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“Good to Greater”

Where did those four months go? We are already well into our new year; our challenge has not changed - we MUST increase our membership.

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

It is pleasing that as of February 15, 2019 we have inducted 24 new members and I have welcomed those members. There have been 16 members who have left Kiwanis for one or another reason unfortunately.

I have attended many Club Changeover functions and anniversaries in the past four months, including Murray Bridge/Adelaide Hills, Reynella, Glenelg, Rostrevor/Campbelltown and Warrnambool. “First Lady” Mary and I are travelling north to attend the Division 2 Mini Convention the weekend of February 23-24 and Athelstone 35th Anniversary on February 25. It is our intent to travel to Division 1 and 6 on April 8, and visit Division 7 on April 9-10 with the respective Lieutenant Governors arranging combined meetings.

With regards to the Governor’s Challenge set at the beginning of the new Kiwanis year I can report that two Clubs have as of this month achieved minimum 20% nett growth thus far. Well done to Pacific Pines and Australia Online.

Reminder that “The Challenge” is this: Each Club should grow its NETT membership by 20%, 30% or 50% during the year (based upon the numbers reported by Kiwanis International as at the start 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.

It’s a task that I believe is possible for all Clubs – a minimum increase of 20% on the end of September figure would be equivalent to seven new Clubs. Our District has been unable to add any new Clubs in the past two years. I believe that strengthening existing clubs MUST be our priority.

Our Strategic Plan for this Kiwanis year includes a minimum nett growth in the District of 20% with three new Clubs to be added (we have to set goals).

Our District currently has 16 Clubs with 20 or more members. Eleven Clubs between 15 and 20 members. 14 Clubs with less than 15 members. These last 25 Clubs are those most vulnerable and need to be revitalised and grow or they could be under threat of closure or amalgamation. Those Clubs would not qualify for Charter if they were new Clubs looking to charter today!!

Building of new Clubs is paramount to our District’s long-term future. New Clubs introduce new hands to service under the Kiwanis banner, but also hopefully introduce new talent for future leadership.

So, the Challenge is GROW or falter.

Consider this – What would the world be like without KIWANIS?

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

The District continues its endorsement of the Children First Foundation. At the February Board meeting Jeff Hudson (Sydney Club) was voted as Kiwanis Children First representative (welcome Jeff). It was recognised that the principles and mission of this unique Australian children’s organisation run parallel with ours in Kiwanis. If any Club wishes to donate to this worthy life-changing charity, they can do so preferably through the KADCF, as we do for HeartKids, or directly.

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

GOVERNOR’S REPORT, continued page 4
Welcome at last to your “March” Australian Kiwanian. I often seem to run excuses for tardiness but my latest reasons emanate mainly from the AK editor heading off overseas for most of March. Despite taking the trusty laptop on my travels, there was only minimal chance for making progress on this edition. But as they say, “we got there”. This March AK was “looking good” to have just a couple of Kiwanians to pay tribute to in the Vale section but sadly there was a run of additions in the closing stages. Two of these came right on publication date, so we’ll make more appropriate mention of John Hinchcliffe and Bob Bing in the June AK.

It’s a few months away yet, but hopefully most folk, especially from South Australia, are working out their plans to attend District Convention late August. There’s a fair mention of Convention on some early pages of this edition, so make sure you download an entry form via either the District website or facebook page. Initial indications are this will be a boomer of an event, with early kudos going to Betty D’Amore who was officially one of the first Kiwanians to lodge their entry.

Another of Peter Zander’s comprehensive ASPAC reports is in the pipeline and will appear in the June AK, so for this edition it’s mainly a pictorial coverage. It seems the 2019 ASPAC in Taiwan ran really well, with a good Aussie representation.

If you’ve been wondering about information on the background of one of Kiwanis high honours - the George F. Hixson Medal, make sure you read up on page 12 where you should find stuff you may not have been aware of. A Hixson is the equivalent of the highly rated Paul Harris Fellowship that Rotarians can be awarded.

As a closing note, referring to my recent overseas travel, I happened to be in Christchurch not far from “the action” on that fateful Friday last month when NZ’s innocence was shattered by a deranged gunman. The fallout since has turned rather political, so I won’t comment further, except to lament the apparent lack of effective gun laws.

In better news, it seems that our District is set to have a brand new Kiwanis Club starting, after the organisation meeting was held a few days ago of the Kiwanis Club of Bendigo Family Hub. Well done to those in Division 7 who have helped Brian Pedretti and Tony Gunn advance this Club to the formation stage. Great going indeed!

I’ll leave you with this thought. Back around 104 years ago when our organisation had just begun, be thankful that it didn’t take long for Kiwanis to be chosen as “the” name, replacing that startup moniker of Supreme Lodge Benevolent Order Brothers, or “BOB” for short! Kiwanis sounds much better . . .

Until next time, David

FRONT COVER: Australia Day Breakfast at Dee Why Beach. Sydney Kiwanians pictured helping out are Patricia Stiles, Nazreen Hameed, Beryl Spechler, Robert Gilchrist, Ed Spechler and Jeff Hudson.

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DEADLINE INFO: Your next Australian Kiwanian is due out later in June, so the deadline for items to be submitted is May 24. Thank you for your contributions.
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

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**Governor’s Report, continued from page 2**

**IMAGE:** Enhance the Kiwanis image and brand worldwide.

Some great Club newsletters and bulletins continue to land in my Inbox. Whilst these bulletins provide that important link among members and other Clubs, you can also gauge a feeling about a Club and its culture just by reading about its recent activities.

As I mentioned in the last *Australian Kiwanian* if you have a bulletin/newsletter, do please send it to sitters@internode.on.net  YOU continue to be the most effective and cost-efficient marketer for the District.

Why not send one of your Club’s Good News stories to the local newspaper too?? You never know, it may be printed!

It’s the responsibility of every Kiwanian and Club for getting the name **KIWANIS** and our mission out into the wider community. Keep wearing regalia with the Kiwanis logo – self advertise. I have said before that there is a round badge that simply says: “Ask Me About Kiwanis”. Get one, wear it. 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. There is a new, refurbished Australian designed tri-fold brochure on its way for distribution throughout our District, around mid-year.

**INVESTMENT:** Ensure financial viability and responsible stewardship.

A reminder 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.

Do keep up the great work and help Kiwanis Australia District from “Good to Greater”.

ROBERT (BOB) SITTERS

Australia District Governor, 2018-19
Great news! An announcement has arrived from International, that Australia District has been awarded a grant of US$1,345.00. This grant recognises the District's generosity in donating to Kiwanis Children's Fund. It is 15 per cent of KAD’s donations in 2017-18.

