

# Moorabbin Kiwanis Bulletin



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**Kiwanis Club of Moorabbin K06652**

**March 2021**

**March News**

Special points of interest:

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- [Green Glen Eira](#)
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At our last meeting on 1st March, we were delighted to have our friendly Firey (Stephen Greene) enthusiastically address us on the functioning of the recently modernised organisation "Fire and Rescue Victoria". Stephen left us five videos which have now been added to the club website (News page). To tell you how entertaining the presentation was, I was supposed to take a photo of Stephen addressing the meeting to include at the bottom of this page. I was so enthralled that I forgot, so I've included one of the jobs he talked about.

This month, we seem to have picked up a volunteer from another club. You'll notice in the thank you that we received from TASCA ([page 7](#)) that one of the volunteers was Tony Gunn (Port Phillip club). Then on

Wednesday 3rd March, when we undertook an iPrep event for St Bedes College (formerly St James), the interviewers were Ian Randall, Tim Vine, and you guessed it, Tony Gunn.

As you are no doubt aware, the proposed Grand Opening of our new sponsor (Priceline East Bentleigh) had to be cancelled when Premier Dan locked down the state for that weekend. Sorry if you had planned to partake in the celebrations, but it would be great if you could still support them, and don't forget to mention Moorabbin Kiwanis when you visit.

We will make history at our next meeting, because our guest speaker will address the meeting on the big screen via Zoom.

Ed.  
Catch us on Facebook



A truck fire on the Eastern freeway (25th Jan) as described by Stephen Greene.



# 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



Not only are we out of Summer and into Autumn but we are also about to get our much anticipated COVID “jab”.

So, the garden is looking good, the weather is a little milder and our health prospects are looking up. The future appears to be brighter than it has been for many many months.

If we look around we see the “green shoots” efforts by many to return to our preCOVID normal. So it is not just us - this also augers well for a better future for all.

Speaking of a return to past experiences it is wonderful to be back at our regular face to face meeting venue the Bentleigh RSL. Manager Cindy popped into our recent meeting to welcome us back and we have been entertained, educated and inspired by fellow Kiwanian guest speakers from nearby clubs. One of those guest speakers even joined us to assist a worthy cause with a Sausage Sizzle (SS) at the end of January. We have just conducted our own very successful SS at Bunnings Moorabbin and assisted Special Olympics with theirs at Bunnings Keysborough.

Well, what then of the future?

The lessening of COVID restrictions means that we are able to plan with more confidence future projects which will include Book Boxes designed to bring valuable and fun learning opportunities to children in our area, continuing - in collaboration with other local service clubs - our support of the Kingston Council initiative to help struggling families get back on their feet through the RAP program.

We are finding that by working closely with local needy groups as we emerge from the COVID pandemic there are many projects which would benefit from our support.

With a much brighter future ahead and lots of pent up demand requiring attention we will have plenty to keep us busy in the coming months.

So there it is. We truly hope that recent “belt tightening” efforts of so many Victorians, and more widely, Australians will soon result in the ability of the whole community to return to doing those things which brought us to where we were prior to the pandemic.

It is certainly something worth striving for and celebrating when the time is right.

Yours in service

Geoff Hergt

President

Jan - April 2021

PS. Welcome to a COVID free future.



Ian.  
Box  
builder  
extraordinaire



Ice cream was invented in China around 2000 B.C.

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# Bentleigh East



## PRESCRIPTION REPEATS

### OPEN 7 DAYS

Monday-Friday 9am-9pm  
Sat & Sun 9am 6pm

### OUR HEALTH SERVICES

- NDSS Access Point
  - Dose Administration Aids
  - Annual Flu Vaccination
  - Naturopathic Consultation
  - Beauty Advisor
  - Free Medication Reviews
  - Free Sister Club Membership
  - Free Home Delivery\*
- \* conditions apply

## HELP KIDS LIVE THEIR BEST LIVES

It's no secret Kiwanians love kids. We want to see all kids safe, happy and healthy. But after nearly a year of a global pandemic, new struggles have emerged — and some old ones have become even more important. From honouring those working the COVID-19 front lines to protecting kids from online threats, we're highlighting the people, projects and ideas helping kids live the best life possible.

### **Keeping kids safe from online threats is a top priority.**

When the World Health Organization officially declared COVID-19 a pandemic one year ago, a worldwide transition to remote work and education occurred for many almost overnight. And while we were preoccupied with adapting careers and schoolwork to a virtual experience, online predators suddenly had an influx of distracted, stressed and overwhelmed children, tweens and teens who could be accessed at the click of a key.

### **What can you do?**

#### **Activate parental controls.**

Your cable system, internet and cell phone providers most likely give you the ability to limit the types of content your children can access and actions they can take. So do some of the most popular social media apps. Contact your service provider or plug the name of the service or app along with "parental controls" into an internet search engine for instructions. You can also consider a free or fee-based monitoring service that will track your child's activities and alert you to concerns.

