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What if Kiwanis didn’t exist?
The March edition of KIWANIS poses this question with another. Who’d serve the children of the world?

Inspiration
The more that Pauline and I visit clubs, the more we are inspired by the way our Kiwanians go about their day-to-day activities and are reminded that Kiwanis is very strong in Australia, but what if we were to lose, say, 100 members? After a quiet Christmas period, we have sprung into action in February and March, both on a personal basis and, also, a club basis. An outcome of this activity is a jump in the number of new members. Immediately before the February Board meeting, we had lost 31 members and gained 12, but now the losses have stabilized and the gains have more than doubled. That is no reason to relax our efforts to revitalize our clubs and membership. Eight of our clubs have a net membership increase of two or more which is partly on our way to our Strategic Plan goal where all clubs show a net increase of two. It’s not all good news because at this time last year, we were showing an increase of 10 members over our opening membership. Our Formula Chair has been working overtime towards our I Plan goal of opening a new club in Cranbourne using all the tools at our disposal - meeting people in the street and in their workplaces, radio ads, interviews and letterbox drop. We have been assisted at every step by Casey Council’s Cr Stapledon. We still have some way to go before bringing Kiwanis Cranbourne to charter. But the wheels are turning.

Impact
HeartKid’s SweetHeart Day was celebrated in February where many of our Clubs participated with funds either passing through our Foundation for Medical Research or directly to HeartKids. Most Clubs around Australia have been active in their community helping children, but do you identify with a Signature Project for which you are known in your community, and clearly identify the impact that you are having in your community. What actually is a signature project? Think about what the Kiwanis Club is known for in your community. It can be a service project, event or fundraiser. Signature projects:

- Are recurring. (NB: A new project can qualify as a signature project if the intent is to continue the project.)
- Enhance the Kiwanis brand
- Demonstrate significant impact on the community in terms of money raised or children served
- Strengthen membership and partnership opportunities

The District goal in our I Plan is for every club to have a Signature Project that meets the above criteria.

Image
Our PR team of Cassandra Treagus and LG Div 6 Ian Randall continue to improve our access to media, including arranging radio interviews. An ASPAC PR/Media team was formed and will continue to meet to allow our media experts to compare notes and avoid re-inventing wheels.

The District Facebook page is regularly reporting on the terrific work that our clubs are doing. This is an immediate and direct way of promoting Kiwanis. Is your club using social media to gain recognition for your projects? Do you know that in Australia we celebrate 50 years of Kiwanis Serving the Children of the World this year. Are you using this fact to promote Kiwanis in your community?

Investment
As you are aware, promoting the Foundation is an important part of the Investment leg of our I Plan. We have finalised the Rising Sun Honour; Memorial Fellowship and the Kiwanis Australia Foundation Fellowships and are starting to accept applications. I had the great pleasure of presenting, on behalf of District, the inaugural Rising Sun Honour to KADCF Secretary Bryan Williams. Bryan (right) has been working tirelessly for the Foundation for many years, and thoroughly deserves this level of recognition I am sure that there are members of your clubs deserving of this Award all aimed at long term funding of children in need.

Yours in Kiwanis
Governor Tony

More on Bryan’s Award presentation on p.27
Hullo again - the first issue of AK for 2017 has not been without its minor dramas, mainly “self imposed” from the hon. editor who took off for a month-long sabbatical to New Zealand mid-February, accompanied by the editorial support crew (Kerry).

But before starting, most importantly I’m sure I draw on every Kiwanian in Australia for support towards Past Governor Janine Powell / Keulen who is currently recovering from surgery prior to a much-anticipated world tour middle of this year. Our very best wishes Janine, as you continue to gain strength. Ditto for another Past Governor John “Brom” who we were rapt to hear popped up (as usual) at Division 2 Mini Convention.

Right. Back to my unexpected “health issues” a month ago, while travelling The Land of The Long White Cloud. I’m trying not to play drama queen, but when Kerry and I were overseas a few weeks ago I managed to achieve a proclivity for falling full-speed down a staircase of 20 steps in the dark of the night, breaking a couple of bones and doing shoulder damage as a bonus. This could be construed as a poor imitation of Superman in full flight (fail!), and combined with being grounded from driving for a few weeks, it increased the “challenge factor” for finishing off this March AK, partly as a broken wrist makes it awkward typing on a keyboard. And that’s a rather large part of producing Australian Kiwanian. Hence this issue is a week late but here it is, at last!

Enough of “woe is me”. Onto the real world.

This is another bumper edition of Australian Kiwanian, where it’s pleasing to mention that we don’t seem to have any trouble in filling the pages, such has been the amount of items kindly forwarded for inclusion. In fact one or two articles have been held over, such has been the pressure on space (a good ‘problem’ to have). There may be a case in future for increasing the number of pages in AK to 32, but we’ll see.

Whilst in New Zealand last month, there was contact in Napier with some local Kiwanians showing the flag during that city’s Art Deco Weekend. Plus in typical timing for me, I missed by one lousy day on sitting in at a NZ Divisional Council meeting where NZ/Pacific Governor Kiki Ringland was due to be present. Airline tickets had already been arranged before I knew of this Kiwi Kiwanian event. Maybe “next time”.

Most Kiwanians would be aware of the nationwide restructuring of one of our main Australian beneficiaries, Heart-Kids. Under new CEO Mark Brooke, HeartKids now functions on less of a State-by-State basis, with more emphasis on centralised operations.

The all-important elections will be held at Paris Convention in July, the successor to President-Elect Jim Rochford will be voted on. Of the four candidates, listed in the last AK, Art Riley is the only one to have personally distributed his bio, although details of all candidates would be on the website. In Australia we probably have a “sentimental” leaning towards Dewey Smith, as our Trustee, but we sincerely wish all four candidates all the best in their bid to become International President for 2018/19. Incidentally, next year’s Convention will be in Las Vegas, so start saving now!

Until next time, keep enjoying Kiwanis.

Main Cover shot: Barry McDonald and Pat McKinney (Brisbane) were among the standouts who dressed the part for the Indian themed dinner during Div 2’s Mini Convention in February. Thanks to Mal Lancaster for this and other “inside” shots from the Tea Gardens. Check out p.14.
AUSSIES AT ASPAC 2017 (AAA) - Triple A rating!!!

Hosted in Jeju Island, Korea and attended by International President Jane Erickson, ASPAC 2017 was yet another resoundingly successful event for Kiwanis. Especially for Australia where our nominee for ASPAC International Trustee, Peter Kimberley, was elected, which is great to hear. Topping this was the news that our own Peter Zander OAM is now confirmed as ASPAC Chairman-elect for 2017-18.

Our AK photographer for this Happy Snap of ASPAC attendees was Perth’s Jim Chantry (thanks Jim for supplying this photo). The pic was taken just prior to our “team” performing that real iconic Aussie number: “Home Among The Gum Trees”. Would have brought the house down, and is believed to be a “world first at an ASPAC event”!!

