

Moorabbin Kiwanis Bulletin

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Kiwanis Club of Moorabbin K06652

August 2020

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August News

Today (15th August 2020) is a very special day for all Australians and New Zealanders.

Victory in the Pacific Day - or 'VP Day' - is commemorated across Australia and the world. as the anniversary of the day World War Two ended, it's a date that we'll never forget.

On 15 August 1945, Japan accepted the Allied Nations' terms of surrender and Australia's Prime Minister, Ben Chifley, announced that the war was

over. Below is an image from the Department of Veterans' Affairs. [Then and Now Photos](#). This is a photo of the Melbourne Town Hall on 15th August 1945 showing people celebrating, and the same place photographed in 2020. More on VP day [page 8](#).



I had hoped that by now, I would have been able to publish a Covid Free edition, but it's obviously not to be, as even the VP day celebrations are dramatically effected by Covid restrictions.

Please also see the report from the Glenelg Club on [page 7](#), as this is probably what BBQs will look like in future.

In the meantime, please continue to collect caps from food containers, because in spite of the fact that the processing plant "Caps for Hands" is currently closed, it will reopen once the current restrictions are over.

Stay safe.
Ed.
Catch us on Facebook.



Sites of Significance
Now and Then



KIWANIS CLUB OF MOORABBIN INC.



Our President
2019 2020 (Q4)

~~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 Q4	Tim Vine
President elect. Q1	Ian Howison
Imm Past Pres.	Angela Randall
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.





From the Grape Vine

(President's Report)

On 10th August, we arranged a meeting using GoToMeeting for the first time, rather than our usual Zoom platform. The idea was good, because it meant that there was no time limit, and members without access to computers could join by phone.

Unfortunately it did not go as planned, because half of our members had connection problems, so we agreed to transfer the meeting back to the Zoom with only six of the members. Not to be deterred, we have now arranged another meeting using GoToMeeting for next Wednesday 19th August. Details are on the Moorabbin Google Calendar.

Unfortunately the Rental Access Package Program meeting scheduled for 26th August has had to be cancelled, but I will be tabling an August Report at the next meeting.

My thanks to Angela for stepping in to participate in the Southern FM monthly interview this month. A great effort, and you can listen to her interview on our web page. I'm also pleased to announce that we have submitted a 15 sec, and a 30 sec spot to Southern FM, to promote the upcoming Two Feet and a Heartbeat fundraiser for HeartKids. These will be broadcast during September to promote the event on the 18th October.

I would also like to mention that thanks to Jeff Hudson and Steve Hughes, you are able to read a presentation on the progress of Eliminate by the late Dr John Button. It's on the News and Downloads page of our website.

Thanks also to Community Service Chairman Ian for arranging that our donation to Children First went to such a great cause. See [page 6](#)

To all, please stay safe and keep your eyes and ears open for any potential projects that we can undertake during the lockdown.

President Q4.



Peter Pahl.
Great to see you back at the last meeting



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www.kiwanismoorabbin.org.au

The Book Box Project.

Back at our last two dinner meetings at the RSL, we agreed to proceed with the concept of the Bendigo Club award winning Book Box Project. Planning started, and Geoffrey Hergt was given the job of arranging for the Dingley Village Men's Shed to manufacture some boxes, whilst the rest of the committee were tasked with sourcing suitable sites for boxes and the collection of suitable books to kick start the boxes as they were placed. A suggested Box design was posted on our website.

Then the first of the lockdowns occurred, and the project ground to a halt.

Whilst Angela and I promoted the project on Southern FM's Community Block during April, May, June, July and August, requesting Books, suitable locations, and help making and decorating the boxes, apart from a few book donations, little else has followed.

