

## *The Mordialloc Mentone Bulletin*



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### **PRESIDENT DAVID'S MESSAGE 10.6.25**

“THE ANSWER MY FRIEND IS BLOWING IN THE WIND”. In the 1962 song by Bob Dylan lies the answer to the question we have been asking about our Rotary Club. “WHAT IS UNIQUE ABOUT THE ROTARY CLUB OF MORDIALLOC MENTONE?”. This question has been asked at Board meetings and committees of the club for over the last 12 months, Last week at our club meeting we tried to answer the unanswerable. In Bob Dylan’s song listeners have often asked if he is singing about life’s major problems or about problems that are obvious to all. In our club’s case the answer was staring at us. Our club is unique because its members are Unique. This was obvious to us at our meeting as members talked about their contribution and the highlights of the past Rotary year. Thank you to every member for you have made this club UNIQUE.

As we come to “Changeover Night” and the end of another Rotary Year, may I take the opportunity to thank all members who have taken on added responsibilities. To Trina as our Club Secretary and to Brian as our Club Treasurer, thank you. To all other Board members and club members, thank you.

To Michael who takes on the responsibility of guiding this UNIQUE CLUB may I remind him that the answer to many of life’s problems is BLOWING IN THE WIND.

President David

**TUESDAY JUNE 10, 2025 – ZOOM COMMITTEE MEETING – 6.15 for 6.30pm**

**Meeting #2517  
Chairman – President David  
Acknowledge of Country & Toasts – Paul Taranto  
Newsletter Notes – Di Taranto**

**TUESDAY JUNE 17, 2025 – MENTONE RSL – 6.15 for 6.30pm**

**Meeting #2518  
Chairman – Paul Taranto  
Acknowledge of Country & Toasts – Trevor Salmon  
  
CHANGEOVER NIGHT**

**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**

UPCOMING MEETINGS		
DATE	LOCATION	EVENT/GUEST SPEAKER
Tuesday June 17 # 2518	Mentone RSL	Changeover Night
Tuesday June 24 #2519	Mentone RSL	TBC
Tuesday June 24	Mentone RSL	Board Meeting 5pm
Tuesday June 24	Mentone RSL	TBC

UPCOMING EVENTS		
DATE	LOCATION	EVENT

Thursday June 12	St Nicholas Church Bear Street Mordialloc – 1pm	Parkinson’s Support Group
Friday June 20	Bunnings Mentone	Sausage Sizzle
Thursday June 26	Sandown Racetrack	RYDA – Mentone Grammar Students

## NOTES FROM ROTARY ZOOM COMMITTEE MEETING #2515 MAY 27, 2025

Present: David Brunt, Brian Foley, Jenny Pudney, Jack Cooper, Glenyse Cooper, Jack Pyziakos, Kathy Thompson, Ernie Williams, Cliff Riley, Trina Williams

On Zoom: Michael Mullan, Brian Schauer

Guests: District Governor Colin Byron and Leanne Byron, Rotary Club of Greater Dandenong Endeavour Hills, Ron Brownlees, Rotary Club of Bentleigh Moorabbin

President David welcomed all members and guests and spoke about the appeal for donations to provide emergency relief for flood affected areas in NSW.

Jack Cooper chaired the meeting and introduced District Governor, Colin Byron.

Colin spoke about:

- Merging of 2 districts to form District 9815, which brought together 76 Rotary clubs, 4 Rotaract clubs and 24 Interact clubs – which is more than anywhere else in Australia.
- With a loss of 20% of Rotarians in our area in last 5 years, this year's focus has been on growing membership and changing how Rotary clubs operate
- Our Zone has grown by 250 members and half the clubs in the district are growing.
- Important to look at alternatives to dinner-based clubs and Satellite clubs offer a different way of contributing.
- Satellite clubs are often "cause-based" clubs – ie Traralgon Central has 10 new members who meet once a month and work for the "Days for Girls" cause. Another satellite club brings together people who live in a lifestyle village for cause-based work.

Colin presented our club with 2 awards:

1. From the Rotary Foundation in recognition of the Club's financial support for End Polio Now
2. Club Annual Donor for support of the Rotary Foundation

Club reports:

Secretary -Trina drew attention to the changes from 1<sup>st</sup> July to Rotary Down Under (email sent to all members). Also presented drafts of the new club banner with suggested changes for everyone's approval.

Treasurer - Brian gave details of accounts, which are all in good shape.

Community –

- David said Parkinson's group is going well and next meeting is 12 June
- Heart health group will be back in September
- Thanks to Trevor, Wendy and Paul for the completion of the shed and ramp for the Dingley Gardens
- Food donations are still welcome at the Salvos

Youth – no report in Di's absence, but everyone told DG Colin about the great connections Di has created with local schools, and the programs we have supported students to participate in.

