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It can be done! Four new members inducted at one Kiwanis meeting. Read more on page 16.

Wayne, Jennifer, Maxine and Dianne were among Brisbane Kiwanians who helped put together heaps of Christmas packs for HeartKid families that need to call hospital “home” this festive season.
FROM THE GOVERNOR

“Good to Greater”

Well here we are already into the third month of another Kiwanis year. How quickly time passes – it seems only weeks ago that I was installed as Governor-Elect in Darwin, August 2017.

I have attended many Clubs’ change-over functions and anniversaries in the past two months. My sincere thanks go to past Governor Jan Hyde for her continued support and encouragement. I acknowledge the support of our District Board of Trustees in the past few weeks following my serious heart attack on the eve of our first Board meeting Friday, November 2. Special thanks to Tony Gunn and Steve Hughes for taking over Chair duties at late notice, also to Yvonne and Peter Zander for hosting the Saturday evening social event. Thank you all for your good wishes. As I write this, I consider myself very grateful and that I finally took notice of Mary who insisted on dialling up an ambulance.

INSPIRATION: To build, retain and support a growing Kiwanis membership

Now that the new year has begun in our great Australia District, we have many challenges ahead, not the least being membership. We MUST address membership growth in the District.

New Club building whilst important for the future of the Australia District, ranks alongside retention of existing members. Similarly, new members joining existing clubs is also of great importance.

For those who attended Mildura Convention in August, you will no doubt be aware of my Governor’s Challenge that I announced during that Convention. “To grow our District membership in existing clubs.” This is not to forget New Club Building, but also to strengthen our existing clubs.

At the end of September our net membership growth/decline was -27 giving us a start figure for the year of 815 which includes 17 members in Sri Lanka who are looking at winding down, leaving Australia District’s total at 798.

The challenge is this: Each club should grow its NET membership by 20%, 30% or 50% during the year (based upon the numbers reported by Kiwanis International as at the end of October 2018).

Each club that achieves the stated growth will be awarded a Trophy and certificate of achievement for either of the three categories mentioned. I believe this task is possible for all clubs – a minimum increase of 20% over the end of October 2018 would be equivalent to seven new clubs.

International President Poly Lat has set Australia District a target growth of three new clubs for the administrative year. Be assured, we’re working on that.

I am pleased to welcome the following new members who have joined since October 1. Maria Buccieri - Brighton Bayside, Michelle Northam, Carol Woolff, Jamie-Lee Worthinton and Kate Johns at Pacific Pines, Yvette Smith - Glenelg, Kathryn Simic - Gawler, Anne Wilson - Waverley along with Jesse and Natalie Williams - Adelaide Hills

Welcome to the Board new Lt Governors Coral Kilvington Division 1 and Robert Nitschke Division 10, and also Tony Schelling taking up the challenge of the re-created Division 9. This however leaves us in a position for Division 2 of yet to appoint a Lt Governor (any takers!!)

I also wish to acknowledge the members of the District Board and those in a support role for 2018-19 for their ongoing commitment: Steve Hughes as District Secretary combined with elMiNaTe and Grant matters; Ken Archer as District Treasurer for his many years of service; Ashleigh Gore Governor-Elect; Jan Hyde Immediate Past Governor and Leadership Development & Education; Lieutenant Governors continuing David McNabb (Division 3), Ian Randall (Division 6) and Ray Wakeling (Division 8); Bryan Williams, Secretary of the KADCF has been hard at work with a KADCF Grant application for HeartKids Grants-in-Aid program; Phil Riggio has been assisting the District in his role with Laws and Policy business; Steve Legg has been helping with Insurance matters; Tiger Tony Gunn has been working for the Eye of the Tiger Team along with his duties as International Trustee; David McNabb’s continued contributions in cajoling, collecting, collating, compiling and producing our Australian Kiwanian; Betty D’Amore for her work with the Kiwanis Children’s Fund; Angela Randall and her continued work with HeartKids; Deb Cownley and her new role with SLP; and to all who have been advertising what we do via Facebook, newsletters, emails, media, etc. THANK YOU!
While our immediate Past Governor Jan has now handed over the baton to Bob Sitters, it’s worth noting that her official diary was very busy right up until the last day. She was still attending Kiwanis functions late September, so Jan is probably enjoying slowing down slightly (only slightly) ....

Further to an article on p.23 of this AK regarding Mongolia being now welcomed as a new Kiwanis nation, it’s worth revisiting the September AK from last year when one of our Lieutenant Governors visited an orphanage in Mongolia’s capital, Ulaanbatar. The Lotus Children’s Centre has been the beneficiary of a Victorian Kiwanis Club’s generosity, being provided with much worthwhile equipment, so it’s nice to have that Australian Kiwanis connection with Mongolia.

Enjoy the read, keep up your great efforts with Kiwanis, have a safe festive break, and we’ll catch you back here with a new Australian Kiwanian late March.

In service
DAVID

Solution to an Onion Dilemma?
A delegation of “Eye of the Tiger” members including Tony Gunn, Ashleigh Gore, Jan Hyde and myself arranged meetings in Mildura November 19-21 in an effort to form a new club from the contacts obtained during our recent Convention.

We arranged a meeting, with the Council’s assistance and invited all our known contacts. To say the least it was not very successful. We did however make a cheque presentation to the “Sunraysia Drought Relief Group” (see the photo on page 2) of the donations raised from our collection during Convention. Your help is now required by providing us with information contact details, etc of anyone that you know in the Mildura Sunraysia area who would be interested in becoming a Kiwanian.

IMPACT: To perform meaningful service, with service to children as our priority

The District continues the endorsement of the Children First Foundation. It was recognised that the principles and mission of this unique Australian children’s organisation ran parallel with that of ours in Kiwanis.

If your club wishes to donate to this worthy life-changing charity, they can do so through the KADCF, as we do for HeartKids.

Kiwanis Children’s Fund donations, related to annual US$10 donation per member – at the prevailing exchange rates at the time of transfer.

