



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.
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	18 January 2022
TOPIC:	Club Night
CHAIRMAN:	Brian Foley
MEETING NO:	2421

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.



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President's message

Welcome to our first club meeting for 2022. I trust that you and your families had an enjoyable break with family and friends over the Christmas and New Year period.

Last Tuesday we were able to hold our traditional social croquet evening at Sandringham Croquet Club. The weather was very pleasant, the lawns and surroundings were in good condition and the adults and one child enjoyed themselves. Jennifer Cloke's granddaughter, Charlotte, showed us how well she could hit a croquet ball when I found her a mallet with a short handle.

The ongoing Covid 19 pandemic is getting more complicated with each day. A few weeks ago it seemed that with high levels of vaccination across the nation, the dangerous Delta version had reached its peak and after nearly two years the country was finally opening up. Then the highly transmissible Omicron version appeared and has spread rapidly causing daily case numbers and hospital admissions to soar to levels unheard of a couple of months ago. Obviously we are going to be living with a range of restrictions for a long while yet.

During the week, I received a letter from Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta setting out Rotary's position in relation to Covid-19 vaccination. Some key points are:

- Rotary endorses and encourages vaccination for all individuals and members
- Misinformation has become an "infodemic" that hinders the fight against COVID-19
- Globally, Rotary is actively engaged in assuring equity in vaccine access to all people.
- Rotary salutes health care workers everywhere as they continue to provide lifesaving services.
- Rotary and Rotaract clubs are encouraged to be exemplary role models and redouble efforts to support Covid-19 treatment, prevention and vaccination.

I have asked Secretary Trina to copy the full text of the RI President's letter to all members.

About a week ago I received news that a former member and president of Rotary Club of Mordialloc, Peter Cleal, had died after a long illness. Peter was club president in 1984-85. He then moved to live and work in New Zealand and returned to Australia after retirement to live in Woodend where he died. I only met Peter a few times although I knew other members of the Cleal family. I spoke with Peter's sister Trish last week and expressed condolences to the family on behalf of the club.

As we look forward to navigating our way through 2022, I leave you with the following inspirational quotation from writer and author Robert Louis Stevenson:

"Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant." – Robert Louis Stevenson, Scottish Writer, 1850 -1894

Brian

Serve to Change Lives

Club Meeting No: 2420 21 December 2021 Annual Christmas Dinner at Woodlands Golf Club

Attendees: George Aivatoglou, David Brunt, Jennifer Cloke, Jack Cooper, Brian Foley, Phil Maxwell, Jenny Pudney, Jack Pyziakos, Trevor Salmon, Dianne Taranto, Paul Taranto, Kathy Thompson, Don Van, Ernie Williams, Trina Williams.

Guests: Margaret Aivatoglou, Helen Brunt, Helen Foley, Sue Maxwell, Mark Pudney, Wendy Merchan, Jill Van, Portia Williamson

Apologies: Jill Brear, Graeme Bruce, Glenyse Cooper, Barry Donaldson Jim Hardy, Cliff Riley, Brian Schauer

Attendance (Members, visiting Rotarians, guests): 15 members, 8 guests

Chairman for the evening: Brian Foley

President announcements 21 December 2021

President Brian welcomed all to the Annual Christmas dinner, and gave an “Acknowledgement to Country”. There were just a few formal business items:

- Woodlands have increased the price of meals to \$40pp, to take effect from 18 January 2022. We have accepted this charge and have set up a small committee to look at alternative venues and meeting formats.
- The Board met on 20 December and decisions made will be advised by Committee Chairs in the New Year.
- The Board made a decision to include an “Acknowledgement of Country” at the start of each weekly meeting. The wording is included in this bulletin with the toasts to Australia and Rotary International.
- The Gnome & Fairy Festival Committee met and plans are progressing. It was decided

not to have a jumping castle in light of the recent tragic events in Tasmania.

- Hybrid meetings – Brian, Trina and Paul will train in the use of the equipment in the New Year and we hope to commence hybrid meetings (in person combined with Zoom) in February/March. We could use one or two more volunteers to train to use the equipment – please let Brian know if you are interested.

President Brian then recognised Jenny Pudney as a Paul Harris Fellow and presented her with a certificate and pin .



Alan Opie was also recognised as a Paul Harris Fellow, but as he couldn't be present on the night, President Brian presented him with his certificate and pin when we gathered to prepare for the Bunnings BBQ.



A great evening of fellowship was then enjoyed by all.

Paul and Dianne Taranto presented 3 fantastic large hampers of Christmas goods as raffle prizes.

The raffle was drawn and the winners were: Ernie Williams, Kathy Thompson and Phil Maxwell.

Ernie then reported on the Club Christmas Raffle and acknowledged all Club members for their fantastic efforts in helping to sell tickets.

Particular thanks went to Di Taranto, whose idea it was to put the raffle together with goods donated to the Club. In all, 1,560 tickets were sold, raising \$3,120 (before expenses).

The winning tickets were drawn and the the results were:

1st Prize: George Aivatoglou, Parkdale
2nd Prize: Anonymous winner, Parkdale
3rd Prize: Bayside Real Estate, Mordialloc.

Forthcoming meeting program and rosters

DATE	LOCATION	SPEAKER	TOPIC	CHAIR
25 Jan	Woodlands	Councillor Chris Hill	First year as Councillor and local matters	Ernie Williams
1 Feb	Woodlands	TBA		
8 Feb	Zoom		Committee Meetings	Brian Foley
15 Feb	Woodlands	Louis Shepard and family	Usher Kids Australia	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.

29 January (Saturday)	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle
13 February (Sunday)	Royal Children's Hospital Family Day/BBQ
14 February (Monday)	Board Meeting
18 February (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
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
Realink	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



Christmas Dinner Raffle Prize Winners



Annual Sports and Picnic Night at the Sandringham Croquet Club