February News

It’s now confirmed. Our Fiftieth Birthday Dinner will be held at Busbys (The Buckingham Hotel) on 20th July. The big news however is that we have now confirmed that our Special Guest for the evening will be Harrison Craig, and for those who missed listening to the Community Block (Southern FM 88.3) on Tuesday 4th February, host Molly gave us a plug by promoting Harrison. Listen here. Harrison Craig.

As this will be our most auspicious event since our Charter on 20th July 1970, we want to ensure that no-one who has been even remotely involved in our Club misses out on an invite. Please therefore rack your brain for names of people to invite, and let me know. I’m also still looking for any historical photos that anyone has that can be included in a slide presentation for the night. Let’s make it a night to remember.

Speaking of Southern FM and the Community Block, some of you will remember when our guest speaker Sue Williams announced that EEP had successfully merged with RIDBC. This is course provides us with exciting prospects of doing much more community work in support of EEP (An RIDBC Service). Following on with this, I have arranged for Dux Balendran (Vic Area Manager RIDBC), and Bronwyn Skafte (Program Manager EEP) to join me on Southern FM for our April Monthly session. Accordingly, I visited Taralye (RIDBC Headquarters) on 21st January to make these arrangements. (see below).

As President Geoffrey has mentioned in his report, the door is now open to renew our long time association with the Salvation Army, so watch this space.

Finally, don’t forget to support our sponsor Community Pharmacy.

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.
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

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

You might recall that last month I was extolling our great fortune in having the very first Non North American International President not only as a member of our club but to address us on the occasion of the 105th birthday of Kiwanis International. I spoke too soon.

Ian Perdriau AM (an honour bestowed in recognition of his service to the community) had a fall at home, has spent time both in hospital, in rehabilitation and convalescing at home. Ian is wearing a brace on his right leg and is therefore unable to move around as much as he would prefer. However I am delighted to report that he is on the improve although it will be some weeks yet before he is back with us at club meetings.

From all this you might have guessed that, due to the fall, Ian was unable to be with us to celebrate the 105th birthday of Kiwanis International.

A hastily arranged but very necessary business meeting replaced our planned celebrations. However we did manage to raise a toast to the longevity of our worldwide service organization.

This month we have enjoyed the company of not one but two uniformed officers of the Salvation Army Kingston City Corps. It turned out our intended guest speaker Lt Steph Glover just happened to be married to Capt Stuart Glover who holds a National role with the Army relating to Emergency Relief including bushfire support which is very timely.

With our long and mutually rewarding association our two organisations have much in common and we look forward to working closely together in the future. Staff movements of folk in both groups had caused recent contact to be lost and it is wonderful to re-establish that bond and move forward together again. Both Steph and Stuart were most interesting, Stuart on the National and Steph on the Local scene, giving us an overall picture of just how important our future working together will be to us both.

Our second speaker for the month is covering all matters relating to the new NBN. Again this provides us with the opportunity of involving ourselves with very current and topical issues.

Due to the extreme conditions prevailing on our designated Bunnings Sausage Sizzle day (the sausages would not have been the only thing sizzling – if you follow my drift?) the event was cancelled. We are working on picking up the lost income, usually for HeartKids, during the year.

So, where to now? Well, we have a busy schedule of projects, club meetings and planning of our own 50th Birthday celebrations on July 20th next all of which will keep our collective “noses to the grind stone and shoulders to the wheel”

Yours in service,
Geoff Hergt
President
Jan - March 2019

What would the world be like without KIWANIS?

#KidsNeedKiwanis
Further to the Sydney Vs Melbourne debate, you may be interested in the following published in 2014. Note the 2019 population of Sydney according to the ABS was 5.1 Million and Melbourne was 4.9 million. However if Sydney did not include the Central Coast (77 Km from Sydney) it would be 4.8 Million, or if Melbourne did include Geelong (75Km from Melbourne), it...
He had a photographic memory which was never developed.

