

Moorabbin Kiwanis Bulletin



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Kiwanis Club of Moorabbin K06652

June 2020

June News

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Sadly on Saturday 13th June, we lost another link to our Club's 50 year History. Dorothy Erskine, wife of one of our charter members passed away. See Dorothy's story on [page 4](#).

At our last official meeting on 20th May, the members resolved to continue pursuing the Book Box Project, and accordingly, we need to continue to collect suitable Children's books, ready for when we start to place the completed boxes out in our community. Of course we still need boxes as well, and would call on anyone who has some spare time and a bit of spare timber to consider making one. The plans for the boxes are on our website. [Book Box Plans](#).

The other project that we are continuing with is the "[Caps for Hands](#)" program. All you have to do for this is save the coloured plastic caps of your food and drink

containers, ready for collection once the facility reopens. Note that we are back to the normal 12 page size this month, and belatedly, the "Controversy Corner" planned for last month is included. Hopefully the message is not too late. Note that the thoughts expressed in it are not necessarily endorsed by Kiwanis Moorabbin. Due to the current restrictions, there have been no photo opportunities, so the front page photo below has been taken from President Angela's report. It does represent an historic occasion, because as she professes, it was this meeting that convinced her to become a Kiwanian. Lucky for us.

Finally try and join the Zoom presentation from Children First on 1st July.

Stay safe.

Ed.

Catch us on Facebook.



Angela with NZ/South Pacific Governor and President of Kiwanis Club of New Caledonia



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

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 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



Greetings, and welcome to the last president report from me for this quarter.

I have been thinking about membership and growth of our club and indeed Australia District. I have attached a couple of photos of my visit to New Caledonia some years ago whilst I was attending a WHO forum on the Pacific Island data collections, and the Kiwanis Club of Mont-Dore.

In attendance was also the Governor of New Zealand and the South Pacific. At the time, I was not a member of Kiwanis and

did not understand the significance of the Governor's visit.

Two memorable things stuck me about the meeting, firstly I could not speak French, and secondly the friendly warmth of the members. It was that moment when I decided that Kiwanis was the organisation for me to join.

What was your reason for joining Kiwanis?

Club growth has been on the agenda for a long time and we seem to be at a standstill in recruiting new members. Governor Ashley Gore is asking all clubs to make an effort to attract new members.

If we could bring one new member each to the club, that would be fantastic. Let's build our club to its' former greatness and build our numbers.

Why the Snow Leopard?

Like the snow leopard; without development and growth we could be on the list of extinction also. I have chosen the snow leopard as my emblem because of its' beauty, strength and determination to survive in harsh environments. Kiwanis is the strength behind giving the children of the world the opportunity to develop and grow into mindful young adults.

Our efforts have already made significant changes to many children through donations, volunteering at events, and participating in activities.

Club meetings – ZOOM and away we go!

Our club meeting was held via zoom on 20th May. Due to time restrictions it was business only and so we have decided to go ahead with a more social meeting for members just to have a chat and catch up on all the gossip. Queens' birthday was the day for us all to catch up. Corona virus is still very active in the community and so in order to remain safe and until the RSL Bentleigh is open for business we will continue on with the online meetings. Thanks to Geoff Hergst we are monitoring the RSL for an opening date.

Big thanks to Tim Vine for keeping us all connected via zoom, the wonders of e-communication!

Stay COVID safe and I look forward to our next meeting on Zoom on 24th June at 2pm

Angela Randall

President Q3



VALE
Dorothy
Erskine



Where there's a will, I want to be in it

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



VALE - Dorothy (Dot) Erskine.

On Saturday 13th June 2020 Dorothy succumbed to an extended, illness, and died aged 79. Dorothy (Dot) was the wife of Moorabbin Kiwanis Club's charter member Ron Erskine. A Sydneysider, Dot met and married Ron in 1952. Now with twins Gary and John, and daughter Linda, they moved to Kingsgrove in 1955.

As the result of a promotion for Ron, she and the family moved to Melbourne in 1969, and set up residence in Cheltenham. Their next door neighbours were Gus and Ena MacFarlane, and Gus coerced Ron to get involved with a new group they were establishing in Moorabbin, called a Kiwanis Club.

After Ron retired, she and Ron moved to Safety Beach on the Mornington Peninsula where they lived for over twenty years.

Dot loved to entertain, and it was a frequent occurrence to have Kiwanians come to visit. Seen below is one such occurrence with Dot hosting four Moorabbin Kiwanis Charter Members (including Ron).