District Board applied for the grant to run a District-wide service project during the 2019 District Convention at Glenelg. The project is to be undertaken by AKtion Club members but it’s an opportunity for all these Kiwanians and Clubs to take part.

The intention is for this project to run in two phases:

1. At the Glenelg Convention, members of all the local AKtion Clubs are due to work together with Kiwanians and their guests to fill pre-made bags with books.
2. The filled bags will be distributed by AKtion Club members to kindergartens of their choosing.

Grant funds will be used to purchase materials for the bags – picture story books to place in the bags. Clubs will be invited to donate books also.

This project is designed to showcase and promote Kiwanis AKtion Clubs and the work they do, along with providing books for pre-school aged children in lower socio-economic areas. Research in recent years has been able to identify that many Australian children are starting at school vulnerable or at risk in their language and cognitive skills. Exposure to books and stories can substantially contribute to successful early literacy.

BETTY D’AMORE  KCF Board Support Leader  bettyd2@bigpond.com
Members, partners/guests are invited to attend the 2019 Kiwanis Australia District Convention to be held in Adelaide, South Australia, at the sea-side suburb of Glenelg. Registration forms are now available. So you can start your planning, at left is the theme for the Saturday night Fun Night. We are looking forward to a Grand time at Glenelg.

Your Saturday night theme is –
Nautical (or is that Naughty-Cool)

Enquiries to: Secretary Glenelg Club (Marilyn Chandler)
glenelg@kiwanis.org.au or
marilynandphil@bigpond.com

A late addition to the recently circulated list of accommodation suggestions for out-of-towners, during Convention week:

ACAILL APARTMENT, 22 North Esplanade, North Glenelg
A holiday-let, can sleep 4-6 :: $150 night :: Ground floor
Contact Janita Kilbane 0403 858 474 to discuss bookings
For Kiwanis partners, friends and those not “tied up” on Saturday afternoon of Convention, there is a History Tour being organised of two significant venues – DUNLUCE CASTLE and KINGSTON HOUSE

**HISTORY TOUR**

Depending on numbers, the Kiwanis Bus will likely be the touring vehicle, and the plan is to leave the Convention Hotel (Stamford Grand) at 1pm, returning in time for people to prepare for the Nautical fun Dinner that evening.

1st stop: DUNLUCE CASTLE
Visit this impressive building and enjoy a tour whilst listening to Glenelg Kiwanian Sarah Tinney, as she relates the history of this historic building, the Macully family, the legend of the Brighton smugglers tunnels and South Australia’s first recorded shark fatality - Kitty Macully of Dunluce.

2nd stop: KINGSTON HOUSE
Built in 1840, Kingston House is one of this State’s oldest remaining houses and is still being used today. The quiet beauty and hidden charm of this impressive House and Reserve make it a favourite picnic spot for visitors. Yet the Kingston Family were anything but quiet & tranquil. George Strickland Kingston and his son Charles Cameron Kingston were powerful figures in the political landscape of their time. You will hear about the history of this beautiful home, and enjoy Devonshire tea.

All inclusive: $55

Shown here is a copy of Convention Entry Form which can be downloaded from the website. Just click on this link:
www.kiwanis.org.au
HeartKids Update

From early February, Angela has been in cruise mode, literally, heading off towards South America and beyond, on a cruise.

From the New Year break, not a huge amount to report, except to confirm that, as mentioned in the last (December) AK, Rob Daly has stepped down as HeartKids CEO to be replaced by Rob Lutter. Below are a couple of letters Angela received recently from these two senior gents, confirming that the switchover in the Chief Executive Officer's office has taken place. We look forward in the next issue of AK to further updates on HeartKids Australia activities.

Letter from Acting CEO Rob Daly

Dear Angela,

My time at HeartKids has come to a close, and I wanted to say a massive thank you for all the support that you along with Kiwanis have provided, and for that impact on the lives of those children living with congenital heart disease.

Rob Lutter has now started with us as CEO, after four years at HeartKids NZ, and I have begun working with him, fine-tuning the hand-over. Robert is fully aware of the important partnership with Kiwanis and I have cc’d him in by way of introduction as I know he will be in touch in due course.

All the best for the future.

ROB DALY
HeartKids
heartkids.org.au
Supporting heart kids through life

New Face at the Melbourne HeartKids Office
CEO - Rob Lutter commenced with HeartKids as their newly appointed CEO on Monday 7th January.

Letter from Rob Lutter

Hi Angela,

It is my pleasure to work in such an amazing charity and with an incredible corporate supporter.
Thank you for your ongoing support for HeartKids, you and Kiwanis are truly making a big difference in the lives of our HeartKids families in Australia.
I will be in touch in the coming weeks, but if you need to contact me please give me a call or email me.

Kind regards

ROB LUTTER
Chief Executive Officer,
HeartKids
PROFESSOR CHRIS SEMSARIAN has been awarded an Order of Australia, recognising his outstanding work as a cardiologist and for his efforts researching heart disease in children.

In 2014 the Kiwanis $30,000 donation to HeartKids “Grants in Aid” went to Professor Semsarian and his team, to fund research into genetic predicting of potential CHD (childhood heart disease) for remedial action that may be taken, such as using defibrillators.

Professor Semsarian from Connells Point, South Sydney, has been admitted as a Member in the General Division of the Order of Australia (AM) for significant service to medicine in the field of cardiology as a clinician, administrator and educator, and to the community. He confessed he was rapt to have received the prestigious award.

“I’m tremendously honoured. You put in the effort and work hard and look after your patients, but you never expect to be acknowledged. This award comes from a very good team effort – my cardiology and research team, my family and of course my patients.”

He said he was very proud to receive an Australian honour on behalf of his family, who emigrated to Australia 50 years ago, starting from scratch with nothing.

“So this is tremendous for our family.”

Professor Semsarian’s research included a breakthrough finding published (in 2016) into the causes of heart disease among young people.

His team’s findings were published in the New England Journal of Medicine, one of the leading medical journals in the world.
CONGRATULATIONS! YOUR SIGNATURE PROJECT IS A FINALIST

Dear Steve,

Congratulations! Your District’s Signature Project submission, Children’s Book Box Libraries by the Kiwanis Club of Bendigo, has been selected as a finalist in the 2019 Kiwanis Signature Project Recognition and Awards Program.

Your Signature Project was among 34 submissions. We are so glad your submission was included.

