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#### 2017-2018

### Kiwanis Club of Moorabbin K06652

#### September 2020

# Special points of

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  - <u>Happy B'Day</u> <u>Gus</u>
  - <u>Congratulations</u>
  - <u>CFF Update</u>

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Well it's now official. We get to spend an extra two weeks (up until 28th September) under stage four Coronavirus lockdowns,. A couple of minor changes include some yet to be announced reopening of some industries, increased daily exercise from 1 to 2 hrs/day, relaxed visitation, and the curfew now starting at 9pm. Let's hope that it works, and that everyone complies with the rules. Now for the good news. Clubs in SA and Qld are now conducting Dinner Meetings, and even more importantly, are once again able to conduct BBQs at Bunnings. Our 30 sec promotion for the "Two Feet and a Heartbeat" virtual fundraising effort has commenced on Radio 88.3 Southern FM, so let's hope that

#### **September News**

we get a good response from the listeners from within the Bayside areas. For those who do not receive Southern FM, the link to the event website is here. <u>TwoFeet</u>. Please give generously. Further good news, we received an update on the Hydrotherapy pool at Children First Kilmore retreat. See <u>page 6</u> and the photo below.

I have reproduced a comment made by Kingston City Councilor Ron Brownlees on page 7. Does he have a point? Finally, I am delighted to say that at long last I've been able to print a Controversy Corner that is not on the subject of Covid –19. Stay safe.

Ed\_. Catch us on Facebook



Children at the CFF Retreat at Kilmore enjoying the pool whilst undergoing their treatment



Our President 2019 2020 (Q4)

# WANIS CLUB OF MOORABB

Mosrabbin 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 guarters 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 President elect. Q1 Imm Past Pres. Secretary Treasurer

Tim Vine Ian Howison Angela Randall **Bryan Williams Bryan Williams** 

Directors.

Angela Randall Tim Vine Ian Howison

# COMMITTEES:

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





# From the Grape Vine

(President's Report)

This month we celebrated four members birthdays, Ian Perdriau, Peter Pahl, Geoffrey Hergt, and our senior member, and only remaining Charter Member Gus MacFarlane, who celebrates a sprightly 94th Birthday on 19th September. Happy birthday to you

all.

Last month, we held our on-line meeting on the GoToMeeting platform to give it a try. We will try it again this month, so that we can decide on which platform we will use (Zoom or GTM). We want to have a platform going forward that enable us to have guests along to our meetings, as it looks like the prospect of sit down dinner meetings remains a distant hope. It's also important that we direct our Community Service efforts to events that do not require social contact for the time being, so put your thinking caps on look for ideas that we can carry out whilst still under lockdown.

On the subject of community service, the September Moorabbin Kiwanis Community Block presentation featured the Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia (ALL) project, and this will be continued in more detail in the October presentation. It was also pleasing to see several of our members present at the Waverley on-line Zoom meeting last month that featured Prof Deborah White, the Group Leader of the Genomics ALL Project at the SAHMRI (South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute).

It's also worthy of note, that the donation platform for ALL has now been set up on the GiveNow site under Kiwanis projects, so encourage your associates to consider supporting this extremely worthy cause. Checkout the flyer on our website, or click on this link. <u>ALL</u>

Note that the official Club Membership list has been updated, and can be seen on the members only page on our web site.

Finally, on <u>page 7</u>, is an official letter of congratulations for 50 years of service from International President Daniel Vigneron

President Q4.





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Happy 94th Birthday Gus on 19th September







An often heard we donate to the Children's Fund,

when we already donate to the Kiwanis Australia Charitable Foundation? " Fortunately Betty D'Amore KCF Australia District Chair has answered this question in responding to another question.

# Do any of our donations to KCF come back to Australia?

# 1. Club Club Grant Program.

Clubs can apply. Many of our club signature projects meet the criteria for a club grant. A link to the Guide to Club Grants is available at www2.kiwanis.org. For timelines and criteria for applications, go to 'Impact and programs,' then 'Club Grant Program.'

## 2. Disaster Relief Grant Program.

Clubs can apply for funds in the event of a disaster such as floods or bushfires. Please note that there are very specific eligibility requirements. Funds are granted only for crucial immediate needs. Again, more information is available at www2.kiwanis.org

3. The third way in which funds come back to Australia is via the District **Grant Fund**.

Each year KCF returns 15% of undesignated funds donated by the district in the form of a District Grant. Again there are specific requirements, but Australia District determines how the grant will be spent.

