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## What's Coming Up

Club Meeting's 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar

Venue to be advised

**COMMON SENSE  
IS LIKE DEODORANT.  
THE PEOPLE WHO  
NEED IT MOST  
NEVER USE IT.**



*Doll and Teddy Show*

The venue for our annual doll and teddy show is now firmly booked for Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at the Masonic Centre.

## Birthdays in April

2<sup>nd</sup> Jenny Bromilow

## What's Happening

*New Member.* At our meeting on Tuesday we were delighted to induct Chrissie Van der Hoven as a new member to our club. Chrissie is the partner of Greg Puls and has previously attended several meetings of the club.

*Looking for a home!* While our regular meeting space at the RSL Club is being refurbished we have become nomadic. The meeting held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb was held again at The Workers Club in Pakington Street and although the meals and service are fine it is totally unsuitable space to conduct a meeting. Steep stairs access makes the upstairs meeting room also unsuitable. During our recent meetings at Buckley's noise was a major factor in ruling it out for future meetings. A search continues for a new home....If you know of a potential venue contact Spencer Harding.

Our Term Deposit is up for reinvestment and it was agree to continue the current arrangements although if the interest rate gets any lower we may have to pay the bank to keep it!

Phil Knight introduced and explained his recent application on behalf of the club for funding for the **VicRoads Community Road Safety Grants Program Application 2022-2023**. Following his presentation a small committee was formed to assist Phil in the future handling of this initiative.

The \$300 funding to assist Bethany Community Support in helping a family return to Ethiopia has now been paid. Bethany and other groups are proving the balance of the \$1500 required to pay to get the family home.

George Welsh joined a Zoom meeting with a Nepalese group in Armstrong Creek looking at the possibility of joint venture for disadvantaged children, or in forming a Kiwanis satellite club . George has spoken to representatives Navin and Niran and will arrange for one them to come along to one of our club meetings as a guest speaker as soon as it is practical.

Our next Bunnings BBQ is on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March. If you are able to assist for a few hours in the afternoon please contact Graeme Munro.

## A Bit of History

Before fear of litigation, regulations, red tape and permits for everything, there was the 'Kid's Day Out'. Organised for children who due to their circumstances rarely visited the countryside and in partnership with the Geelong MG car club children were transported to a horse riding school in the Otway's to enjoy the experience of riding a horse. Club members attended and provided lunch at the venue and the ride in an MG gave the kid's the added thrill of travelling in an open sports car. Ultimately the fear of having an incident because the nature of the two seater cars and vulnerable children led to the end of the event.



Lucy Koko and Olivia Ephraim visited our 'Sew and So' team to collect items of clothing made by our group to be sent to Papua New Guinea. Lucy explained how items of clothing were selected for specific places and individuals, and then packed in old suitcases before the cases are placed in a shipping container. Total control of the shipment is maintained except for the period on the boat.

On arrival in Papua the cases of clothing move on to be then distributed to the children. Photographs of the children wearing their new clothes together with reports are sent back to Australia. Heart rendering stories were told of some of the children being very ill and how they often passed the clothes they had received on to other children.

**The Geelong IronMan** was held at Stream Packet Gardens on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February. It is an annual event attracting athletes from all over Australia and overseas, both professional and amateur. It is an endurance cycling, running and swimming one day event around the waterfront and Eastern Gardens, Geelong. Hilary Prideaux and Janine Oakley volunteered on behalf of Kiwanis International Geelong to help pack the promotional bags on Thursday, and then followed up on Friday and Saturday with athlete registrations. As there were 960 registrants it was a busy few days.



Say hello to new member: Chrissie

**Local Publicity** - The Sew and So group meet regularly at the Vines Road Community Centre where a 'What's On' magazine reports on activities at the centre. The latest edition presents an excellent write up on our club describing Kiwanis, what we are, and our aims of helping children, the needy, elderly and disadvantaged.



50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Arrangements for our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations are well advanced with invitation ready to issue. If you have contact details of any past members please let Bob Chapman know.