

Moorabbin Kiwanis Bulletin

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Kiwanis Club of Moorabbin K06652

April 2020

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Our radio Southern FM interview this month was very interesting, because it was held over the telephone. It was not recorded, so unfortunately those of you who missed it will not have the chance to hear it of our website. I did take the opportunity to mention the Book Boxes, and ask for listener assistance in supplying books, providing possible sites to locate them, and help in manufacturing and decorating boxes. I also mentioned that we are setting up on-line meetings using Zoom as a substitute for dinner meetings. You are all be welcome to participate in these meetings, including any guests you would like to invite. An example of a Zoom Meeting chaired by President Angela is shown below. Our controversy Corner this month features a letter from Dr Jim Robb,

a Prof. of pathology UC San Diego, who worked on coronaviruses in the 70's. In it he explains the reasons why not touching and hand washing are so important. Provided by Bob Katz, it's worth a read. Now normally in the April edition I feature an article on the Anzac history, but as there will be no regular services this year, can I suggest that you watch the Anzac service from the Australian War Memorial on Anzac Day (see details on [page 4](#)). Also since you can't go out and wear a poppy, why not place one in your window? Finally note that Thalassaemia and Sickle Cell have rescheduled their Family Fun Day for December. All welcome. See [page 10](#). Stay Safe.

Ed.
Catch us on Facebook.



KIWANIS CLUB OF MOORABBIN INC.



Our President
2019 2020 (Q3)

~~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.~~

No Dinner
Meetings whilst
COVID-19
restrictions still
apply



Our Secretary
2019-2020

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.

OFFICE BEARERS 2019 - 2020.

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

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.





President's Report

Taking over the reins of the club from immediate past President Geoffrey Hergt was a hard act to follow. First decision was to postpone our Allen Lord Heartkids fun day at the Steam Locomotive Society in Moorabbin. I am sure there were a few disappointed families.

COVID-19 or Corona virus has a tight grip on the world at large and here in Victoria is no different. I hope all our members are staying safe and well as we are mostly the age group that it appears to impact the most. I won't repeat the ten ways to help reduce the risk of catching the virus as I am sure we are all well versed in the practices.

At our last meeting, Ian Randall discussed the use of the children's book boxes. We came up with a couple of potential places for the boxes to be located and with my thinking cap on I thought the 3 Early Parenting Centres where I spent 15 years of my working life would be ideal for the boxes.

A brief description of the work of the centres is as follows:

The Early Parenting Centres are public hospitals for mothers and babies with either sleep or feeding problems, and has the capacity for whole families to stay so that all situations are monitored and managed by qualified Maternal and Child Health nurses and assistants. An infant constantly crying overnight impacts the whole family and so the reason for whole family involvement in the centres. In addition; the staff are tasked with assessing parents with drug and or alcohol addiction for the DHS. This is a vital service for the safety of the children of parents affected by these addictions.

Whilst the centres have some toys for entertainment for the children in the nominated play areas, it would be great if we could place a book box in each of the 3 centres. I will follow up with the centre CEO's to see if we can in fact get the boxes in. The centres are in Camberwell, Noble Park and Footscray. Let me know your thoughts.

Tim will be organising our meeting online for members to stay in touch. He has organised a member page for us to add a bit about ourselves which I would find interesting. Other than knowing our past work professions and interests would also assist in selecting future speakers at meetings which is no doubt a task for Geoffrey.

To Ian Perdriau, I wish you a speedy recovery, and I look forward to catching up with everyone at the online meeting in the future.

Angela Randall
President Q3

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Welcome
President
Angela at this
most difficult
time..



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Australian War Memorial to broadcast Anzac Day ceremony to the nation

18 March 2020

The Australian War Memorial will go ahead with a private, nationally televised Anzac Day commemorative service on 25 April 2020. The traditional Dawn Service, National Ceremony and veterans' march will not take place.

This revised ceremony will be held in the Commemorative Area and Hall of Memory of the Memorial at 5.30 am on Anzac Day.

An assessment was made by the Memorial Executive and Council and the decision taken in conjunction with the RSL (ACT Branch).

The event will not be open to the public but will be broadcast live across Australia by the ABC and streamed online.

Acting Memorial Director Anne Bennie said the Memorial is committed to providing an opportunity for Australians to commemorate Anzac Day through the televised ceremony.

