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FROM THE GOVERNOR



We are already into the eighth month of the Kiwanis year. How time flies! What have we achieved so far? As you know, for 2018, Kiwanis worldwide is about opening new Clubs and membership growth. Service work is a given.

In the important area of DISTRICT HEARTKIDS it is great to have Angela Randall attend the May BOT in her capacity as newly appointed District HeartKids Leader. Angela will work in this role for the remainder of 2017-18 replacing Jann Kingston who is on 12 months Leave of Absence from Kiwanis.

NEW CLUB BUILDING on February 10-14 was instigated by the visit of International President Jim Rochford, Asia Pacific Eye of the Tiger Lee Kuan Yong and Kendra Skidmore, Eye of the Tiger Team, USA chair. Their fleeting four day visit entirely focussed on intensive work to open new clubs in Div. 6 in Cranbourne and Waverley.

The Australian team consisted of Formula Leader Norm McLennan, Eye of the Tiger Tony Gunn, Div 6 Lt Governor Ian Randall, yours truly and husband John Hyde (Shepparton Sunrisers). We were thankful for the services of Betty D'Amore (Kiwanis Children's Fund District Leader), Steve Legg (Pacific Pines Kiwanis) and Div 8 Lt Governor Ray Wakeling for part of the time. The days and nights were occupied with meetings, following up appointments and cold calling—thanks to prep work done by Norm and Tony.

Tony, Norm and Div 6 Lt Gov Ian Randall were busy on follow up work. At this point in time whilst we can't claim to have a new club in Cranbourne (after much time and energy expended), we have three new financial Kiwanians including two teachers at Cranbourne Secondary College who wish to establish a Key Club. Besides this, up in the bush Division 7 Lt Gov Brian Pedretti has been active trying to form a new club in Bendigo and has eight new financial members. Work is ongoing.

New Club prospect in Mildura

Tony Gunn and I met with the Mayor of Mildura, Mark Eckel, and a journalist on April 11. The Mayor is definitely interested in having a Kiwanis Club in Mildura. Will keep you further posted on that one. An article about Kiwanis appeared in the local newspaper 'Mildura Weekly' on Friday April 13th (hmm).

District Membership

Thirty-nine new Kiwanians have been inducted this year as at the end of April. New blood is being injected! Is this two clubs worth?

DIVISION 2 MINI-CONVENTION Feb 23rd to 26th I had a great catch up with Kiwanians at Tea Gardens north of Newcastle for the Division 2 Mini Convention in late February. Thanks to Bryen Smith and team—it was a most enjoyable weekend which included a Divisional Council meeting run by Lt Gov Tony Schelling and the grand finale, a fancy dress Russian Rhapsody night.

ASPAC CONFERENCE Kuala Lumpur March 6 & 7

I attended the forerunner to the Convention, the two-day Education and Training Conference March 6-7th. This two-day conference was for Governor-elect Bob Sitters and his team to plan for 2018-19. Involved were Bob Sitters, Steve Hughes, Tony Gunn, Betty D'Amore and Peter Zander. Our training will be consolidated at our District Leaders Education Day in May.

ASPAC CONVENTION: March 8-10

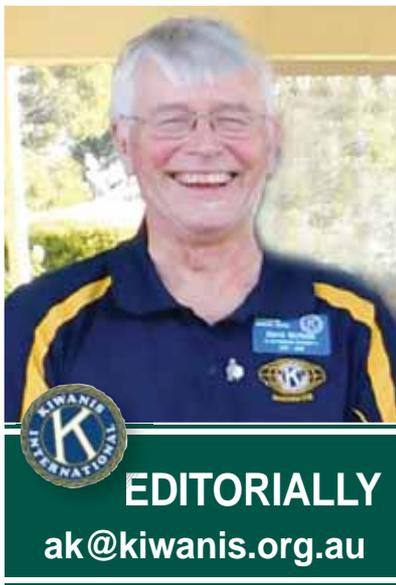
It was then off to the 43rd Kiwanis Asia Pacific Convention in Kuala Lumpur. This was all about Kiwanis Growth. Most Districts in the Asia Pacific are growth machines and the Governors had exceptional inspirational reports. Relative to total numbers the Region with its 26 Districts is the fastest growing with 42 new clubs, an increase of 715 members and two growing Provisional Districts in Nepal and Korea.



ASPAC captured my agenda well beforehand with preparation on a decent scale. Governor's ten minute PowerPoint Report, Signature Project entry (thanks Ray & Trevor - Reynella Kiwanis) District Exhibit and Display entry (thanks John Hyde) and District Song/Dance Presentation (thanks Betty D'Amore) – hey, Australia District didn't come home empty handed. We received a consolation prize in each category! By definition this is "the comfort received by a person after a loss or disappointment"!!

(GOVERNOR'S REPORT continued page 5)

Shown here are (L to R): Sydney President Jeff Hudson, Past Governor Tony Gunn, Liz Lodge (CEO of Children First Foundation) and Governor Jan, photographed in Melbourne earlier this year, representing Kiwanis at a Children First Foundation "Grand Charity Ball".



Welcome on board *Australian Kiwanian* June 2018. As you'll discover, this issue has been bumped from the regular 28 to 32 pages, and with the usual pattern lately, no way still could we squeeze in all the material provided, but the plan is to clear some of the "backlog" in the next (September) edition.

In late September, AK will feature the usual big coverage from the District's 50th Convention in Mildura – where we hope to see as many Kiwanians and supporters as possible. Mildura's central location lends itself to "easy travel".

All Clubs, if you can please ensure a jpeg photo of your main Club banner is emailed to Graham Mould (see p.4 for details), because it seems there is not space to hang actual banners at Convention. So there'll be an "e-display".

As per the last (March) AK, congratulations were offered to our one-and-only Tony Gunn who was voted in at March ASPAC as Trustee-Designate, a truly significant honour for Tony and our District. Against the odds, he downed Malaysia's Cheng Lian Teh, and Ernest Marcoso from the Philippines. Again, well done to Tony, who is about to join the Aussies heading for Las Vegas Convention, just as this AK hits the news-stands.

Please submit information if your Kiwanis Club is soon to celebrate a milestone anniversary. As there was a real boom period for building new Clubs in our District in the 1980s and 1990s, many of those remaining are nearly celebrating or due to mark important anniversaries. Don't keep it a secret. We'd love to promote your longevity. Which leads me to a rather sad note. My original Club (Adelaide) significantly was the first to be chartered in SA, and didn't miss by much on attaining its golden (50th) anniversary which would have been due next year.

Talking anniversaries, it seems that a NZ Kiwanian, John Twinn has recently been awarded his Legion of Honour. So? Well this LoH was for 50 years service to Kiwanis. And his resume of service is amazing. Well done John!

Des Fagan, Bill Lees, Ralph Doddrell were part of a quartet involving George Santos who are credited with introducing Kiwanis to Australia around a half century ago. Sadly Mr Santos has now joined the other three "upstairs". He really was our last living link – read a tribute to this man further on in AK. Thanks to Graham Mould for supplying information on George Santos.

After more than 25 years, Geelong Kiwanis have finally relinquished involvement with Victoria's All Ford Day, but they still maintain worthwhile projects – read about that on p.12. We're hearing unofficially that new club Bamenda in Cameroon has Chartered!! Just leaves the official celebrations to happen. Great news....

Appreciate Ian Perdriau's "understanding" after an 'oops' moment in the last AK had his International Presidency listed as 1982/83 (when he was Australia District Governor). He was in fact International President in 1994/95.

Keep enjoying Kiwanis. See you in Mildura.

Sometimes there seems a bit of uncertainty regarding the deadlines for the next issue of AK. This has always "been buried" at the bottom of the back page, but to clarify in future, the upcoming cut-off timing will be included on this page (p.3). Your next *Australian Kiwanian* is due out later in September; therefore the deadline for copy to be submitted (and please do keep sending in items) is the first week of September.

Front Cover: Australian Kiwanis hierarchy dining during Malaysia's ASPAC event early March. From left: International President-Elect Poly Lat, ASPAC Chair-Elect Peter Zander OAM, ASPAC Trustee-Designate Tony (& Pauline) Gunn.



AUSTRALIA DISTRICT 2017-2018

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50th KIWANIS AUSTRALIA DISTRICT CONVENTION

23 - 26 August 2018

Mingle on the Murray

50 MAKE SURE YOU REGISTER - SOON!!



In Darwin last year we celebrated 50 years of Kiwanis in Australia, but the 2018 Convention will actually be our 50th such event. This milestone Convention is being coordinated by Australia's oldest Club, Melbourne on behalf of Division 1.

Mildura on the banks of the Murray (Australia's most important waterway) is a regional centre for Victoria and NSW with a population of 60,000.

The Convention will be based at the Mildura Grand Quality Inn, directly over the river from paddleboat cruises – just minutes from CBD, shopping precinct, art galleries, scenic walks and much more. A special Kiwanis Convention pricing will apply for all attendees. Mildura is within easy driving range of Adelaide, Melbourne and Sydney. Train and flight options are also available, making this a most accessible venue for our 50th Kiwanis Convention.



Registering after July 1 will cost \$20 extra (as mentioned on entry form)

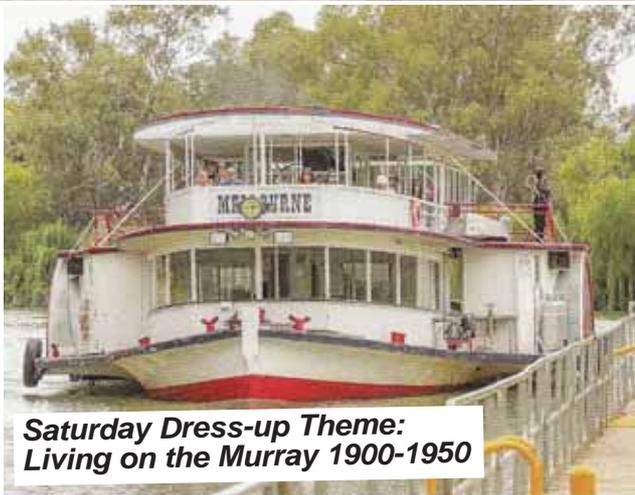
Check the District website - please send Registrations to: The Treasurer, 55 Neil St, North Geelong VIC 3215 email: spencer.harding@bigpond.com

Electronic transfers to: BSB 633-108 A/C 161181458 (account: 2018 Kiwanis Convention)

Further details are on the District website. See you there!

Late News: The Thursday evening Welcome Function is now at no cost (a great gesture) - those who've already paid will receive a refund.

CLUBS PLEASE NOTE: No provision for hanging banners but there will be a power point display shown, of Club banners. You're encouraged to send a jpeg photo of your banner(s) to: gcmould@ncable.net.au for inclusion in this prominent Kiwanis display.



Saturday Dress-up Theme: Living on the Murray 1900-1950

AUSTRALIA DISTRICT FACEBOOK PAGE



VAL SYMONS

Just a reminder about the Australia District facebook page. If your Club already has a facebook page and has 'liked' the Kiwanis Australia District, let us know what you're up to. If you haven't 'liked' our page, please do so.

