



Rotary Club of Mordialloc Inc. Reg No A0011994G PO Box 289, Mentone Vic 3194

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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.
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 1 February 2022

SPEAKER: Trevor Salmon

TOPIC: My Career in Mechanical Engineering

CHAIRMAN: Paul Taranto

MEETING NO: 2423

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.

Acknowledgment of Country

Our meeting is being held on the lands of the Bunurong people and we wish to acknowledge them as Traditional Owners. We would also like to pay our respects to their Elders, past and present, and Aboriginal Elders of other communities who may be here today.

President's message

Welcome to our first club meeting for February 2022. It seems amazing how the first month of the year is gone already. The holiday period and some major sporting events including "The Ashes" test cricket series and Australian Open tennis are now over.

The spectre of the Covid 19 pandemic still haunts our everyday life although we can only hope that the recent surge of the Omicron variant is reaching a peak and will recede over coming weeks. By now, even if we have not become infected personally, most of us know someone among our family, friends, community or work place who has had the virus. Rotarians are not immune as we have had a couple of our own club members affected as well as others in other clubs and the wider Rotary world. We must strive to remain vigilant and follow vaccination requirements and other health advice in all our activities.

Planning is now well advanced and arrangements on track for three major club events over coming months, namely the Gnome and Fairy Festival (20 March), the Interplast Golf Day (8 April) and the re-scheduled club 50th Anniversary Dinner on Saturday 7 May.

Our Bunnings sausage sizzle held on Saturday 29 January was another success. With milder weather than recently, the shoppers were out in numbers and sales built up during the day. The nett takings were \$1940. Thanks to Di Taranto and her team of helpers.

I attended the January Club President's monthly meeting on Zoom. Some relevant matters discussed were:

- The Rotary Foundation Grant program. Our proposed district grant project at the Emerge shelter should proceed shortly
- Equipment and training to run Hybrid club meetings, as face-to-face and on Zoom, should be available in the next month or so.
- The RYLA seminar had to be postponed from January to later in the year. Participants are being kept involved through Zoom
- The District Conference is planned for Friday 25 and Saturday 26 March as a combination of virtual and face-to-face events.

Governor Daryl and wife Jenny are recovering from their recent Covid infection.

My quote this week is on the subject of friendship from early 20th Century American journalist Walter Winchell:

"A real friend is one who walks in when the rest of the world walks out."

Brian

Serve to Change Lives

**Club Meeting No: 2421
18 January 2022
at Woodlands Golf Club**

Attendees: David Brunt, Jennifer Cloke, Jack Cooper, Glenyse Cooper, Brian Foley, Alan Opie, Jenny Pudney, Dianne Taranto, Paul Taranto, Don Van, Ernie Williams, Trina Williams.

Guests: Nataly Tormey and Morgan Tormey

Apologies: Jill Brear, Graeme Bruce, Barry Donaldson, Cliff Riley, Trevor Salmon, Brian Schauer, Kathy Thompson, Portia Williamson

Attendance (Members, visiting Rotarians, guests): 12 members, 2 guests

Chairman for the evening: Brian Foley

**Club Meeting No: 2422
25 January 2022
at Woodlands Golf Club**

Attendees: David Brunt, Jennifer Cloke, Jack Cooper, Glenyse Cooper, Brian Foley, Alan Opie, Jenny Pudney, Jack Pyziakos, Dianne Taranto, Paul Taranto, Kathy Thompson, Don Van, Ernie Williams, Trina Williams.

Guests: Councillor Chris Hill

Apologies: Jill Brear, Graeme Bruce, Barry Donaldson, Cliff Riley, Trevor Salmon, Brian Schauer

Attendance (Members, visiting Rotarians, guests): 14 members, 1 guest

Chairman for the evening: Ernie Williams

**President announcements
18 & 25 January**

President Brian welcomed all to the meetings and gave the following notices/updates:

- The monthly club presidents' meeting was held and information has been received about the situation in Tonga. RAWCS will be organising a relief project with local RC Nuku'alofa. ShelterBox is not yet organised. If needed, we have provision for emergency relief contributions.
- Rotary Foundation grants – our district grant proposal is still available. When approved, we have until the end of 2022 to complete.
- Woodlands have increased the cost of our meals to \$40pp. Please be sure to let David Brunt know whether or not you will attend a Woodlands meeting by the day before (at latest, Monday morning).
- Hybrid meetings – the equipment is expected to arrive in early February and training for those who have volunteered will follow.
- Thanks to everyone who attended the club social night at the Sandringham Croquet Club – a great night was had by all.
- RYLA has been postponed and it is expected a new date will be set soon.
- District 9810 Conference – a reminder to all to register. The conference will be held on Zoom on Friday 25 March, and in person at the Caulfield Racecourse on Saturday 26 March. We are assured that any money paid is secure in the event of cancellation.
- Dandenong Ranges storm recovery festival at Monbulk, scheduled for Sunday 27 February is still to be confirmed.
- Look out for the next District newsletter, which will be out in the first week of February

