

What is Kiwanis ?

The Kiwanis Club of Geelong is a Community Service Club that has raised over \$700,000 for Geelong charities over the past 40 years. Kiwanis Club of Geelong is not affiliated with any political, religious or sectarian organisation. The aim of Kiwanis is to help the needy, the elderly, the disadvantaged and particularly young children.

The Kiwanis Club of Geelong, Inc has touched many individuals both young and old in the past forty years, as well as many of the organisations in Geelong. These organisations include The Salvation Army, Uniting "Concern", Brotherhood of St. Laurence, Geelong Hospital, Cottage by the Sea, Nelson Park School, SES, Rainbow Riders, Noah's Ark Toy Library, The Royal Children's Hospital, the 2009 Victorian Bushfire Appeal and the 2011 Victorian and Queensland Flood Appeals.

The club has a proud record of setting up or providing financial support to other organisations that are now self-sufficient. These include Special Olympics, Heart Kids, MS Mega Swim, Geelong Carols by the Bay, now known as the Dennis Walter – Carols by the Bay.

Since the late eighties the club has donated \$5,000 or more annually to the winter food supplies of The Salvation Army and "Concern". With special discount pricing provided by SPC in Shepparton we have organized the purchase and delivery of a semitrailer full of tinned food each year to the needy in Geelong.

Projects have included: the annual Senior Citizens Concert, Discos for the Disabled, Red Shield Appeal (19 years), Annual Youth Scholarships (\$5,500 per year) where a \$500 scholarship goes to each of the ten government secondary schools in the Geelong region as well as a special scholarship to commemorate Jason Thomas a local firefighter who died in the Linton bush fire.

In 2009 the Kiwanis Club of Geelong donated \$10,723 to the '**Victorian Bush Fires Appeal**' and in 2011 the club donated \$10,000 to the Victorian and Queensland Flood Appeals

In recent years the majority of funds to finance these projects which all directly benefit the local community have come from the **Kiwanis - All Ford Day**, which celebrates its 21st Anniversary on Sunday 19th February, 2012 at **Deakin University's Waurin Ponds Campus**.

Set up as an affordable family day, it has become a significant event in the calendar of all Ford enthusiasts with more than 1000 Ford vehicles of all models and types on display, with many thousands of Geelong residents flocking to view these magnificent vehicles in the idyllic setting of the Deakin University sporting grounds at its Waurin Ponds Campus.

More information about the **Kiwanis Club of Geelong** can be found at www.kiwanisgeelong.org.au

And information concerning the **Kiwanis All Ford Day** at www.allfordday.org.au