January News

Happy New Year to you all, and I trust that you had an enjoyable Christmas. We have a new President (see page 6) and the Minions have left the web site. On page 5 you will find a copy of an email from Governor Ash, explaining how to best support the thousands of Australians who have been effected by the Bushfires via the Kiwanis Charitable Foundation. It’s also worth noting that Kiwanis Clubs can obtain disaster relief grants from the Kiwanis Children’s Fund to support club relief projects. Details are available here: Fondant.

In the meantime, planning is now underway for our big event, (our 50th Birthday on 20th July). We will be announcing some of the details shortly, but in the meantime, we need to get in touch with as many of our past members as possible to ensure that they all get invites. Please therefore please let anyone you know of who comes under this category, that we would like to have them share in the celebrations. In a similar vein, regrettably since our two club scrap books went missing in 1990, we have no photographs of some of our major events prior to this time. Most notably, we do not have any photographs of the Moorabbin Hospital Monster Fete, or our 25th Dinner If anyone has any club photos or cuttings that could be suitable for “The road to 50 years”, please let me know.

Finally I hope that all our readers have visited our sponsor Community Pharmacy, and claimed their 15% discount. Please support them.

Here’s to a successful and productive year.

Ed.

Catch us on Facebook.
Moorabbin meets at the Bentleigh RSL.
538-540 Centre Road Bentleigh 3204
1st and 3rd Monday Each Month.
Fellowship 6:30 pm – 7:00 pm.

Note: Moorabbin Kiwanis has four quarters during the year.
Q1: Oct – Dec Q2: Jan – Mar & Q3: Apr-June Q4: Jul-Sept
Each Quarter has a different Club President.


President Q2                   Geoffrey Hergt
President elect. Q3            Angela Randall
Imm Past Pres.                Ian Howison
Secretary                     Bryan Williams
Treasurer                     Bryan Williams

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Directors.                   Angela Randall
                            Tim Vine
                            Ian Howison

COMMITTEES:

Fundraising                  Bryan Williams (C)
Community Service            Ian Howison (C)
Membership and Growth         Angela Randall (C)
Welfare Officer              Peter Pahl
Publicity                    Tim Vine
House & Reception            Geoffrey Hergt
Web Master                   Tim Vine
Bulletin                     Tim Vine.

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View from the Top

An idiosyncrasy of the Kiwanis year is that it begins on the 1st of October each calendar year and concludes on the following September 30th. Whilst that might suit North America, where Kiwanis began in 1915, it presents a challenge here in Australia because we just get started and then we break for the Christmas New Year holidays only to start all over again in late January.

This restart usually centres around the birthdate of Kiwanis which is January 21st.

Due to the demise of the Kiwanis Club of Melbourne, the first Kiwanis Club in Australia which began over 50 years ago, our club has recently inducted a former member of that club, Ian Perdriau AM. In 1994/5 Ian was the first non North American ever to hold the office of International President. So we could not have a more fitting person to be our speaker at our first meeting for the new calendar year, Monday January 20th 2020. Not only will we celebrate the 105th birthday of Kiwanis International but we will hear from the first really “International” President. It was Ian whom you could say “Really made Kiwanis International.”

On Monday July 20th 2020 our club will celebrate 50 years to the day since we began. For 50 years our club has been providing voluntary community service to the needy in our area and beyond. We are planning a “Back to” for past members, local dignitaries to be in attendance, members from a number of other local organisations and many more. This will to be an extraordinary event planning for which is already well underway.

So, with a busy program of projects, an interesting variety of guest speakers, an excellent meeting venue plus significant celebrations coming up ours really is a “happening club”.

Yet another quirk of our club, in comparison to other Kiwanis clubs, is that we have four (4) Presidents each year. This means that each president is in office for three (3) months only not the whole twelve (12) month year. Being a club with relatively few members everyone is involved in everything so there is no loss of continuity. We have found this to work well over a number of years and overcomes the reluctance of members to take on the leadership role of President.

