

The Mordialloc Mentone Bulletin



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PRESIDENT MICHAEL'S MESSAGE 10.3.26

Reflection is the conscious, intestinal process of reviewing thoughts, feeling and experiences to gain insight into one's life. It services to connect daily actions with core values, fostering personal growth, emotional awareness, and stronger sense of purpose.

I am sure this coming weekend down in Hobart many Rotarians will be reflecting on a lot of different topics. When we reflect, combined with enthusiasm things happen in a positive way and this will make individuals a better person and the flow on effect into the Rotary clubs themselves.

Many will reflect back to Hobart where this was the catalysis for change or improvement both for an individual or a Rotary Club.

**TUESDAY 10th MARCH #2551
CANCELLED DUE TO ROTARY CONFERENCE IN HOBART**

**TUESDAY 17TH MARCH #2552
MORDIALLOC NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE 6.30PM
DINNER AFTER AT EPSOM HOTEL**

Meeting #2552

**Guest Speaker – Trina, Ernie, Di, Paul, Wendy, Trevor and Brian
– our one memorable moment at the Conference**

Acknowledgement of Country & Toasts – Trevor Salmon

Chair – Brian Foley

Newsletter Notes – Di Taranto

Vote of Thanks – Cliff Riley

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

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO INVITE PARTNERS, FAMILY, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS TO ANY OF OUR MEETINGS IF YOU THINK THE GUEST SPEAKER WILL INTEREST THEM

MARCH 10TH #2551

**ZOOM MEETING
CANCELLED**

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

MARCH 17TH #2552

MORDIALLOC
NEIGHBOURHOOD
HOUSE

ROTARY CONFERENCE FEEDBACK -
ONE MEMORABLE MOMENT EACH
FROM DI, PAUL, ERNIE, TRINA,
TREVOR, WENDY & BRIAN

MARCH 24TH #2553

MORDIALLOC
NEIGHBOURHOOD
HOUSE

DANIEL CARROLL - BETTER FEET AND
BODY

MARCH 31ST #2554

FELLOWSHIP
EVENING - VENUE
AND TIME TBC

APRIL 7TH #2555

MORDIALLOC
NEIGHBOURHOOD
HOUSE

MANDY LOWE - BACK IN MOTION

- SUPPORTING PEOPLE TO STAY ACTIVE, STRONG AND CONFIDENT WITH EXERCISE
- FALL PREVENTION

APRIL 14TH #2556

ZOOM MEETING

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	LOCATION	EVENT
THURSDAY MARCH 12 TH	St Nicholas Church Bear St Mordialloc 1pm	Parkinson's Support Group
FRIDAY MARCH 13 TH - 15 TH	Hobart, Tasmania	Rotary Conference
SUNDAY MARCH 22 ND	George Woods Reserve	Gnome & Fairy Festival 10am - 4pm
SATURDAY MARCH 28 TH	Parkdale Station Concourse	Parkdale Traders Association Easter Event.

MEMBERS LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- Brian Foley – March 27th to April 22nd
- Jack Pyziakos & Kathy Thompson – ?
- Trina & Ernie Williams – June 25th to August 5th

UPCOMING BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLES

DATES 2026

JANUARY 16

FEBRUARY 20

**NO SAUSAGE SIZZLES IN MARCH DUE
TO GNOME & FAIRY FESTIVAL**

APRIL 17

MAY 15

JUNE 19

JULY 17

AUGUST 21

SEPTEMBER 18

OCTOBER 16

NOVEMBER 20

DECEMBER 18

UPCOMING MENTONE MARKETS

DATES 2026

FEBRUARY 1

MARCH 1

MAY 3

APRIL, JUNE, JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER
WINTER BREAK

OCTOBER 4

NOVEMBER 1

DECEMBER 6

NOTES FROM ROTARY CLUB MEETING #2549

February 24th, 2026

- Welcome to Alan Rose, Australian author and cartoonist caricaturist artist
- Alan shared with club members his journey as an author and cartoonist caricaturist artist over the years
- He loves cartooning of all descriptions, political, editorial, strip, gag, and caricature
- His first published cartoon was in 1977
- Has done colour illustrations for Fiction Page, Aussie Post, freelance caricatures for Golf Digest, Australian Basketballer
- His caricatures include AFL Grand Final, Australian Open, AFL club participants and many sporting greats
- Recently he has won awards including the Rotary National Cartoon Gallery Awards for 'The Fabulous Bush Pigs', a gong for a Merit award in the Caricature section and a merit award in the 'Landscapes' strip from his book 'Bombora, The Surfing Movie'
- He also draws original Christmas Cards
- Alan supports Rotary by being a constant stall holder at our Mentone Market
- If you are after a gift or presentation caricature, give Alan a call o 0403173400
- There were many questions from club members and Alan offered to come again and speak again covering his muse for his work
- Thank you, Alan