To those Kiwanians who don't yet have a facebook presence, no worries, just send in 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



Significantly, at ASPAC we saw the election of Peter Zander OAM as ASPAC Chair 2018-19, and also the election of Tony Gunn as ASPAC representative on the Kiwanis International Board (two year appointment as International Trustee). Tony presented an excellent speech and earned deserved polling over his two (Malaysian and Sth Philippines) opponents. I wish Peter and Tony all the very best in their respective roles.

Past Governors weekend reunion at Mildura March 22nd - 25th

I was invited to join the past Governors for a weekend in Mildura. In beautiful autumn weather it was an enjoyable get-together and provided a time to meet and socialise. Past Governors have been a great support to me and I appreciate the knowledge and experience they can provide. Thanks to Bill Craig for the weekend's organisation.

Vale Frank Fotiades

Again, we pay tribute to another Past Governor and long standing Kiwanian in Frank Fotiades who recently passed away Around the clubs during April and May

I attended the 44th Anniversary of Manningham Kiwanis, the 40th of the District's largest Club - Rostrevor-Campbelltown and unfortunately an apology for the "Not the 40th, the 41st" Anniversary of Brighton Kiwanis, SA.

I called into the Warrnambool Kiwanis Club on my return from Adelaide. It was interesting to have the Club ask if I could show them how to write a Club I-Plan. The activity at their meeting was positive and productive. They saw the benefit of a written plan and keen to finish it off. Lt Governor Deb Cownley also attended to help and present the executive medallions.

District Leaders for next Kiwanis year

It's not easy to hear the word 'YES' when asking members to take on District roles ... and many have been asked. This is rather concerning. HOWEVER, we are very pleased to welcome two who said yes! New Lieutenant Governors for 2018-19 are (Div 1) Coral Kilvington, from Warrnambool Kiwanis, and (Div 10) Robert Nitschke from Barossa Kiwanis.

The 2018-19 Leaders Education was held May 25th in Shepparton, preceding the Board of Trustees Meeting on the 26th.

Thank you everyone for your continued support and work in the name of Kiwanis. We are all volunteers and aim to do the best we can.

Until next time, Yours in Kiwanis. JAN



Kiwanis CHILDREN'S FUND

NOT A 'NEW KID ON THE BLOCK'

Kiwanis Children's Fund (KCF) has been around since 1940, but we knew it as Kiwanis International Foundation (KIF). The new title clearly supports our motto of "Serving the Children of the World".

A quick search at <http://www2.kiwanis.org/childrensfund> will get you all the material you need to learn:

- How the Fund meets the needs of children
- How you and your Club can support the Fund
- The process and guidelines for applying for a grant.

My job is to support you in this endeavour. Please keep me busy!



BETTY D'AMORE
KCF Board Support Leader
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PETER ZANDER OAM is now Chair-designate for ASPAC. On the eve of leaving for an overseas trip where he represented ASPAC at the KIEF (Kiwaniis International European Federation) Convention, Peter has kindly provided this report:



KIWANIS ASPAC CONVENTION 2018

The ASPAC Training for 2018 was held at the Sama Sama Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Representing our District were Governor-elect Bob Sitters and his 2018-19 team, comprising Governor Jan Hyde (Leadership Development), John Hyde

(P/R & Marketing), Tony Gunn (Eye of Tiger), Steve Hughes (District Secretary), Betty D'Amore (Kiwaniis Children's Fund) and Peter Zander (ASPAC Chair-elect and standing in for SLP). Pauline Gunn and Cathy Hughes also attended.

Training was held over two days, led by International President-elect Poly Lat along with K.I. staff including Jeff Oatess (Operations), Tatiana Day (ASPAC Area Director), Jameson Root (SLP), Katherin Chi ie from K.I., plus ASPAC Chair Toto Gonzales and ASPAC Formula Chair Tadao Oda.

DAY 1 – 6th March: Poly Lat put a different slant on the I-Plan using the *Good to Great Concept* and using the acronym of G.R.E.A.T.

- G representing Grow Membership
- R. representing Revitalizing the Kiwanis Image
- E. representing Enhancing Education
- A. representing Addressing Issues
- T. Representing Terminate the dependence on Dues.

Geoff Oatess presented the current state of Kiwanis Internationally and Japan's Tadao Oda the status locally in Asia Pacific. The only growth in Kiwanis worldwide during 2016-2017 was again in the Asia Pacific Region.

I attended an enthusiastic SLP Session led by Jameson Root, with a target for 2018-2019 to incorporate SLP into next year's ASPAC Convention.

We began working on a District Plan, part of the Governors-elect break-out sessions. As a team we came up with some positive outcomes to achieve over the next 12-18 months.

DAY 2 – 7th March: Our gathering then reviewed the previous day's activities and the presentations from each District on the results of their planning session.

I was an observer, and asked for my thoughts on the outcomes presented. Hopefully we'll see big membership growth again in the ASPAC Region. Noteworthy is Taiwan's continued growth, and the intensive growth of membership in the Nepal District – they're working very hard to be a full District in 15-18 months time.

Having been involved in these sessions over a number of years, this one was shorter, listening to others talk, but more time being involved. The enthusiasm and commitment to the strong future of Kiwanis in Asia Pacific was palpable.

After checking out, most of the Australian contingent boarded a bus to the One World Hotel in central Kuala Lumpur for the 43rd ASPAC Convention. Having said farewell to Governor-elect Bob, we welcomed Ken Archer and Jeff Hudson from NSW, plus Heather & Bill Craig, Margaret & Graham Mould and also Sue Kimberley from Victoria.

ASPAC CONVENTION DAY 1

First-up was the ASPAC Executive Board Meeting which many of the Australians attended, either as a Board member or observer. Pleasing to note that for this 43rd Convention we had over 900 registered Delegates. Australia had 15 members present after a late withdrawal due to an injury.

International President Jim Rochford gave us a report on his membership "Eye of the Tiger" activities, speaking particularly on his recent visit to the New Zealand / South Pacific and Australian Districts.

This was followed by confirmation of key Convention Appointments. Formula Chair Tadao Oda spoke on the strong membership growth trends for ASPAC Region.

K.I. European Federation President Peiro Grasso said they only expected 300 delegates for their Convention in May. The past year had been spent dealing with legal issues to become an affiliate of Kiwanis and working hard to increase membership by attempting to address membership deletes.

After morning tea each District and Nation made a brief report after a couple of minutes warning that the format had changed. Australia was first cab off the rank. The message about a brief report was not observed by all the Districts!!

Two Mongolian representatives expressed the hope that Mongolia will be the next nation added to the ASPAC Region in the near future.

After an Asian cuisine lunch, the business included amendments to our by-laws to be presented to the House of Delegates. Minor changes were recommended, but on the whole these were mainly bringing our By-laws in line with KI's. KCF President Chia-Sing Hwang elaborated on eliMiNaTe's status and the need for club commitments to be honoured. Pleasing to see the ASPAC Region has been very generous.

2019 ASPAC Convention will be held in Taiwan (Taoyuan, March 7-9). 2020 the Convention will be held in Nepal, and there's a bid from Japan (Sendai Club) to be Convention host in 2021 (March 10-13).

Dinner followed at a restaurant for all Executive Members and partners along with many of the other visiting Kiwanians. Importantly, we had our first visit to "Australia House" for cultural performance rehearsals!

After dinner, a gradual return for the Aussies to the hotel with a visit to Tony & Pauline's for a quiet red. I was the last to arrive after ensuring a couple of the 2018/19 ASPAC





Governors (who'd been investigating the medicinal benefits of a bottle of scotch) made it safely back to their rooms.

A big thank you to John Hyde who set up our District Display during the evening.

ASPAC CONVENTION DAY 2

At breakfast we saw Sue Kimberley (delayed by flight issues). Official opening wasn't until 1300 hrs so there was time for a tour of the District displays and products on sale.

Particularly impressive were the Malaysian Down Syndrome display – I had visited previously visited three of the centres.

At the opening business session the District and nation reports were presented in greater detail. Once again Australia was first cab off the rank – Governor Jan Hyde gave a terrific, detailed report on the state of our District.

After this session we had a few hours to look around before our pre-dinner gathering in Australia House (Governor Jan and John's room), before heading downstairs to the Grand Opening Ceremony and Welcome Dinner. Our arrival was heralded by a massive drum corps. Some addresses by various dignitaries and a keynote speaker followed, they unfortunately had background (talking) noise to compete with. The terrific dinner banquet of various courses was followed by exciting cultural and choral performances.

Kiwanis International CEO and good friend Stan Soderstrom from Indianapolis later visited our room, with a nice bottle of red from *Exit Stage Left* vineyard. I share an interest in fine wines with Stan and have continued a tradition of sharing a bottle or two whenever we meet up.

ASPAC CONVENTION DAY 3

The main business session began early with addresses from President Jim Rochford and KIEF President Piero Grasso. It is also the main session for elections covering the ASPAC and International Trustee roles.

Nominated by Ken Archer, my elevation from Chair-elect to Chair-designate was quite easy. I gave a short address about what I consider ASPAC's function to be, and then came the main election for International Trustee, where our own Tony Gunn was nominated jointly by Steve Hughes and Sue Kimberley. I was Tony's scrutineer when the votes were gathered. During counting it became obvious how well Tony's nomination speech was received as he easily won

the election (great news!). Tony will now have a busy 30 months ahead of him, attending International Board Meetings and counselling duties to various Districts around the world, including for 2018 Alabama, Taiwan and Ecuador.

I then made my maiden address to Convention, where I thanked everyone for the opportunity to lead the Kiwanis region with the fastest growing membership numbers. I also reiterated how well we work as a region, supporting each other in times of adversity and how much fun we have when we get together. My focus is on the growth of Nepal into a full District and support for our nations to grow, with emphasis on Korea and India.

After lunch we had information provided on the coming International Convention in Las Vegas, a successful bid by Japan (Sendai) for the 2021 Convention and a presentation from Taiwan on the 2019 Convention to be held in Taoyuan.

I then attended the joint Meeting of the ASPAC Executive Boards of 2017-2018 and 2018-2019. Here I announced that Norm McLennan would be taking the position of Secretary for 2018-2019, a role he has fulfilled previously.

The farewell dinner and Cultural performance was to follow. Festivities began with a parade of all the national flags as part of a massive dance routine. Next both the current and incoming Boards were introduced on stage to be recognised.

Once again Australia led the cultural performances. Our rendition of the song "Neighbours", and asking for audience participation on stage went down well. We also gave away some souvenirs. I had several koalas that I distributed mainly to the Kiwanians from Nepal. Many of the performances were extremely good – the Nepalese (especially their ladies in full costume) were simply stunning.

Dinner was another banquet, but one delivered traditionally as part of Chinese New Year celebrations. During dinner the awards were made for the various competitions held during the last couple of days. Australia District didn't win any prizes but Governor Jan scored some consolation (stationery) prizes.

The evening progressed with many drifting away once the official stuff was completed, to pack and be ready for early flights. Ken and I were the last of the Aussies to call it a night, staying until "stumps".

Ken and I had late flights home, allowing a visit to the nearby mega shopping complex. We were able to spend a pleasant interlude with International Trustee Gary Levine and Julia from Canada, before our respective journeys homeward.

