May News

We were delighted to hear this month from John Koutsoubos (Director of Clinical Operations Monash Health) that the mural that we commissioned (see below) is still giving so much joy to the patients there. Read the story behind this mural on page 5. There’s no Controversy Corner this month, but instead I’ve taken a little impish delight in publishing a letter from a Brit. Whilst in no way endorsing these comments, I must confess I did enjoy them.

We continued our monthly sessions on Southern FM, and this month, President Angela was able to chat to Molly and Colin about her new role as District representative on the Kiwanis International Committee on Young Children. This month and last month, we took the opportunity to promote the Book Box project, and put the message out there that we are proceeding with this project and need donations of books, suggestions for suitable locations to place the boxes, and during these “Iso” times, the possibility of some volunteers who may be interested in making a box. I’m pleased to announce that as a result, we have already received offers of some books.

Speaking of Southern FM, in April 1990 they received their first Licence, and a copy of their very first newsletter is reproduced on page 8. Happy 30yrs.

Please note, that from now on, the most recent Zoom meeting can be viewed on the members only page, so don’t forget to check it out.

Finally, thanks to reader Graham Mould for his contribution on page 10.

Stay safe.

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 Q3 Angela Randall
President elect. Q4 Tim Vine
Imm Past Pres. Geoffrey Hergt
Secretary Bryan Williams
Treasurer Bryan Williams

Directors. Angela Randall
Tim Vine
Ian Howison

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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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President’s Report

The Snow Leopard is a mostly solitary animal living high up in the Himalayan Mountains, crossing the borders of China, India and Mongolia. If anything, it has shown us that isolation keeps us safe and if we stray from that path we will encounter danger. That is so true of this pandemic which is impacting the world in epic proportions. My heart goes out to those families everywhere who have lost loved ones and thank goodness we have a stable, smart government which acted quickly to stem the spread of this virus.

This month like most other months during the virus lockdown was relatively quiet, except for our first online club meeting. A big thank you goes to Tim Vine for setting up and organizing all of us to be able to participate in the Zoom meeting. And thanks to all our members able to take part in the meeting which I felt ran fairly smoothly. Well done Tim and members.

Tim also participated in the first telephone radio interview for 88.3FM – Southern Radio, and I was the next to experience the radio interview with our co-hosts Colin Tyrus and Molly May. The interviews are available to members on the website, also good to re-listen to and perhaps thinks about some projects we might be able to get up to during the self-isolation. I for one have started my knitting again and had half completed a little duck for the ICU babies at Monash Children’s centre.

As you may all be aware Governor Ashley invited me to be part of the KI International Committee on Young Children. This involvement was the topic of my talk with Colin and Molly, which covered some of the areas of Maternal and Child Nurses and their origins in Australia, the Royal Children’s Hospital and my experiences there and more.

On that note of the RCH; I am reminded that Heartkids are forging ahead with their ‘SUPER BOSS day 19TH June 2020. So Calling all Super Hero’s – bosses, co-workers, students and anyone who would like to participate in this fun day to support Heartkids, you are able to register online at Heartkids for the day which in this time of lockdown is going to be a virtual day of fun. So encourage family, grandchildren, friends and work acquaintances to come on board to support this very worthy cause.

Looking further ahead is the ‘Two Feet and A Heart Beat’ day on 18th October 2020. A nationwide approach also possibly virtual, but still doable. Thanks to Georgia Angus at Heartkids who also organised our bi-monthly meeting on Zoom, and was able to provide me with information and dates relevant to Heartkids. Our Bi-monthly meeting is a vital link between Kiwanis and Heartkids which is so important in these testing times.

Stay safe and well, and I look forward to catching up with you all soon.

Angela Randall
President Q3

What would the world be like without KIWANIS?

#KidsNeedKiwanis
May 2020

Riding for the Disabled
Association of Victoria Inc.
(Moorabbin Centre)

Moorabbin Kiwanis Club

NOTE: We didn’t end up taking on this project, but we did undertake several projects afterwards, including clearing the weeds and blackberry bushes for the exercise yard, constructing the shade lean tos on the arena, planting trees, and later on spreading mulch.

