

## The Mordialloc Mentone Bulletin



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### PRESIDENT DAVID'S MESSAGE 18.2.25

John McEnroe is reported as saying, "The older we get, the better we used to be." I don't know if this is true for everyone, but it is for me. The things I used to do, I do them no more. Paul, Di, Alan, Jenny and Mark returned the Barbecue trailer to our garage after a family day with the Royal Children's Hospital which made me reflect on my lack of physical energy that I could give to the club. I guess I am not alone, but I rejoice in the miracle that our Rotary Club can still support so many community endeavours, for this I say Thank You.

Last Tuesday our meeting hosted and were informed about Polio Plus. I know that our club has supported this program for a number of years, but it was good to be reminded of the ongoing work, and the complete desire of Rotary to stay with this task until this virus has been completely eliminated. Brian Foley, our esteemed treasurer, gave a guesstimate figure of \$50-60000 that the club would have raised over the years for this project .

At our Board meetings we often reflect on the idea of the place of the Rotary Club in the Mordialloc-Mentone community. As I ponder this question, I say Thank You to all our members who have made our journey possible.

President David Brunt

**TUESDAY FEBRUARY 18, 2025 – ZOOM COMMITTEE MEETING – 6.15pm for 6.30pm start**

**Meeting #2501  
Chairman – President David Brunt  
Acknowledge of Country & Toasts – Trevor Salmon  
Bulletin Notes – Di Taranto**

**TUESDAY FEBRUARY 25, 2025 - Mentone RSL – 6.15pm for 6.30pm start**

**Meeting #2502  
Guest Speaker – TBC  
Chairman – Ernie Williams  
Acknowledge of Country & Toasts – Alan Opie  
Bulletin Notes – Di Taranto  
Vote of thanks – Jennifer Cloke**

**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 #2499  
FEBRUARY 4, 2025**

**ATTENDEES – David Brunt, Jenny Pudney, Cliff Riley, Brain Foley, Jack and Glenyse Cooper, Trevor Salmon, Michael Mullan , Jennifer Cloke, Ernie and Trina Williams**

**ZOOM – Brian Schauer, Graeme Bruce**

**APOLOGIES – Alan Opie, Di and Paul Taranto, Daril Atkins**

**GUEST SPEAKER– Daniel Ward - CASE MANAGER COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS PROGRAM at Kingston Council**

**CHAIR – Jenny Pudney**

**PRESIDENT DAVID –**

- Welcome
- The meeting sang happy birthday to Cliff who turned 98 last Sunday
- Jack C found some old Rotary memorabilia that included Cliff

**SECRETARY –**

- Correspondence received requesting sponsorship from another Mentone Probus Club. Request to be considered at the next board meeting.

**TREASURER –**

- Lot of activity in charities account
- Club's funds looking good and healthy
- Sorting out the final bill for the Safe Sleeping Program
- Paid our monthly \$220 donation to the Smith Family

**COMMUNITY –**

- Good feedback received from the Safe Sleeping Program. Would need substantial funding to restart permanently. Networking was very valuable. Report to come.
- Program to sew sanitary items for girls under the Kenya West Salvos program. First meeting on Feb 15. Help wanted. Flyer attached.
- Next Parkinson meeting is next week (Thursday); however, the roadworks could be a problem. Fallback is to use the Salvo's facilities.

**INTERNATIONAL AND FOUNDATION –**

- No report – Paul apology

**YOUTH –**

- No report – Di apology

**PROJECTS –**

- The Sunday market made \$354. Very quiet and not many stalls. Also, quite hot.
- Interplast Golf Day – Ernie & Trevor have recommended not to run again. The event made k\$4. Board meeting to discuss topping up.

