

# The Mordialloc Mentone Newsletter



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## PRESIDENT MICHAEL'S MESSAGE 5.5.26

Change refers to making or becoming different, altering, or replacing something. Change happens from the time we are born and right through our lives. Change can affect us different ways in life from Governments and authorities to local clubs we belong to. For some people change can upset a person's daily routine, while others accept changes in their lives and sometimes minor adjustments are made to accommodate people's views. Some of us have been or are currently challenged by the rail authority. In time we adjust and then we look back and think that things have improved in the community area we live in. A small local change in our community will help save lives and the Bendigo Bank community projects team has formed a partnership with our Rotary club installing several defibrillators in the local area. There are many more changes whether they are good, or not so good.

## A MESSAGE FROM DI

Apologies club members – Paul and I have been walkabout in outback WA and WiFi has been very sketchy – this newsletter is one week late – will catch up when we return on Saturday!!

**TUESDAY MAY 5<sup>TH</sup>  
MORDIALLOC NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE 6.30PM  
DINNER AFTER AT EPSOM HOTEL**

**Meeting #2558  
Guest Speaker – Laura Sarmiento – International Needs Australia  
Acknowledgement of Country & Toasts – Brian Foley  
Chair – Ernie Williams  
Newsletter Notes – Volunteer needed  
Vote of thanks – Glenyse Cooper**

**TUESDAY MAY 12<sup>TH</sup>  
ZOOM COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Meeting #2559  
Acknowledgement of Country & Toasts –  
Chair – Michael Mullan  
Newsletter Notes – Di Taranto**

**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	
<b>PLEASE FEEL FREE TO INVITE PARTNERS, FAMILY, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS TO ANY OF OUR MEETINGS IF YOU THINK THE GUEST SPEAKER WILL INTEREST THEM</b>			
MAY 5 <sup>TH</sup> #2558	MORDIALLOC NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE	LAURA SARMIENTO	INTERNATIONAL NEEDS AUSTRALIA
MAY 12 <sup>TH</sup> #2559	ZOOM MEETING	COMMITTEE MEETINGS	
<b>MAY 13<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>TARANTO'S</b>	<b>GNOME AND FAIRY TEAM MEETING 2PM</b>	
MAY 19 <sup>TH</sup> #2560	KINGSTON CITY SALVOS, DINGLEY	SANTO GRECO – WHAT I LEARNED AT TOASTMASTERS	
<b>MAY 19<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>KINGSTON CITY SALVOS, DINGLEY</b>	<b>BOARD MEETING 5PM</b>	

## UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	LOCATION	EVENT
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THURSDAY MAY 14 <sup>TH</sup>	St Nicholas Church Bear St Mordialloc 1pm	Parkinsons Support Group
FRIDAY MAY 15 <sup>TH</sup>	Bunnings Mentone	Sausage Sizzle
SUNDAY MAY 24 <sup>TH</sup>	Royal Park Nature Playground Parkville	Royal Children's Hospital Family BBQ

THURSDAY JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup>

St Nicholas Church  
Bear St Mordialloc 1pm

Parkinsons Support Group

FRIDAY JUNE 19<sup>TH</sup>

Bunnings Mentone

Sausage Sizzle

**MEMBERS LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

- Jack Pyziakos & Kathy Thompson – April 17<sup>th</sup> – end of September
  - 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

**NOTES FROM ROTARY CLUB MEETING #2556  
APRIL 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026**

**GNOME & FAIRY FEEDBACK FROM CLUB MEMBERS**

- Attendance very high – some say more than Mordi Fest
- Grant from council will be bigger next year – needs to be lodged by end of June
- Parking was at a premium – plan to approach cricket club to use their oval for overflow – more signs to direct families
- Stage and marquee need to be addressed – marquee needs sides on it and stage was difficult to erect – need instructions from company we hire it from – there must be a trick to it
- Jennifer would like to see more lower cost activities – rides and show bags still out of reach for some families

**SECRETARY TRINA**

- Board meeting went well – minutes will be out shortly to club members
- A special General Meeting will be held shortly regarding changes to Standard Club Rules as advised by District – the Board recommends the new Rules

