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CHARTER PRESIDENT
LEANNE BOSTON DELIVERS HER MAIDEN KIWANIS SPEECH

WELCOME TO 2 NEW MEMBERS
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We are now entering the final quarter of our Kiwanis year; where did that time go? 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 at the end of April 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 (death accounted for some).

Mary and I attended the Div 2 Mini Convention late February at Tea Gardens. This was a most enjoyable weekend. Our thanks to all those involved in the organisation of this event, which gave us the opportunity to meet with both existing friends and to make some new ones, which is what Kiwanis is all about – friends and family.

We travelled to Divisions 1 & 6 on April 8th for an enjoyable dinner meeting at Milanos Tavern. Then off to Division 7 on April 9th in Mooroopna, and once again a great well-attended meeting. Thanks go to Lt Governors Coral Kilvington, Ian Randall and Brian Pedretti for arranging the combined meetings.

Our District still currently has 16 Clubs with less than 15 members (36.4%) and 13 Clubs with 15 to 20 members (29.5%). Fifteen Clubs have 20-plus members (34.01%) or more members.

These 29 Clubs are those most vulnerable and need to be revitalised and grow or they are under threat of closure. Fifteen of these Clubs would not qualify for charter if they were a new Club steering towards charter today!!

Building of new clubs is paramount to our District’s long term future. To this end it is with much pleasure that we Chartered a NEW Club late May - the “Kiwanis Club of Bendigo Family Hub” thanks to the great work of Bendigo Club, Lt Governor Brian Pedretti, and “Eye of The Tiger” Chair, past Governor Tony Gunn. Congratulations to everyone involved getting this new Kiwanis Club to the Charter stage. New Clubs introduce new hands to service under the Kiwanis banner, and also hopefully introduce new talent for future leadership.

So, the Challenge is GROW or perish. 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 must set achievable goals). One added, two to go to reach our goal this year.

What would the world be like without KIWANIS? #KidsNeedKiwanis and #KiwanisNeedsKiwanians

With regards to the Governor’s Challenge set at the beginning of the year I can report that two Clubs have now achieved minimum 20% nett growth thus far. Well done to Pacific Pines and Australia Online. Bendigo has also qualified as a result of their sponsorship of our newest Club. With four months still to go until September deadline you all are still in with a chance. District membership stands at 837 at the end of April.

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 welcomed as a District Chair in his role with Children First Foundation. It was recognised that the principles and mission of this unique Australian children’s organisation run parallel with that of ours in Kiwanis. Clubs to be encouraged 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.

Signature Project. After reviewing all five submissions for our Signature Project entrant in the International competition the Bendigo Club’s “Book Box Project” has been judged our winner and submitted to KI for final judging, and I can announce that it is in the final 10 projects submitted from all areas of the globe. The winner will be announced in Florida at the International Convention late June. Hopefully we can collect recognition and a prize! There’s also a runnerup and third placed announcement.

IMAGE: Enhance the Kiwanis image and brand worldwide.

Some great club newsletters and bulletins continue to arrive 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.

As I mentioned in the last AK if your Club has a bulletin or

GOVERNOR’S REPORT, continued page 4
Well, it’s all been happening lately, with our District chartering a new Club, and yet another new Club (both in Victoria) looking promising. The Organisational meeting for Heathcote (just half an hour from Bendigo) is due to be held later this month. And now that our team who went to ASPAC have had time to catch their breath, some of those folk are set to head off to International Convention in Florida. Busy, busy!

Your AK editor has also been busy, trying to squeeze as much submitted material into this issue as possible (do keep sending in items by the way), but for only the second time in recent years we’ve needed to up this from the usual 28 pages to 32.

Speaking of International, as you’ll see on p.14, there’s a few sketch notes on the International Vice-President nominations. This year there are three candidates (where there were four in 2018) so we’ll see how that pans out. All of us in Australia District will be keeping fingers crossed that KAD scores a podium when the winners of the Signature Project are announced in Florida very soon.

While on Conventions, make sure (if you haven’t already done so) to register for the District Convention being held down at the Bay, organised by Glenelg Kiwanis Club. Details are on p.8 and 9 - a fun-filled, enlightening 3 days of Kiwani-ising guaranteed. It’s a must, especially for South Australian Kiwanians (who don’t have to travel!).

As you’d expect for a 32-pager, there’s plenty of reading in this AK edition, including an item from Gael Thompson on the new K Kids Club in Shepparton, along with emphasis on our helping children of the world, via reports on HeartKids, Kiwanis Children’s Fund, Children First Foundation, also elMiNaTe. The next AK due out in September is scheduled to contain reports from Convention(s), a profile on our incoming Governor Ashleigh, plus a report on Adelaide Hills Aktion Handover night, along with many other features.

Now, in closing - if you have a copy of the last Australian Kiwanian (March) handy, I’d ask you to check the top of the front cover. What’s this about, you ask? Well the Australian flag that features in our mast-head, just for that edition, had one of its stars (the Federation star) missing, kind of turning it into a NZ flag! There was no malice or suchlike intended, it was just an exercise to see if anyone reads the front page and noticed – the editorial team waited for someone (anyone) to make contact, asking “what’s up?” But either no-one noticed, or if they did were too polite to write in. That’s a small exercise not to be repeated, but it was interesting to score a “nil” response.

As a post-script, feel free to write in with a “how could you”, or “good on ya” angle!

Until next time, keep enjoying Kiwanis -   David

FRONT COVER: Recently there were two new members inducted into Mitcham Club - Lorraine and John Collett. It’s certainly not unprecedented having people from the same family coming into Kiwanis at the same time, but it’s great to have another husband / wife combo. Those gents in the background are John Plate (left) who introduced the Colletts to Kiwanis, and President-elect (and past Secretary) of Mitcham, John Lundy. Welcome to our organisation John and Lorraine!

KAD BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2018-2019 - EXECUTIVE

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DEADLINE INFO: Your next Australian Kiwanian is due out later in September, so the deadline for items to be submitted is August 24. Thank you for your contributions.
80th ANNIVERSARY CAMPAIGN, CELEBRATING THE FUND’S 80th 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 last year’s (Mildura) 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$80 will be recognised with the gift of a 80th Anniversary pin.

To donate, simply go to the Kiwanis Children’s Fund website, and click on ‘Give’ followed by ‘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

Governor’s Report, continued from page 2

newsletter, please send a copy of it to myself (sitters@internode.on.net) YOU continue to be the best and most cost-efficient marketer for the District.

Why not send one of your Good News stories to the local newspaper too?

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 have said before that we have a round badge that simply states: “Ask me about Kiwanis”. Get one. 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 Australian designed Tri-folded brochure on its way before long.

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.

Keep up the great work and help advance Kiwanis Australia District from

“Good to Greater”

ROBERT (BOB) SITTERS
Australia District Governor, 2018-19
You can be involved in an exciting new project.

What’s that? It is a District Project showcasing our Aktion Clubs and promoting early childhood literacy. Thanks to your generous donations to the Kiwanis Children’s Fund in 2017-2018, the project is being funded by a grant from KCF to Australia District of US$1,345. The grant will cover the cost of bags and extra books for the Book Bag Project, at Convention.

Where and when? At the Australia District Convention, Glenelg on Saturday morning August 24th.

Who can be involved? All Kiwanians including Aktion Club members, family members and friends who would like to be involved.

How? Kiwanis members attending Convention are invited to bring along picture story books suitable for 3 to 5 year old children. Members unable to attend Convention can still be involved by donating books. At Convention, Aktion Club members will pack the books into bags, to be delivered by them at a later date to their local preschool or kindergarten. The Aktion Club members will display the packed book bags at morning tea with Convention attendees.

The colourful bags, see below, have been designed and made by Yvonne Zander, assisted by Mary Sitters.

A great start to this project. Please note, the picture story books need to be no larger than 25cm x 30cm to sneak into the bags.