**GUEST SPEAKER –**

**Daniel Ward CASE MANAGER COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS PROGRAM at Kingston Council.**

- Daniel works in the Community Connections subgroup of Access Care in the Kingston Council.
- Kingston Council is the only council that does this.
- Daniel and one other cover Kingston & Bayside
- Case Managers for the homeless or those at risk of homeless. Hoarding is a big issue.
- The Salvos Christmas lunch for people who live alone – use Access Care for connections.
- There are 3 types of Homeless:
  - Primary – Those sleeping rough
  - Secondary – Those in refuges or couch surfing

- Tertiary – Have accommodation but it is below minimum standards
- How does homeless happen?
  - Financial difficulties (46%)
  - Family and domestic violence (44%)
  - Housing crisis (34%)
- Homelessness in Kingston based on the 2021 census – 544 were counted as homeless an increase of 23% since 2016. The 544 where composed of:
  - 3 rough sleepers
  - 212 homeless accommodation
  - 54 family
  - 100 rooming houses
  - 47 hotels etc
  - 130 over crowded dwellings
- How to approach someone who is sleeping rough:
  - Their level
  - Don't assume you know what they need
  - Respect boundaries
  - Be forgiving
  - Don't be sorry
  - Know your limits
  - Reflect on your learnings

**Questions:**

- There are a lot of assistance options in the Service Sector
- The numbers are probably greater than 4 years ago – estimate 2000
- The numbers are fluid with people moving into and out of the homeless pool
- Daniel is the best pathway for the Salvos to house people
- How to reduce the number? More wraparound services are needed. It won't be fixed by providing housing alone (may end up a ghetto). There is a huge wait list for housing. You need all the services such as rehab/detox etc before placing into housing. It is a community of people without life skills.
- Hoarders – a lot result from childhood abuse.

**MEMBERS ANNOUNCEMENTS –**

- Trina has been having lots of trouble with the ATO with our name change. Has followed up three times. The ATO requires a “Public Officer” which is now Trina. Resubmitted again!

**Raffle winners:**

Wine – Michael Mullan

Chocolates – Jack Cooper

Next meeting – Guest Speaker – Dr Murray Verso – Polio Plus

**NOTES FROM ROTARY CLUB MEETING #2500  
FEBRUARY 11, 2025**

**ATTENDEES –** Jack and Glenyse Cooper, Ernie and Trina Williams, Paul and Di Taranto, Wendy Marchin, Trevor Salmon, Jenny Pudney, Brian Foley, Michael Mullan, Cliff Riley David Brunt, Jennifer Cloke

**GUESTS –** Mark Pudney, David Nelson

**ZOOM –** Brian Schauer, Kathy Thompson

**APOLOGIES –** Graeme Bruce, Alan Opie

## GUEST SPEAKER– Dr Murray Verso - PolioPlus

### CHAIR – Ernie Williams

### PRESIDENT DAVID –

- Something to interest everyone – Rotary International trying to recruit people as Rotary Peace Leaders

### SECRETARY –

- Board Meeting – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February at Ernie and Trina’s house – 6pm

### TREASURER –

- Club funds looking healthy at the moment
- \$60000 donated by club to Polio Plus over the years

### COMMUNITY –

- Parkinson’s Group this Thursday
- Safe Sleeping Program meeting with stakeholders to review
- RCH BBQ this Sunday

### INTERNATIONAL AND FOUNDATION –

- Interplast Gold day \$5000

### YOUTH -

- Nothing to report

### PROJECTS –

- District Seminar February 23 – talking about various international Projects

### MEMBERS ANNOUNCEMENTS –

- Suggestion that \$2000 be donated to Wheelchairs for Kids – to be discussed at Board Meeting
- Kathy had a make-up meeting – took part in a SS to the sound of some big bands – heard a great speaker on Robotics
- Jack Cooper – meet after next week’s meeting to talk about conference

