MILDURA CONVENTION
2018 - Full wrap inside

Children First Foundation

• Established in 1999
• Every child deserves access to excellent medical care, regardless of where they are born
• Miracle sMiles Program transforms the lives of children from developing countries
• Enables children to reach their potential and fulfilling lives

Jeff Hudson talking on the Children First Foundation at 2018 Convention, shown here with a powerpoint display

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Where did this year go? People, places, plans, pursuits & purposes – and what of the goals?

INSPIRATION: To build, retain and support a growing membership. It’s with regret that members leave Kiwanis but even more so to lose members, especially long term ones, through death. I mention here two senior servants of the District, both from Darwin. George Loch passed away in sad circumstances at Christmas 2017. For many years he assisted in managing the security around the Australia District website. At the Darwin Convention last year George was presented with a 45 year Legion of Honour Award. I also pay tribute to 2004-2005 Past Governor Frank Fotiades who passed away on March 30th 2018. I offer sincere condolences to Pam who lived Kiwanis through Frank’s 37 years as a Kiwanian.

The Board of Trustees: I am amazed by our diligent and committed leaders within the District. I begin by thanking everyone for support and friendship during 2018. The Governor’s role can be a lonely existence at times. Notwithstanding, whenever I asked for advice and support it was generously forthcoming.

Special thanks to Immediate Past Governor Tony Gunn who has been a tower of strength as a mentor and sounding board in the last three years. I wish him well as a Ki Counsellor – a strategic player to have in the team. Peter Zander with his many Kiwanis hats has been a magnificent assistant and the backbone as Secretary. He knows everything and everybody everywhere. He will do us proud as Chair of ASPAC next year. Ken Archer is into 8 years as District Treasurer. He is the ‘Siri’ you need to navigate the maze of Ki and District bookkeeping.

Then there’s Bob Sitters, 36 year Kiwanian, who has been a fantastic Governor-elect to work alongside and I look forward to that partnership alongside and I look forward to that partnership flourishing and continuing.

All seven Lieutenant Governors have been working hard at the important grass roots caring for the Clubs and members. They have been most responsive and critical members of the team. I sincerely thank Deb Cownley, Tony Schelling, David McNabb, Ian Randall, Brian Pedretti, Ray Wakeling and Robert Gambell for all their helpful contributions.

Although not on the BOT in person, it has been advantageous to have Phil Riggio in the background as our District By-Laws and Policy advisor. I have appreciated his contributory discussions on by-laws. Legal issues have emerged this year and his counsel and consultation have been invaluable.

District Strategy and Goals: 2017-18 was to be a year of great Kiwanis growth worldwide. It could have been easy to forget that Kiwanis is all about kids! But the more Kiwanians, the more service for kids in need. The huge thrust and goals set by International President Jim Rochford resulted in great achievements. Significant growth has occurred in most Districts, small increments in others but in our District – unfortunately no new Clubs for the third year in succession. The District team strategy has been clearly laid out over the last four years. Each year a new coach, goals, game plan, but...

Club membership: A goal in the District strategy was for all clubs to have a plan. Seven clubs took time to write a yearly plan under the I Plan headings with goals for growth and improved service and impact. These clubs added 23% of our new members. Well done. Twenty of our 42 clubs (48%) inducted new members. Seven of these clubs were very active recruiters. We were pleased to welcome 50 new Kiwanians but we will close the year with fewer Kiwanians in our District with no net gain. Sadly.

We have 13 clubs out of 42 that sit precariously under 15 members and would not be chartered as clubs today. Another 12 clubs sit between 15 and 20 members. Many of these two categories of clubs did not attract new members. We need to work on recruiting and sustaining membership, keeping clubs vibrant and putting pazz into meetings. The species called the Aussie Kiwanian is on the ‘vulnerable’ to ‘endangered’ list.

New Clubs: The goal set for our District by Jim Rochford was to open 5 new clubs tops, a lower goal of 3. After the busy club opening period from the late 1960s and into the 70s and 80s we have experienced more clubs closing than opening. This year the District started with 44 clubs and ended with 42. We have been unable to replace them. Despite much time, energy and contact with people, we were unsuccessful in gaining enough interest for a new club in Cranbourne. I thank Norm McLennan (Formula) and Tony Gunn (Eye of the Tiger) for their perseverance in what became a difficult exercise supported and sustained by a very small District team in February 2018. Bendigo another new club site – thanks to Brian Pedretti for his time and patience over eight months with no result at the time of writing. A club for Mildura? There’s a little ray of sunshine there that requires some time and nurturing. We need a concerted effort from all Kiwanians to set up new clubs or we’ll bump along the bottom!

Terrific Kids: Some good news. We have grown to 145 TK schools. This is terrific for Kiwanis and kids. Thanks to Annette Holmes as SLP Chair we have been well on the way to achieving our goal. There could easily be 1,000 Terrific Kids a year where the Kiwanis name happily moves into homes. Recruitment into Kiwanis is a further step. The Kiwanis Clubs that sponsor and maintain the 4 Key clubs and 6 AKtion clubs need to be congratulated. We have a new Key Club at Cranbourne Secondary College in the development stages and need a Kiwris Club to support it.

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Well – attention, that was sure one great Convention! And well done to the Three Wise Men (Past Governors Spencer, Bill and Graham) plus helpers for co-ordinating a mighty good event to celebrate our District’s 50th Convention. A report appears on p.16, although most Clubs have already covered that event in their respective bulletins, hence this AK Convention report is slightly more truncated than usual.

While the last two Australian Kiwanians have turned out on schedule, this edition is a bit later than planned, mainly as the Editor has been running around the delightful city of Cairns for a fortnight on family business, which directly affected time available for working on AK. But we got there!

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Meantime, do take time to read this issue, another 32-pager, becoming almost the “norm”, especially Governor Jan’s wise words on the page opposite. She is now officially becoming our Immediate Past Governor, and hence should not be referred to in future as “Lady Boss”! Job well done Jan - you can rest now while Bob steps up to the plate. And with Ashleigh Gore coming in as Governor-Elect, our District’s immediate future is looking good.

Be aware - 2019 Convention is at GLENELG, ADELAIDE. Meantime, keep enjoying Kiwanis. See you next time! David
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Signature Project, from four others that met the criteria. Well done Reynella Kiwanis.

HeartKids: We welcomed Angela Randall into the role of HeartKids Chair mid-year. Angela immediately set to work and has been most involved and insightful. Clubs have continued to support HeartKids generously whether at the local level or by donations to the District HeartKids project. We will have $30,000 for the HeartKids “Grants in Aid” program again this year.

Kiwanis Children’s Fund: (Formerly KIF). Betty D’Amore as KCF Leader has promoted the name change and the five major areas the KCF supports – one of which is Eliminate MNT. Thanks to club support for KCF in 2016-17 Betty honed in on applying for a KCF grant which was approved. This was fed back into Kiwanis Australia by supplementing the Waverley Kiwanis ELIMINATE pledge. I thank Betty for her reports, promotional articles in the AK and attendance at BOT meetings.

ELIMINATE MNT: While Steve Hughes has been of great service as a KI and District Grants promoter I am really grateful for his ongoing drive, meticulous administration and reporting of the District ELIMINATE MNT donations since 2010. Our District overall has been a very generous per capita contributor and only one club is yet to complete its pledge. Only 14 countries remain to eliminate MNT so there’s still work to do to help mothers and babies from contracting this fatal disease.