This was certainly one of the more enjoyable ASPAC Conventions I have been to. It was one of the best attended by non ASPAC Kiwanians and gauging the comments I have read or heard since, was enjoyed by everyone.

Now looking forward to the next ASPAC – March 2019 in Taoyuan, Taiwan with hopefully another good group of Aussies in attendance.

(Random samples of recent magazines submitted by some of our Clubs)

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Amanda Henderson

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KIDS NEED STRONGERS

GLENELG GUMTREE GOSSIP
April 2018

SEULI THE DATE
Our Club Dinner this year will be held on Friday 12th October 2018

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Welcome 2017!

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From The Chair
President's Report January 2017

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March 2017

Thank you Donors

What a weekend!

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November 2016

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Kids+
Kiwanis Young Children
Resilient. One.

The Kourier
April 2017

Agreeably speaking

President's Report

Kiwanis Restorov-Campbelltown Kiwanis
March 2017

President's Report

DISTRICT MAGAZINE COMPETITION

Just a small reminder of the "checklist" that Kiwanis Clubs magazines should try adhering to.

- Regularity of publication (nothing like being regular...)
 - Overall pleasing design, easy to read and use of official Kiwanis logos and branding
 - Distribution to all Club members and also accessible to Kiwanians elsewhere
 - Reports on past and forthcoming Club meetings, calendar of projects and activities, guest speakers listed for meetings, rosters, relevant Club information
 - Reports on Club achievements, donations, President's report
 - General interest items / member profiles
 - Community news and items of relevance to Club members
 - Jokes page
 - Remind members to bring guests to meetings and activities
 - List of Club officials and contact details
- While it's acknowledged that not always is it possible resource-wise, space-wise and time-wise to include all the above, these dot points are worth keeping in mind for the respective Club Secretaries and/or magazine editors whose delegated task it is to try maintaining a regular bulletin, and especially for remote members, can be the main source of information on how their Club is faring.
- Editors are also reminded and encouraged to not only provide a regular copy to the Australian Kiwanian editor, but also to send a copy to Ken Archer for posting on our own District website. Any publicity is good publicity!

Introducing Australia District Governor-Elect for 2018-19 ROBERT (BOB) SITTERS



Robert Friend Sitters was born on January 2, 1947 first son of Friend and Norma, and grew up in Myrtle Bank, attending Highgate Primary School R-7. After this he went to Goodwood Boys' Technical High, completing his Intermediate Certificate.

Robert then gained an apprenticeship as a fitter and turner at Simpsons (later Simpson Pope) completing his apprenticeship there as a toolmaker, manufacturing new tools and dies for washing machines and cookers. After nine years he decided that sales would be a career move worth pursuing.

He went to work for a company ASSAB Steel in sales, selling tool steel. Next came a position as Technical Sales Rep selling carbide cutting tools to machine shops all over the State, eventually becoming South Australian Sales Manager for SECO Tools.



In 1983 Robert was invited to help set up the brand new Kiwanis Club of Flagstaff Hill and in October that year become a Charter Member of that Club, serving on the Board in many roles including President 1985-86 and also Lieutenant Governor 1987-88. He had the privilege of being granted Distinguished Lieutenant Governor in that 87-88 term and served a second term during 1988-89.

During this time, he met Mary and they briefly lived in Happy Valley until purchasing their present home in Flagstaff Hill in November 1985. They were married on May 17, 1986.

Robert and Mary have been married for 32 years and have four adult children between them. Daughters Carolyn, Lea, and Tricia and son Darren. The Sitters clan now has seven grandchildren and one great-grandson, with another great-grandchild due late June.

In 1990 Flagstaff Hill Kiwanis disbanded, and Robert transferred to the Glenelg Club where he has continued to be a Board member over the past 28 years including a term as President (1992-1993). Throughout his 35 years in Kiwanis he has met some fantastic people and made many lifelong friends.

Robert and Mary both retired nearly six years ago, with Robert's last position being in Engineering and Sales. Family, world travel and gardening have been a good part of their lives since retirement, with a fair chunk of time going to Kiwanis as voluntary service work.

Robert has been willing to take on leadership roles in the Club and the District during his 35 years as a Kiwanian. In August 2012 he was awarded a 30 year Legion of Honor, followed by a George F. Hixson five years later.

As well as Robert's attendance at Kiwanis Club activities, he has regularly been on the Board as a Director, and also served as Lieutenant Governor Division 8 on five separate occasions. This has involved working respectively with Governors Peter Cattrall (1987-88 – awarded Distinguished); Geoff Hergt (1988-89) also serving as Membership Growth Chair 1989-90. As Membership Retention Chair (1996-97), John Bromilow (2013-14) and Bill Skully (2015-16) and Tony Gunn (2016-17) and their District Boards.

Attending District Conventions has been a fairly regular activity. For 2018 Robert has been serving as Governor-Elect to Governor Jan Hyde's Board. In the Governor-Elect role Robert brings many experiences most of which have been working with youth to get the most for them and from them, equipping them with knowledge and skills for their future.

He brings excellent attributes in communication, organisation and the encouragement of others. "Bob" Sitters sets a pattern and becomes a role model for those with whom he works and leads. Having completed his Governor training in Indianapolis last November, he is ready to serve under International President Poly Lat for 2018-19 and envisages a busy but rewarding year ahead. "See you in August at Mildura Convention!"





New Chairperson for Kiwanis HeartKids National Project

We are rapt to confirm **ANGELA RANDALL** from Melbourne has been appointed as co-ordinator of the Kiwanis Australia District HeartKids project, bringing a wealth of experience and capability in health and education.

Replacing Sydney's Jann Kingston (on leave), Angela is a great fit for this important position. As a Kiwanian of 14 years standing, she is a Past President of Kiwanis Club of Brighton Bayside in Victoria, participating in a number of Conventions and activities over that time.



She holds a Master of Public Health degree, a Graduate Diploma of Education and a Bachelor of Applied Science - Medical Record Administration. Angela (shown right) is a Past President of her professional Association HIMAA, and has held a number of positions in hospitals around Melbourne and specialised in Early Parenting Centres.

Adding to her experience, Angela worked at Melbourne's Royal Children's Hospital in the operating suite as the weekend emergency theatre booking secretary. She worked closely with the doctors and nurses in scheduling emergency procedures, many of which were cardiac surgery for infants and young children. She has an affinity with the HeartKids program following her 15 years at the RCH.

In taking on this role, Angela embraces the challenges ahead and looks forward to working with all Clubs nationally in supporting the HeartKids "Grants In Aid" projects and individual projects clubs may choose to promote and participate in.

The Grants-in-Aid program funds short-term (12 month) research projects and assists in building research capacity. KAD's valuable contribution supports this important research. Angela presented an award to Dr Bryn Jones from the Royal Children's Hospital on behalf of Kiwanis at the HeartKids Grants-in-Aid Presentation ceremony in April.

Other research awards were for the following:

- Investigating Neural Correlates of Outcome in Fontan Patients Using Advanced MRI Techniques
- Cord Blood Cell Therapy for Babies With Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome *(continued next page)*



Above left: Angela presenting Dr Jones his Award.

Right: Award recipients with Chair of the Board - Ms Jan McClelland AM

- Identifying the Underlying Genetic Cause of Inherited Arrhythmia Syndromes in Early Childhood
- Establishing the Queensland Paediatric Cardiac Service CHD LIFE program database
- Development in 8-9 year old Children After Major Cardiac and Non-Cardiac Surgery
- Precision medicine in CHD: genetic variants guiding post-operative clinical management.

In addition to supporting the national Kiwanis HeartKids Grants-in-Aids Project, through the Kiwanis Australia District Charitable Foundation, Clubs continue to support State-based HeartKids activities (both financially and with the running of various camps and activity days). This support at the local level continues to be an important aspect of the Kiwanis HeartKids relationship.

Angela attended the annual Allan Lord Family Fun Day run by the Moorabbin Kiwanis Club at the Steam Locomotive Society of Victoria - see the separate article further on in this AK.

Other recent HeartKids activities have included "Sweethearts Day", supporting The National Outreach Program, Family Support Co-ordinator, Respite, Counselling and bereavement assistance for families.



Another great initiative is the "Super Boss Day". Created mainly for corporate sponsors of HeartKids, this fun day could be extended to our Kiwanis communities and our Terrific Kids Schools as a fundraiser for our HeartKids contributions on Friday June 15.

All funds raised through "Super Boss Day" go towards supporting children, adults and their families affected by congenital childhood heart disease, by funding life-changing medical research, support services and programs.

Angela looks forward to continuing the great relationship and support that co-exists between Kiwanis and HeartKids.

Kiwanis Club of Glenelg proudly presents

in aid of HEARTKIDS

2018 GALA BALL



Friday October 12 7 until midnight

Gerard Pavilion, Morphettville Function Centre

Dance to: *GROOVE BROS & SOUL SISTER*

3 Course Meal / Drinks Package

Auctions - Wine Wall - Raffle

Host: **TIM NOONAN**

Tables of 10 :: \$150 a head



If you're in Adelaide mid-October, jump on this!!

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KIWANIS KEEPING "MUM" IN GEELONG

GEELONG MUMS is a government-funded support agency providing practical support for any mothers and children experiencing homelessness and/or domestic violence. It has sister organisations in Melbourne (St Kilda Mums) and Ballarat (Eureka Mums).

In operation for over two years, Geelong Mums recently assisted its 3000th family, and it has reached out as far as Warrnambool and Colac. Some perpetrators of domestic violence pursue the mothers, perhaps breaking their prams or cots. Geelong Mums is committed to continue to support these mothers and families on a regular basis. Some emerge from their ordeal able to assist others by donating back to Geelong Mums.

Discreetly located in a quiet suburb, Geelong Mums accepts donations of goods (up to 10 years old) and purchases quality goods – prams, pushers and strollers, children's clothes, nappies and baby goods.

Staffed by two mums and a host of volunteers, it "re-homes" used clothes and equipment through social workers engaged by local agencies. New and old items are tested for safety and reliability – an item that's not safe or is deficient is not placed with a family. Packaging is recycled and a clean, clear workspace is maintained for safety and efficiency.

Manual working in servicing and construction of cots or prams has created a challenge for the Geelong Kiwanis members. The Club has added Geelong Mums to its projects list and these dedicated Kiwanians work there on a regular basis



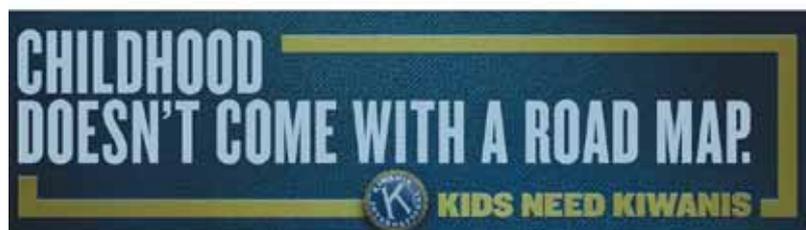
The Kiwanis Club of Geelong has been aware of the community benefit provided by Geelong Mums. Initially the Club provided hygiene packs prepared by members for distribution to the homeless by several local aid organisations.