IMAGE: Enhance the Kiwanis image and brand worldwide

Some great club newsletters and bulletins have landed in my Inbox. Whilst these bulletins provide that important links among members and other clubs you also get a feeling about a club and its culture. If you have a bulletin/newsletter, please send it to sitters@internode.on.net

YOU are the best and most cost-efficient marketer for the District. Each Kiwanian is responsible for seeking and sponsoring new members.

It’s the responsibility of every Kiwanian and Club for getting the name KIWANIS and our mission out into the wider community.

Keep wearing clothing with the Kiwanis logo – self advertise.

I too have a round badge that simply says: “Ask me about Kiwanis”. It works. Try it!

You need a succinct first answer, then there will be follow-up questions. Be ready with handouts on Kiwanis to give away as well.

INVESTMENT: Ensure financial viability and responsible stewardship

It’s Club dues time! From Treasurer Ken Archer - International dues will be set at A$70 and new member add fee of A$50. Australian dues will be 2 x $25 per half year. Insurance is expected to be $20 per member. Sponsor member discount will continue for clubs that request it. What a start!

To all, have a great December – Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to ALL… and a great time Kiwanis..ing.

GOVERNOR BOB SITERS.
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 arrange to send you your Anniversary pin. Thank you

BETTY D’AMORE  0417 514 565

CLOSING IN ON TARGET! As the worldwide joint project between Kiwanis and UNICEF moves ever closer to its target, it’s pleasing to confirm that there are now just 14 nations / countries to be counted as officially not quite on the list for eradicating Maternal and Neo-natal Tetanus. Those remaining are: Afghanistan, Angola, Central African Republic, Chad, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Guinea, Mali, Nigeria, Pakistan, Somalia, Papua New Guinea, South Sudan, Yemen, and Sudan. Of these, there are three (Chad, Mali and Pakistan) that are nearing “sign off” as being MNT-free. Which would leave just 11 nations from an original total of nearly 60. Yes, our Kiwanis/UNICEF efforts since 2010 have been that successful. Let’s all keep up “the good fight”.

AUSTRALIAN KIWANIAN - DECEMBER 2018
Mid-October the South Coast AKtion Club held its annual Handover with coordinator Ray Wakeling chairing a very well attended meeting. Past Governor Peter Zander OAM and two current Lt Governors were on hand to help thank the retiring Board and induct the incoming Board.

Kerri Anne was installed as new President after having served a term as Club Treasurer. A new member was welcomed to the Club, while stalwart Sparky was there once again to add stability to the new Board (which is shown below).

Many thanks to the staff at Morphettville Footy Club for looking after the AKtion group with excellent catering, and Reynella Kiwanians who were also on hand, helping out.

During last month's regular meeting, Adelaide Achievers helped assemble some handy Care Kits (shown left), these Kits being destined for underprivileged people in central Adelaide.

The meeting closed with a Group Hug, shown above. A few weeks later came the sad news that this Club, one of SA’s oldest, will hold its closing show at Christmas, due partly to logistics problems, transporting members to meetings - however, some Aktioneers seem set to transfer to other Clubs.
The Gully Go-Getters AKtion Club held their Christmas break-up at the Chinese Civic Park Restaurant early December. There was a real festive spirit present at this well-attended event where highlights of the past year were re-lived.

Tea Tree Gully Kiwanis President Peter Paterson is shown here (right) next to Gully Go-Getters Aktion Club President Nicholas Urban on Peter’s left.

Shown above is the Adelaide Hills Aktion Club at their Xmas Breakup where they brought along hamper items for distribution to needy families at Christmas. At right are co-ordinators Liz Summersides and Ash Gore (our District Governor-Elect), helping give a shout-out for the Aktioneers’ efforts. That’s the good news. The sad news is that Liz is set to relocate to Murray Bridge Kiwanis and may not be able to get to Aktion Club events as often as she has over the years. Many thanks to the Summersides for all their efforts over the past 25 years.
New HeartKids Australia CEO

An update from HeartKids Australia Chair (Jan McClelland AM) reveals that a new CEO for HeartKids has just been announced.

He is Robert Lutter, currently CEO of HeartKids New Zealand, a role he’s held since 2014. Robert is the father of a heart kid and brings to HK Australia a deep passion for providing support and services to heart kids and their families. He has extensive experience in the business and not-for-profit sector, including advocacy and fundraising.

To be based in Melbourne, Robert commences in his new role early January 2019 and until this time Rob Daly will continue in the role of acting CEO.

UPDATE with Angela Randall

Grants In Aid Donation

I would like to report that our generous donation to the Grants in Aid program is to be put toward research of the ‘Economic Implications for Families with an infant born with Congenital Heart Disease’

This is something which has never been researched before and will highlight the struggles families encounter as they navigate their way through the enormous strain of managing medical expenses, work/home and hospital life and trying to still maintain some semblance of order with other siblings within the family.

A big thanks to you and everyone in Kiwanis Australia District for your ongoing generosity to Heartkids.

TWO FEET & A HEARTBEAT
Kiwanis supports fundraising walk

Mid-September, around 900 people gathered in parks in Ballarat, Geelong, Hobart and Melbourne.

After moving memorials to Heart Angels, several groups of walkers and runners headed off around the parks led by Heart Angel ambassadors. Some families chose to complete a 4km walk while others continued to complete the full 8km distance.

Participants were treated to a fun day out, with some venues having extra entertainment and providing picnic lunches. It really was a great, inspirational day to see so many folk involved. (See pic at right - Brighton Bayside at Princes Park).

Sydney Kiwanians provided a barbecue sausage sizzle and drinks for about 170 HeartKids family members and friends. The event, held at The Dairy, Abbotsford, started with a lovely ceremony remembering the infants and children who have passed away in recent times from heart disease.

HeartKids organiser Jenny Azzopardi then called all walkers to commence the 4km walk. This event was completed by around 12.30pm and it was noted that a number of other Clubs also had participated.

