

Moorabbin Kiwanis Bulletin

**KIDS NEED
KIWANIS**



Kiwanis Club of Moorabbin K06652

July 2020

July News

Special points of interest:

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Well here we are. Next Monday 20th July, Moorabbin Kiwanis turns 50.. This means that we are the longest continuously running club in Australia, so we can now prepare to continue our work in the community for the next fifty years. Our session on Southern FM community radio this month promoted the benefits of being a Kiwanian, and again I put in a plug for more children's books to be donated for our community book boxes. Listen to the interview on our website. We said goodbye to Dot Erskine, and were able to catch up with John, Gary and Linda, as well as catch up with Maureen Cameron (Wal's widow), who expressed an interest in receiving our monthly bulletin. Done.



Well it looked like we were about to resume meetings at the RSL in the not too distant future, and then disaster. We're back to where we were two months ago. This means that our Zoom meetings will continue for the time being, so we all need to work hard on finding some projects that we can still do during the current restrictions. There's still a lot of Kids who are doing it tough, so we just have to find the best way to provide some help for them.

Has everyone checked out the count down clock on the Moorabbin Kiwanis website?

Stay safe.

Ed.
Catch us on Facebook.



Members of Moorabbin Kiwanis plus Dot Erskine's immediate Family who said goodbye to Dot on 21st June 2020



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

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.



Our Secretary
2019-2020

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 21st June, Moorabbin Kiwanis was well represented at the funeral service for Dorothy Erskine (wife of Charter Member Ron Erskine). Held under difficult circumstances, with the immediate family spaced out in the main chapel and friends in the next door annex, it was a touching service, and it was nice to hear Dot's son John who gave the main tribute to his Mum acknowledge the way that Kiwanis had meant so much to both his Mum and Dad, and to thank us for the support shown to Dot after Ron passed. Representing Moorabbin were Gus and Ena MacFarlane, Joan Lord, Maureen Cameron, Geoffrey and Tim, all seen in the photo on the front page. The immediate family are the twins John and Gary (far left and 4th from the left respectively), and Linda (4th from the right).

A select group of members will be celebrating our 50th Birthday on 20th July via our Zoom Meeting, and although it's an occasion of great celebration, for this momentous achievement, it will also be sad due to the fact that we will be unable to share it with all the people that have contributed to our unquestioned successes over the last fifty years. It goes without saying that anyone and every one, who wishes to join us, simply has to let me know, and I'll make the necessary arrangements.

At our last meeting, it was agreed that we would hold the celebration of our 50 years in a combined Birthday/ Handover dinner in October, the idea being that the Covid-19 restrictions would have eased sufficiently to allow visitors from all clubs, including interstate visitors to help us make it an occasion to remember. Unfortunately, it is now looking more and more likely that even this compromise may not be possible with the renewed restrictions in Victoria, plus the fact that Victoria has now become a "persona non grata" to put it in diplomatic terms.

In the meantime, let's continue to look for ways that we can continue the Kiwanis ideal, and Serve the Children of the World and our community.

President Q4.



Ian Perdriau.
Back on the
road to
recovery.



War does not determine who is right, only who is left.

Visit our Website at:
www.kiwanismoorabbin.org.au



KINGSTON NEWS



Note: The announcements from our two other council areas (Glen Eira and Bayside) are virtually the same. Only the phone numbers change.

Stage 3 Stay at Home restrictions will be in place across metropolitan Melbourne, which includes all of Kingston, from 11:59pm on Wednesday 8 July.

There'll be only four reasons to leave your home:

- Shopping for food or other essential items
- To provide care giving, for compassionate reasons or to seek medical treatment
- For exercise (outdoor exercise only, with only one other person or members of your household)
- Work or study, if you cannot work or study from home

Essential Council Services continue

Key Council services continue to operate during COVID-19, with some modifications to meet government guidelines.

Essential Council services that are currently running as normal include:

- All bin collections (please ensure bins are easily accessible to minimise the need for drivers to get out of the vehicle).
- Community and childhood immunisations (all immunisations now require a booking; to book a time slot, please call 9581 4870).
- Maternal Child Health consultations will be via telephone and electronic only
- Child Care and kindergarten
- Planning permits
- Aged and disability services, including Personal care, Delivered Meals, urgent home maintenance and more.

Kingston Library branches are closed but we still offer our Home Library Service, daily livestreamed Storytime sessions, online training courses plus free e-books, e-audio books and movies to stream. Details: [Kingston Libraries website](#) or phone 1300 135 668.