- No reports as Paul and Di had to leave the meeting early

NOTES FROM ROTARY CLUB MEETING #2550

March 3rd, 2026

- Welcome to Alex Walscott to speak about his experience as a participant at the RYLA Oceania Elevate Program
- Alex commenced his talk thanking the club for sponsoring his to take part in this program and for inviting him to speak at a club meeting
- Alex is a Mentone boy
- Started his career in Education and now works for the Public Service in supporting and counselling young people in schools around the state
- The program is aimed at 20–40-year-olds and runs for 4 days in the Blue Mountains outside Sydney
- It is a time for self-reflection, setting goals and coming up with strategies to achieve those goals
- Workshops are run by leaders; participants bounce off one another by supporting each other with encouragement and ideas
- The group becomes very close over the 4 days and their relationship continues via a WhatsApp group after the program is finished
- Alex found the entire program very beneficial and felt he came away with strategies and ideas to build his confidence, set goals and ideas on how to achieve these
- Many questions from club members but the most important was that he considers himself a great sausage sizzler – he will be approached to help at the Gnome and Fairy Festival

SECRETARY – update on G & F Festival matters - advised club members that the City of Kingston were running free CPR training, see Trina if you are interested

TREASURER – not a lot outgoing – regular payments - \$1000 from February sausage sizzle

COMMUNITY – Parkinsons Support Group next week – Royal Children’s Hospital has approached the club to once again run a BBQ for their Family Day

YOUTH – nothing to report

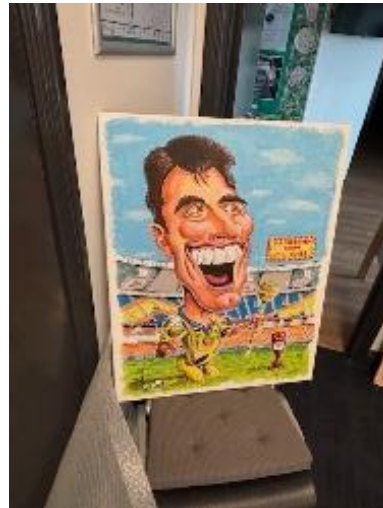
INTERNATIONAL AND FOUNDATION – Paul will be putting several proposals to the Board towards the end of the Rotary Year for Every Child a Future and RAMS – recommended that members have a look at District Videos especially the one on AI

PRESIDENT - Michael also spoke about AI, using this to take club minutes – he is currently talking to the Rotary Club of Drouin about how they are using AI

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Alan Rose shared his journey as an author and cartoon caricature artist!!



Who is that good looking fellow on the right??

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STRIVE // We're delighted to announce that Matilda (Year 12), has been appointed as our Music Captain for 2026. Matilda performed an acoustic version of Advance Australia Fair at our recent whole school assembly, setting the tone perfectly for this important gathering of our school community.

Matilda was selected as Music Captain following a comprehensive selection process that highlighted her independence and unwavering reliability.

Club members will remember Matilda who sang at our Christmas Meeting last year – congratulations Matilda!

Why attend a District Conference?

I recently asked a very simple question of a very experienced Rotarian: Why do Rotarians enjoy going to Conferences?

Jack Cooper from the Rotary Club of Mordialloc Mentone has attended an extraordinary 52 Rotary Conferences. When asked why he had attended so many, Jack's answer was simple and heartfelt. He said it's because every Conference is a different experience—the chance to reconnect with old friends, form new friendships, learn from outstanding guest speakers, and share moments that stay with you long after the event has ended.



For many of us, Conferences are much more than just another Rotary gathering. They are an opportunity to immerse ourselves in the spirit of Rotary, to be inspired, and to remember why we joined in the first place. If I were a Club President, one of the first things I would do would be to encourage new members to attend a Conference—it's one of the best ways to truly experience the breadth and heart of Rotary.

This year is particularly special, with our wonderful Rotarians from Tasmania joining us. Add to that the Rotary EXPO, a GALA dinner, the opportunity to visit the world-acclaimed Salamanca Market, and the chance to share fellowship in a unique setting, and all the ingredients are there for something memorable.

No matter how many Conferences you have attended—or whether this will be your first—one thing we know for certain is that it will be an experience you won't forget.

DG 9815 Peter Behm

Deadline Reminders

Our own Jack Cooper will always be remembered for attending a massive 52 District Conferences – he may still have a few more in him I hope!!



Alex Walsgott shared with club members his experience at RYLA Oceania Elevate.



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ACHIEVE // We are absolutely bursting with pride to announce that Mrs. Julie Mullins has been honoured at the Kingston Women of the Year Awards!

Julie was recognised for her service to education, specifically the support she gives to the next generation of female scientists and innovators.

A wonderful group of students joined the audience to cheer her on.

Congratulations to Julie—and a huge shoutout to our students for bringing Parkdale heart and soul to the event.



Big congratulations to Julie Mullins for being honoured at the Kingston Women of the Year Awards – Julie works closely with Di on NYSF and Science Experience students – we should be proud of our involvement at Parkdale Secondary College in the area of the next generation of women scientists and innovators.



**The advance party for the Hobart Rotary Conference
in Hobart this coming weekend enjoying Mount
Wellington!!**