This is an excellent service project (raised $280K nationwide this year) which all Australian Kiwanis Clubs could consider supporting in 2019 at a HeartKids event location nearby.

HEARTKIDS NSW - CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Sydney Kiwanis Club were at Lane Cove National Park to help with the Christmas in the Park Luncheon for HeartKids families in NSW, serving lunch for about 100 adults and children. The ongoing relationship between Sydney Kiwanis Club and HeartKids NSW is to be commended.
Karrinyup WA Club President Liz Balding (left) had the pleasant task of presenting stalwart JIM CHANTRY last month with a Rising Sun Award. Past Governor Jim was both surprised and humbled at this rare distinction which is well deserved, considering his long-standing commitment to our service organisation.

Immediate Past Governor JAN HYDE is another Kiwanian to be honoured recently with a Rising Sun Award. At Shepparton Sunrisers dinner meeting on August 2 Jan was definitely surprised to be on the receiving end of well-deserved accolades. The inscription on the lovely crystal award reads: “Recognising exceptional service to Kiwanis Sunrisers, Division 7 and Australia District as Governor”.

JOHN HYDE was also honoured at the same function, the past Lt Governor being bestowed an Australia Fellowship Award. This is a personal recognition and appreciation for services to Kiwanis and the community. The Award citation reads: “Specially recognising with appreciation service to Kiwanis Australia at Club, Division and District level”.

Australia’s ASPAC Trustee Tony Gunn shown here in Taiwan attending a President’s training weekend south of Taichung. Over 400 Club Presidents attended, gaining both Kiwanis knowledge and learning from inspirational keynote speakers.

Yes, that really is Tony (below) with “George” Chu-Ching Chian from Taiwan!

Peter Zander OAM shown here receiving his Certification as ASPAC Chair, from Poly Lat, the International President.

Above: Someone appears to have a wicked sense of humour at this airline!!!
On a balmy October evening, Lt Gov Division 6 Ian Randall, Carol Bilionis, Ley Rakers and Fiona Campbell Hicks accepted an invitation to experience, at first hand, the White Lion Open Family Chatterbox Bus in action, and what an experience it was.

For 10 years now, Brighton Bayside Kiwanis have been supporting the amazing work of The White Lion/ Open Family through one of their many programs - the Chatterbox Bus. The program, on a roster basis, travels around the CBD, St Kilda and North Melbourne areas, providing comfort and support to homeless and at-risk young people.

On any given evening, the Driver/Youth Worker (Anthony Grimm), a Nurse, a Youth Worker, plus two Volunteers will stop at four set stops from 8pm to midnight, providing water, hot drinks, pizza, hygiene packs and a safe and warm place for the young people to talk and get off the streets for a short while. Although there’s no pressure, once the young folk feel at ease and, more importantly, trust the youth workers, they are encouraged to seek further assistance at the White Lion North Melbourne Centre where they are able to find training, counselling, clothing, internet, interview techniques and, hopefully, the skills required to turn their lives around for the better.

Our role, with funding provided by Bendigo Community Bank Elwood, has been to provide 120 Hygiene Packs twice a year, with 60 in the winter and 60 before summer. To date, we have been limited by a very tight budget but as of next year the Bank has greatly increased our grant. So, now we will be providing 500 Hygiene Packs over a year and, moreover, we will be able to increase the products we place in each pack. This will greatly enhance our ability to provide these children (some as young as 11) with some dignity.

It is important to note that White Lion hold the Bus Experience on a Monday evening and, in our case it happened to be in daylight hours, but nevertheless it certainly gave us an excellent opportunity to experience some of what these amazing youth workers are offering these young people. Over the two hours we stopped at Southern Cross, under the railway bridges by the Yarra and then at St Paul’s. In that time, even though it wasn’t a rostered day, a number of young people jumped on the bus for a chat or drink of water, walking off with a pizza to enjoy with their friends. We were just blown away by how polite, well-spoken and thankful they were, and you must ask Ley about her very interesting conversation with one young man regarding his diet and healthy living regime.

All in all, a wonderful experience that makes our recent increase in funding from the Bendigo Bank Elwood Community Bendigo Bank Grant all the more significant because Kiwanis can now increase its support of this worthwhile program.

FOOTNOTE: Bendigo Bank has been so impressed with the Kiwanis Club of Brighton Bayside’s Hygiene Kits for Homeless Youth project that $5000 was awarded to Kiwanis in its recent round of community grants, to further its good work in this area. President Fiona Campbell Hicks (holding the cheque) and Treasurer Meredith Windust received the funding at the 2018 AGM of the Bendigo Bank Elwood. These hygiene kits will be distributed from the Open Family Chatterbox Bus.
Reynella Club held its 45th Changeover Evening in the Christies Beach Hotel function room on the evening of September 29. All 15 club members and their partners were present.

The outgoing Club officers and board members were acknowledged for their contributions to furthering the cause of Kiwanis. Of special significance was the award of Life Membership to stalwart Ray Wakeling (who is current Lt Governor Division 8), award of a Hixson Fellowship to Graham Moulds, and awarding Legions of Honour for 45 years service to Kiwanis to President John Adams and Treasurer Brian Jolliffe, who were both founding members of the Club.

Congratulations to these people and also those who received recognition of their valued contribution to Club projects during the 2017-18 Kiwanis year. New officers and directors for the 2018-19 year were installed.

The night was made very special by the presence of District Governor Jan Hyde and husband John, and it was an honour to hear Jan’s address to the Club plus presentation of awards. It was also terrific to have the City of Onkaparinga Deputy Mayor Gary Hennessy and his wife Pam join in and also address the gathering. Reynella Club was further honoured to have members of the Kiwanis Club of Glenelg in attendance - President Peter Symons and wife Val, Roy and Glenda Seccafien plus incoming Governor Bob (and Mary) Sitters.

President John Adams presented his annual report which summarised another very busy and successful year for the Club in its community service, volunteer hours, projects delivered, charitable donations and fundraising activities. Well done to all members.