Kiwanis International will recognise the District and the winning Club during the Signature Project Contest Luncheon on Thursday, June 27, during the Kiwanis International Convention at Walt Disney World® Resort. The gold, silver and bronze winners will be announced at the luncheon. Tickets are available for US$60 through the Convention registration system.

In addition, we will honor the gold, silver and bronze winners on stage during the Convention’s Closing Session on Saturday, June 29.

We look forward to sharing your incredible project with other Kiwanians around the world. Most importantly, thank you for the incredible work the Kiwanis Club of Bendigo and the Australia District are doing for children in your community.

Thank you for everything you do for Kiwanis.

Arthur N. Riley
Chair, Public Relations, Image and Marketing committee
Vice-President
Kiwanis International

The finalist entries are shown below, and listed on the next page.

GREAT NEWS!

Late in March, Steve Hughes received this communiqué via Art Riley from Kiwanis International, that Australia District’s Signature Project submission (the Book Box Libraries) has made the cut to the final ten entries! The winning District is to be announced at this year’s Florida Convention, so here’s keeping fingers crossed. Full credit goes to Brian Pedretti and his crew from Bendigo Kiwanis who were behind this effort - featured on the cover of our last [December] AK.
Mid March, members from several South Australian Kiwanis Clubs attended a morning tea at the offices of the Childhood Cancer Association where their Chief Executive, Cath O’Loughlin and staff thanked the clubs for their combined donation of just under $6000. This went towards the purchase of much needed new wheelchairs and associated equipment that they need to assist children with cancer. Clubs who donated were: Reedbeds, Glenelg, Adelaide Hills, Mitcham, Brighton and Barossa.

The 12 wheelchairs and two pairs of leg lifts were valued at $4,797 and the additional funds went to supporting their Super Important Brothers and Sisters program (SIBS) which is a school holiday programme for children who have a sibling with cancer. It was great to see that the Association shared the story not only on their website, but also on facebook, twitter and Instagram which attracted thousands of views.

Childhood Cancer is a long-standing beneficiary of Kiwanis support, and several years ago a combined Divisional effort saw an early batch of 10 wheelchairs provided.

Big Elliot who assists around the office and goes visiting children, is shown here with some of the wheelchairs. Smaller cuddly mascot Ellots can be purchased and the kids love them. The wheelchairs, all branded with our Kiwanis logos, are loaned to families free of charge for as long as they need them. At the conclusion of this morning tea, Kiwanis Australia District Governor, Bob Sitters responded to Cath and her team’s address on behalf of those present.

Here are the 10 SIGNATURE PROJECT finalists, in alphabetical order:

- Alabama District, Kiwanis Club of Montgomery, ALABAMA NATIONAL FAIR
- Australia District, Kiwanis Club of Bendigo, CHILDREN’S BOOK BOX LIBRARIES
- Japan District, Kiwanis Club of Tokyo, FREE RESTAURANT FOR LATCHKEY KIDS PROJECT
- Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District, Kiwanis Club of Baton Rouge, 69th ANNUAL PANCAKE FESTIVAL
- Malaysia District, Kiwanis Club of Sentosa, J ohor, KIWANIS CAREHEART CENTRE
- Netherlands District, Kiwanis Club of Woerden ‘T Groene Hart, Speelgoedbank Woerden, WOERDEN TOY BANK
- New Zealand-South Pacific District, Kiwanis Club of Oceanside, THREADS ACROSS THE PACIFIC
- Philippine South District, Kiwanis Club of Gensan Dynamic Movers, Silip-Linis Tenga, EAR CHECK & HYGIENE
- Taiwan District, Kiwanis Club of Dah Dah, BLOOD DONATION EVENT
- Western Canada District, Kiwanis Club of Calgary, Alberta, APPLE FESTIVAL
On applying for a Hixson Fellowship, any Kiwanis Club can “upgrade” the member award to a Diamond level which sets the Club back an extra US$1000. The recipient scores a special diamond pin and a tab for affixing to the lapel pin, denoting that it is a Diamond Hixson.

Wait, there’s more! Heard of the George F. Hixson Fellow Club? Any Kiwanis Club could apply for this special notation if all dues-paying members are G.F.H. Fellows. This means that particular Club will be recognised as a 100 per cent G.F. Hixson Fellow Club – a rather rare honour.

Alright, who was this man Hixson? George F. Hixson (top of this page) was the first Kiwanis International President. As a young attorney in Rochester, New York, George met Kiwanis founder Allen Browne on his own terms and the two discussed the agreement to form what would be the fourth Kiwanis Club in Rochester.

George went to Cleveland, Ohio in May of 1916 for the first Convention of Kiwanis Clubs as a representative of his home Club of Rochester and came away from Cleveland as the inaugural President of what was then known as National Kiwanis. He saw Kiwanis become international with the formation of the first Club outside USA. This occurred in Canada at Hamilton, Ontario, on November 1, 1916.

During the period from 1916-1919, George Hixson saw the organisation torn over two major issues. One was the now parlous relationship of Allen Browne to the Kiwanis he had founded in Detroit early in 1915. The other was the philosophical split between Browne’s feeling that “We Trade” should be the motto, versus the “Service to Humankind” motto brought by other Kiwanis leaders.

Don Johnson, President of that (very first) Detroit Club, and Joe Prance (the very first member to sign an application for membership), were the dominant forces behind the belief that Kiwanis success was based on service.

It was obvious that a break would come and Hixson took Mr Browne aside, bluntly telling him that his best course was to accept the offer made to him to buy the organisation and to quietly move on.

Interestingly, Hixson is listed as having held the position of International President for two years, becoming the only person to hold this role for more than one year.

Although never a Governor, George Hixson favoured the plan for the establishment of Districts put forth at the Providence Convention of 1918.

His was a continuing prominent role, as Kiwanis prepared for its Constitutional Convention held in Denver, Colorado in 1924. Always positive and often blunt, especially as the years passed, it was George who in 1917 established for all time the manner to which a member of the Kiwanis Club should be referred.

They are a KEE-WAHN-IAN. Even though Hixson’s influence in Kiwanis waned as the years passed, he was still a highly recognised personality at all International Councils and Conventions.

He felt his key role in later years was to corner members of the International Board and the committee of Past Presidents, explaining with great vigour what he thought was wrong with Kiwanis and giving his ideas on how to correct such wrongs.

It is true that some felt heavily “leaned upon” and tried to avoid at all cost the forthright finger of George Hixson in their faces demanding attention to what he had to say. Nevertheless, when the time came to establish a Fellowship within the Kiwanis International foundation in which Kiwanians could seek membership through appropriate contribution, it was abundantly clear that the honour of the name for such a Fellowship should go to George F. Hixson.

