



**SERVE TO
CHANGE LIVES**



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District Governor 2021-22: Dr Daryl Moran

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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 5 April 2022

SPEAKER: Matt Harris

TOPIC: Yarrabah School

CHAIRMAN: Jenny Pudney

MEETING NO: 2431

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 this week's meeting at Woodlands Golf Club. I will be absent this week while I am officiating at a major croquet tournament in Traralgon, my last such event for the 2021-22 season. President-Elect Jenny will preside and chair the meeting.

As last week was the fifth Tuesday in the month, we departed from our usual schedule and made it a social night with dinner at the Cheltenham RSL. Unfortunately, we had to cancel our planned visits to the Moorabbin Airport museum and the Fareshare market garden due to unavailability of many members.

At the March board meeting, it was agreed that with the end of daylight saving we would revert to the general format we have followed in the last two years, i.e. a face-to-face meeting at Woodlands Golf Club on the first and third Tuesdays of each month and a meeting on Zoom on the second and fourth Tuesdays. Again when there is a fifth Tuesday, it would be a social night. That could change depending on circumstances.

After many months of planning, our long-awaited Gnome and Fairy Festival was held on Sunday 20 March and it was a successful and happy day. Young families with plenty of fairies, and a few gnomes, began streaming in from the start of the day and continued coming all day. The fine weather was a factor in the success of the day. Thank you to everyone - members, partners, volunteers, friends of the club, stall holders, indeed everyone who helped make the day a great success. In particular the Gnome and Fairy Committee members, Ernie, Trina, Di, Jack and Glenyse Cooper and Kay Gordon have worked tirelessly for many months to achieve the great outcome. Although Jack could not be there in person, he was with us in spirit and we wish him a speedy recovery from his recent illness.

Our other big event, the Interplast Golf Day, is being held this coming Friday 8 April at Rosedale Golf Club in Aspendale

The District 9810 Conference was held on Friday 25 and Saturday 26 March as a combination of virtual and face-to-face events. The conference was shorter than in previous years and concentrated on two areas of Rotary's areas of focus namely Healthy People and Healthy World. All speakers and presentations were relevant and of high standard.

Finally, last Wednesday, a number of us assisted Reclink to launch their 2022 South East Football Season held at Frankston Football ground by providing a barbeque and soft drinks for hungry players and supporters. Thanks to Paul, Dianne, Jack Pyziakos, Alan and my wife Helen who sold raffle tickets. Our services were much appreciated. A photograph from the day is at the end of this bulletin.

Have a good week as we continue to "Serve to Change Lives"

Brian

**Club Meeting No: 2429
15 March 2022
at Woodlands Golf Club**

Attendees: Jill Brear, David Brunt, Jennifer Cloke, Jack Cooper, Glenyse Cooper, Brian Foley, Jenny Pudney, Alan Opie, Jack Pyziakos, Di Taranto, Kathy Thompson, Ernie Williams, Trina Williams.

Apologies: George Aivatoglou, Graeme Bruce, Barry Donaldson, Cliff Riley, Trevor Salmon, Brian Schauer, Paul Taranto, Don Van.

Visiting Rotarians: David Cugley (Assistant Governor, RC Noble Park-Dingley), Amrit Singh (RC Brighton North)

Attendance: 13 members, 2 guests

Chairman for the evening: Ernie Williams

**Club Meeting No: 2430
22 March 2022
Zoom**

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

Apologies: George Aivatoglou, Jill Brear, Graeme Bruce, Jack Cooper, Barry Donaldson, Jenny Pudney, Jack Pyziakos, Cliff Riley, Trevor Salmon, Brian Schauer, Di Taranto.