Waves Leisure Centre will close, but we know the community will be looking for ways to stay active during this time and we will continue to offer our Kingston Active at Home online workouts. Check out the [Kingston Active](#) website or [Waves Facebook](#) page for details.

HeartKids Announcement.

We have just been advised of the resignation of Rob Lutter the Chief Executive of HeartKids to pursue "other opportunities". Rob's last day of employment with HeartKids will be Friday 28th August. Rob led HeartKids during the challenging times that followed the bushfires in late 2019 and the COVID-19 outbreak, and has maintained the strong relationship with Kiwanis. Board Chair Jan McClelland has promised that the new CEO when appointed will continue this strong relationship with Kiwanis.

START A SCHOOLWIDE KINDNESS CAMPAIGN

Looking for more inspiration? See how these K-Kids members at Mabel Rush Elementary in Oregon work every day to embrace kindness, because they believe it's the key to changing the world.

A while ago, a boy in Georgia named Blake created a T-shirt to show his kindness toward others. The T-shirt simply said "I will be your friend" to let everyone know that he was open to new friendships and always would be. And the message spread.

Soon, a committee formed to spread this kindness by making more T-shirts that said, "I will be your friend." Now the committee has grown, and people have started wearing these T-shirts all over the world. The K-Kids at Mabel Rush Elementary School in Newberg, Oregon, have joined in wearing these T-shirts every Wednesday at school. It represents who we are and who we try to be every day. Every single K-Kid cares about friendless people, and we try to help them out in every way we can.

Every Wednesday, we get together to change the world and our community. Some of the activities that take place in our meetings are making handmade compliment strips that are passed around the school, back and forth from person to person. They are wrinkled by the hands of many people and are kept in linty pockets for kids to pull out on self-doubting days. They cheer kids up, because they know that someone believes in them.

We make posters to encourage people to share kindness with others. We also help spread kindness through the Box of Kindness. The kids at school can write about a person that they have spotted being kind. The slip will

ask for the person's name and their teacher's name and what they were spotted doing. Every Wednesday, we draw from that box and the person whose name we draw will receive a prize. People who have been mentioned through the box will receive the strip so they are reminded of their good deed and what people have seen in them.

We also write cards to retirement homes for different holidays, including Christmas, Valentine's Day, Thanksgiving and many others. We hang hand-colored papers about the key to kindness and other kinds of encouragements and positive statements.

Organization is important, so our leader, Mrs. Neiss, makes jobs for us. Some of these jobs include our treasurer, president, vice president, secretary and surgeon (sergeant) of arms. As you can see, all of our friends in K-Kids have an impulse to spread kindness.

We make sure that we are kind. We always try to be gratifying. We are who we are and who we would like to be. We are the kindness of the world. And that's how we will stay.



ACTS OF KINDNESS

How can your club spread a little kindness in your community? Take a look at what these clubs are doing:

- Members of the [Austria](#) and [Germany](#) Districts read captivating children's books to kids via YouTube videos.
- In [Panama](#), clubs are delivering food to families in their community and medical supplies to health care workers.
- When the pandemic struck, the [Erbach/Odenwald Kiwanis Club](#) in Germany used its emergency money to keep reaching out to serve kids.
- The Kiwanis Club of Welkenraedt Trois Frontières, Belgium, is raising money for a local hospital by offering a meal centered around white asparagus, a local delicacy.
- Kids in need in [Ontario](#), [Tobago](#) and [Tokyo](#) received computers to help with schoolwork during the COVID-19 pandemic from local Kiwanis clubs.



MEDIA RELEASE

Monday 6 July 2020

Revamped My Brother Jack Awards back for 25th year

Glen Eira City Council's *My Brother Jack Awards* are returning to their literary roots as a celebration of local writing excellence.

Prizes will be awarded for short stories and poetry in the categories of Primary; Junior Secondary; Senior Secondary; and Open. We are excited about the possibilities and encouragement this will bring to both emerging and more experienced writers in Glen Eira. The photography category has been retired, and we will look for new ways to capture and celebrate the talent of local photographers in the future.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff has watched the awards grow over the years and is thrilled to welcome them back again.

"The *My Brother Jack Awards* have been uncovering and celebrating local writing talent for 25 years," she said.

"In these uncertain times, creative writing and the literary arts can be deeply therapeutic — a way to express fears, hopes and joys.

"Writing can help us reflect, form new ideas, express our creativity, and make sense of the world and our place in it. These are the stories that shape our community."

Cr Esakoff welcomed the *Awards* newest judge Alicia Sometimes.