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MORE NEWS FROM KIWANIS CHILDREN’S FUND OVERLEAF - P.6
Kids need Kiwanis. *Millions* of kids. A gift to the Kiwanis Children’s Fund is a proven way to reach them.

When you give, you amplify the impact you make in your community to children around the world. That’s because you join other Kiwanians who are doing the same. And you change lives near and far as a result.

Just this year, gifts have helped members feed hungry kids in Nepal, give homeless children in Washington a safe place to play, aid families struck by hurricanes, earthquakes and typhoons, and so much more.

Now imagine what we could do if every member gave. With a gift from each of us:

- More than 7 million kids could get a weekend’s worth of food.
- Nearly 180,000 students could get school supplies.
- More than 100,000 teens could receive immersive leadership training.

Gifts go farther when they go together. So make your mark — and offer inspiration. Give today at kiwanischildrensfund.org/online-gift

“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself, in the service of others.” – Gandhi
Chad has recently become the 26th country to be signed off as MNT-free, leaving just 13 nations remaining at risk with maternal neo-natal tetanus. Chad’s Minister of Public Health, Mahamet Aziz Saleh, has been presented with the official Certificate of Merit marking this significant milestone in their health records. Treatment entails just three shots of vaccine, being all it takes to provide lifetime immunity to women and their future children. As of 31st December 2018, total paid gifts: US$84,968,308 (nearly 80% 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-plus. In the closing stages, let’s keep going!

Late May, the latest Board of Trustees meeting was held in conjunction with Training Day, in Bendigo, with sixteen dedicated, enthusiastic leaders in attendance. Here’s a group shot taken at the finish of business on the Saturday.
Members, partners/guests are invited to attend the 2019 Kiwanis Australia District Convention to be held in Adelaide, South Australia, at the seaside 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

GETTING CLOSER TO THE GANGPLANK BEING PULLED - YOU'RE ADVISED TO JUMP ON BOARD
MAKE SURE YOU REGISTER SOON - JOIN IN THE FUN!

Registration: Suggested cutoff date is August 1. By registering earlier you're helping the organisers. Thank you.
KIWANIS AUSTRALIA DISTRICT CONVENTION
THURSDAY 22 – SUNDAY 25 AUGUST 2019
Held at Stamford Grand Hotel, Glenelg, South Australia

A GRAND TIME at GLENELG

Convention Registration Form

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Full payment by 1 June to go into the draw for a 6 Litre bottle of Yalumba The Menzies Cabernet. If not by then, by no later than 1 August 2019 please!

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**SUB-TOTAL + TOURS:**

**PAYMENT:** Convention Registration Forms must be accompanied with full payment or emailed after direct deposit.

Cheque to be made payable to “Kiwanis Convention Account 2019” and posted to the address below.

Direct payment available: Westpac BSB: 035 034 Account No: 409 592 please include surname as reference.

Send Registration Form and/or payment to:

The Secretary (Marilyn Chandler), Kiwanis Convention, 87 Bradley Grove, Mitchell Park SA 5043 or glenelg@kiwanis.org.au or marilynandphil@bigpond.com

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

Hullo Australia District. I have compiled a list of recent activities throughout our great nation, involving Kiwanis activities towards HeartKids.

HeartKids Allan Lord - The Steam Locomotive Society of Victoria
A wonderful day was held once again in mid-April for HeartKids families and the members of the Kiwanis Club of Moorabbin, Victoria. While the members of the Steam Locomotive Society of Victoria volunteered their time and trains, our Kiwanis Club again provided a sausage sizzle for the families, HeartKids volunteers and members of the locomotive society. A fantastic fun day, which provided me with the opportunity to meet with respective families from the HeartKids community and hear their stories.

Meeting with Rob Lutter - Grants-in-Aid, May 29
Rob has assured me that the programme will continue despite HeartKids receiving substantial funding for research into CHD. Read STOP PRESS below . . . .

HeartKids Division 6 Camp
Unfortunately the Division 6 HeartKids camp for 2019 has been cancelled due to a number of reasons including funding, changed regulations, and camp staffing. Funding is the primary problem, with a number of other issues still unanswered.

HeartKids Family Walk
The HeartKids Family Walk is due to take place in September this year. I have been contacted to confirm Kiwanis will again support the walk by providing the sausage sizzle. Peter Cameron of Kiwanis Brighton Club is coordinating the day together with Div. 6 Lt Governor Ian Randall. Funding for the sausages, bread, etc is being sought.

HeartKids Super Boss day - May 31, 2019
This fundraiser is set to be held on Friday May 31 across Australia. It’s an opportunity for communities to acknowledge their leaders in a fun way and support the work of HeartKids, so, by the time you read this AK, Super Boss will have been “run and done”.

HeartKids Team Camp - January 15-19, 2020
The Teen camp which Ian Randall and myself attended last year in the Gold Coast will be held in Victoria early 2020.

Moorabbin Community Radio - HeartKids segment
As a member of the Moorabbin Kiwanis Club, I have been interviewed on Melbourne’s Southern FM radio in relation to my role as the Kiwanis HeartKids leader. That interview was for half an hour and went so well that the radio station is keen on a “repeat” segment soon. Check out the mention of this Radio segment further on in Australian Kiwanian, page 23.

STOP PRESS It was great meeting with Rob Lutter (photographed below) in late May, the new CEO Heartkids and Ian Randall, Division 6 Lt Governor for discussion items covering:-
HeartKids National Strategic Action Plan for Childhood Heart Disease (Beyond the Heart: Transforming Care) Grants-in-Aid Research – Kiwanis Funding (continuation is definitely needed) and presentation of A$30,000 cheque at the Kiwanis Convention in Glenelg late August.

HeartKids National Teen camp in Victoria Jan 2020 (Kiwanis is invited to attend)
Ways for HeartKids to better promote Kiwanis involvement with them (positively agreed).
Communication channels between HeartKids and Kiwanis
HeartKids Melbourne Walk in September - Kiwanis Barbecue Kiwanis HeartKids Division 6 Annual Family Camp (cancelled for 2019 due to compliance and funding issues).
The meeting was very positive and reinforced the strength and value of the long term relationship between HeartKids and Kiwanis.
Sunday April 14 dawned as a lovely autumn setting, perfect for Moorabbin Kiwanis to host the annual Allan Lord HeartKids Family Day at the Steam Locomotive Society of Victoria premises at Moorabbin. Pictured above is “the Crew” outside the signalbox at this well-presented miniature railway.

This eagerly anticipated event is sponsored by Moorabbin Kiwanis and SLSV members, where the format involves our Kiwanians firstly assembling a barbecue luncheon whilst the “loco lads” prepare their small railroad machines, all in readiness for a host of HeartKids families to arrive.

The train rides following lunch are always keenly anticipated. Pictured below is HeartKids Community Support Co-ordinator Lynette McCoullough (lower left) with our HeartKids Chair Angela Randall. Another shot shows SLSV Secretary Peter Zerbe (above inset) being presented with a thank you certificate from HeartKids, recognising the much appreciated effort that the Steam Loco Society puts in, along with our own Kiwanians, of course.

Footnote: Joan Lord always attends these HeartKids days, in support of Kiwanis, but she was away travelling in 2019, hence was an apology.
After the departure from Australia of our twins Dawa and Nima with their happy mum, Bhumchu back to Bhutan, and our “celebrity boy” Jack and his mum Boufa to Vanuatu, the Foundation is returning to our routine work of sourcing referrals for needy children from third world countries and aligning them with wonderful Australian surgeons and hospitals for treatment.

Currently there are about six children in Australia for orthopaedic, plastic and craniofacial surgery with another half dozen scheduled for this year. And a similar number under consideration.

Our staff at the Retreat in Kilmore and in our North Melbourne office are busy with many duties including child compliance obligations, fundraising, staffing needs etc ably assisted by a wonderful group of volunteers providing meals and domestic and education services to the children.