### NOTES FROM OUR GUEST SPEAKER – Murray Verso – Polio Plus

- End Polio coordinator NZ and Australia
- Australian has paid a very important role
- Rotary’s number 1 global project
- Fundraising, raising awareness and advocacy
- Still cases around the world
- What is Poliomyelitis – viral, spread by faeces, can affect, brain, spine, limbs
- Ancient disease
- Sir Frank MacFarlane Burnet – made significant discoveries
- Sister Elizabeth Kenny developed radically new and controversial method of treating children with polio
- Alan Marshall – wrote “I Can Jump Puddles”
- Jane Middleton spent 60 years in an iron lung
- 1955 Jonas Salk developed polio vaccine
- 1966 Sabin Oral Vaccine introduced in Australia
- 1972 – last case of polio in Australia
- 1988 Global Polio Eradication Initiative formed
- 98 cases in the world in 2024 – mainly Afghanistan and Pakistan – lots of challenges within those countries
- US \$50 million per year – Rotary contribution – Bill Gates to match that amount
- Actions for our club – Polio presentation each year, make a contribution of \$1500, personal contribution engage in World Polio Day activities

### QUESTIONS –

- Trevor Salmon – given we detected in waste water, why were there no cases of polio – people had been vaccinated overseas – 96% of Australians vaccinated – friend contracted polio, died at 23, very serious thing in those early days

- Glenyse Cooper – brother had polio, led an active life, now 89
- Cliff – how does Rotary project/advertise what they are doing in eradicating polio – the reason why Rotary supports various events
- Kathy – what publicity has been done to share the success of the program – not a lot of publicity in Australia – more in the USA

VOTE OF THANKS – Paul Taranto

Wine – ?

Chocolates – Jack Cooper

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

DATE	LOCATION	EVENT/GUEST SPEAKER
Monday 17 February	Trina & Ernie's home	Board Meeting – 6pm
Tuesday 18 February #2501	ZOOM	Committee Meetings
Tuesday 25 February #2502	Mentone RSL	TBC
Tuesday 4 March #2503	Mentone RSL	Janette Heatherington & Tom Roth – Interplast
Tuesday 11 March #2504	ZOOM	Committee Meeting

### SPECIAL MEETING

#### FEEDBACK FROM 2025 NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM STUDENTS

We have been able to confirm that the 4 Parkdale Secondary students and the 1 student from Kilbreda and also 1 teacher from each school will all attend the Beaumaris Rotary Club meeting at 6.30pm on the **Thursday 3rd April** at Victoria Golf Club – Park Road, Cheltenham. Hopefully many members from our club will also attend to hear the students' presentations.

This event offers us a great opportunity for the three clubs – the Rotary Club of Mordialloc Mentone, Rotary Club of Beaumaris and the Rotary Club of Noble Park Dingley to come together for fellowship as well as working together for the benefit of Rotary Youth programs.

Beaumaris Rotary members are looking forward to this meeting as it is always great to see the students talk so excitedly about their NYSF experience.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	LOCATION	EVENT
Friday 21 February	Bunnings Mentone	Sausage Sizzle
Sunday 2 March	Mentone Heritage Railway Station	Art and Craft Market
Thursday 13 March	St Nicholas Church Bear St Mordialloc – 1pm	Parkinson's Support Group

## UPCOMING BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLES

### DATES 2025

JANUARY 17  
FEBRUARY 21  
MARCH 21  
APRIL 18  
MAY 16  
JUNE 20  
JULY 18  
AUGUST 22  
SEPTEMBER 19  
OCTOBER 17  
NOVEMBER 21  
DECEMBER 19

## UPCOMING MENTONE MARKETS

### DATES 2025

FEBRUARY 2  
MARCH 2  
APRIL 6  
MAY 4  
  
JUNE, JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER  
WINTER BREAK  
  
OCTOBER 5  
NOVEMBER 2  
DECEMBER 7

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# Bayside **D**OG **L**OVERS DAY