"**Alicia** is a poet, writer and broadcaster. Her poems have been in *Best Australian Science Writing*, *Best Australian Poems*, *Overland*, *Southerly*, *Meanjin* and ABC TV's *Sunday Arts*," she said.

"She is a member of the ABC's *Outer Sanctum* podcast and often reviews books on ABC

Melbourne." Alicia said she is excited to join the judging panel in 2020, particularly as a past winner herself.

"I was fortunate enough to win the poetry section a few years ago and it meant the world to me," she said.

"For literature to be supported and nurtured by the City of Glen Eira is an incredible distinction. I can't wait to read all the wonderful creative work that comes in."

Alicia joins fellow return judges Ozlem Baro, Annette Trevitt, Angela Meyer and Eliza

Henry-Jones. Entries for the 2020 *Awards* close Monday 7 September. Visit

library.gleneira.vic.gov.au/mbj

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The Road to 50 Yrs



We made it! Here we are at July 2020, and to conclude the Road series, Here's a collage of a few events from the last 10 years. See how many you remember, from the 120 bulletins that were published over this period and finally at the bottom is the list of our Charter members from 20th July 1970.



To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.

Trevor Beaumont	Ron Erskine	Charles Millard	Alan Gowlett
Graeme Brindley	Dick Evans	Kevin Newton	Martin Hogg
Wal Cameron	Dan Forrester	Rupert Palmer	Allan Lord
Bruce Campbell	Howard Glover	Bryan Raftis	Jim Thompson
Brian Christensen	Eric Macarow	Brian Reidy	Roland Vigo
Keith Collins	Gus MacFarlane	Peter Reynolds	
Mike Connolly	Brian McNamara	Bruce Smethurst	
Ralph Doddrell	Doug McQualter	Bill Stockdale	

June 25, 2020

Mr Bryan Williams
 Secretary
 Kiwanis Australia District Charitable Foundation
 4 Atherton Close
 ASPENDALE GARDENS VIC 3195



Dear Bryan

On behalf of everyone at Children First Foundation I would like to express our warmest thanks for your recent donation. Your support during these challenging times means more than ever.

Although we can't bring children like Xavier to Australia right now, with your support, we are doing everything in our power to make sure that the most urgent cases will have everything in place to join us without further delay, once it's safe to do so. Those already in our care are waiting patiently they understand that the wait will be even longer for them now, but they also understand that this chance to change their futures - a chance you gave them - will be worth the wait.

Xavier told us that right now his damaged leg means that he "*cannot go to school, cannot play, cannot do anything I like*" he cannot manage "*daily life alone without the help of parents or brothers*". He also asked us to say "*a big THANK YOU for all people helping me to become someone else*" he is "*very happy for that and can't wait to get it sorted and meet doctors who could change my life*".

During these unusual times we need each other more than ever, your support and friendship mean so much to us.... and to Xavier.

Thank you for sticking with us.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "E. Lodge".

Elizabeth Lodge
 Chief Executive Officer

OFFICIAL RECEIPT NUMBER 18194

DATE	RECEIVED FROM	PARTICULARS	AMOUNT
25/06/2020	Kiwanis Australia District Charitable Foundation	Donation	\$415.03
	Reference : 8993		

Gifts of \$2 and over are tax deductible

Received with Thanks

Controversy Corner

Some more thoughts on Covid-19

The main question that is currently being asked is “Why Victoria?” Well we know that the main source being blamed for the current breakout was the failure of containment practices in the Hotels where quarantine of persons from infected countries were being held. Why then was it a problem in Victoria, and not in NSW where the initial levels were higher, including all the infections discovered as emanating from the “Ruby Princess”. In NSW, the security was being handled by the ADF Medical Corps, who are unquestionably better trained in containment than private security workers. It appears that after the outbreak our Premier was advised to use the ADF, and actually announced that he was doing so, only to later deny this fact, despite the fact that a certain Newspaper claims to have a copy of the request letter. Instead he decided to use the department of corrections, and unemployed airline employees for this purpose. Now I wouldn't suggest for a minute that there could have been some pressure from the Union Movement behind this decision!

