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IMAGINE ROTARY



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Club meets at Woodland Golf Club, 109 White Street Mordialloc.
Winter schedule is first & third Tuesday 6pm for a 6.30 start.
Every second and fourth Tuesday is on Zoom.

THIS WEEK'S MEETING IS A HYBRID MEETING AT WOODLANDS

DATE AND MEETING NUMBER	5 July 2022 No. 2443
SPEAKERS:	Megan Maxfield
TOPIC:	Salvos Funerals
CHAIRMAN:	Kathy Thompson
BULLETIN NOTES:	Trina Williams

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

Thank you to everyone who attended the online Changeover night. Together we raised \$800.00 which has already been paid to Days for Girls.

We are receiving a lot of information about the upcoming International Convention in 2023. I have registered our interest and hope to receive confirmation about our involvement soon.

We are in the process of sending out expressions of interest to relevant stakeholders for the Parkdale Fair which will be held later in the year. Over the next few weeks, we will also start organising our Christmas functions for people who live alone, a Christmas party for the children at Mordialloc Neighbourhood House, consult with the Mordialloc Historical Society regarding our upcoming 'History Walks', and resume our hands on assistance with the Parkinson's Group and Yarrabah School.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank each member for your work over the past year. No matter how small, your contribution makes our local and international community a better place.

Jenny Pudney
President



Community Bank · Parkdale

 **Bendigo Bank**

**Club Meeting No: 2441
21 June 2022
at Woodlands Golf Club**

Attendees: George Aivatoglou, Jill Brear, David Brunt, Jennifer Cloke, Glenyse Cooper, Jack Cooper, Brian Foley, Alan Opie, Jenny Pudney, Trevor Salmon, Brian Schauer, Kathy Thompson, Don Van, Ernie Williams, Trina Williams

Apologies: Graeme Bruce, Di Taranto, Paul Taranto

Visiting Rotarians: Amritpal Singh (RC Brighton North)

Guests: Margaret Aivatoglou, Michael Care, Eva Cumming

Attendance: 15 members, 1 visiting Rotarian, 3 guests

Chairman for the evening: Trevor Salmon

**Club Meeting No: 2442
28 June 2022
Club Changeover via Zoom**

Attendees: George Aivatoglou, Jill Brear, Graeme Bruce, David Brunt, Jennifer Cloke, Glenyse Cooper, Jack Cooper, Brian Foley, Alan Opie, Jenny Pudney, Cliff Riley, Trevor Salmon, Brian Schauer, Di Taranto, Paul Taranto, Kathy Thompson, Don Van, Ernie Williams, Trina Williams

Apologies: Jack Pyziakos, Don Van

Visiting Rotarians: Ken Mirams (RC Beaumaris), Helen Nodrum (RC Bentleigh Moorabbin Central), Tony Stove (RC Merimbula), Len Brear (RC Nunawading)

Guests: Margaret Aivatoglou, Helen Brunt, Helen Foley, Kay Gordon, Shirley Mirams, Judy Stove

Attendance: 18 members, 4 visiting Rotarians, 6 guests

Chairman for the evening: Brian Schauer

**President announcements
21 June**

President Brian welcomed all to the meetings and reported on the following:

Two weeks ago we ran our first meeting using the hybrid format and it went well. Tonight we are using it again. It is still a bit new to us and might take some time changing to new procedures. A reminder of important procedure changes:

For those on Zoom: use the mute function when you are not speaking to the meeting; if you wish to speak, use the raised hand symbol.

For those in the room at Woodlands: come to the microphone at the front of the room if you wish to speak; please do not speak if someone else is speaking, either on Zoom or in the room.

The Board met on 20 June. Although there were no major project decisions, the various committees reported on current and future activities. A number of club administrative matters were discussed, including future meeting venues and format. It was agreed that all members be involved in these decisions and a club forum is to be held on Zoom on 12 July.

Thanks to Di and all helpers with the Bunnings sausage sizzle on Friday 17 June. Given the inclement weather the profit of \$612 was excellent.

Brian shared a nice letter of thanks from Helen Brunt thanking us for our continuing support of the Parkinson's Peer Support Group.

Changeover Night 28 June

President's Report for 2021-22 Year

Brian presented a report on the year's activities, a full transcript of which is at the back of this bulletin.

Cliff Riley

Brian congratulated his friend and work colleague of well over 50 years, Cliff Riley who completed 40 years as a member of this club on 1 June 2022.

Club Finances

At this stage, the books for the current year are not yet finalised, but we know that the club remains financially sound. Our total expenditure for all causes exceeds \$47,000 which is comparable with other recent years allowing for the reductions in youth and other programs that have not yet gone ahead.