Left: Ray Wakeling receives his Life Membership citation.
Kiwanis continues to provide support for many worthwhile organisations, including Special Olympics.

This recent photo was taken at the Special Olympics Southern Region (Victoria) Christmas party and 30th Anniversary celebrations, showing L to R: Jane Lobo, Dimity Pollard and Angela Randall (Moorabbin Kiwanis). Jane and Moorabbin Kiwanian Brian Ingram (now deceased) were heavily involved in setting up the Special Olympics Southern Region three decades ago. Kiwanis Clubs have been actively involved in supporting this chapter of Special Olympics, including Kiwanis Clubs of Moorabbin and Brighton Bayside. Currently about 90 athletes of all ages are involved. Angela and Ian Randall (LG Div 6) were invited guests for this 30th anniversary celebration.

In various States of Australia, Kiwanis has helped with involvement in Mega-Swim projects aimed at helping fund MS. Here’s some worthwhile publicity that appeared in a Shepparton paper early October.

AUSTRALIA DISTRICT FACEBOOK PAGE

A reminder about our District’s 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.

If your Club doesn’t have a facebook presence, no worries, just send in any articles, photos and items about your Club by emailing it to this address, and I can post it on your behalf. Please lodge with valery001@live.com.au
For the sixth year in a row most of Reynella Kiwanis members travelled to the Flinders Ranges to assist as event marshals for the Flinders By Bike event. This is an annual bike ride organised by Event Strategies.

Reedbeds Kiwanis stalwarts Howard Humby and son Mark again joined in, along with Ros and Ashleigh Gore from Adelaide Hills Club who travelled to the Flinders, joining the group at Rawnsley Park Station.

As event marshals the aim was to assist 120 competitors on mountain push bikes to safely traverse event tracks over either 60 km, 120 km or 200 km, throughout the Flinders Ranges.

Over tracks and trails many have never seen before, these Kiwanis marshals ensured the entrants stayed on course. In total, 25 Kiwanians put in a great effort on the day, all wearing special “K” hi-vis vests, so the Kiwanis name was very prominent throughout the Flinders.

The bike event is held on Saturday and these members made the most of visiting the Flinders by spending three extra days there, exploring the area and enjoying Kiwanis fellowship.

That’s the team above, showing the K brand exposure provided by the hi-vis vests.
Three years ago the Victorian State Government released a report on children’s literacy. This report showed that the Bendigo region of central Victoria had the lowest rate of child literacy within the State.

As a result of this damning report Bendigo Health’s “Communities for Children” decided to set up a Book Box program that they thought would encourage children to read more. The program needed to be inclusive of all children, ongoing and expansive, as well as results driven. They also wanted to involve the support of volunteers so that the Bendigo community could take responsibility for any positive results that they hoped would come from the program.

Kiwanis Bendigo were invited to attend a workshop/promotion event held by Bendigo Health. Following the event we decided to become involved in building the boxes and helping to distribute them throughout the community. We created a standard box that people would recognise and were able to source material from a local kitchen manufacturer.

The next step was to get the boxes decorated. So Kiwanis formed a partnership with the Greater City of Bendigo “Early Years Project” team. We took our boxes along to their events and involved the kids in decorating them. This proved to be a great success.

As the word spread and kids’ secondhand and new books started to be donated and collected, the demand for boxes rose quickly, so we needed to find another decorating source. A new partnership was created, this time with Access Skills Training, a group of secondary school students who had dropped out of the school system for differing reasons, usually due to low social and/or learning skills. They took on the challenge with great enthusiasm and the partnership proved to be a great success.

With the demand for boxes ever increasing our Kiwanis club handyman Ross Spedding enlisted the help of his year 12 granddaughter, Jasmine, who used her volunteer hours helping her grandfather put the boxes together. These volunteer hours assisted Jasmine in gaining early entry into her university course. Once again, a successful partnership.

Kiwanis Bendigo continued to place boxes wherever kids gathered such as waiting rooms and public areas, in medical clinics, community service outlets, dental waiting rooms, hairdressers, supermarkets, schools, kindergartens and Family Hubs. The network grew quickly and the letters of appreciation started rolling in.

Towns around Bendigo heard about the book boxes and were keen to be a part of the action. The new Family Hub at Heathcote wanted six boxes for the kindergarten kids to decorate and place in the community. They now have ten placed in the township. Castlemaine community have ordered four and Inglewood have ordered two. Three more partnerships have been formed.

The network has now grown to around 70 book boxes with more orders outstanding. Because of the demand we have requested help from local prison inmates through our Kiwanian Tom Wills, who is the Manager of the Justice Department in Bendigo. Tom thinks the assistance will be very rewarding as the department encourages prisoners to be involved with community projects and will promote the partnership through the media. A win/win situation.

Bendigo Health’s “Communities for Children” has dubbed the Bendigo Kiwanis Club the “Book Box Champions” and they have...
presented us with a special Award and Certificate. Of course, the job doesn’t stop at the building and decorating. We continue to call on all the outlets to top up the boxes with books and monitor the results by asking questions ... are kids reading books? ... are they taking books home? ... are they swapping or keeping the books? ... and are their parents encouraging these kids to take a book? The answers show that the program is proving to be very successful for all involved.

Members of Kiwanis Bendigo have created a wonderful Signature Project striking at the heart of of local children’s needs, engaging many local children in the process and hopefully forming long-term partnerships that will continue to benefit and impact the community into the future.

A special thanks must go to our Kiwanis members Ross Spedding, Ron Crowe and Tom Devlin for their extra efforts. Hats off to Bendigo Kiwanis for their Book Boxes project!

NEWCASTLE KIWANIS ‘SIGNATURE PROJECT’

Project name “Kiwanis Christmas Trees for Charity”

Recurring: Annually - Second weekend in December for 25+ years.