They are from the Left. Allan Lord, Ron Erskine, Dot, Gus MacFarlane, Ena MacFarlane, Maureen Cameron, and Wal Cameron. Joan Lord was behind the camera.



Community Radio

On our regular monthly Community Block session on 2nd June, Molly May interviewed Tim Vine on some of the most significant projects that the Club had been involved in over the 50 years that we have served our local community. Station Programme manager Colin Tyrus, heard this, and as a result posted the session as a Blog on the Southern FM web page. You can listen to it here:

<https://www.southernfm.com.au/show/community-block/kiwanis-moorabbin-on-southern-fm/>

You don't have to be a golfer to recognise the name Ray Drummond. The following is a tribute to Ray from Drummond Golf CEO Jamie Cooke.



It is with great sadness that our founding father Ray Drummond passed away on Monday this week. (18/05/2020)

To truly understand Ray's impact on not just Drummond Golf but the industry as a whole requires a little look back through history.

Cast a thought back 46 years ago to 1974 when golf retail existed almost exclusively in Golf Course Pro Shops and maybe a few department stores. It was a year when Hale Irwin, Gary Player and Lee Trevino would win golfs four majors. Jack Nicklaus had won 12 majors to that point and would go on to win another 6 and

Greg Normans rise to prominence was a decade away.

In many ways it was a simpler time but think of the courage it would have taken to break the long standing traditional golf retailing model and open up what was the first true "Off Course" Golf only retail store. That store was Bendigo.

Not content with one Ray went on to open another store in Ballarat in 1976 and in the following 16 years oversaw the opening of stores in Melbourne (1977), Dandenong (1978), Frankston (1981), Kew (1982), Preston (1983), Albury (1985), Traralgon (1986), Cheltenham (1987), Shepparton (1987) and Geelong (1990) before selling his share in the business although retaining both the Ballarat and Geelong stores which he would sell at a later date. Through that period he gave many people their start in business and Ray Drummond Golf Shops became the driving force of golf retail in Victoria.

Since that time Drummond Golf has expanded to 48 franchises nationwide with over 350 employees. What greater testament to the man than to have his name on the stores of 48 independent business owners who have all had the courage to back themselves in owning their own business...just like he did all those years ago.

Sadly, due to the current circumstances, this weekend there will be no jolly gatherings in the clubhouse after golf which would have been a great environment to reminisce about the legacy of Ray Drummond and how he impacted so many people who play this great game.

Instead I'd encourage you in a quiet moment over the next few days to raise a glass and toast: "Ray Drummond: leader, visionary, entrepreneur.... LEGEND"

Our thoughts go out to Ray's wife Denise and children Ray, Kim, Tracey, Glenda, Kerrie, Craig, Lee, Alan and Victor and their extended families.

Jamie Cooke

CEO - Drummond Golf

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

The following letter was sent to John, Gary and Linda Erskine with condolences from all the members of Moorabbin Kiwanis.