Mrs. Jane Edwards
10 Teennyson St.
Brighton 3186.
15.4.96.
ph. 9592 1448.

Dear Evelyn and members,

RDA Moorabbin is seeking assistance with our project to enlarge the enclosed sand arena for our riders. I enclose a brochure about RDA and a copy of our plan. The enclosing fence is post and rail. The south side fence is to be removed and hopefully most of the timber reused. Machinery is required to dig out the posts. And a new south and east fence constructed. The gran and enclosed to be graded and sanded.

The Kingston council will carry out this.

Yours sincerely,

Jane Edwards - Secretary.
The story behind the “Heart of the Ocean”

Early in 2012, following discussions between Ian Howison, and Marillac House, it was agreed that Moorabbin Kiwanis would construct a sensory garden on an unused block of land on the Marillac premises. This proved to be a very exciting project, and plans were drawn up and fundraising commenced to cover the cost of construction. One of the sponsors organised by the club was the Bendigo Bank Elwood Branch. Well unfortunately for the project, changes were made in the management of Marillac, and the block of land was determined to be allocated for disabled accommodation. This left us in a very embarrassing situation, but after much negotiation, with the Bendigo Bank, they agreed that the $2000 donation that they had made to the sensory garden could be used to help purchase a mural for the paediatric echocardiogram room at Monash Heart Clayton. The mural which was painted by a former patient of Monash Heart (Melissa McCuen) was called the “Heart of the Ocean”.

Above is the final cheque being handed over in front of the mural. Those present were Anne Mennen and Prof Ian Meredith (Monash Heart holding the cheque) and behind, Norm Hutton and Phil Riggio (HeartKids) and Allan Lord and Ian Howison (Moorabbin Kiwanis).

Members Note. If you haven’t already done so, please send your member profile to Tim, who will add it to the “Members only page”
**Revenge of the Turks**

*(Lots of irony here, if true)*

Around this time a century ago, the Interior Minister of Turkey was Ali Kemal Bey, who had established the Anglophile Society, advocating that Turkey become a British protectorate (like Kuwait, Qatar and Johor were at that time). He was proven to be hopelessly on the wrong side of history!

When Atatürk completed the reconquest of Turkey from British, French, Italian, Greek and Armenian control in November 1922, Atatürk’s colleague General Nureddin, had Ali Kemal captured; he was then lynched and hanged from a tree.

Recently, Ali Kemal Bey’s great grandson, Boris Johnson, became the Prime Minister of the UK!

Ali Kemal’s son, Osman Wilfred Kemal, changed his name to Wilfred Johnson, taking his maternal grandmother’s name.

Ali Kemal was a journalist and politician, just as his grandson Stanley Johnson was. Stanley’s sons, Boris and Jo, are both former journalists and ministers, and their sister, Rachel Sabiha Johnson, carries Ali Kemal’s second wife’s name as her middle name.

Finally, the Ottoman Turks have conquered Great Britain. Etrugul GAZA, the great Bey of the Kayi and the Turkish Orghuz tribes and his son Osman, the founder and first Sultan of the Ottoman Empire, must be smiling from eternity and their grave right now. One of their descendants is presiding over the affairs of the seat and heart of the old British Empire, and he is about to take Britain out of Europe!

Shakespeare’s Othello must be a happy man, too.

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**MUSINGS**

I just took a leaflet out of my mailbox, informing me that I can have sex at 73. I’m so happy, because I live at number 71. So it’s not too far to walk home afterwards. And it’s the same side of the street. I don’t even have to cross the road!

Answering machine message,
'I am not available right now, but thank you for caring enough to call. I am making some changes in my life. Please leave a message after the beep. If I do not return your call, you are one of the changes.'

My wife and I had words, but I didn’t get to use mine.

Frustration is trying to find your glasses without your glasses.

Blessed are those who can give without remembering and take without forgetting.

The irony of life is that, by the time you’re old enough to know your way around, you’re not going anywhere.

