

## *The Mordialloc Mentone Bulletin*



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FOR  
GOOD**

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### **PRESIDENT MICHAEL'S MESSAGE 31.3.26**

It is often talked about regarding Community life or the Community in the area. You often find various noticeboards around the place on what's available and what they do and when they meet. You have schools, sporting clubs, and groups who provide interests and perhaps workshops. People tap into these clubs especially if they are new to the area. There are sometimes service industries in your area who will liaise with the community to pass on vital knowledge that they wish to pass onto members of a club.

We are fortunate this month our club, Mordialloc Mentone Rotary Club, ran a Gnome and Fairy Festival which brought together many organizations from sporting clubs, Service groups and a Secondary School as well local charitable organizations.

Our local Bendigo Bank needed a local organization to provide our local community with its first Defibrillator located outside Bendigo Bank at Parkdale.

Our club was asked by the Chamber of Commerce at Parkdale to cook using our BBQ as part of a community event for Easter Egg Hunt, plus some entertainment.

**Rotary has become part of our local community.**

**TUESDAY MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>  
FELLOWSHIP EVENING**

**Meeting #2554  
Cheltenham RSL  
289 Centre Dandenong Road Cheltenham  
6.30pm**

**TUESDAY APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup>  
MORDIALLOC NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE 6.30PM  
DINNER AFTER AT EPSOM HOTEL**

**Meeting #2555  
Guest Speaker – Hannah – Back in Motion  
Acknowledgement of Country & Toasts – David Brunt  
Chair – Trevor Salmon  
Newsletter Notes – Di Taranto  
Vote of Thanks – Kathy Thompson**

**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**

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289 Centre Dandenong Road  
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NEIGHBOURHOOD  
HOUSE****Hannah - BACK IN MOTION**

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

**APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup> #2556****ZOOM MEETING****COMMITTEE MEETINGS****APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup> #2557****MORDIALLOC  
NEIGHBOURHOOD  
HOUSE****ADAM EALES – KEITH CARPENTER  
RECIPIENT****APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup> #2558****MORDIALLOC  
NEIGHBOURHOOD  
HOUSE****NYSF STUDENTS****MAY 5<sup>TH</sup> #2559****MORDIALLOC  
NEIGHBOURHOOD  
HOUSE****VIDEO FROM SCIENCE EXPERIENCE  
STUDENTS****MAY 12<sup>TH</sup> #2560****ZOOM MEETING****COMMITTEE MEETINGS****MAY 19<sup>TH</sup> #2561****MORDIALLOC  
NEIGHBOURHOOD  
HOUSE****SANTO GRECO – WHAT I LEARNED AT  
TOASTMASTERS****MAY 26<sup>TH</sup> #2562****MORDIALLOC  
NEIGHBOURHOOD  
HOUSE****ALAN OPIE – BLAZE AID**

<b>UPCOMING EVENTS</b>		
<b>DATE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>EVENT</b>

<b>SATURDAY 28<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>PARKDALE SHOPPING PRECINCT</b>	<b>Parkdale Traders Association Easter Event 10am - 1pm</b>
<b>THURSDAY APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>St Nicholas Church Bear St Mordialloc 1pm</b>	<b>Parkinson's Support Group</b>
<b>FRIDAY APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Bunnings Mentone</b>	<b>Sausage Sizzle</b>
<b>SUNDAY APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Karkarook Park, Warrigal Rd, Heatherton</b>	<b>A Walk in the Park 2026 (Fight Parkinson's) - 11am</b>

- MEMBERS LEAVE OF ABSENCE**
- **Brian Foley – March 27<sup>th</sup> – April 22<sup>nd</sup>**
  - **Di & Paul Taranto – April 9<sup>th</sup> – April 13<sup>th</sup>**
  - **Jack Pyziakos & Kathy Thompson – ?**
  - **Di & Paul Taranto – April 29<sup>th</sup> – May 4<sup>th</sup>**
  - **Trevor & Wendy Salmon – May 1<sup>st</sup> – July 17<sup>th</sup>**
    - **Di & Paul Taranto – May 28<sup>th</sup> – June 6<sup>th</sup>**
  - **Trina & Ernie Williams – June 25<sup>th</sup> – August 5<sup>th</sup>**

**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 #2552**  
**March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