However clubs can propose projects. Again more information is available at www2.kiwanis.org

Last year the grant funded the very successful Book Bag Project at convention which saw Aktion Club members working with convention attendees to fill book bags. Aktion Club members then distributed the bags to needy children.

This year the grant helped fund the Roma Mitchell Secondary College Key Club project to supply Birthing Kits to families in countries where there is no access to hygienic facilities for women giving birth. A report on this great project will be in the next Australia Kiwanis magazine.

So, thank you for asking. Again, I stress that I am always happy to answer your questions or to assist you with applications.

Take care. Betty D'Amore Kiwanis children's Fund District Chair

# Happy Birthday Gus. 94 years old on 19th September.

Angus William MacFarlane joined the Kiwanis Club of Moorabbin on 16th April 1970, and became the charter Secretary of the club in July 1970. Gus and Ena had recently moved down to Melbourne from Sydney (Collaroy Plateau), and ended up living next door to Ron and Dorothy Erskine, who had also moved down from Sydney. Gus soon convinced Ron to Join Moorabbin as well. In those days Gus was the National Sales Manager of Alsco Linen services, and later became their General Manager. Gus developed a range of incontinence products for the elderly, and achieved industry wide acceptance for this work.

Gus has always led an active life, and was a keen sailor in Sydney as well as a skier, but most of all he enjoyed walking and trekking. He has travelled around the world trekking in the Himalayas, the UK and the Canadian Rockies, and it was on the latter that he met Ena, who became his life and trekking partner. Gus's other love was singing, and it was common after most Kiwanis social evenings to find a group around the piano involved in a good old sing-along. It wasn't long before Gus's Baritone drowned out all the others. He joined the Victorian Welsh Male Choir in 1988, and toured extensively with the group. In

1994 Gus was invited to join the Melbourne Welsh Male Choir. As a member of this voluntary organization, Gus and the choir sang in many countries around the world winning awards and great recognition for Australia. In retirement. Gus continued his voluntary work with Kiwanis, and on behalf of the Kingston City Council, became a voluntary driver for elderly folk who have medical appointments requiring transport to and from. Often the folk Gus drives are younger than himself, but unable to drive themselves.

A credit to the name Kiwanis, and well deserving the title Senior Member.

At right Gus holding a raffle prize that he won at the Dingly Village Men's Shed, demonstrating that he's still on the lamb.



# Update on Solar Panel Project.

As reported last month, our club donation to the Children First Foundation was gratefully received, and we have been advised that the Solar Panel

Project, the target of this donation is ready to go as soon as restrictions permit, with the supplier and installer locked in to commence the works. The photo below, and the one on the front page show some of the children enjoying the pool whilst undergoing their hydrotherapy. Below, Koko from PNG just had his plaster removed. Rachael and Sonia from Zambia and PNG respectively had their external prosthetic devices removed, enabling them to "jump" into the water, a truly thrilling experience for them. Also shown is little Kyla waiting so patiently for her burns surgery in Sydney.

Foundation

childr@nfirst

During the lockdown, the kids at the Kilmore retreat have been busy making videos about their respective countries. These are very entertaining, so why not jump onto the CFF facebook page and have a look at some of them. ChildrenFirstFoundationAustralia/

Did you know that you can donate to Children First Foundation in addition to the Donations made directly by Clubs such as this Solar Project donation, through the Kiwanis Australia District Charitable Foundation? Click on this link <u>CFF\_KADCF</u>. This will take you to the Kiwanis GiveNow page, where you can make a tax deductible donation. KADCF donations received from Clubs, individuals or through public donations to GiveNow are paid quarterly to CFF.

You may know that Microsoft is removing support for its Internet Explorer Web Browser next year. But did you know that if you remove Internet explorer from your computer, in favour of Edge or other browser. that Microsoft Outlook (its flagship email program) will be unable to connect to web links. Go Figure!





July 2020

Tim Vine Kiwanis Club of Moorabbin 4 Moray St East Bent lei'gh VIC 3165 Australia

Dear President Tim,

Congratulations on your club's 50 anniversary!

You help make up one of the world's greatest service organizations.

One of the great things about Kiwanis is that each club is unique and knows it scommunity. Needs are identified and members pitch in together to open up new opportunities for children. The result is happier kids and families who take pride in making their hometown a better place to live.