Executive and Committee Reports – 18 & 25 January

Executive Reports:

Secretary: No report

Treasurer: No report

Community Service report (David):

David reflected on what the Club has done over the past 2 years of COVID in Australia – lead by 3 Presidents, the Club has distributed 75 Easter care packages, 250 hampers to international students through local community groups; sent out Christmas care packages in both years and distributed close to 1,000 community care packages, as well as donations of frozen meals and continued support for the Salvation Army.

Other news:

- ReLink – Paul has been in touch and we wait to hear if another event will be scheduled.
- The BBQ at the Royal Children’s Hospital has been postponed.
- The Well-being Officer at Council has approached us to sponsor a walking group – David will follow up.
- The Parkinson’s Peer Support Group met in January and the next meeting is on Thursday 10 February.
- EMERGE – thank you to Di for all the work she has already done on this project.
- Salvos – Jennifer Cloke said they would appreciate more donations of frozen meals.

Foundation & International Report (Paul):

- The Board approved rounding up voluntary contributions and raffle proceeds to \$500 to be donated to Wheelchairs for Kids. Di has organised more donations of knee rugs to be sent to Wheelchairs for Kids in WA.
- The current quarter voluntary donations will go to “Every Child a Future”.
- The Board approved a pledge of \$5,000 for the rebuilding of the Dreketi School in Fiji.

The project was introduced to the Club by Alan Opie and Rotarian Peter Brown.

- “Seven Women” project in Nepal – a \$1,000 contribution will be made when the organiser of this project comes to talk to the Club.
- Project with the Men’s Shed – looking to recycle pre-loved tools through RAWCS/ Donations in Kind. This project is ongoing.
- Emergency relief for Tonga – there has been a communique from District, which will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

Youth Report (Di):

- EMERGE – the Mordialloc Men’s Shed are close to finishing the bench seating for the refuge. Di is following up and hopes to be able to visit soon.
- Smith Family – we continue to sponsor 2 students, sponsorship costs will go up in July from \$52 to \$55 per month. Di read a lovely thank you card received from one of our sponsored children.
- Yarrabah School – our support for the breakfast club will continue when school goes back.
- School awards – Mordialloc College emailed their thanks with details of the student recipients and their awards.
- NYSF was run in January. Di will be in contact with our sponsored student, Alisa Chech.
- RYLA has been postponed, awaiting a new date.
- Mallacoota visit and presentation of the life saving club storage container donated by our club – Di will contact to try and reschedule our trip.

Projects and Fundraising Report (Ernie):

- Interplast Golf Day (8 April) – flyers were distributed at the meeting. They have gone out to golfers and sponsors.
- Gnome & Fairy Festival – the Committee met on 20 January and decided to proceed with arrangements, with a final decision on

running the festival to be made on 14 February.



- Sausage sizzles – Bunnings have given us a regular 3rd Friday of each month. As 15 April is Good Friday, we have been offered Easter Sunday instead. Volunteers are needed for all BBQs – please let Di know when you can help.
- 50th Anniversary Dinner (Saturday, 7 May at Woodlands). The Committee met and all is proceeding well. Jack Cooper has spoken to Woodlands, who have agreed to hold the original price of meals for the event.
- “Meet and Greet: tables – Ernie has contacted Council for approval to hold these events in shopping centres on 5th & 19th February and 5th March, and awaits their response. Di and Ernie are organising a raffle with tickets to be sold at the “Meet and Greet” days, Karkarook Park clean up day and the Gnome & Fairy Festival
- Bendigo Bank – Paul and Ernie met with Anna Worsnop and discussed ideas to present to the Board: (1) sponsoring students to attend the Santos Science Experience (2) sponsoring a Parkdale Village Fair.

Members Announcements:

Trina – will order new Club polo shirts for anyone who wants them, both short and long-sleeved. Contact Trina to order by 2nd February.

Jenny – plans for the clean up of Karkarook Park are going ahead. This will be on 5 March – “Clean Up Australia Day”.

Sergeant’s Session:

Paul ran a sergeant’s session on 18 January, which included topics, such as: all those who haven’t had Covid; celebrating Ash Barty’s wins at the tennis; celebrating the Ashes win; Cameron Smith’s record breaking score at the golf in Hawaii; Songs of Praise, which featured the great work of the Salvos.

Presentation on Croquet by Brian Foley 18 January

Brian and Helen Foley have been members of Sandringham Croquet Club since 2004. Brian gave a presentation on various aspects of croquet.

