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STOP PRESS!
POLY LAT, our outgoing International President has passed away in the Philippines. Catch this sad event on page 5.

“BACK TO SCHOOL” AT A KIWANIS TRAINING DAY. Read more on p.14
Highlights of the past year have included attending the ASPAC Training Conference and Convention in Taiwan early March, followed by International Convention at Disney World, Orlando, Florida late June, accompanied by a contingent of other Australian delegates. Both events were very informative and enjoyable – it’s great being able to meet with other like-minded Kiwanians from around the world, exchanging ideas and gaining lifelong friendships.

New Club building is essential for our District’s long term future. It was with great pleasure that in May we were part of the large attendance on hand for Chartering of a brand new Kiwanis Club of Bendigo Family Hub, thanks to the great work of the (original) Bendigo Kiwanis Club, Lt Governor Brian Pedretti and “Eye of The Tiger” Chair past Governor Tony Gunn.

This fantastic work continued with the organisation on 23 June of another new Club in Bendigo area – Kiwanis Club of Heathcote. The charter of this, our newest and second club this year is set down for October 10. This proves that when we identify a project, we can build a new club around that project. Congratulations once again to the “Team” of Bendigo Club (original), Brian Pedretti and “Eye of The Tiger” Chair Tony Gunn. Well done to everyone else who was involved getting these two new Clubs to Charter. New clubs introduce new hands to serve under the Kiwanis banner and also hopefully introduce further new personnel for future leadership.

Our Challenge remains to grow or perish. The District strategic plan for this Kiwanis year was to have a minimum nett growth in the district of 20% with three new Clubs to be added (we must set achievable goals). Two new clubs have been added, which is not too bad going.

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

Regarding the Governor’s Challenge set at the beginning of the year, I can report that there are three clubs that were able to achieve a minimum 20% nett growth. Well done to Pacific Pines in Queensland with 33%, and Australia Online 30%. Not forgetting Bendigo, effectively 168% has now also qualified as a result of their sponsorship of our two newest clubs.

Those clubs received a “Governor’s Challenge Award” presented at the Convention late last month, District membership stands at around the 840 mark.

To perform meaningful service, with service to children as our priority, the District continues its endorsement of HeartKids along with Children First Foundation. We are now also supporting a Childhood Cancer Research project via South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute (SAHMRI) in Adelaide. Professor Deborah White from SAHMRI has a research focus of genomics and rationally targeted therapies in Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia (ALL) and Chronic Myeloid Leukaemia (CML). Prof White was a guest speaker at Friday’s lunch during our District Convention.

Clubs are still encouraged to donate to these worthy life-changing charities – they can do so through the KADC, as we do for HeartKids.

Kiwanis Children’s Fund donations should also be encouraged and related to annual US$10 donation per member as we have done previously (to KIF) at the prevailing exchange rates at the time of transfer.
Welcome to your new AK. I’ll keep the Editorial brief this time, as you’re (hopefully) keen on diving into this issue, another big 32-pager. We could easily have filled 36 pages for this one, such was the quantity of material on hand, but some items will just need to wait for “the next one”.

There are a few “time-sensitive” invites to various Kiwanis shows in this AK – for events happening real soon, so please ensure you read this edition carefully in case there’s something in your neck of the woods that you can attend.

Sadly, the Vale section of AK has ballooned out once again, with several late additions to the list of fallen comrades, but amongst the more prominent Kiwanians passing on is Poly Lat. The (now former) International President had been unwell for some time, but nonetheless his death came as a shock, just weeks out from handing over to Daniel Vigneron. Poly made a significant effort to attend Orlando Convention, where he made the presentation of the first KIDS Awards (Kiwanis International Distinguished Service Awards) that he had instigated.

If you’re reading this Australian Kiwanian in hard copy form, please don’t be shy about hopping onto our District website where you’ll be able to view AK on-line completely in colour. As always, comments and suggestions are welcomed.

In closing, we all have memories of Kiwanis events that tend to stick. For mine, I’ll forever recollect how the Glenelg Convention began for this humble scriber. Part of my “mission” was to deliver 20-odd cartons of the new District trifold brochures to the Grand Hotel for distribution. But no-one knew all Hotel access (nearby roads and footpaths) would be blocked by a humping huge crane doing maintenance. With time ticking past fast, I had to park illegally streets away and carry the (heavy) boxes in several trips, eventually landing in a crumpled heap just prior to Convention kicking off ! It was my bad (doesn’t everyone check to see if a crane’s going to be blocking access?!) but the rest of the weekend made up for it! Keep enjoying Kiwanis and remember “KIWANIS PUTS THE FUN IN FUNDRAISING”.

