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December 2021

What's Coming Up

Next Club Meeting's 19 Jan 2022

Venue to be advised

New Shelving for Kiwanis Storage Container

On Thursday 3rd Dec George and Graeme put together the steel 5 tier shelving unit donated by Bunnings Waurm Ponds. Valued at \$307

This very handy piece of shelving has made a big improvement to the organisation of our equipment at our storage facility out the back of Bellarine Rural in Weddell St North Geelong.



A Bit of History

Now considered one of the premier public events in the Geelong region is 'Carols by the Bay' is held at Eastern Beach each December. A little known fact is that the event was conceived in 1997 by the Kiwanis Club of Geelong and run by the club in its first early years. About 8,000 people showed up the first year despite threatening weather. The city was impressed and Geelong Major Events Committee threw its weight behind the event. They were able to get Denis Walter in the following year as headliner. He was then able to bring nationally known entertainers which led to him taking over the event. But we did it first!



The original St Nicolas was the Bishop of Myra in Asia Minor revered in both eastern and western Christianity. His popular name Santa Claus came from the Dutch name Santa Nikolaus and as Father Christmas his fame goes back to 16th century England during the reign of Henry VIII, when he was pictured as a large man in green or scarlet robes lined with fur. His feast day was the 6th of December and when England no longer kept that feast it was moved to coincide with Christmas Day. St Nicolas is the patron saint of Russia and also of clerks, scholars, children, sailors and pawnbrokers. It is said that the three gold balls displayed at pawnbrokers represents three bags of gold he tossed into the homes of poor girls. The present custom of putting toys and other small gifts into a stocking on Christmas Eve was introduced into Britain in 1840 and from there it spread to America and the rest of the world.



Merry Christmas to all

Club 2021-2022 Christmas & Handover luncheon

After the long Covid lockdowns and other disruptions the club was able to celebrate another very successful year with a well attended lunch at Buckley's on Fellmonger Road on Sunday 5th Dec 2021. President Peter Phillips introduced honoured guests District Governor Tony Gunn and Pauline, and Lt Governor, Division 1, Coral Kilvington. Presentations of 2020 Attendance pins to Jenny Anderson (1 Year) Peter Phillips (9 years) Bob & Carmen Chapman (both 11 years) were made. Pins to other members who were unable to attend were, Trudi Knight (1 year) Jeff Bracken (8 years) Sam Neumann (8 years) and Graeme Munro (21 Years). After the lunch was served President Peter gave his annual report followed by presentation of certificates to the outgoing Board. The Club Annual report 2020-21 was presented for adoption which was moved and carried.

District Governor Tony Gunn conducted the changeover of the club Board and made a presentation on some of the issues that confront Kiwanis at a District level. Tony thought he had finished but was called back to speak further as he listed in the agenda a second time to 'say a few word' which he did very adequately.

Bob Chapman reminded everyone of the 50th anniversary of the club in April 2022. He gave a general decryptions of what is planned for this great time of celebration and moved a motion to give him permission to proceed as described. After a number of questions were raised for clarification of the plan the motion to was passed. Lunch concluded with a pleasant period of chat and fellowship.



Secretary Spencer Harding , District Governor Tony Gunn with Bob and Carmen Chapman.

George Welsh, Cher Phillips, President Peter Phillips and Marj Welsh

District Governor Tony Gunn presenting ASPAC Best Club Project Award



Lt Governor Coral Kilvington with Bob and Carmen, President Peter and Jenny Anderson



Birthdays in January

2nd Peter Phillips – 2nd Graham Mould
 5th Geoff Bracken - 5th Phil Dower
 12th Margaret Mould - 16th Rod Puls
 30th Jenny Neumann - 31st Rosemary Stewart



Greg Puls displaying his collection of Kiwanis pins at the Changeover lunch.

Interesting Quotes

I woke up this morning and I was still alive, so I'm pretty cheerful.

Spike Milligan, 1997

Having one child makes you a parent, having two makes you a referee.

David Frost 1989

Any excuse for a Christmas lunch meant a gathering at the St George in Pakington Street on Wednesday 8th December. Twelve members mainly from our Sew & So group attended what was a very pleasant time.



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 KIDS PLUS FOUNDATION

The special chair made by Graham Mould has now been delivered to the family in time for Christmas. This project has been running over 20 years and has delivered over 100 seats to Kids +



District Governor Tony Gunn presented the Geelong Club with this beautiful plaque for winning the Asia Pacific Best Project Contest at our Changeover / Christmas lunch on the 5th of December.

This prestigious award for what we know as the SPC Food Run recognises many years of hard work and dedication by members of our club to support those in our community that do it hard to just make ends meet. Every member of the club past and present who have worked to raise funds for this project and to deliver every year to the Geelong community are to be congratulated.

This report from Bob Chapman

"Carmen Chapman & I had the pleasure of attending the Nelson Park School year 12 awards, thanks to Phil Knight for the invite. It has given us a better appreciation of what these kids face in life and the lengths they go to to better themselves and gain some independence in life. Carm made the award but, having not been properly briefed on what to say, chose to sing a song to break the ice then, presented the certificate to winner Harrison McGuiness, much to the appreciation of the audience.

Bob Chapman



Following our donation of \$1,000 to One Care Geelong for items to fill their Christmas care packages four members were able to assist with the packing. Janine Oakley, George Welsh, Graeme Munro & Graham Mould went to the OneCare building in West Geelong where they joined others from a number of companies and organisation in filling the boxes with goodies.