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VALE

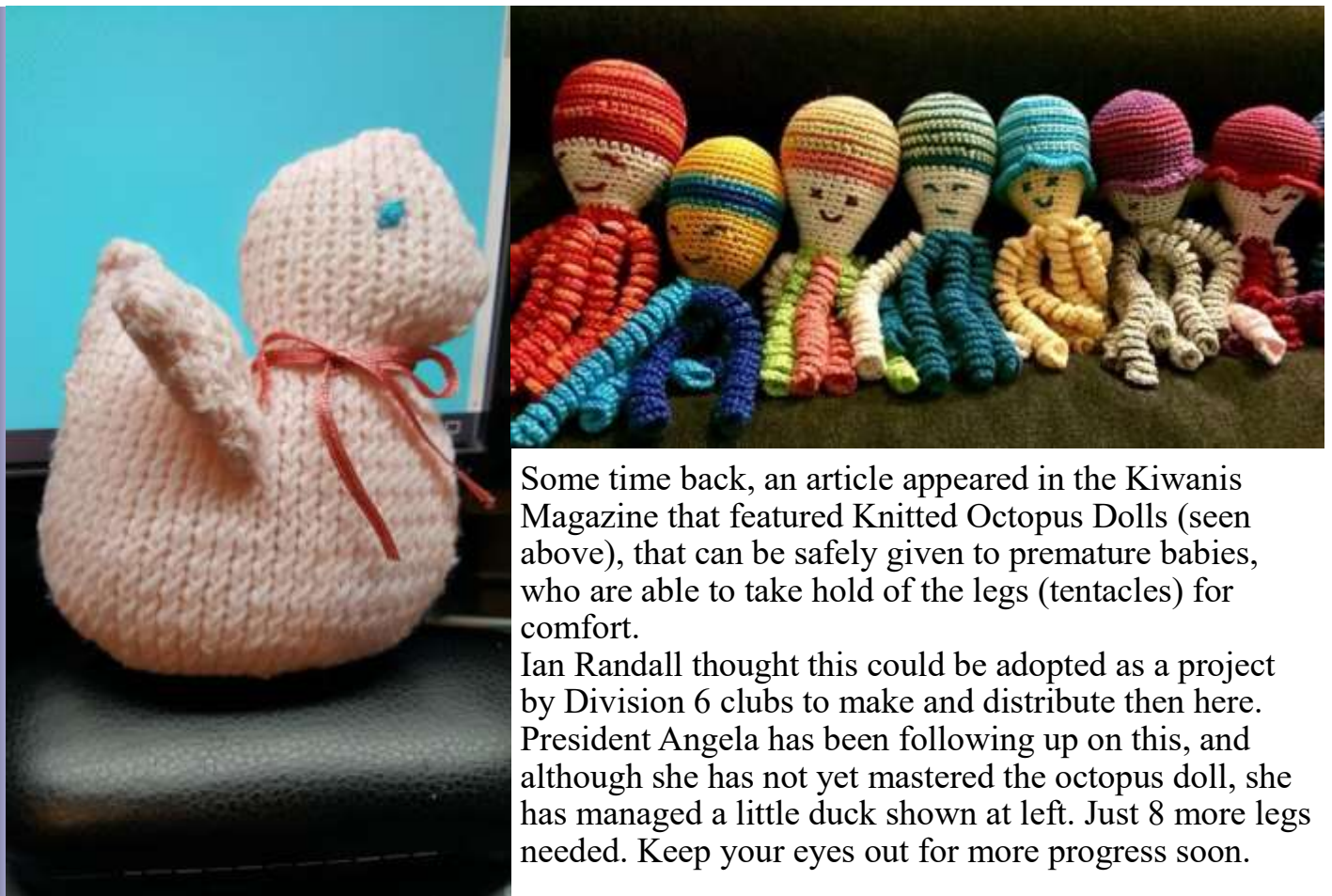
Dorothy (Dot) Erskine

Today we were saddened to hear that Dorothy (Dot) Erskine, beloved wife of long time member Ron Erskine has passed away after a lengthy illness on Saturday 13th June.

Whilst not a member of Kiwanis, Dorothy epitomises the saying that behind every great Kiwanian there is a great woman. Dorothy actively supported Ron in all of his many Kiwanis activities and roles, and there is no question that had Kiwanis accepted women before She and Ron retired to the Mornington Peninsular that Dorothy would have become a valuable member of Kiwanis.

Dorothy and Ron maintained contact with a diminishing number of Club members until Ron's passing in April last year, and Dorothy continued to be an avid reader of the Club's Monthly Bulletin.

Rest in peace Dorothy, back with Ron again.



Some time back, an article appeared in the Kiwanis Magazine that featured Knitted Octopus Dolls (seen above), that can be safely given to premature babies, who are able to take hold of the legs (tentacles) for comfort.

Ian Randall thought this could be adopted as a project by Division 6 clubs to make and distribute then here. President Angela has been following up on this, and although she has not yet mastered the octopus doll, she has managed a little duck shown at left. Just 8 more legs needed. Keep your eyes out for more progress soon.

The Road to 50 Yrs



In July 2000, the club had organised one of our regular outings, and this month's was a Wine Bus Tour up to the Yarra Valley. Members had congregated in the Car Park at Cheltenham Railway Station where we were to meet the Bus. Whilst waiting for some of the late arrivals, I received a phone call to advise me that member Noel Leyshon had suffered a massive stroke that very morning, and hadn't survived it. This put quite a dampener on the outing as you can imagine, but some were still able to smile for the camera (see photo at the bottom).



Later we learned that to celebrate the Centenary of Federation, the Peoplescape project had been established to recognise people who had contributed to the wellbeing of our country over the last century. We nominated Noel, and were accepted, so we got to work setting up a figure to represent Noel. We organised a collection of items that represented Noel's contribution to the club, and then organised a night to assemble it all. (see the photo at left). Finally, we were happy that we

had captured Noel's contribution to the club, including his unequalled wit, and the way he kept us all on our toes at every meeting as Sgt at Arms with his terribly difficult quiz questions. Once complete, he was packaged up and sent to Canberra where he stood proudly representing Moorabbin Kiwanis in the final display on the lawn outside the Old Parliament House in Canberra. Seen here at right.



Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.