Pictured right (a moment of Kiwi kiwanian indulgence) is a quartet of NZ-born Kiwanians who attended 2019 Glenelg Convention. L to R: South Pacific Governor David Gower, NZ District Secretary Graham Chick (both from Christchurch), AK spokesman David (born in Christchurch), and John Dowe who was born in Wellington and raised in Auckland before his family emigrated to Adelaide while John was young(er).

FRONT COVER: International President-Elect Art Riley and Trustee Tony Gunn are shown flanking the Charter President of our District’s newest Club – Heathcote Kiwanis – (Jaclyn Doley) during presentation of her new Kiwanis Club’s Charter.
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 having supported 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 an 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

Australia remains third in the world for District giving averages to eliMiNaTe of US$644 per member. In 2018-19 Kiwanis Australia has given $24,048 to eliMiNaTe from Clubs and individuals.

Regarding the Waverley Club pledge of US$100,000, up to July the fund received US$89,672, which left just $10,328 to go. Waverley’s been helped by many generous donations by other Australian Kiwanis Clubs who asked that their donations go against completing the Waverley pledge. Thanks to all those Clubs who donated up to that point, to help Waverley.

As happened at the 2018 Convention, for this year’s Convention the hat was passed around and also written Club and personal pledges were taken, resulting in raising the tidy sum of $14,500. This means we have now completed all outstanding pledges, including Waverley’s US$100k A fantastic effort. Pats on the back all round!
Signature Project. There was elation after the announcement that Bendigo Club’s “Book Box Project” had made the final 10 worldwide. Then travelling to Convention in Florida, hoping that maybe our District could collect an award. We attended the Signature Project Luncheon where the winners were to be announced. That was a fantastic feeling when the Silver Award was announced: “The Winner is Bendigo Club Australia” – it was impossible to knock the smile from my face, and with much pride I walked up on stage to receive the trophy. Then during the closing ceremony to also collect for Bendigo Club the Silver K.I.D.S Award (Kiwanis International Distinguished Service Award) was the topping on the cake for all that hard work achieved by the Bendigo Club. We have now handed over their trophies, which I am told will be displayed in pride of place at the “Bendigo Club”, where the Kiwanians meet. To all those Clubs who submitted a project for 2019, please consider resubmitting your Signature Project with a bit of “tweaking” for next year’s competition.

IMAGE: Enhance the Kiwanis image and brand worldwide.
The new Australian Kiwanis Tri-fold brochures are now available and was distributed at this year’s District Convention. It is a great publication and we extend gratitude to all who were involved in its development (mainly Tony Gunn and his daughter-in-law Wendy). Now we need to get those brochures out into the community from all our activities, Bunnings barbecues and any community event in which your club participates.

Club newsletters and bulletins continue to play a big part in our Image and Branding. As I’ve mentioned previously, why not send your “Good News Stories” to your local newspaper, not just once but regularly. They will eventually get our worthwhile message.

Special thanks go to David McNabb for his continued great work producing the Australian Kiwanian. The AK is a good window to Kiwanis activity in Australia.

The responsibility is still with every Kiwanian and Club for getting the name KIWANIS and our mission out into the wider community. Keep wearing clothing with the latest Kiwanis logo – self advertise.

INVESTMENT: Ensure financial viability and responsible stewardship. Treasurer Ken Archer reminds us that International dues are set at A$70 and new member add fee of A$50. Australian dues will be 2 x $25 per half year. Insurance is set at $20 per member. Sponsor member discount will continue for clubs that request it.

Keep up the great work and help Kiwanis Australia District from “Good to Greater”. It has been a privilege to serve with you over the past year.

ROBERT (BOB) SITTERS
Australia District Governor 2018-2019

Florencio “Poly” Lat of the Philippines was elected as President at the 103rd Annual Kiwanis International Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Renowned as a man of strong faith and high integrity, Poly was a Kiwanian for three decades. He was President of the Kiwanis Club of Inter City Homes, Muntinlupa, Metro Manila in 1991, Lieutenant Governor in 2000, District Governor in 2011-12 and Kiwanis International Trustee from 2013 to 2016. He was a Charter member of the Kiwanis clubs of Inter City Homes, Muntinlupa, Metro Manila; Manila Bay and Fort Bonifacio Global City, and as well as being a Charter Walter Zeller Fellow, Poly also had a Diamond-level George F. Hixson to his name.

He was one of the Distinguished District Governors honored at the 98th International Convention in Vancouver, British Columbia. He was also a recipient of the Presidential Inspiration Award and Legion of Honor. Kiwanis ASPAC conferred him the awards as Champion in New Kiwanis and SLP Club Building in Colombo, Sri Lanka, and completed the grand slam when the Philippine Luzon District also won ASPAC’s Best Service Project Award during his term as District Governor. On top of these recognitions under his leadership, Kiwanis received the Outstanding Philippine Leadership Excellence Award in Philanthropy (TOPLEAP Award) for Environment from a joint project of the Rotary Club and Jaycees International. At the 2015 ASPAC Convention, he was presented the Centennial Award, the first for members of Kiwanis Asia-Pacific.