Use your teamwork and momentum to introduce others to our incredible organization. Membership growth is critical to our success now and in the future. Share your Kiwanis spirit and invite friends and colleagues to a meeting. Keep existing members engaged and energized. The result will be a stronger, more prosperous club.

Expanding our reach means helping more children. Thank you for your commitment to your club and to Kiwanis. Happy anniversary!

Your friend in Kiwanis,

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Daniel Vigneron 2019-20 President Kiwanis International

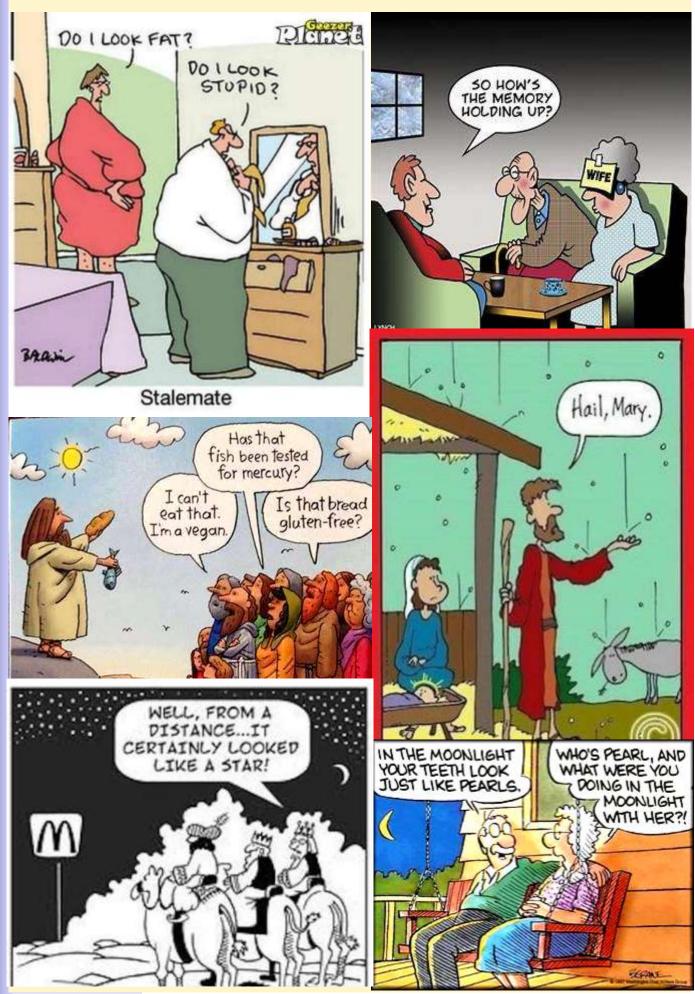
I have tried to be as supportive as possible of the governments stance and directions of the CMO with regard to Covid-19 restrictions, but when I see the numbers go up as they have over the last two days, and we look at the number of unidentified or cases of unknown origin, which is almost 25% of the total, I think we have a real problem.

Either people are lying or there is a gross systemic failure in contact chasing. If your business or any public program had a 25% FAILURE rate the processes would be challenged and improved. The cost is too great to allow it to continue. The vast majority of our community, as frustrated as they must be, are doing the right thing, but with the technology and resources we have available this margin should not be acceptable.

Cr. Ron Brownlees (City of Kingston)

#### September 2020

# Time for a laugh





# Where do you get your news?

On 25 June this year, Norman Zhou in the Australian Guardian, reported that "Dozens of local and regional papers are printing their final front page this week, as widespread cuts across regional journalism hit papers with more than a hundred years of history". He goes on to report that this is not the end of the story, as journalists are claiming that the closure of regional and local papers would leave "thousands of stories untold". Also in the same week the ABC also announced it would cut 250 jobs and drop the 7:45am news radio bulletin.

You've probably been effected by this already, with the discontinuance of your local newspaper, plus the demonstrably reduction in the size of your daily newspaper (if you still purchase one). Critics are already pointing to the degradation of the standard of news reporting in the printed press, and blaming this on reduced news staff numbers, and lack of editorial oversight.

