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December 2022

What's Coming Up

Club Meeting's January 17th & 31st

2023 please note dates are 3rd & 5th Tuesday for the month of January only. Feb will be as normal

Christmas Lunch Meeting

Our final meeting for the year took place at St Lords Hotel on Sunday December 4th 2022. When we were to be set up in the courtyard there were concerns that it would be cool out there but the weather did its usual about face and gave us a very hot day and with no air-con out there it was quite warm however it was a pleasant and sociable ending to a good club year.

(Photos taken on the day)



Student Request for a Laptop

The original request came from Ms Megan Bell, a casework manager at Barwon Child, Youth and Family in their Navigator program. She works with young people aged 12-17 who are disengaged from education, to help support them to reengage with education.

She is currently working with a 15 year old year 9 student who has Autism Spectrum Disorder, a history of trauma and comes from a low socio-economic household.

This student has broken her laptop, but her mother cannot afford to buy her a new one as she is struggling to pay rent. The family often rely on food vouchers to get by. The family household is a single mother and daughter. The student attends Western Heights College. The school have stated they cannot provide a laptop for her to use. Not having a laptop will make doing school work very difficult.

MS Bell enquired if Kiwanis could support her client to obtain a new laptop.

After several emails we worked out the student needs and the technical requirements.



Bob Chapman had a Laptop the he was prepared to donate for this project.

Bob's laptop was wiped clean, a fresh copy of windows 10 was installed, a new battery and 4GB ram was purchased at a cost of \$212.

Western Heights College will load copies of Microsoft Office, virus protection and education software onto the computer for the

student free of charge.

(Bob Chapman presents laptop to Graeme Munro to repair and upgrade)

The updated Laptop was then presented to Ms Bell of BCYF by Kiwanis member Graeme Munro for Ms Bell to pass onto the student concerned with our best wishes and the hope that it improves her engagement with her education.

Graeme Munro. Kiwanis Geelong

3/11/2022



Birthday's in January

- 2nd Peter Phillips
- 2nd Graham Mould
- 5th Jeff Bracken
- 5th Phil Dower
- 12th Margaret Mould



Future Bunnings BBQ's dates

- Fri, 23rd Dec 2022
- Sat 11th Feb 2023



Identifying a car trip in Australia

- Next door - 5 to 10 minutes
- Just up the road - 20 minutes to half an hour
- Not too far - 1 to 2 Hours
- I'ts a good drive – Requires overnight stop



RAT's, RAT's and more RAT's plus a few masks

Recently Kiwanis was able to support our local community and community support organizations that we have developed relationships with over a number of years, by providing RAT's and masks.

Kiwanis came into possession of 1500 Rapid Antigen Tests kits, each box containing 5 tests, 54 boxes of 50 Surgical Masks, 170 boxes of 10 N95 Masks and 27 boxes of 50 Kid's Masks.



They were in excess of the needs of a State Government organization, as they could not be stored over Christmas without air conditioning, as the recommended temperature could not exceed 30 °C.



Kiwanis was able to distribute this material to St Vincent de Paul Society, St Mary's Parish Pantry, Uniting Church Grovedale, Christ Church Community Meals Program, Gateway Community Church, Noah's Ark, One Care Meals Program, Cloverdale Community Centre and Bellarine Living and Learning Centre.



Bellarine L & L Centre



Cloverdale Community Centre



Noahs Ark



Christ Church Meals Program

All groups who accepted our offer were exceedingly grateful for the support in these difficult times.

Graeme Munro



Sew & So Group

The group have provided to the Vines Road Community Centre Hub, 30 draw string bags which will be filled with toiletry items for hand out to the disadvantage and homeless as Christmas gifts.



Encouragement Awards

Carmen Chapman attended the Graduation morning at Mathew Flinders Secondary College to present our encouragement award to Shontae Pearson.



(More Christmas break-up photos)



President Bob Chapman presented Ruth Ware with her one year membership pin at the Christmas break up meeting on December 4th. Both seem pleased about it.



At a recent club meeting George Welsh read out this poem.

VOLUNTEERS

*Many will be shocked to find
When the day of judgement nears,
That there's a special place in Heaven
Set aside for volunteers.
Furnished with big recliners
Satin couches and footstools,
Where there's no Committee Chairman,
No Group Leaders or car pools,
No meeting team that needs attendances,
No Bazaar and no bake sale.
There will be nothing to staple
Not one thing to fold or mail.
Telephone lists will be outlawed
But a finger-snap will bring
Cool drinks and gourmet dinners,
And rare treats fit for a king.
You ask: who'll serve these privileged few
And work for all they're worth?
Why, all those who reaped the benefits,
And NOT ONCE volunteered on earth!!*

Sew and so Christmas Lunch

Several ladies from our 'Sew and So' group met for Christmas Lunch at the Leopold Sportsmen Club. It seems they had a very good time.



Proud Grandparents. Members Margaret and Graham Mould attended the presentation of 'The Order of Malta Award to granddaughter Olivia at the Australian Catholic University in Melbourne on 7th December 2022.

The citation read:- *Awarded to the highest achieving student in the Palliative Care units of the Bachelor of Nursing who also demonstrates a high level of competence, responsibility and concern in their caring for palliative care patients during clinical placements.*