**“Why do we assume so much from the way someone looks?
The ability to restore harmony to the face, with its resultant effect on the
way that life is lived, is an amazing gift to be able to give.”**

Mr David Chong

Dear Bryan,

It is my great pleasure to invite you to join Children First Foundation for this fascinating and informative free online presentation with renowned plastic and reconstructive surgeon, Mr David Chong.

Mr Chong's passion is correcting facial and skull differences in children, both here in Australia and overseas. He holds appointments at The Royal Children's Hospital, Northpark Private Hospital and St Vincent's Private Hospital. Mr Chong is a graduate of The University of Western Australia. He is a Fellow of the Royal Australian College of Surgeons (RACS), American Cleft Lip and Palate Association (ACPA), American Society of Maxillofacial Surgery (ASMS) and Australasian Cleft and Palate Society.

Deeply rooted in humanitarian work, Mr Chong has partnered with Children First Foundation as a pro bono surgeon for over 12 years, having most recently operated on Robinson and Kyziah. He also volunteers for Mercy Ships and Operation Smile.

Wednesday 1 July 2020, 6.00pm -7.00pm, via Zoom

[REGISTER NOW!](#)

Places are limited; register today to secure your spot.

I hope you will be able to join us in what will be a captivating Oration from one of Australian's most exceptional plastic and reconstructive surgeons, and a great friend of Children First Foundation.

Email: development@childrenfirstfoundation.org.au if you have any questions.

I look forward to Zooming with you 1 July

Elizabeth

Elizabeth Lodge, CEO

[Register Now](#)



This event is kindly sponsored by Priceline Pharmacy.

Controversy Corner

Winter is Coming

When George R R Martin used this phrase in his series of novels “A Song of Ice and Fire” (later the TV series Game of Thrones), he was not suggesting that it was time to relax, and smell the roses. In fact he meant exactly the opposite in that an unseen enemy was coming. Well here in Australia, winter is actually coming, and perhaps we shouldn't be relaxing our efforts to control Covid 19 right now. As we all know, winter heralds the season commonly called “Sneezin Season”. It's called this, because winter creates ideal conditions for the transmission of germs and viruses such as influenza.

In the northern hemisphere where conditions are warming up, the transmission of colds and flu tends to drop, and not surprisingly the same is being experienced for Covid 19.

Unquestionably, we have done a great job of limiting the spread of Covid 19 in Australia, by closing borders, instituting social distancing, and much greater awareness of the importance of personal hygiene, and taking advantage of our warmer climate. With the exception of Tasmania, which because of swift action and it's natural geographic advantages, the spread of Covid 19 in Australia is now clearly concentrated in the cooler climates. Logically, it would seem that now is the time to increase our vigilance, yet anecdotally, I hear that people are relaxing actions like hand washing etc.

To listen to our politicians, and the popular media, we're over the worst of it, and we can now start to ease all the preventative measures that we put in place. It's as if they are now listening to the financial experts instead of the medical scientists.

There are some scientists who are warning of a resurgence of covid if social controls are relaxed, but they are becoming more and more a cry in the wilderness.

What do we know about Covid 19? Well not a lot really. We know that it's a member of the coronavirus family. We know that it's more infectious than most viruses because of the ease and rate of its' transfer from one recipient to another, and we know that it can be fatal in a relatively high percentage of cases. We also now know that 14 days is insufficient to claim to be covid free.

So what should we do?

I would strongly recommend maintaining all the precautions that have been recommended by our health departments, and apply a large dose of common sense. Return to work where appropriate by all means, but apply these measures there as well. Avoid crowds (even footy and 50th dinners), and maintain the appropriate hygiene.

How long should this be maintained?

Well it took years for natural immunity to the common cold to develop in the European population, and there are stories of Captain Cook's sailors spreading lethal doses of the cold to pacific island populations who had no immunity. Accordingly it could take many years before we develop a natural immunity to Covid 19, sufficient for it to be no longer regarded as a lethal risk. Of course our brilliant scientists could develop a vaccine within this time, which would greatly speed up the process.

However, remember that the common cold is a coronavirus (Covid-#), and our clever scientists haven't developed a vaccine for it yet.

I believe the threat of a resurgence this winter is very real, unless we remain vigilant.

How big a gambler are you?

Around other Clubs

NEWS PRESS RELEASE

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Kiwaniis
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Date: 1 June 2020

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Children still in need from 2019 – 20 Bushfires

In late 2019 and early 2020, the most savage bushfires on record wreaked havoc and devastation on Australian families. More than 2000 homes were destroyed and hundreds of families and children lost all possessions.