Brand Enhancing: The Club advertises in the local paper, and also on community noticeboards of local radio and TV stations, on the internet under Gumtree (tree sales site) and their own Kiwanis website and Facebook page. Gumtree scored 450 hits in 2017 and they sold 450 trees.

High Impact: This project has a demonstrable positive impact on the community measured by the large number of repeat customers - in excess of 400 each year. The net amount raised annually is around $10,000.

Kiwanis Christmas tags are included with each tree sale, providing information about Kiwanis and the children’s charities that the funds are donated to. Customers are always very appreciative of the service provided, which also allows them to make a donation. Radio, TV stations and print media have provided interviews over the years.

Membership and Partnership Focus: Great partnership with tree suppliers. Despite gaining just one new member specifically from this project, there are hundreds of people who now know “who Kiwanis is”. Along with regular Kiwanians, Newcastle Club has several members of the aligned AKtion Club who help out with this signature project each year. It’s a win-win, having the Aktion people involved.

(Thanks to Annette Holmes for this information)
A combined Changeover for both Murray Bridge and Adelaide Hills Kiwanis Clubs was held on Sunday October 14 at the Murray Bridge Community Club.

The Changeover was attended by Adrian Pederick MP, our Australian District Governor Bob Sitters and Lt Governor Division 8, Ray Wakeling. This event celebrated achievements of both clubs over the past year with the outgoing Presidents providing a great review of the impact their clubs have made on their respective communities.

MURRAY BRIDGE CLUB saw Kathryn Franklin pass the President’s role to Glen Dorsey. Marilyn Drew is the new Vice-President, while Lana Stevens remains as Secretary/Treasurer.

Governor Bob and Lt Gov. Ray then had the pleasure of inducting three new members to Murray Bridge Club. A huge welcome to Lorraine and Dennis Culbertson plus Henriette Standley. Murray Bridge have set the challenge for other Clubs, starting the new Kiwanis year with THREE new members.

ADELAIDE HILLS CLUB is advantaged by having Marisa Ellks take on another year as President, with Chris Hart as secretary. Marisa organised a very special well-deserved award for Geoff Johnston for his outstanding efforts in coordinating the Adelaide Hills Book Shop project. An amazing endeavour that in a few short months has raised over $15,000.

Marisa also had the pleasure of presenting three Legion of Honour awards to long-serving Adelaide Hills Club members, John Dowe (25 years) and two charter members, Ash Gore (28 years) and Geoff Johnston (28 years).

Ashleigh who is also Governor-Elect 2018/19, assisted Marisa in inducting Natalie Williams as a new member to the Adelaide Hills Kiwanis Club. A warm welcome to Natalie joining the Adelaide Hills Kiwanis Club.
AROUND THE CLUBS

Sydney President Jeff Hudson greets another brand new member who was inducted during December. Welcome to Kiwanis, Om Raut.

Jeff Hudson is shown left, awarding a 30 Year Legion of Honour to District Secretary Steve Hughes who has worn (and continues to wear) many different hats during his lengthy Kiwanis career. Steve started his journey with the Kiwanis Club of East Maitland in 1985 and has since been a member of Canning River WA, Doncaster-Templestowe and Melbourne in Victoria, before work commitments saw he and Cathy land in Sydney.

Boolaroo Public School in NSW is a Terrific Kids School serviced by Sydney Kiwanis, who received this encouraging Thank You note recently.

Left: REEDBEDS CLUB performed their annual Christmas Tree delivery, combined with ATHELSTONE Kiwanis. The Reebeds teams are shown here, prior to starting their rounds.

ROSTREVOR-CAMPBEL TOWN Club
is involved with helping organisers of Adelaide’s annual City Fun Run, and above is the back of a Kiwanian’s car with the collated runners’ numbers!

SYDNEY NEWS

I finally got my head together, now my body is falling apart.

ROSTREVOR-CAMPBELLTOWN Club
AROUND THE CLUBS

The Kiwanis Club of Berwick conducted its annual sausage sizzle at the 2018 Dandenong Show coordinated by President Norm McLennan. The Kiwanis gazebo always occupies a prominent position for the two days. Their egg and bacon rolls competed strongly with their sausage sizzle.

John Upham and Heather returned from NSW and Steve Legg returned from Gold Coast to help out, as they do each year. Good weather this year helped boost the takings, and the Kiwanis name was again prominent with attendees.

Photograph above shows John Upham, Ian Randall (Div 6 Lt Gov), Steve Howison & Heather; while pictured below are John Upham, Steve Howison, Norm McLennan and Angela Randall.

BERWICK KIWANIS

MOOROOPNA CLUB in Division 7 has recently celebrated its 40th anniversary. Shown here are the Club “mainstays” with new President Antonio Nappa and Secretary Murray Shields at the helm.

At Mooroopna Club’s Changeover, held on September 26, Governor Jan presented past Governor Louis D’Amore and Ted Davis with Legion of Honour awards. She is shown here pinning Louis, marking his 40 years in Kiwanis. There’s a bit more on Mooroopna on page 21.

BERWICK KIWANIS

PACIFIC PINES KIWANIS (yes that looks like Steve Legg in the background!) raised further funds for needy beneficiaries earlier this month at a local Christmas gala event.
WAVERLEY CHANGEOVER

The Kiwanis Club of Waverley has conducted its changeover meeting with top positions being Stephen Green as President and Sue Kimberley holding the office of Secretary.

A highlight was a presentation from one of the newer members Garry Dowd and his riding partner John (shown right). Garry spoke about their recent epic bike trek across the USA, from dipping their bike wheels in the Pacific Ocean, riding across the USA and dipping their wheels in the Atlantic Ocean. Together this pair raised over $11,000 for the eliMiNaTe joint project with UNICEF.

Main photo (right) shows L to R: President Steve Green, Secretary Sue Kimberley, LG Div 6 Ian Randall, and Treasurer Ed Wilson at the Handover, while below is a recent barbecue with Waverley working well . . .