The beginnings of croquet can be traced back to the 1400s when various games were played using a mallet and ball in England and France. These were the forerunners of golf, croquet and truco.

In the 1850s croquet began to be played socially on the grounds of big estates in England. In the 1860s, the laws of croquet were codified, competitive play began and the game spread to the British colonies including Australia. The first club in Victoria was formed at Kyneton in 1866 and others followed.

The game flourished in the early 20th century with new clubs formed at Brighton and Sandringham (1911) and Essendon (1913) and these all remain strong. The controlling body, Victorian Croquet Association was formed in 1914. The game diminished during both world wars but revived in the post-war periods. There are now some 8000 registered players in Australia while Victoria has about 2800 players in 91 clubs, the majority in regional areas. It is a unisex game and women compete against men at most levels.

In all forms of croquet, the game is played as either singles or doubles. One side plays black and blue coloured balls and the other plays red

and yellow. The objective is to hit each ball through the hoops in a designated order. When a ball passes correctly through a hoop it scores a point and moves to the next hoop. Brian then briefly described the two main forms of croquet, i.e. the traditional “association” croquet and the newer and shorter “golf croquet”

Brian concluded by showing a number of pictures taken at his club and various other venues where he has played or officiated as referee.

Guest Speaker 25 January

Councillor Chris Hill (City of Kingston, Como Ward) thanked the Club for the opportunity to speak and gave an Acknowledgment of Country.

Speaking on the eve of Australia Day, Chris talked about the central message of the Council’s Australia Day celebrations – ‘Respect, Reflect & Celebrate’ on what it means to be Australian and part of our great City of Kingston community.

Chris was born in Moorabbin, grew up in Frankston North and, after 11 years in the UK, he returned to settle in Mentone with his wife and 2 daughters. He now lives in Flinders Street, Mentone and his daughters attended Mentone Girls’ Secondary College.

What lead Chris to become a Councillor? He was concerned about the re-development of the bayside hotels and when the Mentone Hotel came up for sale, he ended up chairing the “Save the Edgy” Committee, with 3 goals – protect the heritage; fight inappropriate development and include a hospitality venue. They have succeeded in achieving those goals and having the building registered on the Victorian Heritage Register. A new hospitality venue is to be announced next month.

Chris also formed the Kingston “Save our Streets” campaign and his desire to raise awareness of proposed multi-storey developments lead to him running for Council and, to his surprise, being elected! He is honoured to represent the people of Kingston and privileged to be part of a good group of councillors.



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Chris talked about the following matters of local interest:

- Kingswood Golf Club – state government have change planning laws to remove Council involvement
- Stabling yards – the impact on residents in Heatherton
- Level crossing removals in Parkdale
- The new aquatic facility has been announced, to be built at the corner of Governor and Wells Roads, Mordialloc. This is a big investment and will include a hydrotherapy pool and safe waterplay area. The old Don Tatnell pool has been closed and deemed too dangerous for repair/renewal.
- Housing strategy (neighbourhood zoning) – Chris talked about the latest situation with this scheme. More information can be found at this link: [Housing Strategy and Neighbourhood Character Study - Kingston City Council](#)
- Changes to local laws – Council is hoping to change a law which currently bans firepits, pizza ovens, solid fuel BBQS in the City of Kingston.

Chris answered some questions:

Will the Don Tatnell site be redeveloped? The community centre is still there and the future of the site is still to be decided.

The future of the Mentone Railway Station precinct? There are proposals for the internal use of the buildings, which need to be approved by heritage and level crossing authorities. The vacant space beside the precinct is currently owned by Vic Rail and it is proposed that Council acquire the land.

Any plans to recognise the indigenous heritage of the area? The current group of councillors is keen to explore this.

Parkdale Station gardens – Paul advised Chris of the Club’s previous involvement with the gardens and that we are keen to be involved in future plans.

Forthcoming meeting program and rosters

DATE	LOCATION	SPEAKER	TOPIC	CHAIR
8 Feb	Zoom		Committee Meetings	Brian Foley
15 Feb	Woodlands	Louis Shepard and family	Usher Kids Australia	Graeme Bruce
22 Feb	Woodlands	Stephanie Woollard	Seven Women Project in Nepal	Paul Taranto

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.

14 February (Monday)	Board Meeting
18 February (Friday)	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle
6 March (Sunday)	Clean up at Karkarook Park, Moorabbin
18 March (Friday)	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle
20 March (Sunday)	Gnome & Fairy Festival
25-26 March (Friday to Saturday)	Rotary District Conference
8 April (Friday)	Interplast Golf Day
17 April (Easter Sunday)	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle
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
ReLink	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