"Anzac Day is a symbolic day for Australians and New Zealanders, with the Australian War Memorial being the centre of Australia's national commemoration.

"In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is critical that Anzac Day commemorations adhere to government advice on gatherings of large groups. The Memorial Council has approved a revised commemorative ceremony format, to be held within the heart of the Memorial," Ms Bennie said.

President of the ACT Branch of the Returned and Services League, Mr John King, said we have an obligation to look after the safety of the veteran and wider communities.

"In these exceptional circumstances, the RSL feels the course of action decided by the Australian War Memorial is the most appropriate way to mark Anzac Day, with due consideration for public safety," Mr King said.

Wreaths will be laid by dignitaries representing the Commonwealth, people of Australia and New Zealand as well as by senior representatives of current and former veterans.

Full details are being finalised, however the televised ceremony will retain a number of traditional elements. The ceremony will provide an opportunity for Australians to safely pause in their homes, in honour of veterans and the Australian spirit.



News from Kiwanis Children's Fund (KCF)

You haven't heard from me for a while so it's time to bring you up to date. I have been busy working with Key Clubs and our Board of Trustees (BOT) as well as the Glenelg Club, assisting them with applications for grants from KCF.

District Grant.

Each year KCF provides district grants equal to 15% of donations made by a district in the previous year. Our donations to KCF were down last year compared to the previous year, but we still received a grant of \$US 648.00. **Last year's grant was used to run, with Aktion Club members, the very successful Book Bag Project at convention.** This year the grant was offered to Key Clubs. The Key Club of Roma Mitchell Secondary College was successful in its application for funds to provide birthing kits for women in countries where medical assistance is poor. Congratulations to the club and its members. I am looking forward, at our Hahndorf Convention, to learning more about this great project. Exciting times to be a Kiwanian.

Club donations to the Eliminate Project

A wise woman once told me that, as a parent, you sometimes have to bend over backwards till it hurts, then bend a little bit more.

All Australian clubs have fulfilled their pledges to Eliminate. An amazing effort. However, some countries have not been able to fulfil their pledges.

This is why I am asking you and your clubs to "bend a little bit more" to assist KCF to achieve its goal of eliminating maternal and neonatal tetanus from the world.

Please consider a personal donation and/or a further club donation so KCF can finish the job.

Thank you to the clubs that have included donations to the KCF in their I PLAN.

The work for KCF is ongoing. I know that many clubs have been very generous in supporting the Bushfire Relief Fund, but a gentle reminder please to send your KCF donations to our District Treasurer Ken as soon as possible.

Betty D'Amore, Australia District KCF Support.

The Eliminate Project

Through The Eliminate Project, Kiwanis International and UNICEF have joined forces to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus—a deadly disease that steals the lives of nearly 31,000 innocent babies and a significant number of women each year.

We did it! We reached our fundraising goal, raising US\$110 million in cash and pledges since 2010. However, our job is not done yet.

Now, more than ever, we are determined to finish what we started. Mothers and babies in 12 countries are **depending on Kiwanis.** They're waiting for us to fulfil our pledges — so we can turn promises into funding; funding into vaccines; and vaccines into lives saved and futures protected. The end of this disease means the beginning of

If you haven't already done so, please send your member profile to Tim, who will add it to the "Members only page"

The following article “The worst excuses traffic cops heard” appeared in the Moorabbin Leader of 18th March 2020.

Nunawading highway patrol shares the good, bad and ugly, writes **Serena Seyfort**

Did you hear the one about the country girl who **didn't** know city rules?

What about the one about the man who took his truck for a spin to Dandenong to charge the batteries?

No, these **aren't** bad jokes, but they are the equally bad — and sometimes humorous — excuses highway patrol offices have heard from motorists who broke the law.

Officers from Nunawading highway patrol have shared some of the dumb, amusing, frustrating and outright ridiculous excuses **they've** heard.

As they wound down after being a full force for Operation Arid on the Labour Day long weekend, Sergeant Paul Egan said police certainly **didn't** want to come across excuses like these again.

Reasons for speeding

“I'm a country girl, I **don't** know city rules.”

“I play a lot of car racing videos games so I know I'm a good driver.”

“I'm sorry, I'm French.”

“I **don't** pay attention to speed limits.”

