

# Moorabbin Kiwanis Bulletin



**KIDS NEED  
KIWANIS**

**Kiwanis Club of Moorabbin K06652**

**February 2021**

**February News**

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Last year, I was saddened to have to advise you that Community Pharmacy East Bentleigh a sponsor of our club was closing. Now I have some good news. Priceline Pharmacy who took over from Community Pharmacy has now agreed to support our club. Priceline are celebrating the Grand Opening of their new store in Bentleigh East on 13th February. (see [page 6](#)). Priceline are also a major sponsor of Children First Foundation, one of our supported groups. (see a letter of thanks from CFF for our recent donation on [page 7](#)). Accordingly, why don't you get down there, whether you need a toothbrush, scripts filled, or some suntan cream, and say thankyou for supporting Kiwanis. Want some more good news? Well as you know, last year when Bunnings BBQs recommenced in December 2020. Our Club was an early

participant in the new program on 12 December. Club members soon adapted to the much changed protocols implemented by Bunnings. The public were very pleased to see us again and of course enjoy the delicacy on offer. Hopefully our fundraising will slowly return during 2021 allowing us to resume support for our regular community programs. On a sad note, we have had to accept the resignation of a valued member Angela Randall who has had to resign for health reasons. A photographic tribute to Angela appears on [page 8](#). Finally on [page 4](#) there is a thank you from K Mart for our donation to the Salvation Army reported last month.

Ed.  
Catch us on Facebook



On Thursday 21st January, Kiwanis International celebrated 106 years of service to our communities worldwide. At Moorabbin, we celebrated the birthday with a virtual meeting with guest Roy Seccafien Governor of Australia.

# KIWANIS CLUB OF MOORABBIN INC.



Our President  
2020 2021 (Q2)

*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 three trimesters during the year.*

*T1: Oct—Jan T2: Feb—May & T3: June-Sept*

*Each Trimester has a different Club President.*



Our Secretary  
2020-2021

## OFFICE BEARERS 2020 - 2021.

President T2	Geoffrey Hergt
President elect.	Ian Howison
Imm. Past Pres.	Tim Vine
Secretary	Bryan Williams
Treasurer	Bryan Williams

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Directors.	Tim Vine
	Ian Howison

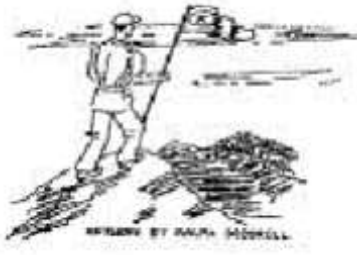
## COMMITTEES:

<b>Fundraising</b>	<b>Bryan Williams (C)</b>
<b>Community Service</b>	<b>Ian Howison (C)</b>
<b>Membership and Growth</b>	<b>TBA (C)</b>
<b>Welfare Officer</b>	<b>Peter Pahl</b>
<b>Publicity</b>	<b>Tim Vine</b>
<b>House &amp; Reception</b>	<b>Geoffrey Hergt</b>
<b>Web Master</b>	<b>Tim Vine</b>
<b>Bulletin</b>	<b>Tim Vine</b>

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## View from the Top



Given that 2021 has begun you might argue that all those anticipated changes we were looking forward to - read hoping for - are yet to materialise. One thing is for sure the degree of uncertainty about the future has not diminished. There is a lot of that desired certainty riding on the availability and positive effects of a successful vaccine.

So, what do we do in the meantime?

Years ago the marketing phrase of a then well known paint company for its products was "Keeps on Keeping On". That just about sums up our immediate future intent.

In so far as COVID restrictions will allow we are going to maintain our previous mantra of service to our community rather than just shut up shop and wait until it is all over.

In late January we received a plea from one of the many very worthwhile organisations we have assisted in the past to provide manpower (person power) to assist them with a fund raiser. This was in the form of a Sausage Sizzle for a local new sports store branch which has opened in our area.

Now here is something worth considering. Because during the COVID lockdown many club meetings were conducted via a Zoom or similar platform members of our club were able to participate in meetings we would never have been able to do on a face to face basis. As a result of our participation in those meetings a fellow kiwanian (not a member of our club but of one of the clubs we visited virtually) who lives in our area assisted us on the Sausage Sizzle. So, even COVID is not ALL bad. Could this assist your club?

Perhaps this is a good example of an old adage that "What Goes Around Comes Around"

So we are off and running with many more projects in the wings awaiting COVID clearance to "take off".

