

## The Mordialloc Mentone Bulletin



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### PRESIDENT DAVID'S MESSAGE 3.12.24

THE SUMMER OF CRICKET IS HERE. We are supposed to be invincible, but we lost. How could this happen? What went wrong? Who do we blame? The questions keep coming? Can we fix it before the next match.?

Somehow we have lost the true meaning of the game, and it is a game after all. In any competition there are winners and losers Nobody wins all the time. But surely we can do so gracefully, and retain our own sense of value. In my working life I had to write tender applications for Govt spending. This was big business, and if we lost in the tender process centres could close, and people would be out of work. I read once, **#Learn how to be happy with what you have while you pursue all that you want#**. Is this what our Rotary 4 Way Test is all about? Can it be applied to a sporting event as well as to a business or in a personal setting. It is worth considering.

As I read the media reports I am asking myself, "Is it fair to all concerned "

**David Brunt**

**TUESDAY, 3 DECEMBER 2024 – Mentone RSL – 6.15 for 6.30pm**

**Meeting #2493  
Guest Speaker – David Brunt – The Man Behind the Badge  
Chairman – Ernie Williams  
Acknowledge of Country & Toasts – Paul Taranto  
Bulletin Notes – Di Taranto  
Vote of thanks – Alan Opie**

**TUESDAY, 10 DECEMBER, 2024 IS A COMMITTEE MEETING ZOOM  
MEETING– 6.15 for 6:30pm**

**Meeting #2494  
Chairman – David Brunt  
Acknowledge of Country & Toasts – Trevor Salmon  
Bulletin Notes – Di Taranto**

**TOASTS & WELCOME TO COUNTRY**

**We acknowledge the Bunurong Peoples of the Kulin Nation as Traditional Owners and Custodians of the land on which we meet, and pay respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.**

**Loyal Toast  
Please charge your glasses and assist me in toasting our great country,  
Australia  
(Pause) To our great country, Australia**

**Rotary Toast  
Please drink a toast to our organisation, Rotary International  
(Pause) Rotary International**

**NOTES FROM ROTARY CLUB MEETING 19 NOVEMBER, 2024  
JACK COOPER'S CELEBRATION ON RECEIVING VICTORIAN SENIOR  
ACHEIVEMENT AWARD  
THE MAN BEHIND THE BADGE**

- Jack was born July 26 1930
- Lived in Hampton St Brighton
- He has an older brother Tas – 4 years older than Jack
- Mum and Dad were Elsie and Bert Leslie
- He went to Primary School at Brighton State School and then went on to Brighton Tech
- After finishing high school, he attended RMIT and completed an apprenticeship– RMIT considered the working men's college at that time
- Started work at 15 as a fitting, turning and tool making apprentice, studying Mechanical Engineering at night school
- Jack rode his bike from Brighton to South Melbourne to attend night school - he would work all day and then do two nights for 2 hours and two nights for 4 hours at night school – 4 nights a week studying after a full day's work!!
- He then rode his bike home down St Kilda Rd
- In 1938 Jack joined the Hampton Scouts as a cub – he then went on to be a boy scout, a senior scout and a rover scouts
- Finished up 1953 as assistant scout master of the senior scouts
- 1<sup>st</sup> Hampton scouts – Jack's mum discovered that the Hampton Scouts had a great reputation and that is how he first joined them
- Hamptons Scouts was founded by Ross James 1914
- Outside of his parents scouting was very influential in his life – Jack spoke highly of his involvement in scouts as a youngster and then as a young man saying he made lifelong friends and scouts had a huge influence on his life and values
- Jack was invited to speak at their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary sharing the history of the group
- Jack recalls his group taking part in the Victorian competition at Gembrook - 1<sup>st</sup> Hampton won many times– they changed the rules and they still won it!!
- 1951 – Jack at the age of 20 went to a World Jamboree in Badischel near Salzburg -15,000 scouts attended from all over the world - German, Japanese – this Jamboree occurred just after war – during the March Past everyone stuck to their own contingent but by the end of the Jamboree everyone was all mixed in