On May 3, 2019, the Foundation held the annual Sparkling Lunch at Kooyong Tennis Centre. The event was hosted by Dee Dee Dunleavy and Peter “Grubby” Stubbs with about 250 attendees being treated to a magnificent meal and drinks followed by an address by twins surgeon, Dr Joe Crameri. Regular Foundation supporter, Sue Kimberley was seen rubbing shoulders with “Melbourne’s best” along with CFF CEO Elizabeth Lodge and Kiwanian Jeff Hudson (see picture below).

On Tuesday June 4, at the Melbourne Town Hall, senior plastic surgeon Professor Tony Holmes AO talked on his work at the Royal Children's Hospital and his longtime commitment working with CFF.

**COMING EVENTS.**

First weekend in July: Working Bee at the Retreat – see details below.

Wednesday September 25, 2019: Fundraising evening event at Cranlana Estate. Details TBA.

Saturday October 26, 2019: Gala Ball at Melbourne Hyatt. Details on the CFF website. All bookings by June 30 go into a draw for a complimentary one night stay at the Hyatt with breakfast. See CFF website.

Sunday November 24: Open Day at the Children First Foundation Retreat at Kilmore. Details TBA

The Foundation receives generous support from various groups offering working bees at the Kilmore Retreat. Many members have asked about participating in a Kiwanis working bee and I can advise either Saturday or Sunday July 6 or 7 is a possible date if convenient for about 10 to 12 members. Participants usually arrive about 10am, lunch served and packing up about 3pm. Both indoor and outdoor duties are always required such as gardening, cleaning windows, sorting out clothing/linen/stock, clearing vegetation, washing the vehicles and similar tasks. RSVP to Jeff Hudson jeffhudson@live.com.au

J EFF HUDSON
Children First Foundation
Start the year with the Club I Plan
1. Have meaningful meetings
   a. Start and end on time
   b. Use an agenda
   c. Concentrate on meaningful programs
   d. Include member recognition
2. FOCUS on member recruitment
   a. Set a goal
   b. Make a definite time frame
   c. Make recruiting fun
   d. Designate a membership month
3. FOCUS on service project
   a. Make a regular community analysis to focus on community needs
   b. Use Kiwanis Service Projects (BUG, Terrific Kids)
   c. Assess service projects to review effectiveness
4. FOCUS on member retention
   a. Conduct a member survey as part of annual club assessment
   b. Conduct a new member orientation
   c. Assign everyone a job
   d. Coax members into service projects (Instills sense of responsibility)
5. USE the Club Board of Directors
   a. Establish goals utilising the whole board
   b. Review progress regularly
   c. Review secretary report at Board meetings
6. CELEBRATE AND RECOGNISE accomplishments
   a. Keep some inexpensive “rewards” on hand
   b. Say “Thank you” – often!
   c. Give recognition soon after the accomplishment
7. Generate fun and fellowship
   a. Don’t be afraid to “banter”
   b. Happy dollars, two truths and a lie, etc, add fun to meetings
   c. Visit www.kiwanisone.org for ideas
8. Be aware of proper financing of the club
   a. Set and follow a budget
   b. Keep administrative, service (charity) accounts separate
   c. Review fundraisers for effectiveness
9. Encourage leadership development
   a. Team current and veteran committee chairmen
   b. Encourage new members, give them a job!
   c. Have a succession plan
10. Tell the Kiwanis story – loudly!
    a. Build, maintain a Club website
    b. Do a Club bulletin
    c. Use email “blasts” as reminders
    d. Have annual media appreciation day to build relationships
11. Follow up with Club evaluation and assessment
    a. Spend time at Board meetings evaluating
    b. Review the Secretary’s Report for missing actions
    c. Identify and analyse Club strengths and weaknesses
12. Fulfill promises of Kiwanis family (SLP) sponsorship
    a. Plan fun events with Kiwanis family members
    b. Share service projects
    c. Schedule interclub visits with Kiwanis family members...a learning experience!
    d. Include the Presidents of sponsored Clubs in Board meetings

WHO IS THIS??!!
Hint, He’s a well-known Kiwanian with international connections. This is a recent photo, only taken last month. You will likely be in the majority who need to discover the answer on page 24!
The Kiwanis Bus Service Inc. based in Adelaide, South Australia, the only Kiwanis project of its type in the world, held its AGM Sunday, May 19. This Bus Service is now into its 38th year of operation.

Just under 20 Kiwanians were present to hear the Bus Board Chairman’s 2019 report, outlining how during 2018 the bus travelled 7100km carrying 1170 passengers – a significant reduction on previous years, reflecting a reduced operating level in recent times. Four trips needed rescheduling last summer due to excessive heat. 142 driver/assistant journeys led to a combined total of 820 volunteer hours. Daniel Husser with 23 trips was the driver covering the most journeys in 2018.

Bad health and retirement of some drivers has led to a shrinking pool of staff remaining to operate the bus, but with diligent planning, the service continues to satisfy the needs of its client base, and we heard how thankfully there are two or three new drivers and assistants set to “come on line” soon which will help with scheduling.

The Bus Service Operators Club contributed over 900 hours in 2018. Other Clubs with significant contributions were Brighton, Adelaide Hills, Prospect, Reedbeds, Rostrevor-Campbelltown and Glenelg. All the above Kiwanis Clubs (apart from Prospect) were represented at the AGM.

The Kiwanis Bus Service main Mission Statement is to provide low-cost bus transport for residents of nursing homes, senior citizen homes and other groups serving the needs of the disabled and the disadvantaged, as well as special interest groups, plus the Kiwanis Clubs that contribute to the running costs of the service. The current bus can seat 22 passengers and an additional three passengers in wheelchairs. The service is in desperate need of additional volunteer drivers and assistants to keep the service going. Enquiries can be directed to kiwanis.bus@bigpond.com

Pictured (left) at the AGM is retiring Board member, Past Governor Janine Keulen, being presented a Certificate of Appreciation for her 15 years of service to the Kiwanis Bus Service Board of Management. Board Chairman John Dowe from Adelaide Hills Club performed the presentation, witnessed by Governor Bob who was in attendance.

CANDIDATES FOR VICE-PRESIDENT

To be voted on at 2019 Convention in Orlando, Florida
Successf ul candidate becomes K.I. President 2021-22

CHU-CHING CHIAN (“George’)
From Taichung City, Taiwan. J oined Kiwanis in 1995, a past Distinguished President, Lieutenant Governor, District Treasurer, and Governor 2012-13. KI Life Member. Been to Australia twice as Trustee. A 3rd year KI Trustee. ‘George’ has a son, daughter and grandson.

PETER J. MANCUSO
From North Bellmore, New York, USA. J oined Kiwanis 1987, past Distinguished President, Lieutenant Governor and Governor, President Foundation (Children’s Fund), Peter’s a 3rd year KI Trustee. Married to Karen, he has a son, daughter and grandson.

GARY LEVINE
From Owen Sound, Ontario, Canada. USA-born, Canadian-raised. A 30-year Kiwanian, KI Membership Chair, District Formula Chair, International Trustee, Past Governor, Eye of the Tiger Chair for the Americas. Gary and wife J ulia have two boys and three grandchildren.
WELCOMING A NEW KIWANIS CLUB IN BENDIGO

Friday May 24th a large gathering of over 70 people in central Victoria witnessed the Charter Night celebrations of our District’s newest addition - the Kiwanis Club of Bendigo Family Hub, and we welcomed these new Kiwanians on an evening of fun, frivolity, friendship, entertainment – the whole package!

Date of Formation was actually April 1 (true, no fooling!). That birthday is inscribed on their Charter Certificate. Most Club members were able to attend, along with inaugural President Leanne Boston, although Krystal Hike had a rather good excuse for her absence as she was in hospital, with a new daughter, confirming the emphasis on Family Hub.