Yours in service,
Geoff Hergt
President
Jan - March 2019
Our guest speaker on December 16th was Phillip Hunt, the General Manager of the Bayside Church. Seen below being thanked and accepting a donation from Angela Randall, A letter of thanks appears above. Phillip went on to explain the workings of Bayside Community Care, and some of their projects including Matt’s Place.
Kiwanis Bushfire Disaster Relief

The following email was sent to all Australian Kiwanis Clubs.
Note donations may be made by clubs, individuals or organisations.

From: Ashleigh Gore [mailto:1agorekiwanis@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, 3 January 2020 5:20 PM
To: Ashleigh Gore <gore@esc.net.au>
Cc: kadcf@kiwanis.org.au; bot@kiwanis.org.au
Subject: Bushfire support - Kiwanis

A question has been asked - What is Kiwanis Australia District doing for communities in Australia’s bushfire areas?

Recently information was circulated to all Kiwanis Clubs about available support from both Kiwanis International and the Kiwanis Australia District.

It is known that Kiwanis Clubs and individuals have already donated to various bushfire appeals around Australia. Alternatively Clubs have held special fundraising activities.

The issues arising from these Australia-wide bushfires will be ongoing, especially during these summer months.

However, in the short-term Kiwanis Clubs and members are asked to let us know where they see a need, particularly involving children and families, that Kiwanis may be able to address.

In the meantime, the Kiwanis Australia District Charitable Foundation is an approved Public Ancillary Fund. It can receive Kiwanis Club donations. Donations from Kiwanis members, family and friends and the corporate sector are tax deductible and receipts will be issued.

These donations will be held in Trust by the Foundation until such time that the Kiwanis Australia District Board approves the:

- Eligible Project – that is consistent with the objects of Kiwanis International
- Eligible Entity(s) - who must be charitable at law

There are various options for making donations to the Kiwanis Australia District Charitable Foundation, as shown in the attached form.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all who have and are being impacted by these terrible fires.

Please stay safe and thankyou for your support.
Please forward this message(sent to all Clubs) onto all your members.

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Download the donation form here: Donation Form.

Alternatively, open the Moorabbin Kiwanis Website. Go to the “News/Downloads” Page, and select “Bushfire Disaster Relief 2020 Donation Form” to download the form.
Moorabbin Kiwanis Quarter Two

As mentioned by President Geoffrey in his report (page 3), he has taken over the reins from Past President Ian, and as seen at right, seems very happy to do so.

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The following was an email received by District Secretary Peter, thanking Kiwanis for Drought assistance received, probably from the District Charitable Foundation.

Hi we just wanted to send you through a very big thank you!
We are beef farmers in the Gunnedah area and struggling through this terrible drought.
We received a Christmas hamper / gift card from you guys in conjunction with Aussie Helpers yesterday, we are very thankful for this kind and generous gift!
We sincerely thank you for helping us celebrate Christmas with our family.
Wishing you all a Happy Christmas and a healthy and blessed new year.
Many Thanks
Darryn, Michelle and kids

‘Limerock’
Carroll
NSW 2340

My name is Maria and I am the Manager at Community Homewares & gifts. I have been living & working in the local area for 10 years, and began managing the homewares department in March this year.

The store is a new concept for Community Pharmacy, and I love that we can provide health care and lifestyle shopping all under one roof! We have really tried to get a good mix of homewares in the store, from furniture, to furnishings, kitchenware to jewelry, but would love to hear from the community what you would like to see more of. If you are shopping for a gift for the friend that has everything, we have gift vouchers available, and we also offer gift wrapping. Come in & have a chat and let me know what you think! I’m looking forward to getting to know all our wonderful customers better.
Mention that you saw this in the Moorabbin Kiwanis Bulletin and receive a 15% discount.