- We enjoyed hearing from club members, Ernie, Trina, Trevor, Wendy, Brian F, Di and Paul who attended the recent District Conference who shared their most memorable moment.
- Guest speakers at the conference were varied in topic and all extremely interesting
- Hobart was a perfect spot for a conference which was held at the Hotel Grand Chancellor overlooking the harbour
- Extracurricular activities included a visit to the Salamanca Market, Gin tasting, History talk, Dinner dance and club dinner

**SECRETARY TRINA**

- Bev Hellier recently passed away – wife of past club member Russell Hellier
- Letter from Smith Family passed onto Di
- Received a brochure from Shelter Box which was passed around
- Board Meeting scheduled for next Tuesday – since postponed

**TREASURER BRIAN F**

- Bank accounts looking healthy with little movement of late

**YOUTH CHAIR DI**

- Julie Mullins, who Di works closely with at Parkdale Secondary College, was recently recognised for her service to education, specifically the support she gives to the next generation of female scientists and innovators
- Matilda, who sang at our 2025 Christmas meeting, was appointed Music Captain at Parkdale Secondary College – a great honour

**COMMUNITY CHAIR JENNIFER**

- Kingston Service Club meeting will be held on March 31<sup>st</sup> – 2 to 4pm – Jennifer, Michael and Paul will attend
- Parkdale Traders Association will hold an Easter Event on Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup> – the club will assist with a sausage sizzle.
- The Club will once again run a sausage sizzle for the Royal Children's Hospital Family Day on Sunday May 24<sup>th</sup>
- Have cancelled April Mentone Market – numbers dropping – not a lot of foot traffic in and around Mentone on a Sunday – venue to be reviewed – possibly Parkdale.

**FOUNDATION AND INTERNATIONAL CHAIR PAUL**

- Paul will be putting two proposals to the Board at the next meeting – ?
- At the District Conference Alma Reynolds spoke about District Grants

**MEMBERS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Jack Pyziakos shared that his grandson, 18-year-old Eli, has recently been granted an electrician's apprenticeship in the mines – proud grandfather

**NOTES FROM ROTARY CLUB MEETING #2553**  
**March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**PRESIDENT MICHAEL**

- Michael thanked the Gnome and Fairy Committee, club members, family and friends for their contribution to the success of the Gnome and Fairy Festival
- He shared with members that the first of several defibrillators has been installed outside the Bendigo Bank in Parkdale – proud to see the Rotary Mordialloc Mentone symbol together with the Bendigo Bank at the bottom of the sign denoting our partnership in this project
- Welcomed back Glenyse Cooper after being away with ill health – it was lovely to see her back looking so well

**GUEST SPEAKER**

- Guest Speaker for this meeting was Daniel Carroll, a Podiatrist currently with a practice in Parkdale
- Daniel's presentation was particularly interesting for club members as many regularly visit a podiatrist
- We will share Daniel's PowerPoint presentation shortly as it contains many helpful hints on how to maintain healthy feet together with some excellent exercises he recommends

**SECRETARY TRINA**

- Nothing to report

**TREASURER BRIAN F**

- Currently finalizing Gnome and Fairy monies

**COMMUNITY CHAIR JENNIFER**

- Salvation Army pantry in need of UHT milk, pasta sauce, cereal and noodles

**FOUNDATION AND INTERNATIONAL Paul**

- Nothing to report until two proposals tabled at the next board meeting

**YOUTH CHAIR DI**

- Nothing to report

**MEMBERS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Glenyse & Jack Cooper attended the service for Bev Hellier, wife of past club member Russell Hellier
- Jack Pyziakos will be attending the Rugby Grand Final of grandson Tate this weekend on the Gold Coast – we wish Tate all the best

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# PHOTO BOARD



**SHIPS AHOY!!**



**DISTRICT GOVERNOR  
PETER BEHM**



**ADVANCE PARTY CHECKING OUT THE  
QUALITY OF FOOD AND DRINK!!**



**DANIEL CARROLL PARKDALE  
PODIATRIST GAVE A VERY  
INFORMTIVE TALK TO MEMBERS**



**THE FIRST OF SEVERAL  
DEFIBRILLATORS TO BE INSTALLED –  
TTHIS ONE OUTSIDE BENDIGO BANK  
PARKDALE**

# HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE GNOME AND FAIRY FESTIVAL















# PARKDALE TRADERS EASTER EGG HUNT