Following an engaging presentation at a club dinner, Kiwanis Geelong members recently volunteered at Geelong Mums, assembling 10 new prams, fitting them with liners and rain covers, testing each for safety (all documented electronically) and labelling each (should it need to be returned). A further 15 fold-up cots donated by the Club were assembled, checked for integrity and safety, and returned to their original portable state ready for issue.

The morning's work by the Kiwanians was highly rewarding and greatly appreciated by Geelong Mums. On show was the Kiwanis focus on each child in a practical way which provides a valuable support to a local community group within an ongoing Kiwanis project.

Our fellow Kiwanians, individuals or club members, have taken up the opportunity to engage with these very practical (and sadly, needed) "mothers clubs".

Top photo: At the presentation of the 10 car seats are (front to back) Peter Phillips, Spencer Harding and Graeme Munro. The other photo shows 10 new prams that were assembled, ready for use. Many thanks to Graeme for supplying this data.



GEELONG KIWANIS SUPPORTING CHILDREN

KIWANIS IN GEELONG has been a big supporter of Barwon Health for many years.

In 2014 the Club donated \$10,000 for a humi-crib for the Special Care Nursery (shown right).

Another \$10,000 donation in 2015 went towards two breast pumps for the same Nursery, along with two bed wetting alarms for the Children's Ward.

The following year the Hospital had an urgent need for another Defibrillator in the Emergency Department. Again, Geelong Kiwanis were happy to help, donating a further \$12,000. (shown right, centre panel).

The Kiwanis Club's valuable support continued in 2017 by donating two syringe pump drivers for the Children's Ward at a cost of \$5500, as well as an ABCO Examination couch/bed for the Maternity Day Assessment Unit (cost \$2475), to provide a comfortable space for mothers having pre-birth checkups (lower right).

The next proposed project is a two-year program to provide the funding for major pieces of playground equipment at the brand new rehabilitation centre planned for Geelong's children and youth in the Mackellar Centre.

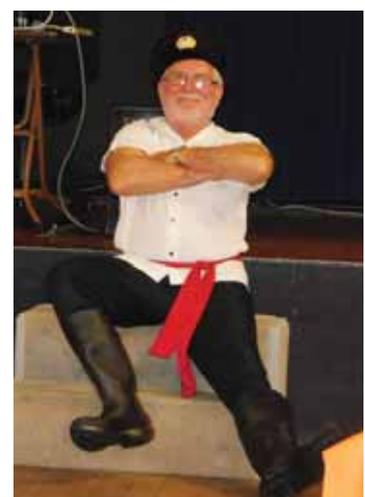
The state-of-the-art centre is planned to include a gym, consulting rooms, a therapy kitchen, playground and private treatment rooms specifically designed for children.



MORE FROM MINI

A final look at the 2018 Div 2 Mini-Convention which featured in our last AK.

Some extra pix have come to light and "we share coz we care"! Showing (right) Graham Simpson, Ruskie cossack in full flight. Left: A mixed table of Vic, SA, Qld, NT, NSW Kiwanians.

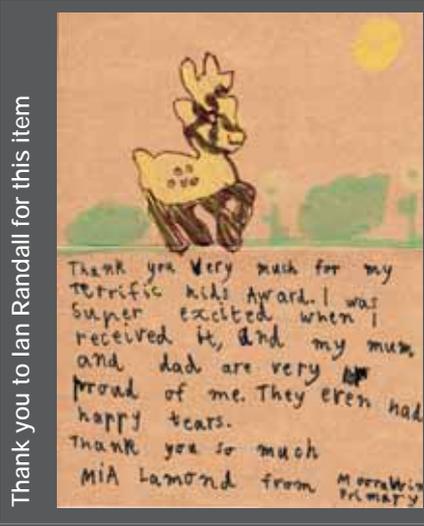


BRIEF BACKGROUND ON TERRIFIC KIDS

Terrific Kids began in North Carolina, USA, in 1983 and was kicked off by the Kiwanis Club of Black Mountain, Swannanoa.

The Black Mountain Club worked with a local primary school to achieve motivation, encouragement and recognition for school children. They developed a system from scratch that rewarded students who showed they had improved behaviour, peer relationships, attendance or schoolwork. Ironically this "first TK Club" has now moved on to concentrate instead on sponsoring their Key Club, Builders Club and K-Kids Club.

The programme was named Terrific Kids, results were promptly assessed as impressive, and the movement spread to other areas, quickly gaining international status. A large uptake of Kiwanis Clubs in Australia has become involved. The acronym at right – there are versions using "Caring" instead of "Capable". But the message remains the same.



A TERRIFIC "TERRIFIC KIDS" ITEM

At times we Kiwanians may wonder if the regular Kiwanis Terrific Kids Awards that are distributed at the end of each school term are taken for granted. Generally, these Awards are eagerly anticipated, along with library book presentations that some Kiwanis Clubs combine with TK. Last month, from Moorabbin Primary School (served by the Brighton Bayside Kiwanis Club) this lovely note of appreciation was received, which really helps sum up why we are involved in these activities. It is "terrific" for Kiwanis to receive recognition like this for our efforts.

BRIGHTON BIRTHDAY 'BASH'

Main report is on the next page – here are some more happy snaps from Brighton SA Club's Big Birthday held on May 12. Below: Past Lt Gov 8 Roy Seccafien joins Club President Peter Horsburgh in relating some anecdotes.



Above: A trio of Brighton members. That's Brighton Kiwanis Club magazine editor Michael on the left.



Above: Combined Mitcham and Brighton Club table. Below: Governor-Elect Bob Sitters during his talk.



BRIGHTON CLUB: Organised on April 26, 1977. Charter Night held on July 30, 1977 attended by District Governor Kerry Gillespie. Mr Ivan Lowe was the Charter President.

Right-on Brighton! 41

Club President Peter Horsburgh was MC during a fun-filled enjoyable evening on May 12 when Brighton Club celebrated its 40th Birthday.

However, there was a twist – Club stalwart Peter Zander OA, admitted that somehow the Club's actual 40th had been overlooked last year and that May 2018 in fact marked Brighton's 41st. Oh well..... (Peter & Yvonne would have been there but were in Italy attending K.I. European Convention).

There were half a dozen reps from Glenelg Club present, with that Club having sponsored Brighton 41 years ago. The longest-standing member present, Phil Hessling was amongst the speakers, and a rundown of Brighton's impressive list of activities and achievements over four decades was delivered.

There were two current Lt Governors and the District Governor-Elect present, with nearly everyone in attendance coming away with a raffle prize, such was the generous size of the prize table, laden with wine bottles. A great night all round.



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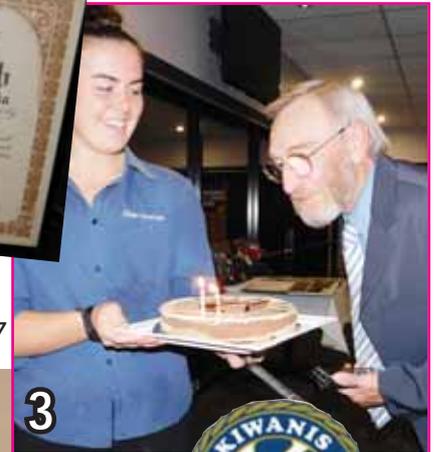
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The all important Club Charter with that telling date: April 25, 1977



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1: Long standing stalwart Phil Hessling spoke on his recollections. 2: Mary, Bob Sitters & Kerry Hugo. 3: The birthday cake candles taken care of by Brighton member Paul Hibbert. 4: Peter & Val Symons (Glenelg) and Lorna & John Adams (Reynella). 5: Some of the attendees at this sublimous occasion.

Turning 40 !!



AUSTRALIA DISTRICT'S LARGEST CLUB TURNS 40



Bruce Ind (left), President of Rostrevor-Campbelltown Kiwanis Club, scored the pleasant task (on April 23rd) as MC for one of the District's most notable functions outside of a Convention – celebrating Australia's largest Club's milestone of their 40th Birthday.

In attendance were more than 150 people – exceeding the registrations for last year's Darwin Convention! Kiwanis Clubs represented included Shepparton Sunrisers, Gawler, Roseworthy-Hewett, Reedbeds, Barossa, Glenelg, Adelaide Hills, Athelstone, Modbury, Melbourne, along with the Lt Governors for Division 10 and Division 3 who were also there.

Also present were several dignitaries including interstate attendees who came across from Victoria especially for this "night of nights"... Governor Jan & John from Shepparton, Governor-Elect Bob (& Mary) Sitters, Ian Perdriau AM & Trish from Melbourne, Margaret & Graham Mould

from Geelong, along with the SA Education Minister John Gardner, the local Mayor (Simon Brewer).

As Bruce Ind reminded us, Rostrevor-Campbelltown was officially organised on Tuesday, February 28, 1978, and held its Charter event (attended by over 140 people) on May 5 the same year with the actual Charter being presented by Governor Allan Lord. The main sponsor Club was Burnside SA.

It was a huge honour to have three Charter members present – still active Kiwanians – and this trio of Joe Bickart, Geoff Peirce and Geoff Holmes all had a chance to speak and relate anecdotes of their experiences at "RosCam". The huge gathering was also honoured to have Ian Perdriau AM speak on some relevant recollections. We're always delighted to hear from this world renowned Kiwanian. Earlier, there were Legion of Honour awards presented to Gary Tye (25 years), Rufus Richards (25), Geoff Holmes (40) and Joe Bickart (40).

Geoff Peirce related how he was the main initial instigator, back in 1977, charged with starting up a new Kiwanis Club in South Australia.

Right: The three Charter members cut that cake! Thanks to Anne Ind for this photo. (Rest of the pix are via David McNabb)



He needed 20 names before being able to proceed to Charter. The task seemed "a bridge too far" (back when the joining fee was A\$10.00 !) until Maurice Hawes came to the rescue with a list that allowed Geoff to gather 10 names. Halfway there! Adelaide Kiwanians Bob Thompson and Ken Farmer (who oversaw building 10 new Clubs in his time) set up a meeting from where they could proceed with the necessary 20 names needed.

And why such a lengthy Club name? Well originally this new Kiwanis Club was going to be named Rostrevor Kiwanis but as the Campbelltown City Council had chipped in early with practical assistance, the decision was made to call the Club Rostrevor-Campbelltown. Geoff Peirce (who already had a Kiwanis involvement) was the Charter President with Geoff Holmes as Treasurer. This Club has spawned five Presidents who advanced to become District Governor (Peter Catrall, John Rowell, Geoff Peirce, Maurie Hawes, Geoff Holmes) along with three other later "imports" who served as Governor - Norman Ford, Janine Keulen and Peter O'Keefe, this latter trio still being active Kiwanians.

If, as they say, life begins at 40 then there's a lot of living left in this Kiwanis Club – currently the largest in the District. Well done to Rostrevor-Campbelltown....



Far left: Geoff Holmes relates some anecdotes. Left: Great to have three Charter members present at this function - Geoff, Joe and Geoff. Below: The address by past Governor and past International President Ian Perdriau AM, was well worth hearing.



Above: CANDID CAMERA STRIKES! Incoming First Lady (Mary Sitters, left) and First Bloke John Hyde, right, were spotted during RosCam's Birthday Bash, reading the (then current) March *Australian Kiwanian*.





