Hope you enjoy. If you have an article to include in future, please forward to sydney@kiwanis.org.au

Fires!! – At our February meeting we hope to have a member from RFS Killara as guest speaker. This should be a great insight into their efforts fighting the recent catastrophic fires and how we can help. Everyone is welcome to attend.

#Kids need Kiwanis!

Do you want to help kids? Our Kiwanis Sydney Club needs your help to continue our work in the local, Australian and world communities. Come along, obligation free, to one of our monthly meetings, or a Bunnings barbeque to meet the team, or simply meet with one of our members over a coffee and hear about what we do and how you can help. You will meet new friends and get that warm feeling from helping kids in Sydney Children’s Hospital, HeartKids, Sir Eric Woodward School, Giant Steps, Nepal or others. Contact us at sydney@kiwanis.org.au

Australia Day breakfast at Dee Why Beach

Activities included camel rides on the beach, thong throwing contest, breakfast with pancakes and burgers, classic car display, kids rides and fun centre, concert with dance displays, singers and a band, Scottish marching band, raffle, temporary tattoos and displays by RFS and others.

Northern Beaches Council again ran their Dee Why Beach Australia Day breakfast. This year 15 charities including Kiwanis Sydney were invited to run the various activities on the day.
Kiwanis again ran the raffle and thanks to Jeff arranged 34 prizes worth over $4,000. Kiwanis had 14 helpers there on the day making this the best in years. The raffle went well and we almost sold out of tickets. The draw of the raffle was the last event for the day at 12 noon.

Selling techniques varied between walking amongst the revelers, to cajoling passers-by, to a loud haler (without a loud haler but a sore throat that needed lubrication after the day).

Our thanks go to our budding younger friends of Josh, Aiden, Redha and Zidane who were enthusiastic in selling tickets on the day.

All proceeds from the day’s activities are divided between the 15 charities helping, and the council generously supplements these funds with a grant. A great fun day was had by all.

Broderick Gillawarna School Terrific Kids

The former principal of Sir Eric Woodward School, Jo was transferred to Broderick Gillawarna School in Revesby in early 2019. She asked if we could come and setup a Terrific Kids program at her new school.

In December Naz, Jeff and Dave attended the school’s presentation day and committed our club to presenting Terrific Kids awards each term in 2020. We look forward to this new relationship.
Aussie Helpers Founder passes!

Brian Egan was the co-founder in 2002, with his wife Nerida Egan, of the Aussie Helpers Charity. https://aussiehelpers.org.au He was respected and revered as one of Australia’s greatest unsung heroes fighting to save our farmers from loss and heartache, by dedicating his own life to their sanity and support 24/7, all year round.

Unfortunately, Brian passed away on 7th January 2020.

His awards and recognition over the years were:

- Order of the Outback Award 2014
- St George Community Award 2014
- Regional Impact Award 2014
- Queensland Senior Australian of the Year 2008
- Regional Achievers Award 2005
- *Brian was this week awarded an OAM in the 2020 Australia Day Honours (posthumously)*.

Nerida was also awarded an OAM in the 2020 Australia Day “for service to people in rural areas through social welfare support programs”.

Kiwanis Sydney has been a supporter of Aussie Helpers for many years and we pass on our condolences to his wife Nerida and their family. The legacy of Brian’s work is continued, with his daughter Natasha Kocks taking over as CEO and running Aussie Helpers since July last year.

From our Christmas hampers and gift cards distributed to farmers in drought around Gunnedah we received another note of thanks.

*Hello,*

*Just a short note to thank you very much for the gift card we received. It was very much appreciated and we thank you for your kindness and thoughtfulness as we continue to battle drought and little rain here in the Gunnedah region.*

*Thanks you so much, Merv and Dale.*

**Kiwanis ASPAC Convention in Kathmandu**

What a contingent!! Kiwanis Sydney has eight members going to ASPAC Convention in Kathmandu at the start of March.