**TREASURER BRIAN F/DAVID B**

- Recent Bunnings BBQ raised \$1600
- All accounts looking healthy
- Brian is enjoying his time in WA

**YOUTH CHAIR DI**

- Three proposals were presented to the Board – the club commit to sponsoring candidates to attend RYLA, RYPEN AND NYSE

**COMMUNITY CHAIR JENNIFER**

- Open day at the Salvos was a great success
- Salvos Bunnings BBQ for the Red Shield Appeal is on May 23<sup>rd</sup> – Alan Opie has agreed to help assist in running it
- David B reported that the Parkinson's 'Walk in the Park' was a great success with 30 people attending and raising over \$1000 for 'Fight Parkinsons'
- The Royal Children's Hospital family day will be held on May 24<sup>th</sup> – Paul's proposal was confirmed by the Board
- Pantry items needed for the Salvos include – HRT milk, noodles, spaghetti sauce, cereal
- Heart Health Walks – Paul to follow up
- Collection of bread from Myanessa going well and Salvos happy to receive it regularly
- Jennifer shared that 2 more people are moving into housing

**FOUNDATION AND INTERNATIONAL CHAIR PAUL**

- Two proposals were presented to the Board – the club donate \$3000 to Interplast and invite someone from Interplast to speak to the club and receive the donation –

the club make donations of \$1000 to Wheelchairs for Kis, \$500 to ROMC and \$5000 to RAM

#### PROJECTS AND FUNDRAISING ALL CLUB MEMBERS

- Easter Raffle gross proceeds were \$1126 – lucky tickets were drawn at the Gnome and Fairy Festival
- Next Bunnings BBQ is Friday May 15<sup>th</sup>
- Mentone Heritage Station Community Market has been cancelled for the rest of the year – proposal to relocate to Parkdale
- Club Money Spinner raised \$120 last month
- Paul reported that Future Recycling Scheme has friends and neighbours contributing as well as Paul's regular collections around Parkdale and members contributions

#### MEMBERSHIP BRIAN S

- Proposed to ask Brian to invite Laura Sarmiento and Wendy Merchan to apply to be club members – Di to contact Alex Walscott and invite him to club meeting with a view to membership

#### OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Board has agreed, after discussion, to a small change in meeting procedure – meetings with guest speakers should only include urgent club business after the guest speaker has finished, not full committee reports – this is to allow more time for the speaker and questions/discussion – full committee reports to be held over to our ZOOM committee meeting

**NOTES FROM ROTARY CLUB MEETING #2557  
APRIL 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM  
FEEDBACK FROM PARTICIPATING STUDENTS**

**GUEST SPEAKERS** – Amelia Neuweck and mother Jeanette, Abi Arculus and mother Kim, Hannah Downward and mother Jane – Julie Mullins, PSC teacher

NYSF students, Amelia, Abi and Hannah shared with club members their experience at the National Youth Science Forum. All students presented well and were happy to answer questions – Hannah had a small PowerPoint to share particularly about the food!! – they were all very enthusiastic about all the experiences, connections and people they met and are still keeping in touch with. The club are seeing some very talented students going through this program – the future is bright!!

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 **Colorectal Care** 

# FAMILY PICNIC

Royal Park Nature Play  
Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May 11am-1pm

BBQ & kids entertainment provided by the Rotary Club of Mordialloc Mentone  
BYO picnic and blanket

RSVP to [colorectalfamilies@gmail.com](mailto:colorectalfamilies@gmail.com) with numbers attending and dietaries

A colorful illustration of a picnic scene. It features a green tree on the left, a picnic basket on a checkered blanket, a sun in the top right corner, and a grassy field with small flowers at the bottom.

# PHOTO BOARD



**Hannah, Amelia and Abi Our 2026 NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE participants**



**Part of Hannah's PowerPoint – notice a big focus on food!!**



**Jack and Kathy are enjoying all thing Japanese!!**



**Trevor and Wendy enjoying all things Italian!!**



**Di and Paul enjoying all things outback Australia!! The Broad Arrow Pub Kalgoorlie!!**



**Friends and family dropping off cans and bottles even though we are away!!**