Other interesting facts.
Melbourne is fortunate it inherited the largest tram network in the world, because building something like it today - say in a city such as Sydney - would be extraordinarily expensive and difficult. The US has over 45 operating streetcar and light rail systems but none of them are anywhere near as large as Melbourne’s tram system. Melbourne has the largest extant urban streetcar network in the world with 249 kilometres of double track and 487 trams.

Melbourne is the Fox Capital of the World! I’m not that sure about this, as the Vic Dept of Ag puts some parts of Melbourne (Port Melbourne) at 20 Foxes per km², however the New Scientist quotes Bournemouth London, at 23 foxes per km²
City of Kingston Australia Day Award Presentations.

Over our 50 years of service to the Moorabbin community, we have always been welcomed to the Australia Day celebrations of the City of Moorabbin. Now that our community spreads over three councils, and our members evenly represent all three, it is pleasing that one of these councils still remembers us. Accordingly, we received an invite to attend the Australia Day Award Celebration/Breakfast of the City of Kingston. Held at the Kingston City Hall. Above left is MC Candy Hertz, during the flag raising. Behind the flags are Mayor Cr Georgina Oxley, and Deputy Mayor Cr Steve Staikos. The main feature of the event is the presentation of Citizenships to over 100 citizens, and it was delightful to see the spread of different nationalities that have chosen to become Australian Citizens. The second feature of the event is the presentation of Citizen of the year, and at left are the nominations for Citizen of the year. The 2020 Kingston Citizen of the year was Helen Hollis (below left). Helen has worked tirelessly to promote women’s participation in sport through netball and has been instrumental in integrating local netball and football clubs for increased community connections. Of similar note was the awarding of Community Group of the year, and this was awarded to “Chelsea Community Christmas Lunch”, the idea of a prep and grade 1 child that wanted to do something to help their community at Christmas,

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
Those who get too big for their britches will be exposed in the end.

The first decade for the Club went extremely well, and there is not enough space to list even most of the Club’s achievements over this period, however the Blood Collection drives for St Vincents Hospital at the Salvation Army Citadel in Bentleigh had to be one of the main events over these years. (see the ad below). Significantly, the Moorabbin Club grew strongly during this period, a fact that was aided by the number and range of projects, coupled with the generous publicity that was provided by the two local newspapers.

It’s also worth noting that the Moorabbin Club provided two District Governors, Ralph Doddrell and Allan Lord during this time, as well as five Lieutenant Governors, Ralph Doddrell, Allan Lord, Jim Thompson, Gus MacFarlane and Lew Reese. Ten District Committee Chairmen, and two other District Officers (District Secretary, and two Bulletin Editors.

Moorabbin also sponsored the Frankston, Dandenong and Mordialloc-Aspendale Clubs, as well as winning the Membership Growth award for 1970-71.

The following decade was to see much more of the same, with more new Clubs built and considerably more District contributors.
A visit from the Salvos

Lt. Steph Glover and Capt. Stuart Glover rekindled our interest in working with the Salvos when they addressed our meeting on the 3rd February. Representing the Kingston City Corps, the same Corps for whom we used to collect for the Red Shield Appeal, we promised that we will endeavour to work side by side in the future on mutually beneficial projects.

We received a kind invitation from our friends at TASCA to join them at their Family Day on 15th March. See the invite at right. It would be great if we could arrange for a number of members to show them our support at their new premises which are now located in our local community. This date is in our Club Calendar, but it would be good if you put it in your own, and gave Sophie a call on 7015-5637 and let her know that you will be supporting them.
The argument between the Eastern States and the Commonwealth Government over water usage in the Murray Darling Basin has heated up significantly over the last two years due to the prolonged and unusual droughts that Australia has endured over this time. I don’t want to go into these arguments, but I do want to offer a way that a great deal of water can be saved. The answer is one word: HEMP.

91% of Australian cotton is grown in the upper reaches of the Murray Darling basin, and this uses 1,578,805 Megalitres of water. To produce the same amount of hemp textile would require 363,125 Megalitres, saving 1,225,680 Megalitres, and I’m sure that would be welcome downstream.

