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BUSHFIRES IN AUSTRALIA

It’s been a devastating time in Australia since we last met on 9th December 2019 for our final meeting of the year, our Christmas dinner.

Our hearts go out to all who have been affected by the bushfires and, as with all other Australians, we are extremely grateful to all those who fought the fires, from CFS, RFS, SES and so many more who put their lives on the line to help in any way they could.

Further, our condolences to all those who have lost homes and loved ones.

We feel at a loss to know what we can do to assist, but as a club we have found ourselves in a position to make a donation to St Vincent de Paul Society (Vinnies) to go to bushfire victims in South Australia, which we expect to be for the Adelaide Hills area. We have donated $5,000.

Since we made that donation, we have been successful in obtaining a Grant of US$5,000 from the Kiwanis Children’s Fund, this time specifically to help those who have lost everything in the Kangaroo Island fires. This equated to nearly $7,000 Australian and it is going to the school on Kangaroo Island for assistance with clothing needs for children returning to school. We were able to ascertain there are more than 200 children whose families lost homes. (continued next page)
There is one school on the island (Kangaroo Island Community Education) and it contains 3 campuses—Parndana (around 160 students), Kingscote (434 students) and Penneshaw (60 students). President Val spoke to the Principal Maxine McSherry about what was needed at the school and then Treasurer Peter Smith transferred the grant monies to them. At the end of March/early April a report will be sent back to the Kiwanis Children’s Fund detailing the way in which the grant monies were spent by the school (which is expected to be for school clothing and shoes).

So all up our club has donated or been responsible for providing some $12,000 in financial assistance to fire ravaged areas.

Our club has been in a good position financially and able to make some donations such as the ones above, plus also:

- $1,000 to the Children’s First Foundation—read more about this foundation on page 10.
- $400.00 to help pay the costs of 2 teams going to Kiwanis Camp Amity—clubs have been making this donation for a few years—a young girl with disabilities is teamed with a Girl Guide and enjoys a weekend away at camp—if required we will pay for a 3rd team also.
- When the surgery has been flagged, we will assist Kristie Molloy to pay for her accommodation (up to $2,000) in Melbourne when daughter Jacinta goes for her heart surgery soon.
- We will team with other local Kiwanis clubs to help pay for the cost of an assessment for a 17 year old boy with Autism Spectrum Disorder, at a cost of $200 for our club.

**KIWANIS AUSTRALIA DISTRICT**

**Governor:**
Ashleigh Gore (Adelaide Hills Club)

**Immediate Past Governor:**
Robert (Bob) Sitters (Glenelg Club)

**Governor-Elect:**
Roy Seccafien (Glenelg Club)

**District Secretary:**
Peter Zander (Brighton Club & Bus Service Operators)

**District Treasurer:**
Ken Archer (Newcastle Club)

**Glenelg Club Board**

**President:**
Valery (Val) Symons

**Immediate Past President:**
Peter Symons

**President-Elect:**
Vacant

**Secretary:**
Marilyn Chandler

**Treasurer:**
Peter Smith

**Fundraising & Publicity:**
Alan Blakebrough

**Community Service:**
Peter Teagle

**Member Services:**
Brenda Watson

**Membership:**
Robert (Bob) Sitters

**SLP (Service Leadership Programs)**
David Cook

**Lt Governor Division 8**
Jim Chantry (WA)
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<td><strong>Tues 10</strong>*: The Monday is a public holiday, so we are meeting on <strong>Tuesday 10th March</strong>—note change of venue—let’s go back to <strong>The Jetty Hotel</strong>—need definite numbers please—please advise if an apology</td>
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<td>Mon 27: <strong>Regular Dinner Meeting</strong>— guest speakers Emma and Ross Smith re the last Sh!tbox Rally</td>
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<td><strong>Coming up:</strong></td>
<td>Mon 11 May: Club Annual General Meeting—we are calling for nominations for President and positions on the Board—please let Secretary Marilyn know of your interest in holding a leadership position</td>
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<td>Fri 29 May: Galleon Theatre @ The Domain—production is <strong>Stage Kiss</strong></td>
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**GET YOUR NAME & STORY IN PRINT**

I am always looking for a club member to provide a 1 or 2 page story about their life, to include in future editions, so we can know a little more about you, so if you would like to help me out with a story about YOU please feel free. Email your story to me (Val) at val.symons@outlook.com One to 2 pages only please.

Thanks in advance!