ALLAN LORD HEARTKIDS FAMILY DAY



Sunday April 22 dawned a beautiful day for the annual Allan Lord HeartKids Family Day at the Steam Locomotive Society of Victoria in Moorabbin. Now named in honour of Kiwanis Australia District's youngest District Governor, the Family Fun Day provides an outing for HeartKids and their families, where they can have lots of fun and meet other HeartKids families and swap experiences, etc.

This year saw a change in the format, in that rather than have the train rides first, followed by lunch. The start time was put back so that a barbecue lunch first-up, then the train rides from 1pm. The change was made to allow families travelling large distances time to arrive and not miss out on the rides. It sure worked, as we had our best attendances ever, and the feedback from the HeartKids themselves was glowing.

It was also terrific to have the newly installed District HeartKids Coordinator Angela Randall attend (pictured top right). This was an ideal chance to meet some HeartKids and their families and also some of the key HeartKids people. A bonus was having Lt Governor Division 6 (Ian) accompany her, and he was able to join in the fun and meet Joan Lord (shown lower right with The Crew). Joan is a regular attendee who comes along to support the event named in her husband Allan's honour. There was also the traditional face painting – part of this fabulous event – and for 2018 families were invited to dress in Super Hero costumes, to set up the theme for Super Boss Day in June.

Moorabbin Club thanks the members of SLSV who give up their time each year, and bring their locomotives along, just so that the young kids (and also several "big" kids!) can enjoy that fascination that we all seem to have with steam / locomotives.





eliMiNaTe UPDATE: Funds collected are listed (30/4/18) at US\$78,660,913 - pledges are still coming in. Well done to KIWANIS and UNICEF.

"ON YER BIKE!"

A new member of Waverley Kiwanis Club, **GARRY DOWD** has an ambitious plan to cycle across USA inside of 50 days.

The "cyclathon" dates are from June 17 to August 6 and the plan is to involve a small support crew. This trip, being organised by America By Bicycle Inc, (from New Hampshire to Oregon) is aimed at being a Kiwanis fundraiser and promo for eliMiNaTe.

Waverley President Ed Wilson has advised this interesting venture has the backing of their Kiwanis Club.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING IN SHEPPARTON



As most folk in the District would know, our Board of Trustees meets regularly on a quarterly basis, with the latest meeting being held late May in Shepparton.



Above: The full Board was present, the only main apologies being (Secretary) Peter Zander OAM and LG8 Ray Wakeling; however both were suitably "occupied" elsewhere on Kiwanis business.

This is Governor Jan's "home territory" and with the plethora of local Kiwanis Clubs, accommodation and hospitality was straightforward to arrange. We welcomed two newcomers to the Training Segment which preceded the BOT meeting - Robert Nitschke, incoming LG10 and Coral Kilvington - LG1. Another newcomer in attendance was Angela Randall who has taken on the HeartKids Chair (welcome, Angela).

There likely won't be spare space in this AK to run through all the business enacted, but apart from our efficient (Acting) Secretary Tony sending out the Minutes to Club executives, the various Lieutenant Governors can be relied on to discuss relevant information at upcoming Club meetings.

The other photos here were taken at the Saturday evening social gathering that usually rounds out BOT meetings.



Shown left (at the front) are Sunriser Kiwanians Gavin and Jenny Doherty, while the other pic (above) shows Ken Archer and Robert Nitschke, with their backs to a rather "striking painting" that adorns a wall in the main lounge at Jan and John Hyde's lovely house! The painting is sure an attention-grabber, and black & white print-outs won't do it justice, so make sure you check this out in colour on the web version.





GLENELG GOSSIP



GLENELG CLUB provided volunteers (coordinated by Kiwanian Vas Dolman) for the National Special Olympics held in Adelaide mid April. Most Kiwanis helpers were rostered to help at the soccer games and found it a rewarding experience. Glenelg Kiwanis also helped at the Games golf days which proved interesting in the hot conditions.



MOOROOPNA KIWANIS have recently been involved in a "Horses For Hope" project. Shown here are members Garry Alexander, Arthur Duke and Sev Duhring and a "Horses For Hope" client, presenting a cheque for A\$2000.00 to Colin Emerson to help him with his equine efforts.



REYNELLA CLUB is gradually expanding its range of publicity items. The Club has a caravan with prominent signage which is taken to some events, while the very nice upright sign shown here is used at projects such as Sand Castle marshalling.

KIWI KIWANIANS shown here at ASPAC Training. The tall gent (centre) is South Pacific Governor-Elect David Gower alongside past Governor Megan Allen, and fourth from right is past SP Governor Graham Chick from Christchurch. Far right of this pic is some cheeky Aussie 'chick' (surely not our Betty!?) who "photo-bombed" this NZ shoot. Aussies Bob Sitters and Steve Hughes can be seen in the background. A few Nepalese Kiwanians also were welcome inclusions in this photo.



AUSTRALASIANS AT ASPAC TRAINING

BRISBANE KIWANIS Mid-May, the Club served breakfast for the MD Queensland Charity Ride, an annual event fully backed by the local chapter of Harley Owners. There were over 100 HOG Harleys taking part on a run via Mt Mee to Woodford for morning tea, Esk for lunch and then home via Fernvale. A couple of Kiwanians including President Jenn Sorrenson (shown here) were able to score a ride on one of these impressive bikes. It's reportedly the first time Jennifer S. has been in the saddle, on one of these Harleys. Well done to the Kiwanis crew for assisting to provide the breakfast that set this Ride on its way.



Amongst those helping out at HOGs Day (right) were Sharon, Ruthven & Dianne. A great effort by Brisbane Kiwanis on May 20, at such a worthwhile venture.



BRISBANE (again)

Members of the Amani Soccer Club are shown with several Brisbane Kiwanians, after the service club donated some line marking equipment.

Coach/Manager Jimmy Bin is grateful for the support that Kiwanis is providing this soccer club which is located in the Centenary Suburbs. Mr Bin is doing a marvellous job with these soccer-mad lads, many of whom would not usually have the chance to play soccer.



KEVIN WOOD MEMORIAL AWARD

Just expanding on the AK article in our last (March) issue, regarding the inaugural Kevin Wood Memorial Award. This coveted trophy was awarded to two Kiwanians, during a meeting of Brighton Bayside Club.

You will have seen the photo of Margaret Nelson (below), and we can now print a photo of co-winner of this Award, Audrey Smyth. The criteria for this honour, in memory of the 2003-04 Governor Kevin Wood, is for outstanding Kiwanis service over an extended period of time.

Well done to Margaret and Audrey (far right).



The summer/autumn (near) drought has led to Des organising a team of Barossa Kiwanians to regularly water plants at Gomersal Road Rest area. Here are Jim, Dennis, Marianne, Des and "Benno" at work – our water wizards.



Des Schiller is shown here thanking guest speaker James Doecke (his cousin!) who talked at a recent Barossa Club meeting on the services of Lutheran Community Care and Disability Services. Amongst the support provided by Kiwanis is donating \$1500 annually to the Lutheran CC Christmas Hamper scheme.

BAROSSA BULLETIN

NEWCASTLE NEWS

MOORE OF ROD'S WALK EXPLOITS

While it's true that Rod Moore does his best "work" out of sight where folk can't see him, he is continuing to amaze onlookers and admirers alike with his watery exploits.

A member of Newcastle Kiwanis Club, Rod was featured in our last AK, which told how this incredible bloke is fundraising for and also raising the profile of Kiwanis.

He has already performed underwater walks in Sydney Harbour and Lake Macquarie, and is planning a walk over in WA.

Rod's latest underwater walk was early May, when he strode out for 6.4km on the Gold Coast, taking 1 hour 19 minutes to cover a route from The Spit to Narrowneck, passing the renowned Sea World along his merry way.

You can check him out on Facebook, and on the FB site is a chance to help donate to our fundraising cause.

It's all a "walk in the park", or more correctly, a "walk under the lake" for Rod Moore, a Kiwanian really making a difference.

(Also see the article on p.31)

Right: A news clipping from the (May 3) Newcastle Herald, providing more great publicity – this item covering Rod Moore's Gold Coast underwater walk. Thanks to Ken Archer for this article.



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NEWS

Walker's paradise under famed strip

BY SCOTT BEVAN

MOST people head to Queensland's Gold Coast for the sun, sand and surf. Not Rod Moore. On Thursday morning, he will be walking under the swell along the famous tourist strip.

Mr Moore trekked across the bottom of Lake Macquarie in October. He trudged along Sydney Harbour's bed in January. Now the adventurer is planning to walk about four kilometres underwater off Main Beach.

He intends to enter the water at The Spit, head south for up to five hours, then walk out of the waves and onto the sand at Surfers Paradise.

"I'm expecting plenty of fish, and I'll pass two artificial reefs and a dive wreck," said Mr Moore of his journey. Rather than packing sun screen, the Swansea Heads diver is taking a shark-repelling device that emits electrical pulses, and it may well come in handy.

"There could be a lot of sharks this time," he said. "The mullet season has been spectacular there. What can go wrong really?"

During his six-hour Sydney Harbour walk, Mr Moore had to contend with large

boulders and rubbish strewn along the bottom. He expects the Gold Coast underwater journey will be smoother, as he walks on sand.

"Rips will be the main concern, and the wave movement, as water surges in and out," Mr Moore said.

As for the depths Mr Moore will reach, the initial section will see him drop to about 20 metres before he climbs to be about seven to 10 metres below the surface.

Similar to his lake and harbour adventures, Mr Moore will be fed air and information from the surface, with a support crew in a boat trailing him. A Southport business, Devocean Dive, is helping Mr Moore.

Peter and Shona Pinkerton, from Devocean Dive, said they hadn't supported an underwater walker before but responded, "awesome", when they were asked.

"The conditions will be really nice," they said. As for sharks, "he won't see any".

Mr Moore is undertaking the walk to raise awareness of the Kiwanis International service clubs. While he may walk under surfers, he hopes he doesn't drop in on them.

"We can all share the waves," Mr Moore said.



SURF'S UP: Lake Macquarie diver Rod Moore is about to walk under the waves off Main Beach along the Gold Coast for charity. Picture: Marina Neil



That news clipping shown below was printed in the *Sunday Mail* mid-April on the occasion of Adelaide hosting the 2018 Special Olympics, a highly anticipated event held every four years, similarly cycled to the regular Olympics. Not long ago, the International Olympics Committee railed against Australia's use of the wording "Olympics" in relation to this event (commonsense has since prevailed), which caters for people with special needs, and on each occasion usually includes Kiwanian Aktion Club members, who compete regularly.

Kiwanian ADRIAN LANGFORD, 28, shown in the photo below, was the swimming athlete chosen to feature in this mainstream media article (*Sunday Mail*), with thanks to our Tea Tree Gully Kiwanian Greg Anderson for highlighting this. The Special Olympics coordinator is Lisa Hester who was guest speaker at a TTG Kiwanis meeting last year,

The "reprint" below is too small to read, so here's a summary of the article on our AKtion Kiwanian Adrian, who is a member of the Gully Go Getters Aktion Club.