He and wife Susan had three children who all graduated from Philippines University with professional honours. The couple had three grandchildren and after retiring as Senior Vice-President at the Philippine National Bank with 35 years service, Poly was able to consider standing at Kiwanis International Convention for Vice-President, having been assured his cancer treatment was successful. Sadly this proved not to be the case and his passing mid-September 2019, aged 62, left him just two weeks short of officially handing over to Daniel Vigneron.

It’s extremely unusual for a Kiwanis President to pass away while in office and his departure leaves a void in Kiwanis that will be felt worldwide.

PRESIDENT POLY HAS PASSED AWAY
An interview with our Governor-Designate ASHLEIGH GORE

AK: Before we start, please enlighten us on your early family background.

AG: Well, I was born at Victor Harbor, SA in January 1948 and spent my early years at Stirling East in the Adelaide Hills on a 7 acre rural property. I was the eldest of four boys and a sister who arrived when I was about 17. We lived in a modest corrugated iron and mud brick house with mod-cons such as outside drop toilet, kero fridge, lanterns, chip heater into an iron bath. Electric power came to our house when I was about 7, as I was home from school with my brother, both of us having the measles and kept in a darkened room forbidden to open the blinds. But we still managed to watch the stobie pole erected a few metres from our bedroom window. I recall on Black Friday 1954, my father leaving with a neighbour to fight the nearby fires using just wet bags and tree branches, and that night you could see the fires moving right across the Mt Lofty Ranges. My chores included milking a goat. We used to walk several miles to and from primary school. Rather different for schoolkids these days!

AK: And what were some activities before discovering Kiwanis?

AG: Early years revolved around Scouts, tennis and football, and when I was 12 we moved closer to Stirling in the Adelaide Hills and I attended Mount Barker High School, gaining my matriculation certificate in 1964. I spent a further year at Adelaide Technical High before joining the SA Police force in January 1965. This was the start of a 36 year career. I recall my first day, of the three year cadet training course at Fort Largs Police Academy. It was January 4, (my birthday, which I kept quiet about). We arrived by bus and were formed up by height in line and marched by the loud barking drill Sgt Fred Knight, with whom we became very well acquainted, into the Fort area to await a welcome introduction from Academy Commandant, Superintendent Eric Meldrum. And wait we did, for 45 minutes in the 34 degree-plus sun, with the Drill Sgt’s bellow still ringing in my ears. “Gore, no talking”. He already knew my name! Fort Largs was run like a military establishment, I soon learnt push ups and had many friends from our Course 11, joining me on the ground. The three years went quickly - we learnt and studied and were tested often, including statute law, common law, Criminal Law, typing, horse riding, etiquette, drill, self defence, swimming, General Orders (a huge Book) more Laws and regulations, Physical education and how to run from Fort Largs to Semaphore and back through the sand hills, pursuit driving at Mallala raceway where I enjoyed the second fastest time in a ‘HR’ Holden, and more drill on the parade ground, just to mention a few.

We had a number of ‘out’ phases where us Police Cadets were sent to Stations with my postings including the Mounted Section at Thebarton Barracks (spending much time mucking out stables and grooming horses), Adelaide Watch House, Stirling Police Station and three months at Leigh Creek Police Station.

I graduated as a probationary Constable from Fort Largs Academy in December 1967 and started as a Uniformed Officer in Adelaide city, including beat and mobile parol duties. On my first (night) shift, during a heat wave, on patrol with a more experienced Senior Constable, the first job was to ‘pick up the keys to ward 13 and admit one’. I soon found out the keys were at the Adelaide Police Station and were to the City Mortuary on West Terrace, where we met an ambulance and I had to admit a deceased person to the mortuary along with the paperwork.

After a few months I began settling into the rewarding life of a Police officer until one night shift - a small mistake was to have huge ramifications for my future. I arrived for work and lined up on Parade when the Duty Senior Sergeant said, “Gore, what are you doing here, you’re on a rostered day off”. Seems our rosters had been altered. Duty Sergeant said, “I have just the job for you! Prisoner guard at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital”. Every young officer wanted to be out on patrol, not stuck guarding a prisoner all night. I arrived at the hospital to relieve the afternoon shift officer to find an extremely dangerous prisoner, handcuffed to the bed and totally sedated. The night only continued to get better with some lovely young nurses feeding me coffee and toast all night and seemingly giving me more attention than their patients!