Kiwaniis Club of Geelong recognise the trauma and long-term effect on children by donating \$10,000 to a partnership between Kiwanis Australia District and UNICEF Australia to reach out and provide support towards their healing and recovery.

It is because of supporters such as Kiwanis that UNICEF Australia can do its work. Through campaigns such as UNICEF's Australian Bushfire Response in 2020 and the Kiwanis International global Eliminate Program Kiwanis have been able to help children thrive and survive.

Children are uniquely vulnerable to the effects of disasters and Kiwanis is focused on ensuring their needs are being prioritised as we seek to support their healing and recovery through the partnerships with UNICEF Australia.

Children are at the centre of UNICEF's response to the bushfire crisis. They are working with partners such as Kiwanis to deliver responses that will:

Help get kids back to school: Assisting relief partners to ensure that the necessary support and resources are available for affected children to return to school

Help kids recover from trauma and distress: Supporting recovery by working with partners to provide access to psychosocial support for affected children.

Empower young people and ensure that they are heard: Contributing to rehabilitation efforts by convening appropriate forums to ensure children's voices shape future responses.

To date UNICEF Australia has:

Worked with local organisations in affected communities to supply education materials. A critical focus was on delivering relief packages to ensure many children were ready for school and this support is ongoing

Conducted field visits to affected communities in order to assess the need and understand what community services are required

Commenced work with children and communities in Victoria and New South Wales, focusing on psychosocial and mental health support, including play therapy. Moving forward some activities will be moved to e-learning and online platforms due to COVID 19

Provided support to Kangaroo Island Community School in South Australia who are delivering psychosocial services for children

Is working with Government counterparts at the federal and state level (Victoria and New South Wales) to ensure our response is co-ordinated with regards to youth and child focus activities



Kiwaniis Australia District

Kiwaniis Club of Geelong, Inc.





Diary Dates.

Members please note!

Until further notice, all dinner meetings have been cancelled.

The next Zoom meeting will be held on 24th June at 2:00 pm.

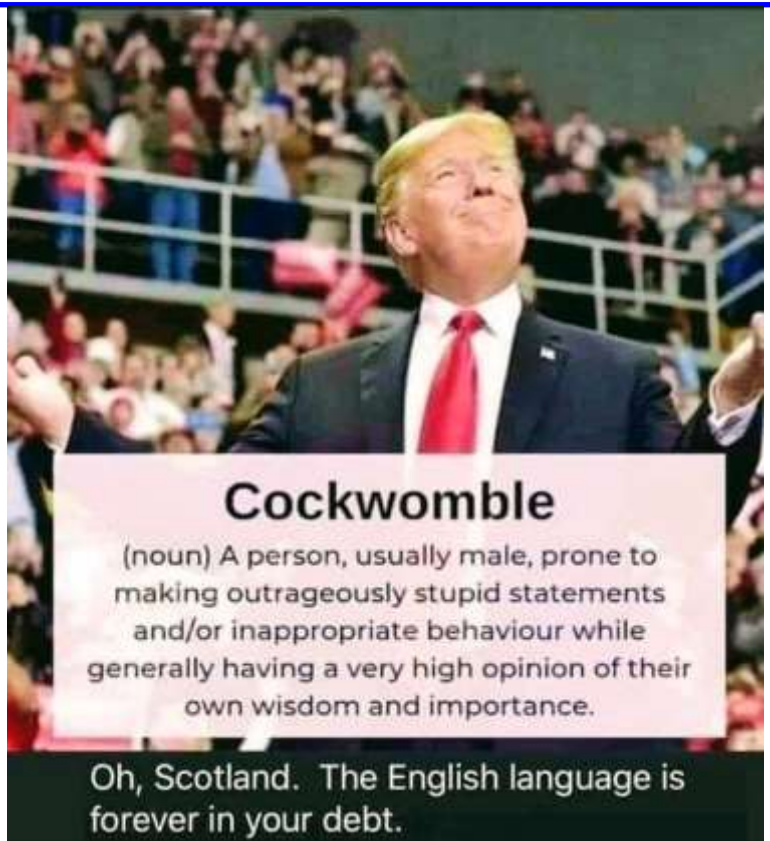
All members are able to join these meetings by clicking on the link in the Moorabbin Kiwanis Google Calendar.

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

We never really grow up -- we only learn how to act in public.

Now just for fun

Look, I've just drunk a pint of bleach and it's done me no harm!!



Cockwomble

(noun) A person, usually male, prone to making outrageously stupid statements and/or inappropriate behaviour while generally having a very high opinion of their own wisdom and importance.

Oh, Scotland. The English language is forever in your debt.



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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.