Our meeting venue has just advised that they are reopening after the COVID inspired shutdown so that too is a positive indication of an almost "back to normal" situation with face to face club meetings. Now all I need to do is arrange guest speakers for our coming meetings. Something I have not done for many months.

It is said that "Every Cloud has a Silver Lining" - if only we are prepared to look for it!!

May you too have "Many Happy Returns" as we did recently celebrating KI's 106th Birthday with District Governor Roy Seccafien and Lt Gov Div 6 Sue Kimberley.

Yours in service,

Geoff Hergt

President

Jan - April 2021

PS. Welcome to our brand new year.



Thanks Angela. Your hard work was appreciated, and you will be missed.



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[www.kiwanismoorabbin.org.au](http://www.kiwanismoorabbin.org.au)



Money will buy a fine dog but only kindness will make him wag his tail.





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## Thank you for your generosity

Dear Ian,

On behalf of the entire Kmart team, and alongside our founding partner The Salvation Army, we would like to extend our gratitude and sincere thanks to all who contributed to the 33rd Kmart Wishing Tree Appeal.

The 2020 Appeal has collected an amazing 274,000 gifts across both Australia and New Zealand and just under \$300,000 in cash contributions! This result is an increase from our last few years which highlights the incredible kindness and generosity shown by our community.

In 2020 the Appeal was launched earlier than ever before as it was expected to be needed more than any other year in its' 33-year history, with many in the community still coping with the Australian bushfires and the impacts of the global pandemic. A national research piece conducted by YouGov (September 2020) confirmed that more than 4 in 10 Australians (41%) were negatively financially impacted by COVID-19 and almost half of those surveyed in the research (47%) were planning on spending less last year on festive celebrations (spanning meals, gifts and decorations) compared to the previous year (almost one quarter (24%) likely to spend significantly less).

Our beloved Appeal remains the largest gift collection of its kind in Australia and New Zealand, and this overwhelming result will significantly helped The Salvation Army in assisting people who were in need at Christmas and will continue to do so into the year – showing families and individuals that they are not alone and that even the smallest of gifts had a meaningful impact to the lives of those doing it tough.

An enormous amount of love, passion, work and commitment goes into the Appeal and its' success year on year would not be possible without the combined efforts of everyone across the Kmart family. This includes the truly humbling response that comes from all those that participated and thought of others during the Appeal and gave what they could spare, this support is truly heart-warming. So, on behalf of the entire Kmart team and our friends at The Salvation Army, I would like to sincerely thank each and every person and business who supported the Kmart Wishing Tree Appeal. With big hearts, together we strive to help those communities we operate and assist those in need.

Yours sincerely,

**John Gualtieri**

Director of Retail, Kmart Australia and New Zealand

# Sweetheart Day 14 February

Support the 1 in 100 babies born with  
congenital heart disease



## Join us in February and get involved this Sweetheart Day!

Now in its 6th Year, [Sweetheart Day](#) is our flagship campaign with the primary aim of raising much-needed awareness of congenital and childhood acquired heart disease.

The campaign is focused on Valentine's Day (February 14) or for our community, **International Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Day**. This day is important to showcase all the brave heart warriors that live with the impact of this disease every day and help raise awareness in the broader community about the extent of how CHD impacts families.

### But we need your help!!

You can help support HeartKids during February in a number of ways either by:

- signing up to do a [fundraiser](#).
- [registering](#) to be part of an event
- buying/selling our new HeartKids [bracelets](#)
- Enjoying a [night in](#) while supporting HeartKids
- Purchase a [raffle ticket](#)
- Or simply sharing your story with family and friends and asking them to [donate](#) directly







**Bentleigh East**

*Grand*  
**OPENING**

**20% OFF\***

**STOREWIDE**

**13<sup>th</sup> February**

**Also on the day:**

- Face painting
- Balloon Artist
- Food samples
- Chance to win a hamper (2 will be drawn on the day)
- Free goody bags for the first 200 Sister Club members<sup>^</sup>

**EXCLUSIVE TO SISTER CLUB MEMBERS ONLY**

**Priceline Pharmacy  
Bentleigh East**

775 Centre Road, Bentleigh East  
Ph: 9579 5066 | Fax: 9579 4005  
bentleigheast185@priceline.com.au

**Open 7 Days:**

Monday - Friday 9am - 7pm  
Saturday & Sunday 9am - 5pm

\*Excludes prescriptions, Pharmacist Only Medicine, Pharmacy Medicine, Clearance products and gift cards. Offer valid only at Priceline Pharmacy Bentleigh East. <sup>^</sup>Whilst stocks last.