To safeguard against threats like phishing, (an email that resembles one from a seemingly familiar site or contact, like a bank, online shop or friend or family member, but containing a link to malicious software), have candid, age-appropriate conversations with your child, stressing that while the internet brings many positive benefits, it also comes with dangers just like "real life." Even young children can and should learn this lesson.



# **Kiwanis Australia District CONVENTION**

# **2020** **ONE**

## **26th - 29th August to be held in**

# **HAHNDORF SA**

## **Members, partners/guests are invited to attend**

### **so why not**

## **LINGER A LITTLE LONGER?**

### **Registration Forms now available!**

### **Enquiries: [kiwanis2021@outlook.com](mailto:kiwanis2021@outlook.com)**



# **Kiwanis®**

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## Building greener roads.

### City of Glen Eira initiative to help combat Climate Change



We're building greener roads with recycled plastic and glass, as well as reclaimed asphalt pavement (RAP) in our annual road resurfacing works.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff said in its continued effort to make Glen Eira a more sustainable place to live, Council recently trialled the use of PolyPave, also known as green asphalt, in its resurfacing works.

“Green asphalt contains a range of recycled materials, including plastic, recycled glass and RAP,” she said.

“We recently trialled green asphalt on three streets in Bentleigh East — Brosnan Road, Dega Avenue and Brosa Avenue”.

“Around 15,000 two-litre plastic bottles and 110,000 glass bottles were recycled into the road”.

“The trial not only decreased landfill by 200 tonnes — the equivalent of 3,000 wheelie bins of waste glass and plastic — but also reduced carbon emissions by 1,260 kilograms.”

### **In another initiative to fight Climate Change, Glen Eira Council is introducing New electric vehicles in spite of the Andrews Government’s proposed new tax on them.**



Two new electric vehicles have been added to our fleet. ‘Bev’ is a Hyundai Ioniq and ‘Zoe’ is a Renault Zoe. A charging station has been installed at Glen Eira Town Hall, which uses renewable energy from Town Hall’s solar panels. Council’s Sustainability Advisory Committee Chairperson Cr Simone Zmood said it’s an exciting time for electric vehicles in Australia, as there are more charging stations and

a bigger range of models.

“The electric vehicles will be used by Council officers throughout the municipality,” she said. “The range of 300 kilometres is suited to an urban environment and our operational needs”.

“Purchasing the electric vehicles is part of Council’s commitment to strong action on climate change, and reducing carbon emissions from Council operations.”

Electric vehicles can even be charged in a regular home power socket. There are now 28 electric vehicle passenger models in Australia. By the end of 2021, it’s expected another six models will be available.

Electrifying our fleet is just one way that we’ll meet our ambitious new target of zero net emissions for Council operations by 2025 *Taken from March Sustainability E-News*





# Thalassaemia & Sickle Cell Australia

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A big thank you to all our volunteers who came out to run our fundraising BBQ at [Decathlon Australia](#).

We were able to continue to spread awareness in the community while raising some much needed funds for our support programs!

A special thank you to [Kiwaniis Moorabbin](#) for providing two lovely helpers and [Costco Wholesale Australia](#) for providing us shopping vouchers and entry passes.



A fingernail or toenail takes about 6 months to grow from base to tip.



## Book Box Update



Thanks to the single handed efforts of our Community Service Chairman Ian Howison, we are now the proud owner of three new Book Boxes. (seen at left below). Utilising the services of the “Brighton Mens Shed”, Ian has constructed the three boxes shown, and is now in the process of chasing up local sign writers to see if any of them can assist in the decoration and signage to decorate them.

The message to accompany the graphics

(seen in mock-up form at bottom right) is:

- ◆ Take a Book or Two
  - ◆ Read to your Children
  - ◆ Encourage them to read to themselves
  - ◆ Exchange Books and/or add your surplus books.
- Ian has also done a significant amount of



research into the needs of our local community, in order to determine the areas of greatest need for Box placement. This brings us to the part where you come in.

1. Your suggestions regarding the best sites for the boxes.
2. As Lord Kitchener says above, we desperately need lots of books, so talk to your family and friends. (Well he would have, I'm sure).

*“Phone Ian Howison now with ideas”*





# Controversy Corner

## COVID 19 Vaccination Certification and more on Contact Tracing.

At the time of penning this report, a debate is raging over the need for some form of certification to prove that the holder has been vaccinated once vaccinations begin in Australia. This has been exacerbated by reports that certain businesses such as Airlines will require proof of Vaccination before providing their service. An ABC report (Sun 7 Feb) stated that the Federal Government vaccination plan confirms that Australians will be able to access proof through their mobile phones that they have received the jab. Good, but how will that work?

Government Services Minister Stuart Robert said anyone who received a coronavirus vaccine would have it recorded on the Australian Immunisation Register.

The record will then be made available on the "MyGov" website or the Express Plus Medicare app, where a person's total immunisation history is listed, or a paper version can be printed out.