God made man before woman so as to give him time to think of an answer for her first question.

I was always taught to respect my elders, but it keeps getting harder to find one.

Every morning is the dawn of a new error.

Aspire to inspire before you expire.
The 90’s saw some good progress for the club, as outlined by the article from the Moorabbin Standard at right. Geoff Hergt, now past Governor was able to become a lot more involved in the club activities, and as a result of a friendship made by then Governor Geoff, we saw a Sister Club arrangement setup with the Kiwanis Club of Nesodden in Norway, an arrangement that I believe still continues today.

Our 1990 President Bryan Ingram, encouraged our continuing involvement in Special Olympics. As a result we had most members turn up to assist at the State Games at Monash University that year. We also continued to host the Annual Prayer Breakfast at Sans Souci, and 1990 saw John Smith (God’s Squad) as the guest speaker. With a mixture of active service projects, and most enjoyable social functions, it was easy to attract new potential members. The fifth Monday outings were a great hit. Service projects included our continuing involvement with the RDA (see the letter from Jane Edwards on page 4), and a most enjoyable involvement with the Bayside Life Education Group, who held a fundraising Craft Market quarterly at Halley Park Bentleigh. Here we conducted a sausage sizzle, with all the profits going to the group. (See photo at right).

In February 1999, the Mordialloc/Aspendale Club closed. It wasn’t all bad however, as five of their members transferred to Moorabbin. To swell our numbers.

Another project involved our assistance to the Wickham Continuing Development Program. (Centre for Autistic Children in Wickham Road Highett). Photo at left. We also took up the Job Seeker Kit distribution, and presented kits to several local schools. The Kiwanis Kit consisted of a comprehensive hands-on manual accompanied by an excellent video tape that identifies identifying job advertisements and the best way to make appointments.

In April 1990 Southern FM 88.3 was granted a licence, and began test transmissions. Hence began a long association, as we published their program in each month’s Bulletin.
RIDBC and EEP.

As most of you were aware, the April Community Block (Kiwanis Moorabbin session) was to have featured Dux Balendran (Area Manager RIDBC Victoria) and Bronwyn Skafte (Program Manager EEP Brighton) talking about our involvement with EEP and its service to the bayside community. Well it’s history now, but because of COVID-19 this session did not proceed. We had also booked in both Bronwyn and Dux as our guest speakers once this was again possible. Now, we’ve just received some bad and good news. The bad news is that Dux is leaving RIDBC (Taralye), however the good news is that he will be joining Monash Health looking after their community care services.

This of course means that we are still able to continue working with EEP and Bronwyn and Dux’s replacement James Worladge, but we will now have a contact in Monash Health community care.
There have been many questions asked as to the ongoing situation with Bunnings BBQs. Here’s the official position from Bunnings. I’m sure that Jane will not object to this being published.

From: Moorabbin Activities Organiser <MoorabbinAO@bunnings.com.au>  
Subject: FW: BBQ cancelation update  
Date: 15 April 2020 2:22:50 pm AEST  
To: "bwil2077@bigpond.net.au" <bwil2077@bigpond.net.au>

Dear Kiwanis Moorabbin

Hi Bryan,

In the interests of our customers, team members and community members, Bunnings will suspend all Bunnings sausage sizzles, cake stalls and planned in-store activities until further notice, from 18 March 2020.

We’ve received concerns from community groups about availability of volunteers and BBQ materials. We know that our sausage sizzles provide an important fundraising opportunity for community groups and we’ll be offering a $500 gift card to any community groups that have a sausage sizzle booked over the 4 weeks to 13th April to ensure they are not disadvantaged.

Community groups with sausage sizzles booked until 13th April will receive the gift card in the coming weeks. For Community Groups who have multiple sausage sizzles booked over those 4 weeks, rather than offer multiple vouchers we will offer a $1,000 gift card. Which you would of received.

For all community groups with sausage sizzles booked from 14th April onwards, we encourage you to consider alternative fundraising activities whilst sausage sizzles continue to be unavailable. We will contact you if your original rostered date falls within the timeframe that these commence again.