The George F. Hixson Fellowship was created in 1983 to honour the first international President, George F. Hixson who passed away in USA on March 10, 1967. His name will live on forever, remembered by all those who are members of the George F. Hixson Fellowship. The Hixson Award to this day remains as the “Brownlow Medal” of our service clubs. A much aspired-to honour – and in all cases, well deserved.

(Kiwanians are encouraged to wear their medals at official events wherever appropriate)
The Kiwanis Club of Reynella has for many years been amongst the major community groups that receive an allocation of toys produced by the wooden toy group Toymendous, based in Adelaide.

These very talented members of the woodgroup work all year (in similar style to the Men’s Shed near Shepparton and other areas), producing hundreds of amazing wooden toys. The team of craftsmen making these great items take turns in cutting, sanding, constructing and painting – using kidsafe paint.

Reynella Kiwanis enjoys a special relationship with Toymendous, and for the cost of a “thank you” barbecue lunch, they receive a large amount of wooden toys at a special handover function. On their behalf, Reynella Kiwanis place these toys into the community wherever there is a special need and support required for struggling families.

Many needy groups have benefited from receiving such incredible wooden toys. Huge thanks to the Toymendous group for their amazing work. They’re not always able to see the gratitude on the children’s faces when Kiwanians deliver the toys to them. Be assured, they do bring long lasting joy.

Last year Childhood Cancer was one of the beneficiaries, and a few weeks ago, around 30 toys were delivered to the SA HeartKids branch in Pennington Street, North Adelaide.

Far right: Lt Governor Division 8 Ray Wakeling, with another selection of lovely items from Toymendous.
TOP: “George” & Angela, no strangers to Australian Kiwanians. Above: To help our Aussie performers, Betty tried “bribing” the audience for votes with Ocker handouts, sadly sans success.

Top left: Our talented “Ockerstra” strutting their stuff during the Aussie rendition...

For 2019, Australia was well represented by Governor Bob (& Mary), Yvonne & Peter Zander, Ros & Ash Gore, Pauline & Tony Gunn, Norm McLennan, Jan & John Hyde and Betty D’Amore. Norm is ASPAC Secretary/Treasurer, Peter is ASPAC Chair, while Tony is a Trustee (and Growth Chair).

Peter Zander is scribing a comprehensive ASPAC report, due to be published in the next (June) AK, so for this issue our coverage is mainly pictorial. The huge auditorium – a full-on venue for ASPAC was quite a sight to see, especially as the Kiwanis movement in Taiwan always does things on a “large scale”.

Each District has a chance during the social sessions, to present a “skit”, usually utilising that nation’s homegrown culture. Our Aussie team for 2019 ran a repeat of “Gidday Gidday” which was sung successfully about four years ago.

After the Convention’s closure, Betty, Pauline & Tony joined several Malaysian Kiwanians on a “Taiwanese Tiki Tour” (see below, taken at Yuchih, T’Ai-Wan).

Below: Our District’s hierarchy in a lineup that included Daniel Vigneron, plus Taiwan Governor Yang and Convention Chair Hau. Bottom: Tony Gunn, Peter Zed and Norm McLennan during one of the business sessions. The official timekeeper during Governor addresses was Jan Hyde, or “Jane” as her desk tag was spelt! Must have been a morning session as it looks like TG is ordering two coffees??!!
KIWANIS SYDNEY continues to support the Comfort Care Cases at Sydney Children’s Hospital, Randwick. This project requires a commitment of $2,500 annually to provide and maintain the cases, as most items are consumables although the amount does depend on the size of the hospital.

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

The cases were officially launched to the wards in May 2015 after a year of feedback and fine-tuning of the contents. Items include a digital camera, USB memory card, art and drawing materials, materials to take hand, foot and lip prints of infants, satchels for locks of hair, a mood light to soften their room and books for the patient and their siblings trying to explain what is happening. The cases contain three books ‘On the Night You Were Born’, ‘The Next Place’ and ‘The Invisible String’. This last book talks about how we are always connected to the special people in our lives with an invisible string.

These books help with separation, whether that be a hospital admission, or end of life. Also included are body wash and a face washer to wash the child’s body after he or she passes, rather than using hospital disposable wipes and soap, plus a knitted blanket to brighten the room and for that really sad trip to the morgue. Coffee cups and satchels of coffee also respect the needs of parents who spend long spells at the bedside.

The project has been shared with the Child Life Therapist from John Hunter Hospital, and Kiwanis Newcastle now supports the project at their site. The resident Child Life Therapist at Sydney Children’s Hospital is very keen to be able to share the project and has made the offer to share with any hospital or Kiwanis Club.

Her hope is the project can spread far and wide to reach as many children and their families as possible. If your Kiwanis Club is interested then please contact sydney@kiwanis.org.au

Many thanks to Steve Hughes for providing this item.

K.I. Children’s Fund Update

Pleasing to report that once again, the KI Children’s Fund has recently earned the coveted 4-star Rating from Charity Navigator, the largest independent charity evaluator in USA.

Charity Navigator CEO Mr Mike Thatcher has announced the rating: “Attaining a 4-star Rating verifies that the Kiwanis International Children’s Fund exceeds industry standards and outperforms most charities in its area of work”. Encouraging to know, so we can continue to support this Fund with confidence.
GOVERNOR ON THE GO
A busy Bob (Sitters) begins April with a combined Division 1 and 6 meeting at Brighton (mentioned on p.18 of AK) on Monday 8th; the next day Tuesday 9th April he travels to Mooroopna (Royal Mail Hotel) for a Division 7 meeting, then Bendigo the day after.

“PG*” Recommended
PG* being that august group of Past Governors. These gents and ladies meet annually for a low-key social gathering – in addition to the PG dinner at District Convention, and for this year, in March the PG fraternity gathered at McLaren Vale, SA.

Apart from a day-trip to Normanville (in our Kiwanis Bus), main activities were centered around The d’Arenberg Cube, an amazing edifice where one of the attractions is for ladies & gents to openly visit their opposite rest-rooms. If you’ve visited there, you’ll know what we mean!

One of the pleasant tasks during the weekend, undertaken by Graham Mould, was to present fellow Melbourne member Ian Perdriaud AM (left) with a Legion of Honour, marking 45 marvellous years of service.

Geoff Peirce is pictured “taking it easy”, while Bill Skully was snapped at Hugh Hamilton’s, having added to his wine cellar.