Back around February this year, C4C (Communities For Children) Bendigo identified a dearth of information on available support and programs for parents in Bendigo. The group set out to develop a Family Hub within Bendigo City but red tape and various roadblocks delayed the progress of this process, possibly terminal. Until Lt Governor Div 7 Brian Pedretti became involved, and “leapfrogging” other service organisations, he was able to set up to overcome these hurdles, forming a new Kiwanis Club in the process.

In attendance at Charter Night on May 24 were six past Governors, along with current Governor Bob Sitters who helped Master of Ceremonies Brian Pedretti with the “official stuff”. Long distance award winner was Soo Oz Leok and husband Lim from Malaysia District.

While the meal was being served, entertainment came from five school bands and a duet – most bands were named after food (such as Green Eggs & Ham) whose A-grade rendition of Pink Floyd’s Brick in the Wall “brought the house down”!! For the record, some of the other bands rejoiced in names such as: Funky No.5, Passketti and the Meatballs, Grilled Cheese, Free Lunch (you get the picture!).

A grand finale of drawing the five raffle prizes saw Robert Nitschke, Norm McLennan, Norm Pickering & David McNabb on the winners’ list. (Photos are from I Randall, J Symons, J Hyde and D McNabb)
SHEPPARTON K-KIDS KICKS OFF

The Kiwanis Club of Shepparton began its association with Gowrie Street Primary School in the 1980s. Back then, two members visited the school once a week to help with the reading program. More recently, Gowrie Street Primary School has supported the Terrific Kids program, recognising six students each Term with a Terrific Kids Certificate, bumper sticker, bookmark and pencil.

Last year Shepparton Kiwanis commenced discussion with the school Principal, with a view to forming a K-Kids Club. The Principal was very open to the idea (her husband had been a K-Kid in the USA), and a Grade 6 teacher was appointed to be the advisor. Late 2018, 23 students had nominated to be members, and this was followed by the election of Office Bearers for 2019 and the application to Kiwanis International to charter the Club. This K-Kids Club was officially Chartered on December 15, 2018. On April 4, 2019, the Club was officially recognised with a presentation of membership certificates and badges to those 23 students and the induction of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Editor.

The Principal and parents from Gowrie Street Primary School attended the induction ceremony, along with the Lieutenant Governor Division 7 (Brian) and members of the Kiwanis Club of Shepparton. Official activities and presentations were followed by a tasty morning tea.

The Kiwanis Club of Shepparton is delighted to be sponsoring and supporting this new K-Kids Club. Photo above shows Lt Governor Div 7 Brian Pedretti with Shepparton Secretary Gael Thompson at the Induction Recognition Ceremony.

Kiwanis K-Kids is not a well-known phenomena in Australia District, but to briefly explain - with school students embracing the Kiwanis ethos at secondary school and college level, Australia has Key Clubs where senior students become involved in Kiwanis-like activities under the umbrella of a sponsoring Kiwanis Club, and also usually with the necessary support of an overseeing staff member or teacher who generally mentors these budding Kiwanians in their projects and activities.

Prior to that, at junior and Primary School level, Kiwanis has involvement through the Terrific Kids programs, which have proven “terrifically” popular right through Australia.

K-Kids enters the scene at Primary School level and could be considered an effective bridging between Terrific Kids, after which students advance to high schools. It is always highly encouraging to hear of another K-Kids Club starting up in Australia. Many thanks to Shepparton Kiwanis Secretary Gael Thompson who submitted this item; it’s handy to upskill on Kiwanis presence in primary schools. Hopefully some K-Kids may continue onto a Key Club, then maybe a Kiwanis Club.
GOVERNOR’S VICTORIAN VISIT

Australia District Governor Bob and wife Mary were around, traversing and visiting Victoria early April on an inter-Divisional “tour” which began in Melbourne.

The Bob “Friendly” Sitters visits began on Tuesday April 8 at a dinner organised by Moorabbin Club at the request of Lt Governor Ian Randall, with a good rollup of around 40 Kiwanians and FOKs (Friends of Kiwanis) including two current Lt Governors in attendance. Several Geelong members even arrived in a mini-bus!

This dinner was a combined Division 1 and 6 event, held at Milano’s Bistro, The Esplanade, Brighton (Melbourne), and was chaired by Ian Howison on behalf of President Geoff Hergt – although Geoff did manage to arrive at the meeting before “close of play”.

A great attendance of Past Governors included Norm McLennan, Graham Mould, Bryan Williams, Tony Gunn and Geoff Hergt. There was a raffle held during the evening which raised just over $A300.00 for Children First Foundation.

Governor Bob’s busy schedule saw him travel to the Royal Mail Hotel the following day for a meeting of Mooroolba Kiwanians at an official Division 7 function.

Next day, Wednesday April 10 saw Governor Bob and Governor-Elect Ash Gore arriving at Bendigo to help with organisational arrangements for the proposed new Kiwanis Club in Bendigo, and also to Heathcote to meet with civic leaders. Busy Bob!!

Above: Lt Gov Division 1 Coral Kilvington proposing the vote of thanks to Governor Bob. Below: "The 3 Wise Men" alias a trio of Past Governors. Right: Lt Gov Division 6 Ian Randall officially welcoming Governor Bob.

Above: Ian Randall thanking Bryan Williams for organising the evening.
**KIWANIS ASIA PACIFIC XLIV (44th) TRAINING CONFERENCE AND CONVENTION 2019**

AS PAC Training Conference 2019 was held in Taoyuan, Taiwan, at the Novotel Hotel, where the three-day Training began with a welcome dinner on the evening of March 4 and training proper on the 5th and 6th.

Australia was represented by Governor-elect Ashleigh Gore and his 2019-20 team, comprising Governor Bob Sitters (Public Relations/Marketing), Jan Hyde (Leadership Development), Tony Gunn (Membership), Betty D’Amore (Kiwanis Children’s Fund) and Peter Zander (AS PAC Chair and District Secretary). Other Aussies in attendance were Pauline Gunn, Mary Sitters, John Hyde, Yvonne Zander and Ros Gore.

The training sessions were led by International President-elect Daniel Vigneron, assisted by a number of Kiwanis International staff and myself.

**Day 1 - 4th March**

Ashleigh, Ros, Bob and Mary, Yvonne and myself arrived from Hong Kong, so were too late for the welcome dinner but we did manage to catch the other Aussies – in the bar (just “by chance”) to say hello.

**Day 2 - 5th March**

We caught up early with many Kiwanis colleagues from various Kiwanis Districts and Kiwanis International. Our partners organised their own activities and headed off for the day. The training session began with introductions including a presentation by Key Club International Vice-President Hannah Nivar.

President-elect Daniel didn’t wow us with anything new or different, but kept the message simple: Continue to grow Kiwanis as best we can and lead by example with actions not words.

Jeff Oatess presented the current state of Kiwanis internationally and it was so pleasing to see and hear positive news about the growth of Kiwanis over the last 12 months or so, with Asia Pacific leading the way.

Afterwards I attended the secretaries, governors and membership chair session, led by Bryce Kinder, skyping from USA with a Q&A format. Later we worked on our District Plans, and as a team came up with some positive aims for the next 12-18 months.

**DAY 3 - 7th March**

Spent reviewing the previous day’s activities and having a presentation from each District on the results of their planning session.

I was more of an observer here, and it was pleasing to see there were growth plans in every District. Visa problems caused the Nepal Provisional District to forfeit attendance which was a shame as their growth individually as a rather new Kiwanis nations has been outstanding. This became a comparatively short training conference, but the enthusiasm and positive expressions from most of the Districts was fabulous to hear.

Australian contingent then boarded buses that took us to the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Taipei. Arriving overnight was ASPAC Secretary/Treasurer Norm McLennan, who joined us for the 44th ASPAC Convention proper.