Yes, it’s Mal Lancaster helping once again during Brisbane’s Mega-Swim fundraiser where “Eat My Bubbles” was the chosen slogan.

BRISBANE HELPING HEARTKIDS

Following up on the front cover shot, showing Brisbane stalwarts helping pack kits for HeartKids, here’s another angle on the same project. This is another practical way Kiwanis can help HeartKids.
CROQUET

CHRISTMAS

Prospect Kiwanis seem to think outside the square quite often and their Christmas function this year was no exception. They held an evening at the local Croquet Club with full chicken and champers dinner, plus several rounds of croquet, luckily with full tuition provided! Actually, it’s not a bad game to play and not too hard to get a handle (or mallet) on.

Shown left is Ian Teague receiving a prize from Prospect President Henry. Theme for the night was to wear a “silly hat” and Ian’s effort showing a Santa stuck down a chimney took it away!

GLENELG CLUB is often assisting as marshals at civic functions such as the Bay to Birdwood motoring event. Shown here are Tony, Kym and Owen on the Powerade drinks stall during this year’s City to Bay Fun Run.

MOORABBIN KIWANIS

Moorabbin President Ian Howison (below) was part of a Kiwanis team which visited Mordialloc Secondary College during Youth Expo held on October 11. Our Kiwanians were pitching the benefits of belonging to a Key Club at the college, with a view to hopefully starting up a Key Club.
MOOROOPNA CLUB Charter members Ted Davis (left) and Louis D’Amore (right) are shown here with Dom Segafredo, a Charter member of sponsor club Shepparton.

Barossa Club has recognised three stalwarts with Legion of Honour Awards. Pictured here with Dean Hoklas (far right) are L to R: Sandy Blythman (25 Years), Jim Ellis (30 Years) and Glen Schultz (25 Years).

SUNRISERS

Sunrisers have been very active lately, and apart from projects, have recently bestowed Legion of Honours on Rod Rayner (25 Years) and Ross Grenfell (30 Years). This Kiwanis Club became involved at the Sobroan Children’s Respite facility in Shepparton, helping secure a grant (over $11,000) from the Bendigo Bank which combined with $47,000 from the Victorian Government, went towards new playground equipment. Half a dozen Kiwanis Club members (shown above) were at a special morning tea / launch of this equipment.

Dennis Noack is shown above thanking speaker Peter Christopher, a Director of the “City of Adelaide” clipper ship which has now been repatriated to Port Adelaide, awaiting further restoration.

ATHELSTONE ANGLE

Julie Skully represented Athelstone Club earlier this year at Port Vila, Vanuatu which was the venue for the South Pacific Convention. Standing behind Julie is Brian Reed, the Governor-Elect for that District. She joined in helping with a local project that enables women to learn sewing.

Kiwianians Yvonne, Phil and Vin shown here, helping at Ronald McDonald House, one of Athelstone Club’s regular projects.
The new Kiwanis Club in Bamenda, Cameroon, is edging closer to having its first official chartered meeting, now that its By-laws have been formally finalised. Progress has been slowed in recent months unfortunately after civil unrest in that part of Africa has seen military-style curfews apparently preventing gatherings taking place. Hopefully the situation in Cameroon will return to normal before long. Meanwhile, the minutes from a Bamenda Kiwanis meeting (held earlier this year) have been forwarded and shown below to confirm this fledgling Club is certainly up and running. That Club’s mentor Joseph Fombason (now a member of Port Phillip Club) is pictured left.

**Kiwanis Club Bamenda**

Meeting holding in Bamenda, February 2018 AD

Meeting started at 4pm prompt with 09 members present. The agenda was presented and adopted. Mr Ndikum Linus prayed and called God almighty to guide the meeting. Being the first meeting of 2018, the President Mme Bumah Rose welcomed and wished members a successful year. Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted by Mr Langwong Esua. Some bylaws to guide the Club were read from Mentor Joseph Fombason (in Australia).

Mr Nji Marcellius proposed a Njangi or saving scheme that will enable the members to be more committed. Kiwanis members embraced the idea. Both old and new members introduced themselves.

Mr Manjo Esua proposed that a Kiwanis Club Bamenda group chart to facilitate communication amongst members. An important (envelope) package was presented to the club bearing the charter certificate of Kiwanis Club Bamenda Cameroon signed by the authorities from head office - Kiwanis International. Members were overwhelmed at the presentation of the certificate.

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday 23rd March 2018 at 4pm prompt.

An annual registration was done for one new member, Laisin Nsai Stella.

Closing remarks were all about members to be committed to our Bamenda Club and to continue to source for new members who have a passion for the organisation’s vision, so that together we can achieve the organisation’s goals.

Some anxious members asked questions like, what proves that he/she is a Kiwanian if they go to a foreign country. And the monitor responded that members should stay calm, as after the official registration of the Club, all of such issues are going to be taken care of.

**FORWARD INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION DATES**

(You can start planning now!)

June 18-21, 2020 - INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana, USA

June 24-27, 2021 - SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, USA

Some facts worth knowing about next year’s Convention at Disneyworld, Orlando Florida. Jim Collins, author of “Good To Great” (a mantra we’ve heard before) will be the speaker opening that Convention. The final list of candidates has not yet been confirmed for Vice-President of Kiwanis International, but early candidates are CHU-CHING CHIAN (George) from Taiwan, and PETER MANUSCO from New York City.
MONGOLIA OUR NEWEST KIWANIS NATION

Recent news from the Asian region confirmed by Kiwanis International sees yet another country join us, becoming the newest Kiwanis nation.

That is MONGOLIA which was officially kick-started on September 28, 2018, with the chartering of the Kiwanis Club of Ulaanbaatar - first Club in Mongolia. In similar style to the new Club of Bamenda in Cameroon, Africa, the logistics of setting up a new Club thousands of kilometres away can prove interesting.

