



**Kiwaniis**  
GEELONG

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## What's Coming Up

### Club Meeting's

Tue 11<sup>th</sup> Oct Change Over Night

Tue 25<sup>th</sup> Oct

Both at St Lords, Lt Fyans Street.

## Trivia Night Cancelled

As reported by Secretary Spencer the fund raising Trivia Night has been cancelled due to the lack of support from most of the groups of participants who had attended on previous occasions. We will try again next year hopefully with more success.

## Geelong Show

After an absence of two years, thanks to Covid, the RGAS will be holding the show again this year. As in the past our assistance has been sought to control admission at gates. The Lions Club of Geelong Corio Bay will coordinate activities. A roster of Kiwanis members has been arranged to man gate 3. This provides an easy fund raiser to our club.

A display and demonstration by our Sew & So group will be set up in the Craft area of the show to publicise Kiwanis. Several lady members will be showing their skills sewing clothing for needy children in Papua New Guinea. If you can help contact Carmen

## Dates to Remember!

### Changeover Night

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October

6 pm for 6.30 pm

Both meetings will be at St Lords Hotel, Lt Fyans Street, Newtown

### Christmas Break-Up Lunch

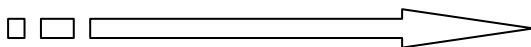
Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December

12 noon for 12.30 pm

*Please confirm attendance with Spencer to ensure adequate seating is available.*

## Birthdays in November

13<sup>th</sup> Heather Craig  
20<sup>th</sup> Bob Chapman  
26<sup>th</sup> Lyn Hutchinson  
27<sup>th</sup> Laurel Puls  
27<sup>th</sup> Betty Dolheguy  
29<sup>th</sup> David Butler



This certificate was presented to the club at the recent District Convention recognising our support of the District Charitable Foundation



## ***A Bit of History***

It was over 25 years ago when the Kiwanis Club of Geelong became aware of the plight of a local family whose son had been diagnosed with a condition known as Shwachman-Diamond Syndrome; that at the time was virtually unknown in Australia. The club was able to assist in getting the Farrar family to the United States to attend a conference about the condition to be held in St Louis, Missouri, USA.

On finding out that very little was known in Australia about Shwachman Syndrome the club applied for a grant from Kiwanis International Foundation to publicise and advise the medical fraternity in Australia of the condition and where information, advice and support could be obtained. The grant was approved and the club carried out the program to spread the details to Doctors, Medical Centres and Paediatricians.

Deirdre (Peter's mother) has provided the following update,

*By the time we became involved with Kiwanis Geelong and Kiwanis International our son Peter was 3 1/2 years old.*

*Peter had a rough start to life and has had health complications from birth with a suspected enlarged heart and breathing issues he was taken to The Royal Children's Hospital Neo natal unit. As first time parents we were devastated when we were told to take him home and enjoy him as they didn't expect him to live.*

*Peter was a fighter and despite being in and out of hospital, a blood transfusion, influenza, failure to thrive and suffering from low blood sugars he proved the doctors wrong.*

*At around 2 years of age Peter was finally diagnosed with Shwachman-Diamond Syndrome (SDS). As this was at the time a reasonably rare syndrome with only around 30 sufferers in Australia, most of our information about the condition was sort from the US.*

*In 1997 Kiwanis assisted us to attend a medical conference in St Louis. We were lucky to be hosted by a Kiwanis member and his wife in their home in St Louis, which was so lovely and much better than staying in a hotel with a nearly 4 year old with health issues.*

*The information we learnt at this conference was invaluable both for management of Peter's condition but was also shared with other families in Australia.*

*Having this knowledge helped us navigate learning difficulties, leukaemia and a bone marrow transplant and the many other health challenges that Peter has and still faces.*

*Peter is a fighter and despite numerous challenges throughout his life due to SDS he is 29 this year, is supported to work at Bellarine Bakehouse, has his licence and a car and is moving out of home in a few weeks to a supported home.*

Deirdre Farrar.



Peter chose the photo, taken at Encompass Day program when he was helping push the recycled rubbish down.



The annual Kiwanis Encouragement Award Presentation at Nelson Park School took place on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August. Kiwanis presents the encouragement award in the middle of the year at Nelson Park instead of the end of the year at their request.

The recipient for 2022 was Matthew Couzens. Presenters:- President Peter Phillips and Greg Puls

*People were created to be loved. Things were created to be used.  
The reason why the world is in chaos is because things are being loved and people are being used.*  
Dalai Lama

*Paddy is working on a roof for Murphy.*

*He gets to the top of the ladder and starts shaking and having a dizzy spell.*

*He calls down to Murphy and says, "I tink I will ave to go home, I've gone all giddy and fell sick.'*

*Murphy asks "Ave yer got Vertigo, Paddy?."*

*"No" says Paddy "I only live just around de corner".*

The club history records Neville Pinnow gave the Loyal Toast on our club Charter Night in 1972. Every meeting since we have stood to honour The Queen.



Part of the Bunnings BBQ team on Friday 23rd Sept 1. Spencer Harding, President, Peter Phillips, George Welsh, Jeff Bracken, Graham Mould and Sam Neumann. Some 30 packets of sausages, 36 loaves of Bread and 12 kg of onions were consumed on what began as a damp and dismal Public Holiday but ended as a great fund raiser for the club.

### *Lese Oalai School - PNG*

Presentations certificates have been given to Ashby Primary and Chilwell Primary Schools in recognition of their support collecting for our school materials project in Papua New Guinea. Thanks to Graeme Munro and Carmen Chapman for making and presenting the certificates.