Kiwanis has 3 regions of Americas, Europe and Asia Pacific. Europe and ASPAC hold a regional convention each year to engender fellowship and to elect Trustees who will represent the regions on the Kiwanis International Board. It gives the Districts of Australia, Taiwan, Malaysia, New Zealand South Pacific, Philippines South, Philippines Luzon, Korea, Nepal and Japan a chance to showcase their projects and the incoming lead teams from each District also use the time for training and developing plans.

Kiwanis Sydney members are looking forward to being part of the Convention and are also planning to visit the Rainbow Children’s Home in Pokhara while there. Kiwanis Sydney has donated to RCH over several years and already this year have sent their annual donation to support a desperate plea to help with warm clothing for a nomadic community in the Chitwan area. We are all looking forward to meeting the principal Goma and seeing the school and children we help. See photo on p 5.

I am sure members will make many new Kiwanis friendships and return with stories of their travels in Nepal.
Hawkesbury Get-together
Kiwanis Sydney and some partners were joined by Mary, Penny, Bryen and Gaile from Kiwanis Newcastle in the usual social get-together at Brooklyn on Sunday 5th January. It was a great day enjoyed by those who attended to celebrate the New Year and have a chat outside of meetings or projects. Understandably some long-term attendees could not be with us due to the continuing concerns of the bushfires and ever present smoke.

Where do our funds come from?
Bunnings Artarmon continues to be the major source of funds to Kiwanis Sydney through their barbeques. Kiwanis Sydney is lucky to usually receive the generous allocation of one barbeque per month on a Sunday. Apparently, we have a good name with Bunnings and their customers through our reliability and service.

With our new members and friends in recent months it has certainly made it easier to roster adequate manning and avoid people spending excessive time at the barbeque. Thanks to all for your help.

The photos show some of the team at our December barbeque.
Growth of our club!

We are pleased that we have Sajeev, Katherine, Ingrid and Mel who have asked to become members. With these new members Kiwanis Sydney will grow to 21 which takes us past Charter II strength of 20. This is the first time our club has been to this level in several years.

The great thing about more members is that we can do more service, share the great things we do with new people and I am sure the new members will bring new ideas to our club.

Rainbow Children’s Home

Distributing winter clothing to children and community near Chitwan.

Events Coming Up: 2020

Meeting - **Wed 12th February** - Chatswood RSL 6.30pm to 8.00pm – Guest Speaker from RFS Killara

Bunnings BBQ, Artarmon - **Sun 16th February** 8.30am to 4.00pm plus HeartKids raffle in foyer.

Kiwanis Div 2 Mini Convention and Training - **Fri 21st to Sun 23rd February** - Tea Gardens Country Club and Hotel

Board Meeting - **Thurs 27th February (tentative)** at 8pm via GoToMeeting

Kiwanis ASPAC Convention - **Thurs 5th to Sat 7th March** in Kathmandu, Nepal

Meeting - **Wed 11th March** - Chatswood RSL 6.30pm to 8.00pm

Bunnings BBQ, Artarmon - **Sun 22nd March** 8.30am to 4.00pm

Meeting - **Wed 8th April** - Chatswood RSL 6.30pm to 8.00pm

Bunnings BBQ, Artarmon - **Sun 19th April** 8.30am to 4.00pm

Mothers Day Cards and Flowers at Caroline Chisholm Nursing Home - **Sat 9th May**

Meeting - **Wed 13th May** - Chatswood RSL 6.30pm to 8.00pm

Bunnings BBQ, Artarmon - **Sun 17th May** 8.30am to 4.00pm

Meeting - **Wed 10th June** - Chatswood RSL 6.30pm to 8.00pm

Bunnings BBQ, Artarmon - **Sun 14th June** 8.30am to 4.00pm
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The Objects of Kiwanis International

1. To give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life.
2. To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.
3. To promote the adoption and the application of higher social, business and professional standards.
4. To develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive and serviceable citizenship.
5. To provide, through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service and to build better communities.
6. To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism and good will.

Kiwanis Club of Sydney