At our last on-line meeting on 6th August, we decided to investigate some alternatives for the Box designs., following Ian R's report of several boxes appearing in and around

Hampton. One of the boxes (at right) which is placed by The Street Library, opened up the idea of approaching private individuals to display one of our boxes, rather than our idea of placing them in public places. We can therefore consider the possibility of multiple designs, and many more locations. The idea of placing the boxes near schools sounds promising. The Kiwanis Book Box differs in concept to the Street Library project, because it is targeted at children, and designed to allow children to swap back their books after they have read them, as well as depositing books of their own that they no longer want to keep (grown out of). However the members did like some of the ideas that the Street Library use in the design of their



boxes. The Kiwanis Book Box is closer in concept to the Lions 123Read2Me project, (see photo above), because the end result is to encourage and support children to read, but the concept differs because ours is designed around fixed locations for swapping, hence we considered that mobile boxes at different locations does not fully support this concept.

We agreed that we would investigate further the idea of different designs of boxes, plus the concept of placing boxes with private individuals subject to local council approval.

We will be discussing this further at our meeting on 19th August next.

(The box shown here at left was not considered suitable due to its susceptibility to weather.)



At an Historic event, Kiwanis International held an International Council meeting on 25th July. in order to conduct the necessary business of the organization.

This was needed due to cancellation of the 2020 Kiwanis International Convention

RILEY, MANCUSO, WEST ELECTED NEXT LEADERS OF KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL

Art Riley was elected president of Kiwanis International, Peter Mancuso was elected president-elect and Bert West was elected vice president during Kiwanis International Council, a special meeting of the board of trustees, past presidents, current district governors, the European Federation president and the Kiwanis Asia-Pacific chair. The Kiwanis International Board convened the Council on July 25, 2020, due to the cancellation of the 105th Kiwanis International Convention.

“The events of 2020 dictate that we look ahead with determination and optimism,” said Art Riley, 2020-21 president. “The air of uncertainty caused by the COVID-19 virus demands we examine our values more than ever. In the coming year I will work to transform Kiwanis through membership growth, more focused youth leadership education and greater attention to diversity and inclusion.”

All new officers for 2020-21 are:

Art Riley, president
 Peter Mancuso, president-elect Bert West,
 vice president
 Kip Crain, U.S. & Pacific Canada trustee Chuck
 Fletcher, U.S. & Pacific Canada trustee
 Michael Mulhaul, U.S. & Pacific Canada trustee Michel
 Fongue, at-large trustee

Trustees from the Asia-Pacific District were elected during the Asia-Pacific District Convention held in Nepal in March. They are Buheita Fujiawara of Tokyo, Japan, and Wilfredo G. Aguilar of Koronadal City, South Cotabato, Philippines.



A general election will be held for your local council this October. The election will be held by post, which is a safe and completely secret way to vote.

Local councils make decisions about community facilities and services that affect all residents, property owners, and the local business community, so make sure you're enrolled and ready to have your say.

Enroll or check your enrolment

You must be correctly enrolled by the close of roll, which is 4 pm on Friday 28 August. Remember to check both your postal and residential addresses are correct. If you've recently turned 18 or moved, and haven't updated your address, or if you've just closed your post office box with Australia Post, you can enroll online at vec.vic.gov.au/enrolment.

If you pay rates on a property in a different council area, even if you're not an Australian citizen, you can apply to enrol and vote in that council's election by contacting the council. Non-resident owners who were enrolled at the most recent election (including any by-elections) for the council will be automatically enrolled. Applications to enrol close at 4 pm on Friday 28 August.

[Check or update my enrolment](#)

Avoid a fine

If you're an Australian citizen aged 18 or over and you're enrolled on the State electoral roll, voting is compulsory.

If you're enrolled as a Council-enrolled voter (for example, as a non-citizen ratepayer or corporation representative), voting is highly encouraged but not compulsory.

State-enrolled voters can sign up to our free VoterAlert service to receive SMS and email reminders about the election. Visit vec.vic.gov.au to find out more.