CHILDREN FIRST FOUNDATION: As the ELIMINATE MNT project moved into its seventh year, with only a few clubs left to fulfill pledges, the District decided to adopt a new project, namely the “Children First Foundation”. It was embraced by the BOT as a very worthy addition to our mission for kids. This Foundation provides the “Miracle sMiles Program” - life-saving and life-changing surgery for overseas children sending them home to a better future. Their other program “Between the Gaps” supports Australian families with disabled or chronically ill children. Kiwanis clubs and individual Kiwanians have already supported the Foundation.

IMAGE: Enhance the Kiwanis image and brand worldwide

Word, emotion and actions have a big impact on how people in your community see your club. We need to bring the Kiwanis brand to life consistently and effectively to communicate that we’re about kids. Many clubs promulgate through their presence in the community and via local newspapers – a good medium. This year Kiwanis has had very good coverage and publicity in the national media - print, online, radio and TV by the efforts of new Newcastle Kiwanian underwater walker Rod Moore. Sydney and the Gold Coast have seen him action. The Mildura Weekly has twice publicized Kiwanis and our upcoming Convention. Val Symon’s District Facebook page receives hundreds of hits as does the website - thanks Ken Archer. We see what clubs are up to through their regular bulletins. Some clubs have begun a Facebook page and a website. Dedicated, proactive Australian Kiwanian editor David McNabb covers a multitude of Kiwanis events in 4 comprehensive issues a year. Through that, Kiwanians have no excuse for not knowing what is happening in Kiwanis Australia and further afield.

INVESTMENT: Ensure financial viability and responsible stewardship

Treasurer Ken plus Bryan Williams with the help of fellow directors, has tirelessly guided and managed our District Charitable Foundation from inception. More members and clubs understand its operation and are using it. This year we’ve added the ability to donate to the Children First Foundation. More clubs have been honouring members with The Rising Sun Honour, Kiwanis Australia Fellowship, Kiwanis Australia Foundation Fellowship and Memorial Fellowship. The KACDF has appointed the following directors from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019. Ken Archer (with 3 year appointment), Bryan Williams (with 1 year remaining term), Peter Zander (with 2 year remaining term), Geoff Peirce (with 2 year remaining term), Steve Hughes (with 1 year remaining term) Bryan Williams has also been re-appointed Chairman of Directors until 30 June 2019. Thanks to all above for your work and counsel.

For now, it’s Convention time. I extend my appreciation to Past Governors Bill Craig, Graham Mould and Spencer Harding for their initiative in tackling the 2018 Convention planning. Dedicated from day one they have developed a program that will interest and entertain us. It’s been a pleasure to work with you.

On the international scene I have appreciated the professional partnership with International President Jim Rochford and admire his energy and drive. ASPAC Eye of the Tiger, Lee Kuan Yong and International Counsellor Chian Chu Ching (George) both provided much support and friendship throughout the year. Good news – George joins us again in 2018-19.

It’s been an honour and privilege to be 2017-18 District Governor working with a dedicated team at International, District and Club levels. Thank you one and all.

The level of District success is as always in everyone’s hands.

JAN HYDE, Governor 2017-18

AUSTRALIA DISTRICT FACEBOOK PAGE

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

VAL SYMONS
79th ANNIVERSARY CAMPAIGN, CELEBRATING THE FUND’S 79th BIRTHDAY

Australia’s clubs have donated generously to the Kiwanis Children’s Fund, increasing our impact and enabling the fund to serve more children worldwide.

This is not a club giving campaign, but an opportunity for individual donors to contribute, further increasing the fund’s capacity to do great things for kids.

A huge thank you to those who generously donated at convention, and at the same time supporting our Drought Relief Appeal.

The campaign runs until April next year, and your donation of the equivalent of US$79 will be recognised with the gift of a 79th Anniversary pin.

To donate, simply go to the Kiwanis Children’s Fund website, and click on ‘Give’ then ‘Anniversary Campaign.’ There are easy options to donate.

Don’t forget to let me know when you have contributed and I will send you your anniversary pin.

Thank you.  BETTY D’AMORE  0417 514 565

WE’RE SURE 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”.

http://www2.kiwanis.org/childrensfund

A quick search of the above 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 supporting you in this endeavour. Please continue to keep me busy!

BETTY D’AMORE
KCF Board Support Leader
bettyd2@bigpond.com
On Saturday June 23 the Adelaide Hills Aktion Club held a special Handover Night, with an exceptionally large attendance. This really was a Night of Nights for the most senior of our District’s Aktion Clubs, as it marked 25 years of activities - a notable milestone.

The large number of Aktioneers present were joined by Mt Barker Mayor Ann Ferguson, along with guest speaker (and past Governor) Peter Zander OAM, two Lt Governors (Divisions 3 and 8), along with Adelaide Hills Kiwanis President Marisa Elks and several members of Adelaide Hills Club.

Outgoing President Barton Gawen gave an excellent report on the Club’s activities over the past year. Many thanks to past Lt Gov Div 8 Ashleigh Gore for a large part in coordinating such a top evening. Plus Ashleigh provided a great slide show of the Club’s activities over the past quarter decade.

SOUTH COAST AKTION CLUB has held a successful Kytons lamington fundraiser.

BRIGHTON BUSY BEAVERS AKTION CLUB held an enjoyable Afternoon Tea at Peter Zander’s house mid August, with the proceeds going to Diabetes SA. A future event being mooted is a DVD afternoon in October. The Club’s Changeover Meeting was set down for September 23 at Club Marion.

A LIST OF AUSTRALIA’S AKTION CLUBS with main contacts

ADELAIDE ACHIEVERS AKTION CLUB - Janine Keulen, Jan Woodward
ADELAIDE HILLS AKTION CLUB - Ashleigh Gore, Elizabeth Summersides
BRIGHTON BUSY BEAVERS AKTION CLUB - Peter Zander OAM
GULLY GO GETTERS AKTION CLUB - Emily Rutkowski, Greg Anderson, Luise Smith
NEWCASTLE AKTION CLUB - Ken Archer
SOUTH COAST AKTION CLUB - Ray Wakeling
This article is aimed at bringing AK readers up to speed on what our District’s “Club without borders” entails. The current President of Australia Online is Past Governor Norm McLennan, while Secretary is Steve Hughes. Anyone can retain membership of their regular face-to-face Kiwanis Club, while also joining Australia Online, and you will see there are many advantages.

Meets
• 1st Thursday each month at 7pm EST for up to one hour.
• via “Go to Meeting” on our computers or your telephone
• you don’t have to leave your house or even dress up!

Helping your community
• Undertake projects in your community in the name of Kiwanis Club of Australia Online
• Terrific Kids School – present one or two awards at a local Public School each term to kids selected by the teachers who improve their character. Usually low cost at $10 to $50 per term with framed certificate plus a book, iTunes card or ball.

• Kiwanis Dolls – cut-out, sew and stuff calico dolls to donate to children’s ward at local hospital. Doctors and nurses use them to show what they are going to do and then the child can decorate them with textas.
• Read Around the World (RATW) volunteer at your local school to teach reading in a one-on-one capacity.
• Mentor a service leadership program (SLP) in a school, university or with a group of adults with disability.
• Members also help others in projects such as patient transport, mowing lawns for elderly, etc.

Fund Raising
• Like all Kiwanis clubs we need to raise funds for our projects.
• Solicit friends and/or family to help you.
• Kiwanis insurance provides 3rd Party Liability and Injury cover as long as a Kiwanis member is in attendance.
• Bunnings barbecue on a weekday usually takes less people to staff, say three, and most probably still raises $$$.
• Or maybe a sausage sizzle at the local shops (eg Coles) or a sports event.
• Telephone book delivery can raise $$$
• Donations or sponsors may fund a project such as Terrific Kids.