**Not in the Sister Club?**  
Join for free today. [priceline.com.au](http://priceline.com.au)

Please support our sponsor Priceline Pharmacy Bentleigh East.

Last Month I reported on the Awards presentations for In2Life for 2020. I have since been asked why I didn't report the winners name.

I have corrected this omission here at right.

**STRIDE**  
EDUCATION

**VOLUNTEER AWARD 2020**

This is hereby awarded to

**TIM VINE**

for outstanding contribution to the IPREP Program

Mark Watt AM | CEO

14th December 2020

January 9, 2021



Mr Bryan Williams Secretary

Kiwanis Australia District Charitable Foundation 4 Atherton Close  
ASPENDALE GARDENS VIC 3195

Dear Bryan,

On behalf of all of us at Children First Foundation, please accept my sincere gratitude for your recent donation.

Given the indisputable challenges of 2020 your continued support means even more than ever. Without the compassion of generous people such as yourselves the opportunity to become "one of the lucky ones", as a CFF alumni recently described it, could not have been made possible for the children and young people at the Foundation.

We have begun 2021 with 5 children under our care at the Retreat. Sonia and Ilona who are coming to the end of their journey with us are both working on the final stages of their physio and looking forward to starting their new lives. Nichole underwent successful surgery in mid-December for her severe scoliosis and is concentrating on walking straight and standing tall as her muscles adjust to her new stature. We are still hopeful that Kyla-Joy will be able to travel to Sydney in February for the surgery she needs for her burns. As she continues to grow taller the surgery to release the contracted skin on her chest and neck becomes more urgent. Christina who has been waiting patiently for a surgery date to correct her severely bowed legs is hopeful that her surgery can still go ahead in late January.

Throughout the pandemic and lockdown, we have continued our work supporting children and families in-country. Over the years we have found that our connections and networks can assist in finding solutions to situations which had seemed hopeless. Where we can do so we continue to offer help and support locally. We recently formalized agreements with local representatives in 5 of the countries we work to increase our ability to help in this way.

The disruption to borders has also not stopped requests for Children First Foundation's help. Parents, carers and doctors have continued to reach out hoping for urgent assistance for the children in their care. We have 11 children approved for surgery and awaiting visas, and a further nine at a variety of stages of case review. As the travel restrictions continue, we are assessing the more urgent cases for their eligibility for compassionate medical evacuation to Australia, for their critical medical treatment.

Your compassion and generosity will ensure that as soon as its possible we will be ready to help these children. If you would like to keep up to date on the journeys of our amazing children, then I suggest you join us on social media @childrenfirstfoundation.

In challenging times, we often find that the good things in life shine even brighter thank you for adding to the light.

With warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. Lodge".

Elizabeth Lodge  
Chief Executive Officer



## A Tribute to Angela.



Angela joined the Kiwanis Club of Brighton Bayside on 14th November 2006. As the District HeartKids chairman, Angela was well known to Moorabbin through our Annual Family Fun Day. Then on 28th September 2018, Angela took the momentous decision to join the Moorabbin Club.



Fun Day. Then on 28th September

President Ian was obviously pretty happy to welcome her (at left), and rarely have we seen a member so eager to be involved. Angela hit the road running, as can be seen here participating in Club formalities, representing Moorabbin on Local Radio while carrying out her district responsibilities for HeartKids. With husband Ian, she



was a regular representative of Moorabbin at District Conventions, and then the ultimate achievement, Angela was asked to represent KAD on the Kiwanis International Committee on Young Children.



It is now with deep regret that Angela has had to step down from the Kiwanis she loves due to serious health issues. Get well soon



Angela. You are sorely missed.



# Controversy Corner

## Contact Tracing. Necessary or an invasion of privacy?

We accept without question the fact that we need to scan the “QR” barcode displayed in all premises that supply food and drink, because we have had explained to us that this is a necessary part of the Contact Tracing procedure to protect us all from the spread of Covid 19.

Does it stop there however?

The emergence of contact-tracing apps to stem the spread of Covid-19 back in March last year was met with scepticism and mistrust, and perhaps with good reason. Just this week, Singapore’s TraceTogether app updated its privacy policy to allow the police to request information from the app for criminal investigations. [The Guardian](#)

While numerous contact-tracing systems—and their long-term privacy implications—have been introduced around the world, participation has been mostly voluntary. But a worrying new trend is mandated contact tracing in private workplaces. A wave of new social-distance monitoring and worker-interaction tools are being trialed in factories and warehouses in the U.S., and employees have to opt in or run the risk of losing their jobs.