The others helping represent our mighty District of Australia included SA’s Peter Zander, Victoria’s Jan and John Hyde, Norm McLennan, Sue and Peter Kimberley, Pauline and Tony Gunn, along with NSW’s Jeff Hudson, Annette Holmes and Ken Archer. (The last five mentioned scored a double Convention dose, by also going to Division 2 Mini Convention). Well done to you all for attending a memorable ASPAC.

To find out more on what really happened at ASPAC, read Peter Z’s report on p.16.
OUR DISTRICT NOW HAS JUST ONE BRIGHTON

No, not a Club closure, just a name change involved here. For several decades, Australia District has had the often confusing situation of two Kiwanis Clubs named Brighton. One of these is based on Brighton Rd, Brighton, South Australia, the other being in Melbourne and named Brighton Victoria.

An official name change has been approved by K.I. after recommendations ratifying an approach made late last year to the Board of Trustees where a vote was taken. Dated 27th February 2017, it can now officially be announced that Brighton Victoria, Key No. 12052 in Division 6, will in future be known as Brighton Bayside, or more commonly, “Bayside”. The new change also more readily reflects the geographical location of Bayside Club.

KAD INSURANCE UPDATE

Members of Australia District are advised that for the current Kiwanis year Coastsure Insurance Brokers P/L have been appointed as our insurance representatives.

The District has negotiated a good deal, with Coastsure being specialists in providing insurance for Not-for-Profit organisations. Cover has been extended to include coverage for molestation.

KIWANIS BUS AGM

The Kiwanis Bus Annual General Meeting was finally able to be held late January after a few false starts, and there was a pleasingly large turnout of attendees for this important event. Pictured here are Bus board chairman Bob Edwards and Treasurer Peter Zander OAM.

Bob has agreed to sign on for one further term as Chairman while negotiations are in the finalisation stage for a replacement for Peter who will have his hands filled further with ASPAC commitments, alongside his duties as District Secretary, along with luxuries like coming up for food and air occasionally! At the AGM, Henry Kutie’s proposal was seconded and passed, viz: That a small separate committee be formed, and report back to the Board regarding suggested changes for the future viability of the Bus service’s operation.
The 26th Kiwanis All Ford Day was held again at Deakin University, Waurn Ponds, Geelong. Unfortunately, this annual spectacle was marred by rain showers throughout the day. Consequently the number of vehicles was down to 1150 and attendance trimmed to 6000 people, but those who braved the elements were treated to a veritable array of Ford Vehicles.

As usual it was chaotic earlier getting all the vehicles onto the show car arena, but by 10.00am the majority were in and on display for the show’s official opening by Ford identities Dick Johnson and John Bowe.

This year saw many older vintage and classic Ford vehicles displayed. Model A’s were represented along with Model T, Zephyr, Customline, Hot Rod, GT, along with many new Mustangs complemented by an array of modern day Falcons.

A highlight was the display of the latest Mustang as well as the last Falcon Sprint, Falcon Ute, Falcon Sedan and Territory built in Australia. Also the latest model of the Everest, Ranger and Focus.

The Kiwanis Club of Geelong was well supported by the Kiwanis Clubs of Melbourne, Port Phillip, Warrnambool and the Lions Clubs of Geelong, who all supplied members to ensure that the day ran smoothly.

Overall, despite the rain the show was a great success with thousands of Ford enthusiasts enjoying the display of the vehicle history of the Company. Previous Australian racing drivers, Dick Johnson, John Bowe, Alan Moffatt, Fred Gibson and ‘Fletch’ from Classic Restos threw their support behind the event.

As a fundraiser the day was very successful with funds being used to support local charities, research projects, HeartKids, the Geelong Hospital Birth Suite and Children’s Wards, Noah’s Ark Toy Library, local meals programs, care kits for the needy, our secondary school scholarship program, the Royal Children’s Hospital and our many other ongoing projects.

Together we can make a difference!
Save US$55! Earlybird Deadline for Registration **finishes April 15**

The 102nd International Convention will be held in Paris, July 13-16.

On July 14 Paris marks Bastille Day. That afternoon the Kiwanis International-European Federation is hosting a gala evening at the Hotel Le Meridien Etoile, and all Kiwanis Conventioneers are invited to attend. Don’t miss out on all the fun and excitement of a Kiwanis Convention. Register **NOW**. Full program details on the K.I. website.

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**DARWIN CONVENTION**

**DON’T MISS THE FUN**

**AUGUST 24-27, 2017**

Hosted by Kiwanis Club of Casuarina

Dinner theme: “50 Shades of Gold”

Convention Hotel is Double Tree Hilton, 116 The Esplanade, Darwin

**50 HOURS, CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF KIWANIS IN AUSTRALIA**

More details, Early Bird registration, etc will become available over the next couple of months. Meantime, make sure you book those dates up now, for our first return to Darwin for a Kiwanis Convention since 2005.

Kiwanis
Kiwanis has pledges that total US$110 million which was the target for our initiative with UNICEF.

As of December 23, 2016, total paid gifts: US$66,275,167 (60 per cent of our fundraising goal)

We want to let UNICEF vaccinate 61 million mothers. Currently 1 baby dies every 11 minutes.

Between 2010 and 2013, neonatal tetanus deaths decreased by more than 15 percent - 25 fewer babies die each day. Significantly, Australia remains at 3rd in the world for District giving averages of US$624.63 per member.

SAVING BABIES AND MOTHERS
At risk countries has reduced from 39 to 18.
Two nations are ready to immunize now, funding needed
Over the next three months, two more countries plan to implement immunization campaigns to eliminate this preventable disease. To make their plans a reality, they need funding support.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA
Papua New Guinea has been conducting immunization campaigns since 2012. That country conducted an assessment in 2016 and identified four high-risk and nine medium-risk provinces that require corrective activities. Immunization activities for the high-risk districts are already funded. UNICEF urgently needs approximately US$2 million in order to reach the 786,000 women in the medium-risk provinces who require immunizations during the first quarter of 2017.

SOUTH SUDAN
UNICEF aims to conduct the final round of immunization activities in 76 districts, some of which are conflict States, targeting 640,000 women. There is an estimated funding gap of US$132,000 for the cost of devices and operational support. South Sudan is in the midst of an internal conflict and has deteriorating security, making access to these States fragile. It is imperative we fund these activities now or risk losing the opportunity to save and protect lives indefinitely.