The Grand Hyatt Hotel was within reasonable walking distance to the Taipei International Convention Centre, which turned out to be a blessing as the rain was tumbling down, rain being a substance many of us had not seen for several months in Australia.

**AS PAC Convention Day 1**

The ASPAC Executive Board Meeting kicked off with a shock appearance of four-metre long banners hanging from the ceiling with photographs of the key attendees, including Bob Sitters, Tony Gunn and myself. I was called on for a multitude of photographs, each of these often preceded with the phrase of “Just One More” ringing in my head.
Finally off to the Board Meeting which many of the Australians attended, either as a Board member or observer.

Governor-elect Ashleigh joined a select group heading to Taichung for the day by bus, to look at a possible Kiwanis Asia Pacific Office and also being part of some new Club building. Our partners were treated to a day of sight-seeing and gastronomical indulgence, hosted by the ladies from the Taipei Diana Kiwanis Club.

The Executive Board Meeting was my meeting, being Chair and was an interesting experience being held in opulent surrounds, but one I was very pleased with. A big thank you to Norm for having the agenda sorted out as a presentation with external links to the various reports.

I had earlier been advised that unfortunately President Poly was an apology, being denied travel and restricted to home whilst undergoing medical treatment for his significant illness. Similarly my counterpart from the European Federation, Oskar from Iceland was also an apology due to his wife undergoing surgery in the coming days.

After the opening formalities, some key points follow: Attendees for ASPAC Convention were estimated at 1300 – 900 from Taiwan and 400 international attendees and an additional 400 Taiwanese volunteers. Following was confirmation of key Convention Appointments. Several Aussies took part as members of the Election Committee, Sergeant-At-Arms. Credential Committee and Jan Hyde (or J ane as per her nametag!) as my timekeeper.

In Poly’s absence, CEO Stan Soderstrom comprehensively reported that the focus on membership growth by Past President Jim Rochford has had a positive effect. Our next full Districts should be Nepal and Romania.

Focus for KI apart from Club growth is effective signature projects, and to build Key Club Districts in Taiwan and the Philippines. Also of interest is the continued work via eliMiNaTe, with Chad joining the countries nominated MNT-free. Five of the leading fundraising Districts for eliMiNaTe are from ASPAC – these include Taiwan, J apan, Australia (yay for us!!!), Malaysia and NZ/South Pacific.

A new KIDS Award (Kiwanis International Distinguished Service Awards) to be presented at Orlando Convention was announced along with simplification of the dues structure by 2021, and enhanced focus on Clubs, Leadership Development and Education and Youth Protection.

There will be a complete review of International Bylaws by 2020. Future International Conventions are: Indianapolis (2020), Salt Lake City (2021), Manila (2022 - combined with ASPAC), Minneapolis (2023) and Denver (2024).

Next came a membership update and breakdown of the ASPAC Region, then individual District Reports. We also had an overview of the International Convention to be held in Orlando, Florida USA in J une (days away now!).

Various other comments were made by ASPAC Executive members and Daniel Vigneron, on behalf of the KI European Federation. Two new KCF ambassadors were appointed by KCF ASPAC – Serena Quek and C.K.Yang.

2020 ASPAC is due to be held in Kathmandu, Nepal but due to inability of representatives to attend in Taiwan, more information will be forthcoming in June. The following Convention will be held in Sendai, J apan – we gained a comprehensive presentation. We also approved the 2022 ASPAC Convention for Manila, being held at the same time as the International Convention.

We now have two new ASPAC nations, Mongolia and Shanghai (Mainland China). Adjournment followed.

**ASPAC Convention Day 2**

The day started with lots more photographs and a chance to test all the technology being used for the Convention with ASPAC Secretary/Treasurer Norm, and thankfully ironing out a few local glitches. A very impressive opening ceremony with plenty of music and cheques being awarded to Taiwanese groups. Lots of speeches from...
Taiwanese dignitaries that I was not fully aware of, but at least as Chair I had an opportunity to welcome everyone to Taiwan.

I’d be very wealthy if I had a dollar for each photo I was in, as I reckon it was with every Division or individual club from Taiwan. The photography session went on for about an hour.

The Districts could then present reports with additional powerpoint displays, showing how busy and professional Kiwanians are in the ASPAC Region.

A busy day rounded out with a special nine-course banquet dinner, where Yvonne and I were sat at the head table with mercifully a couple of English-speaking people to translate for us. Back to the hotel for a late rehearsal for our cultural performance, followed by additional programme changes and emails arriving up to 11pm!

**ASPAC Convention Day 3**

The morning session was taken up with house-keeping followed by an extended morning tea break prior to the election of future ASPAC Officers. Chang Chien Lo (Taiwan) was confirmed as ASPAC Chair for 2019-2020, Ken Alovera (Philippines) was confirmed as Chair-elect 2019-2020. There was a vote for ASPAC Vice-Chair between Clinton Green (NZ/SP) and Chia Sing Hwang (Malaysia), which was won by Clinton Green confirming him as Vice-Chair for 2019-2020.

Teh Cheng Lian (Malaysia) was duly elected unopposed to be the ASPAC International Trustee for 2019-2022.

Some presentations occurred next, followed by a lunch adjournment, where everyone needed to take all belongings with them so the hall could be secured (including metal detectors and bag searches on re-entering the venue) to enable the Taiwanese President to join us. Yes, security was tight alright!

Cultural performances usually done during dinner were re-scheduled to the afternoon at late notice. This allowed the Aussies plus ring-ins Counsellor George and translator Angela, to do our rendition of G’Day G’Day and saturate the audience with Australian souvenirs. Sadly we were not successful in winning a prize this year.

Following the performances we were in the presence of Taiwan’s President (Tsai Ing-wen, pictured), who gave an excellent speech recognising the work of Kiwanis in Asia Pacific, but particularly the local Kiwanians in Taiwan. I spoke with the 62-year-old President having met her a few years ago when she was Vice-President. The tight security was very watchful and any extending of arms other than to shake hands caused a blocking motion by security guards.

Formalities over, the meeting was adjourned, for the joint meeting of the 2018/2019 Board and the following Board to be ratified. Thankfully this was only a brief meeting to formalise a few announcements and thank everyone for their attendance in Taiwan; everyone was invited to make the journey in 2020 to Kathmandu, Nepal.

The farewell dinner followed, again with Yvonne and I on the Head Table, but this time with a smaller number of English speaking guests. Another nine course Chinese Banquet to tackle (!) and as the evening rolled on, some additional ladies from the Philippines joined our table that now had spare seats, but I suspect they were not on the original guest list as this also happened at other tables around the hall. No matter, it was all good fun, and these ladies managed to take a lot of leftover food to share with their colleagues back at their individual hotels.

Another ASPAC Training Conference and Convention over, I was ready to head home. We said our goodbyes to many friends and colleagues including the other Aussies apart from Ashleigh and Ros, who were travelling home with Yvonne and me.

Our last day in Taipei was a look around at Taipei 101, the largest building in Taiwan. Quite spectacular, with every major retailer you could think of. A western style lunch in a local shopping mall, before heading back to the hotel for a coffee. Then out the front of the hotel, avoiding the ubiquitous ciggy smokers as best we could to catch a local bus to the Airport.

Farewell to Taiwan once again and hello Adelaide via Hong Kong and Sydney. Tired, but happy to return home after another 24 hours of air travel, only to repeat the dose real soon for International Convention in Disney World, Orlando, Florida.

Very professional performance from the Taiwanese ladies, (winners!) whose outfits were made from recycled plastic.
AROUND THE CLUBS

Club stalwarts Lorna and Des Schiller, shown toiling diligently in their kitchen, are regularly at the forefront of behind-the-scenes work that is undertaken prior to some Kiwanis events. This pair will often buy, prepare, pick up, deliver, sort and clean up, regarding the catering side of activities. Many others also put in, but the Schillers are certainly regulars at the coal face!