District Recognition Awards

Brian and Helen attended the District 9810 changeover and were very pleased to receive on behalf of the club two District Recognition Awards in the categories:

- Club Projects, principally the Gnome and Fairy Festival
- Club PR and Communications. The whole range of our publicity activities

Paul Harris Recognition

President Brian then spoke about the following club members and awarded them with PHF pins in recognition of their great work:

- Jack Cooper (PHF + 7 (2 rubies))
- Jack Pyziakos (PHF + 3)
- Graeme Bruce (PHF + 2)
- Trina Williams (PHF + 1)
- Dianne Taranto (PHF + 1)
- Ernie Williams (PHF + 1)

President's Handover

President Brian Foley handed over to incoming President Jenny Pudney with these words: "Incoming President Jenny, I have much pleasure in passing the presidential collar to you as you assume the role of President of the Rotary Club of Mordialloc. I am sure you will uphold the traditions of our club and guide it through its 51st year of Rotary service to our local, national and international communities. Congratulations and best wishes Jenny from all of us."

Incoming President, Jenny Pudney

Jenny spoke about the 2022 – 2023 Rotary International Presidential Initiative from Jennifer Jones which focuses on diversity and inclusion. In 1933 Paul Harris said that "Rotary is thrown open to all walks of life. To representatives of all countries and all forms of religion. Herein lies the genius of Rotary." My focus for this year will also be on diversity and inclusion and I look forward to building our membership. Jennifer Jones also introduced our new theme which is IMAGINE ROTARY. The circles represent our connections to one another, and the seven dots represent Rotary's seven areas of focus. The colour purple represents polio, green represents the environment and white represents peace. An Australian Indigenous artist designed the theme graphic to link with the Melbourne Convention in 2023, which our Club will be supporting.

Jenny thanked the outgoing Board and welcomed the new Board for 2022 – 2023: President elect – Kathy Thompson, Treasurer – Brian Foley, Secretary – Trina Williams, Youth – Di Taranto, Community – Jennifer Cloke and International – Paul Taranto.

Jenny thanked Brian Foley for his ongoing commitment to Rotary and his support in the last year.

Executive and Committee Reports – 21 & 28 June

Executive Reports:

Secretary: the Club has received a receipt and letter of thanks from Janette Etherington on behalf of Inteplast for our donation of \$5,000 from the Golf Day. Trina read a number of apologies for changeover night wishing the club well for the upcoming year.

Treasurer: David and Graeme gave financial updates.

Community Service report (David):

- Food deliveries are still welcome at the Dingley Salvos. Please contact Jennifer Cloke if you have any donations to make.
- City of Kingston will receive some displaced people from the Ukraine and the Salvos may need our help to support them.
- David thanked Jennifer Cloke for taking over the Community Committee Chair position next year.
- David attended the City of Kingston Rental Assistance meeting on Zoom, and the next meeting is scheduled for September.

Foundation & International Report (Paul):

- (21 June) In Paul's absence Brian advised the same projects will continue next year. Support for a school in Kenya is still a possibility, which Paul will be exploring further.
- (28 June) Paul distributed news of the Dreketi School project in Fiji, to which the club donated \$5,000 during the year.

Youth report (Di):

- RYLA - it is unlikely we have a candidate to sponsor this year.
- NYSF - Di is in touch with local schools and seeking candidates for the next youth science forum.

Projects and Fundraising report (Ernie):

- Bunnings BBQ on 17 June raised \$621. The next one is on Friday 15 July. Please let Di know if you can help.
- Gnome & Fairy Festival - the Bendigo Bank have confirmed a donation of \$2,940 to help defray the festival costs, bringing our profit for the event to approx. \$20,000. A tentative date of Sunday 19 March 2023 has been set for the next festival.
- Interplast - the next Golf Day will be at Rosedale Golf Club on Friday 7 April 2023
- Money spinner at Coles, Mentone has raised \$167 in 2 months. It will continue to be located there and the signage will be updated.
- A major project is under discussion - holding a Parkdale Village Community Fair. Bendigo Bank have offered to subsidise with \$5,000 and Paul is talking to traders and approaching Council and local sporting clubs etc. for involvement. Proceeds raised will go to benefit youth mental health. Jack Cooper suggested contacting Trevor Allwright who has organised similar events in the Beaumaris Concourse.