KIWANIS AUSTRALIA’S PART
Donations received to date: AUD$568,664.29 USD$523,897.19 has been transferred to KCF (KIF) and UNICEF Australia
Funds not accounted for by KCF at present are: AUD$300 transferred to UNICEF Australia on 13th Jan 2017
AUD$4,394.30 held in Eliminate Aus account waiting transfer to KCF
We have protected over 293,000 mothers and their future babies.
We have US$53,089 from outstanding pledges to come by my count.
Note! Recently KCF have retrospectively “audited” their accounts and have written down several clubs in Australia which I am not happy about. I will be writing to KCF to try to sort that out. However I expect that KCF will write to several clubs informing them that they have outstanding balances against their pledges.
The only clubs that I believe still have balances against their pledges are:
Waverly – US$50,403 balance
Australia Online – US$521 balance
Brighton SA – US$1,655
Palmerston Rural – US$510
Kiwanis Australia Clubs
31 clubs made pledges
Diamond club – 1
Platinum club – 2
Gold clubs – 7
Model clubs – 12 (includes Adelaide and Deniliquin)
Silver clubs – 2
Bronze clubs – 7
27 clubs have already met their pledges.

Thank you, Steve Hughes
Dateline: January 31, 2017
JOHN UPHAM has been a member of Kiwanis since 1987 when he joined what was then the Kiwanis Club of Dandenong.

He has served as a Club director on several occasions and in 1994/95 was Club President. In the early 2000s, along with his late wife Heather who had also been a member of the Club, John sold his podiatry practice in Dandenong and for family reasons moved to near Holbrook just south of Albury in Southern NSW.

John continued to maintain his membership of Kiwanis, and we have enjoyed his company on at least an annual basis when he comes down to assist us with the Club’s major fundraising effort. This involves conducting the barbecue at the Dandenong Show each November.

We were very pleased to award John, albeit belatedly, with his 25 year Legion of Honour.

BRUCE GOWER first joined Kiwanis around 1975 shortly after the Club was founded in 1974 as the Kiwanis Club of Dandenong.

His history as a member is a little ‘hazy’ as about 17 years ago the Club's records were lost when the then Club secretary’s car was burgled. In 1979 he was elevated to the position of Club President.

During the early years of the club a great deal of work was done in support of the Dandenong Hospital - a significant project of the day being the construction of a house (the club apparently had a number of tradesmen in its membership) the proceeds from the sale of which were used to equip the physiotherapy unit at the hospital.

It was during Bruce’s year as President that further funds went on supplying and equipping a large fish tank in the Children’s ward as a memorial to a recently deceased Kiwanis member. On behalf of the Club Bruce took on the role of caring for and servicing the tank and ensuring it was well stocked with fish.

Shortly after his term as Club President, for personal reasons, Bruce resigned from the Club. For the following 15 years or so, on a monthly basis, Bruce continued to care for the fish tank. In 1997 Bruce visited the Dandenong Club as guest speaker to talk on his work on behalf of Kiwanis in caring for the tank and to solicit funds to re equip and restock.

At this point we convinced him that he should re join the now Berwick Kiwanis Club and in 1999/2000 he served again as Club President. During all this time Bruce has continued to care, on a monthly basis, for the fish tank in the children’s ward at the Dandenong Hospital – a period of almost 40 years.

We were very pleased to award Bruce with his Legion of Honour. It would be surprising if any other Kiwanian in the District has so consistently and doggedly stuck to and performed a task on behalf of our organisation for such a long period of time.

Kiwanis Is Where A Need Is Served
The Club’s inaugural Community Recognition Award has been presented to a young lovely local lady, Sarah Gill. As part of this award, Sarah was taken on a “shopping spree” with some members of Kiwanis Pacific Pines, as part of their Clothe-a-Child program. These funds were raised during the year from a Trivia Night and various market stalls. Congratulations to Sarah and her family.
PACIFIC PINES KIWANIS DOING WELL

Australia District’s “newest baby”, Kiwanis Club of Pacific Pines, is doing extraordinarily well for a fledgling Club and in its first nine months post- gestation, has continued to hold and co-host functions that underline our organisation’s commitment to the children of the world.

Under the guidance of Charter President Nat McMahon, the Pacific Pines crew have been involved in a steady stream of projects, all of which seem to be well received by the local community. The President, ably assisted by Secretary Pam Gilbert and a keen crew of Kiwanians plus helpers, have achieved a lot in the past few months, helped by support of local politicians and school hierarchy - it’s always handy to have people like that on board.

Right: Some of the items purchased with a Gold Coast City Council Division 5 donation. These funds have also been used to purchase a projector and also to help set up the Club’s own website. Thank you again to Peter Young and his team.

Left: Thank you to the Gold Coast Airport Foundation Grant for providing three family kits for the Secret Agent Society social skills program. They have also been fundraising alongside this grant so they are now in a position to offer three fully funded positions in the amazing program for students at Pacific Pines Primary School.

For 2017, the annual get-together of Past Governors headed off to Mulawala on March 17-18. Around 30 attended this time, including current Governor Tony and Pauline. The photo here shows the Governors and partners back on land after an enjoyable lunch cruise around Lake Mulawala, NSW.
The following item was sent to AK and seems “timely”, given the Indian theme at this year’s Division 2 Mini Convention. One of the key players in installing India as a Kiwanis nation, Raj Kumar Jajodia (the man on the right), managed to gain himself a brief audience with the PM of Nepal Mr Prachanda recently, and printed below is the letter he passed on.

Respected Honorable Prime Minister of Nepal,
India Nation is proud to welcome your Excellency and your high powered delegation.
Kiwanis International is a non-profit and non-political 101 year old worldwide service organisation spread in 86 Nations throughout the world with its headquarter in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA.
I am privileged to be the founding father of Kiwanis in India since 1977, then Sri Lanka in 1982 and Kiwanis Nepal in 2015.
You will be pleased to note that I have been honored to be the founding father of Kiwanis in Nepal in 2015. The first Club there was named “KIWANIS CLUB OF LUMBINI NEPAL” near the the birthplace of Lord Gautam Buddha – the club was founded on 4th May 2015, the date of his birth.
A second club was founded as “KIWANIS CLUB OF KATHMANDU NEPAL” on 21st July, 2015. Both Kiwanis clubs in Nepal have been sponsored by Kiwanis in India.
Since then Nepal has been conspicuously placed on the world map of thousands of Kiwanis families in 86 Nations throughout the world.
At the behest of Kiwanis in India, a small amount was remitted to Kiwanis Clubs in Nepal by a Kiwanis Club in USA for earthquake victims. This introduction of Kiwanis in Nepal by me will continue to strengthen people to people relationships between India and Nepal, and will also help foster better good-will and understanding between the people of Nepal and India along with other Kiwanis Nations in the world.
I am greatly honored to have become a life-long brother and a friend to Kiwanis Nepal and Nepal Nation.
I look forward to a personal letter of blessings from you which I will share with Kiwanis members in Nepal, India and also other Kiwanis nations of the world.
With respectful regards,
Raj Kumar Jajodia

To those of you who don't have a facebook presence, no worries, just send me any articles, photos and interesting items about your Club by emailing it to the address below and I can post it on your behalf. Do keep submitting your Club's articles to: valery001@live.com.au Facebook is definitely a wonderful way for not only other Kiwanis members to see what we are involved with these days, but anybody who may be interested in joining will be happy to see that we are a vibrant group of Service Club members who want to improve the world one child and one community at a time, while having fun and fellowship

Many thanks, (VAL SYMONS, Glenelg Club - Publicity)
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Kiwanis In India

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PROSPECT CLUB’S HANDOVER

. . . WITH A DIFFERENCE!