Adrian is a mad keen sports fan and barracks for the Adelaide Crows AFL team. His other attributes include swimming, and despite his intellectual challenges, Adrian isn't a slouch in the pool, having been selected to help represent Australia in the 2015 Los Angeles World Games. Unfortunately an unexpected meltdown occurred in LA and Adrian was unable to take his place in the swimming team.

He retreated within himself and subsequently the only way to emerge from his shell was returning to Adelaide and attending a Crows AFL game. Always the passionate footy fan, Adrian somehow snapped back into "reality" and has been "good to go" ever since. Adrian's mother admits that somehow his passion for the Adelaide Football Club helped snap our good Kiwanian back to reality.

The 2018 Commonwealth Games was a stepping stone to the World Games in Abu Dhabi next year, where Adrian hopes to compete again, plus experience the camaraderie of participating in sport at such a high level. "I like that you get to meet so many people" he admitted prior to the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games getting underway.



Adrian closed his interview with a comment - that he was so rapt to meet SA legend Tony Modra (shown at left in the main picture). Let's get behind Kiwanian Adrian - ozzie ozzie ozzie oy oy oy!!!

ATHELSTONE ANGLE

Athelstone members Geoff Edwards (right) plus Phil and Vin (below) were on a barbecue at Campbelltown Oval. Council staff were busy explaining a proposed playground for the site, taking feedback from the public, who were feeding on our "Kiwanis snags".



MILDURA MAYOR MAKES A MOVE

There's a move towards a possible new Kiwanis Club in Sunraysia following a visit from past Governor Tony Gunn and Governor Jan Hyde.

Mayor Mark Eckel is receptive to the idea, after discussions about the Kiwanis Convention to be held in Mildura late August. Tony and Jan are shown here with Cr Eckel during discussions.





AROUND THE CLUBS



Kiwanis won't let an op to help go waste

By Liz Mellor

Shepparton Kiwanis Sunrisers are leading a helping hand to rid the world of plastic bags.

The group met on Sunday afternoon to make reusable Boomerang Bags from unwanted fabric, clothing and pillowcases.

Kiwanis Sunrisers community director Jill Myers said the idea came about following an ongoing Australian movement to reduce the use of plastic bags and the serious impact they had on the environment.

Ms Myers said the group approached the Shepparton Hospice Opportunity Shop, offering to donate Boomerang Bags for its use.

"This gave the op shop the opportunity to phase out their plastic bags," she said.

"They weren't doing it until we suggested the idea and they embraced it completely."

Ms Myers said the bags were an ethical way to reuse and recycle unwanted material that had been donated from club members and the op shop.

The easy-to-follow pattern allows the bags to be made quickly and with a limited amount of sewing required.



Leading a hand: Bag starts a life among things through the Kiwanis working bees.

This was the first working bee of the Sunrisers, who are hoping to make more than 500 bags to donate to the Hospice Op Shop.

Ms Myers said the Boomerang Bag initiative aligned perfectly with the Kiwanis motto of people committed to helping the community.

"Kiwanis is a global organisation, who are dedicated to improving the world, one child and one community at a time," she said.

"If we rubbish up the world with plastic, we are not going to have a community for the future."



Bagful of goodwill: Jill Myers, Felicity Buttcher and Betty L'Amore holding some of the finished Boomerang Bags.



All South Australian Kiwanians would know of Willsy - media icon Anne Wills OAM. "Cruisy lady" & Mitcham Club member Maria Evans-Raymond (often known as Tia Maria!) counts Willsy amongst her "good friends" list but they hadn't crossed paths for a while due to Maria sometimes being away on cruises and Anne being tied up with media appointments. Well, as part of her community service efforts, Maria often assists at Southern Cross Homes on respite care, helping take aged care residents to cinema outings. At a recent movie function, *The Unsinkable Molly Brown* with Debbie Reynolds. Willsy and Maria happened to bump into each other; Maria is shown here with copies of photos of the "dynamic duo" pictured together. Keep up the worthwhile community work Maria!

The efforts of SHEPPARTON SUNRISERS are now being recognised on a wide scale, after the local media jumped on the efforts of these Kiwanians to rid the world of plastic bags. This enterprising Club is making bags from pre-loved fabric for the Hospice Op Shop, meaning clients thereby don't need to use bags made of plastic.

(newspaper article shown above)



In April, ROBYN WAKEFIELD from SA Epilepsy Centre was introduced to Reedbeds Kiwanis by Geoff Samuels and spoke about how there are nearly 70K people in SA with some form of epilepsy.

Robyn showed a number of monitoring devices that are now available, but are quite costly. SA and NT do not receive Government funding. A video was shown of well-known (deceased) people who had some form of epilepsy.

She is shown above with Treasurer Cliff Holland and Reedbeds President Kerry Gannon after being presented with a cheque for A\$500.00.

SYDNEY SCENE



Emma from HeartKids spoke at a recent Sydney Club meeting, outlining the difficulties faced by families with a HeartKid child. Two upcoming HK events that Kiwanis can help by supporting are (a) on September 9: **2 Feet & A Heart event**, at Parramatta, and (b) on September 22 is a **Black Tie Ball**. Steve Hughes is shown here thanking Emma.

Below: Sydney President Jeff Hudson was working at a Kiwanis barbecue and came up with an unusual way to get our K logo "out there". . . . !!



MANNINGHAM KIWANIS



Manningham Kiwanis (originally Doncaster-Templestowe Club) has celebrated 44 fruitful years with a well-supported function last month. Governor Jan (and John) Hyde were in attendance.

VICTORIA PARK HAS TURNED 20

Club milestones are abounding in recent times, as several of our District Kiwanis Clubs were chartered in similar territory, time-wise.

In March this year, Victoria Park Club K15425 over in WA officially clocked up its 20 year anniversary having chartered in March 1998 – and a Birthday Celebration was being held mid-June (coverage due in our next edition of AK).

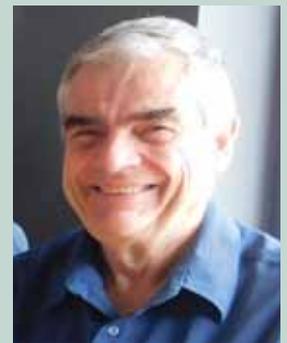
Victoria Park is an inner south eastern suburb of Perth and is the eastern gateway to Perth's central business district. The Club currently is presided over by Jan Mason (President) with Jeanette Taylforth as Secretary. They meet on the third Monday monthly if anyone happens to be venturing over that way and would like to make contact.

A FAMILY AFFAIR



While not unprecedented worldwide, the following story could be regarded as rather unique in Australia District.

The Cownleys from Victoria have spawned a triple generation of Kiwanians, quite a family involvement! Past Lt Governor Division 1 Peter Cownley joined our organisation around 43 years ago and as a result, his father Arthur William Roy Cownley (left) signed up for Kiwanis Club of Keilor in August 1981. Living in Essendon, Roy transferred to and became a Charter member of the new Essendon Club that was



sponsored by Keilor in September 1981.

After serving as Secretary for Essendon (1983-84), when that Club folded in 1985 Roy rejoined Keilor where he became (Distinguished) Secretary in 1989. Roy Cownley was credited with 18 years perfect attendance, and the Keilor Club conferred on him a Hixson Fellowship in the late 1990s (Hixson #10689). Despite increasing health concerns Roy continued his Kiwanis involvement, attending Keilor Club until that went into recession early 2001. Roy and wife Beryl were keen attendees at Conventions and made many friends throughout our District.

Ever the keen Kiwanian, and buoyed by the continued involvement of his son Peter, Roy helped with the formation of a new Kiwanis Club of CQU Melbourne which chartered on February 22, 2002. Sadly three days later, on February 25 Roy succumbed to illness, at age 80. The Cownley legacy continues however, with Peter and wife Sandra still heavily involved. Sandra joined Port Phillip in 2008, and has held the Secretarial position since 2017.

Peter Cownley has a lengthy Kiwanis involvement, being Charter member of Keilor in October 1975, and serving as President (Distinguished) 1979-80 during which time they helped form Sunbury Club. Peter was Keilor Secretary in 1982-83 and 1983-84 (Distinguished). He again took up the Presidential position 1979-80, and returned to that role ten years later. Peter was Lt Gov Div 1 1993-94 and awarded Life Membership of KI in 1996. He was also Keilor President 1999-2001 and returned to the Div 1 Lt Governor role 2001-03 (Distinguished x 2), around the same time he was awarded a Hixson Fellowship (#23234). In fact his current Club is a re-formation of Port Phillip which occurred in 2002. Peter was Secretary/ Treasurer 2003-04, Club President 2007-09 and 2017-18, being re-elected in that office for 2018-19.

Their daughter (and Roy's grand-daughter) Deb is also a Port Phillip member (joined 16 years ago) and current Lt Governor of Division 1 for her second term. Deborah was Club President from 2004 until 2006, then Secretary from 2007 to 2009 and Treasurer from 2014 to 2016. Amongst Deb Cownley's many credentials, she is credited as being behind organising the 2015 District Convention in Melbourne. This was performed at short notice after the original organisers deferred, making Deb and her team's efforts all the more noteworthy. At Convention Deb was awarded a Centennial Walter Zeller, recognising her standout efforts. (Deb and Peter are pictured above).

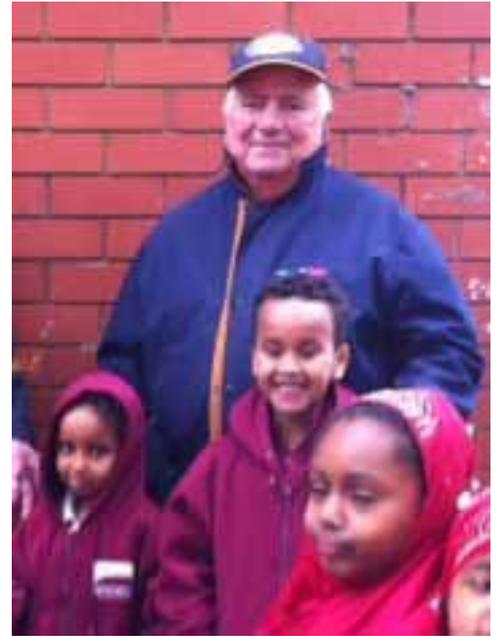
Well done to the Cownley family on this "dynasty" which we all hope continues for many years yet. This really is a case of "like father, like son". Best throw in "like father, like daughter" as well



GEORGE SANTOS (Melbourne Club)

GEORGE SANTOS was the last survivor of the quartet who brought Kiwanis to Australia in the 1960s, hence his legacy remains an important part of our organisation in this District.

Described as a gentleman, charming and unpretentious, he was a Charter Member of the first Kiwanis Club in Australia (Melbourne) and he was still a member at the time of his passing in USA on February 18, 2018.



Originally from America, George came to live in Australia after World War II ended, prompted by the experience of a visit during that conflict, while he was a crew member of the light cruiser *USS Birmingham*.

In 1967, while Vice-President of the American Club in Melbourne he was recommended by the U.S. Consulate to help establish Kiwanis in Australia. He became a member of the group led by Edwin T. (Bill) Lees to establish the fledgling Australian Kiwanis Interim Control Committee. Businessman Des Fagan was another of this illustrious group which ended up also involving Ralph Doddrell. With the group being Melbourne-based, it was decided to aim at building the first Club in that city.