Labor leader Anthony Albanese argued the Government had a poor track record when it came to delivering COVID-19 support services online.

"We know that they didn't get the [COVIDSafe] tracing app right," he said.

"So they need to, as the rollout of the vaccine occurs, make sure that they absolutely get it right because our economy, as well as our health, depends on it."

Malcolm Turnbull tweeted an excellent solution, (see tweet at left), however poor Malcolm still thinks that what NSW does the rest of Australia follows. He's right that the "Service NSW App" has proven particularly



effective in contact tracing in NSW, because it incorporates QR scanning that has been adopted by almost all businesses in NSW, and provides immediate centralised recording of everyone who has visited a hotspot, so that authorities can make contact with them.

In September the NSW Government released an update to their Service NSW app to allow people to check in to a venue (including Taxis) using a QR code. By 30th October 13,500 businesses had already downloaded a QR code, and it's now almost universal. Well Yes! Malcolm that works and has been proven to be very effective, hence would be an ideal platform for records of Vaccination.

What Malcolm failed to recognise is that south of the border, we have a "Gold Standard" COVID tracing and quarantine system.

Once Victoria came out of stage 4 lockdown, Daniel Andrews announced that the Victorian Government is developing a specific QR code check-in system that hospitality and retail stores will be asked to use so data can be easily linked to the state's new contact tracing system to quickly track COVID cases (*The Guardian 29th Oct 2020*). The Victorian premier, Daniel Andrews, said the state will move to a universal QR code check-in system currently being

developed that will integrate into the Salesforce contact tracing system.

When asked why the government wasn't adopting the government apps used in the ACT and New South Wales, Andrews said the new system had to be designed to integrate into the new contact tracing system. He rejected criticism the system should have been ready for this week's reopening.

So what happened? Four months later, I downloaded the "Service Victoria App" (at right) and I have yet to find any Victorian retailers using it. Before Service Victoria was available, retailers to comply with the tracking regulations, had to use other third party services like Kounta, Covidcomply, Visitsafe, Guesthq, Medallia, and Guesttrack, whilst Big companies such as Woolworths and Kmart have implemented their own check-in service. The ideal system requiring a single login, and then simply scan and forget, has been replaced by a system that requires you to re-enter your name, phone number and email address everytime you visit a new retailer. Then the clincher is that it can then take up to 24 hrs before the record of your visit reaches the contact tracing department. If the so called Gold Standard for tracking and quarantine was so good, then surely the Andrews Government would have had sufficient confidence in its ability to contain an outbreak with such a small number of infections without the need to inflict a third lockdown on and already suffering Victorian population.

You also have to question why a 51 year old hotel (opened in 1971 as the Airport Travelodge, hence not exactly built for purpose), would be used to isolate such a highly transmissible disease as COVID-19?



# Around other Clubs

## Division 2 Convention.



Without question, one of the highlights of the Australian Kiwanis year is the Division 2 Mini Convention held at Tea Gardens every year. Again held this February, with an Irish theme, delegates attended from Sydney, Newcastle, East Maitland, Brisbane, Beachside Newcastle and Adelaide.



The mini Convention is important, because Division 2 takes in virtually all of the east coast of Australia, and provides an opportunity for these widely geographically spread clubs to get together once a year. In recent years, it has also provided the opportunity for Governors to visit representatives of the Division in one place. There is a business session, but the memorable part of the weekend is the fancy dress dinner shown in various forms here, as this features a different theme every year (Luck of the Irish 2021). There's a highly competitive Bocce tournament also to round out the weekend. Unfortunately, there's insufficient space to include photos of all the activities, but you'll see lots of familiar faces here.



### Important Dates

19th March  
1st April  
5th April  
10th April

Karen and Ian Howison's Anniversary  
Jill and Tim's Anniversary  
Jill Vine's Birthday  
Karen Howison's Birthday





# 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

17th March

6:30 for 7:00 p.m.

Club Dinner Meeting Bentleigh RSL

Chairman: Geoffrey Hergt

Programme Jan Hyde KAD Leadership Development Chair

(Addressing meeting via Zoom)

Invocation & Vote of thanks Bryan Williams

**Note: This is a Wednesday!**

5th April

6:30 for 7:00 p.m.

Club Dinner Meeting Bentleigh RSL

Chairman: Geoffrey Hergt

Programme TBA

Invocation & Vote of thanks Ian Randall

19th April

6:30 for 7:00 p.m.

Club Dinner Meeting Bentleigh RSL

Chairman: Geoffrey Hergt

Programme TBA

Invocation & Vote of thanks Ian Perdriau

A Naked Lady is a type of Orchid.



## Thanks, Grandma!



Two old men are drinking in a bar.  
One man says,  
"Did you know that lions have sex  
10 to 15 times a day?"  
"Aww, darn!...", replies his friend,  
"...and I just joined **Kiwanis**".



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# **KIWANIS CLUB OF MOORABBIN INC.**

## **Serving the community**

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### **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.