Being a Kiwanis member
• Access to Kiwanis family of friends, ideas, education and children’s programs
• Insurance cover for all projects for public liability and personal injury.
• The cost to be a member is international dues $65, Aust dues $50 plus insurance $20, totalling $135 per year.
• Nil cost for dinner or travel to meetings as it is done in the privacy and comfort of your home.
• Working with Children Check (WWCC) and/or Police Check gives credibility to schools and other organisations for our work in the community.
• Already a Kiwanian? Our club may be a way to stay in contact if you have moved away, cannot drive to meetings or want to stay in touch while travelling.

“DANCING AWAY” WITH ADELAIDE ACHIEVERS AKTIONEERS

The Adelaide Achievers Aktion Club meets monthly, and at a recent regular gathering the activities included some impromptu dancing. Shown here are a few of the “twinkle toes” in action. The pic far right features Andrew and Rachael “tripping the light fantastic”!
HeartKids receives a big cheque at Convention

A highlight for recent activities involving both Kiwanis and HeartKids was Paula Murray being on hand at the Mildura Convention, where she accepted a cheque from the District for A$30,000 (pictured below).

Paula is General Manager, Programs, Research & Innovation for HeartKids and she gave us an overview of how Grants In Aid research projects are selected, with examples of projects that are now directly benefitting the HK community.

During the Convention, the Adelaide Hills Kiwanis also presented a cheque for A$940.00 to SA HeartKids. Well done to that Club.

In June Angela Randall spent a day in Queensland at the HeartKids National Teen Camp, along with Mark Brooke (CEO HeartKids), Jan McClelland OAM Chairman of the HK Board, and Christine Tyrell from Amway, a major sponsor of HeartKids. Ian Randall, Lt Governor Div 6 also attended.

The camp is for teens from all over Australia, aged from 13 to 21 who have congenital heart disease. Thanks to our Kiwanis family we are able to support the camp which costs about $125,000 to run for that week.

The camp is managed by a group of 30 volunteers, air ambulance (helicopter) and cardiologists, nurses, pharmacists, therapists, outdoor staff and the kitchen staff of the Bornhoffen Camp, as well as office staff from HeartKids.

For some of the teens it is the first time away from home without their parents, which is a significant event and adjustment for them. Fortunately the older teens who have attended this camp previously are able to support and mentor the younger ones.

Activities are varied and include a rope climb with careful instructions for safety with a harness by the camp leader. High wires is another activity. Mid-September there were plans for a “Two Feet and a Heartbeat” 4km walk, with a number of Clubs supporting that event.

Below: Angela with Jan McClelland OAM (far right) and some of the teens in the art & design room. Also shown are some of the children during their outdoor activities.
WE'RE GETTING CLOSER! As the worldwide eliMiNaTe program edges nearer its target of raising US$110 million (the goal being to eradicate Maternal and Neo-Natal Tetanus disease from developing nations) it’s pleasing to report from an Australian viewpoint on this joint UNICEF & KIWANIS project, there is just one Club remaining in our District to complete its fundraising pledge – and great inroads are being made. (See item below).

But in even more pleasing news, we can confirm that Kenya has become the 25th country to eliminate MNT, meaning there are just 14 countries remaining from an original number of nearly 40, that total having been decided back in 2010 when our joint venture was first announced. Pakistan, Chad and Mali are nearing accreditation for eradication. The number of affected infants has dropped by 96% from 800,000 pa in 1987 to less than 34K today.

$US82.2 million has officially been received in total, which is up from $71 million a year ago. A$611,000 has been received from Australia District since May 2011. And Australia is still third worldwide for best per capita funding.

Kiwanis Club of Waverley is proudly supporting

2018 RUN FOR THE WORLD’S KIDS
Children First Foundation

SATURDAY OCTOBER 20  10am to 1pm
Fawkner Park, Commercial Rd, South Yarra, Melbourne
Early Bird Rego $20 Adults, $15 Children U16
Runners U11 need to be accompanied by an adult (over 18)

All fundraising efforts go towards not-for-profit causes, including registration costs.

Visit  www.runfortheworldskids.com.au  for details

FROM LAS VEGAS 2018
Some Australasian Kiwanians snapped at this year’s Las Vegas International Convention in June. From left: Peter Zander OAM, Mary Sitters, International Vice-President Daniel Vigneron, Bob Sitters, Governor Jan Hyde, Helen Cole, Tony Gunn, John Hyde and Chris Cole, who were all part of an invitational ASPAC and Europe regional dinner (over 100 present!)
There's been another upgrade for the MV Kiwanis boat run by Kiwanians from Echuca-Moama Club, and it's pleasing to report this iconic vehicle has been refurbished with help from a sizeable grant via Bank Australia. Thanks to Club treasurer Terry James for providing some of the following information, with other segments coming from the latest e-News published by Bank Australia.

A 2018 Bank Australia Customer Grants recipient, Kiwanis Echuca-Moama have a storied history of helping the local community. Their latest feat? The refurb of MV Kiwanis: the River Murray's most-loved barbecue boat.

“Our signature project is the boat,” says Terry James, Treasurer (and sometimes President) of Kiwanis Echuca-Moama. “But I still can’t get a firm answer about how exactly it came into the club…”

The boat Terry’s referring to is the MV Kiwanis – a humble, barbecue-equipped vessel that enables the local Kiwanis contingent to take people living with a range of different disabilities out on the River Murray. Spending some time on the Murray – Australia’s longest river – mightn’t seem like a big deal, but to people with accessibility issues who’d otherwise be unable to spend time in nature, the positive impact cannot be overstated. “We’re a relatively small town, so I’ll often see these people down the street,” says Terry. “They’ll smile at me and say, ‘Kiwanis!’ or just ‘boat!’ And I’ll say, ‘Yes! I remember you. You came out on the boat with us!’ And they just love it.”

The benefits of spending time in nature are widely reported. From relieving stress to restoring mental energy and boosting our immune systems. Kiwanis see no reason for folk to miss out on those benefits, regardless of their individual situation.

A recipient of a $5000 Customer Grant from Bank Australia this year (upgraded from an original $3000), Kiwanis Echuca-Moama put the money towards upgrading the MV Kiwanis' hot water system, toilets, kitchen cabinets and wheelchair ramp. “It’s really flash,” says Terry. “It doesn’t look flash, but it’s probably the most versatile boat on the river for what we do – especially when it comes to getting people with wheelchairs on and off the boat easily.” The grant will also cover maintenance for MV Kiwanis engine for the next couple of years.

Once aboard the MV Kiwanis, which might take to the water a couple of times a month (it’s available for booking for local assisted care services and schools), some members of the makeshift crew will have a drive. Others like to help prepare for the barbecue or have a go at cooking. They once even took a specialist school on a fishing trip. “Many of our groups can’t verbalise what they feel,” says Sandra Carey, project manager at Community Living & Respite Services in Echuca-Moama, who regularly take their clients out on MV Kiwanis. “But we know by their reactions and smiles the relaxation that being on the river brings.

The upgrades completed earlier this year aren’t the only work the MV Kiwanis has seen in its lifetime. When the boat first came to Kiwanis in the early 2000s, it was supported by 44 gallon drums. Now, thanks to the Kiwanis volunteers, it’s got proper solid steel pontoons. In 2013, the boat underwent major refurbishment, which included a new motor and ramp for disabled access. Most of the funds for the works come from Kiwanis hosting fundraising barbecues throughout the year, as well as government and club grants.

