in this bulletin*).

We are getting closer to the supply of equipment to undertake hybrid meetings, hopefully early in the new year. District is going to tender for the equipment. Does anyone have a family member or friend who supplies computer equipment? They might like to quote. District will provide

training in use of the equipment for some members – Trina, Paul and Brian have offered – we could use another one or two.

Paul and Brian have registered interest in the community advisory panel for the Parkdale and Warrigal Road crossing replacements.

## Committee meetings

The Community Service, Foundation & International and Projects Committees met and reported as follows:

### **Community Service:**

- Salvation Army – David thanked everyone for supporting the Salvation Army with meals and hampers.
- Parkinson's Peer Support Group – David passed on a thank you from Helen Brunt for the Club's support. 20 people attended the last meeting.
- EMERGE – the Men's Shed have started work on the outdoor tables and the project will move forward in the new year.
- Royal Children's Hospital event – it was proposed the Club support families with a BBQ lunch.
- Dandenong Ranges Storm Appeal – Club members are encouraged to attend the Storm Recovery Festival at Monbulk on 27 February.
- Kingston Council – David is meeting with Council in January and it was proposed to talk to local indigenous communities about working together.
- Jennifer Cloke and Di Taranto will talk to Dingley Primary in the new year about starting an Interact Club.
- 4-Way Speaking Contest – hopefully will go ahead in 2022 and Di and Jill will contact schools.
- Gardens at Salvation Army, Dingley – a project to improve the gardens will go ahead in the new year.

### **Foundation & International:**

Two items will be taken to the Board next week:

- A project to rebuild the Dreketi School in Fiji through Alan Opie and Peter Brown, a past member of RC Chelsea resident in Fiji. It is proposed we donate \$2,000 from Club funds and \$2,000 from the Opie guitar fund
- Support for the “Seven Women” project, helping women in need in Nepal. Past Rotary ambassadorial scholar, Stephanie Woollard will be coming to speak to the Club and looking for a \$1,000 donation.

#### Projects:

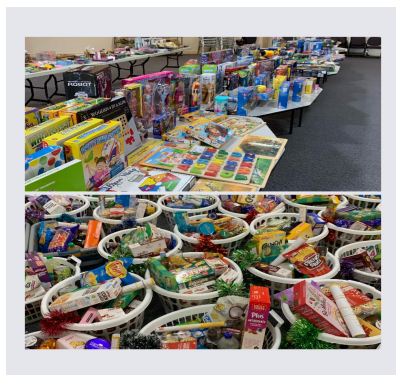
- Gnome & Fairy Festival – Jack, Glenyse, Di and Trina met with teachers at Parkdale Secondary and they are enthusiastic about participating again next year. The Committee will meet on Monday 20 December, 2pm at Jack & Glenyse’ home.
- Interplast Golf Day – will be at Rosedale Golf Club on 8 April 2022. Ernie has the flyer in hand.
- 50th Anniversary celebration will be at Woodlands on 7 May. Jack will check with Woodlands re pricing.
- Clean Up Australia Day – no further news.
- Mordi Markets – the organiser Tiffany is handing over to Jacqui, who intends to run it fortnightly from 22nd January, with the focus on craft stalls and with the Church running the BBQ. Therefore, we will not be participating after that date.

#### Other announcements:

Paul has recently posted on the Club Facebook page and he reported on the numbers reached: Yarrabah post – 293

Bunnings family night – 96

Salvation Army hamper packing – 676



Jack Cooper has been in touch with the editor of our local City of Kingston magazine and an article will be published about next year’s Gnome & Fairy Festival.

Jack Cooper thanked the Club for the presentation made to him at our social night at the Bridge Hotel, which was much appreciated.

### Club Meeting No: 2418 7 December 2021 at Woodlands

**Attendees:** David Brunt, Jennifer Cloke, Jack Cooper, Brian Foley, Dianne Taranto, Paul Taranto, Don Van

**Visiting Rotarians (name and club):** Alan Lunghusen (RC Rowville-Lysterfield) – guest speaker.

**Guests:** Alisa Chech (NYSF student) and her father Stan, Portia Williamson

**Apologies:** Trina and Ernie Williams, Kathy Thompson, Glenyse Cooper, Jenny Pudney, Jim Hardy, Amritpal Singh, Brian Schauer

**Attendance (Members, visiting Rotarians, guests):** 7 members, 4 guests

**Chairman for the evening:** Paul Taranto

### President announcements 7 December 2021

President Brian welcomed members and guests. Last week’s meeting and social gathering was a happy affair as we presented Jack Cooper with the photograph collage covering much of his 50 year Rotary career. He also received a congratulatory letter from the President of Rotary International and ruby pin to add to his Paul Harris recognitions. PHF sapphire pins were also presented to Kathy and Brian Schauer. It was also a good social get together.

The downside of the night was the news we received on Friday of a Covid contact at the Hotel that night. It is a bit odd that although Brian and Helen checked in with their QR code, they never received that message directly to our

phones as did several others. They did the test anyway and were glad when it was negative as was everyone else.

A couple of weeks ago Brian attended the monthly president's meeting at Mulgrave Country Club run as a hybrid meeting using much similar equipment as we expect to receive in the New Year. There were about 50 people at the Country Club and another 15 using Zoom. It seemed to work well although those managing the system were kept busy. Brian had the opportunity to ask questions about the equipment

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

**David** – the Parkinson's Peer Support Group are holding a Christmas lunch on Thursday 9 December.

**Dianne** – reported that action has commenced to prepare and submit a report for a district grant for the EMERGE project.