Visiting Rotarians: Les Marton and Trish Carr (RC Box Hill-Burwood), Peter and Helene Brown (RC Taveuni Island, Fiji)

Attendance: 10 members, 4 guests

Chairman for the evening: Paul Taranto

**President announcements
15 & 22 March**

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

- What a day on Sunday as our long-awaited Gnome & Fairy Festival was held and what a successful and happy day it was. Right from 10am young families came streaming in and they continued right up to around 3.30pm. Thank you to everyone - members, partners, volunteers, friends of the club, stall holders - who helped make the day a great success. The Gnome & Fairy Committee will prepare a report on this year's event shortly. If you have any comments or suggestions for the future of the event, please send them to Secretary, Trina. Although Jack Cooper was not there in person, he was certainly there in spirit. He telephoned many of us that night and we were able to tell him what a great day it was.
- A Meet & Greet was held in Mentone shopping centre on Saturday 12 March and generated plenty of interest in Rotary generally and the festival in particular.
- The District Conference is on Friday 25 and Saturday 26 March. Friday night is for one hour on Zoom leaving enough time to have a club dinner which Kathy has organised.
- The Board met on 21 March and agreed that from the beginning of April to the end of September we will meet in person at Woodlands on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, and on Zoom for the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. We will also run hybrid meetings when we have the equipment, which should be available soon.

Community Bank · Parkdale

 **Bendigo Bank**

- Good news – I received a letter from District Governor Daryl approving our application for a District Grant to purchase an electric barbeque and other equipment for the Emerge refuge.

Executive and Committee Reports – 15 & 22 March

Executive Reports:

Secretary: The Board met on 21 March and a number of decisions taken, which will be covered in committee reports.

Treasurer: David and Trina banked money taken at the Gnome & Fairy Festival. Some accounts for the event are still to be paid.

Community Service report (David):

- Parkinson's Peer Support Group met on 10 March. Thanks to Ernie for being a chauffeur for Steven, one of the members.
- EMERGE grant has been approved – thanks go to Brian and Di for their work on this. Di reported that the BBQ has been ordered and we are awaiting an electrician to install it.
- Reclink have asked us to run a BBQ at their season launch at VFL Park in Frankston on 30 March and we have agreed, with the Board approving up to \$500 to cover costs.
- The Board approved a donation of \$500 to the Usher Syndrome Foundation.

Foundation & International Report (Paul):

- Paul welcomed our guests, Peter and Helene Browne and confirmed our Club will donate AUD \$5,000 towards the rebuilding of the Dreketi School in Fiji. \$3,000 of this will be paid out of the memorial fund established by Alan and Susan Opie.
- The Board approved a donation of \$1,000 to the RAWCS Tonga Volcano Eruption and Tsunami Disaster Appeal

Youth report (Di):

- Yarrabah Special School – Di and Trina enjoy supporting the school breakfast club

each week. We look forward to our Club tour of the school on 5 April.

Projects and Fundraising report (Ernie):

- Ernie congratulated all members and friends of Rotary who volunteered to make the Gnome & Fairy Festival a fantastic day. Accounts will be finalised and more information about the outcomes from the day will be presented in due course.
- 50th Anniversary celebration dinner invitations will be sent out this week.
- Preparation is going well for the Interplast Golf Day on Friday 8 April at Rosedale Golf Club. More golfers are welcome – please contact Ernie for details.

Members Announcements:

- Glenyse talked about our visit to the Moorabbin Air Museum and the FareShare garden next door on 29 March, with dinner at the Cheltenham RSL afterwards.
- Kathy invited all to a social night at Mordy HQ to listen to the District Conference speakers on Zoom, followed by dinner.
- Kathy has tickets for the next Mordialloc Theatre production – please let her know if you would like to go on Thursday, 5 May.

Sergeant's Session – 15 March:

No-one had been allocated the Sergeant's role, but Kathy jumped in and gave an impressive impromptu session with some taxing questions for us all.

Raffle: 15 March – the winners were Jack Pyziakos and Jack Cooper. The raffle raised \$19 and \$10.60 was raised for Wheelchairs for Kids. On 22 March the raffle raised \$20 and \$24 was raised for Wheelchairs for Kids.

Gnome & Fairy Festival Presentation

On 15 March, Jack Cooper, Trina and Ernie talked to everyone about the organisation and preparation for the Gnome & Fairy Festival on Sunday 20 March. Di spoke about the volunteers and roles for the day and presented a draft roster.

Guest Speakers on 22 March

Peter and Helene Brown The Dreketi School Project

Peter and Helene Brown were members of the Rotary Club of Chelsea for several years. After visiting Fiji and becoming involved in projects there, they eventually moved there 7 years ago.