**WHAT IS KIWANIS?**

KIWANIS IS A GLOBAL ORGANISATION OF VOLUNTEERS DEDICATED TO IMPROVING THE WORLD ONE CHILD AND ONE COMMUNITY AT A TIME

www.kiwanis.org.au
Our **President’s Lunch** was held on 19th January and was at the home of Peter and Kaye Smith again. The weather was good, after some very hot days, as it was only about 23 degrees (at best) and quite cool. Christine Teagle made some great decorations as table settings, showcasing our Kiwanis Club of Glenelg brand, and Marilyn, Val and Christine organised some snacks for those who were hungry on arrival. The boys cooked up a lovely barbecue of sausages and kebabs and club members came along with either a salad or dessert. It was all delicious once again, thanks everyone. President Val gave a short speech thanking everyone for their input, and we had some nice raffles as prizes—all nicely put together by Helen Blakebrough—firstly one from Lois Brice which was a green zircon pendant which was won by Adrienne Rennie, and then there were bottles of wine donated by several people, a lovely indoor plant, some chocolates and even some hand towels and a pretty outdoor candle holder. Thanks also go to Owen, Alan, Peter 1, Phil Bradley and Peter Smith and others for setting up and taking down—always a big and heavy job. We couldn't do anything at all without these heavy jobs being done by the boys. We even made a profit of about $250. Here are some photos:
Australia Day breakfast at Glenelg

As predicted, this year we did not sell nearly as many breakfasts as previous years. There are several reasons for this, one being that it was a Sunday, another that the Tour Down Under final stage was on at Willunga/Aldinga, and still another that the holiday extended to a public holiday on the following day, the Monday. And there were many other events on that day. This included Citizenship Ceremonies with other councils, also one now being held since last year at Brighton. For this reason we only catered for 300 serves, but it is so hard to judge how many will be required. We only sold about 148 serves, and this had a huge impact on the profit that we made, which was quite low compared to other years. We had a lot of left-overs too.

We will need to have a very good look at this event in future years, but it is thought that with the next one being on a Tuesday, we may not have the same problems as this time around. History tells us Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays are good days of the week.

We might also extend the length of time that we serve breakfasts, if we can get agreement from the Holdfast Bay council to do so. Thanks to all who assisted on the day and to Peter Symons who coordinated this one. Here are some pics:

Photos:
Tony Heath is getting the cooking going on this beautiful Glenelg morning—Daryl and Dave Cook behind him also starting it all up

Left:
Dave Cook, Chris Woodhead and Daryl looking very resplendent under the Kiwanis banner and wearing their Australia Day hats

Right:
Elaine Vasey, Angela Heath and Phil Rogers ready to serve our customers
Australia Day photos continued:

Above left: Cathy Roche-Wells and Rebecca Mattinson take a short coffee break
Above right: Peter Smith talking to a customer
Right: Mayor Amanda Wilson being served by Chris and Elaine

Above left: Our signage looks fantastic and stands out
Above right: Alan Blakebrough can cook and chat to Peter Teagle at the same time! Peter Colbey in the background.

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Synopsis

Art imitates Life. Life imitates Art. When two actors with a history are thrown together as romantic leads in a forgotten 1930s melodrama, they quickly lose touch with reality.

After a decade-long hiatus from the stage, an actress (referred to as “She” in the script) is set to make her comeback in the 1930s melodrama The Last Kiss as doomed heroine Ada Wilcox. Despite having the support of her husband Harrison and her daughter Angela, her world turns upside down when she finds that the role of her character’s ex-lover (with whom Ada reignites a passionate love affair) will be played by none other than her own ex-lover (referred to as “He” in the script). Forced into close proximity with he and his lips - the lines between She and her character begin to blur. On top of their inexorable attraction to each other, She and He must also contend with a panoply of theatrical challenges, including a broken ankle, a slippery script, a director who implores them to “trust your instincts”, and an understudy who kisses like a pachyderm. Still, on opening night, thrilled by their apparently successful show, She and he lose sight of reality entirely. The acted and the actual become one and the same and the two characters decide to re-consummate their stormy relationship.  

Act Two opens after The Last Kiss has closed. Despite the production's terrible reviews, She and He have blissfully continued their affair, and are holed up at He's apartment in New York City. That is, until Harrison, Angela and He's girlfriend Laurie show up to confront them. Afterwards, having severed ties with their loved ones in order to stay together, the pair decides to star in a new play directed and written by the same director as The Last Kiss. Forced to move to Detroit and to act in a production set in the seventies about an undercover IRA agent and an ageing prostitute who wants to become an ophthalmologist, She and He begin the same downward spiral that ended their first relationship. As art and life begin to separate, the characters look at each other with newly clear eyes -an act that radically changes their conceptions of themselves, their desires, and their relationships.