We know our customers will be disappointed and we sincerely apologise, but we believe it is in the best interests of the local community. It also provides certainty for community groups and customers and ensures consistency across our store network.

Bunnings will also be cancelling all other planned in-store activities until further notice, including its Easter and Mother’s Day Family Nights, school holiday workshops and trade breakfasts.

Regards,

Jane Tompkins  
Activities Organiser

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The Rental Access Package Program Update.
April 2020

Current Participants:

RAPP operations:
- The Community Connections Program have met the pilot targets of 4 participants in 12 months.
- The Community Connections Program have met the program’s aim of placing at least one household on the RAP Program quarterly.
- The flexibility of RAPP funds allowed for a competitive edge of offering 2 months RIA which helped to secure 3 of the 4 RAPP tenancies.
- Kingston City Council have responded to Covid-19 pandemic and 90% of staff now working remotely from home. CCP workers are working remotely with some capability of outreach to clients where it’s essential.
- Impact to RAPP clients is that workers are not home visiting but they are contacting participants by phone which seems to be ok currently. The impact is yet to emerge in terms of longer term effects.
- Evaluation of the RAPP program was put back 2 months due to pandemic. We anticipate completion of the evaluation in May 2020 and will distribute it as soon as it’s completed.

Mardi and Anthony can be contacted at AccessCare on 1300 819 200.
Email: Mardi.Beaumont@accesscare.org.au
       Anthony.McEvoy@kingston.vic.gov.au

Hope you enjoy my way of filling time, write a poem! Keep well.

A lament to the back shed.

There was a great pile arising, Inside the back shed door.
With time to spare, nowhere to go, I felt it was time to go explore.

I found I had a lot of things, Rarely saw the light of day.
So with great angst I decided, To throw so stuff away.

The stack kept on a’climbing, I knew not where to stop.
Most things I felt were valuable, To some local re-cycle shop.

But with them all in lockdown, I’ve looked at the pile again.
The battered hammer I think I’ll keep, And so too the rusty plane.

In fact I’ve gone and put the lot, Back where I found them stored.
I must find something more useful, Next time that I get Bored.

Best wishes,
Graham Mould
(03) 5243 3359
0418 524 855
A MAN TRIED TO SELL ME A COFFIN TODAY. I TOLD HIM THAT’S THE LAST THING I NEED

David Mozes  April 13 at 9:32 PM

Someone on Quora asked “Why do some British people not like Donald Trump?” Nate White, an articulate and witty writer from England wrote the following response:

A few things spring to mind.
Trump lacks certain qualities which the British traditionally esteem. For instance, he has no class, no charm, no coolness, no credibility, no compassion, no wit, no warmth, no wisdom, no subtlety, no sensitivity, no self-awareness, no humility, no honour and no grace – all qualities, funnily enough, with which his predecessor Mr. Obama was generously blessed. So for us, the stark contrast does rather throw Trump’s limitations into embarrassingly sharp relief.

Plus, we like a laugh. And while Trump may be laughable, he has never once said anything wry, witty or even faintly amusing – not once, ever. I don’t say that rhetorically, I mean it quite literally: not once, not ever. And that fact is particularly disturbing to the British sensibility – for us, to lack humour is almost inhuman.

But with Trump, it’s a fact. He doesn’t even seem to understand what a joke is – his idea of a joke is a crass comment, an illiterate insult, a casual act of cruelty. Trump is a troll. And like all trolls, he is never funny and he never laughs; he only crows or jeers.

And scarily, he doesn’t just talk in crude, witless insults – he actually thinks in them. His mind is a simple bot-like algorithm of petty prejudices and knee-jerk nastiness.

There is never any under-layer of irony, complexity, nuance or depth. It’s all surface.
Some Americans might see this as refreshingly upfront. Well, we don’t. We see it as having no inner world, no soul.

And in Britain we traditionally side with David, not Goliath. All our heroes are plucky underdogs: Robin Hood, Dick Whittington, Oliver Twist. Trump is neither plucky, nor an underdog. He is the exact opposite of that.