MOROOPNA

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Brisbane Kiwanis were involved at the Centenary Suburbs RSL dedication of the War Memorial Extension at Mt Ommaney. Several of the team are shown here, along with the Club’s new marquees, bought via a grant from the Lord Mayor’s Suburban Initiative Fund.

MITCHAM KIWANIS

Lindsay Curtis doing the honours is shown here at Sturt Street School’s Terrific Kids presentations, at the end of Term 1.

REEDBEDS DONATION

Fiona MacFadyen from Second Chances was speaker at a Reeds meeting last month, outlining the efforts that go into providing for children of people who are serving time in prison. A wide range of activities includes taking children on camps. President Kerry Gannon is shown here presenting a cheque for A$1000 to Fiona.

Brisbane

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PROSPECT KIWANIS

Prospect Club members recently supported a hands-on project, repainting their local school's gazebo. The keen Kiwanians are here adding the finishing touches, after the job took more hours than originally planned!

NZ-SOUTH PACIFIC TURNS 50

Our nearest neighbouring Kiwanis District is a similar age to Australia’s, and last month they celebrated their 50th Birthday. Shown here is the impressive cake, cut by John Thompson (St Heliers Club) and Herb Farrant (Mt Roskill Club), the two most senior Clubs in NZ - South Pacific Div 1.

ROSTREVOR-CAMPBELLTOWN KIWANIS

The club’s Community Welfare director Rod Cameron is another Kiwanian to have had a recent trip to NZ. He supplied their bulletin editor with this shot he took in Napier, a city rebuilt in full art deco style after the 1931 earthquake.
SHEPPARTON SUNRISERS CONTINUE TO SHINE!

Shepparton Sunrisers continue to be very active in the local community, and apart from providing marshals at last month’s Australian BMX Title, held in Shepparton, these Kiwanians have been busy recently at various other projects. The photos were taken at working bees - on March 30 a team (above left) performed a Clean-Up at KidsTown.

GLENELG GOSSIP

Glenelg Club is onto this publicity angle. On arriving near Glenelg “township” motorists are greeted by the large and effective sign (at left) advertising Kiwanis. This particular sign has been there for a while now, and is a great “pre-cursor” to August when Glenelg hosts the 2019 District Convention.

STOP PRESS! On the eve of heading for Florida and international Convention, Berwick Club’s Norm McLennan landed in Dandenong Hospital ICU on June 10 for treatment of injuries (broken ribs, etc). Past Governor Norm was out bike riding and was forced to take evasive action to avoid running over a wayward rider. Bike & Norm came off second best. Get well soon Norm!!

MORE FROM MOORABBIN

Southern FM radio station Melbourne has provided the Kiwanis Club of Moorabbin with a monthly 30 minute segment because a pilot broadcast proved so good. This was set up thanks to Bryan Williams. Last month our HeartKids chair Angela Randall posted an interview with Andy Moratis. This is incorporated in a service called “Community Block” provided by Southern FM as a platform for community clubs to promote their services. It’s really great for Kiwanis to become involved in such a public forum where the “K” message can be put “out there”. Shown here are Moorabbin members Tim Vine & Angela Randall during a recent Southern FM radio stint. The “Andy Moratis interview” is available if you missed it, by visiting kiwanismoorabbin.org.au where you can cross-reference the link to this interesting interview.

(inset: Melbourne radio jock Andy Moratis)

AUSTRALIAN KIWANIAN - JUNE 2019
AROUND THE CLUBS

Answer to the “Teaser” on page 13: It’s none other than Melbourne’s IAN PERDRIAU AM, seen here taking part in a Haggis Night held in New Zealand. Ian and Trish plus Geoff Holmes and Elizabeth trekked around NZ last month on a bus tour and there was a Scots-themed evening on the itinerary. Geoff bravely submitted this! Thanks!

EAST MAITLAND KIWANIS has a long-standing relationship with Millers Forest Primary School (a small rural school with around 64 students) – part of their Terrific Kids program. Last month Kiwanians (for the fourth straight year) helped a group of Year 3-6 students attend the Tocal Field Day, achieved with bus transport, entry fees and co-support from local Rotary Clubs who catered for lunch.

Annually, those Field Days provide an opportunity for landholders and the community to see livestock and animal handling plus husbandry skills. The event features a large land management area providing information on caring for our environment, looking after our native animals and managing feral pests that threaten our landscape. The Field Days with over 313 commercial exhibitors illustrate many products and services incorporating the latest in farming techniques and technology, from solar energy to fencing construction through to craft plus good food and wine products.

Another drawcard has been Petite Bleat Australian Mini Goats and Pigmy Goats, while pig racing is always popular. A highlight was Kiss a Llama, or milk a cow. The children saw fencing, chainsaw, blacksmith demonstrations, and heard talks from cattle breeders, while Tocal College students showed best practice in quad bike use, horse work and cattle handling. Members of the Hunter Valley Slow Food movement spoke, while the heat was turned up in the kitchen at the Bake or Burn competitions. Camel, horse rides, plus conventional rides were provided and the students interacted with environmental displays, soaking up the history on show at the Homestead.

The many smiling faces said it all, and there were plenty of stories to tell parents and friends. The children’s reaction afterwards was amazing – it was delightful being presented with a book (see photos above) containing thanks from the children and highlighting their stories of an exciting day.

Kiwanis East Maitland plays a significant role in the field day operations. KEM manages around half the commercial exhibition area, involving a dozen members, with people on site for the whole three-day event (plus the set-up period a week beforehand). This is a huge commitment for our Kiwanians, but a very good fundraiser. (Many thanks to Secretary Judy Ross for submitting this info).

Kiwanians with the busloads of Millers Forest PS students at Tocal Field Day. Right: Thank You card for our Kiwanians.

EAST MAITLAND KIWANIS
AUSTRALIAN KIWANIAN - JUNE 2019

AUSTRALIA ONLINE

Club President and past Governor Norm McLennan has provided a friendly reminder regarding one of our District’s really active Kiwanis Clubs - AUSTRALIA ONLINE (a Division 6 Club) – designed specifically as a Club where anyone is invited, and can easily attend meetings.

Australia Online is possibly one of the easiest Clubs for “attending” meetings - you don’t even need to leave your loungeroom. Kiwanians who might be too unwell to go outside, or maybe away travelling around the countryside, And if your regular Kiwanis Club has gone into recess, then this could be for you.

To summarise, Norm has provided the following advantages:

• A way for Kiwanians from all parts of Australia to maintain contact with friends whom they might only see once-a-year at Conventions.

• Provides an opportunity for those who for a variety of reasons have been unable to maintain Kiwanis contact. This could include having moved away from their original Club into an area where there is currently no Kiwanis Club, perhaps their Club has folded but they are still interested in maintaining Kiwanis contact and be engaged in service in their community in the name of Kiwanis, or possibly their local club has changed its meeting time/arrangements (to something unsuited for the individual) and they’d like that regular and easy Kiwanis contact.

• Designed to enable those Kiwanians who have become ‘Grey Nomads’. The club is designed to enable them to maintain Kiwanis contact while away travelling.

• We welcome any existing Kiwanians who are interested in developing new friendships with Kiwanians from other parts of the country and potentially worldwide. Currently there’s a Kiwi, Graham Chick who calls in from Christchurch.

• The Club also provides an opportunity for new members. We invite existing Kiwanians to invite friends who may be remote to a traditional Club to join us each month.

The Club meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7.00pm Australian Eastern Time using the following information:

Please join our meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone by clicking the following link  https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/173825077  You don’t even necessarily need a computer, as it’s possible to dial in using your phone. Australia: +61 2 9087 3604   Access Code: 173-825-077

Would this be your debut GoToMeeting? Let’s do a quick system check:  https://link.gotomeeting.com/system-check

Inquire direct to Club President Norm McLennan at namclennan@bigpond.com or 0408 737 580. Or simply log in using the above on the next meeting date.