George Santos became the Melbourne Club's Vice-President in 1967-68, the Club's second President in 1968-69, Lt Governor Division 1 1969-70 and was awarded Life Member status of Kiwanis International in 1986, recognising the great service this man had given to Kiwanis, both in Australia and abroad.

As a member of the Australian Commission of K.I. appointed to organise the District of Australia, George played a significant role in the growth of Kiwanis over the ensuing years. He was an outstanding artist although in typical selfless manner he described himself as an illustrator. He worked in the field of graphic art and advertising and was later employed as a Senior Lecturer in Graphic Arts at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology.

For many years George divided his time between Australia and the U.S. where he was a member of the Saddle Brook Club in New Jersey near New York. He enjoyed spending the summer and autumn in Australia and returning to America for their spring and summer. In recent years George was presented with a Walter Zeller Fellowship-Charter Member and a Kiwanis Australia Fellowship by the Kiwanis Club of Melbourne.



Those who knew him will miss his charisma and quiet humour, but not the lethal looking tongs he always brought along to the Bunnings barbecues where he would invariably help out.

(Many thanks to Graham Mould, Secretary of Melbourne Club for the thoughtful insight provided)

Left: Photo shows the presentation of the Certificate of Organisation to Melbourne Club in 1967. From left: President Des Fagan, Director George Santos, 1st Vice-President Peter Frankel, 2nd Vice-President Ralph Doddrell, Bill Lees - Founder of Kiwanis in Australia.

FRANK FOTIADES (Darwin)

We have lost another valued Past Governor late March, sadly, when Northern Territory stalwart FRANK FOTIADES joined an increasing number of PG fraternity moving upstairs.

The youngest of eight children, Frank began his life journey in Perth where he attended school. His brothers worked in Darwin and when he travelled north to join them, he ended up staying in the Territory. He married Pam in January 1971 with their three children (Nerrilee, Steven and Evan) arriving in quick succession.

The family went through Cyclone Tracy while still building a house in 1974. Their caravan they were living in was destroyed in that disaster so the Fotiades family were evacuated to Perth. But they were soon back living in Darwin, rebuilding their lives. Frank gravitated through various commercial ventures with varying rates of success until hitting on the insurance business where he found his niche.

Around this time Frank was enjoying involvement with charity work and the inclusive fun social times, which led to him discovering Kiwanis, where he found pleasure in helping others. He was a Charter member of Casuarina Kiwanis Club 37 years ago.

During his nearly four decades in our organisation he racked up an amazing tally of service hours in a huge range of community activities and projects including helping supervise the movement of cattle via Darwin, heading north for the East Timor Dairy Project.



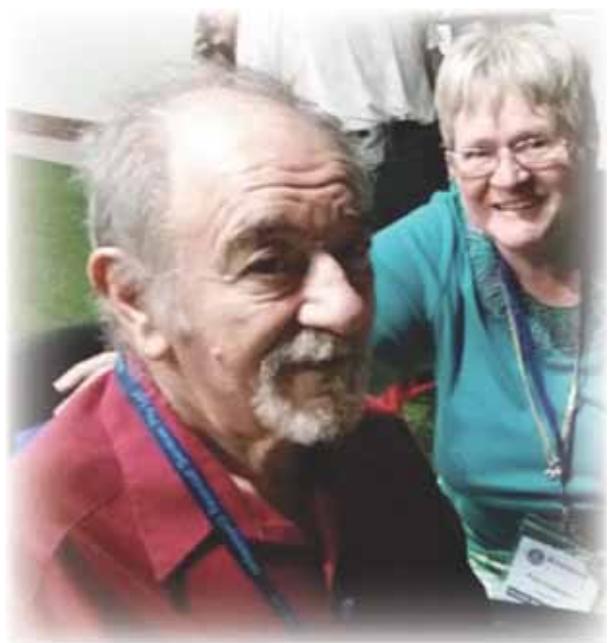
A past Distinguished President and Life Member of Casuarina Club, he received a Hixson Award plus a Tablet of Honour, having served as Lt Governor Division 9. A pinnacle was achieved in 2004-05 when he was voted in as our District Governor, a unique honour for a Northern Territorian. Frank was also named NT Local Hero in 2007.

Frank quit smoking at age 50 but retained his penchant for red wine. Rapidly declining health in recent years unfortunately saw him confined to a wheelchair, eventually living at Pearl Nursing Home (Southern Cross Care). Frank was a valued sponsor for last year's Darwin Convention and even helped at the Darwin Christmas Carols six months ago.

You would travel a long way before encountering a keener Kiwanian than Frank. A couple of quick anecdotes include how he managed to slip into Adelaide in August 2008 for the District Convention, but he really did "slip" in more ways than one. He tripped on the steps leading to the registration desk, and landed in hospital with pedimentary injuries. And how many hardy souls from our organisation can admit that they decided to register their car with the personalised number plate **KIWANIS**. That's just what Frank did, a few years ago, up in Darwin. Now there's a conversation starter!

He always displayed a wicked sense of humor, confirmed at many events where he wasn't shy at dressing up for "theme" functions, such as one Board of Trustees meeting where the social event to "round out" BOT involved wacky hairstyles, so Frank arrived with an outrageous wig, and although that typified his "fun" style, belied an incredibly dedicated soul who seemed to put Kiwanis first, no matter what.

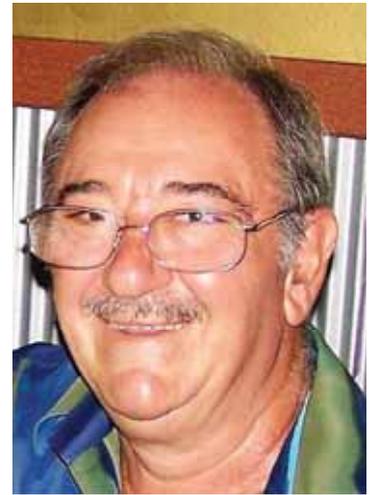
Frank Fotiades (22/11/1944 to 30/3/2018) is survived by Pam, their three children and several grandchildren. At his funeral service, Kiwanis representation included two Tony's – Lt Governor 2 Tony Schelling, and past Governor Tony Gunn, who ventured north from Melbourne to help deliver the eulogies. Sleep well Frank, you have sure earned the rest.



Above top: Frank (centre) during celebrations at the (36th) Cobram Barooga Convention in 2004 where Frank was installed as District Governor. He's flanked here by Tony Schelling and Trevor Tschirpig.

Above: Frank and Pam at last year's Darwin Convention.

(Some more on Frank over the next page)





FAREWELL 'FINE FELLOW' FRANK *(continued)*

Frank Fotiades the only Northern Territorian to hold the position of Kiwanis Governor in Australia is shown left, early 2007, receiving the Metropolitan "Local Hero" Award 2007 from NT Chief Minister Claire Martin.

Frank received that notable award for Community Service in the NT. As a follow up to this, Frank and wife Pam went to Canberra for the Australia Day ceremony to have the award presented by PM John Howard. Frank had morning tea with Mr Howard, and later both he and Pam were invited to have lunch with the Governor-General, Major General Michael Jeffery.

Frank was never shy at dressing up for Kiwanis events. Here he is with Janine Powell at 2009 Geelong Convention - Groucho Marx in a 1940s theme. Right: In Adelaide, 2001, after a Board of Trustees meeting, for the wind-down function, wearing a wig was "wonderful"!



Above: Here's the man at 2014 Shepparton Convention - part of the 3 Amigos.

ANTHONY REECE LEE (Reedbeds Club)

Reedbeds Kiwanis Club (marking its 30th anniversary in a couple of months), is mourning the passing of an esteemed Charter member, Reece Lee.

Anthony Reece Lee was raised in Ceduna, moving to Adelaide in his mid-teens to attend college at Henley where he met school sweet-heart Julie, eventually marrying her in 1968 (they would have celebrated their 50th anniversary this year).

His parents had earlier reverted to calling their son by his middle name after Ceduna schoolmates kept referring to him as "Tony". Reece had one brother, Warrick, who passed away in 2003.

Following college, Reece's community service began when he joined Apex in October 1979 until he "aged out" in August 1985. He was in the "service wilderness" until the Kiwanis Club of Adelaide early 1988 were setting up to build a new Club in the western suburbs. Adelaide Club Secretary Vic Hugo (who was also the person that introduced David McNabb to Kiwanis) coerced Reece (with not much arm twisting needed) to become a foundation member of this new Reedbeds Kiwanis Club, officially signing up on August 27, 1988.

An ever-reliable attendee at Club projects such as Bunnings barbecues, Reece with his trademark pipe was one of a handful who would volunteer for full-day shifts, where most members undertake a rostered half-day shift. 'Woe betide' any novice barbecuers who didn't adhere to the "ReeceLee" method of serving up snags correctly in the servietted bread!

Several years ago Reece was Editor of the *Bullrushes* magazine, when Reedbeds Club had a regular publication. The photo shown here was taken during one of his last Kiwanis outings, late 2017, with the Club hiring a river launch (the Dolphin Explorer) for a day trip at Port Adelaide. Reece took ill not long after, requiring extensive hospitalisation. Sadly his condition worsened around Easter, and he passed away peacefully on April 21, aged 73.

Reece (born February 1, 1945) is survived by wife Julie and daughters Cassandra and Sonia, and sons-in-law Travis and Adrian. He sure doted on his grandchildren. His sparky ever-present wit and outgoing persona will be missed by his Club and Kiwanis in general. RIP Reece, a real contributor to helping make this world a better place.



STOP PRESS Word arrived as we were going to print, that a Charter member of Rostrevor-Campbelltown Club has just passed away. There will be a comprehensive mention of **GRAEME LITTLE** in our next edition of AK.



2018 Convention is starting!

This year's 102nd International Convention in Las Vegas is due to kick off on June 28, and there's a reasonable number of Australasians flying over.

Voting will be held during House of Delegates for Vice-President, who will become International President in 2020-2021. All four candidates have been keeping high profiles in recent months including attending the 2018 European Convention in Baveno, Italy earlier this month.

Here's a short profile on the four VP candidates for 2018

JOHN DEVILBISS from West Alexandra, Ohio, USA

John has been Ohio District Governor, Lieutenant Governor, District Treasurer, and is a KI Trustee as well as Certified Master Trainer. His awards include for Circle K International, along with being a Hixson and Walter Zeller Fellow. John is married to Wanda and they have two children and six grandchildren.



GARY LEVINE from Ontario, Canada

A Hixson and Zeller Fellow, Gary has served two years as KI Trustee for East Canada & Caribbean District. A Past Governor for that area (2009-10) and was Lt Governor 2003-05. Gary is also a Distinguished President of the Owen Sound Club where he's been a member since 1990. Married to Julia, with offspring.

ARTHUR RILEY from Maryland, USA

Art has just served a three year term as KI Trustee. For 37 yrs he has been in the Kiwanis Club of Westminster, Maryland. He was a Key Club Lt Governor, and was Governor of Capital District 2007-08. Married to Vickie with three children and three grandchildren. Art's father was in Kiwanis and he "followed dad".