**SUNDAY 16 MARCH 2025**

9 am - 2 pm - Gates open 8.30 am

ROYAL AVENUE, SANDRINGHAM

All proceeds go to Rotary Projects

**GENERAL ADMISSION \$5** Per Person or Family (including their dogs)  
Bookings through Eventbrite - scan QR Code below

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Great Family Event
- Funfilled Competition for Dogs  
(Booking through EVENTBRITE - scan QR Code below)
  - Fashions on the Field
  - K9 Musical Chairs
- Face Painting
- Food Stalls
- Live Music



Entertainment by:  
**FUN ARTS CREATIVE ENTERTAINMENT**

- RSPCA
- Guide Dogs Victoria
- Therapy Dogs
- Racing 2 Rehome
- Pet Food Stalls
- Much, Much More.....

Notes:  
All dogs must be on leash at all times while on the grounds. Owners are responsible for their dogs.  
This is a public event. There will be photography taken during the event.

Contact: [beaumarisrotary@gmail.com](mailto:beaumarisrotary@gmail.com) | [glenda@stevensoncpa.com.au](mailto:glenda@stevensoncpa.com.au) | Raj - 0413 067 131







*Come the whole day or for whatever time you have*



You are invited to join a group at Kingston City Salvo's in Dingley on from **9:30am to 3pm** to sew sanitary items for adolescent girls in Kenya West Salvation Army schools. In association with Ringwood Salvo's, we have the plans and equipment needed to get quite a few completed in a day, working together.

If you can sew and have a machine, bring it along. Those who can cut, chalk out material using templates, iron or hand sew are welcome. Lunch is provided and fun is expected.

This year's dates:

Feb 15, March 15, April 12, May 17, June 21,  
July 19, Aug 16, Sept 20, Oct 18, Nov 15

Contact Andrea on 0409 180 612 if you would like to be involved.



**BRIGHTON CLASSIC  
CAR SHOW**

**Sunday 30 March, 2025  
Firbank Grammar Oval  
51 Outer Crescent, Brighton**

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**All makes 25 years and older!**

**Register: [trybooking.com/CWYRJ](http://trybooking.com/CWYRJ)**

**Website: [brightonclassicarshow.org.au](http://brightonclassicarshow.org.au)**

**All other enquiries: Rob Pinchbeck 0411 729 569**

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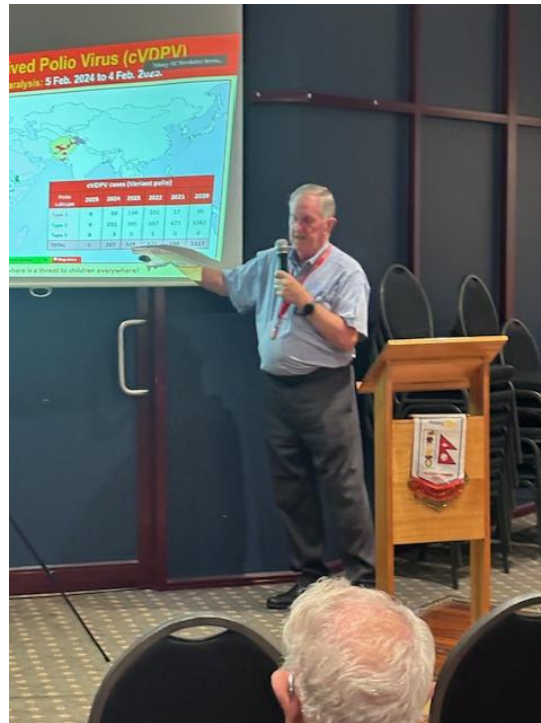




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# PHOTO BOARD



Dr Murray Verso from Polio Plus gave a very interesting talk at a recent meeting – think we all learnt a thing or two!!



Once again a fabulous family day BBQ for the families of children treated by the Coleol Rectal Reconstruction Unit at the Royal Children Hospital – thank you Alan Opie, Jenny and Mark Pudney, Di and Paul Taranto!!