Sponsor Club in Virginia USA (Poquoson Kiwanis Club), sent a representative to travel to Asia during the setup. Potential new Kiwanians needed to travel from Mongolia to Malaysia, while Japanese Kiwanians flew from Tokyo to Mongolia, again helping with the building process.

Arima Marder was among the catalysts for driving this, towards the goal of Kiwanis gaining a foot-hold in Mongolia back in 2012. She is a Mongolian native living in Washington DC, and organised a collection of clothing and supplies for two orphanages in Ulaanbaatar. The project attracted several willing volunteers and gained traction in Mongolia, impressing Arima’s associates. By 2016 this provided inspiration for the idea of adding these folk as satellite Kiwanis members, and some of the negotiations were made using Skype technology, involving past International President Sue Petrisin. Initially 18 Mongolians became satellite Kiwanians.

Two satellite members attended the 43rd ASPAC in Malaysia earlier this year. The network grew, associations strengthened, and the Kiwanis Club of Tokyo came on board as a co-sponsor.

Australia’s own PETER ZANDER OAM is now ASPAC Chair for this Kiwanis year, and has had the pleasure of reporting on this new Club in Mongolia, along with a new Kiwanis Club in Shanghai, China, both in the ASPAC region.

MEMBERSHIP HEADING NORTH IN SOME REGIONS

While it hasn’t been an overall growth, Kiwanis International CEO Stan Soderstrom reports that for only the third time in Kiwanis history the number of new Clubs opened in the past year exceeded 400 (411).

The Formula (for Growth) since its inception in 2013-14, has seen 1168 new Clubs opened. In the three years leading up to the Formula (2010-13) average membership loss was at minus 4%. This began to improve in the first four years of the Formula (2013-17) that average loss was cut by half to minus 2%. This year’s percentage has jumped to an increase of +0.8% which is trending in the right direction.

In 2017-18 Kiwanis Asia Pacific region had another strong year of growth. Membership increased by 8.4% and 149 new Clubs were opened. NZ-South Pacific, Philippine Luzon, Philippine South, Japan and Taiwan Districts plus Nepal Provisional District all saw membership increase. In the past year, combined Philippines numbers have gone from 6115 in 2016-17 to 8030 in the past year! These amazing totals have now seen Asia-Pacific membership figures pass Europe for the first time ever. Well done to ASPAC region.

Some interesting membership totals are: (2017 in italic, 2018 in bold):

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ASPAC Clubs opened in 2017-18 totalled 149, with 411 new Clubs opened worldwide same period. Youth programs help build up totals substantially. Key Clubs, Builders and K-Kids in 2017 numbered 342,840 but did dip slightly a year later to 335,811. Circle-K and AKtion Club membership in 2017 was 25,044 but in 2018 totalled 23,765.

Worldwide membership totals including Youth etc: 2017 557,856, 2018 551,015.

Australia's Kiwanians now have a presence in over 80 nations worldwide. Impressive!
KEN GLEESON (Rostrevor-Campbelltown)

Ken was a member of Rostrevor-Campbelltown Kiwanis Club for over 24 years. During this time he became a very active member and involved himself in many club projects and was often available to lend his support without hesitation.

Ken was a regular official for many years at E Grade Athletics which was held at Santos Stadium, Adelaide every Saturday morning from October to March. This was a major project which lasted for nearly 30 years. He was a keen golfer and often joined other Kiwanians in a game or two. Ken passed away late August this year.

His contribution to the Club by way of involvement or attending meetings will be sorely missed. Ken was a brother of Mary (and Steve, deceased), and uncle of David, Karen and families. We extend condolences to wife Helen and family. (Thanks to Geoff H. for this information)

HELEN COLE (Kiwans in New Zealand)

On Thursday November 8, 2018 came the totally unexpected news that an Australasian Kiwanian based in New Zealand, tragically had passed away at home in Christchurch. Helen Margaret Cole, 66, who retired a couple of months ago, had recently returned from a tour of USA which she’d undertaken with Chris Cole. They have attended many Kiwanis International Conventions in recent years. Helen fully supported Chris (a past Pacific Governor) and this couple had not only been to several Australian Conventions in recent years, but were regular visitors to Adelaide, having immediate family living there.

Whilst in Adelaide, they would invariably visit local Kiwanis Clubs and provide updates on service club news from across the Ditch.

A celebration of Helen’s life was held at Beckenham Methodist Church in Christchurch on Wednesday November 14. Deepest sympathies are extended to Chris, along with sons Jason (and Amanda) plus Simon (and Joanna). Grand-daughter Mila will be pondering the loss of her beloved nana. As we all are. Rest in peace Helen.

As a relevant postscript to the Vale on Helen Cole, here’s a reprint of the small article (right) run by coincidence in our last Australian Kiwanian, regarding the trek around USA that the Coles had undertaken following this year’s Las Vegas Kiwanis Convention. That article shows the Kiwi Kiwanian standing by a sign marking the “Helen Cole Memorial Highway”. No-one could have envisaged how profound that photo would be ....

NOLA SIBIO (Shepparton Sunrisers)

In the March Australian Kiwanian published earlier this year, we ran a tribute to Nola Sibio, a past Club President (and holder of many positions on her Club’s Board), who unfortunately succumbed to cancer in February. At the time of printing, there wasn’t a photo of Nola available but that situation has now been rectified. RIP Nola.
Tea Tree Gully Kiwanis Club has presented a cheque for $2,500 to Ronald McDonald House. These funds will go towards the cost of maintaining a room in the House.

A tour was arranged for TTG Club, and the Kiwanians were impressed with the facilities, run mainly by volunteers. Children with serious illnesses up to the age of 18 and living more than 50 km from the Adelaide CBD are accommodated to enable ongoing treatment. TTG Kiwanis is keen to further assist Ronald McDonald House into the future.