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  val.symons@outlook.com

KIWANIS SUPPORTS CHILDHOOD CANCER RESEARCH

It has been shown that:

• 20% of the world’s population are children aged under 16
• Around 120,000 children are diagnosed annually with cancer in Australia

Kiwanis is committed to improving the health, wellbeing and living standards of the world’s children. Individual, public and corporate donations are tax deductible. 100% of your donation to the Kiwanis Target $2M for Childhood Cancer Research will be directed to this program.

This allows us to provide grants to support better ways for preventing and treating cancer in the future.

Please donate with your choice of preferred payment: Cheques payable to KADC – Target $2M.

Mail to the Secretary, 4 Atherton Close, Aspendale Gardens, VIC 3195, or alternatively Online through secure facilities by selecting the following link on the Kiwanis District webpage: www.givenow.com.au/kadcftarget2m
JOAN O’KEEFE (Rostrevor-Campbelltown)

Joan Valarie O’Keefe (born 27-10-1932), wife of 1984-85 Governor Peter O’Keefe, passed to eternal life on April 24 after a lengthy spell of ill health. Peter who is well known for his (until recently) role as District Supplies officer, was fully supported by Joan throughout his Kiwanis journey, during which time the couple have been linked to Kiwanis Clubs of Burnside, Adelaide and currently Rostrevor-Campbelltown. In fact, if Peter was “tied up” at times, it would invariably be Joan who acted as delivery “courier” for some supplies items.

Joan and Peter were from Victoria originally, having met while living in the Ballarat and Bacchus Marsh regions. Peter bravely delivered his wife’s eulogy at the funeral service, telling how the newly married couple with (at that stage) one child on board, headed for Peter’s work in Canada.

After less than three years in Quebec, Joan was keen on heading back to Australia, which they duly enacted. The O’Keefes landed in Adelaide (again with Peter’s work as an engineer) and happily settled in South Australia. Peter became a Charter member of Adelaide Kiwanis Club (with Joan’s support) in 1969 and the couple were to be blessed with six children in total, along with 11 grand-children. They were married for an impressive 62 years. Joan’s life was celebrated with a full service at the Burnside Catholic Church on Thursday, May 2, where a large turnout of Kiwanians present included several past Governors, a Lieutenant Governor and the Governor-Elect. Featured at the funeral service were some well performed renditions by a stoic Karen O’Keefe whose singing and guitar playing were superb.

Farewell Joan, Kiwanis remembers you fondly.

BOB BING (West Lakes Club)

Robert (Bob) Frank Bing joined Kiwanis in 1990, and was a long-standing member of West Lakes-Grange Club, being an active Kiwanian who helped at events such as Adelaide’s renowned Picnic in the Park which ran for several years to aid disadvantaged children.

Born 22/7/1924, he passed peacefully at St Margaret’s Hospital on 18/2/2019, aged 94. He was a loving father to David and Craig, and father-in-law to Sonya. Bob was a grandfather six times over, and had five great grandchildren. He saw out his latter years at Bolton Clarke Aged Care facility, also Queen Elizabeth and St Margaret’s Hospitals.

Bob had seven siblings of whom two are still alive. Our thoughts are with wife Shirley and family on the passing of this fine man.

J O H N H I N C H C L I F F E (Mitcham Club)

John Ronald Hinchcliffe, a 27-year Kiwanian, passed away at Albury Hospital on Saturday morning of March 30, surrounded by his family.

Before transferring to Mitcham Kiwanis nearly 10 years ago, John had led an interesting, varied life where amongst many vocations he was publican at the Kalangadoo Hotel (near Penola, SA) and also the Oakbank Pub. He was part-owner of a racehorse which caused much local excitement one year when it won the Great Eastern Steeplechase at Oakbank raccourse. John’s only regret on the day was that he was working and couldn’t see his horse take the honours. But he soon organised a celebration event back at the pub which could probably be heard over in Adelaide!

At Mitcham Kiwanis John rose through the ranks to Vice-President and some of his grandchildren aligned with Kiwanis as junior “members”. He was also related to Grant Stevens who is SA Police Commissioner. John was approaching installation as Club President until a serious health diagnosis intervened. John and Laurel moved to Victoria to be nearer a family support network. They had planned on returning to Adelaide (Glenelg) to live but sadly his condition deteriorated. Laurel has since shifted to Glenelg.

The funeral was at Harrietville, on Wednesday April 3. We offer our sincere condolences to Laurel and family on the loss of a top bloke.
LEONID BAJEV (Mitcham Club)

Amongst the more significant Kiwanians still serving in Australia (as he was the most senior – in terms of years on this planet), Leonid was approaching 100 years of age when he passed away on April 29. His official birthdate in Belgrade is listed as February 28, 1920. Not a bad age for a Kiwanian!!

Leo’s family left Russia when their territory became a war-zone around 1917, and then this youthful lad wanted to turn a passion of playing soccer into a profession, but his parents preferred steering him towards a more stable career.

World War II intervened, he enlisted, and served in the air force Yugoslav Division, making the rank of Corporal, and being one of the ground crew main-stays for the “fly guys”. After “de-mob” in 1945, the Yugoslav single servicemen were advised to head for Morocco as a stepping stone for America (returning to Yugoslavia wasn’t recommended) But fate decreed that young Leo steered towards Casablanca. He met Isabel in that “romantic Casablanca” setting, marrying her in 1947, after which the couple moved to Australia in 1954.

Leo then studied pharmacology, graduating in 1957. The Bajev “empire” of pharmacies began, and Leo worked diligently in this profession for around five decades, during which time he joined Kiwanis in Adelaide. In fact Leonid (or Leo as he was always known in Mitcham Kiwanis circles) was around 87 when he fully retired from the workforce. By that time, this extraordinary gent could speak seven languages, such was his ability to pick up challenges and run with them!

Despite his ever cheerful persona, Leo had to deal with several family tragedies that really struck hard. In 1975 his daughter Irene was travelling to Mannum, SA, with her parents not far behind, when the teenager’s car was in a serious crash. Irene’s parents came upon the scene, discovering their daughter with fatal injuries. In later years Leo lost wife Isabel, and then his daughter-in-law Virginia who succumbed to cancer.

A pharmaceutical rep introduced Leo to a group starting up the Kiwanis Club of Mitcham and he became a Charter member in 1977. As a Past President, Leo was often on the Board and contributed fully to Kiwanis despite the rigours of running his own business. He helped organise and took part in many projects and working bees, including Wanslea Childcare Centre, Mitcham Primary School, Australia Day barbecues and many more. Leo and Isabel were also at the forefront of Kiwanis socials, including progressive dinners and with Isabel being a renowned cook, the Mitcham Club has many fond memories of them both. Into his late nineties, he still lived independently and was able to regularly attend Kiwanis events until fairly recently.

Leo is survived by his son Igor and several grand- and great-grandchildren. A well-attended celebration of Leo Bajev’s amazing life was held on May 7 at Centennial Park, with a Lt Governor and several Mitcham Kiwanis members and partners on hand. “C’est La Vie” . . .. as Leo would say. He’ll be sorely missed.

JOHN BOWRA (Tea Tree Gully Club)

John Bowra, a past and Honorary Member of the Kiwanis Club of Tea Tree Gully passed away on April 1, aged 93.

John joined the Royal Navy at age 17 and served towards the end of World War 2 as a gunner on the HMS Musketeer when it ran on Arctic convoys, and then as protection for the Mediterranean flotillas in the general cleanup after the War.

He brought his family out from UK to Australia in 1964, forging a career mainly in retail selling, becoming an electrical store manager and then eventually sharing the ownership of a secondhand goods store. John joined the TTG Kiwanis Club in 1996 until 2014 when his health and mobility declined.