[Register for VoterAlert](#)

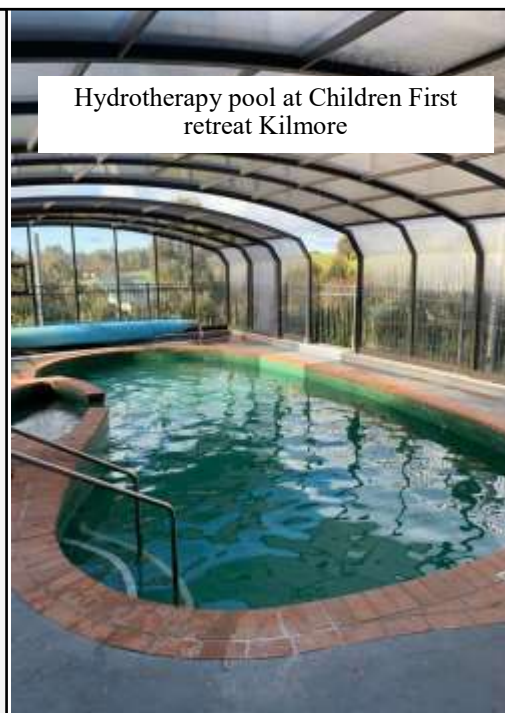
After the special kids at the Children First Foundation's Kilmore Retreat have had surgery, part of their recovery and rehabilitation, particularly those who have had limb surgery, is in the form of exercises in the Foundation's hydrotherapy pool. The water in the pool needs to be heated, particularly at this time of year, and this is currently achieved by gas fired heating. As gas fired heating has become exceedingly expensive for the Foundation, it is embarking on having solar panels installed to provide the heating.

I am now pleased to advise that the funds (\$1,000) which we had allocated for donating to the Children First Foundation this year, have now been delivered as a contribution to having the solar panels installed. For your interest, please find at right a photograph of the pool. It looks to be a lovely pool with plenty of natural lighting.

We have been formally and graciously thanked for our contribution and our ongoing support, by Elizabeth Lodge, CEO of Children First Foundation.

Ian Howison (Community Service Chair)

Hydrotherapy pool at Children First retreat Kilmore



BUNNINGS BARBECUES @ THE ADELAIDE AIRPORT STORE

At our August Board meeting, the Board plus Owen discussed Bunnings barbecues at length. We have been offered a booking for Sunday 9th August and things have changed quite a bit from when we used to be cooking them prior to Covid-19 days. As you know, we have been transferred to the Adelaide Airport Bunnings store for future sausage sizzles. Other requirements are all to do with social distancing and sterilising the area, needing to do a food handling course, wearing certain aprons, gloves and so forth, spraying and sterilising the areas every hour, on the hour, keeping customers lined up 1.5 metres apart and coming through one group and a time, taking both card and cash payments, serving the sausages, onions and sauce in a certain way, which even means we put the sauce on the sausage, not allowing the customer to touch the sauce bottles. And so forth!!

This has been quite a learning curve for us.

Owen Vick and Peter Symons went out and bought new eskies that we can use for the meat and another for the onions (by the way, the eskies were bought at Bunnings from the voucher they gave us after having to cancel our April booking, so no cost to us and we have \$300 left)—there are even certain requirements re storing and how the ice is put around the food. We now have to interleaf the bread and serviettes prior to coming on site, so that is being done the day before, and sausages must be cut before coming on site as well, another job for the Saturday at the Symons' house.

Marilyn and Val went out and bought a Square Reader which is a device which takes contactless payments. We made the decision at the Board meeting that it was necessary and then we bought a new tablet which the Square Reader would be bluetoothed with. Our thinking is that we do need to get used to the idea that many times people will want to use their cards now. Although Bunnings have said we can use their wi-fi, we have realised that often when we cook and sell sausages etc, we won't have a wi-fi nearby that we can use, so we needed to buy a phone or tablet with 4G so that we don't have to rely on that all the time. This of course costs more. The cost of the Tablet that we bought (a 10.1 inch Samsung) was \$475 and the actual Square Reader and Dock were \$98. There is no contract or monthly fee with the Square Reader but they will take 1.9% from each purchase. So it's been a necessary thing that we have needed to buy for the club, but should see us through for a very long time.