Written By : Sarah Ruhl
Directed by : Sally Putnam

FRIDAY 29th MAY 2020
@ 8PM
The Galleon Theatre
presents
Stage Kiss

Please put this date in your diaries now and more information next issue of your Gumtree Gossip.
Brighton Jetty Classic—Sunday 2nd February 2020

Thanks go out to Libby and Kym, Peter Dermody, Barry Probin, Owen, Alan, Phil Bradley, Phil Rogers, Marilyn Chandler, Peter Colbey, Tim, Yvonne and Peter Smith for doing street marshalling at the Brighton Jetty Classic on Sunday. We had more trouble than usual getting enough people to do these shifts, and so we are appreciative that a couple of you actually changed your plans to help us out. The club will earn $800 for this. Here are some pics:

Right: Glenelg Club member Sarah Tinney with husband Grant. Sarah arranges the swim & fundraising for The Marilyn’s who raise funds for The Cancer Council. Many of our ladies have been and are still in this event each year.
Below: The real/other reason for the Brighton Jetty Classic is all the competition which goes on for the swimmers and boaties

Right: The Marilyn’s walk down Jetty Road, Brighton, leaving from Dunluce Castle, down Jetty Road and gather at the jetty. This year they had a record breaking amount of Marilyns and will go into the Guinness Book of Records for this. It’s not just the female Marilyn’s who take part but quite a few gentlemen as well. All good fun, but, like us, with a very important cause for raising funds.

The Editor didn’t have photos this year of our people doing the marshalling, so here’s a photo from 2018 of Libby and Kym Davis having a fun time when their shift was finished—and they were there again this year.

Funds raised for our club: $800
Thanks everyone who assisted.
AUSTRALIA DISTRICT CONVENTION 2020

HAHNDORF

Thursday 27th August until Sunday 30th August 2020

Please put these dates in your diary now
to be held at the Adelaide Hills Convention Centre,
145A Mount Barker Road, Hahndorf
Support Governor Ash Gore and Governor-Elect Roy Seccafien
at the 2020 Convention and learn more about Kiwanis
Registration details and form are on the Kiwanis Australia website -
at - https://kiwanis.org.au/Page/47699 (or copy and paste)
More details next month

Above: inside the Convention Centre
Right: the view from the balcony
Our club is making a donation of $1,000 to the Children First Foundation. Those of you who attended Convention in August will remember Jeff Hudson who spoke about the work that they do. Jeff is on the Board of Directors of this organisation who do wonderful work. He is also a Kiwanis member. A little about the foundation and the retreat that they run:

From their website: About the program:

“Children First’s Miracle sMiles Program facilitates life-changing, sometimes life-saving surgery in Australia for children from developing countries.

Many of the children are referred by our referral partners, and we also accept referrals from families and friends, medical professionals, volunteers abroad and tourists.

Conditions must be operable and not able to be treated in the child’s country: we seek this assurance from Australian surgeons who partner with us. We are also supported by hospitals who provide beds pro bono or at humanitarian rates.

Once a case is accepted we assist families to secure passports and we arrange and fund visas and travel.

While they are in Australia children are cared for at our Miracle sMiles Retreat in rural Kilmore, a safe and peaceful setting for children who may come from remote villages or busy towns. A purpose-built house is situated on 42 acres of land that was donated by a local Rotarian.”

“At the Retreat the children have the comfort of a home away from home, and the security of knowing this is where they’ll play, eat, sleep and heal while we care for them. They have their own shared room with their bed covered by a quilt they select and then take home – a quilt lovingly made and donated by one of our generous supporter groups.

The children we help often arrive with limited clothing, unable to speak English and sometimes undernourished. Some have previously undergone poorly managed surgical intervention so they are understandably fearful of what’s ahead. They have often been ostracised and excluded from their community and from attending school due to their condition or appearance.

Our staff and volunteers provide a holistic model of care that recognises the child’s emotional, cultural and physical needs while they’re in our care. They receive consistent care from one team in one location from arrival until they return home.

A member of our Retreat team meets the child at the airport giving an immediate sense of familiarity and continuity. Young children will be escorted by a parent or guardian, and depending on their mobility, older children travel alone or may be escorted by a Children First representative.

Because most of the children have never been away from home before we work towards gaining their confidence and trust. Our staff and volunteers create programs to develop their English skills, help them socialise and prepare for surgery.”
Due to the Public Holiday on the 9th March, we will hold our meeting on **Tuesday evening, 10th March**—this will be held at the **Jetty Hotel, Jetty Road, Glenelg**—most of you will recall having meetings at this venue in the past. There is a good salad bar, and very good menu. We will hold the meeting in the room at the rear of the hotel. We need to know numbers and even apologies. Please let secretary Marilyn know if you are able to attend, or otherwise. Many thanks. Something different…………

We are working towards having a fun night event—perhaps at this stage it might be a Bollywood Night, and if it does come about, it may be held at St Mary’s Hall, where the reception for our Convention was held. David Meadows will be coordinating this night and we are looking forward to it. A tentative date is Saturday 11th July, but that’s all to be confirmed—stand by…………

Secretary Marilyn is wondering - who would be interested in a trip to SAHMRI in the city? - as a guide she has found out that Group Tours are for a max of 25 people and cost $10 per ticket and are on Thursdays at 2pm. Speak to Marilyn is you are interested or email—marilyinandphil@bigpond.com - Let’s see if we can get up a good sized group.