OK so the virus got out into the community at large, but we have all been social distancing, and practicing strict hygiene practices haven't we? So how did it spread? Well take a look at the table below. This table is from the official <http://covidlive.com.au> website for last Tuesday

VIC AGE GROUP

Tue 7 Jul



AGE	CASES			% of NEW
00-04	79	▲	6	3.2 %
05-09	75	▲	12	6.3 %
10-14	115	▲	19	10.0 %
15-19	141	▲	12	6.3 %
20-24	294	▲	17	8.9 %
25-29	341	▲	29	15.3 %
30-34	268	▲	17	8.9 %
35-39	216	▲	14	7.4 %
40-44	164	▲	11	5.8 %
45-49	213	▲	16	8.4 %
50-54	195	▲	5	2.6 %
55-59	201	▲	11	5.8 %
60-64	168	▲	4	2.1 %
65-69	135	▲	5	2.6 %
70-74	111	▲	4	2.1 %
75-79	46	▲	3	1.6 %
80-84	37	▲	3	1.6 %
85+	24	▲	1	0.5 %
Unknown	1	▲	1	0.5 %

7th July, and shows the number and change in infections by age group. The interesting thing is that only 18% of these infections are in the 60+ age group, which is considered to be “the most at risk” group. Now anecdotally, I understand that it's the 20—40 year olds that seem to have the opinion that it's only the older age groups that are likely to contract Covid-19, and hence they don't need to be as cautious as the oldies. From the table, it shows that this group represents 40% of the infections, but what the table doesn't show is the number of this group that were asymptomatic (no symptoms). The CEBM (Centre for Evidence Based Medicine—University of Oxford) suggests that up to 80% of infections in the younger groups may be asymptomatic. Infections on the Diamond Princess (Japan) showed 18% asymptomatic (mostly older age group), and Vo'Euganeo (village in Italy) showed 75%. It therefore follows that relaxation of social distancing, hand washing etc by those under 40 (which includes school children), can lead to a rapid dispersal of the infection, for the simple reason that they do not feel sick, and don't believe that they are at risk. Remember one person can infect three people, who in turn can infect nine people, and so on.

The debate that is currently raging is the necessity to wear masks in public. The government is definitely starting to lean towards pro-mask, but is not confident enough to make it compulsory. Perhaps if the unions had a word to the Premier it may happen.

My attitude is that if there's any chance that wearing a mask helps me and others around me, and it doesn't do any harm, then wear a mask, even if you do think it looks silly.

Around other Clubs

Brisbane Club proudly announced that they had received one of the Australian Governments Volunteer Grants (2019-2020) see below.

Thank you to the Federal Government

The Club recently applied for the Federal Government Volunteer Grant and received advice from Milton Dick MP, Federal Member for Oxley, that he was able to secure \$2,370 of funding through the Australian Government's Volunteer Grant 2019-20 Program for accounting / computer software.

This funding is in recognition of the valuable role volunteers play in building more resilient and cohesive communities.

We are most grateful to Milton for his support of our Club in securing this funding to assist our Club members especially the Treasurer.



THANK YOU TO ALL
OUR HARDWORKING
OXLEY COMMUNITY
VOLUNTEERS

NATIONAL 18-24 MAY 2020
VOLUNTEER
WEEK
CHANGING COMMUNITIES.
CHANGING LIVES.

There are lots of differences in the current status of the various clubs around the District. Brisbane reported that they were due to meet face to face on 7th July, but still cannot conduct Bunnings BBQs, Meanwhile Mooroopna (in Victoria) resumed dinner meetings on 10th June without a Guest Speaker, and have since met on 24th June with a Guest Speaker, and were due to meet on 8th July again, which corresponded with the introduction of stage 3 restrictions further south of them. I'm not sure if this dinner went ahead.

Moving to the west, Glenelg have scheduled their first post Covid dinner meeting on 22nd July with guest speaker Gov. Elect Roy Seccafin, and then it's business as usual. Glenelg have also reported that they have received good and bad news from Bunnings.

The good news is that BBQs have restarted, but the bad news is that Glenelg Club have been rezoned from Marion Bunnings to Adelaide Airport Bunnings, meaning that they need to re-apply for dates. This has been made more difficult as at this stage as BBQs will only be held on Saturdays and Sundays for the time being.

Important Dates

20th July	Moorabbin Kiwanis 50th Birthday
4th August	Southern FM Community Block
23rd August	Ian Perdriau's Birthday
28th August	Peter Pahl's Birthday
29th August	Geoffrey Hergt's Birthday



Diary Dates.

Members please note!

Until further notice, all dinner meetings have been cancelled.

The next Zoom meeting will be held on 20th July at 2:00 pm. To celebrate our 50th Birthday

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.

Have you checked the countdown timer on the website?



My son wanted to borrow my cordless drill. 'Here you go boy use grandads' 😂





**KIDS NEED
KIWANIS**

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.