The work of Kiwanis Echuca-Moama isn’t limited to the locally-famous barbecue boat, either. The volunteers work hard to encourage younger Australians to participate in community efforts, and provide support for disadvantaged children and families. Recently, among other efforts, they’ve made donations to Cystic Fibrosis, the local Community Living & Respite Services tea rooms, local scouts, the local toy library and Echuca Specialist School. They also built a chicken pen at the Murray Human Services Facility with help from some of the clients and their parents, and helped organise and run a very successful New Year’s event along the banks of the Murray.
ECHUCA MOAMA KIWANIS UPDATE

Nationally there is HeartKids: this started in Echuca/Moama when Echuca Moama club worked with a local mother to support her child before extending those efforts to help other children with heart problems Australia-wide.

Locally, the Kiwanis Club of Echuca/Moama Inc works to actively encourage younger Australians to participate in community efforts and support has also been provided for children who may have been disadvantaged, despite best efforts of their families or government agencies. In recent times these efforts have included:

- Donation to the learner driver program, L2P
- Donations to Cystic Fibrosis, the local Community and Living Respite Services Tea Rooms, Shave for Special Kids and the Royal Children’s Hospital Good Friday Appeal
- $1000 to HeartKids
- Building a chicken pen for the Murray Human Services facility near Echuca Hospital with the help of some of the clients and their parents and staff
- $1000 cheque to Echuca Specialist School to support funding for a new school bus
- $200 each to local Scouts and Guides
- A donation to assist with grounds upkeep at a local Primary School
- $420 plus labour to provide assistance in building a chook pen at Echuca West School
- $500 to the Echuca Moama Toy Library
- Murray River Cruises for people with disabilities
- Support of furniture supplies to Community Living and Respite Services for their Op shop
- Ongoing donations for school presentation prizes
- Funding a $6250 “Bili bed”, for the use of infants, as our contribution to the “make your mark” campaign for the new Echuca Regional Health hospital nursing mothers unit.

The Kiwanis club of Echuca Moama usually concentrates efforts locally, however the following causes have been supported in recent years:

- $400 to One Girl (support for West African girl’s education)
- $500 to Nepal Lumbini appeal to assist K.I. in setting up a school after catastrophic earthquakes
- Almost $3000 to Project eliMiNaTe a Kiwanis International initiative to eliminate neonatal tetanus in developing countries.

In addition to the foregoing, this Kiwanis Club has contributed over the years to many events such as assisting at the recent New Year’s Event in Echuca, the Special Olympics and also the annual All Inclusion Day.

Fundraising has also included raising between $600-$1000 each year for the RCH Good Friday appeal by sailing a vessel owned by the club, MV Kiwanis, up and downstream from Christie’s Beach, on the Murray River near Echuca, collecting contributions from riverside campers [regular campers actually welcome this annual appearance]: funds collected are given to another service club who coordinate all collections in the Echuca Moama region. In 2017 we were ably assisted by four of the 1st Echuca Scouts when they and their District Commissioner joined the cruise; the Scouts did all the collecting under supervision of Kiwanis members, a wonderful collaboration which hopefully will continue.

The vessel mentioned above, the 10 metre barbecue barge MV Kiwanis, underwent major refurbishment five years ago by members, including installation of a new motor and a special ramp for disabled access. Since then, we have been able to use her to further follow our charter of providing service, particularly to Murray Human Services, the Specialist School and Community Living and Respite Services. MV Kiwanis has proven popular with the clients/students and their Carers: students from the Specialist School have even been out on a fishing cruise, which they loved. Excursions on MV Kiwanis could qualify as our Club’s Signature Project.

Funding for our efforts is gained by manning barbecues and such initiatives as assisting another service organisation at the annual Queen’s birthday weekend steam rally. For these activities we try to spread the load in order that our tasks remain achievable and so that demands on the time of our members are reasonable and flexible. A more recent and very important fund raising source is government and club grants and here we are fortunate to have had excellent backing from our local government as well as at least one Federal government grant and two of our local clubs [The Echuca Workers & Services and Moama Bowling clubs].

Our Kiwanis Club in Echuca/Moama is a small and informal group but we like to think we “punch above our weight” and, in the process, our members draw a great deal of satisfaction for their efforts.

TIM DAWES, President

Pictured above is the rear of MV Kiwanis after its motor refurbishment
Mildura journalist John Dooley has been looking after “us” lately. See below for another well written item in the local media on September 14, outlining efforts so far to establish a new Club in Mildura. Stay tuned for further updates. And do please contact Tony Gunn if you have any friends, contacts or associations in or near Mildura.

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“DOWD ON CLOUD NINE”

As reported on p.19 of your last AK, our new Waverley Kiwanian GARRY DOWD was planning to undertake a 6,000km epic bike ride from Astoria, Oregon to New Hampshire, USA, which he has now successfully completed. This two-wheel “jaunt”, organised via America By Bicycle Inc, was conducted from mid-June to August involving over 30 other cyclists.

Garry’s main focus was raising awareness for Kiwanis, especially gaining more funds for eliMiNaTe.

Garry joined Kiwanis in March this year, and in similar style to Rod Moore from Newcastle, has already made a huge impact. The photos show our intrepid Kiwanian cyclist on one of the stages near the coastline. The right-hand pic shows Garry with his main co-rider (John) who helped for part of the journey to keep up the average of 130km per day on this 50 day Cycle-athon.

The aim was to raise $2.00 per kilometre, or $12,000 and not long into the cycling journey they had already garnered over $7000, which soon became $10,000 – all towards Waverley Kiwanis Club’s eliMiNaTe pledge. (Well done guys!!).

Donations can still be directed towards this amazing, worthwhile (eliMiNaTe) effort, by dialling into https://cycle.gofundraise.com.au/page/garrydowd/

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Banksia Park International High School and its Key Club has recently thanked Kiwanis for its valuable role in helping raise funds for Beyond Blue. Tea Tree Gully Kiwanian Michael Flavel was acknowledged in the letter, as he does play a “key” role at this Key Club.

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To whom may be concerned,

On behalf of Banksia Park International High School we would like to express our sincere appreciation for the $200 donation that Kiwanis have recently made in support of our Key Club’s annual day fundraiser. A combined total of $1,000 was raised with all proceeds going to Beyond Blue. Beyond Blue works to address issues associated with depression, anxiety disorders and other related mental disorders, whilst helping prevent youth suicide. Considering that suicide and mental disorders are prevalent not only in today’s society but also within the school community, BPHS believed, Beyond Blue to be a valuable cause worthy of our support. We thank you for your partnership with our school and your generous donations and support over the years. In particular, we would like to thank Mr Flavel for his dedication as a Kiwanis member for the support of the Kiwanis Club. Mr Flavel strives to attend every Key Club meeting and event, participating in valuable conversations with the Key Club team and encouraging members, past and present to step into leadership roles within Key Club. Today we recognise his contributions to the Kiwanis and on behalf of BPHS we thank both Mr Flavel and the Kiwanis for your continued support.

Thankyou once again for your generous donation and, Kiwanis loyal partnership with BPHS over these years.

Yours sincerely,

The Key Club team and Banksia Park International High School
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Signature Project:

REYNELLA – KIWANIS KIDS FUN DAY

The annual event (now into its 11th year) voted in as Australia’s entry for the International Signature Project - Reynella Club’s annual Kids’ Fun Day - was held slightly earlier this time, in July, and proved another popular hit with the disadvantaged families it’s aimed at.