They say “it’s better in the dark”, but Prospect Kiwanians may beg to differ. Check out this report on a really unusual Handover evening, and if your Club can match or better this one, we’d love you to send in the details.

Prospect Club holds its meetings in daylight, being one of just two Breakfast Clubs in our District, but they usually have their Handovers in the evening, and so a large gathering was expected for their recent Handover (well, September 2016), set down for Wednesday 28th. As many may recall - certainly all South Australians do - that was the night that a significant event hit the State. All of SA was blacked out by a massive widespread electricity outage, which many attribute to the State’s compromised power network. We won’t dwell on that matter here, but this major event was certainly accompanied by incredibly bad weather.

This was always going to make it challenging to actually arrive at the Handover venue (a local Pizza Palace), because the timing when the lights went out, accompanied by horizontal rain, etc, was late afternoon when people would be setting out to drive to the Kiwanis meeting. No power, no lights of any sort, no traffic lights, no nothing. You can imagine the gridlock on Adelaide roads which created massive chaos, not to mention the eerie blackness of no street lights anywhere. Serious dark! The top brass who were trying to drive there from a fair way away included Lt Governor Div 3 David, plus three past Governors (Janine, Peter Zander and Geoff Holmes) and due to the weather, traffic jams and danger on the roads, this quartet had to reluctantly flag it away.

Someone very determined to get there did in fact arrive - the then Governor Bill Skully who not only didn’t live a massive distance away but had already had practice. He overlooked the change in timing and had dutifully lobbed at the venue earlier that morning, expecting it to be a breakfast meeting! Well done Bill in arriving, and also to the Prospect members who braved the elements. Of course, with no power the Handover had to be held in darkness with only candles and torches to illuminate paperwork for speeches, etc. Most unconventional but it did work. The venue was actually able to produce some food, because the pizza ovens are gas fired. Being situated on a main road, the venue’s signs of life actually attracted passers-by who called into this “oasis”. They all became impromptu Kiwanis observers during the Handover! Which in fact was a “double”, due to the induction of two new members.

Well done to incoming President Henry Kutek (& Lynda, et al) for persevering 10 out of 10!
2017 Division 2 Mini Convention

Margaret & Graham Moulds shown above really got into the Indian theme dressup!

Left: Tiny & Tony in action. Right: John Brom and Jenny were there!
The annual Division 2 Mini Convention has become quite a Kiwanis institution that has been running now for several years, since Gaile and Bryen Smith became involved in its conception. Held on the last weekend in February, and based at a novel named place, Tea Gardens, attendees usually come from NSW, NT, QLD & VIC, and include the Governor and partner. Pauline and Tony Gunn were at this year’s gathering, with Governor Tony convening the business sessions preceding a full-on social evening.

This year’s dinner theme was Taste Of India, and as you can see from Mal Lancaster’s great shots, everyone from the Moulds, Archers, Robert Gilchrist, Barry McDonald, McKinneys, Smiths, et al, really got into the swing of the dress-up!

Also great to see long-time regulars Jenny and John Bromilow along with Bev and Bryan Saunders in action. The “serious business” included some intense competition for the Sunshine Cup, with Brisbane President Jennifer Sorrenson shown here (right) tossing a mean disc bocce. Thanks to Bryen Smith for again doing the organisation.

Forget the Ashes - competition for the Sunshine Cup (shown here) is about as intense as it gets!
The ASPAC training conference was held in Incheon, South Korea, at the Grand Hyatt Incheon. Australia was represented by Governor-elect Jan Hyde (and John), District Treasurer Ken Archer, SLP Chair Annette Holmes, Formula Chair Norm McLennan and District Secretary Peter Zander.

The training conference was held over two days, early March and was led by International President-elect Jim Rochford assisted by a number of KI staff including Jeff Oatess (Operations), Tatiana Day (Formula), John Shertzer (SLP) and ASPAC Chair Lee Kuan Yong and ASPAC Formula Chair Tadao Oda.

Day 1 – 7th March
First up we were introduced to another membership building concept: *The Eye of the Tiger*, presented by Jim Rochford. The style differed to previous years, and for 2017 it seemed a repeat of what the Governors-elect in the room had heard before. As an International Community Service Organisation focused on the needs of children we’re now just under 193,000 Kiwanis members. That compares to Lions 1.4 million members and Rotary 1.2 million. The US makes up 70% of current membership, Europe 17% and ASPAC 13%. The challenge is to get ASPAC to 20% in the next few years.

Jeff Oatess presented the current state of Kiwanis globally while Tadao Oda focussed on the status locally in Asia Pacific. The only real growth in Kiwanis during 2015-16 can be attributed to Taiwan. Next up was an upbeat SLP presentation followed by a group discussion on how we can assist in growth of our Districts.

Each Governor-elect had a one-on-one session with Jim R, whilst the rest of us prepared for that evening’s dinner.

DAY 2 – 8th March
Day 2 began with reviewing the previous day’s activities and stories of success in the ASPAC Region.

A session next on Lieutenant Governor and Club President Education came across again as a session about *Eye of the Tiger*. The Lt. Governor education program has been re-written, with manuals streamlined from 140 pages to just 40. A copy of this program was sent to us all by Lee Kuan Yong.

Then we had an exercise to come up with a Game Plan and Goals for the 2017-2018 Kiwanis Year, that could enhance our current Strategic Plan. Our focus was where a new club/s can be opened in the first three months of the 2017-2018 Kiwanis Year and a plan for four the remainder of the year to reach our target of five new clubs.

We then shared ideas and the availability of matching grants to Districts. Jeff Oatess provided an entertaining summary (dressed as Elvis Presley) on the highlights of the 2018 Convention to be held in Las Vegas.

This was different to previous ASPAC Training conferences that I’ve attended. Although the focus was primarily on New Club Opening, the style was much less stimulating...
and specifically focused on the new concept of “The Eye of the Tiger Team”, which will be different from “The Formula”. It will be based on telling us how rather than teaching us how to open new Clubs.

Our Aussie Contingent of six then journeyed to Jeju Island for the ASPAC Convention, with the first of our additions, Jim Chantry, joining us.

Arriving at Jeju we landed at the M Stay Hotel which was about half an hour from the Convention Centre. Some late night supplies from the 7 / 11 store connected to the hotel, then time to get a good night’s sleep for the days to follow.