Peter's 60 years experience as a carpenter by trade and builder by profession has been put to good use working on a number of projects. They are involved with a very active club, the Rotary Club of Taveuni Island and Helene has been Secretary of the club for over 6 years. Taveuni is close to Gamea Island, the location of the Dreketi School, which is to be rebuilt with money which includes a donation from our club.

Peter was able to tell us about the cyclone-rated building materials which have already been successfully used to rebuild after the damage done by the 2016 cyclone Winston. Lots of schools have been destroyed in recent years, but the government can't rebuild them all and the Dreketi school hasn't been allocated any government funds.

The total amount needed to rebuild the school is \$225,000 Fiji dollars. Many local people work at the Red Bull Resort and they have donated FJ\$100,000. RC Taveuni has raised FJ\$40,000 and FJ\$7,500 each has been donated by RC Frankston Peninsula and RC Mordialloc.

The RC Taveuni is also involved in a cataract program involving a medical team from all parts of the world.

Les Marton The History of the Concorde

Les Marton is a Rotarian with the Rotary Club of Box Hill Burwood. He is a retired airline Captain who has flown both private and commercial planes. He is very knowledgeable about the Concorde and gave an interesting presentation on the history and technology of the plane.

Concorde is a supersonic airliner with a maximum speed over twice the speed of sound. Les describes the Concorde as "a fighter plane carrying 100 people".

Concorde was designed when there were no computers and models were built in full size. The English designers needed a partner and the French came on board with production taking place in Toulouse. Twenty aircraft were built, and Air France and British Airways were the only airlines to purchase them. Designed to reach the speed of sound, the Concorde flew at 1300 miles per hour. Flights started in 1969, with the first commercial flight on 21 January 1976.

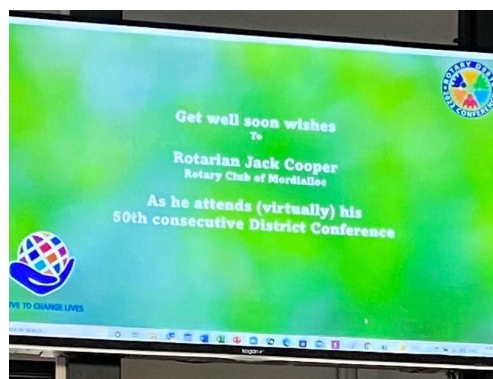
Les showed us some interesting photos and a video of the inside of the cockpit, a very small space compared to today's aircraft.

The Concorde had one fatal accident in 27 years of service in which 105 people died. Following that crash, a scare campaign resulted in falling numbers and, combined with high maintenance costs, the last flights were in 2003.

Some places where Concorde can be viewed are at the Air and Space Museum at Le Bourget Airport, France; the Air Museum in Somerset, UK, the Delta Museum at Orly Airport, Paris and Heathrow Airport, London.

Paul gave a vote of thanks to our speakers.

Special recognition for Jack Cooper



At the start of the District Conference, Jack Cooper was recognised for attending his 50th consecutive conference.

Forthcoming meeting program and rosters

DATE	LOCATION	SPEAKER	TOPIC	CHAIR
12 April	Zoom	Club members	Committee Meetings	Trina Williams
19 April	Woodlands	Tony Monley	2023 Rotary International Convention in Melbourne	tba
26 April	Zoom	tba	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.

30 March (Wednesday)	Reclink BBQ
2 April (Saturday)	Bunnings Easter Brunch Event
8 April (Friday)	Interplast Golf Day
16 April (Easter Saturday)	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.
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. Alicia will be coming to talk to us about her experience.
Dandenong Storm Damage Relief	\$5000 donation and club participation in the Storm Damage Relief Festival
Emerge Project	Supporting a local women's and children's refuge
Reclink	Sports program to assist disadvantaged people.
End Polio Campaign	Donation for Rotary's worldwide program to eliminate Polio.
Mordialloc Mens Shed	Collaborative hands on assistance with EMERGE
Yarrabah School	Hands on assistance with the Breakfast Club





Support for Reclink

On Wednesday 30 March, The Rotary Club of Mordialloc assisted Reclink to launch their 2022 South East Football Season held at Frankston Football ground by providing a barbeque and soft drinks for hungry players and supporters.

Reclink Australia provides evidence-based sport and art programs to disadvantaged Australians to create socially inclusive, life-changing opportunities.