He’s not even a spoiled rich-boy, or a greedy fat-cat. He’s more a fat white slug. A Jabba the Hutt of privilege.

And worse, he is that most unforgivable of all things to the British: a bully. That is, except when he is among bullies; then he suddenly transforms into a snivelling sidekick instead.

There are unspoken rules to this stuff – the Queensberry rules of basic decency – and he breaks them all. He punches downwards – which a gentleman should, would, could never do – and every blow he aims is below the belt. He particularly likes to kick the vulnerable or voiceless – and he kicks them when they are down.

So the fact that a significant minority – perhaps a third – of Americans look at what he does, listen to what he says, and then think ‘Yeah, he seems like my kind of guy’ is a matter of some confusion and no little distress to British people, given that:

• Americans are supposed to be nicer than us, and mostly are.
• You don’t need a particularly keen eye for detail to spot a few flaws in the man.

This last point is what especially confuses and dismays British people, and many other people too; his faults seem pretty bloody hard to miss.

After all, it’s impossible to read a single tweet, or hear him speak a sentence or two, without staring deep into the abyss. He turns being artless into an art form; he is a Picasso of pettiness; a Shakespeare of shit. His faults are fractal: even his flaws have flaws, and so on ad infinitum.

God knows there have always been stupid people in the world, and plenty of nasty people too. But rarely has stupidity been so nasty, or nastiness so stupid.

He makes Nixon look trustworthy and George W look smart. In fact, if Frankenstein decided to make a monster assembled entirely from human flaws – he would make a Trump.

And a remorseful Doctor Frankenstein would clutch out big clumpfuls of hair and scream in anguish: ‘My God… what… have… I… created?’

If being a twat was a TV show, Trump would be the boxed set.

Source: jobsanger: British Writer Pens The Best Description Of Trump I’ve Read
Kiwanis Sydney.
Note that they are using GoToMeeting, and they also have included a guest speaker.

Kiwanis Sydney during Covid-19

While Australia is in lockdown during Covid 19, Kiwanis Sydney is conducting it’s meetings online. We use GoToMeeting which is relatively easy for anyone to join. From your computer you simply click on the link for the meeting in the email I send out. You can then see the Agenda or Presentation on your screen, hear whoever is talking and talk through your computer. We usually don’t share our video of ourselves to make it easier. Hope to see you at one of our meetings.

With the absence of our major fundraiser being Bunnings barbeques, it has been suggested that members could sell unwanted household goods and the proceeds put to the club’s work. I am sure all are doing some cleaning up around the house. If you need help selling these online talk to one the other members. Facebook’s Marketplace and Gumtree both work well. Cathy sold our old Weber kettle bbq in 10 minutes and had 8 people wanting it on the day. Only $20 but is a start!

President’s Message

Hello Everyone,

Hope you and your family are doing well. It’s been a very quiet April for Kiwanis Sydney, never the less we were able to conduct our monthly club meeting online successfully, with a guest speaker. I am positive that we will find alternate ways to raise funds for our club, considering our lack of Bunnings barbeques.

Wishing everyone a safe and positive month of May.

*It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop - Confucius*

Mooroopna

A few days before lockdown Kiwanians Ted, Sev and myself delivered food that was left over from the clearing sales to the Food Bank at the cannery. They were very happy to accept the supplies as we were told supplies were running short. Not a large donation but even a small amount must help. A photo of the three Musketeers at the Food Bank is shown further down the page. So until we meet again take care and pray that this virus can be eradicated soon.

Yours in Kiwanis, President Louis (The Grey fox)

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Diary Dates.

Members please note!

Until further notice, all dinner meetings have been cancelled.

The next Zoom meeting will be held on 20th May at 2:00 pm.

All members are able to join these meetings by clicking on the link in the Moorabbin Kiwanis Google Calendar.

Non members please call Tim if you would like an invitation to join the meeting.

Now just for fun

With humans in isolation, wildlife in Scotland returns to normal
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.