Our club is making it’s annual donation to Girl Guides Camp Amity. This camp is for disabled girls who are partnered with a Girl Guide while at the camp which is being held at Douglas Scrub. The costing for each team is $200 and Glenelg Club will support two teams at a funding cost of $400.

Governor Ash Gore emailed all South Australian clubs to ask if he could get donations that would go towards paying for an assessment for a 17 year old boy who needs an assessment for NDIS. This family has two other children with disabilities and the father is a single parent and has a degenerative disease. A 4th child is well. We are donating $200 towards the assessment and will follow up with a query as to any other way we may be able to help the family. The mother left some years ago and is living in Queensland.

Something not mentioned in the story about our Australia Day breakfast is that our baine marie was faulty and couldn’t be used. This situation was discussed at the Board meeting on Tuesday and after receiving some quotes and some advice, it has been decided that we will not purchase another one to replace it, nor have it repaired, but will in future **rent** a baine marie for the few events that we need it. This is going to be more cost effective than having a new one or even repairing the old one and worrying about it in future. As long as we return it clean (a given!), then all will be good. Thanks to Owen and Alan for supplying all the information to the board for consideration.

Just an FYI that our purchase of walkie talkies (from a grant which our Board applied for) has been a good one. They have been handy already at both the Minda Christmas Carols day and also the street marshalling job at the Brighton Jetty Classic. It’s great to be able to call for assistance if necessary when on a job.
About our regular dinner meetings:
Arrive from 6.30pm so we can have a bit of free time with others, before the meeting starts at 7.00pm.
More often than not there is a guest speaker. Meals are ordered before 7pm and paid for (cash is best), so that they can all come out at approximately 7.30pm, when we have a break. The guest speaker speaks after the meal break.
We understand that people tend to like to sit at a certain table with friends, however we do encourage everyone to move around sometimes to get to know others as well.
So we don’t need to ask everyone to advise if they are coming to the meeting (so the hotel knows if they need extra staff), we ask that you advise if you are **UNABLE** to come along - please let Secretary Marilyn know. She will be sending out the new Membership Directory soon, so all phone and email information is on that.
Meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month, unless it’s a public holiday. They are nearly always at The Junction on Anzac Highway, but sometimes a change is made, so check your Gumtree Gossip or our website—kiwanisglenelg.org.au
For instance, the meeting on TUESDAY 10th March will be held at the Jetty Hotel.
You may be asked to make the toast or read the Objects of Kiwanis. We try to finish up by 9.30pm.
Drinks can be purchased from the bar. Most meals are $20 or $25.

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**February Birthdays**

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Happy Birthday to you all
• I thought the dryer made my clothes shrink. Turns out it was the refrigerator.
• So maybe RSVP’ing back to a wedding invite “maybe next time” isn’t the correct response.
• That awkward moment when you’re wearing Nikes, and you can’t do it!
• I swapped our bed for a trampoline. My wife hit the roof!
• I thought growing old would take longer.
• I started a band called 999 Megabytes. Still haven’t gotten a gig.
• Stalking is when 2 people go for a long romantic walk together, but only one of them knows about it.
• The first rule of Thesaurus Club: You do not talk about, chat, speak, discuss, verbalise, vocalise, mention, articulate or allude to Thesaurus Club.
• Where would we be without rhetorical questions?
• To everyone who received a book from me for Christmas, they’re due back at the library Friday.
• There are 3 types of people in the world, those who can count and those who can’t.
• That awkward moment between birth and death.
• Answering the phone “Sheriff's Department, Fraud Squad” sure has cut down the telemarketing calls.
• I’m having people over to stare at their phones later if you want to stop by.
• If I had a Delorean, I’d probably only drive it from time to time.
• I saw a guy at Starbucks today - no iPhone, no tablet, no laptop! He just sat there drinking coffee - like a psychopath!
• My wife made me coffee this morning and winked as she handed me the cup. I’ve never been more scared of a drink in all my life.
• I was born to be wild, but only until around 9pm or so.
• Whoever said “out of sight, out of mind” never had a spider disappear in the bedroom.
• If I was a plastic surgeon, I would 100% put a squeaky toy in every breast implant.
• As I watched the dog chasing his tail I thought how easily amused dogs are, then I realised I was watching the dog chasing his tail.
• Asked the waitress for a quickie and she slapped me. The old lady next to me said “It’s pronounced ‘quiche’ dear.”
• The problem with political jokes is they sometimes get elected.