Guest Speakers 21 June 2022 Michael Care & Eva Cumming Barry Plant Real Estate

Michael is the Director of Barry Plant Real Estate, Mordialloc and Eva the Sales & Marketing Executive., both have been in real estate for many years. The practice now employs 15 people in property management, and 15 in sales. They talked about the changing landscape with a lot more compliance required of landlords to meet safety, and other standards for their tenants. Unexpectedly, the sales market boomed during Covid and grew about 15-20 per cent. It is now cooling and is expected to taper off. Michael and Eva answered questions from the floor, including those around social housing, action versus private sales and how to get an edge in the competitive rental market.

Trevor gave a vote of thanks.

The raffle on 21 June raised \$33 and the winners were Kathy Thompson and Trevor Salmon. \$10.90 was raised for Wheelchairs for Kids.

Meeting program and rosters

Summary of coming events.

Tuesday and Friday mornings	Breakfast Club at Yarrabah School
10 July (Saturday 9-12) in the nursery section	Friends of Karkarook Park
15 July (Friday)	Bunnings BBQ - email Di to confirm your attendance.

DATE	LOCATION	CHAIR
12 July	Zoom	Glenyse Cooper
19 July	Woodlands	Paul Taranto
26 July	Zoom	Jennifer Cloke



Did you know that Mordialloc Rotary, the Rotary Club of Bentleigh Moorabbin Central and the Rotary Club of Moorabbin are financial organisational members of the Friends of Karkarook Park? Our cluster hopes that we can make an impact by attending the working bees on Saturdays to provide members with project work for helping the environment.



Changeover Night on Zoom, 28 June 2022

President's Report to Club Changeover From Brian Foley, 28 June 2022

It is my pleasure to report that the Rotary Club of Mordialloc has achieved another successful year in 2021-22 with many highlights despite the challenges we faced along the way. The early part of the Rotary year was dominated by the impact of Covid and, in this respect, my experience was similar to that of my predecessors Past Presidents Ernie and Paul.

In late June 2021 we held our annual changeover dinner at Woodlands Golf Club and looked forward to resuming our face to face weekly meetings and many of the club projects and activities that had been on hold due to Covid. Two weeks later, the State was back into lockdown due to the emergence of a new strain of Covid that limited most activities until mid-November when restrictions began to be eased.

We maintained contact with most of our members by running our weekly meetings on Zoom. One of our main planned activities was the celebration of the club's 50th anniversary of charter due in November 2021 and this had to be postponed until May 2022. One public activity that we were able to undertake was a monthly Mordi market stall from July to November subject to Covid protocols. This proved useful in improving our public profile. Due to changed management arrangements, we ceased the market involvement at the end of 2021.

When restrictions were eased further in early 2022, planning proceeded rapidly and over the first six months of 2022 we successively completed the majority of our works that are normally spread over the whole 12 months. Thank you to all of our members, partners and friends of the club who contributed to this success. Our board members without exception have worked extremely hard in their portfolios

Our three major planned projects for the year, the Gnome and Fairy Festival, the Interplast Golf Day and the 50th anniversary dinner were all successful and enjoyable. In fact the Gnome and Fairy Festival proved to be the biggest and best since the event commenced in 2013.

I will now give some more detail of activities undertaken under the various portfolios.

Community Service. Chair David Brunt

The club continues to support a range of projects and activities, large and small, that benefit both our immediate local community and the wider Australian scene. Significant items include:

The Salvation Army Kingston Centre – Donations to fund Christmas hampers for clients. Individual members have donated foodstuffs for food hampers for needy persons.

Emerge Women's and Children's Refuge. A district grant has been obtained towards the cost of an electric barbeque, tables and seating in a reflection area. This project is estimated to cost \$6000 and is currently in progress with assistance from Mordialloc Men's Shed volunteers.

Parkinson's Peer Support Group. The club assists with payment of rent for the meeting venue and several members usually attend the meetings.

We continue to support ReLink, a body that organises social and sporting opportunities for disadvantaged people. In March we ran a BBQ for over 100 participants at a ReLink football carnival in Frankston.

The Keith Carpenter Award, in memory of late club member Keith, continues to support a promising

young cricketer at Parkdale United Cricket Club of which Keith had been a long term member.

Dandenong Storm Damage Recovery Project. District 9810 commenced this project in response to a severe storm that occurred in the Dandenong Ranges in June and had a serious impact on clubs and communities within our area. Some \$102,000 was donated by clubs and individuals including \$5000 from our club plus donations from several members. I was appointed to the district committee overseeing the project. The funds have now been distributed to various community groups that are undertaking recovery work in the affected area. Several members attended a festival day at Kalorama in February in support of the project.