TERRY WHITE from Newburgh, Indiana, USA

An attendee of 15 International Kiwanis Conventions, Terry joined Evansville Green River Kiwanis 38 yrs ago. He is a KI Trustee, Zeller Fellow and Hixson Diamond Level 1. Terry was Indiana District Governor 2008-09 and is a past Lt Governor. Wife Zenda, two children. A New Club Opener for The Formula.



KIWANIS SUPPORTS CHILDREN FIRST FOUNDATION

The AK (December 2017) covered a heart-warming story of the amazing work and programs being performed by the Children First Foundation. This has captured the hearts and minds of Kiwanis Australia by becoming a partner with them and offering support through our Clubs.

More information about the Kiwanis – Children First Foundation program is available on the Kiwanis Australia website www.kiwanis.org.au/foundation

Donations are being sought for this program to increase available funding towards improving the quality of life of disadvantaged and chronically ill children. Kiwanis will direct 100% of any donations received for this program. Individual, public and corporate donations are tax deductible.

Please donate now with your choice of preferred payment: Cheque payable to KADCF – Children First Foundation and mail to the Secretary, 4 Atherton Close, Aspendale Gardens, VIC 3195 OR Online through secure facilities by selecting the following link on the District webpage

www.givenow.com.au/kadcfchildrenfirstfoundation

MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP

A Nice Way to Say, 'We'll Always Remember...'

Ideal for a Kiwanis Club or family, friends, Club members, business associates to honour a deceased Kiwanian. Club donors receive a 'Memorial Fellowship' certificate printed in honour of the deceased Kiwanian with an option of presenting this to the family. Other donations of Memorial Gifts in memory of the deceased are welcomed.

DONATIONS: Club donors for 'Memorial Fellowship' - Minimum of \$250
Other donors of 'Memorial Gifts' - Discretionary amount.

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A Loving Memory





CONFUSCIUS SAY:

Relationships like algebra. You look at your X and wonder Y ...

Best time to buy anything, usually last year.

Passionate kiss like spider web. Leads to undoing of fly...

Man who run in front of car get tyred, but man who run behind car gets exhausted!

I've just burned 2000 calories. The last time I leave brownies in the oven while I nap.

Husband to wife: "I've just let out a silent flatulence. What should I do?" Wife: "Replace your hearing aid batteries!"

Instead of "john", I call my toilet "Jim". Sounds better when I boast to my friends that I regularly go to the jim (gym) each day.

If you stand on the toilet does that make you high on pot?

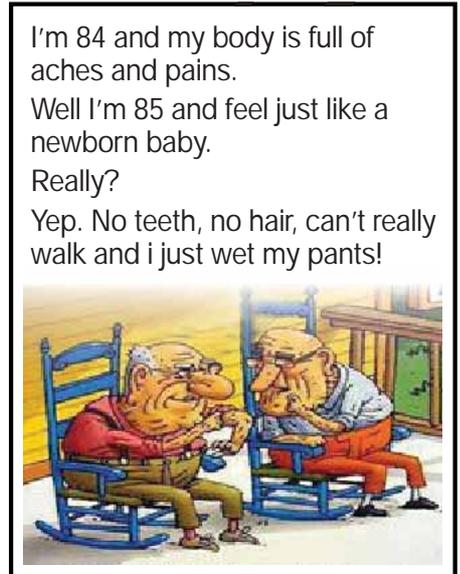
War does not determine who is right. It determines who is left.

A person who drives like hell is bound to get there . . .

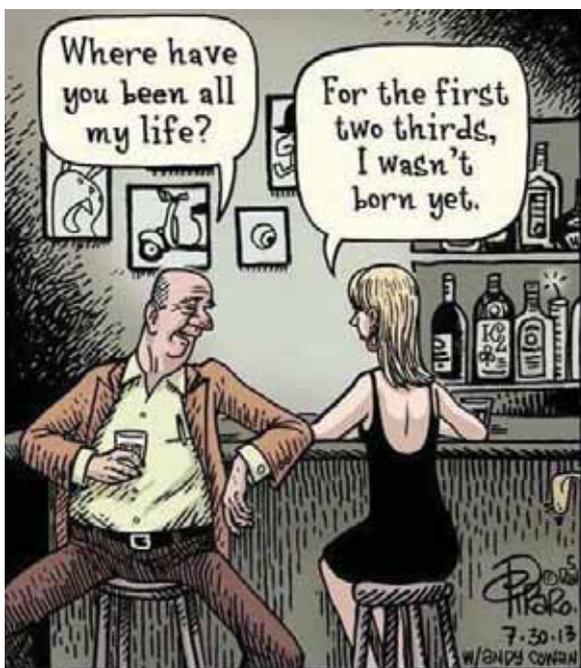


After having my annual medical wellness checkup, the nurse reported that at my age I really should have a bar in the shower. So I have taken up her advice

Life's halfway mark: muddle age....



Oxymoron: Definite possibility



THE BIBLE AND A HAIRCUT 🤔

A young lad had just gained his learner driver's permit and inquired of his father if they could discuss his use of the family car. The father said he'd make a deal with his son. "You bring up your grades from a C to B average, study your Bible a bit, get your hair cut, and we'll talk about the car." The boy thought about that for a moment, decided he would settle for the offer and they shook on it.

After about six weeks his father remarked, "Son, I've been real proud. You brought your grades up and I've observed that you have been studying your Bible, but I'm actually disappointed you haven't had your hair cut."

The youngster paused briefly, then said, "You know Dad, I've been thinking about that and I noticed in my studies of the Bible that Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, and there's even a strong belief that Jesus also had long hair."

To this his father replied, "Yes, but did you also notice, those fellows you mentioned all walked, everywhere they went!!"



FICAN GUITARS supporting Rod Moore's Underwater Walk for Kiwanis

Kiwanis has received some significant support from an Australian business that is backing Newcastle Kiwanian Rod Moore in his "underwater endeavours" which are generating great publicity.



Stuart Monk from **Fican Guitars Sydney** has donated a new Fican Tornado Guitar valued at A\$3,000.00 to kick-start Rod Moore's underwater walks to raise the profile of Kiwanis. Stuart said he was impressed that Kiwanis help children in need, and he was proud to donate this valuable guitar.

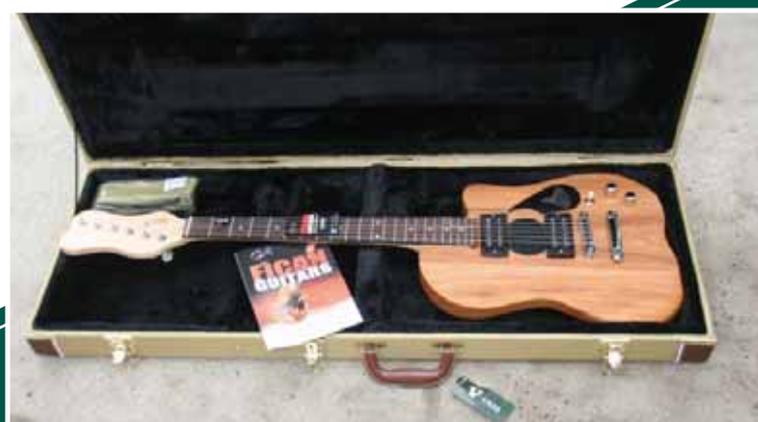
The Australian Fican Tornado electric guitar (pictured below) features a beautiful and artistic body as well as a stunning head stock in the shape of a treble clef. Stuart said the vision at Fican Guitars was to create a guitar which not only sounds superb but looks unique and is different from other guitars in history.

If you or someone you know is in the market for a unique guitar and would like to make a bid on this beautiful Fican Tornado, please contact Rod Moore on 0403 472 003. Or if you'd like to chat with Stuart about his Fican Guitars, please phone him on 0411 796 725. You can also check out the awesome website: ficanguitars.com.au

Rod Moore has walked (under) Sydney Harbour, Bondi Beach and the Gold Coast promoting Kiwanis on television, radio and printed media in NSW and Queensland. An epic contribution and Rod says he hasn't finished yet. He still wants to walk in other States, including Western Australia and, yes, Victoria !



Above and below: Rod Moore "at work"



PHILIPPINES PHILANTHROPY



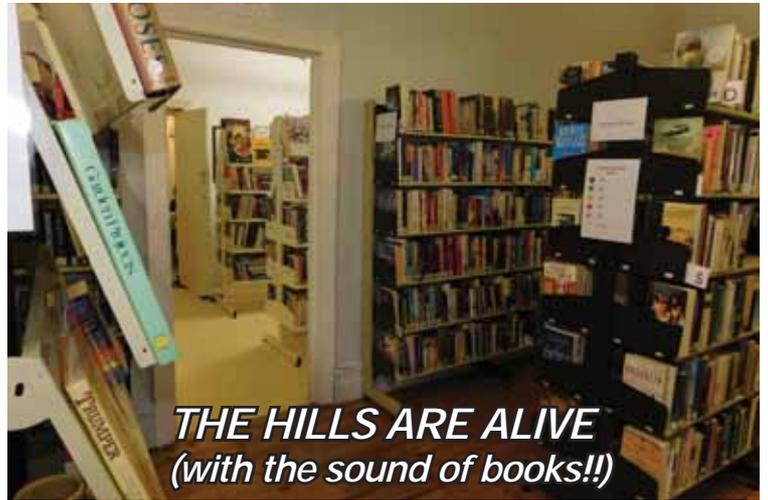
The Kiwanis spirit of helping others less fortunate really shone through when the son of a newly inducted member of Kiwanis Club of Barossa indicated he would like to help out with the Philippines school project.

10-year-old Josh Burrows insisted on using some of his pocket money to purchase one of the books donated to the V.Kalaw School when Robert Nitschke (above) presented some resources to their library. Nice effort Josh, maybe a Kiwanian of the future!

Through a twinning arrangement, the Kiwanis Clubs of Barossa (providing \$2000), plus Roseworthy-Hewett (with A\$1000) were able to substantially help out a school in the Philippines last year.

Rather than merely mail over a cheque, incoming Lt Governor Division 10 Robert Nitschke flew there to help oversee local Kiwanians with the purchase of a complete suite of computer gear and ancillary items. A nearby computer store was happy to advise, and "did a deal" which saw the school benefit with three new Hewlett-Packard desktop machines, an Epson scanner/printer and Epson digital projector/screen plus speakers, headphones, toner, microphones and other gear. Through a twinning arrangement which began three years ago, the SA Kiwanis Clubs mentioned above have been associated with Kiwanis Philippines Luzon District Division 34 and the Kiwanis Club of Manila, where the Pura V.Kalaw Elementary School is located, this being the school that scored the items pictured above. This learning academy has around 2500 students, which is a rather small campus compared to some Philippines schools where the roll can approach 5000 (that's five thousand)!!

Our last AK featured a brand new venture for Kiwanis Club of Adelaide Hills where they transformed an idle emporium at Mt Barker into a full-on book store staffed by dedicated Kiwanians. Pleasing to report that in the four months this enterprising project has been running, our Kiwanis clan has had a terrific turnover, vindicating the decision to get things underway. Here are two shots of a couple of rooms inside the Book Store (including two staffers snapped "unawares!"



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