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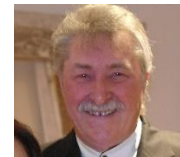
September 2023

**What's Coming Up**

Club Meeting's 13 th Sept at RSL



Convention 2023



*From the desk of the President*

Convention is now but a memory and I know that pretty well all that attended has an exciting & enjoyable time.

With over 70 members, Wives & Partners from Australia, The Philippines, New Zealand and New Caledonia in attendance, we had a broad cross section of like-minded Kiwanians in attendance, all there to catch up with friends and renew acquaintances.

Thursday night kicked off with a "meet & great "get together overseen by Graham Mould and opened by Councilor Eddy Kontelj & his wife Maria. After the event, some stalwart Kiwanians join us in our Hospitality room for a bit more cheer.

Friday, our first official activity, was opened by the mayor of COGG Trent Sullivan with the Aust national anthem sung by the students for Ashby Primary School – well received by all, the day continued with Traditional activities, and we also had a local lunchtime speaker in Lisa Hall - Geelong Food Relief Centre, which was well received by all. Friday night concluded with the traditional Formal Dinner and change- over of the board of Trustees.

Saturday, more workshops and Guest speakers with our own lunch time presentation by Foundation 61. Saturday night was fun night and, everybody was happy little Vegimites. Many dressed to impress, great ideas and characters, a great band and Carmen performed a few numbers and blew their socks off. Best dressed was very dapper Graham Mould and Carm's besties, Mary Serra dressed as a flapper of the 1920's took of the best dress female. Again, some stalwarts including Graeme Munro ended up back in the hospitality room.

Sunday morning is a traditional Ecumenical service breakfast, remembering those who are no longer with us, concluding with the inevitable good-byes and thus the end of a very successful convention.

Next year there will not be an Australian Convention as nobody has put there had up to host it so, everybody is encouraged to attend the ASPAC convention to be held in Adelaide in March 2024. Convention 2025 is still open for interested clubs....

President Bob Chapman

## Message in the Mail Box

Hi Graeme,

On behalf of my wife Mary and I we wish to thank you and all of the members of Kiwanis Club of Geelong for a VERY successful (in our opinion) Convention over this past weekend. Great Venue great programme, and excellent friendships remade and made. Thanks again I have been glad to play me small part bringing it to the success that it was, I don't hear any complaints though I guess there were some that can't be please all the time as the saying goes.

Congratulation to all the members who were involved, looking forward to catching up with as many of your members as possible in Adelaide at ASPAC in March 2024

Talk soon.

Regards,  
*Robert (Bob) Sitters*

*Kiwanis Children's Fund District Chair  
Past Governor 2018-2019  
District Convention Co-ordinator*



## District Convention in Photo's



Cr Eddy Kontelj welcomes Delegates at reception.



Delegates and Guests listen to Cr Kontelj at reception on Thursday 24 Aug 2023



House of Delegates at opening session of convention. Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Aug 2023.



National Anthem and choral presentation Ashby Primary School Choir



Mayor Trent Sullivan



Greater Geelong Mayor Trent Sullivan addresses the House of Delegates and officially opens the 55<sup>th</sup> Kiwanis Australia District Convention

*More Convention Pictures*



## Driver Education Program

The club has recently obtained new grants to run driver education Program, 'Safer Driver and Passenger Intervention Project' that will in partnership with the Northern Bay P12 College and the Geelong Industry Trade Training Centre deliver experiences in driving and controlling a motor vehicle and to gain their 120 hours driving time. Part of the developed curriculum is used in other places such as Mildura and East Gippsland. These grants are available to train young people to get their learners permit and to understand the basic mechanics of motor vehicles and how they operate. A vehicle is set up on a dynamometer in the training garage at Northern Bay that enables a student to operate vehicle controls Including changing gears while the engine is running in normal fashion. The program has been running successfully for a long time.



