

The Mordialloc Mentone Bulletin



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PRESIDENT MICHAEL'S MESSAGE 8.7.25

I thank the Rotary members of our club for the encouragement and support you have shown to me since I have taken over from David. I hope in the coming weeks/months we can reshape a few things that will take this club forward. It was good to see the message is getting out there. We welcomed, as a guest, an old Rotarian from a now defunct club that operated in Braeside some 15 or more years ago. Emelio attended our meeting last Tuesday and has said he would like to come to more of our meetings.

President Michael

TUESDAY July 8, 2025 – ZOOM MEETING – 6.15 for 6.30pm

Meeting #2521

Chairman – Michael Mullan

Acknowledge of Country & Toasts – Kathy Thompson

Newsletter Notes – Volunteer needed

TUESDAY July 15, 2025 – MENTONE RSL – 6.15 for 6.30pm

**Meeting #2522
Chairman – Trevor Salmon
Acknowledge of Country & Toasts – Jack Pyziakos
Guest Speaker – TBC
Newsletter Notes – Volunteer needed
Vote of Thanks – Jack Cooper**

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 July 7 #2521	ZOOM Meeting	Committee Reports
Tuesday July 15	Mentone RSL	Board Meeting
Tuesday July 15 #2522	Mentone RSL	TBC

UPCOMING EVENTS		
DATE	LOCATION	EVENT

Wednesday July 9	'Just Italy" Restaurant Mentone	Chatty Cafe
Thursday July 10	St Nicholas Church Bear St Mordialloc 1pm	Parkinson's Support Group
Wednesday July 16	'Just Italy" Restaurant Mentone	Chatty Cafe
Friday July 18	Bunnings Mentone	Sausage Sizzle
Wednesday July 23	'Just Italy" Restaurant Mentone	Chatty Cafe
Wednesday July 30	'Just Italy" Restaurant Mentone	Chatty Cafe
Sunday August 3	Mentone Heritage Railway Station	Community Market

MEMBERS LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- Trina & Ernie Williams – July 7 to August 7
 - Di & Paul Taranto – July 8 to July 16
 - Di & Paul Taranto – July 20 to July 26
- Jack Pyziakos & Kathy Thompson – July 22 to end of September
 - Trevor Salmon – August 4 to August 10
- Trevor & Wendy Salmon – September 22 to October 3
 - Paul & Di Taranto – October 3 to November 6

REPORT FROM BOARD MEETING ON 1 JULY, 2025

Main discussion points and motions from this meeting were:

- What is special about Mordialloc Mentone Rotary? Our long and varied connections with the local community.
- Consumer Affairs have sent advice re AGM requirements – we will hold ours on 25 November 2025.
- Financial report accepted. Financial position is sound.
- Treasurer:
 - Brian also presented summary of general account expenditure for the upcoming year, which informs a recommendation for member's fees to meet our costs. The fees will remain at \$345 per member. Brian will send out notices.
 - The Dennis Opie Memorial Fund – a motion was moved to make further donations from remaining monies in this fund, as agreed in consultation with Alan and Susan Opie.
- Community:
 - Chatty Café started on 25 June and will be at Just Italy in Mentone each Wednesday. Advertising flyers are being organised with the Rotary logo.
 - A proposal was approved to work with the Men's Shed to provide play areas at a local women's refuge.
 - Parkinson's Support Group will meet on Thursday 10 July at 1pm.
- Youth:
 - A donation to Mordialloc College for their awards night was approved.
 - All agreed to sponsor a local young person to attend the next RYLA.
- Projects & Marketing:
 - Bunnings – the next BBQ is on Friday 18 July
 - Promotional material: a new club banner is now available and 2 more have been ordered. Plaques acknowledging club donations have also been produced.

NOTES FROM ROTARY MEETING 24.6.25 #2519

PRESENT – Brian F, Paul & Di T, Cliff R, Alan O, Trevor S, Kathy T, Jenny P, Ernie W

ZOOM – Brian S

APOLOGIES – Jack P, Trina W, Michael M, Jac k & Glenyse C, Jennifer C

CHAIRMAN – Ernie W & stand-in President

- New banner unveiled – 3 more to be ordered for shop windows etc

SECRETARY –

- District changeover on 12th July – requesting photos of club projects

TREASURER –

- Sausage Sizzle raised \$1159.35
- Hoping to keep club fees close to last year
- Funds healthy though missing Gnome & Fairy proceeds

COMMUNITY –

- Garden beds at Salvation Army becoming over run – suggestion that beds are offered to the public
- Chatty Café starts 25.6.25 – 10:30-11:30am – how to advertise this event – social media, Council, shop windows, Library, aged care facilities – ideas welcome

YOUTH –

- Three students applying for NYSF
- Club members to attend RYDA to support Mentone Grammar

INTERNATIONAL/FOUNDATION –

- Wheelchairs for Kids to receive a donation – Board will decide the amount
- The Opie Guitar Fund has donated to Mercy Ship and 3 local hospitals – this fund has now been reconciled – thank you to the Opie's for their generous donation

PROJECTS –

- Sunday Market – still awaiting council approval – Ernie has spoken to new owners of Café – happy to work with us
- Bendigo Bank paying for new Market banner
- Possible 6/8 story of apartments to be developed on the empty railway parcel of land – stay tuned

NOTES FROM ROTARY MEETING 1.7.25 #2520

PRESENT – President M, Trina & Ernie W, Di & Paul T, Jack P, Kathy T, David B, Brian F, Jenny P, Jennifer C, Trevor S, Alan O, Glenyse & Jack C
GUESTS – Karen Edwards, Andrew McGregor, Emilio

- Past President David presented Paul Harris Fellowship pins

GUEST SPEAKER – Karen Edwards from Olive's Place

- Acknowledged First Nation Women
- Went back to study in late 40's
- Has worked at EMERGE and other organisational institutes since then
- Family Violence effects women, men and children
- Perpetrators can include, mums, dads, siblings, grandparents, friends
- Statistics show those experiencing family violence - 1 in 4 are female and 1 in 13 are men
- Olive's Place had 3 new units built in 2011 – 4 other dwellings are scattered close by in the community as crisis accommodation
- Olive's Place has 2 practitioners, 2 case workers, 1 child councillor and 1 peer support worker
- Olive's Place is currently full – no movement of clients due to housing crisis
- Space Net provides new referrals
- Clients leave everything behind when they leave a Family Violence situation – it is a critical time as many go back without the proper support – it is a huge step - children are forced to leave their schools, clients are cut off from family and friends and often move to the other side of the city and are forced to keep their destination a secret
- Support of clients includes – lots of paperwork to gain financial support – Centrelink, Family Court, Police, children protection etc - enrolling children in school/daycare
- Clients fear – being killed, stalked, financial insecurity, racism, leaving family/friends, cultural/religious barriers etc
- Karen has found her position enriching and an amazing career

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.

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**Thank you to the volunteers who helped at
the recent RYDA day with Mentone
Grammar School – Ernie, Trina, Trevor,
Wendy, Paul, Michael and Di**





The students had a great time and learnt lots – all of which we hope they put into practice when they take to the road – Anton and his team do a fantastic job!!



Big Al is raising the bar – bow ties are in!!