

The Mordialloc Mentone Newsletter



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PRESIDENT MICHAEL'S MESSAGE 16.6.26

As we come to the of June, we find the words “End of Financial Year” is often used in everyday walks of life. EOFY sales in the retail sector and for others it means Financial reporting and auditing etc. For Rotary Clubs we prepare for Change Over. We look at a number of things that need reporting/doing. To report and prepare updated club membership, reflect on the past year achievements. Plan ahead on events that the club is involved in and make minor adjustments and also look at new ideas in which to raise funds for various projects. It's certainly a busy time for the clubs and the main people within the clubs. May our new up incoming 26/27 financial year be very prosperous in all avenues our club is involved in.

**TUESDAY JUNE 16th 2026
NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE
6.15PM FOR 6.30PM START**

Meeting #2564

**LAURA SARMIENTO
INDUCTION**

**Guest Speaker – Laura Sarmiento - Life in Venezuela
Acknowledgement of Country & Toasts – David Brunt
Chair – Michael Mullan
Newsletter Notes – Di Taranto
Vote of thanks – Glenyse Cooper**

**TUESDAY JUNE 23RD
NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE
6.15PM FOR 6.30PM START**

Meeting #2565

CHANGEOVER

**Acknowledgement of Country & Toasts – Cliff Riley
Chair – Paul Taranto
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

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

JUNE 16TH #2564

Mordialloc
Neighbourhood
House

Induction of Laura Sarmiento
Life in Venezuela

JUNE 17TH

ZOOM

BOARD MEETING 6.30PM

JUNE 23RD #2565

Mordialloc
Neighbourhood
House

CHANGEOVER

JUNE 30TH #2566

Cheltenham RSL

Fellowship Dinner

JULY 7TH #2567

Mordialloc
Neighbourhood
House

TBC

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	LOCATION	EVENT
FRIDAY JUNE 19 TH	Bunnings Mentone	Sausage Sizzle
THURSDAY JULY 9 TH	St Nicholas Church Bear St Mordialloc 1pm	Parkinson's Support Group
FRIDAY JULY 17 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
 - 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 #2560
JUNE 2nd, 2026
SALVATION ARMY DINGLEY

Present: David Brunt, Trina Willams, Ernie Williams, Jennifer Cloke, Alan Opie, Cliff Riley, Michael Mullan, Jack Pyziakos, Kathy Thompson, Brian Foley

Meeting No 2561

Speaker: David Brunt Subject: Being a Carer

David has acted as full time carer for his wife Helen who was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease seven years ago. They attended a seminar giving more details shortly after Helen's diagnosis. Realising there were other sufferers in the area, Helen initiated a Parkinson's Support Group and the Rotary Club was involved from the start. The group meets monthly and has a current membership of 40. Trina took over as coordinator and organises the program. Di supports the group each time and Paul is also involved as caterer, he likes shopping for biscuits.

Parkinson's is a progressive disease with varying symptoms for each person and from day to day. It involves frequent visits to hospital. There are an estimated 79,000 patients in Victoria and 219,000 throughout Australia.

Being a carer, David is aware of the needs of other carers and it is important to look after the carers as well as those they are caring for. He makes sure that required medications are available and the ambulance service is aware of the presence of a Parkinsons sufferer.

Fatigue and loss of sleep are important issues with Parkinson's. There is no easy diagnosis test for Parkinson's and it is necessary to consult with a doctor who specialises in the disease.

David concluded by responding to several questions covering:

There is no known cure and most patients die with the disease

The need for carers to seek help for their own health including other family members. There is a useful publication "Australian Carers' Guide" available at local newsagents.

Overdosing problems

NOTES FROM ROTARY CLUB ZOOM MEETING #2561
JUNE 9TH, 2026

PRESIDENT MICHAEL –

- Certificate of Appreciation now hanging up at Myanessa Mercato in Parkdale – very proud – may have other products in the coming weeks for the Salvation Army

SECRETARY TRINA –

- Venue for next week's meeting will be Mordialloc Neighbourhood House
- Board meeting will be via Zoom on Wednesday June 17th at 6.30pm
- Club Handbook almost ready for printing – our two new members will be included
- Michael Chiverton to be invited to Laura's Induction this coming Tuesday

TREASURER BRIAN –

- Financially sound as we move into the next Rotary year
- \$7000 has been set aside for the Safe Sleeping Program
- Accounts paid – Neighbourhood House washing machine and MUNA

COMMUNITY JENNIFER –

- Parkinson's Support Group was held last Thursday – guest speaker was Zoe on i-phone photography
- Safe Sleeping de-brief and planning will take place this Tuesday – questions to be discussed will include – how to publicize with confidentiality, how can we include men in the program, do we need a winter program, does it make sense to shorten frequency i.e. 3 days per week
- Royal Children's Hospital BBQ went very well – many messages of thanks
- Thank you to Laura and Ernie for picking up bread while Paul was away
- Thank you to Trina for the certificate of thanks which now hangs proudly at Myanessa Mercato
- A box of toothpaste for the Salvation Army was donated by Parkdale Family Dentist

FOUNDATION AND INTERNATIONAL –

- District paperwork for grant now completed
- Stoma Kits from the RCH delivered to Donations in Kind by Paul – very grateful

PROJECTS ALL MEMBERS –

- Letter of affirmation regarding the Gnome and Fairy Festival received from council – grant for \$10,000 due in June – Trina has been working on this
- Council application to run Gnome and Fairy Festival on March 21st 2027 has been submitted