Parkdale Level Crossing Replacement Advisory Committee. Paul Taranto was appointed to this group to assist community consultation in respect of railway level crossing replacement work about to be undertaken that will impact the Parkdale station gardens and surrounding areas.

Donations were also made to Fareshare, Mordialloc Neighbourhood House, Mordialloc Men's Shed, and Usher Kids Australia

The Rotary Foundation and International Projects. Chair: Paul Taranto

The club continues to support Rotary's major worldwide program, The Rotary Foundation, through both Annual Giving and End Polio. The club donated \$A3100 to annual giving and \$A1500 to the polio program in this year.

The club's efforts in supporting the Foundation in 2020-21 were recognised by the District on June 15 with the awarding of a Level 1 Donor Recognition certificate. This is given to Clubs that contribute on average per member more than US\$100 and less than US\$250 in the Rotary year. The Club's contribution of \$A3000 plus the Centurion contributions of at least \$A100 by around half the Club members led to this award being given. As we have donated similar amounts in the current year, we should again qualify for this award.

The club also supported a range of international projects and causes this year as follows:

- RAM (Rotarians against Malaria) \$500
- ROMAC Rotary (Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children) \$500
- Every Child a Future \$500
- Wheelchairs for Kids \$500
- Wheelchairs for Kids accessories \$100 plus hand knitted rugs
- RAWCS Tonga Tsunami Relief Appeal \$1000
- ShelterBox Ukraine Appeal \$1000
- Dreketi Fiji School rebuild fund \$5000
- Interplast. Total \$14,500 comprising \$9500 in lieu of the 2021 golf day not held, and \$5000 from 2022 Golf Day proceeds plus round up by the club.

Youth Projects. Chair: Dianne Taranto

Nearly all youth related Rotary programs were suspended for the duration of the Covid pandemic. Some have now resumed or are planned to be held shortly.

National Youth Science Forum (NYSF). This was held in January using a modified format than in past years. Our club sponsored Alisha Chech who gave an excellent report to the club and obviously benefitted from the experience. Applicants are currently being sought for the next NYSF program in January 2023.

(RYLA) Rotary Youth Leadership Awards. This was scheduled for January 2022 but was deferred for six months due to Covid restrictions. We had sponsored Finn Wheatley (Jack Cooper's grandson) but he has withdrawn as he is now in employment and not available. We had offered to sponsor another person that the District committee offered to find. At this stage, no replacement has come forward.

Yarrabah School. Di Taranto and Trina Williams have been attending two days per week to assist with running the breakfast club.

Smith Family. The club provides some financial assistance to two needy families through the Smith Family organisation.

MUNA (Model United National Assembly) will be held later in 2022 and we will be sponsoring two applicants representing Ethiopia.

Other youth programs are still developing.

Projects and Fundraising. Chair: Ernie Williams

Ernie and his committee were extremely busy throughout the year planning and organising both major and small scale projects and activity. Given the Covid restrictions and uncertainties in late 2021 and continuing into early 2022, there were a lot of changes, contingency planning and short term decision making involved. Nevertheless, our three major planned events, the Gnome and Fairy Festival, the Interplast Golf Day and the delayed 50th Club Anniversary Dinner did proceed and were all very successful.

The final decision to proceed with the Gnome and Fairy Festival was made in early February, barely six weeks before the planned date of Sunday 20 March. Schools and kindergartens had just resumed for 2022 and there was a major publicity program to bring the event to the attention of likely attendees, namely young families and children as well as the broader community. We were favoured by fine, sunny and pleasant weather conditions on the day and this added to the attraction as large numbers were streaming into the George Woods Reserve from opening time of 10 am through to closure at 4 pm. All the attractions were well patronised and it was apparent that so many young families were so happy to attend the event after two years of lockdowns.

The Interplast Golf Day was held on Friday 8 April at Rosedale Golf Club in Aspendale, the original venue for this event from 1997 to 2005. The number of players was forty five which was lower than in most previous years. However, the change of venue proved to be acceptable and all participants enjoyed the day. We had a large number of donated gifts which were auctioned after the golf concluded to add to the takings. \$5000 was sent to Interplast from this year's event.

The club's 50th Anniversary Celebration Dinner was held on Saturday 7 May at Woodlands Golf Club, Mordialloc. The event was promoted extensively to current members, past members, other clubs, District Rotarians and past participants in Rotary programs. Actual attendance amounted to sixty people which was lower than expected for various reasons including Covid and other illnesses among a number of people who had accepted the invitation but could not attend on the night. Those who were there enjoyed the occasion and there was a renewal of some old friendships.

In conjunction with the dinner, Jack Cooper and I had updated the club history and Volume 4 of the History of The Rotary Club of Mordialloc was launched on the night. There are still plenty of copies available for sale.