COMING EVENTS
MAY 24-26 KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL EUROPEAN FEDERATION CONVENTION IN REYKJAVIK, ICELAND
JUNE 26-29 2019 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN FLORIDA, AT DISNEYWORLD, ORLANDO

Thanks to TGunn & GMould for the pix
As at January 2019, we are down to 14 nations remaining to be declared MNT-free, of which Chad, Mali and Pakistan are close to “sign off” as being officially rid of that deadly Maternal and Neo-natal Tetanus.

Kenya (during 2018) was the most recent nation to be officially accredited as MNT-free. Kiwanis has pledges that total US$110 million which was our original target.

As of 31st December 2018, total paid gifts: US$84,968,308 (77% of our fundraising goal)

At the end of December 2017 this figure was US$77.6m so we’ve contributed US$7.4m in the last 12 months!

The eliMiNaTe Project: Outlook for 2019

If adequate funding is available this year, we anticipate seeing the following countries complete immunization activities and prepare for pre-validation and validation surveys:

• Chad, a landlocked African nation of 14.5 million people, is one of the poorest in the world. Their validation survey is scheduled for January and February 2019.

• Democratic Republic of the Congo is largely afflicted by armed conflict, and many of its children face a lack of basic health, nutrition and educational services. Their validation survey is scheduled for July 2019, along with a review of insecure areas.

• Mali is beset with violence – much of its population is displaced. Southern Mali (home to 90 per cent of that country’s population) completed a validation survey in November and is awaiting notification of the results from the World Health Organization. In early 2019, the nation will review its northern districts. (SEE PAGE 19 FOR A STOP PRESS)

• Guinea’s progress against MNT was disrupted by the Ebola outbreak four years ago, but it will be able to complete immunizations in the second quarter of 2019, followed by a pre-validation survey later this year.

• Sudan’s population, especially its children, bear the brunt of many crises, including war, disease, malnutrition and poverty. The last round of immunizations against tetanus is scheduled for 33 districts in the second quarter.

In 2018, nine African nations held a workshop to finalize action plans for MNT elimination. This year, we’re looking forward to a similar consultation in the Middle East and North Africa region.

MNT EXPERTS AND PARTNERS MEET

In November, Kiwanis leaders travelled to New York City, joining leaders from other international organisations for a discussion about the fight against maternal and neonatal tetanus. The meeting began with technical experts reviewing progress, future steps and challenges with members of the Global MNT Elimination Initiative – which includes UNICEF, the World Health Organisation, United Nations Population Fund, and U.S. Centres for Disease Control and Prevention.

The next day, Kiwanis International and the Kiwanis Children’s Fund joined the discussion. Several organisations working to eliminate MNT participated – including LDS Charities, the Nigerian and Cameroon Ministries of Health, and BD Medical, the vaccine’s manufacturer.

Australia remains a noteworthy third in the world for District giving averages of US$636.23 per member.

Donations received from our District to date :– AUD$622,835

We have protected over 323,900 mothers and their future babies.

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Waverley has been helped by generous donations by other Australian Clubs who asked that their donation go against completing the Waverley pledge. Thanks to all those Clubs who donated to help Waverley. We can now see they are within reach of their $100 k pledge!

GIVING TO ELIMINATE: Clubs can direct deposit to Westpac BSB 033 344 Acc 245459 “Kiwanis Eliminate” or write a cheque and post to Steve Hughes at 30 Chifley Rd. Morisset Park NSW 2264.

Personal donations to Westpac BSB 033 344 Acc 275041 “KADCF Gift” or give through the Kiwanis Australia website at http://aus.kiwanisone.org/Page/22121 In both cases please write an email to eliminate@kiwanis.org.au or kadcf@kiwanis.org.au advising of your donation.
Late 2018 Brisbane Club was pleased to welcome two European visitors to their dinner meeting. Ann Spelmanns (accompanied by husband Werner) is President of Xanten Neiderrhein Kiwanis Club, North Rhine in the District of Wesel, Germany. Xanten Kiwanis was founded in 2008, chartering in 2011. In Germany there are still many male-only Kiwanis Clubs. When asked “what is Kiwanis?” her reply is worth repeating. Ann tells people that Kiwanis is the second largest worldwide organisation behind UNICEF, helping and supporting children. She is shown above, accepting a K frisbee from Stephen Earle, and being presented with a Brisbane Kiwanis top.

**PORT PHILLIP CLUB**

This Club had a rather unique February fundraiser when they sold roses (shown below) on Valentine’s Day. Port Phillip members with connections to a wholesale grower of red roses organised collecting the flowers, gathering orders to sell to family and friends. This resulted in about $1500 being raised for Heart-Kids research.

**MOORABBIN KIWANIS**

MOORABBIN CLUB is looking forward to two upcoming significant events:
Mon, April 8 - GOVERNOR’S VISIT attended by Lt Governors Div 1 & Div 6.
Venue: Milanos Tavern, Brighton, Melbourne
Sun, April 14 - ALLAN LORD HeartKids Family Fun Day

**SYDNEY**

At the recent TK ceremony at Sir Eric Woodward School, Kiwanians Nazreen, Cath and Steve helped present the Terrific Kids awards to Leah and Joshua (above), the winning students for Term 1.

Mooroopna Club provided marshals for the fireworks area at Shepp Carols late last year. It was tiring work, as Kiwanian Norm (above) proved. Man on the snooze!
NEWS FROM PERTH

Late March came the somewhat distressing news that Past Governor JIM CHANTRY (pictured) from Karrinyup Kiwanis was involved in a motoring incident in Perth, through no fault of his own.

Jim was driving homeward after an evening performance by the theatre company in which he plays a significant role. A law-breaking motorist ran a red light at high speed, crashing into Jim’s vehicle, landing him in hospital for treatment. Thankfully his injuries weren’t too serious. Carole wasn’t in the car at the time.

This probably gives a new slant on the oft-used stage cry, “break a leg”! It’s good to report that Jim didn’t break a leg in this incident, although for the remaining couple of performances later the same week, he was slated to need extra strapping and bandages to help get through that stage role. As his regular car is likely to be a write-off, Jim still needed wheels and has just bought a “new” Jaguar, because “the show must go on”…

His other 2 classic Jaguar cars now seem set to be put on the market, after deciding to consolidate the Chantry garage.

ELIMINATE STOP PRESS!

SOUTHERN MALI IS NOW MNT-FREE

Kiwanis has helped eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus in 25 countries to date. Now, the southern part of Mali joins the list. Find out why validating parts of countries as MNT-free is important.