His wife Nora passed on in August last year. A busy John had many varied interests over the years including early black and white photography, swimming, high diving, retail, and gaining his restricted Flying Licence. He loved his Kiwanis work, being involved with Bunnings barbecues, Terrific Kids presentations, Trash & Treasure sales, and Christmas Tree selling.

An active and colourful life from a man who will be missed.
RON ERSKINE (Moorabbin Club)

Ronald Charles Erskine was a Charter member of Kiwanis Club of Moorabbin, who in the early days of that Club, was an active Kiwanian and served as its fifth President in 1974.

Ron came to Melbourne from Sydney in the late 1960s with real estate work, settling in Cheltenham. A neighbour and fellow ex-Sydneysider Gus MacFarlane introduced a young Mr Erskine to some businessmen who were setting up a new service club in Moorabbin.

Ron attended the Formation meeting of Moorabbin Kiwanis in J uly 1970 and also the Charter event in November 1970, remaining an active Kiwanian for many years. He also acted as Area Captain for the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal.

Ron even became Editor of the Australian Kiwanian for 1977/78, combining that with his Moorabbin commitments. After retiring, Ron and Dot moved to the Mornington Peninsula, and despite needing to take his leave from Kiwanis, he kept in touch over the years with Club members such as Allan Lord, Gus MacFarlane and Wal Cameron.

Following diagnosis of a non-communicable ailment in recent times, he was admitted to palliative care in Mornington early April 2019, and passed away on Wednesday April 17th.

He is survived by wife Dorothy, along with Melbourne-based daughter Linda and twin sons John (who lives in Sydney) and Gary. RIP Ron, a faithful servant of Kiwanis.
ADELAIDE HILLS AKTION CLUB

It’s straightforward tracking the many activities that this active AKtion Club undertakes, thanks to the regular monthly Newsletter sent out (regards to Ash Gore!) which keeps members and fellow Kiwanians in the loop.

Apart from helping the regular Adelaide Hills Kiwanians with working bees, Australia Day activities, annual Clean Up Australia Day, etc, these Aktioneers are busy as, even taking delivery of some brand new AKtion shirts early May.

The Club’s 26th Birthday & Handover Dinner was set down for late June at Auchendarroch House, Mt Barker, and we hope to have some coverage from this notable event in the next Australian Kiwanian.

The photos taken recently, show (below left) Chris Hart handing Certificates (for participating in Clean Up Australia Day) to John and Michael, while the other pic (below) shows President Scott handing new member badges to both Michael and Steven.

THE AKTION CLUB PLEDGE

We pledge to be loyal members of our AKtion Club, to form new friendships and to serve our communities.

LEFT: A “stamp of approval” goes to the team from Adelaide Hills Kiwanis who combined with Wayne from the AKtion Club on April 13 at Mt Barker to clean up the garden area of an elderly citizen who needed help. Wayne was a great assistance, even borrowing a lawn mower from his nearby neighbour to help tackle the task on hand.

FOOTNOTE: AKtion Club members have been invited to take part in the Kiwanis Australia District Convention, being held at Glenelg late August. Members will be involved in a project of bringing along children’s books to Convention for distribution in book bags to kindergarten children.
MECHANICAL MIRTH! (well, oil be . . .!)

A young blonde lady strolled into a local garage and asked for a seven hundred and ten.
The mechanics on duty looked at each other and asked, “J ust what is a seven hundred and ten?”
She replied, “You know, that little round piece in the middle of the motor. I lost it and need a new one.”

She didn’t know just what that part is, but it had always been there.
The head mechanic gave her a piece of paper and pen and asked her to draw what the item looked like.
She drew a circle and in the middle of it wrote 710. He then took her over to another car in the workshop just like hers, with the bonnet up and asked, “Is there a 710 here?”
She pointed to the oil filler cap and said, “Of course, it’s right there!!” Whereupon the head mechanic fainted.

A defendant was on trial for murder. There was strong evidence indicating guilt, but there was no corpse. In the defence’s closing statement the lawyer, knowing that his client would probably be convicted, resorted to a trick.
“Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, I have a surprise for you all,” the lawyer said as he looked at his watch. “Within one minute, the person presumed dead in this case will walk into this courtroom.” He looked toward the courtroom door. The jurors, somewhat stunned, all looked on eagerly. A minute passed. Nothing happened.
Eventually the lawyer said, “In actual fact, I made up the previous statement. But, you all looked on with anticipation. I therefore put to you that you have a reasonable doubt in this case as to whether anyone was killed and insist that you return a verdict of not guilty.” The jury, clearly confused, retired to deliberate. A few minutes later, the jury returned and pronounced a verdict of guilty.
“But how?” inquired the lawyer. “You must have had some doubt; I saw all of you stare at the door.”
The jury foreman replied, “Oh, we all looked, but we noted that the accused, your client, didn’t look.”

Joe: “So, what’s the difference between ignorance and apathy, Charlie my good friend?”
Charlie: “I don’t know, and actually I don’t care!!”

If all else fails, then stop using “all else” . . .
I THINK I AM, THEREFORE I AM. I THINK.
If you suck at playing the trumpet, that’s probably why!

Nothing is impossible. The word itself says, “I’m possible” . . . .

IF MONEY IS “THE ROOT OF ALL EVIL” WHY DO CHURCHES KEEP ASKING FOR IT?
Nearly 100 Kiwanians, partners and friends of Kiwanis assembled at Hectorville Community Centre on Monday February 25, to celebrate Athelstone Club’s milestone 35th Birthday celebrations.

Attendees included Governor Bob Sitters and Mary, Governor-Elect Ash Gore, Lt Governors from Divisions 8 and 10 (Div 3 Lt Gov was an apology as he was attending a Kiwanis event in NZ on the same night!), and there were visiting Kiwanians from Clubs that included Adelaide Hills, Barossa, Gawler, Glenelg, Murray Bridge, Prospect, Reedbeds, Reynella, Rostrevor-Campbelltown, Roseworthy-Hewett and Tea Tree Gully.

It was great to see a huge number of past Athelstone members on hand as well. There were addresses by Governor Bob, LG10 Robert Nitschke and Athelstone President Vin Kuester.

TTG President Peter Paterson paid tribute and proposed a toast to their life member and treasurer Brett Hillier who passed away the previous day. Secretary Kavitha Hapuararchchi showed a powerpoint presentation of the Club’s 35 year history, and Adrian Rosmini entertained the gathering with some great music.
On June 23rd at Heathcote, a half hour drive from Bendigo, it’s planned to hold the Organisation meeting for a new Kiwanis Club of Heathcote. The plan is for this Club to encourage active participation from very young members under the guidance of our more mature citizens and will address amongst other things improving education in the Heathcote region. The Club is associated with the Bunbunark Family Hub, providing support such as Kiwanis Book Boxes for young families in the town. Our Eye of the Tiger man Tony Gunn ironically has to miss this noteworthy event, as he’ll be in USA (International Convention), but he’ll be there in spirit. Division 7 Lt Governor Brian Pedretti is the driving force behind this new Club. Charter event is planned for October to coincide with other activities in town and to maximise PR opportunities.

25 YEAR LEGION OF HONOUR AWARDS PRESENTED IN VICTORIA AND SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Shepparton Sunrisers President Felicity Butcher (below left) was able to present Coralie Francis with her 25 Year Legion of Honour late last month at a well-attended meeting, where Coralie’s three daughters were there to see the ceremony.

Similar honours were awarded recently by past Lt Gov Div 8 Roy Seccafien (centre) who conferred a 25 Year LoH on Glenelg’s Elaine Vasey. At the May meeting of Mitcham Kiwanis, attended by a Lt Gov (Division 3), Governor-Elect Ash Gore had the pleasure of presenting 25 Year Awards to Renee and John Lundy, who have given constant sterling service.