“I usually just follow other cars, but today there are no other cars **around**.”

“I'm really, really frazzled at the **moment**.”

“I'm selling the car to the passenger and I'm showing him how the car **goes**.”

“I've just spent 28 hours in Box Hill Hospital. I've got blood coming out of my a-----you can check — I'm just trying to get home as quick as I **can**.”

“I sneezed and my foot pushed on the accelerator.”

“I was pressing the accelerator too **hard**.”

“I had the cruise control set, but I **must've** accidentally stepped on the **accelerator**.”

“My car **can't** go 75kmh” — a driver caught travelling at 75kmh in a 60kmh zone.

“I wanted to know what it would feel **like**” — a driver caught going 133kmh in the Melba Tunnel at Ringwood, where the limit is 80kmh.

“I was rushing to my friend, **he's** (been) in a car crash. In Sydney.

I've only got \$100 for fuel, so I **can't** afford to **fly**” — a driver caught going 131kmh in an 80kmh zone.

“I can see the 100 sign in the distance, so I can now go **100**.”

“**You're** a f—ing d—head. You just pick on pensioners. Just p— off and have a **crash**.”

“I maybe go a little over, but **isn't** the right lane **110km/h**?”

Reasons for driving on a suspended/disquafied licence

“I **just** took the truck out to recharge the batteries to Dandenong and back” — a driver who lived at Keilor.

“I went out to get milk cause my mum **didn't**. F—ing s— **mum**.”

“I bought the car a week ago and I just put in a new sound **system**.”

Reasons for not wearing a seatbelt

“**Truck** drivers **haven't** worn seatbelts for 45 **years**” — a truck driver.

“I'm over 70 years old. I **don't** have to wear a **seatbelt**.”

Reasons for other offences

A Learner driver on the road without a qualified instructor said, “My **mum's** schizophrenic and she jumped out of the **car**.”

A driver who went through a red light said, “**The** car in front went purposely slow, otherwise I **would've** made it.”

A driver who **wasn't** using headlights at night said, “I'm 62 years old. I'm not too keen to turn on **lights**.”

A P-plater caught driving without the Ps on the car said, “I have them in the car, I was going to put them on when I got **home**.”

The Road to 50 Yrs



1990 saw a disaster for our club. Since 1969, members of the club had diligently maintained two large scrap books that held historic press cuttings, photographs, and other items of interest. In 1990, these two scrap books were tragically lost, leaving a gaping hole in our historical records.. Still we continued on with the annual Red Shield collection for the Salvation Army, our continuing work at Elanora Blind Society, annual outings for the residents at Wattle Lodge. These included a drive around the sights of the city, followed by an afternoon tea and singing. and annual visits to the football at Moorabbin to see the Saints play We also visited the same residents at the lodge on Mothers day, when we presented them with a card, and a white

flower and handkerchief. The highlight of this day was the presence of some of our younger children to the delight of some of the Mums.

Our regional leader for the Red Shield collection for the Kingston Gardens Corps was Cr. Neil Hamilton, and in 1992 he was elected the Mayor of the City of Moorabbin. One of the Council projects for that year was the establishment of a council run nursing home to be called Warrawee. To support Cr. Neil and the council, Moorabbin Club conducted the first official fundraiser to support Warrawee with a raffle. See the ticket below.

**KIWANIS CLUB OF MOORABBIN
WARRAWEE RAFFLE**

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

_____ P/CODE _____

PHONE _____

3801

KIWANIS CLUB OF MOORABBIN

The answer is
Brashes

Proceeds to: **WARRAWEE PUBLIC NURSING HOME**

1st	5 NIGHTS IN HONG KONG <small>flying economy class with Cathay Pacific.</small>	Retail value \$2500
2nd	Sony video camera from Brashes	Retail value \$1199
3rd	Sony video recorder from Brashes	Retail value \$429

To be drawn at the St Kilda Football Social Club on Monday 14th September 1992

Consent from Raffles and Bingo Permit Board given 24/6/92 for sale of tickets in the City of Moorabbin from 13/7/92 to 12/9/92. Results will be published in the Age on Saturday 19th September 1992. Secretary/Treasurer Geoff Hergt.