One particular young nurse caught my eye, with flashing blue eyes, attractive beaming smile, and easily teased. By the end of the night I had her phone number, rostered shift times and the promise of a future date! A phone call soon after revealed things had decidedly cooled off and it took plenty of persuasion to finally arrange a date, but on condition that I pick up Roslyn from her home – and meet her mother . . .

I later found out one of my fellow Police “mates” who took my place guarding the prisoner at the Hospital had, when asked by Roslyn what I was like, kindly spun a tale about fast cars, fast women and heaps of other spurious “extras” he could think of, making Roslyn think that no way she was dating such a dangerous young PC! It took several weeks for Roslyn to realise that I wasn’t really bad at all. Within two years we were married and then over the next 12 years our five wonderful children arrived, three boys and two girls. They have now grown up with four already married and we now have 15 equally wonderful, loving grandchildren.
AK: So, how did your Police career pan out?
AG: Well, I worked at Adelaide, Port Adelaide, Murray Bridge, returned to Adelaide to take up promotion and we built a house at Hahndorf in 1975. I then had postings as a beat supervisor in Adelaide, Duty Sergeant, City Watch House Sergeant, Patrol Sergeant in the Adelaide Hills, Police Prosecutor, and many further years as a Team Patrol Sergeant in the Hills and Relieving Senior Admin Sergeant before retiring late 2000.

I was then able to continue working from home on electronic manufacture and assembly of gauges and devices for the Auto Gas Industry. For 13 years from 2001, I enjoyed driving a local High School bus, and was very impressed by the qualities and potential of the young students of today.

AK: How did you first become aware of Kiwanis?
AG: My interest was kindled by an uncle-in-law, the late, long-standing Secretary of Adelaide Kiwanis, Vic Hugo, who had pestered me for years about joining up, but I was always too busy with five children and shift work. He persevered however, and when the Kiwanis Club of Adelaide Hills was being formed, I became a Charter member and within three years became President. Kiwanis has had a huge influence on my life and enabled me to meet a whole new circle of friends who have a belief in their communities, and felt that they could help make a difference while having fun at the same time.

Seeing the positive outcomes of young people involved with Kiwanis programs, of Aktion and K-Kids Clubs, Terrific Kids, just to mention a few, has been personally very rewarding. My time as coordinator of the Hills Aktion Club has also been totally uplifting. At District level I served for two years as Division 8 Lt Governor, and in Mildura last year I was installed as Governor-Elect. Even busier times ahead!

Joining Kiwanis has been a most rewarding experience, meeting so many wonderful Kiwanis members, their partners and friends, intent on helping to improve the lives of young children and families. Hearing of the voluntary work, time and effort that Kiwanis members, their families, Clubs and Boards put in is outstanding and most impressive. The rewards are great and many, such as seeing the smile of a young student receiving a Terrific Kids award for simply trying hard and doing their best, or hearing of the results of the Eliminate project in saving the lives of young babies around the world.

Kiwanis Conventions give us all the opportunity to meet up with our many friends, to find new ones too, to share our Kiwanis stories, learn something new, celebrate achievements, and not forgetting to have some fun. Please do share your Kiwanis experiences at every opportunity. You are all making a difference and there are others out there that can help, all we need to do is ask.

AK: Anything else in closing?
AG: Just a Thank You to the Kiwanis Clubs and Members for all you do to create those opportunities for Kids in our Community and around the world.

I look forward to this coming year with the focus and theme for 2019 - 2020 being: “Actions not just Words”.

AK: Thanks for your time Ashleigh.
Combined Working Bee at Kilmore

Thank you to Jeff Hudson for supplying a plethora of photos from a well-supported working bee at the Children First Foundation retreat home at Kilmore, Victoria.

The healthy-sized group of workers, including many Kiwanians had amongst its numbers Board of Trustee members Angela and Ian Randall, Betty D’Amore, Past Governor Jan Hyde (and John H), Jeff Hudson was well as Tony Nappa (amongst many others!).

Well done to the “Kilmore Crew” who carried out a lot of worthwhile maintenance work on July 6 for the Children First Foundation.
KIWANIANS TURNING “WORDS INTO ACTION”

Following the successful working bee at Children First Foundation’s Retreat near Kilmore (see previous page) and seeing first-hand the wonderful work in caring for the children at this fantastic facility, the Mooroopna Kiwanis Club asked, “What else can we do or provide that is most needed?”

Treasia Rowe’s response was, “We needed portable laptops, so the various children can keep up with their school work, from their home countries and not fall behind, since they are so far away.”

Upon hearing this urgent need, our group happened to meet a computer whiz, Michael T, who had access to refurbished laptops. There were two laptops – at the end of their lease – and he was able to purchase at a low cost, from his place of employment.