ASPAC Convention Day 1

At breakfast our numbers swelled to 12 when joined by Jeff Hudson from Sydney, Peter and Sue Kimberley and Governor Tony and Pauline. We found other Kiwanians from Malaysia, the Philippines and especially a group of 27 new Kiwanians from Nepal were also staying at our hotel.

The ASPAC Convention started for me on Thursday morning with an ASPAC Executive Board meeting. Each District made a brief report, ours being delivered by Governor Tony and I was able to make a report on behalf of the Kiwanis Nations.

Various dignitaries made addresses, but of most interest was International President Jane Erickson showing us a black coloured recent copy of the International Kiwanis magazine and the heading inside, “Where would we be without Kiwanis”.

A sobering thought of the recent decline in our international membership.

We went through a number of housekeeping items and the amendments to our bylaws that would be presented to the House of Delegates, and the rationale behind them. Some minor changes were made, but on the whole these were predominantly bringing our Bylaws in line with Kiwanis International’s. Then we had a report by KIF President Chia Sing Hwang, elaborating on the change of name to the Kiwanis Children’s Fund.

We were also introduced to the Kiwanis International European Federation President and past counsellor to the Australia District Sjoerd Timmermans, who was visiting ASPAC from the Netherlands and gave us an overview of future changes to the KIEF structure when they become a Kiwanis affiliate. Many Australian Kiwanians would recall Sjoerd from the 2011 Warrnambool Convention.

A fabulous lunch was provided and then back to business. Although the total of registrants was still in flux, we were expecting between 750 and 800+ attendees, which is not bad, given the additional travel to get to Jeju.

Meanwhile other Aussies were preparing our project display booth. We closed the Executive Meeting and after a bit of a hiatus, I convened a meeting for the Nations Representatives, which ended up being a meeting with the entire Nepalese contingent whose enthusiasm and thirst for knowledge is impressive. Nepal has recently grown from two to six to 10 clubs, with another six planned in the near future.

Dinner followed for all the Executive members and partners plus visiting dignitaries. I met with the Malaysians, pumping up next year’s Convention in Kuala Lumpur. I finally got back to the hotel and then we practiced our cultural performance in “Australia House” (Tony and Pauline’s room), after lubricating the voice box with some cleansing wine!

ASPAC Convention Day 2

We started with a members’ symposium. An interesting meeting with many success stories and a chance for one of the Nepalese contingent expressing their delight to be at the Convention and an opportunity to meet far more experienced Kiwanis members and learn more about the huge growth in Nepal. We then moved onto the Main Hall for the Convention opening.

Australia had a couple of tables set aside. However Norm, Tony, Pauline and myself were ushered to a VIP table, where we were presented with corsages and ushered to the back of the hall, where we would be called onto the main stage to be acknowledged. Norm and I were sent back to our seats as there were no signs for us, only to be called back again to go on stage escorted by a lady in full Korean dress.

Each Governor and partner were ushered to the main stage behind a flag on a sign with the nation’s name, also carried by a Korean lady in full national costume.

Entertainment provided at the opening involved a number of great operatic performances followed by several other cultural dance ensembles, interspersed with speeches of welcome and the Objects of Kiwanis International. After the performances we were served a buffet lunch.

We were soon back in another hall for the opening of the Convention proper. Several speeches and acknowledgements (thankfully different from the others already heard) as well as announcements and housekeeping items associated with official roles. All the Governors were given 10 minutes to present items related to their Districts.

We then adjourned for dinner and another round of cultural performances. Another smorgasbord meal, with Korean dishes highlighted. We then returned to our hotel with the

*Top left: One of the entertaining performances.*

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Nepalese contingent who had their own bus. This was a great way to introduce ourselves and begin a great relationship between us.

Back at the M Stay Hotel and it was time for another practice of our cultural performance, again with the obligatory liquid refreshment to loosen the larynx. A top way to finish a busy day.

ASPAC Convention Day 3

Another early start with the business sessions to be conducted. After the normal housekeeping items we went straight into all the bylaw changes, which went through with minimal discussion apart from one item that was eventually resolved.

After the bylaw amendments it was time for elections and these too, progressed quickly and without issue. Tony Gunn nominated me for the position of Chair-elect 2017-2018, and I was elected unopposed.

I nominated Peter Kimberley for the International Trustees position, which was also good as Peter was elected unopposed. Peter then speaking about some of his aims was well received.

A highlight for me was the nomination of Sujan Shrestha from Nepal, who I’ve been assisting during much of the past year. Sujan has been nominated for one of three Nations representatives, and was subsequently elected unopposed. Sujan also provided an excellent presentation of Nepal and some of the things the Clubs are doing. A great sales pitch to seek the approval of the House of Delegates to allow Nepal to host the 2020 ASPAC Convention, which was accepted with great enthusiasm and one I am truly looking forward to.

There was an update on the forthcoming International Convention in Paris, the 2018 ASPAC Convention in Kuala Lumpur as well as the International Convention in 2018 in Las Vegas.

After lunch was the inaugural meeting of the 2017-2018 ASPAC Executive Board, where we requested Kiwanis International to seriously consider holding the 2022 International Convention in the ASPAC (growth!) region.

At the conclusion of this meeting, Tony and I were able to see a bit more (by bus) of the region we were residing in. We all had a chance to relax and dress for our cultural performance at the closing ceremony.

Back on the bus and up to the dining hall. Again Australia grabbed a table near the front, close to many of the local Korean Kiwanians. Little did we know we would soon be on stage before dinner. Our performance was well received as were the little tokens we shared with many in the audience and a couple of special children we selected. A great night of fun, lots of entertainment and friendship, especially with our Nepalese friends who provided us space on their bus back to the hotel. We left the bus first and formed a guard of honour for our hosts and high fived each of them into the hotel. They in turn waited for us inside the hotel and returned the compliment. A fabulous way to finish on such a high, and one of the reasons I continue to be involved with ASPAC.

I had a 4.30am taxi to the airport (ASPAC can be hard work!) only to find my Korean Airlines flight back to Australia had been changed to 8am. Returning home via Hong Kong had me back in Adelaide 6.30 Monday morning, luckily a public holiday which allowed time to recover before work the next day.

Another ASPAC Convention over and new friends made, especially amongst the Nepalese, some of whom want to make our Convention this year in Darwin.

Peter Zander OAM District Secretary
Vice-Chair ASPAC 2016-2017
John and Lily Simpson originally from Ipswich, Queensland are the co-founders of Chii wít mai—New Life which is a service dedicated to assisting disadvantaged and at-risk youth and young adults with vocational and learning opportunities based in Khon Kaen and Chiang Mai, Thailand.

In Ipswich we both spent many years working with people with disabilities assisting them to achieve the independent life skills necessary to live in the greater community. We had been travelling to Thailand volunteering with disadvantaged children in various orphanages for many years. During these visits we noticed that there were many youth and young adults in the most disadvantaged and at-risk categories who were not receiving training and assistance in the life skills necessary to survive and thrive.