Tea Tree Gully Kiwanian Bert Kampes having a McChat with “Ronald McDonald” himself, during the Kiwanis Club visit to RM House. (Thanks to Greg Anderson)

TEA TREE GULLY KIWANIS DONATION TO RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

KIWANIS SUPPORTS CHILDREN FIRST FOUNDATION

The December 2017 AK covered the heart-warming, amazing work performed by Children First Foundation. Kiwanis Australia District has since become a partner with CFF, 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 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.
**The Last Laugh**

**Dentist to the rescue?**

An after-dinner speaker was in such a hurry to get to her engagement that when she arrived and sat down at the head table, she suddenly realised that she had forgotten her false teeth. Turning to the man next to him she said, “Oh no, I’ve forgotten my teeth.” The man said, “No problem.” He reached into his pocket and pulled out a pair of false teeth.

“Try these,” he said. The speaker tried them. “Too loose,” she said. The man then said, “I have another pair - try these.” The speaker tried them and responded, “Too tight.” The man wasn’t fazed at all. He then said, “I have one more pair. Try them.” The speaker purred, “They fit perfectly.” With that she ate her meal and duly gave her speech.

After the dinner meeting was over, the speaker went over to chat with the man who had helped her.

“I want to thank you for coming to my assistance. Where’s your office? I’ve been looking for a good dentist, by coincidence.” The man replied, “Actually, I’m not a dentist. I’m an undertaker.”

**SOME MORE PUN FUN**

1. The meaning of opaque is unclear.
2. I wasn’t going to get a brain transplant, but then I changed my mind.
3. Have you ever tried to eat a wristwatch. It’s very time consuming.
4. That man tried to assault me with milk, cream and butter. How dairy.
5. I’m reading a book on anti-gravity. Just can’t put it down.
6. If there really was someone selling marijuana in our neighbourhood, weed know about it.
7. Actually, using a broken pencil is pointless.
8. So what if I don’t know the meaning of the word “apocalypse”. It’s not the end of the world.
9. Police were called to a kindergarten today. A 3-year-old was resisting a rest.
10. The other day I held the door open for a clown. I thought it was a nice jester.
11. Alternative facts are aversion of the truth.
12. I used to have a fear of hurdles, but I got over it.
13. Did you know they’re not making yardsticks any longer?
14. What’d the man say when the bridge fell on top of him? The suspension is killing me!
15. There was a big paddle sale at the boat store last week. It was quite an oar deal.

Wife asked for some peace & quiet while she cooked dinner. So I took the batteries out of the smoke alarm.

**i before e, except after c** is the “golden rule”

But not when your foreign neighbour Keith received eight counterfeit beige sleighs from feisty caffeinated weightlifters. Weird, eh??!!!!!

A man tells a Rabbi: “I have a strong desire to live to eternity. What am I supposed to do?” “Get married,” replies the Rabbi. “It’s that simple? So that will allow me to live forever!” “No. But the desire will disappear.”

The Flat Earth Society boasts that it has members all around the globe . . . (think about that)
BOARD OF TRUSTEES SATURDAY SOCIAL

After a weekend of work, the regular Board of Trustee meetings usually conclude with a social event where billets and helpers are also invited.

The most recent BOT meeting saw Governor Bob sidelined in hospital, and with he and Mary due to host the Saturday social, a dilemma arose. At very late notice, Yvonne and Peter Zander came to the rescue as hosts (much appreciated!). Here are some shots of those attending that enjoyable social at the Zanders.

Kiwanis Is Where A Need Is Served
The first combined metro Kiwanis project for several years took place on the last weekend in October when nearly 20 members from Clubs in Division 3, 8 and 10 helped at a Children’s Picnic Day event held at Parafield Airport on the northern fringe of Adelaide.

Initiated by an organisation called United-Way and held as part of the annual Children’s Week, our tasks were mainly to help set up, monitor and supervise the various rides and activities provided for children’s entertainment.

There were a couple of late withdrawals, but Kiwanis Clubs of Athelstone, Barossa, Mitcham, Rostrevor-Campbelltown, Tea Tree Gully and Brighton responded with a good muster, coordinated by Lindsay Curtis who also wears a hat on the Children’s Week committee.

Activities provided for entertainment included rock climb, bouncing castle, bump cars, dragon and fantasy flight rides.

The event was quite successful given that it was held on a sunny day, organised in a relatively short timeframe, and the personnel from United-Way seemed to have limited experience in ventures of this scale.

Due to our members being well versed at such events, there were strengthened ties for Kiwanis, apart from excellent PR opportunities. One of the aspects that arose during the day was that despite the children’s rides being provided for free, a lack of suitable advertising to that effect meant that many families from lower socio-economic backgrounds – the target market – had seemingly kept away under the misapprehension they needed to pay for rides.

Our staff undertook two shifts of 2 and a half hours and Kiwanis supplied a stand of five 3x3m canopies. Including travel time, Kiwanis was credited with around 110 service hours for this Combined Project.

Administrative hours and attending inductions conducted by United-Way, added at least 20 hours. It was estimated that up to 800 people could have been present at any one time. Hence with turnover, attendance probably exceeded 1000, but this was considerably less than the planned capacity. United-Way works with more than 100 community and corporate partners to help Australians in disadvantaged communities to reach their full potential. Their model of change is to empower children and young people through flagship early childhood and youth employment initiatives.

This Read Aloud Open Day was mainly a fund-raiser for the Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library.

Those Kiwanians who provided service on that day included (from Athelstone) Geoff Edwards, Sue & Daryl Lloyd, Ian Brophy, Julie Skully, Phil Smyth and Alan Clark. From Barossa Club came Ev Leske and Robert Nitschke. Mitcham was represented by Lindsay Curtis and a good turnout from Rostrevor-Campbelltown included Rod Cameron, Geoff Holmes, Elizabeth Andrews, Jill Norman, Lesley Pawson, Dennis Castle. Michael Flavel and Chris Bennett were there from Tea Tree Gully, and Peter Zander plus Madeleine Said waved the flag for Brighton.

Well done to all concerned on this Combined 2018 Kiwanis project.

Shown here at right are Julie Skully, Alan Clark and Ev Leske.