YOUTH DI –

- Students from Parkdale Secondary College took part in MUNA recently – see photo board
- Julie Mullins at Parkdale Secondary College is looking for two students to take part in RYPEN (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment) later this year
- Trina, Ernie, Michael and Di will assist with RYDA (Rotary Youth Driver Awareness) this coming Tuesday June 16th – thank you all
- Di thanked Brian F for the meeting notes he took while she was away – great that they were typed up ready to go in this newsletter
- Di asked if members would like to continue supporting Mordialloc Theatre Company by attending their next production – most members would prefer a matinee as driving at night is problematic for some members – Di to look into it
- MEMBERS ANNOUCEMENTS – Please drop off any cans or bottles to the Taranto's before the end of June

ROTARY – DONATIONS IN KIND



**ROTARY DONATIONS IN KIND HAVE VERY KINDLY
OFFERED OUR CLUB MEMBERS A TOUR OF THEIR
WAREHOUSE FOLLOWED BY A LUNCH
THIS WOULD TAKE PLACE ON A TUESDAY AT 10.30AM
PLEASE LET PAUL KNOW IF YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED
IN TAKING PART – A DATE TO BE CONFIRMED**

MORDIALLOC THEATRE COMPANY



Just 7 weeks until The Truth is revealed... perhaps?!

“It’s a zippy, witty farce about ever-shifting layers of infidelity as experienced by two middle-aged Parisian couples. The play’s laughs are as sharp as Lindsay Posner’s ruthlessly swift and snappy production (90 minutes, no interval). Its comedy is playful but also barbed: one of the characters even asks, ‘I want to know what kind of play we’re in. Is it a comedy? Or a tragedy?’” Time Out, London

“THE TRUTH is a devious must-see you do not want to miss.”

“THE TRUTH is full of moments that will fill the audience with the catharsis of comedy.” Michel is having an affair. His lies to cover it up get bigger and bigger. The truth, when revealed, proves to be far from straightforward – who is deceiving whom? Sex, lies and best friends’ wives – this witty comedy has it all. Florian Zeller is a French novelist and playwright. His work has been translated into a dozen languages, including English. THE TRUTH sees the widely celebrated Zeller gleefully playing with our assumptions as he unravels a web of fiction, delusion and hypocrisy.

A masterpiece of marital manipulations, it’s a delicious comedy that asks us to consider the benefits of lying and the drawbacks of honesty.

SATURDAY 1ST AUGUST AT 2PM
PLEASE LET DI KNOW IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN
ATTENDING



Scam Awareness workshops

Tuesday 16 June & Tuesday 11 August
11am - 12pm
Access Care City of Kingston
34 Brindisi Street, Mentone

BOOKINGS
REQUIRED

Protect yourself from scams

Join Crime Stoppers and Victoria Police for an informative community session covering how to spot scams, recent trends, and what to do if you're targeted.



VICTORIA POLICE

Light refreshments provided • Bookings required

For more information: call Access Care Customer Service **1300 819 200** and note which date you would like to attend.



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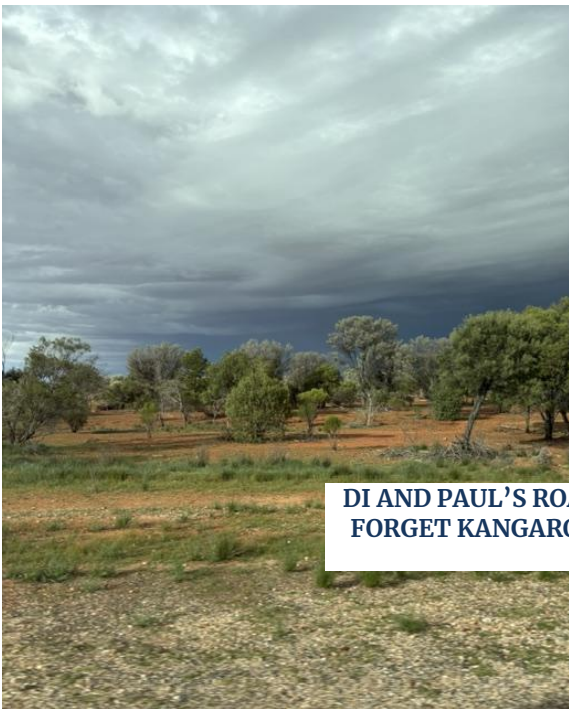
PHOTO BOARD



MAROOF PROUDLY DISPLAYING THE CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION RECEIVED FROM OUR CLUB FOR THE DONATIONS OF BREAD PASSED ONTO THE SALVATION ARMY



ANOTHER GREAT DAY AT THE ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL FAMILY BBQ



DI AND PAUL'S ROAD TRIP – IT'S A BIB BIG COUNTRY – FORGET KANGAROOS – WATCH OUT FOR THE GOATS!!



TREVOR AND WENDY – WHO KNOWS WHERE – THEY ARE ALL OVER EUROPE – CAN'T KEEP UP!!



ROTARY IS EVERYWHERE!!



**PARKDALE SECONDARY COLLEGE MUNA PARTICIPANTS
– CONGRATULATIONS TEAM!!**



**THANK YOU FROM SAMANTHA
AT MORDIALLOC
NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE FOR
DONATING THE FUNDS FOR A
NEW WASHING MACHINE!!**



PAUL WITH COLLEEN D'OFFEY MANAGER OF ROTARY DONATIONS IN KIND



A PALLET OF CHILDREN'S STOMA KITS DONATED TO DONATIONS IN KIND FROM THE ROYAL CHILDREN HOSPITAL – THANK YOU JESSICA TARANTO