So let’s compare Cotton and Hemp.

Cotton is a fibre, feed and food crop that is native to tropical and subtropical regions around the world. It is used to manufacture a wide variety of products including apparel, sheets, towels, tarpaulins, tents, cooking oil, shortening, and salad dressing. The meal and hulls are used as livestock, poultry and fish feed and as fertilizer. A very versatile plant.

Environmental Impact

Cotton is a very water and pesticide intensive plant to grow. It has a much higher environmental cost than hemp which requires fewer pesticides or fertilizers and no herbicides. Hemp requires much less water, grows very quickly (70 to 110 days), and uses minimal nutrients from the soil. Hemp plant roots aerate the soil, leaving it rich for future crops. Hemp will produce 1500 pounds of fibre per acre, whereas cotton will produce only 500 pounds per acre!

Hemp absorbs more CO2 than any other, broadacre, crop and draws heavy metals from soils. It is therefore a great means of sequestering carbon and rehabilitating derelict land, and due to hemp’s capacity to absorb CO2 hemp growers and manufacturers can be largely carbon neutral.

Fibre Properties

Hemp fabrics are stronger, more absorbent, more durable, and better insulating than cotton. Furthermore, they don’t stretch out of shape. This property makes hemp a perfect upholstery fabric because it can be pulled taut and remain taut throughout the life of the furniture. On the other hand, cotton is ideal for t-shirts, jeans, and other apparel where some stretch is desirable.

Hemp fibres have a relatively large surface area and are very water absorbent. This allows the fibre to dye well and retain its colour better than any other fabric including cotton or linen.

Hemp is a strong fibre and is as natural as cotton is. Similar to cotton, clothes tailored from hemp fibres get softer with each wash but the process is rather a slow one. Comfortable in every sense, hemp clothes beat cotton in endurance with the tensility and strength of its fibres.

Repeated washes don’t affect hemp as much as it affects cotton making hemp a stronger fabric with the same level of comfort, and last twice as long.

Add to that the fact that Hemp is used to make a variety of commercial and industrial products, including rope, textiles, clothing, shoes, food, paper, bioplastics, building materials, insulation, and biofuel, and you could make a strong argument for hemp to replace cotton.

Just for interest check out clothing at Hemp Clothing Australia and get more information on hemp at Australian Industrial Hemp Alliance.
Newcastle
Great to hear from Newcastle, as at right they can be seen doing the “time keeping” for Special Olympics at the Cessnock pool, and cheering on some of their Action Club members at the same time.

New Zealand. Our Neighbours across the ditch have pledged to support the Australian Kiwanis Bushfire Appeal (see below), and have printed the KADCF donation form in this edition, The KADCF has already received donations from NZ as a result.

Good morning - Kiaora
Greetings to fellow members, hoping you all had an enjoyable festive season. My big concern is the Australian bushfires, I have been in communications with Governor Ashleigh and hope to be able to report more at our Trustees meeting. Danielle has the information further in the Bulletin from Peter Zander as to how we can help in the early stages, all our thoughts are with Australian neighbours and only wish we could do more for them.

IMPORTANT DATES.
21st February  Joy and Len Winnell’s Anniversary
28th February  Bunnings BBQ Moorabbin
3rd March  Southern FM Radio Interview
15th March  TASCA Family Day
19th March  Karen and Ian’s Anniversary
26th March  Kingston Service Club Network Meeting
26th April  Allan Lord HeartKids Family Fun Day
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.

17th February  Wally Ballard—Community Advisor NBN
2nd March  Cindy Sneddon—Functions Mgr Bentleigh RSL
16th March  Business Meeting
6th April  TBA

* 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.

Now just for fun

* Acupuncture: a jab well done.

* Just bought a book from IKEA

* Special Wines
  - Pino Noir
  - Pino Bianco
  - Pino Grigio

* The Wine of the Month

* You'll like this one! It's made from an anti-diuretic hybrid grape and reduces the number of trips people your age go to the toilet during the night. It's called Pino More!
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.