- Jack was Rover scout at the time – Peter Cook scout head in London – told Jack and his fellow scouting friends that they couldn't go to Jamboree because they were too old, their hearts sank but he smiled and said we want you to go there two weeks before and help set up – so they got to go in the end!!
  - After the Jamboree Jack and his five friends bought a 1931 Riley in London and used that to tour around the continent for 3 months – France, Spain, Austria, Germany, Denmark, Sweden Norway and then back through Belgium and France and finally London – they had to work in kitchens to get petrol for car – at that point the group split up then – some went touring, Jack and remaining friends stayed with an acquaintance in Crompton where built a shower for this friend
  - They travelled home by ship – 4 weeks at sea
  - In 1951 – Jack was invested as a King's Scout at Government House – 3 scouts from 1<sup>st</sup> Hampton also received that distinguished award
  - Skiing was also a bit part of Jack's life
  - In 1949 he would head up to Mt Buller - no lifts, bad road – 8 hour trip up mountain
  - Jack and 8 friends built the first Ski Club in 1953 at Mr Buller – it was rebuilt in 1979/80 – original building was 8 squares the new one 80 squares
  - Jack was President for 35 years and is the only life member of the club
  - He has skied around the world – all snow fields of Australia, New Zealand, Switzerland, Italy, America and Austria
  - Surprise, surprise – Jack was also very sporty – in school he played soccer, won a premiership – he scored winning goal – off his head!! Many of his team - 4/5 members - became Victorian team members
  - Played tennis – the courts were in the local girl's high school – big plus!!
  - Later helped start the Tennis Club across the road from where he currently lives – 1966.
- And that is just a small part of Jack's achievements and activities over his life time – we will have to book him in for Part 2, 3, 4.....!!

**NOTES FROM ROTARY CLUB MEETING 26 NOVEMBER, 2024  
THANK YOU, BRIAN FOLEY, FOR TAKING NOTES WHILE I WAS AWAY!!**

- Jennifer Cloke and Jenny Pudney spoke to club members on various aspects of the Safe Sleeping Project being undertaken in conjunction Victoria Police

- The program is aimed at women who are regarded as “rough sleepers” who often sleep in their motor cars. It is already developing better relations between the sleepers and police.
- The initial stage is planned to take place over night from mid-December until end of January which is regarded as a high-risk time.
- Permanent security including cameras would be provided. Suitable participants would be selected by experienced case workers. Strict restrictions would be applied as to who can take part.
- Financial and other support has been promised from District through David Alexander together with other clubs including the local Lions Club. A quantity of used clothing has also been offered.
- Volunteers are also sought for various tasks such as preparing and cooking meals.
- In response to a question, it is expected that up to 30 women could be involved although not all at the same time. Many would not stay long.
- Glenyse suggested that Len and Jill Brear are keen to assist
- All participants would be required to sign in and out
- First aid facilities would be available

#### UPCOMING MEETINGS

DATE	LOCATION	EVENT/GUEST SPEAKER
Tuesday 3 December	RSL Mentone	David Brunt – The Man Behind the Badge
Tuesday 10 December	Zoom Meeting	Committee Meetings
Tuesday 17 December	RSL Mentone	Club Christmas Party and celebration of the great year we have had!!

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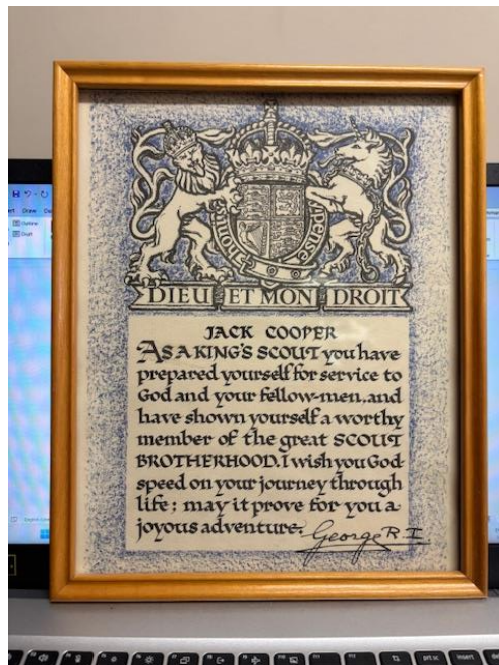
Monday 9 December	Salvation Army Dingley	Christmas Lunch for those living alone
Thursday 12 December	St Nicholas Church Bear St Mordialloc	Parkinson's Support Group Christmas Party 1pm
Thursday 12 December	Mordialloc Neighbourhood House	Children's Christmas Party
Friday 20 December	Bunnings Mentone	Sausage Sizzle – helpers needed



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**THANK YOU, JACK FOR  
SHARING YOUR AMAZING  
LIFE WITH US**





**CAN PICK JACK OUT??**



**MENTONE MARKET WENT WELL - THANKS TO THE WEATHER HOLDING OFF UNTIL LATER IN THE DAY!! THANKS ERNIE, ALAN PAUL, KATHY AND WENDY FOR THEIR HELP ON THE DAY!!**





**SANTA MADE A SUPRISE VISIT- COMPLETE WITH HIS TWO-TONED BEARD!!**