A past Governor (Peter Zander OAM) and two Lt Governors were on hand to help make this happen, joined by a large number of Kiwanians, friends, helpers, plus of course Kooka, who had a “friend” this time - welcome to Dandy Panda. The format for this Sunday event can’t help but please. Reynella Kiwanis hire out a whole cinema complex, and prior to a kids flavoured movie beginning, there’s face painting, fruit and treats giveaways. Then after the movie is an ever popular full barbecue lunch, culminating in each child receiving a goodies bag with lots of nice surprises.

There are several expat Kiwi Kiwanians “operating” throughout Australia District. Some that spring to mind include (in Victoria) Bruce Entwisle plus Ian and Steve Howison. Then there’s John Dowe in Adelaide Hills Kiwanis, and on Gold Coast we have Pam Gilbert, Pacific Pines Kiwanis Secretary. Pictured here helping at Reynella Club’s Children’s Fun Day are (L - R) Peter Horsburgh from Auckland, David McNabb (Christchurch) and Brian Joliffe (Masterton). [Currently keeping quiet about the All Blacks!]

AUSTRALIAN KIWANIAN - SEPTEMBER 2018
At the 2017 Darwin Convention we celebrated 50 years of Kiwanis in Australia; for 2018 we met, mingled, meandered and made merry in Mildura to enjoy the 50th District Convention.

An unusual aspect was that the organisers were able to put together a fabulous event in Mildura, 550km from their home bases in Melbourne and Geelong. Congratulations to (Past Governors) Margaret & Graham Mould, Heather & Bill Craig plus Spencer Harding (with support from Bev) who really did it well, as witnessed by nearly 150 Conventioneers supporting this event. The central location probably helped, but the nationwide support was gratifying.

A really large number of Kiwanians towing caravans arrived, setting up camp just over the river and prompting one wag (not mentioning Annette) to label the encampment "Kiwanis Central"!

A real international aspect saw our Trustee “George” Chian Chu-Ching (assigned to us as a Counsellor) again join us from Taiwan, along with surprise entry “Angela” An-Chi Liu, plus there were two Kiwanians from Nepal – welcome to Prakash Kumar and Narayan Bahadur (shown left).

Thursday evening’s opening ceremony went well, with full refreshments supplied, and we heard an official Welcome from Deputy Mayor Ali Cupper. A new touch was having an electronic display of Club and Divisional banners displayed, due to the host venue (Grand Quality Inn) not having facilities to hang the actual banners.

Friday morning’s Acknowledgement to Country by Sandra Stewart was followed by the local Lutheran College choir presentation, after which a slight technical hitch delayed the national anthems (eventually fixed) and then the Official Opening by Cr Simon Clements. The regulation reports by Governor Jan, Secretary Peter and a KADCF report by Bryan Williams were next, and then Treasurer Ken's report.

At House of Delegates, the elections went much as expected, except that we had no nomination for Governor-Elect. Enter Ashleigh Gore, a past Lt Gov Div 8 from Adelaide Hills Club who put his hand up (well done Ash!) and gave a great nomination speech. With no preparation!

Awards followed, with several HeartKids banner patches distributed. The Ralph Doddrell Award for Most New Member Adds went to Glenelg; Ian Perdriau Award for premier club went to Glenelg, the Sid Curry Award for Best Secretary was this year a three-way tie. Recipients were Marilyn Chandler (Glenelg), Lana Stevens (Murray Bridge), and Kavitha Hapuarachchi. Best Bulletin went to Moorabbin with Athelstone runnerup. Sydney Club was awarded Most Improved Bulletin.

There were Awards for Signature Projects, which represented Australia at ASPAC and International. Reynella Club’s Kids Fun Day was premier awardee, followed by Bendigo Club’s Book Box, and bronze award going to Newcastle for their Christmas Tree Project which has been going for over 20 years and involves Action Kiwanians.

Sydney President Jeff Hudson then spoke about Children First Foundation, a truly inspiring organisation that began in Victoria in 1999 and provides positive outcomes for children needing surgery, under “Miracle Smiles” banner. Jeff’s slideshow was compelling viewing, showing how prosthetics and cranio-facial surgery are being provided to overseas children needing urgent attention. This was really inspirational stuff. Angela Randall then introduced Paula Murray for a HeartKids presentation, including acceptance of a Kiwanis cheque of $30K for research, plus a cheque from Adelaide Hills Club (see AK p. 8 for more information).
Friday evening’s traditional formal dinner was yet another enjoyable part of this Convention, with a particularly compelling address by outgoing Governor Jan, only the second female to hold this position. The first lady to have that honour (Janine) was present to hear Jan’s talk. During Convention, without prior “organising”, a collection was taken up, for (Sunraysia) Dought Relief, and the total kept moving upwards, eventually closing at a staggering (near) $13,000. Well done to everyone!

“George” did the ceremonials when the outgoing Board was retired and the new Board installed (see top of p.16). Saturday morning, and while some were meandering down the Murray on a river cruise, the majority set about listening to the remaining presentations. At one workshop, an important aspect confirmed is that where photos of small groups of children are taken at Kiwanis events, written parental permission is needed for posting or publishing, but this requirement is diluted if it’s a large group shot, taken from a fair distance.

Another really inspirational address was given by Cr Glenn Milne, a past Mildura Mayor (7 times!). This bloke is well worth hearing, and has been most supportive of our efforts so far for maybe starting up a Mildura Kiwanis Club.

Well done to the McKinneys amongst others who helped set up Saturday evening’s decorations for the fun themed dinner/dance. An auction for the new guitar donated via Rod Moore, went to “Tiny” Schelling, while raffle prize winners included “George”, Spencer, Tiny, Helen Wakeling, John Jones, Bob Nitschke and one of our Nepalese guests.

There were plenty of wenches, “saints & sinners”, farmers and everything in between for the theme of Early Living on the Murray. Our Kiwanians’ imagination continues to run riot. Fancy dress winners were: Best couple - the Adams from Reynella; Best Lady - Mary Greenwood (Newcastle), Best Bloke - Robert Gilchrist - (Sydney); Best Group - Rostrevor-Campbelltown; Hon. Mention - Glenelg’s “nun” and support sister act. (See back page for photos).

Peter Zander conducted the Memorial Service Sunday morning where tributes were paid to recently deceased comrades, followed by bacon & egg breakfast and the promise to “see you next year” at GLENELG in Adelaide!

Below: Much mirth ensued after George addressed the Farewell gathering with some phrases in English. Which Angela promptly translated to us in Mandarin!!
Sunday August 12th was the date that Reedbeds Kiwanis Club’s marked three decades of service to the community. The afternoon ran smoothly, thanks mainly to stalwart Ron (and Marilyn) Cocks whose efforts included a great power point display of the Club’s activities over the past 30 years.

Back in 1988, Adelaide Club is credited with building the new Club of Reedbeds in the western suburbs, sponsored by Mt Gilead Kiwanis, Ohio. Reedbeds Charter President was John Burt leading 30 other new Kiwanians and there were 120 present at the Charter night.

The Club’s 20th (a decade ago) was celebrated at the Charter night venue, with International President Don Canaday attending. For the 30th, the venue was Grange Golf Club and attendees included Governor Jan (and John) Hyde, along with Governor-Elect Bob (and Mary) Sitters plus two Lt Governors.