Another Kiwanis member, Trever Bailey, happened to travel past “The Kilmore Retreat” on a regular basis, during his task of maintaining railway crossings and was able to do a quick detour to personally deliver the laptops. It was meant to be, that these two individuals from Mooroopna Kiwanis, happened to attend the Kilmore working bee, and turned “words” into “ACTION”.

As President of the Mooroopna Kiwanis, I’m proud to be associated with coordinating such a sub-project, and announcing that Rachael (pictured here) from Zambia, will be the first to use one of these laptops to further her studies, at the Children First Retreat.

These laptops have been donated to the Children First Foundation, so other children can learn about computers and help them to keep up with school work or studies to find work back in their countries. As Rachael said, “Being a disabled person is not easy, lots of dreams are shut down for the future. I will get my hip fixed (in Australia) so I can walk and be able to carry my school books again. Because this is my only opportunity, I depend on this, but always tell myself I am very lucky.”

Yes, Rachael, you are very lucky to have your surgeries in Australia and the Mooroopna Kiwanis, were lucky to have met you and Treasia to be able to help Children First Foundation, with what they urgently needed. Your right to succeed in life, as a child in the world, that needed Kiwanis assistance, is what our organisation is all about.

This is just one reason why I’m a Kiwanian and why more community-minded people should join an existing Club or form a new one in your area.

With best regards and sincerely yours
TONY NAPPA, Mooroopna Kiwanis President

It seems our Governor-Elect for 2019-20, ROY SECCAFIEN, was destined to serve on the KAD Board of Trustees (BOT) – “There is no escape!”

Reason for this sentiment is that, by chance, Roy’s regular road car, a Toyota, just happens to carry the number plate ending in (yes!) BOT !!
HeartKids held its major Fun Day once again for families of children and infants with congenital or acquired heart disease. This was on Sunday September 8 at selected venues around Australia.

Moorabbin Club sponsored the sausage sizzle, with generous help from Manningham Kiwanis and using the mighty barbecue trailer. Many volunteers came forward to help on the day from various Clubs across Division 6, headed by Peter Cameron. Last year there were 900 participants. Gee, that’s a lot of sausages and onions cooked for the hungry horde.

All of the Two Feet participants received their own pair of Two Feet & A Heartbeat branded socks as well as a special flag being held proudly during the walk.

A red flag for those walking to show support for children, teens and adults impacted by congenital heart disease;
A blue flag for those that have congenital heart disease;
A white flag for those walking in memory of a Heart Angel.

The Allan Lord Day at The Steam Locomotive Society of Victoria

Once again Moorabbin Kiwanis Club sponsored the Allan Lord Day for HeartKids families. A lovely sunny day, and fun for all. (This event was featured in the June AK). The Moorabbin Kiwanis team provided a sausage sizzle lunch with drinks, whilst the families had a wonderful time relaxing and riding the miniature steam trains.

Grants-in-Aid Donation

Once again our generous Kiwanians have worked hard to provide a cheque for $30,000.00 to HeartKids for the Grants-in-Aid program.

This year we again reached our target, and a big thank you to all those Kiwanis Clubs who have made a donation. The 30K cheque was presented during 2019 Convention to Tania Potts from HeartKids (shown above).

HeartKids speaker at Convention

Kristie Molloy, shown at right with Angela Randall, at a post-talk presentation. Kristie’s words during Saturday luncheon were compelling to hear. She is a mother whose journey with her young HeartKids daughter has been probably harder to navigate than many others. All the best Kristie, you’re in our thoughts.
Dear AK Editor,

Twenty-four years “in front of the mast”, 17 years as a Sailor and seven as an Officer, yet Terry James, Lieutenant RAN [Retired], still failed to pick up the missing Federation star on the Australian National flag appearing front page of March Australian Kiwanian (as disclosed in the last AK)!

In my defence I’d state that, having been part of the engineering branch, I was more involved with ensuring blocked toilets were cleared, rather than “ceremonial stuff”, such as flags. (Near the end of my service I was in charge of the “unblockers”!!!!)

You might laugh but, if a ship was in a war situation with prevailing panic, and the toilets became blocked, then “we had a problem”! So you can see, strategically, my job was actually quite important!

Keep up the good work with AK, David

Regards

A “word of explanation” regarding about Terry’s Letter which was submitted to the Editorial Inbox.

The above profound prose from Terry James was one of several received soon after the last (June) AK was published, regarding the front page of the March Australian Kiwanian. As most folk by now realise, the Australian flag adorning page 1, for that issue, had the Federation star missing - to see if anyone noticed. Terry’s letter regarding the “flag foibles” was eloquently worded - see what you reckon!