The Australian media organisations now claim that this is the result of their public moving to gather their news from on-line sources, who in turn gather heir content from the producers of the news, without paying them and that this has resulted in the media's reduced ability to cover their own costs. The Australian Federal Government obviously agrees, and in a move that seeks to have these organisations paid for the content they generate

"The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) has been instructed by the Australian government to create a mandatory code of conduct to instruct tech giants on how to share the revenue they generate from using content produced by news outlets, which Australian Treasurer Josh Frydenberg said seeks to "level the playing field". According to ABC News Australia, the code will address how the digital giants are to share advertising revenue earned from news, how original sources of news content are to be favored on search page results and the sharing of data with news organizations.

Following an inquiry into the impact of digital platforms on the Australian media landscape, the ACCC was originally requested to develop a voluntary code of conduct back in December 2019, which aimed to have Facebook and Google negotiate with the Australian news media on how to pay for the content they were benefiting from.

Initial negotiations proved unsuccessful, and the ACCC advised the Federal Government that an agreement was "unlikely". Now, as the coronavirus pandemic continues to debilitate the advertising revenue of Australian news outlets, the government has pushed forward by requesting the code now be mandatory, with a proposal due by the end of July.

The new code will include penalties and obligations for how to resolve disputes between Australian media companies and the tech giants. It will also encompass sites other than Facebook and Google, including Instagram and Twitter, which also benefit from content created by news sites.

A similar code of conduct was requested by the competition authority in France earlier this month, which asked Google to work with news organizations and pay to display extracts on its news and search result pages.

Frydenberg added that "It's only fair that those that generate content get paid for it". Jasmine Gearie 20 April 2020 (TechRadar).

Sounds fine doesn't it, but here's the kicker.

Social media giant Facebook has come out against proposed Australian media laws, issuing a statement today via its newsroom threatening to remove all instances of news appearing on its social media platforms in Australia if the country passes the recently drafted legislation.

Google has recently taken a similar stance against the draft law, targeting Australian internet users with warnings about claimed 'dangers' to Google services if the legislation is passed. Those alerts have appeared on the main Google search homepage, as well as across YouTube. The company also published a dedicated blog post on the matter. Harry Domanski 01 September 2020 TechRadar.

Watch this space. Will our Government fight this, and do you think they should?

# **Around other Clubs**

### A Nifty idea from Glenelg.

At right is a fridge magnet being handed out by the club to promote recycling. The beauty of this community service is that it also helps promote Kiwanis Glenelg whilst reminding locals about which bin to use.

## **Brisbane Club helps Care Kits** for Kids Oueensland

At our July 21st meeting Kiwanis presented Chris, Matilda and Julie from Care Kits for Kids Qld with a cheque for \$2800. The team were overwhelmed with Kiwanis generosity especially given we have been unable to fundraise for many months. Chris said they have been very busy with over 2000 kits being sent out since the start of the year. They have moved premises to Wynnum and are looking at getting donation points set up across Brisbane. They have been working with "Shift Buddies" that help victims of domestic violence pack and leave within an hour and by the end of the year will be sending kits to Mt Isa and Cairns. They

continue to work with Police and child safety offices. The photo below shows the Care Kits for Qld team being presented with their cheque along with our guest speaker for that meeting, Sarah Hutton and club president, Ruthven.



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bags

available

from Council

Caddy & Roll of

compostable bags

NO biodegradable

# **Important Dates**

6th October

9th September Club Meeting on GoToMeeting 11th September Joan and Allan's Anniversary 19th September Gus MacFarlane's Birthday Southern FM Interview on ALL



- & wrappers
- · Cask bladders - Disposable nappies
- Crockery
- Garden tools
- Clothing & shoes Fabrics

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Drink bottles

- Fruit punnets

- Aluminium foil

· Empty paint tins

· Pots, pans & cutlery

Aerosols

LI Hooker Glenelg



# **Diary Dates.**

Members please note!

# Until further notice, all dinner meetings have been cancelled.

The next Online meeting will be held on 9th September at 4:30 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.

# **INNER STRENGTH**

If you can start the day without caffeine or pep pills. If you can he cheerful, ignoring aches and pains. If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles. If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it, If you can understand when loved ones are too busy to give you time. If you can overlook when people take things out on you, when, through no fault of yours, things go wrong, If you can take criticism and blame with-out resentment. If you can face the world without lies and deceit, If you can conquer tension without medi¬cal help. If you can sleep without the aid of drugs If you can do all these things. Then you are probably the family dog.

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Visit us on www.kiwanismoorabbin.org.au to find the very latest activities of our club.

# <u>THE OBJECTS OF</u> <u>KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL.</u>

- 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.