Community Homewares
Community Pharmacy East Bentleigh
775 Centre Rd, East Bentleigh
ph: 9579 5066
Open 7 DAYS
After the Charter, Moorabbin Kiwanis immediately started to make an impact with a large number of useful and varied service projects, but was also very effective in raising funds for these projects. Examples were the Air Show mentioned in the November Edition. Some other interesting fund raisers were a Beer Tasting held on 10th October 1971. The flyer for the Beer Tasting appears above, but unfortunately I suspect it was soaked in beer at some stage. The photo at left shows Gus MacFarlane delivering supplies accompanied by Llew Reese (MLA).

The next fundraiser featured here was a Polo Tournament held in conjunction with Melbourne Hunt Polo Club, with all funds raised going to Abschol to provide support for Aboriginal students. As reported the proceeds were $500, over the two days of which $250 was donated to Abschol and $250 to the Aborigines Advancement League.

The biggest fundraiser for the club was the annual Fete and Carnival held at the Moorabbin Hospital site to support the Hospital.
Melbourne op gives this happy Vietnamese boy a new life. The experts were wrong about Chien Lu, and they couldn't be happier about it.

Brought to Melbourne from one of the most remote areas of Vietnam, it was hoped surgeons might help the seven-year-old walk for the first time at some stage over the next year.

But this week, less than three weeks since his badly deformed legs were rebuilt, Chien stood, smiled and took his first steps.

The remarkable orphan has inspired those around him so much that his surgeon, Professor Ton Tran, has now taken him into his own home to spend a very special Christmas with his family before Chien returns to Vietnam.

"This will be his first non-snow Christmas, so we are hoping to take him down to the beach and show him some Australian wildlife," Prof Tran said.

"He is terrific. He has a fantastic fighting spirit and that is what has carried him this far. We didn't expect, that given he has not walked the last seven years, that he would even be able to stand for at least three months.

"He has managed to prove all of us wrong by getting up on his feet already, 2½ weeks after surgery. "We are very pleased to be wrong on this one."

It has taken the goodwill of dozens of people across two nations to get Chien standing, most notably Prof Tran, the St John of God Hospital Berwick and Children First Foundation.

Chien was born with clubfeet, whereby both were permanently turned inward and parallel to the ground, making walking impossible.

This occurs in about one in 1100 births. In developed countries, babies are routinely fitted with orthotics days after birth so their legs self-correct before they can walk.

But Chien was born in the village of Nam Khoa, high in the mountains near Vietnam's northern border with China. The village is a one-hour trek to the nearest road, and then a 14-hour drive to Hanoi.

Having only his grandmother, the village also seemed a world away from help until the principal of a school 40km away offered the chance of an education.

During school terms Chien slept at the homes of his teachers, including Vy Tran, while classmates carried Chien’s Feet prior to the operation (at left), and after the operation (insert above).
him on their backs to help him get around.
Determined to do more for Chien, Ms Tran and others appealed for help.
Twice Vietnamese medical teams tried to help Chien but failed. Visiting US specialists were also unable to
help him.
Then the appeals were heard by Melbourne orthopaedic surgeon Prof Tran, who spent weeks undertaking
online video consultations before pleading with St John of God Berwick chief executive Lisa Norman.
"At the start of this year Ton said to me, 'I have met this little boy who I know we can help. I'll show you a
picture, you won't be able to say no, and he was right," Ms Norman said.
"Over a long period of time, a lot of people have been in his corner and allowed this to happen."

Having brought hundreds of children to Australia for life-changing surgery, the Children First Foundation was
brought on board to help Chien get to Melbourne.
Chien arrived to stay at the charity's East Kilmore retreat accompanied by his faithful teacher Ms Tran on
November 24.