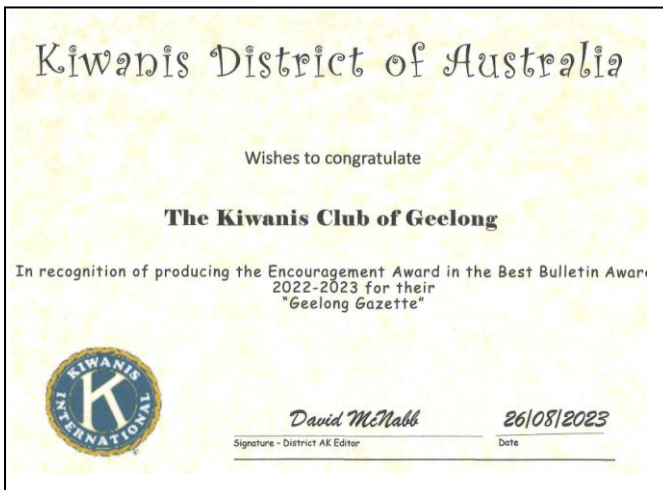
Shown are a group of students having classroom training and a student behind the wheel of the vehicle set up on a dynamometer. The instructor is seen using a torch to point out the relevant instruments.

## Children First Foundation

A request was made in the last Australian Kiwanian for attendees at the upcoming Kiwanis Convention to make a donation of goods to the Children First Foundation. At the last Kiwanis Club meeting a motion was passed to purchase \$250 of bandages, dressings, band aids, shampoo conditioners, moisturizers, children Panadol and Nurofen to present to the Children First foundation at the Kiwanis Convention. Due to our long association and support by Pardeys Pharmacy in Belmont, Graeme Munro was appointed to approach Pardeys Pharmacy to purchase the required items. Graeme picked up the goods earlier today. Lee our contact at Pardeys had organized our purchase, charging all goods at cost and throwing in some extras of their own. I estimate our \$250 purchased \$700 worth of goods. Lee also arranged with a supplier Aero to donate some goods. This was the box in the picture labeled Aero. Those goods were worth a further \$580.

**So our \$250 stretched out to \$1275 of medical supplies for the Children First Foundation.**





## Getting around to business



Induction of 2023/24 Lt Governors

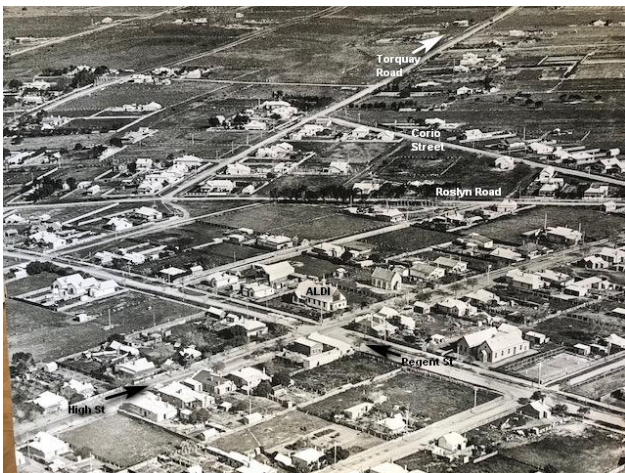


Past International Trustee Tony Gunn being presented with Life Membership by Australian 2022/23 District Governor Robert Gambell



International Trustee & Aust District Counsellor Toto Gonzales addressing the Official Dinner night

## A Bit of History



Shown is a photograph taken from the air over Belmont in 1926. High Street joins the picture on left hand side lower corner and heads out half way up the right hand side. Torquay Road runs diagonally out of the top of photo. The rest is up to you.

Come to the Movies. St Mary's Afternoon Theatrette

(Contact Hilary 0427 419944, Carm 0413 185093)

WHEN:

Wednesday 20th September 1.00 for 1.30 PM

TICKETS: \$15.00 per person

THE MOVIE:

**Walk the Line – Johnny Cash**

**PARKING:**

St Marys car park , Entry via Lt Myers Street Via Moorabool Street. -- Afternoon Tea supplied



George Welsh delivered our club donation to the Children First Foundation campsite at Kilmore