The other letter is from one of our newest Kiwanians and President of the brand new Kiwanis Club of Heathcote in Victoria. Jaclyn Doley sent the following message of thanks to our District Secretary who has asked that this letter be shared.

Hi Steve,

Hope you’re well. I’m wondering if you could help me thank everyone for how wonderful they were at the recent Kiwanis Convention in Adelaide.

All the people I met were extremely nice and made me feel very welcome. I would love to send them all a Thank You from Kiwanis Heathcote. If you’re able to pass this on for me or let me know how to go about it, that would be much appreciated.

Kind regards, JACLYN DOLEY
President Heathcote Kiwanis

AND, following on from Jaclyn’s lovely letter above, here we reprint an “official invite” for any Kiwanians and friends to attend the Charter Night for the new Heathcote Kiwanis Club. It’s set down for Thursday, October 10 with a Willy Wonka Chocolate Factory theme (should be fun!). If you’re anywhere near Bendigo mid October, check this one out. Would be well worth attending, given the great fun night that was had by all earlier this year when Bendigo Family Hub Kiwanis Club was chartered.
PETER MANCUSO from North Bellmore, New York, has been installed as Vice-President of Kiwanis International, meaning he will follow Daniel Vigneron and Art Riley into the top job in 2021-22.

A small, active complement of Kiwanians from Australia was on hand to see Peter Mancuso (a New York District Attorney and third year Trustee) win the vote, which these days is handled electronically.

Australia was represented by Governor Bob Sitters and Mary, Yvonne and Peter Zander, Pauline and Tony Gunn, Norm McLennan, plus Ros and Ash Gore.

UPDATE FROM INTERNATIONAL

CHENG LIAN TEH (Malaysia) - Trustee

Kiwanis International is saddened by the loss of Trustee-elect Cheng Lian Teh, 65, who passed away on Thursday June 27. She was elected at this year’s ASPAC Convention in Taiwan (in March) to start a three-year term on KID Board October 1. Teh was a member (past President and Secretary) of the Kiwanis Club of Changkat J on, Perak, Malaysia. A 25-year Kiwanian, she served as President of the Bandaraya Ipoh Club, and as 2012-13 Governor, Lt Governor and Treasurer of Malaysia District. She was a Hixson Fellow and had a Walter Zeller and Tablet of Honour to her name.

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FORWARD INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION DATES

(June 18-20, 2020 - INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana, USA
(June 24-27, 2021 - SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, USA
ASPAC MARCH 5-7, 2020 - KAATHMANDU, NEPAL

RAY LANSFORD (Missouri) - Past International President

Raymond W. Lansford, Kiwanis International 1984-85 President, has passed away on September 9, aged 98. He served as President a decade prior to Australia’s Ian Perdriau AM. Lansford’s theme was “Build Better Lives”, and promoted a program called Uplift Underprivileged Children. “Every underprivileged child deserves the opportunity to explore the world, find their own place in it and fully experience all that life has to offer,” he once wrote.

A Finance Professor at Missouri University, he joined the Columbia, Missouri, Kiwanis Club in October 1959. He advanced from Club President to Lt Governor and then 1974-75 Missouri-Arkansas District Governor. He was elected to the KI Board of Trustees in 1977 and served as a Kiwanis Children’s Fund Trustee (then KI Foundation) from 1982 to 1984.

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HELPING OUT GLOBALLY - IN NEPAL

ASPAC Chair in Nepal

Last month Peter Zander spent several days in Nepal on Kiwanis business and caught up with Uttam Silwal (shown here), this being the third time Peter has met Uttam and on each occasion it’s been in a different location.

Uttam is the recently Distinguished President of the Kiwanis Club of Kantipur, Kathmandu, Nepal and was presented with his Distinguished Club Award by Peter.

It was a historic event for our ASPAC Chair being in that remote part of the world – the occasion was the inaugural District Convention in Kathmandu.

The second photo (lower right) was taken at a Prospect Kiwanis meeting just prior to Peter “Zed” taking off for Nepal. The Club had a substantial amount of clothing (deemed too warm for Aussie climate but perfect for the Himalayas region!) to donate, and as Peter was headed that way, arrangements were made for him to carry some of the clothing for our Kiwanian Nepal network to distribute as deemed appropriate.

HELPING OUT GLOBALLY - IN SOUTH SUDAN

These photos were taken last year at the two Sudanese schools - Waramoth and Mabok, supported by this Kiwanis Club.

For several years, the Kiwanis Club of Prospect has been helping support overseas aid organisation Timpir, whose main focus is providing practical and financial assistance to two schools in South Sudan.