An association between Reedbeds and SA Childhood Cancer Association over the past five years has seen around $35,000 raised for CCA. Guest Speaker and CCA CEO Cath O’Loughlin was delighted to receive a cheque for $3000 from treasurer Cliff Holland after her well-received talk.

Charter members Denis Cagney, Brian Hewitt, Howard Humby, Bill Zuill and Bob Wright were present, the latter quartet being presented with 30 Year Legion of Honours. David Matthews (25 Years) and Jeff Walker (35 Years) also gained LoH, with Jeff having served most of his time as a member of West Lakes.

Julie Lee accepted an award on behalf of Charter member Reece Lee who passed away late April.
An extensive video of Club activities covering the past three decades was shown during the Luncheon. Marilyn and Ron Cocks put in a lot of work to ensure the afternoon was a total success. At right are “5 of the Best” - the Club’s Charter members still going strong, shown here with Governor Jan. And of course, the obligatory shot of the Club’s original Charter.

On the “down” side came the news that Noel Jackson, a past President of the Club had died in June.

Current Brisbane President (and finishing her second term) Jennifer Sorrenson has helped guide the Club to its 30th Anniversary recently. A good sized gathering was on hand to help with the celebrations that included a special cake (above right) which stalwart Ivan Bell (right) helped investigate the quality of.

The Lancasters, Mal and Bev, were amongst those in attendance (see top pic). That’s past President (and past Lt Gov Div 2) Pat McKinney above, with the main raffle prize before the draw.

Sharon is shown (top right pic) with the raffle prize, looking very happy after the draw and standing alongside President Jennifer. A busy Governor Jan, who has attended several Club milestones lately, was also on hand to help Brisbane Kiwanis celebrate three decades.
VICTORIA PARK 20th

The Kiwanis Club of Victoria Park & Districts (WA) celebrated their 20th Anniversary on June 11. President Jan Mason and long-standing Secretary (JT) Jeannette Taylforth decided to celebrate this significant milestone by inviting all current and past members, plus the members of neighbouring Karrinyup Club to help celebrate. Lt Governor Division 8 Ray Wakeling and wife Helen (who were in Perth on Club visits) joined in the celebrations. The venue was a Thai restaurant and more than two dozen people attended, making it a night to remember. Well done to Victoria Park.

Thanks to Lt Governor Ray Wakeling for providing the report and pix from this significant event in Perth. Attendees included two past Governors: Jim Chantry (and Carole – one of the District’s longest serving lady Kiwanians), plus (Garnet) Ray Peek and Margaret.

WELCOME TO TWO NEW KIWANIANS

Lt Gov Div 7 Brian Pedretti is shown here welcoming newest member for Bendigo – Tom Wills.

Also here we have Paige-Maree Hite, a new member of East Maitland with Club President Noeleen Milburn.
JUST WHAT’S “IN STORE” FOR YOU?

Here is a listing of just some of the items that are available through the Online Shop via Kiwanis International. Feel free to browse the huge range of merchandise for yourself - just visit store.kiwanis.org. Prices are in US dollars, and subject to fluctuation. Also be aware, these illustrations on this page are not to scale.

Another option is to contact Peter Zander who’s currently looking after our District Supplies, and can also help with your Kiwanis items.

Left: Coffee Mug $13.00

Left: Birdhouse $25

Below: Garden gnome 10” $42

Right: Window sticker $3.25

Left: Beach Brolly $24.00 Below: Small umbrella $14

Above: Centennial Brolly $100.00 (First released at Indianapolis 2015)

Left: Wine glass set (2) $40.00

Left: Kiwanis keyring $1.50

Left: Kiwanis bell / paper-weight $16.00 (Prospect Club uses one of these!)

Below: Garden gnome 10” $42
AROUND THE CLUBS

Bruce Dolman and Chris Woodhead showing off their wares at a recent Bunnings barbecue, where a profit of nearly $700 was realised.

Above: On July 9, 20-year member of Glenelg Club PETER VINE was honoured with a Rising Sun Award for outstanding service to Kiwanis. Peter is shown above with his wife Carlene after the presentation.

GLENELG GOSSIP

NEW MEMBER FOR PORT PHILLIP KIWANIS

Sandra Cownley, Tony and Pauline Gunn, and Peter Cownley are shown here recently welcoming new member Madan Subedi, a dual Nepalese Kiwanian, currently in Australia studying. Madan joins a growing number of Nepalese Kiwanian connections.

FROM PACIFIC PINES

PacPines Secretary Pam Gilbert (left) joined Andrea Irwin & Steve Legg, among Kiwanians helping out at a recent Gold Coast fete.

BERWICK KIWANIS

Norm McLennan from BERWICK KIWANIS is shown here at the 2018 24-Hour MegaSwim Casey, which brilliantly raised close to $10,000. Kiwanis is amongst those service groups, and MS Australia, supporting this annual event. MegaSwim raises funds for the Go For Gold scholarship, allowing people with MS to dream big and adapt the way they go about things, that most of us take for granted.

BRISBANE BARBECUING

Brisbane Kiwanians Ivan (far left) Sharon and Ruthven were amongst Club members helping out last month at a local barbecue. This Club continues to be very active.
MORE from MOOROOPNA

Mooroopna Kiwanian Murray Shields is shown here with a recent Terrific Kids award from Dhurringile Primary School.

ATHELSTONE ANGLE

Shown here at right are some of the five Athelstone Kiwanians who cooked dinner on July 12 for the folk at Ronald McDonald House. The meal was well received!

Ten Athelstone Kiwanians were present at the Combined Service Club Dinner on August 28 at Campbelltown Function Centre. Keith Thomas, the CEO of Port Adelaide Football Club was the speaker, and guests included Mayor Simon Brewer. Club President Vin Kuester was unable to attend so past Lt Gov Div 10 Geoff Edwards deputised.

BAROSSA BAROMETER

A new basketball court opening at a park off Stevens Crescent, Moorooduc, was a significant ceremony for the local Kiwanis Club, as they had helped fund this project. Local Mayor Kerry O’Keefe joined this photo shoot of Moorooduc Kiwanians at the official opening of these courts.

Among the events that Barossa Kiwanians help out are the local District football gatekeeping duties at Williamstown, and they perform rain, hail and shine! (Remember the days when it used to rain – not that long ago . . .) Pictured are Ev Leske & Chris who were joined by Steve Zimmerman at a particularly wet football game. Our Kiwanians are “game”, doing their task no matter the weather!

And shown right is Dean Hoklas who thanked a recent guest speaker Cathy Wills. Cathy is Regional Tourism Manager. Tourism Barossa helps plan the Vintage Festival, Gourmet Weekend among other Festivals.

SYDNEY KIWANIS

Sydney Kiwanis heard from Andrew Everingham as speaker at their July meeting. Andrew is co-founder and CEO of Homeless Connect Sydney. Back in 2009 following an inspiring visit to San Francisco and volunteering to work with homeless, Andrew returned to Sydney and gained support from the city’s Lord Mayor to start a Homeless Connect in Australia’s largest city. During winter. When the need is greatest. They have operated ever since, and Sydney Kiwanis has worked with H.C. since 2012, providing hygiene packs as handouts. They began modestly with about 50 packs and over the years this has risen to over 300. This photo, taken on July 3rd, shows six of the seven K team helping out the homeless. Well done!
ROSTREVOR-CAMPBELLTOWN VICTORIOUS

These dogs are “Stuffed”!!
Mitcham Kiwanians Libby Milner, with support from Club President Renee Lundy (shown here), over recent months have come up with a cute fundraising idea. At some AFL games, the most recent being Port Adelaide v. GWS late July, the keen Kiwanians set up a stall selling stuffed dogs (named Elliot) wearing team colours for $40. If they have a hoodie it’s $50 a pop. The woollen clothing is all hand-knitted and have proved popular. That’s a Port Elliot (inset left) with its offside (right) in Crows colours!