You are all aware of the largely failed Australian COVIDSafe App., but a much more effective method of contact tracing is the use of a smartwatch that monitors its surroundings for other devices in the vicinity. Weak signals are left alone, but if a watch detects a strong signal for more than 15 minutes, it sends a notification of the interaction to a database in the cloud. The company Radiant RFID which produces these watches, claims its solution results in a 65% decrease in employee interactions within one week of implementation.

The smartwatch is able to send automated social-distancing compliance notifications while also relaying back data to a dashboard that managers have access to. The company says it’s enabled anonymous device-interaction history, allowing for contact tracing in the workplace.

But how anonymous can it be if the interactions can be tied back to specific workers?

Radiant RFID has no shortage of takers. The Ford Motor Company is one of its clients, with Radiant RFID claiming it’s sold more than 10,000 smartwatches in the U.S. and that they’re struggling to keep up with demand.

Other than Bluetooth devices, thermal imaging is another category of equipment being used to detect and quell the possible spread of Covid-19 in the workplace. Dominated by companies such as Flir and Optris, the thermal-imaging market is expected to grow to 4.6 billion USD by 2025, or a compound annual growth rate of 6.2%. Thermal-imaging cameras are used for precise readings of body temperature and other leading indicators of a possible infection. Flir, for example, counts the Pentagon as one of its clients.

While such enhanced interaction-tracing apps and body-temperature sensors strive to keep workplaces free of Covid-19, the fact is they’re gathering an immense amount of healthcare and personally identifiable information with little to no oversight about how that data is stored, managed, or repurposed.

### How your company might track you.

It’s also not a stretch to say that such workplace tracking mechanisms will remain in place even after the elimination of the virus. Companies that find employees interacting with each other too frequently could send out automated warnings, reminding them to get back to work. Thermal imaging sensors could also increase in technological sophistication, allowing management to use heatmaps to determine how long employees spend at their desks and whether they’re idling on company time. Smartwatches such as those sold by Radiant RFID can be used to track things like heart rates and location history; while these are turned off for now, what’s to prevent companies from making them mandatory?

### Did I miss 1984?

# Around other Clubs

## \$500 cheque presentation to people supporting people



At the last meeting before Christmas, after a talk from our Mayor, it was resolved to donate money to 'People Supporting People' towards their Christmas Hampers.

The cheque was presented early in December.

There's no question. Mooroopna certainly knows how to write a cheque. This one to a very worthy cause. Well Done Mooroopna!



On Australia Day, Glenelg cooked up an egg and bacon breakfast, served with OJ for people who came along to the Citizenship Ceremony and Award giving at Glenelg. This should bring back memories to Moorabbin and the old Mordialloc/Aspendale members who well remember us doing the same thing.

## Important Dates

25th January  
29th January  
21st February  
19th March

Angela Randall's Birthday  
Bryan Williams' Birthday  
Joy and Len's Anniversary.  
Karen and Ian Howison's Anniversary





# Diary Dates.

Members please note!

The information below may change

All changes are posted on the Moorabbin Kiwanis Google Calendar, so please check there., particularly as the meeting room may change

## 1st February

6:30 for 7:00 p.m.

### Club Dinner Meeting Bentleigh RSL

Chairman: Geoffrey Hergt

Programme Tony Gunn—District Growth Chair

Amplify & Cashless Transactions

Invocation & Vote of thanks Tim Vine

## 17th February

6:30 for 7:00 p.m.

### Club Dinner Meeting Bentleigh RSL

Chairman: Geoffrey Hergt

Programme TBA

Invocation & Vote of thanks Myles Howison

**Note: This is a Wednesday!**

## 1st March

6:30 for 7:00 p.m.

### Club Dinner Meeting Bentleigh RSL

Chairman: Geoffrey Hergt

Programme TBA.

Invocation & Vote of thanks Ian Howison

REMEMBER WHEN YOU COULD REFER  
TO YOUR KNEES AS RIGHT AND LEFT?



INSTEAD OF GOOD AND BAD.  
AH GOOD TIMES, EH!

Growing old is  
hard work...  
The mind says  
"yes" but, the  
body says "what  
the hell are you  
thinking"





**KIDS NEED  
KIWANIS**

# **KIWANIS CLUB OF MOORABBIN INC.**

## **Serving the community**

**Visit us on [www.kiwanismoorabbin.org.au](http://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.