Other Project Activities:

Fundraising sausage sizzles at Bunnings Mentone store remain an important part of the club's revenue stream, particularly in the recent years of Covid when so many other activities have not been possible. As soon as restrictions were eased sufficiently in late 2021, Bunnings began offering dates to various community groups. We were able to take advantage of undertaking these events on Fridays as well as some weekends and Public Holidays. Apart from the fund raising potential, these events also promote Rotary and its activities to the wider community.

As mentioned earlier, we participated in a monthly Mordi Market on Saturdays in late 2021 until management arrangements changed.

The projects committee organised a public Christmas Raffle, an Easter Raffle and other raffles in conjunction with other public events.

The projects committee has also been identifying potential new activities for the coming year although most are still in the development stage. One very promising such event is a Parkdale Village Community Fairy to be held in the October- November period in conjunction with sponsorship from the Bendigo Bank. More will be heard soon.

Marketing. Chair: Ernie Williams

We continued to enhance our communication and engagement with both Rotarians and the general public through our club bulletin, Facebook page, various social media and newsletters of community groups, Kingston Council and other corporate organisations.

Trina and Jenny Pudney shared preparation of the club bulletin giving it an updated appearance. The bulletin is now issued twice monthly and is distributed to over ninety people including club and district Rotarians, past members, friends of the club and other organisations. Thank you to Trina and Jenny for taking over this task as I had been doing it for over 17 years and was probably getting a bit stale!

Phil Maxwell commenced the Facebook page a couple of years ago and, when he resigned during the year, Paul Taranto took over managing the Facebook site and has posted regular updates and photos that received a large number of “likes”.

We also held a “meet and greet” session in the shopping centres of Mordialloc, Parkdale and Mentone for several hours on Saturday mornings in the February – March. They were used particularly to promote the Gnome & Fairy Festival and other club activities.

Our promotional activities were well received. The Facebook page publicised the Gnome and Fairy Festival, Interplast Golf Day, Reclink sports day and the Meet and Greet days. They received many likes.

We have further developed and strengthened our relations with Bendigo Bank, Parkdale Branch, Mordialloc Neighbourhood House, Barry Plant Real Estate and Hodges Real Estate.

Membership

We commenced the year with 22 members, including Trevor Salmon and Jennifer Cloke who joined late in the previous year and quickly became involved in many club activities. We also had several prospective members attend some meetings and assist club activities but they have not so far joined as members. Phil Maxwell resigned part way through the year.

We were saddened in April with the deaths of two long term and much loved members in Damian West and Barry Donaldson who contributed in many ways. We miss them both.

Damian was a qualified psychologist and used his counselling skills for the benefit of our club and members. Despite his own poor health, Damian remained cheerful. His dry sense of humour was a delight. When the club initiated a Parkinsons’ Support Group, we were able to use his first-hand experiences with the condition to benefit others. He continued to battle as his health deteriorated seriously in recent years. Some of us managed to keep in regular touch by visits and telephone but that stopped when Covid restrictions stopped visits and also his communication skills were lost.

Barry, a keen golfer and life member of Woodlands Golf Club, took over running of the annual Interplast Golf Day soon after he joined the club. After cancellation of the 2020 and 2021 events due to Covid, it was ironic that Barry died suddenly two days before this year’s event took place. Ernie Williams paid a fine tribute to Barry at the Interplast golf day held in April.

Membership growth is one area that is a continuing need.

Other Matters

Glenyse Cooper has continued to manage the weekly speakers' program securing good speakers on a varied range of interesting topics. Some speakers were Rotarians from various clubs and other areas of service. Others come from disciplines such as health and welfare, education, sport and general community matters. Glenyse did have some serious health issues herself during the year but still continued to keep the flow of speakers coming. Thank you Glenyse for your dedication.

Alan Opie continued to supply us with honey from his bees and this provides a source of funding for the Wheelchairs for Kids program. Alan is a regular volunteer for any club physical activity!

Treasurer Graeme Bruce has again kept the club finances under control and the board informed of progress. Graeme will be stepping down as Treasurer after many years in the role but I am sure will keep involved with club activities. Thank you Graeme.

I wish to thank all members and many friends of the club for their commitment and involvement in the past year. Overall, we have learned to live with Covid restrictions and the occasional frustrations when plans had to be changed often at short notice. In the early part of the year when physical activity was not permitted, many members contributed both money and non-perishable foodstuffs for donation to the needy people in our community.

Brian Foley

President, Rotary Club of Mordialloc 2021/22

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