

The Mordialloc Mentone Newsletter



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PRESIDENT MICHAEL'S MESSAGE 19.5.26

It's good to see that people help each other to complete a task. Sometimes we call upon people who are non-members of Rotary who are willing to help us which in turn helps the community. It's great to see this happen for people to give up their time in helping our club achieve long term goals in the broader community.

TUESDAY MAY 19th

SALVATION ARMY DINGLEY 6.30PM

FOLLOWED BY DINNER AT DINGLEY INTERNATIONAL HOTEL

Meeting #2560

Guest Speaker – Santo Greco – What I learnt at Toastmasters

Acknowledgement of Country & Toasts –

Chair – Alan Opie

Newsletter Notes – Di Taranto

Vote of thanks – Paul Taranto

**TUESDAY MAY 26th
SALVATION ARMY DINGLEY 6.30PM
FOLLOWED BY DINNER AT DINGLEY INTERNATIONAL HOTEL**

**Meeting #2561
Guest Speaker – Stuart Opie – BlazeAid
Acknowledgement of Country & Toasts –
Chair – Ernie Williams
Newsletter Notes – Volunteer needed
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		
MAY 19 TH #2560	SALVATION ARMY DINGLEY	SANTO GRECO – WHAT I LEARNT AT TOASTMASTERS
MAY 19TH	SALVATION ARMY DINGLEY	BOARD MEETING 5PM
MAY 26 TH #2561	SALVATION ARMY DINGLEY	STUART OPIE – BLAZE AID
JUNE 2 ND #2562	VENUE – TO BE CONFIRMED	DAVID BRUNT – A CARERS ROLE
JUNE 9 TH #2563	ZOOM MEETING	COMMITTEE REPORTS
JUNE 16 TH #2564	VENUE – TO BE CONFIRMED	PARKDALE UNITED CRICKET CLUB

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	LOCATION	EVENT
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SUNDAY MAY 24 TH	Royal Park Nature Playground Parkville	Royal Children's Hospital Family BBQ
THURSDAY JUNE 11 TH	St Nicholas Church Bear St Mordialloc 1pm	Parkinsons Support Group
FRIDAY JUNE 19 TH	Bunnings Mentone	Sausage Sizzle

MEMBERS LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- Jack Pyziakos & Kathy Thompson – April 17th – end of September
 - Trevor & Wendy Salmon – May 1st – July 17th
 - Di & Paul Taranto – May 28th – June 6th
- Trina & Ernie Williams – June 25th – 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

NOTES FROM ROTARY CLUB MEETING #2558

MAY 5TH, 2026

LAURA SARMIENTO

INTERNATIONAL NEEDS AUSTRALIA

A very informative talk by Laura Sarmiento who works for International Needs Australia. Laura is a political scientist, human rights advocate, and creative strategist with over a decade of experience advancing community empowerment and sustainable, locally led development

International Needs Australia is a Christian international aid and development organization that empowers marginalised women and children through transformative local community partnerships. They focus on sustainable 'hands ups' and foster innovation and scalability to help women and children from diverse backgrounds realise their full potential

Their mission is to make the world equitable and fairer for those at the edges. Education, Climate Change, Health, Gender Equality, Livelihoods. Their work is far reaching working in such places as Uganda, Ethiopia, Sri Lanka, India, Nepal, Myanmar, Philippines,

Cambodia and Laos. They support such programs as Women's Empowerment, Child Rights & Education, Health and Education, Sustainable Livelihood, improving the life of abused and vulnerable children.

We welcomed Laura to our club meetings of late and hope that one day she will consider joining our club.

**NOTES FROM ROTARY CLUB MEETING #2559
MAY 12TH, 2026
ZOOM COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

We commenced with a short General Meeting to accept the new Club Rules, as distributed to everyone last month – 13 members were in attendance and voted to accept these new Club Rules

SECRETARY TRINA –

- Katy Evans from Nunawading will attend some of our club members as a guest
- New venue for club meetings will be at the Salvation Army Dingley due to rail works in and around Mordialloc
- Insurance renewal has been paid
- City of Kingston Volunteer Awards will be held on May 21st at 2.30pm
- RSL Mentone will hold a meeting in June re the status of the branch.

TREASURER BRIAN –

- Finances sound
- Science Experience invoice has been paid
- Contributions passed by the Board will go out shortly – Interplast, RAMS, ROMAC, Wheelchairs for Kids, Parkdale United Cricket Club – Paul asked Glenyse to organise someone from each of these to speak at the club and receive their donation

FOUNDATION AND INTERNATIONAL PAUL –

- Paul reported that the Board had approved all the above donations
- Thank you to Ernie and Laura for collecting bread while we were away

COMMUNITY JENNIFER –

- A de-brief on the Safe Sleeping Program will take place on June 16th at 10am at Salvation Army Dingley – Brian to give a financial statement, planning for the next program and looking at homelessness as a whole
- Jennifer will be attending the Kingston Prevention to Family Violence meeting
- Kingston 'bring your bills' meeting coming up – stay tuned
- Parkinson's meeting this Thursday – local chemist to speak to the club
- Alan will be helping the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal BBQ on May 23rd
- RCH Family BBQ coming up on Sunday May 24th – volunteers will be needed

YOUTH DI –

- Parkdale Secondary College has approached the club to support a team to take part in MUNA this year

PROJECTS ALL MEMBERS –

- Gnome and Fairy Meeting to be held at the Taranto's this Wednesday at 2pm – to discuss different tasks and roles and how this can be better shared amongst members

MEMBERS ANNOUNCEMENTS –

- Laura has a colleague visiting and would like to invite her to speak at a meeting – Glenyse to follow up with Laura

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**TREVOR AND WENDY CONTINUE TO ENJOY
THEIR EUROPEAN TRIP – GUESS WHERE
THEY ARE??**



**JACK AND KATHY ARE HOME AFTER A
WONDERFUL TOUR OF JAPAN!!**