We found it in our hearts to reach out to these people and ask them to work together with us to improve their future. In June 2012 we moved to Thailand to start our work with the Thai youth.

In January 2013 we commenced planning what was required to set up such a service. We chose the name Chii wít mài, because in Thai it means New Life.

It is the aim of the service to provide an individualised approach in assisting youth and young adults to access the vocational and learning opportunities of their choice to achieve their dreams and goals. In April 2013 Chii wít mài received registration as a member of COC Foundation Thailand and we officially commenced our ministry.

July last year John passed away unexpectedly in Khon Kaen. I am still here in Thailand continuing the work of Chii wít mai and assisting Thai youth to break the poverty cycle and have a future.

On March 9, 2017, I got up at 4am to catch a plane to Khon Kaen. It was a very special day on many levels. My friend Namwan, BM and I went to Sanya’s Graduation at the Vocational College in Khon Kaen.

Sanya graduated with a Diploma in Retail Trade Management. He is returning to study for the next two years so that he can complete the High Diploma.

“Sanya has a dream and he is well on his way to achieving it”

Sanya has studied hard and overcome many challenges in his life to achieve this goal. He was born HIV+, both of his parents have passed away, he is blind in one eye from a virus when he was three years old, lived in an orphanage until he was 16 years old. He has a grandmother whom he loves dearly. She ekes out a living selling flowers at the market in another town.

Sanya has a dream and he is well on his way to achieving it, and I am so glad that Chii wít mai is part of his life.

At his graduation we were his family, there to support him at such a great moment in his life. John was so proud of Sanya and he was missed at the ceremony by all of us.

The Kiwanis Club of Brisbane have played a big role in helping Sanya complete this part of his education. Without their financial support for the last eight years, Sanya may not have been able to continue his education. This young man and I are very grateful to Kiwanis, and Sanya has written a letter thanking Kiwanis for all they have done for him.

Unfortunately Kiwanis can no longer help support Sanya for the next couple of years.

But Chii wít mai will continue to help this young man realise his dream of having an education and a future. He is so close now, with just two years to go.

I fully self fund my living expenses and all funds donated go to assisting Thai youth to have a future. If you would like to be part of helping Sanya or any of the other young people we support, please email me for further details on how you can donate. The email address is: chiiwitmai@gmail.com

That’s Lily and Sanya shown here, after the graduation ceremony. We don’t regularly use AK for disseminating individual fundraising efforts but this item was submitted via Brisbane Kiwanis and is definitely worth reading.
COMFORT CARE CASES AT SYDNEY CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL

Kiwanis Sydney has adopted as its signature project the Comfort Care Cases at Sydney Children’s Hospital Randwick. The project requires a commitment of $2,500 p.a. over three years to provide and maintain the cases as most items are consumables.

The staff are thrilled the four cases are available for children in Intensive Care, the Palliative Care and Emergency wards of the hospital. 75% of staff have been trained in their use and their confidence in working with a dying child has increased dramatically as a result of the cases. Each case contains resources to help comfort the child and family during the difficult terminal phase of the child’s life, and to assist the families to build on their memories of their child.

The cases were officially launched to the wards in May 2015 after a year of feedback and fine-tuning of the contents. Items include a digital camera, USB memory card, art and drawing materials, materials to take hand, foot and lip prints of infants, satchels for locks of hair and books for the patient and their siblings trying to explain what is happening. The cases contain three books ‘The Next Place’, ‘On the Night You Were Born” and ‘The Invisible String’. This last book talks about how we are always connected to the special people in our lives with an invisible string. These books help with separation, whether that be a hospital admission or end of life. Also included are body wash and a face washer to wash the body after death rather than using hospital disposable wipes and soap plus a knitted blanket to brighten the room and for trip to morgue after passing. Coffee cups and satchels of coffee also respect the needs of parents who often spend long spells at the bedside.

The project is now being shared with the Child Life Therapist from John Hunter Hospital as Kiwanis Newcastle has approached them to run the project at their site. The Child Life Therapist at Sydney Childrens Hospital is very keen on being able to share the project and has made the offer to share with other hospitals or Kiwanis Clubs. Her hope is that the project can spread far and wide to reach as many children and their families as possible. If your Kiwanis club is interested then contact sydney@kiwanis.org.au

INGLE FARM NORTH TERRIFIC KIDS
(from Michael Flavel)

Tea Tree Gully Kiwanis members with some help from a few past Kiwanians, present Terrific Kids Awards at 14 primary schools in the local area at the end of each term. This straightforward task means so much to the two winners, their parents, fellow pupils and the schools involved. Terry Kemp is the TTG Kiwanian shown above in this shot, taken at the end of Term 1 this year.

SYDNEY KIWANIS

MOOROOPNA KIWANIS have been extra busy in recent months, with events including Carols In The Park, and a clearance sale at the local Men’s Shed. Last month they held a meeting at the local Mooroopna CFA where the CFA members cooked up a barbecue tea. The fire appliances were on display and an enjoyable meeting was capped with President Garry (shown below) presented the Fire Brigade secretary with a (welcomed) cheque for $500.
NEWS FROM THE CLUBS

LEGIONS OF HONOUR AT ROSTREVOR-CAMPBELLTOWN
Roscam long-standing members were recently awarded their updated Legion of Honours, with new members Jill and Rose doing the presentations. Above are Chris Ward (35 years), Geoff Peirce (40) and Norman Ford (35).

SHEPPARTON SUNRISERS
Club President John Hyde is shown here mid-December at Congupna Primary School’s end of year Term assembly. Yr 6 student Nathaniel was presented with Terri fic Kid of the Year award.

Severl dedicated Brisbane Club members ventured south late last year to help out Pacific Pines Club members at their inaugural Teal Sock Day. This event was organised by PPK to raise funds and awareness in the fight against domestic violence. Pacific Pines secretary Pam Gilbert is shown below with Mal Lancaster at the venue, Metricon Stadium Gold Coast.

David Taylor (above), President of Shepparton Kiwanis Club shown here with the latest batch of new Terrific Kids. Great to see most Clubs supporting the Terrific Kids program.

Tea Tree Gully Kiwanians were involved recently with helping at the local Road Safety Centre, where schoolchildren learn the basic road rules at an early age in a practical environment.

SOME MORE GOLD COAST “GOSS”
Pacific Pines Kiwanis is teaming with Goodstart Early Learning Pac Pines to hold a First Aid Course for families. This was scheduled to be held the first weekend in April, cyclones permitting!
KPP has held a sausage sizzle at Coles Pacific Pines early March, with profits going to programmes designed to help disadvantaged children in the local community.
Further to the teddy stuffing exercise you’ll have read on p.10, the reason these teddies usually go out to the hospitals looking very plain is that the idea is for the recipients (children) to colour and personalise them.