The Kiwanis Club recently handed a cheque for $3600 to Timpir to sponsor two teachers over the next year. The teachers are linked to these schools, where Timpir has been providing primary level education to children since 2004. In 2019 Timpir is supporting 17 teachers to educate almost 1200 students. The areas in which the schools are located are remote and far from Government schools. Some students have to walk two hours each way to attend school. The view of Timpr, which is endorsed by the Kiwanis Club of Prospect, is that only through education can people be given the ability to progress and improve their lives. It’s far better to teach a person how to fish and to make bread than to provide them with loaves and fishes. Kiwanis has been supporting Timpir for the past 12 years - making a tangible difference and helping reinforce our motto - improving the world, one child at a time.

Kiwanis Is Where A Need Is Served
TRAINING/EDUCATION DAY – DIVISIONS 3, 8, 10

The weekend in August before Convention, Adelaide city hosted a combined Divisional Training Day facilitated by Jan Hyde who came over from Shepparton.

Past Governor Jan shared plenty of resources and knowledge with the three dozen Kiwanians, mainly Presidents and Secretaries from many Clubs in Divisions 3, 8 and 10.

Held at the Marion Bowls Club, with a luncheon included (provided through Yvonne and Peter Zander), the six hour session proved immensely worthwhile. These Training Days were regularly held years ago, but as incoming Governor Ashleigh pointed out, there hasn’t been one held in Adelaide for a long time.

There were lots of handouts and possibly the only slight downer was a severe hailstorm which ran through Adelaide during the day, with resulting noise on the tin roof, such that for a while it was hard to hear Jan’s wise words!

Incoming Lt Governor Division 8 Jim Chantry (& Carole) even came over from Perth for this Training Day!

What is District going to Grow Membership?

Thank you to TONY GUNN for this advice

FINANCIAL
All members have been receiving a 4% discount on District dues and a similar discount (rounding down) in International dues
50% Australian dues discount (for family members living in the same household) as well as the above 4%
Young members enjoy two year’s District dues waiver and 50% discounts after that up to age 25
New members enjoy a 50% discount on their first year’s dues
Charter clubs receive free chartering fees and, also, a $50/member donation to their club.

RESOURCES
All members receive via email a copy of the quarterly AUSTRALIAN KIWANIAN magazine
Clubs receive some printed copies of the AK
Printed copies of a brochure (new version has just been printed) that showcases the District Membership Certificates, welcome letter and small gift being posted to all new members.

STRATEGIC PLANNING
Templates and assistance for all clubs to develop a Strategic Plan that enables improved clubs to better improve their community
Training/Educational materials to enable District, Division and Clubs to be better informed about roles and Kiwanis programs
Offer for trainers to visit Divisions and Clubs.
SIGNATURE PROJECT CONTEST WINNERS

From playgrounds and parks to festivals and fundraisers, signature projects are the hallmarks of what Kiwanis clubs are known for in their respective communities. The following three winners were announced at this year’s International Convention in Orlando, Florida, where our Australia District Governor Bob Sitters was able to proudly take the stage to accept our runnerup award. Here’s a list of those top three placed Signature Projects.

GOLD WINNER
Alabama District, Kiwanis Club of Montgomery
Since 1946 the Alabama National Fair has provided fun for all ages, offering events, competitions, exhibits, vendors and rides. The Kiwanis Club of Montgomery organises the Fair every year and has contributed more than US$7.4 million to children in need during its 65-year run.

SILVER WINNER
Australia District, Kiwanis Club of Bendigo
A community assessment in Bendigo revealed poor literacy rates among the community’s children. The Kiwanis Club of Bendigo works to reverse that trend by placing book boxes in places where children visit. Youngsters can read, borrow, swap or even keep the books, having fun while enhancing their reading abilities. The project has been so successful that several other charitable groups have joined the effort.

BRONZE WINNER
Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District, Kiwanis Club of Baton Rouge
The Kiwanis Club of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, doesn’t just do a pancake breakfast - it’s a festival. And for 45 of the Festival’s 69 years, it’s been a place where children perform and show their art. That’s because the club discovered that children benefit from an opportunity to publicly display their talents to a wide audience. The event has evolved into one of the largest and oldest juried talent shows in Louisiana. Additionally, the Kiwanis Club raises nearly $25,000 each year from the Festival for service projects.

(Shown right are Australia District’s trophies!)
The 51st (2019) District Convention late August certainly lived up to its hype as a Grand Event, and condolences go to those who missed out on a real Kiwanis Extravaganza down at Glenelg.

Based at the Grand Hotel, and following the regular Board of Trustees meeting at a nearby Hostelry, the Convention proper kicked off with the Introductory Noggin & Natter in a lovely, cosy church hall, where nibbles and drinks flowed. A welcome came from Holdfast Bay Mayor Amanda Wilson. Lt Gov Div 10 Robert Nitschke earlier had the “honour” of being the first person served at the bar! We greeted overseas Kiwanians who included two prominent Kiwis, along with Vicki and KI President-Elect Art Riley from Westminster, Maryland, USA.