Since the start of the eliMiNaTe Project in 2010, 25 countries have been validated for eliminating maternal and neonatal tetanus. Validation means that in every district of that country there is fewer than one case of neonatal tetanus out of 1,000 live births. The final step in a country’s journey toward that happy moment is the validation survey.

In some cases, however, it’s more effective for regions of a country to be validated one by one. Each of these is called a “partial validation.” And each one is worth celebrating.

For example, Nigeria’s South East Zone and Pakistan’s Punjab Province are each MNT-free – and each of those partial validations were major landmarks because those areas consist of 12 per cent and 23 per cent of their nations’ populations respectively.

The most recent cause for celebration by unicef and Kiwanis came with the elimination of MNT in the southern part of Mali, where approximately 90 per cent of that nation’s population resides.

These partial validations signify progress, but they also help build momentum. Pakistan’s Sindh province recently passed a pre-validation survey - the step before undergoing a validation survey - and Nigeria’s South West Zone has scheduled a validation survey for this spring. Both countries also held workshops recently to finalize plans for the remaining regions.

Thanks to the work of so many people, countless women and babies are no longer at risk of this deadly disease. In addition, sustainable health systems are being strengthened.

JUST FOR THE RECORD

Speaking of old records, like the 78rpm, 33 and 45 rpm, did you know that anyone who was born in ’33 turned 45 in 78 !!! (true!)
Barossa Club has recently inducted two new members - Sharryn and Peter Burgemeister who were introduced to Kiwanis by Lorna and Des Schiller. This quartet is shown below at the induction, after the official “badging”.

Lorna has also been very busy lately; her tasks including coordinating a duty roster of Kiwanians to help with various tasks on Feb 16, at the Suzie Quatro Concert at Seppeltsfield. The work was fairly “full-on” but the rewards were plentiful including meals and drinks for our workers, “a free concert”, plus a $1500 retainer for Club funds along with over $500 income from recyclables. Well done, Barossa!

Shepparton Sunrisers have several members who also help out at Meals On Wheels. These Kiwanians came up with some ‘safety’ signs that can be displayed at the back of delivery cars. A great idea!

Shepparton Sunrisers held a Christmas gift wrapping table providing valuable community service, while also promulgating our Kiwanis message.

Pacific Pines may be just three years “old” but this Club is achieving wondrous things. Recently they have donated essential gear from a medical equipment wish list, benefitting babies and children at Gold Coast University Hospital (GCUH).

Amongst items Kiwanis has donated are specialist high chairs for babies with feeding problems, a child’s walking frame, infant weighing scales, mobile measuring mat, reclining feeding seats, activity bags to provide much-needed distraction, and much more. Thank you for helping to provide the best care to young patients in need.

PPK’s Nat McMahon is shown here, handing over some of the donated items.

Shepparton Sunrisers Special Projects chair Don Kilgour and Ian Howard receiving a cheque for $5000 from Bega Cheese at Tatura.

The lower photo shows Don officially handing over the earnings from the Tatura 200 club fundraiser. $5000 – that’s a tidy total in anyone’s lingo. Tatura incidentally were amongst Kiwanis sponsors when Shepparton Convention was held in 2014.

Shepparton Club have reported on the front page of their Newsletter that a new Community Service sign has recently been installed, replacing the former dilapidated sign. Good to see that Kiwanis scores a guernsey, as should well be the case! In fact it’s a “double guernsey” due to Shepparton having two Kiwanis Clubs.

CAUTION MEALS ON WHEELS VEHICLE DELIVERY COURTESY OF

SHEPPARTON KIWANIS

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ATHHELSTONE CLUB helped stalwart Noel Kirby celebrate his 80th birthday on Jan 5th. Geoff Edwards spoke on behalf of Kiwanis, outlining the long, dedicated service Noel has given. He has held every office except Treasurer, and has been President twice.

NZ KIWANIS SNIPPETS

The 2019 NZ District Convention is being held in Napier on August 30-31 and the theme for their dressup night is (wait for it) NAUTICAL!!

Mt Roskill Kiwanis in Auckland celebrates a big milestone in May: the Club turns 50.

On the back of a successful 2018 Club Opening campaign last year, initiated by (then) International President Jim Rochford, NZ-South Pacific has been recognised as a Distinguished District for the past Kiwanis year. Well done to New Zealand.

BERWICK NEWS

An item from Berwick Kiwanis Club comes via stalwarts Karen & Norm McLennan who are not long back from their latest travels, to Egypt. That’s Karen shown getting up close & personal with the Sphinx!

GLENELG KIWANIS

Above: Faye Limberis, Colin Nisbet (Charter member) and Warren Sharp - at the Valentine’s Day barbecue.

That’s Glenelg Club’s Martin Percy above, doing a great job on the barbecue.

ATHHELSTONE CLUB celebrated their 35th Birthday on Monday Feb 25th. We plan on running some coverage of this milestone event in the next Australian Kiwanian.
A BOON FOR POONCARIE . . .

Pooncarie? It’s a very small community to the north-east of Wentworth.

And unlike Townsville in Queensland, this part of New South Wales (like many other areas) is still reeling from such a dry spell that it’s no exaggeration referring to a severe drought in the area – rather like South Australia. Unfortunately. The Darling River that flows through Pooncarie has been drying up for some time now.

By August last year some dams were already dry and water in other dams was being used for family bathing. The Pooncarie community was not being assisted in any way pre-August when things became really tough. Families were and still are struggling.

From the initiative of a concerned Mildura resident, an organisation was spawned, becoming known as the Sunraysia Drought Relief Group.

As a start-up, $20,000 was raised by locals in Mildura late-August to provide four semi-trailers of much-needed hay and another truckload of donated food going directly to the affected families. A hay run of eight trucks followed soon after. Meantime the Government had just begun delivering water to the area at this time.

The Pooncarie Primary School was closed late last year, which meant the children need to travel 300km a day round trip to the nearest area school, making for a very long day. Thankfully the school was scheduled for re-opening early this year. The Drought Relief Group plans to prepare the school and help the children to tackle 2019. These plans involve a wish list of a laptop for each student, while the school receives a playground, new paint, etc.

Kiwanis Australia heard about this situation while we were at our Mildura Convention last August. A worthy result during Convention was an impromptu District Convention drought relief appeal. A number of our Clubs and individual Kiwanians donated during Convention and the very tidy sum of just on $13,000 was raised. Most commendable, considering there had been no prior warning to Conventioneers that “the hat was to be passed around”. The Kiwanis Board of Trustees decided it would be appropriate to use the Appeal funds for the Pooncarie community.