5,000 TICKETS \$2.00 EACH 3801

We sold tickets at several approved sites around the city, and were able to kick start the raising of the funds needed to commence the project. Cr Neil also conducted a very popular raffle of a Harley Davidson Motor Bike.

At right is Warrawee as it exists today.

It now comes under the aged care department of the Glen Eira Council.



I HAVE KLEPTOMANIA... BUT WHEN IT GETS BAD I TAKE SOMETHING FOR IT.



Secretary: 4 Atherton Close, Aspendale Gardens, Vic, 3195

18 March 2020
Mr G Hergt
President
Kiwaniis Club of Moorabbin
7/575 Lower Dandenong Road
Dingley Vic 3172

Dear Geoff

The Kiwanis Australia District Charitable Foundation offers sincere thanks for your Club's donation of \$1,500 for the Kiwanis Bushfire Relief program in support of UNICEF Australia.

Kiwanis Australia is again supporting UNICEF Australia, in its work across the relief, recovery and rehabilitation phases involving:

- **Assisting Relief Partners** to ensure the necessary support and resources are available so that affected children are ready to return to school.
- **Supporting recovery** by working with partners to provide access to psychosocial support for affected children.

Contributing to rehabilitation efforts by convening appropriate forums to ensure children's voices shape future responses.

Your donation will form part of the ongoing Kiwanis Australia contributions to this program.

Once again – many thanks for your compassion and generosity.

Yours Sincerely

Bryan Williams
Secretary
Kiwaniis Australia District Charitable Foundation

***Tax Deductible Public and Corporate Donations are welcome
to 'Kiwaniis Australia District Charitable Foundation'***

Direct donations

1. Deposit to Eligible Projects Fund account BSB 033-344 A/c # 27-5033 and email details to kadcf@kiwanis.org.au **or**
2. Cheque payable KADCF - mailed to Secretary, see address below. Please include your name, address and email details for tax deductible receipt **or**

Online donations to - givenow.com.au/kiwanisbushfirerelief

Stop Press

Kiwaniis Bushfire Relief Program supporting UNICEF Australia

Amidst all the doom and gloom surrounding COVID -19, there is some good news about donations received for the Kiwanis Bushfire Relief Program supporting UNICEF Australia.

UNICEF is working across relief, recovery and rehabilitation phases. Kiwanis support to UNICEF is focussed on the lives of affected children

As at 12 April 2020, Kiwanis Australia District Charitable Foundation has received \$43,433 and is being transfer to UNICEF Australia. This includes:

- a very generous \$30,376 received from the Japan District of Japan and the Kiwanis Japan Foundation
- \$13, 057 from various Kiwanis sources from around Australia, New Zealand and America

A positive start to this program!

Controversy Corner

Subject: What I am doing for the upcoming COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic.

Dear Colleagues, as some of you may recall, when I was a professor of pathology at the University of California San Diego, I was one of the first molecular virologists in the world to work on coronaviruses (the 1970s). I was the first to demonstrate the number of genes the virus contained. Since then, I have kept up with the coronavirus field and its multiple clinical transfers into the human population (e.g., SARS, MERS), from different animal sources.

The current projections for its expansion in the US are only probable, due to continued insufficient worldwide data, but it is most likely to be widespread in the US by mid to late March and April.

Here is what I have done and the precautions that I take and will take. These are the same precautions I currently use during our influenza seasons, except for the mask and gloves.:

- 1) NO HANDSHAKING! Use a fist bump, slight bow, elbow bump, etc.*
- 2) Use ONLY your knuckle to touch light switches, elevator buttons, etc.. Lift the gasoline dispenser with a paper towel or use a disposable glove.*
- 3) Open doors with your closed fist or hip - do not grasp the handle with your hand, unless there is no other way to open the door. Especially important on bathroom and post office/commercial doors.*
- 4) Use disinfectant wipes at the stores when they are available, including wiping the handle and child seat in grocery carts.*
- 5) Wash your hands with soap for 10-20 seconds and/or use a greater than 60% alcohol-based hand sanitizer whenever you return home from ANY activity that involves locations where other people have been.*
- 6) Keep a bottle of sanitizer available at each of your home's entrances. AND in your car for use after getting gas or touching other contaminated objects when you can't immediately wash your hands.*
- 7) If possible, cough or sneeze into a disposable tissue and discard. Use your elbow only if you have to. The clothing on your elbow will contain infectious virus that can be passed on for up to a week or more!*