SHEPPARTON SUNRISERS
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GLENELG GOING GANGBUSTERS

Glenelg Kiwanis continue to have new members “knocking on the door”. Lower left pic shows LG8 Bob Sitters and Membership director Yvonne Schilling after Kym & Libby Davis were inducted, and at the next meeting (attended by around 60 people), they were blessed to have Wendy & Martin Percy join as new members. Below right is guest speaker David Penberthy, a well-known local media identity being presented with a certificate of appreciation by Vice-President Pam Smith, after his entertaining talk. Amongst the guests at the Penberthy meeting were Helen and Chris Cole from New Zealand. Chris is a past Pacific Governor and the Coles are amongst the contingent of Kiwis set to attend Paris Convention in July.

A MESS AT MITCHAM!

Our last issue of AK reported on Mitcham Kiwanis Club members having an enjoyable Christmas repast at the home of stalwarts Renee and John Lundy. Being a warm day, the good folk were able to savour the shade offered by a large tree in the back yard.

However the very next day when the weather turned windy, John reports that a large heavy bough from the tree snapped off, right where our Kiwanians had earlier been sitting, making a mess of the clothesline and the adjacent garden. Doesn’t bear thinking about, if the tree had “branched out” a few hours earlier!

Below: Flashback to our last AK issue, showing Mitcham Kiwanians enjoying festive cheer under THAT tree!
ONLINE FOUNDATION DONATIONS

Donations can now be made online to the Foundation for the Kiwanis partnership with the HeartKids ‘Grants-in-Aid’ program for medical research for childhood heart disease.


This Kiwanis Australia signature program provides an annual grant to HeartKids Australia. Since 2011 Kiwanis has donated $170,000 and together with other sponsors this has enabled HeartKids Australia to grow into a respected small grants program. Twenty-nine projects have been funded to a total value of A$1.31 million.

SURPRISE FOR BRYAN WILLIAMS

One of the leading lights of the District Charitable Foundation, Bryan Williams, was able to attend the latest Board of Trustees meeting in Melbourne early February, to report on the KADCF’s latest news.

Bryan received an unexpected surprise when Governor Tony presented him with the No.1 certificate portion of the Rising Sun Award on behalf of the District. The accompanying plaque would be presented at a later date as it couldn’t be made without Bryan being aware of the award! Bryan is shown here with his Rising Sun Award when first presented at that BOT meeting, and below are some salient points.

Kiwanis Australia District Charitable Foundation (KADCF) has replaced the outdated and non-compliant KADCT (Charitable Trust). The new Foundation over the past three years has gained momentum after losing traction initially. New programmes are now established and all ATO requirements have been met.

KADCF is a separate entity of KAD, being a company limited by guarantee and runs as a public ancillary fund. It is moving forward as a resource for the District and Clubs, and has elements defined to it in both the Public Relations and Strategic Plans.

The recognition programmes are almost up and running. Significant programmes are set up and approved with Gift Deductible Recipient (GDR) status.

This photo of an esteemed gathering of ladies and gents was taken at the February Board of Trustees meeting, Friday session, shortly before our intrepid BOT members began taking to the streets of Cranbourne, working in pairs. This Melbourne suburb was the planned target for harvesting potential Kiwanis members with a view to hopefully getting a Kiwanis Club up and running later in 2017. Thank you to local MP Anthony Byrne for use of his offices.
VALE TO 9 KIWANIANS

TONY DALIDOWICZ - ADELAIDE KIWANIS CLUB

Anthony Dalidowicz was born in J anikowicze, Poland on May 22, 1942 and passed away at RAH (Hospital) on December 9, 2016 after a lengthy illness, aged 74. 
Wife Irena was a stalwart (Board) member of Adelaide Kiwanis Club, and Tony joined Kiwanis soon after, helping out at many Kiwanis Club project along with their son Andrew (who also joined Kiwanis). Tony's other son David lived “out of town” and was therefore unable to complete this family's Kiwanis commitment. 
Tony’s three siblings were Henry, Stanislawla and J anina. Several past and current Kiwanians helped celebrate the life of this amiable, affable Adelaide Kiwanian, with a wake “in true Polish style”. RIP Tony.

DAVID SCHOFIELD - KIWANIS CLUB OF TEA TREE GULLY

David was born on August 24, 1945 and passed away just prior to Christmas 2016. When his wife J an pre-deceased him, David decided he needed a new direction in life. He met Tea Tree Gully Kiwanis President Peter Griffin who invited David to join our service organisation. He was soon right into the Club’s activities and was Secretary for the past two years.

At TTG’s last Bunning's barbecue for 2016 at Parafield Gardens, David did a shift and then headed off straight away overseas for a cruise with his brother from the UK. Sadly his health deteriorated quite quickly and he returned to Adelaide, being sent straight to the Royal Adelaide Hospital where he passed away, on December 22.

David leaves behind a family of five children (three boys, two girls) plus six grandchildren to whom we send our sincere condolences.

The 71-year-old was a valued and respected member of Tea Tree Gully Kiwanis and will be sorely missed by that Club.

(Thanks to Brian Emery for the information on David)

ROMA FARMER - ADELAIDE KIWANIS CLUB

Following a long illness, Roma Mary Farmer passed away in Adelaide just before Christmas. She had been married to Ken Farmer for the impressive total of 66 years and fully supported Ken in all activities through his extensive Kiwanis career, and also when he ran his own business in the city.

(A past District Governor, Ken Farmer is credited as the man who introduced Kiwanis to South Australia, which is a significant achievement.)

Roma and Ken had three children - Jenny, Garry and Peta, and Roma was grandmother to 13 grandchildren; she also had 19 great-grandchildren plus a great-great-grandchild (quite an achievement!). Her son-in-law Karl Christ (a past Kiwanian) is an avid community activist, often writing Letters to the Editor of the daily morning newspaper.

For the past three years Roma was domiciled at Hillside Lodge at Heathfield when ill health necessitated such a move. A private memorial service was held prior to Christmas. To Ken and the family we extend our sincere condolences.
BOB GALT - KIWANIS CLUB OF SHEPPARTON

Bob joined the Kiwanis Club of Shepparton way back in March 1980 and was a member until late last year, only dropping out due to living in Aged Care and not being independently mobile.

He was Club Secretary from 1996 to 1998, then Assistant Secretary, maintaining the Club’s membership records and service history. He also represented Kiwanis on the Carols By Candlelight committee for many years and organised the local Meals On Wheels roster.

Failing health over the past couple of years forced Bob to pull back from Kiwanis and other activities. He kept up a keen interest despite being unable to attend meetings, and was always happy to hear what was going on in the Kiwanis world. Bob received a Legion of Honour in 2005/06. He is survived by four children, ten grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Bob passed away on Thursday, January 12 and his funeral was held at St Augustine’s Anglican Church, Shepparton on Saturday, January 21.