Well done to Rostrevor-Campbelltown Bowling team, who have won the 2018 Division 10 Inter-Club Bowls Tournament, retaining the trophy they won last year. RosCam downed Athelstone in the final and the winning players were presented with a bottle of wine each. Shown here (L to R) are Graham and Pat Goddard, Jill Jarvis (holding the trophy), Chris Ward, and Lieutenant Governor Div 10 Robert Gambell who made the official presentation to this winning team, on July 2nd.

MOORABBIN NEWS
This Club has heard from some interesting guest speakers lately including Lyn Belcher (above) shown here with Geoff Hergt after her talk. Lyn is current President of the Victorian Jaguar Car Club and outlined her affiliation with that marque. Another speaker to talk with Moorabbin Kiwanians was Mark Voerman, Secretary of the National Aviation Museum based at the Moorabbin Airport. This museum currently houses an Australian recognised significant collection of aircraft & aviation engines.

GLENELG GOSSIP
Owen Vick, Peter Teagle, Peter Dermody and Peter Smith (a Club of Peters !!) above, helped at the barbecue on Sunday August 26 at Victoria Park for the Blind Association Sports Fun Day.
Kiwanis Club of Glenelg proudly presents

in aid of HEARTKIDS

FRIDAY OCTOBER 12  7 until midnight

Gerard Pavilion, Morphettville Function Centre
Dance to: GROOVE BROS & SOUL SISTER
Three Course Meal / Drinks Package
Auctions - Wine Wall - Raffle
Host: TIM NOONAN
Tables of 10 - $150
Dress: Formal

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

Details and info for ticket payment visit Kiwanis Club of Glenelg facebook page.
“Seeing it all in Nepal”
with Peter Zander OAM

Nepal was a really interesting trip. The Nepalese are very generous and the Nepalese Kiwanians are an extremely enthusiastic tribe! They gave me great confidence in the belief they will be a full District in 12-18 months time.

The Kiwanians in general are more affluent than the ordinary Nepalese, but have a huge social conscience in their outlook. It was a surprise finding out one of the clubs in Pokhara charge a US$2000 a year membership and have people queuing up to join.

I know from my travels I will never complain about pot holes in Australian roads in future, as the majority of the ones in the roads in Nepal are craters by comparison and are common on most roads (that exist more as compressed rubble tracks than actual asphalt). All but the main roads of Kathmandu are just wide enough for two vehicles to pass (just! and only so long as the pedestrians, dogs and cows move out of the way, as most roads do not have footpaths).

The preferred method of travel is by motor bike or scooter (about 25 to 1 to cars, buses and trucks). No traffic lights at all, and only major intersections are staffed by traffic police. Everyone drives by honking their horns, flashing their lights, but they do use their indicators (milliseconds before changing direction!). I am surprised there are not more accidents and pedestrians injured in particular.

Travelling by aircraft is totally another story and quite an experience in itself. A 30 seater with a pilot, co-pilot (wasn’t totally sure as I couldn’t see into the cockpit if the co-pilot existed), and a stewardess who dished out lollies followed by salted cashews and a small cup of soft drink and then collected the rubbish in the space of 30-40 minutes. Welcomed all aboard individually with a Namaste and similar farewell with a beaming smile!

Peter flew to Nepal after our Aust District Convention, to assist their Kiwanians with a Club Leadership Conference attended by about 140 fairly new leaders in Kiwanis. He’s shown above with District Secretary Laxman Lamsal (left), and Sujan Shrestha, current Chair of Nepal Provisional District.

New KI Trustee TONY GUNN has certainly been kept busy since International Convention. After Las Vegas he went back to US to attend Trustee training followed by District Conventions in El Paso, Texas, and Gadsden in Alabama. After attending our Mildura Convention, he then jetted to Ecuador whose Convention was held in Santo Domingo, during which he visited the Mushily village to learn about the Tsachila people who invited him to pose with their head-dress. After Ecuador he will return to US, then on to Taiwan during October.

Yvonne and Peter Zander pictured here late May, with Phang Chit Looi, wife of the President of the Kiwanis Children’s Fund (Chia Sing Hwang), and C Emilia Ayala, wife of International Trustee Chuck Gugliuzza. Peter and Chuck were Governors together (2014/15) and are members of the Centennial e-Kiwanis Club.

Pic taken at 2018 European Convention, Baveno, Italy.
“The Way We Were”

These classic photos are worth sharing – an insight to a couple of the District's senior personnel, taken “many moons ago”. That's a youthful District Secretary Peter Zander with Yvonne above left, and we’re hoping that you will recognise Mary and Bob Sitters (our incoming Governor) on their wedding night. Below is a recent article printed in an Adelaide newspaper outlining Bob’s upcoming Governorship.

Proving once again that Kiwanis really is worldwide, is this roadside sign spotted in Iceland.

Robert's Kiwanis honour

GLENELG
Cathryn McLauchlan

GIVING children who are less fortunate than his own a better life is what drives Robert Sitters to volunteer in his community.

For the past 35 years, the Flagstaff Hill resident has been committed to children’s welfare through non-profit organisation Kiwanis.

That unwavering dedication has earned him a position as Kiwanis head of Australia.

“I joined Kiwanis because I could see somebody needed to look after and take care of the kids who are less fortunate than me and my kids,” Mr Sitters says.

He and his wife, Mary, have four children, seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mr Sitters was a member of the Kiwanis club in Flagstaff Hill before it disbanded in 1990, and has since been a member of the Glenelg organisation.

He served as president twice at his first club, and once at Glenelg.

He says his most rewarding experiences as a volunteer come from simply seeing children's faces light up when he can help them.

“For example in the last year or so, we gave a special teddy to a young girl – she’s losing her sight – and seeing the look on her face when we gave it to her was beautiful,” Mr Sitters says.

“We raised the money and donated it through the Royal Society for the Blind.”

Mr Sitters will formally become Governor at the Kiwanis three-day Australian District Convention in Mildura beginning tomorrow.

Kiwi Kiwanians Chris & Helen Cole followed the Las Vegas Convention in June with a USA roadtrip. That's Helen below a highway sign seen on their travels. They couldn't just pass this one!
GRAEME LITTLE (Rostrevor-Campbelltown)

Graeme was a dedicated Kiwanian with a lengthy CV for our organisation. As a Charter member of Rostrevor-Campbelltown Kiwanis, having joined in March 1978, he would have loved to have been part of the Club’s 40th birthday celebrations earlier this year, but ill-health precluded being able to attend. Graeme was granted Life Membership by Kiwanis International in recognition of noteworthy individual contribution to his Club and to the community. He was an esteemed Past President of RosCam Club (in 2011), and over the years capably served on several boards and committees. One he particularly enjoyed was the Special Olympics. Along with other diligent members (such as Peter Cattrall, Geoff Holmes and Geoff Peirce) he was involved in new Club building projects: Athelstone, Victor Harbor and Barossa.

Graeme undertook a term as Australia District Treasurer in 1998/99 under Governor Maurice Hawes. He also served for a lengthy period as District Chairman of Supplies, a Kiwanis service he helped set up with Geoff Peirce. In July 1994 Graeme was awarded a George F. Hixson medal, which he was extremely proud to receive. His service also included being Lt Governor Division 3 (Distinguished) in 1983-84.