At left: At the meeting on 22nd July President Val thanked Warren Sharpe for all his work to help get the Bunnings barbecue bookings for our club and with all the organising he's been doing for some years now. Warren is taking a step back from this while undergoing some medical treatment, and we all wished him well with all of that. Thanks again Warren!

The item above appeared in the Glenelg August Gumtree, and whilst most Melbourne clubs will be Green with envy, because Glenelg actually get to hold a Bunnings BBQ, the item is significant because it probably indicates what we will have to accept when we eventually are lucky enough to have a BBQ.

Celebrating Seventy Five Years since the end of World War II.

Whilst we can't mark the 75th Anniversary of the End of World War Two with traditional commemorations and gatherings, there are many ways we can connect with and thank our veterans from home.

Write to a Veteran

We invite you to write a letter to a veteran thanking them for their service. Send the letter to Anzac House, 4 Collins St, Melbourne VIC 3004 where it will be forwarded on to a World War Two veteran. [Write to a veteran](#)

Show your support on social media

Share your message of support and thanks for World War Two veterans using the hashtags #victoriaremembers #VPDay75 or head over to our Victoria Remembers Facebook page to put yourself in the frame. [Visit Victoria Remembers on Facebook](#)

Shrine of Remembrance

On Saturday 15th August 2020 at 11:20 am, a commemorative broadcast on behalf of the Returned and Services League to mark the 75th anniversary of Victory in the Pacific Day was held.

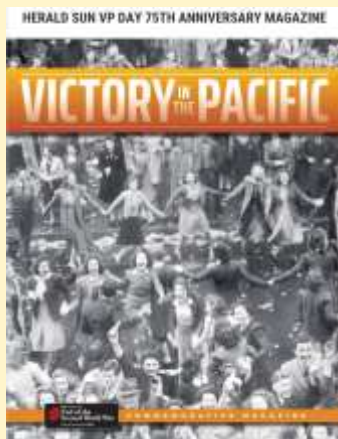
All were welcome to join in remembrance via the link below to honour and give thanks to Australia's World War II veterans on this significant date.

VP (Victory in the Pacific) Day commemorates Japan's acceptance of the Allied demand for unconditional surrender on 14 August 1945. The following day, 15 August, is usually referred to as VP Day, and in 1945 Australian governments gazetted a public holiday as 'VP Day'.

While our doors are temporarily closed we will continue to honour service and sacrifice.

[Watch the stream](#)

I would be very surprised if this broadcast is not available to view after the event, so I would suggest checking it out. Also on Saturday, the Herald Sun included a magnificent 24 page lift out, which is worth following up.



At right is a photo from my late father's personal collection, showing the signing of the surrender in the Wewak Area of New Guinea by General (Red Robbie) Robertson (Aust 6th Div), and on the far left General Adachi (Imperial Japanese Army). 15th August 1945.

VP or VJ Day?

By mid-1945 many people in Allied nations eagerly anticipated the end of the war with Japan – even though none knew when or how it would come. The name they gave to the eventual day on which Japan capitulated – 15 August 1945 – still aroused confusion and even controversy.

Most Australians called 15 August “VP” Day – Victory in the Pacific – rather than “VJ” – Victory over Japan. The governments of Britain, the United States and New Zealand preferred “VJ”: hence the confusion. Australian governments gazetted a public holiday as “VP” Day in August 1945, and most newspapers reported it as “VP”. The celebrated “VP” jumper, knitted in anticipation of the war's end and worn on the day by Lois Anne Martin in Melbourne is on display in the victory in the Pacific section of the Memorial's Second World War gallery. Though “VP” was officially endorsed, “VJ” was also used. It is certainly not true, as some have claimed, that the day was originally called “VJ” and that the name was surreptitiously changed later.