So, how did the Sunraysia Drought Relief Group use our donations?

September 2018 - A cheque for $10,000 was banked waiting for the Principal to be appointed to the re-opened Pooncarie School. The group planned to meet with the Principal to work out the children’s requirements. They were also putting together a list of children to give parent gift vouchers for spending on Christmas presents for their children.

November 2018 - Four members of the KAD Board of Trustees visited Mildura again on November 19-21 to investigate the interest for starting a Kiwanis Club in Mildura. While there, the four BOT people met up with Judy and Ron Collingburn of the Sunraysia Drought Relief Group. They were able to present them with additional funds raised by Kiwanis for the needy families and children in the Pooncarie District.

Judy revealed that the $10,000 was being distributed early December to each child in Pooncarie and surrounds. Parents were given $100 per child to help buy them Christmas presents. The remaining $3000 has been presented to the school to purchase play equipment and outdoor furniture.

Judy Collingburn who heads the Relief group confirms that the Pooncarie area is thrilled with Kiwanis Australia’s consideration and generous donation.

[Thank you to Jan Hyde for helping provide the above]

Left: The once mighty Lower Darling “River” . . .
ADELAIDE ACHIEVERS AKTION CLUB

After more than two decades, SA’s second-longest established AKtion Club has now gone into recess, mainly due to logistics issues of transporting members to the monthly meetings.

One of the Club’s originators Denis Molyneux unfortunately was not well enough to attend the Club’s closing meeting held on December 18. There was a real Christmas flavour, where the Kiwanis Bus was commissioned to take the Aktioneers and helpers on a city tour to a local park where everyone shared a lovely tea with carols and music in the background.

Many thanks to Janine Keulen and Lesley Pawson from Rostrevor Campbelltown Kiwanis along with Athelstone Kiwanis’ Jan Woodward for their much valued assistance, plus drivers such as Herb who have been mainstays of this AKtion Club for a long time.

ADELAIDE HILLS AKTION CLUB

The District’s current Governor-Elect ASH GORE wears several Kiwanis hats, including helping put out a monthly Newsletter that does a top job of informing the local AKtion members of activities.
DENIS CAGNEY (Reedbeds Club)

Denis Edward Cagney was born on December 23, 1927 at Norwood in Adelaide's east, after which the family moved near the coast (Henley Beach).

He studied accountancy at UniSA, and his working life revolved around the Savings Bank of SA which he faithfully served in senior roles including five years country service at Balaklava from 1963.

Earlier, Denis had married Terry (in 1952) and they lived at Brighton (again near the beach) during which time he was made an Army Reserve captain. The Cagneys eventually moved back to Adelaide in 1967, to the suburb of Fulham, having been blessed with four children ("two of each").

Terry and Denis Cagney retired in 1996, moving to Woodbridge at West Lakes (not far from the beach!). Meantime, eight years prior, an approach had been made to consider joining a new Kiwanis Club being formed in the area, at Reedbeds near the airport, and Denis duly became a Charter member.

An ever diligent chap, Denis threw himself unreservedly into this service organisation, holding Board positions including Membership and Treasurer (aided by his bank experience). He became the consummate Kiwanian and a particular role he relished, was as a driver for the Kiwanis Bus service. He reluctantly retired from Kiwanis after two decades, when he considered his health was probably not up to the task. However Denis remained in constant touch with Reedbeds Kiwanis, attending several social functions including the Club’s 30th celebrations held in August 2018.

A capable golf “tragic”, assisted by Terry's support he kept his mind active with art and drawing lessons, plus computer courses which he maintained until moving to Aged Care at Acacia Court, only weeks before his passing.

Denis was the proud father of Jody (married to Grant), John (& Mimi), Peter (& Jen), and Lib (& Dave) and had 11 grandchildren “to his credit”, plus he was great grandpa of three. His funeral was held at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Henley Beach on January 4 and the good turnout of Kiwanians attending included Fred Wilson, who was Adelaide Club President (sponsor of Reedbeds) when Reedbeds chartered (back in 1988).

Denis Cagney: 23/12/1927 to 25/12/2018. Yes, he just made 91 . . . well done, good and faithful servant.

ERIC HAILSTONE (Barossa Club)

The members of the Kiwanis Club of Barossa were saddened by the loss of their long-term member and friend Eric Hailstone who passed away on January 27, 2019, in his ninetieth year.

Eric George Hailstone joined our Kiwanis fraternity along with wife Elma in June 2002. Their family was scattered widely across Australia and the Hailstones found great joy in making road trips to visit their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

“Old Pa” was well known as being Mister Fixit, along with his love of gardening and a very strong affection for the Adelaide Crows football team. Eric and Elma were regular attendees at Barossa Kiwanis Club activities, and a fond memory of him will remain in all members’ minds.

Eric’s funeral was held on Friday February 1 at St Petri Lutheran Church, Nuriootpa, and was conducted by Barossa Funerals whose directors are Kiwanians Marianne and Dennis Noack.

Our thoughts and best wishes are with Elma and the family as they grieve his passing and celebrate his life. Eric’s children are Peter, Fay, Karen (and David), Trevor (and Helen). He was a doting grandpa to 14, along with nine great-grandchildren.

With thanks to Barossa Kiwanians for helping supply the above information

Notification arrived right on AK publishing time, that two more Kiwanians have just passed away.

There will be further mention of ROBERT BING (West Lakes Grange) and JOHN HINCHCLIFFE (Mitcham) in the next Australian Kiwanian.
VALE GOVERNOR JAAK MICHELS

The Governor of Belgium-Luxembourg District died on January 11, 2019, aged 68. He was a member of the Kiwanis Club of Ghent Seaport 2000.

Jaak Michiels joined Kiwanis nearly 40 years ago and served in various roles including Club President and Lieutenant Governor. He was chosen as the Governor-elect in September 2017 and began serving as District Governor from October 1, 2018.

“We will miss Governor Jaak and his dedication to Kiwanis,” said Kiwanis International President Florencio “Poly” Lat. “Every day, Governor Jaak worked to improve the lives of children in Belgium, Luxembourg and around the world. We mourn his passing.” He is survived by his wife Linda.

District Secretary Christian De Maesschalck described Michiels as a friend and a great Kiwanian who often shared his sense of humor, and who dedicated this Kiwanis year to being “A window on the future” where all children thrive, prosper and grow.

“Governor Jaak focused on helping children. He wanted all kids to live to their full potential,” said President Lat. “He was a true Kiwanis leader.”