The final five months he resided at Warrina Nursing Home (Paradise) prior to passing away on Wednesday June 13. We extend sympathies to wife Elizabeth and family on the passing of this fine gentleman.

J JOHN RODWAY (Rostrevor-Campbelltown)

John Laurence Rodway passed away at Royal Adelaide Hospital on July 3 after a short illness. He joined Kiwanis in 2007, where he and his wife become an active and extremely popular couple in the Rostrevor-Campbelltown Club. John is survived by wife Marlene, children Jane, Matthew and Jenny, and their partners. He was also a grandpa several times over.

Geoff Holmes delivered a eulogy on John’s involvement in our organisation, with several Kiwanians and partners attending the funeral. RIP John, a true Kiwanian.

GRAEME CLOAK (Modbury Club)

Graeme Charles Cloak, a 35-year Kiwanian, passed away on 25th June 2018. Since joining Modbury Kiwanis on June 18th, 1983 he served on several portfolios including Community & Youth, and Fundraising. He won the Club Kiwanian of the Year award in 2000. An earthmoving industrialist by trade, Graeme worked on the early development of the West Lakes and Patawolonga areas, preparing those sites. In later years he moved into the sales area for earthmoving spare parts.

Graeme was a colourful, no-nonsense character with an innovative streak. A memorable incident came at a Modbury Kiwanis book sales fundraising initiative when the Club sold books collected from local libraries. Several hundreds of boxes of books were stored at Strathmont Centre, a Government facility for people with intellectual disabilities. The Club was given short notice to remove the books from the unit as the building was to be demolished. Dozens of heavy boxes needed relocating to smaller premises along with a stock cull. Graeme turned up unexpectedly with a ten ton truck and took the unusable stock for disposal, such was his disposition for “getting things done”.

Eleven years ago Graeme began treatment for prostate cancer, and ambitiously embarked on a motor home “Around Australia” trek. But arrival in Katherine marked a deterioration, forcing his return to Adelaide for further treatment. He fought valiantly but ultimately unsuccessfully to combat the disease. He is fondly remembered by the Kiwanis Club of Modbury. Rest in peace Graeme.

(Thanks to Martyn Pearce for the information and photo)
PAT WARNES (West Lakes-Grange Club)

A long-standing Kiwanian, Pat was Treasurer of West Lakes-Grange until that Club went into recess, and despite not driving at night, she still capably fulfilled Club duties. Pat was married to (the late) Tom Warnes who had been a stalwart of the Kiwanis Bus Service for many years, underlining the Warnes’ dedication to our organisation.

As a member of the Bus Service board, Pat was an office volunteer and also Treasurer prior to Peter Zander undertaking that position in 2001.

Born February 7, 1926, she passed away peacefully at Helping Hands Aged Care, on June 22, 2018 aged 92. Pat was a devoted mother and mother-in-law to Michael (dec.) and Anne, Lynn and Bob, Susie and Ian.

She was a loving grandmother to six, and great-grandmother to eight. Sadly missed, but a life long lived and well served. RIP Pat. (Thanks to Jeff Walker for the photo).

JOSEPH BUMAH (Bamenda, Cameroon)

The fledgling Kiwanis Club of Bamenda in Cameroon, has had an unexpected setback during July. Charter President Rose Bumah and husband Joseph were in USA, checking out Kiwanis Clubs to gain further knowledge. They were set to attend a lunch meeting with Barb Walker on Memorial Drive, Houston, Texas when Kiwanian Joseph passed away from a sudden medical episode. Our condolences to Rose & the Cameroon community.

NORA BOWRA (Tea Tree Gully)

Nora, 93, passed away peacefully on August 5. The wife of past and honorary member John Bowra from Tea Tree Gully Club, she was a cheerful long-time supporter of John in his Kiwanis activities. RIP Nora.

Advice was received (just as AK was going to print) that a 24-year member of Rostrevor-Campbelltown Kiwanis Club has passed away in August. The December AK will make more mention of KEN GLEESON.

KIWANIS SUPPORTS CHILDREN FIRST FOUNDATION

The December 2017 AK covered the heart-warming, amazing work performed by Children First Foundation. This 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 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


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.

AUSTRALIAN KIWANIAN - SEPTEMBER 2018
The Last Laugh

RED SKELTON’S TOP TEN ITEMS FOR THE PERFECT MARRIAGE

1. Twice a week we go to a nice restaurant, share a couple of wines, good food and companionship. She goes on Tuesdays, I go on Fridays.

2. We sleep in separate beds. Hers is in Woollongong, mine is in Parramatta.

3. I take my wife totally everywhere. But she keeps finding her way back home.

4. I asked my wife where she’d like to go for our anniversary. “Somewhere I haven’t been in a long time,” she said. So I suggested the kitchen . . . .

5. She had a mud pack, and looked great for a couple of days. Then the mud fell off.

6. We always hold hands. If I let go, she’ll hit the shops.

7. She has an electric blanket, electric toaster, electric bread maker. She said, “We have many gadgets, but no place to sit down!” So I bought her an electric chair.

8. My wife told me the car wasn’t running well, due to water in the carburettor. She had flooded it. I asked her where the car was. She said “In the lake.”

9. Wife ran after the weekly rubbish pickup. “Am I too late for the garbage,” she called out. The driver said, “No, jump in!”

10. The number one cause of divorce is: Marriage.

SOME FUN PUNS

Dogs can’t operate MRI scanners. But catscan . . .

Turning vegan would be a big missed steak.

Ban pre-shredded cheese. Make America grate again.

Those mountains aren’t just funny. They are hill areas.

I’m friends with 25 letters of the alphabet. Don’t know Y.

A thumbs-up for my fingers. Can always count on them.

If you suck at playing the trumpet, that’s probably why.

Am searching for fresh vegetable puns. Lettuce know.

Irony is usually regarded as the opposite of wrinkly.

Well, to be frank, I’d have to change my name.

Despite the high cost of living, it remains popular.

When you’re down by the sea and an eel bites your ankle, that’s a moray.

A RIDE-ON MOWER – FROM NZ

CANNIBALISM

Bad news. It’s curiosity . . . !!
KIWANIS CLUB OF REYNELLA MAKING HISTORY

The City of Onkaparinga in Adelaide’s south recently removed a couple of 20-year-old time capsules, the contents of which are currently on display at the local Council library.

Council then invited submissions from businesses, organisations and people living in the Council area for projects, information, etc to re-bury in a new time capsule for another 20 years.

Reynella Kiwanis was successful in submitting two projects to be added to this new time capsule. Their Kiwanis Kids Fun Day project, the story and photos detailing how this project (now in its eleventh year) provides a special day for disadvantaged children in Adelaide’s south, along with the fun and inclusion they enjoy from this event, was included.

The second project included a detailed story of the South Coast Aktion Club’s history (they will soon celebrate their 25 years), how it involves people with an intellectual disability and their many contributions they themselves have made to those less fortunate.

Reynella Kiwanis has invested in the future, let’s hope many of us will be around to see this new time capsule removed in another 20 years time. Maybe watch this space in the AK, 2038??!!

Shown here are Reynella stalwarts John Adams (Club President), Brian Jolliffe and Ray Wakeling (Lt Gov Division 8) with an example of the items that their Kiwanis Club submitted for inclusion in the Time Capsule to be “buried” for the next 20 years. It’s great that Kiwanis has become involved with such a project.
MILDURA CONVENTION
DRESS-UP DINNER!!