Soon after, Prof Tran discovered Chien had also been living with a
dislocated right hip. On November 30, he repaired
that as well as Chien's feet.
After severing the tendons
holding Chien's feet in the
wrong position, Prof Tran
"realigned" his bones before
setting his reshaped legs in
plaster casts so they would
set in their correct shape as
the tendons reconnected.
It was expected Chien's legs
would be strong enough to
allow him to walk within a
year, long after he had left
Australia.
But when he returned to St
John of God Berwick on
Tuesday to have the plaster
casts removed and his new legs unveiled, CFF chief executive Elizabeth Lodge and everyone else were
stunned to see Chien standing on his own two feet.
"I am staggered," Ms Lodge said. "The last time I saw him it was before surgery and he was in a wheelchair
and he didn't have this spirit.
"He has this resilience. We talk about courage, what a courageous kid."
Chien was to return home before Christmas to begin months of rehabilitation. But Prof Tran negotiated for the
flight to be pushed back until next Saturday so Chien could enjoy Christmas with the Tran family.
"(At Chien's village) the temperature is 1°C inside in winter. I am hoping to show him some cultural exposure
to our lifestyle before he goes home," Prof Tran said.
"He is now able to stand on his own two feet, so we are expect him to have a very, very changed life back
home.
"He has a good brain and good community support, and now that he has ability, I don't think anything is going
to stop him."

grant.mcarthur@news.com.au

TO SUPPORT THE CHILDREN FIRST
FOUNDATION'S WORK, GO TO:
kadcfchildrenfirstfoundation
**IMPORTANT DATES.**

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**Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia**

Since before the Australian District commitment to “Eliminate” was achieved, our Board was looking for a suitable campaign to replace Eliminate so that all Australian Clubs could unite in supporting a common cause. During 2019 it was agreed that that cause should be Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia (ALL).

The Childhood Cancer Association Inc and the world renowned medical research organisation The South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute Limited (SAHMRI) are working together to unite researchers and families in the fight against Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia (ALL) which is the biggest cause of non traumatic death of children under 18 years of age.

As a result, a presentation of $10,000 was made to SAHMRI at the Convention, thanks to the support given through the Kiwanis Australia District Charitable Foundation's fundraising for Kiwanis 2M for Childhood Cancer Research.

Please find attached a thankyou card with personal notes from some of the (ALL) Research Team Members, thanking Kiwanis Australia for helping with the fight against (ALL).

Each year, between 50 and 60 children are born with (ALL) and greater than 50% will not survive. Of the children that later develop (ALL) more than 20% will not survive.

60% of adult patients will die from their (ALL). The Childhood Cancer Association and SAHMRI do not get any Government funding for their research and have to rely on grant applications, Philanthropic support and donations.

Professor Deb White, the Director of Cancer Research at SAHMRI, was our guest speaker at the 2019 Kiwanis Australian District Convention at Glenelg, informing us of the important genomic research being undertaken that will improve the outcomes and lives of children with (ALL).

Watch for more information on (ALL) in following editions and hopefully Kiwanis Australia will be making a further donation in this coming 2020 year:
When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds

Diary Dates.

Members please note!

Full Meeting details appear in the Moorabbin Kiwanis Google Calendar. Please check the duty roster to ensure that you are prepared for the meeting, plus the occasional change to the venue.

List of Proposed Speakers.

6th January   Break. No Meeting
20th January  Ian Perdriau—105 Years of Kiwanis
3rd February  Lt Steph Glover—Kingston City Corps Salvation Army.
17th February Wally Ballard—Community Advisor NBN

* Please ring Geoff Hergt on 9551-5478 meeting, by Sunday Evening, if:
  1.) You are unable to attend a Club Meeting and / or
  2.) You are unavailable to carry out your duty on your rostered day. (ie. Vote of thanks)

Should you not advise Geoff of your inability to attend by the appropriate time and the club incurs expenses as a result, you will be required to reimburse those expenses to the Club.

My Mate said his wife stormed out without opening her Xmas present

Is that my wife or should I pay her?
THE OBJECTS OF KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL.

1. TO GIVE primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life.

2. TO ENCOURAGE the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships

3. TO PROMOTE the adoption and the application of higher social, business and professional standards.

4. TO DEVELOP, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive and serviceable citizenship.

5. TO PROVIDE, through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service and to build better communities.

6. TO COOPERATE in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism and good will.