Controversy Corner

Yet more thoughts on Covid-19

Many pundits are claiming that one of the main causes of failure to prevent the spread of Covid-19 in Victoria, has been the ineffective contact tracking of infections. This included the tracing system being overwhelmed beyond capacity, with people waiting nearly two weeks for confirmation that they could have been exposed to coronavirus ([Bianca Hall. The Age 20/July 2020](#)). Not so says Premier Andrews during his on air briefings, despite the fact that The Age and The Sydney Morning Herald have confirmed the Department of Health and Human Services have failed on multiple occasions to inform in a timely fashion close contacts of confirmed COVID-19 cases. This leading to situations in which Victorians were unaware they might be spreading the virus. This is exacerbated by the fact that about a third of people infected with the virus don't display any symptoms, highlighting the importance of widespread testing and contact tracing to fight its spread.

But wasn't the "Covidsafe" app supposed to do the tracking of this infection?

Well according to documents tabled in the senate (Josh Taylor The Guardian 17/6) revealed that the tracing app works as few as one in every four times for some devices. Since the launch of the app in late April, developers have highlighted ongoing problems with the contact tracing app being able to exchange Bluetooth handshakes with iPhones if the iPhone screen is locked. The system relies on the recording of close contacts in the event that one of the users tests positive for covid-19, so that the other user can be contacted and tested for the virus. The following table shows the efficacy of handshakes, which is now considerably improved since the release of the app in April.

COVIDSafe Bluetooth Encounter Logging Results

As at 26 May 2020

	Android to Android	Android to iOS	iOS to iOS
	Galaxy S10 – Note 9	Galaxy S10 – iPhone X	iPhone X – iPhone 6s
Active -> Active	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Active -> Background Unlocked	Excellent	Good	Excellent
Active -> Locked	Excellent	Moderate	Good*
Locked -> Locked	Excellent	Moderate	Moderate

Encounter logging: Excellent (80%-100%), Good(50%-80%), Moderate (25%-50%).

Bad as that is, the main problem remains, that if testing can take up to two weeks, then infected users will not trigger the system during the two week wait, as they are not confirmed infections. However the main issue still remains as the number of users who have not downloaded and started the app. The current number of users is 6.31 million people, and according to the health minister, Gereg Hunt, that meets the governments target of 40% of the population that use smartphones. However as I see it, this immediately brings to mind the expression lies, damn lies and statistics. I have not been able to find any statistics regarding the distribution of users of the app, but if I was a betting man, I would imagine that the couple of young people I saw yesterday up the street who were eating, hence no masks, do not have the app loaded, nor would the two smokers I saw previously. In fact the majority of users of the app are the ones who are staying safely at home. Kind of defeats the purpose doesn't it!

Around other Clubs

Mooroopna Club enjoys a great day out, which they managed to scrape in just prior to their stage 3 Covid restrictions which means that they have to cancel Dinner Meetings for the next 6 weeks.

Colbinabbin Silo trip, Sunday July 12



It was threatening to rain as we left Mooroopna for Colbinabbin. A group of 14 people braved the cooler weather; lucky for us the rain held off as we took in the murals painted on the silos. The murals depict Colbinabbin then and now - the photos do not do the murals justice (no reflection on the photographer).

After Colbinabbin we went back to Rushworth to the 'top pub' for a delicious lunch. The room was warm and the fellowship was enjoyable; a great way to complete a day out.

Port Phillip held a very successful Inter Club meeting on GoToMeeting, with representatives from several Clubs in Divisions 1 and 6 on 28th July. The guest speaker at the meeting was Rochelle Cannington the Fundraising manager of St Kilda Mums.



Important Dates

23rd August	Ian Perdriau's Birthday
28th August	Peter Pahl's Birthday
29th August	Geoffrey Hergt's Birthday
1st September	Southern FM Community Block
6th September	Father's Day
11th September	Joan and Allan's Anniversary



Diary Dates.

Members please note!

Until further notice, all dinner meetings have been cancelled.

The next Online meeting will be held on 19th August at 4:15 pm.

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

Note: Members who are unable to join via their computer may join by telephone by clicking on the telephone link (smartphone), or by dialling the number and entering the access code.

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





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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.