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## What's Coming Up

Club Meeting's 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>nd</sup> Apr

**Venue St Lords Hotel.**

West Fyans Street (meal  
6.30pm – Meeting 7.30pm)

## What's Happening

The Bunnings BBQ held on March 19<sup>th</sup> began very slowly with the morning shift finding little to do for the first hour or so but by afternoon it was busy – busy – busy and we came home with a good result. Graeme Munro has published the financial results. These BBQ's are our main source of funds so please help Graeme fill the roster next time.

Bunnings are providing exhibition tables outside the store at Waurm Ponds on Saturday April 2<sup>nd</sup> between 9 am and noon for local organisations to promote themselves. Our members will be there to promote our Doll, Teddy and Craft show and of course, Kiwanis.

The Sew & So ladies have been busy making clothing in readiness to hand to our guest speaker Lucy Loco on March 22nd (see separate report). The pile of items included 22 pillowcase dresses, 16 pairs of boy's shorts, 4 shirts, 2 tee shirts, 14 baby bibs, 10 headbands, 56 woollen beanies, 2 set of hat & mitten and 4 pairs of mittens. Well done ladies.

District Convention in Hahndorf – 25 to 28 Aug 2022 is now taking bookings. Bob and Carmen plan to go. Other members are thinking about it! If you have never been to one, they are always times of great fun and fellowship and over indulgence while providing the opportunity to participate in the operation of Kiwanis Australia District. --*THINK ABOUT IT*-- If you want a registration form or details of accommodation in Hahndorf contact Spencer.

George Welsh very recently visited his doctor for what he thought was just to renew his prescriptions only to discover when his blood pressure was taken that his heart was dangerously slow. He was rushed by ambulance to Geelong hospital where a pacemaker was quickly fitted. George as you would expect still turned up for his shift at the Bunning BBQ days later and also at our meeting. In typical 'George Welsh' fashion he was complaining that he was getting no sympathy at all over his condition as he reckons everyone seems to know someone else that had a pacemaker so he is now thinking of wearing an arm sling so people will come up and ask him what's wrong and how he is going.



*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. Flyer on following page

## Birthdays in May

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Marj Welsh
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Jennifer Anderson
- 6<sup>th</sup> - Trudi Knight
- 11<sup>th</sup> - Spencer Harding
- 24<sup>th</sup> - Carmen Chapman
- 25<sup>th</sup> - Ruth Ware
- 27<sup>th</sup> - Jan Dower
- 31<sup>st</sup> - George Tomadin



Kiwaniis Club of Geelong Presents

# The Geelong Doll, Teddy & Craft Show



Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2022

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Adults	\$10.00
Pensioner / Students	\$ 7.00
Children 12 & under	\$ 4.00

Masonic Centre, 27 Regent Street Belmont 3216

The Geelong Doll, Teddy & Craft Show    Contact Jenny Anderson: 0417 382 779

Supporting Kiwanis Community Projects

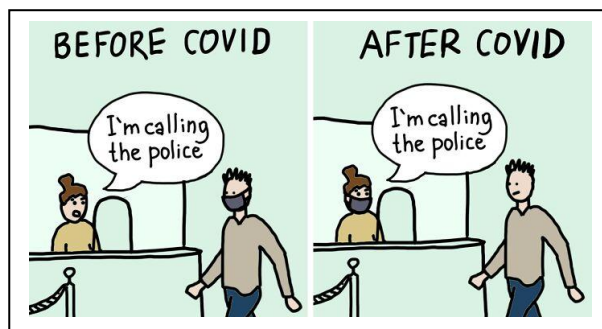


'Pockets of Hope' provided by our Sew & So ladies group to the St John of God Hospital in Geelong.



"Remember that no matter how cool you think you may be, you're not cool enough to look down on anyone...ever"

boredpanda.com



President Peter Phillips with guest speaker Lucy Loco at the club meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> March at the St Lords (was Lord of the Isles) in West Fyans Street.

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At night I can't find a single comfortable sleeping position...

In the morning every position is comfortable

If we're not meant to have a midnight snack, why is there a light in the fridge?

## A Bit of History



### Calico Dolls

In 1992 a member of the Kiwanis Club of Nunawading met a nurse educator at the Royal Children's Hospital who had been experimenting using the calico dolls on the wards. Her theory was that the dolls could be used to demonstrate medical procedures to child patients, which may make the child's experience less traumatic. For example, using a doll, she would demonstrate to a child how an injection would be administered or how an oxygen mask was put on so that the child would understand what was going to happen to them. Often the dolls were used for a child to point where they had a pain etc.

Children were given their own dolls to decorate as they wished and take home at the end of their hospital stay. Following publicity on the Channel Ten News and the Channel 9 Breakfast Show the making and supplying of dolls to children's wards of the local hospital became a project in many Kiwanis Clubs in Australia. In 1995 District Governor Peter Cecil demonstrated the dolls at the International Convention and the idea became a hit with clubs around the world with the Japan District getting an award at the Asia-Pacific gathering for their action using calico dolls in Japan. Many clubs were able to get help from sewing groups and other community groups and 'stuffing days' were great for club fellowship. An idea to get personalities to decorate plain dolls so that there could be an exhibition in an attempt to bring publicity to the dolls project and Kiwanis in general was started. A list of personalities was asked and nearly all agreed. The Rolling Stones, Whoopie Goldberg, Neil Diamond, Cathy Freeman, Magic Johnson, Greg Norman were among the 80+ people who decorated dolls for Kiwanis and the exhibition went ahead.



At the meeting on 22nd March we were inspired by Lucy Logo who spoke passionately about the critical need of the people of Papua New Guinea and in particular of the children. She spoke of the terrible state of infrastructure that we take for granted. Nonexistent roads, no running water, no toilets, no health facilities and with malaria, TB, and Corona virus making life very difficult. One village north east of Port Moresby was a 2-3 hour trip on mainly unmade roads and tracks. Lucy explained that most adults have little or no education and that getting the children educated was an imperative in moving forward. PNG having 1000 tribes and 800 different languages add another level of difficulty to achieving improvements in their society. We viewed a video including scenes of a school building that was basically unsafe having rotting framework, broken decks and floorboards, broken windows with most having no glass and where 70 or more children sit on the floor for their lessons given by one teacher. Many of the children walk up to three hours to get to school along dirt tracks. There is a desperate need for school materials for the kids to use. Lucy representing The Peter Nathan Loco Foundation collects materials in Australia for the school and clothes for the children that are then packed into a container for shipment to PNG. The recent hike in the cost of containers, shipping costs and port fees is adding to the problem of providing this supply.

Carmen Chapman received a message of thanks for the many 'Pockets of Hope' we provided to St John of God Hospital. They are now being displayed in the hospital. Ros Pollar from the hospital sent this message 'Pictured is the long passageway frontline caregivers walk to the caregivers dining room each day. Many messages have been taken with gratitude along with comments of such a lovely idea to brighten things up during these turbulent times'.