Gael Thompson, Secretary, Shepparton Kiwanis

GRAEME FARQUHARSON - BAROSSA KIWANIS CLUB

Graeme was born in Dundee Scotland but spent a lot of his life in Australia, calling himself a Born Again Australian. He passed away aged 82, in Tanunda on January 19, 2017s, leaving behind wife June, a son and daughter and two much loved grandsons.

Joining our service organisation in May 2005, Graeme belonged to Kiwanis for around seven years. In 2007/2008 he held the office of President of the Barossa Club.

His funeral was held at Tanunda on January 30 at a service which was not only well attended by Kiwanians but overseen by past Lt Gov Div 10 Dennis Noack and Marianne.

FRANK ALTMANN - BAROSSA KIWANIS CLUB

Dr Frank William Altmann, 81, was born in the Barossa area on April 22, 1935 and in 2012 moved to Murray Bridge where he passed away (at home) on February 4, 2017 surrounded by family members. Frank & Pam were parents of James, Martin and David, and were blessed with ten grandchildren.

He joined Barossa Kiwanis in 2002 and rose to the rank of Club President for 2003-04, remaining a Kiwanian until he moved to the Bridge.

Frank joined the Rambler Cricket Club where he was a five times premiership player along with being Patron and Club doctor. Sympathies to devoted wife Pam and family.

Some past Kiwanis members who passed away late last year

RODNEY ROBERTS - former member of Keilor, Victoria
NIGEL BUTLIN - Past President of Canning River Kiwanis, WA
GRAHAM RUSSELL - (died November) ex Glenelg member, then moved to Karrinyup Kiwanis, WA

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PHILANTHROPIC FOMBASON FAMILY

The Fombasons, Joseph and Eveline (shown below) are well known in many Kiwanis circles - who could forget that amazing presentation at Shepparton Convention!. Since linking with Kiwanis in Shepparton several years ago, they joined Adelaide Kiwanis Club, but work relocated the family to Broome WA.

Joseph is now working in Melbourne, but they retain membership of Kiwanis via Mitcham Club where many contacts have been made. The Fombasons visited Adelaide on Boxing Day late last year and were able to catch up with Mitcham secretary John Lundy and Lt Gov Div 3 David McNabb at Lindsay Curtis’ residence.

There we learned more of the selfless philanthropy the Fombasons display. North of Broome is a small aboriginal settlement of Kalumburu where Joseph came to realise there are children from challenging family situations. They have taken a pair of young siblings under their wing, after having to jump through hoops to satisfy all the necessary requirements, and had this delightful brother and sister on board when calling through Adelaide.

Their generous gesture is even more noteworthy as the Fombasons have several children of their own. This underlines our Kiwanis motto – Serving the Children of the World. Well done to Joseph also, as he (hopefully soon) helps finalise the bylaws for the new Kiwanis Club in Cameroon.

Further Obituaries

GEORGE McLELLAN

Exactly a year ago in AK we ran mention of Newcastle Club member George McLeLLan, 77, a past LG2 who passed away on March 17, 2016. At the time of publication we didn’t have a photo of George available but that has now been rectified, so here is George, pictured left.

DR BASIL STUART HETZEL

Basil Hetzel was born in London in 1922 to parents who were from South Australia originally, returning there when their first-born son was three. He had a distinguished medical career and was appointed University of SA Chancellor from 1992 to 1998.

His research gained worldwide recognition for linking endemic goitre and cretinism with iodine deficiency in diet. His studies helped create an Iodine Global Network, partly funded by the United Nations, World Health Organisation, UNICEF and World Bank.

Basically it was legislated that salt for human and animal consumption must be iodised, all as a result of Dr Hetzel’s thorough research and findings.

Prior to Kiwanis linking with UNICEF for the elMiNaTe programme, Kiwanis was linked with the IDD (Iodine Deficiency Disorders) as our major project, hence the tie-in with Basil Hetzel. Dr Hetzel was often a guest speaker at Kiwanis meetings, especially around South Australia, and became synonymous with our fund raising efforts in support of IDD. He passed away on February 4, aged 94.
February 20, 2017 was a significant date in the history of the Kiwanis Australia District, as it was on that day that the first Rising Sun Honour was officially awarded. The Rising Sun Honour recognises someone who has given exceptional services to Kiwanis. District Governor Tony Gunn presented the inaugural award to Bryan Williams, Chairman of the Kiwanis Australia District Charitable Foundation for his tireless work over the past decade in setting up the Foundation, plus the awards system.

The occasion was a dinner meeting sponsored by the Moorabbin Club at which Governor Tony outlined his concept of a young professionals club.

He challenged Moorabbin to adopt a Kingston Kiwanis Club as a potential Satellite of Moorabbin. Tony’s address was endorsed by Governor-elect Jan Hyde, who also attended the meeting along with several Kiwanis District dignitaries.”
The Last Laugh

Happened to be sitting on a park bench next to a homeless man. I started a conversation by asking him how he ended up in this sad way.

He said, "Up until recently, I still had it all. Plenty to eat, my clothes were washed and pressed, I had a roof over my head, I had TV and internet, and I went to the gym, the pool, and the library, I had no bills and no debt. Even had full medical coverage."


"Oh no, nothing like that," he said.

"No, no. I was released from prison."

Words of Wisdom from American actor Mickey Rooney (who was born Joe Yule and died in 2014, aged 93).

"Having had eight wives, I'm qualified to give this advice. You should make sure you get married early in the morning. That way, if it doesn't work out, you haven't wasted the whole day!!"

Sometimes you just hear what you think you heard.

At a Shanghai travel agency, I asked the lovely Chinese girl behind the counter if she could escort me on a city tour and asked for her mobile number so I could call to make arrangements. She gave me a big oriental grin, nodded her head and said, "Sex sex sex, wan free sex for tonight".

I smiled, "Wow, you Chinese ladies are really hospitable!"

A chap next to me overheard, tapped me on the shoulder and enlightened me, "She was giving you her mobile: 666 136 429."

BIBLE: (stands for) Basic Information Before Leaving Earth

WHAT CAUSES ARTHRITIS?

A drunken man who reeked of whiskey sat down in an underground train, next to a priest. The man’s tie was stained, his face plastered with red lipstick, with a half-empty bottle of Jack Daniels sticking out of his torn coat pocket. The “derro” opened his newspaper and began reading.

After a few minutes the man turned to the priest, and quietly asked, “Say Father, what causes arthritis?”

The priest promptly replied, “My son, it’s caused by loose living, being with cheap, wicked women, excess alcohol, contempt for your fellow man, sleeping around with prostitutes and lack of a bath.”

The drunk muttered, “Well, I’ll be damned,” then returned to reading his paper.

The priest, thinking about what he had said, nudged the man and apologised. “I’m sorry, I didn’t mean to come on so strong. Tell me, how long have you had arthritis?”

The drunk answered, “I don’t have it Father. I was just reading here that the Pope does......”