Projects –

- the Parkdale grand opening was a great success and the raffle raised \$246. Thanks to everyone who participated on the day, and to Di and Paul for setting up the event.
- Jack Cooper spoke about the Gnome & Fairy Festival. Ernie has been in touch with Council and LXRA about available venues
- The market will start back again on Sunday 3 August.

President David reminded all that Changeover Night is on 17 June. Please let Trina know if you will be there, and names of any guests.

The raffle was won by Brian Foley (wine), Trina Williams (chocs).

## NOTES FROM ROTARY MEETING #2516

### JUNE 3, 2025

Present: Jenny P, David B, Alan O, Michael M, Trevor S, Brian F, Trina & Ernie W, Jack & Glenyse C, Di & Paul T, Jannifer C, Cliff R  
Zoom: Brian S, Kathy T

President David was our Guest Speaker for the evening – he challenged members to share what they thought was unique about the Rotary Club of Mordialloc Mentone – his question is on the Board Agenda –

- ❖ Brian F – spoke about being Treasurer and how the club has change since he joined
- ❖ Cliff R – partnerships and the innovative types of programs we contribute to
- ❖ Trina – amazing ideas the club comes up with
- ❖ Kathy T – the way club members respond when people need help and the programs we run
- ❖ Jack C – spoke about his fond memories of the Art Show – impressed with the Safe Sleeping Program
- ❖ Glenyse C – proud she introduced David B to the club and is proud of looking after Jack C so well
- ❖ Jennifer – partnerships – so important – all the physical things that our club provides to the Salvation Army
- ❖ Jenny P – History Walk, Chatty Café – Safe Sleeping and working with others
- ❖ Trevor S – sees the club as one big family – sees the future of the club integrating with other clubs and building relationships
- ❖ Paul T – believes the club represents what Rotary is about eg Alan's sister who knits and sells at the market to provide funds for a reading program in Elcho Island – Rotary provides the opportunity to make connections
- ❖ Di T – Roster Queen – happy that everyone helps when they can
- ❖ Alan O – the way the club goes about running activities
- ❖ Ernie W – the people are what makes the club
- ❖ Michael M – has started to think about how we can recruit and look at getting more members to contribute to the journey

Vote of thanks – Paul T

#### Club Reports:

Secretary - Polo tops were distributed – let Trina know if you are attending changeover and bringing a guest – the Board meeting will be followed to the following week

Treasurer - donated \$3000 to the flood relief in NSW - this was a request from the Board – Ernie asked a question about the funds in the Project a/c – monthly donations come out of the Charities a/c and the Projects a/c for larger projects – both of these funds are from funds raised from the public

Community – if you want to go on the Salvation Army volunteer database Jenny P has the forms to fill in – Heart Health Walks begin again in September – Chatty Café – problems with their website but we will persevere

Youth – Di visited Waverley Woodworker to receive toys for Emerge and Olive's Place – the Men's Shed in Mordialloc are helping with a project at Olive's Place – the students who took part in the Science Experience have made a video which will be shown at our next meeting

Foundation and International – the Guitar Project has been closed – there is still some money to be distributed and Alan and Sue will let the board know where this is to go –

General Business – Ernie W, G & F meeting next week, this will give club members an opportunity to have their say – Ernie donated a digital camera which was received by the Salvation Army – Jack C, we need to focus on the site for G & F if it is to go ahead, Ernie is talking to council – Alan's son is on a Qantas advertisement for Blaze Aid – Australia is a country of flood and fire!! The raffle was won by Brian Foley – wine and Jack C – chocolates

## UPCOMING BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLES

DATES 2025

JANUARY 17  
FEBRUARY 21  
MARCH 21  
**APRIL 17 – PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF  
DAY AND DATE**  
MAY 16  
JUNE 20  
JULY 18  
**AUGUST 22 - PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF  
DATE**  
SEPTEMBER 19  
OCTOBER 17  
NOVEMBER 21  
DECEMBER 19

## UPCOMING MENTONE MARKETS

DATES 2025

FEBRUARY 2  
MARCH 2  
APRIL 6  
MAY 4  
  
JUNE, JULY  
WINTER BREAK  
  
AUGUST 3  
SEPTEMBER 7  
OCTOBER 5  
NOVEMBER 2  
DECEMBER 7



*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.





# PHOTO BOARD



Proud moment for our club when presented these two awards by District Governor, Colin Byron





Once again pleased to be the recipients of beautiful toys from the Mt Waverley Woodworkers – Di and Jenny, from EMERGE, were there to collect the loot!! Forever grateful to Len Brear for introducing us to this amazing, talented group of men!!



Robert and John from the Mordialloc Men's Shed measuring up for the mini playgrounds at Olive's Place



Karen (L) and her team from Olive's Place very happy to receive their toys!!