What I have stocked in preparation for the pandemic spread to the US:

- 1) Latex or nitrile latex disposable gloves for use when going shopping, using the gasoline pump, and all other outside activity when you come in contact with contaminated areas.*

Note: This virus is spread in large droplets by coughing and sneezing. This means that the air will not infect you! BUT all the surfaces where these droplets land are infectious for about a week on average - everything that is associated with infected people will be contaminated and potentially infectious. The virus is on surfaces and you will not be infected unless your unprotected face is directly coughed or sneezed upon. This virus only has cell receptors for lung cells (it only infects your lungs) The only way for the virus to infect you is through your nose or mouth via your hands or an infected cough or sneeze onto or into your nose or mouth.

- 2) Stock up now with disposable surgical masks and use them to prevent you from touching your nose and/or mouth (We touch our nose/mouth 90X/day without knowing it!). This is the only way this virus can infect you - it is lung-specific. The mask will not prevent the virus in a direct sneeze from getting into your nose or mouth - it is only to keep you from touching your nose or mouth.*
- 3) Stock up now with hand sanitizers and latex/nitrile gloves (get the appropriate sizes for your family). The hand sanitizers must be alcohol-based and greater than 60% alcohol to be effective.*
- 4) Stock up now with zinc lozenges. These lozenges have been proven to be effective in blocking coronavirus (and most other viruses) from multiplying in your throat and nasopharynx. Use as directed several times each day when you begin to feel ANY "cold-like" symptoms beginning. It is best to lie down and let the lozenge dissolve in the back of your throat and nasopharynx. Cold-Eeze lozenges is one brand available, but there are other brands available.*

I, as many others do, hope that this pandemic will be reasonably contained, BUT I personally do not think it will be. Humans have never seen this snake-associated virus before and have no internal defense against it. Tremendous worldwide efforts are being made to understand the molecular and clinical virology of this virus. Unbelievable molecular knowledge about the genomics, structure, and virulence of this virus has already been achieved. BUT, there will be NO drugs or vaccines available this year to protect us or limit the infection within us. Only symptomatic support is available.

I hope these personal thoughts will be helpful during this potentially catastrophic pandemic. You are welcome to share this email. Good luck to all of us!

Jim

James Robb, MD FCAP

Around other Clubs



**Thalassaemia and
Sickle Cell Australia**
Unifying Support with Genetics

SAVE THE DATE

Family Fun Day

MOORLEIGH COMMUNITY VILLAGE

92 BIGNELL ROAD
BENTLEIGH EAST

SUNDAY
DECEMBER 6TH
11AM TO 2PM



SCAN TO RSVP



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INFORMATION STALLS
YOGA SESSIONS
PARTY BAGS
FOOD AND BEVERAGES

KIDS ACTIVITIES
KARAOKE
FACE PAINTING

IMPORTANT DATES.

10th April
18th April
24th April
7th May
10th May
18th May
Postponed

Karen Howison's Birthday
Eleanor Griffith's Birthday
Len Winnell's Birthday
Tim Vine's Birthday
Mother's Day
Lonnie and Bryan's Anniversary
Allan Lord HeartKids Family Fun Day



Diary Dates.

Members please note!

Until further notice, all dinner meetings have been cancelled.

Instead, we have organised to hold on-line meetings using Zoom.

All members are invited to join these meetings, and you will be advised when these are to be held, as they will be posted on Moorabbin Kiwanis Google Calendar with a link to join.

Please call Tim if you need any assistance in setting up to participate.

WHAT'S THE BEST THING ABOUT ELEVATOR JOKES? THEY WORK ON SO MANY LEVELS

**PEOPLE KEEP ASKING
"IS COVID 19 REALLY THAT SERIOUS?"**

LISTEN UP

CASINOS AND CHURCHES ARE CLOSED

**WHEN HEAVEN AND HELL
AGREE ON THE SAME THING**

IT'S PROBABLY PRETTY SERIOUS

Now just for fun

What do you call
a gathering of 30
people?

**4 weddings
and a
funeral!**



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KIWANIS CLUB OF MOORABBIN INC.

Serving the community

Visit us on www.kiwanismoorabbin.org.au to find the very latest activities of our club.

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.