#### **Youth report:**

**Dianne** – Mordialloc Secondary College sent a thank you note for our \$200 award donation.

Our NYSF student for 2022, Alisa Chech, then told us a little of her background. She attends Mentone Grammar (was previously at Mentone Girls' Secondary College), and her favourite subjects are psychology and mathematics, also interested in biology. Gymnastics is a favourite sport and she coaches younger children.

#### **Projects, Marketing and Fundraising report:**

**Jack Cooper** said the Gnome & Fairy committee members would meet with Parkdale Secondary College to discuss their role in the next festival in March 2022.

**Ernie** reported that the Mordi Market stall the previous Saturday raised \$75 from the raffle ticket sales. Organiser Tiffany has moved on to other activities and a lady named Jacqui is now running the market.

#### **Member Announcements:**

**Jennifer** advised she has prepared some 75 Christmas hampers for distribution with about

15 more to go. She thanked the Club for our \$2,000 donation that has been fully spent.

**Brian** said he will send an email to all members confirming meeting arrangements for December and January. The next bulletin will be issued around 18 or 19 December.

**Guest speaker:** *Alan Lunghusen \_Rotary Australia World Community Service*

Chairman Paul introduced our speaker PP Alan Lunghusen from RC Rowville-Lysterfield who is the current District RAWCS chair.

Alan commenced by telling us briefly about the Dandenongs Storm Damage project that has raised over \$102,000 in donations from clubs, individual Rotarians and other donors, towards recovery projects needed following a violent storm that resulted in severe damage to trees, vehicles and buildings in the Dandenong Ranges, part of our Rotary District 9810.

His main presentation was on the Kiriwina Island project, Papua New Guinea. This island is off the mainland of PNG. Alan's father was based there as an RAAF member during WW2. Alan did not know much of his father's involvement until after he died and the family found many photos and mementos from his time on the island. Alan and family members subsequently visited the island and saw the local conditions first hand. Kiriwina Island is situated on a coral atoll with few natural resources. Fresh water is drawn from caves and wells in the coral. There are some 80 villages consisting mainly of houses of flimsy construction. There are many children.

Subsequently Alan initiated a \$165K project through RAWCS to meet a wide range of education, medical and other infrastructure needs such as hospital beds and equipment, water supply for the hospital, composting toilets for schools and machinery to construct school desks and furniture. Items such as used but still usable hospital beds and equipment and school desks were obtained from the Rotary Donations in Kind (DIK) program of RAWCS and sent to Kiriwina via Port Moresby in several shipping

containers. There were long delays in having the containers finally delivered to the island due to bureaucratic holdups particularly regarding port and shipping fees. There were many problems but they got there eventually.

Project funds were raised from a variety of sources including Rotary Clubs, private donors, the Lunghusen family, the Rotary Foundation and Dick Smith.

RAWCS is set up to facilitate clubs throughout Australia undertaking both local and international projects. For international projects, RAWCS can assist with obtaining the necessary contacts and approvals for travel and transport of goods into other countries.

Brian Foley has purchased a copy of Alan's book on the Kiriwina project and other members are welcome to read it. The book contains more

photos and details than Alan gave in his presentation.

Paul gave the vote of thanks.

The raffle was drawn and the winners were our two visitors, namely Alan and Stan.

## 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
11 Jan			Social night at Sandringham Croquet Club – details attached.	
18 Jan	Woodlands		Club night	Brian Foley
25 Jan	Woodlands	Councillor Chris Hill	First year as Councillor and local matters	Ernie Williams

## 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.**

26 December (Sunday)	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle
20 March (Sunday)	Gnome & Fairy Festival
25–26 March (Friday to Saturday)	Rotary District Conference
8 April (Friday)	Interplast Golf Day
7 May (Saturday)	50th Anniversary Celebration Dinner



## SUMMARY OF CURRENT ROTARY ACTIVITIES

Organisation	Recent Support
Parkinson's Disease	Local Parkinson's Peer Support group is running.
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

## Rotary Club of Mordialloc Sports and Picnic Night Tuesday 11 January 2022, 4 to 8 pm

- Venue:** Sandringham Croquet Club  
Foreshore Reserve, Beach Road, Sandringham (directly opposite Abbott Street)  
Melways Map 76 F9. Parking area B10. See map below  
The club is north of the car park, Please enter by the pedestrian gate facing Beach Road
- Bring:** BYO food and drink. Tables and chairs, cutlery etc are provided  
BBQ facilities are not available this year. All croquet equipment is supplied.  
Proof of double vaccination is required to be shown.
- Clothing:** Wear comfortable clothing suitable for the weather including a hat  
**Please wear flat soled shoes – sneakers or joggers are ideal. No high heels or sandals**
- Cost:** \$15 to 20 per person, depending on numbers attending
- Parking:** If you can have a Bayside Council sticker, free parking is available in parking area B10  
Otherwise, you can pay to park in B10 or park across Beach Road in Abbott Street or other adjoining streets (not recommended)  
We can also provide some free parking in the club grounds at the rear of the club house.  
Please advise me if you would like to park in the club grounds, and your likely time of arrival, so I can arrange access. The club car park is not immediately obvious.  
Members, family and friends are welcome to attend. Not suitable for young children (under 10 years). Please advise me names of those attending

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