BRETT HILLIER (Tea Tree Gully Kiwanis)

Tea Tree Gully Kiwanis is mourning a significant loss which occurred late February. Charter member of the TTG Kiwanis Club Brett Hillier has passed on, leaving a legacy of service to the children of the world.

Brett grew up in Ardrossan and moved to Adelaide at age 16. His working career began at Weapons Research (now Department of Science and Technology), and he progressed to the role of I.T. Manager. While employed there, Brett managed the implementation of a number of large I.T. projects.

Brett was a Life Member of Kiwanis International, having gained his Legion of Honour, and was involved in our organisation for nearly four decades. In his time with the TTG Kiwanis Club since 1979, he served faithfully as Treasurer and also Secretary.

Brett was always generous with the time he gave to Kiwanis, hence his loss will be sorely felt.

He passed away on Sunday, February 24 after a short illness. This unsung, dedicated Kiwanian is missed by wife Glenys and sons Kym and Justin and families.

Thanks to Michael Flavell, Alan Meathrell and TTG Club for helping arrange this information – and photo.

WAL CAMERON (Moorabbin Kiwanis)

Wallace Hugh Cameron joined Moorabbin Club in July 1969, around 50 years ago. He served as President in 1983 and again in 1995. Wal unfortunately later began succumbing to failing health, and along with wife Maureen moved to Cranbourne in Melbourne.

His illness precipitated a reluctant retirement from Kiwanis but he maintained contact with the Club, and along with several past members, was able to attend Moorabbin’s 40th Birthday in 2010. That was to be Wal’s final “Kiwanis appearance”, because sadly, increasing dementia began to make life more difficult.

We extend condolences to Wal’s family after he passed away in February, aged 84.
A woman and her 12-year-old son were riding in a taxi in Detroit. It was raining and all the street walkers were standing under awnings. “Mom,” said the boy, “what are all those ladies doing?” “They’re waiting for their husbands to get off work,” she replied. The taxi driver turned around and said, “Sheesh lady, why don’t you tell him the truth? They’re hookers, boy! They have sex with men in exchange for money.”

The lad’s eyes popped wide open. He asked, “Is that true Mom?” His mother, glaring hard at the driver, answered, “Yes.” After a few minutes the 12-year-old asked, “Mom, if those women maybe have babies, what happens to them?” She said, “Most of them become taxi drivers.”

IRISH JOB INTERVIEW

Seamus goes for a job at a chemical factory. The factory manager asks, “Have you worked with chemicals before?” “Yes!” Seamus replies. The manager asks, “Can you tell me what nitrate is?” Seamus responds: “Hopefully it’s going to be time and a half . . . .”

A doctor that had been seeing an 80-year-old woman for most of her life finally retired. For the next check-up, the new doctor asked her to bring a list of all the medicines that had been prescribed for her. As the doctor was looking through these his eyes grew wide as he realised Grandma had a prescription for birth control pills. “Mrs O’Leary, do you realise these are birth control pills?” “That’s right, they help me sleep at night.”

“Mrs O’Leary, I assure you there is absolutely nothing in these that could possibly help put you to sleep!” She reached out and patted the young doctor’s knee and said, “Yes, dear, I know that. But my lovely 17-year-old granddaughter lives with me. Every morning before she gets up, I grind one of those tablets and quietly mix it into her glass of orange juice. Believe me, it definitely helps me sleep at night.”

Boy 1: “My grandpa is 90 years old and doesn’t even need glasses.”
Boy 2: “That’s quite amazing”.
Boy 1: “He just drinks straight from the bottle.”

Harold was very romantic when we was first married. But y’know, ‘ow men change . . . .

I dusted our house once. The dust came back. Not falling for that again!!

As I grow older I have started talking to myself. Because generally speaking, I need expert advice . . . .
We appreciate Geoff Holmes’ efforts in bringing to our attention that recognition of Barossa Club’s 30th Birthday celebrations somehow passed through to the ‘keeper. So we are now acknowledging that this active Club of Kiwanians did indeed mark their 30th in Aug/Sept 2016 with a full-scale dinner, cake cutting, etc., with Geoff (who used to reside at Angaston), helping officiate along with (then) Lt Gov Div 10 Robert Gambell.

A fabulous 2-page spread (see above) in the local newspaper publicised this auspicious occasion. In the cake cutting photo, we have (L to R) Aub Kaesler, Jim Ellis, David Obst (Charter President) and Ian Schmaal, this quartet being Charter members. For the record, Barossa Club was organised on July 3, 1986 and the Charter night was August 22nd. The Sponsor Club was Rostrevor-Campbelltown and that all-important Charter was presented by Bryan Williams, then Governor.

**AUSTRALIAN KIWANIAN - MARCH 2019**

**KIWI KIWANIANS GET TOGETHER**

The AK Editor recently returned from a trip to New Zealand, based in Christchurch, and while in town he managed to catch a meeting of the North West Club, well attended by over 3 dozen Kiwanians. David was offered a “guest speaker spot” plus there was the opportunity to finally meet NZ counterpart Julie Wright who is editor of their national magazine, Kaleidoscope. Amongst those attending this meeting were NZ-Pacific Governor-Elect Brian Reed and past Governor Chris Cole (who’s just become a grand-dad for the second time). That’s Brian & Chris shown left.

Further to the photo on page 22 of the last AK, which features Brian Reed at Governor Training in Indianapolis, competing in a slot car race event, Brian was not shy in revealing he “downed” Australia’s Governor-Elect Ash Gore during their car races!
This year’s Kiwanis Division 2 Mini Convention, held on February 22-24 had just over 3 dozen members and guests in attendance, at the usual Tea Gardens venue, about 70km north of Newcastle.

The annual get-together of east coast Kiwanians had reps from all Div 2 clubs bar Pacific Pines. There was the usual smattering of Victorian Kiwanians joining in. Mary Greenwood is returning as Lt Governor for this Division and will be welcomed to the role for 2019-20.

Bryen & Gaile (photo top of page) did their usual sterling job of organising, where the Saturday morning business session was followed by that traditional competition for the Sunshine Cup. Someone remembered to bring along the Cup this year (it was overlooked in 2018), and Cathy and Steve Hughes made up for missing out on Sunshine action last year by winning the contest for 2019. Well done.

The fun dress-up evening theme this year was Caribbean, with an extremely colourful array of outfits. Shades of Antigua, Barbados and Cayman Islands! Everyone had a ball and will be looking forward to 2020’s Mini Convention, where the theme is to be . . . . ? (Just come along and find out!)