For Friday’s traditional Welcome to Country and start of business sessions, we had the pleasure of hearing from an excellent choir from the local Glenelg Primary School, followed by an inspiring address from the SA Governor Hieu Van Le. Twenty-eight of 43 eligible Kiwanis Clubs were represented at House of Delegates. After the presentation of Reports from Governor, Secretary and Treasurer, there was a vote for Australian Governor-Elect for 2019-20 which ran the way of Roy Seccafien.

Peter Zander read a report from Bryan Williams on the District Charitable Foundation where we heard that funds on hand now total around $120K. Governor Bob showed a video of the top three Signature Projects which gained honours at 2019 Orlando Convention. Awards were presented next.

Sid Curry Trophy - Best Secretary: Gael Thompson, Shepparton
Ralph Doddrell Award for New Member Adds: Adelaide Hills Club (7)
Bill Lees Award - New Club Building: Bendigo
Ian Perdriau Premier Club Award: Bendigo
Kooka Awards: Mooroopna (Carols in the Park); Pacific Pines (Breakfast Club at School); Reynella (Xmas Pageant)
Bulletin Awards: Shepparton Sunrisers 1st, Brisbane runnerup; Most Improved: Rostrevor-Campbelltown
Most Donations to KCF: Reynella Club.

Lunch speaker was Prof Deb White from the medical research team at SAHMRI, who provided an exceptionally interesting talk, after which she and Cath O’Loughlin from Childhood Cancer Association were involved in the presentation of a cheque for $10,000 towards the Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia Research programme, which is now the main focus of Kiwanis 2M.

There were various addresses by Art Riley, Bob Sitters amongst others, preceding the evening’s formal dinner where further presentations were made, to various Board members. After retiring the outgoing Board, Art Riley inducted the 2019-2020 Board, which boasts some new faces such as Gael Thompson and Jim Chantry.

Amongst highlights of Saturday’s interesting activities was the packing of dozens of nice new bags (sewn by a small team headed by Yvonne Zander and Mary Sitters) which were loaded with children’s books. Several AKtion...
Kiwanians were involved in this great event which will see many children’s centres benefitting from colourful reading material. Please see p.10 of this AK for more on the HeartKids speaker and Cheque Presentation.

Read AK back page to gauge some idea of Saturday evening’s terrific Nautical themed fun night, where amongst the highlights were Rostrevor-Campbelltown’s Jones and Wards who delighted everyone with their very clever “Jellyfish” outfits.

Having withstood all that, the survivors landed Sunday morning at Partridge House for the closing ceremony that included tributes to fallen Kiwanians over the past year. Governor Bob officially handed over the “trappings of office” to Ash Gore, after which a hearty brunch (thanks Reynella Club) was served up.

Along with many regulars, it was encouraging to see some “first time Conventioners” taking part, such as Jaclyn Doley and Fiona Campbell-Hicks from Victoria, amongst several others.

The usual fond farewells “until next year” ensued, wrapping up a great Convention, with thanks to Glenelg Club for excellent organisation.
As a social innovation project the Kiwanis Book Shop at Mt Barker, South Australia began as an idea in late 2017. The town with a rapidly expanding population of 20,000 did not have a book shop. The potential for a successful second-hand book shop was obvious - if we had the energy and motivation to make it happen.

There were four main obstacles to overcome before the Kiwanis Book Shop could become a reality: a permanent home, shelving, a supply of books and volunteers to staff the shop. All seemed to be insurmountable at various times, but as the need arose, the solutions appeared. After thousands of hours by volunteers, the Book Shop was formally opened by Mt Barker Mayor Ann Ferguson on March 7, 2018 and during the past 18 months has gone from strength to strength. As one elderly customer put it, "The town now has a soul"! The Book Shop has a roster of around 20 volunteers with half being Kiwanis members and the others, community volunteers attracted to the activities of the Shop.

Because of a negotiated "peppercorn rent" of $1 a week, all income from generated sales except for power, insurance and a few kitchen supplies are returned to our community, particularly targeting children and disadvantaged families. Along with assisting individuals as the need arises, the Kiwanis Book Shop distributes funds to local service providers who support direct service delivery to the community. Since opening, the Book Shop has sold $60,000 of books, CDs and DVDs. Nearly $40,000 has been distributed to families, children and service organisations. Another $15,000 is to be distributed in the last quarter of 2019. Monthly sales currently exceed $4,000. Book prices are $1, $2, $3 and $4 hence monthly sales equates to around 1500 books. With customer numbers increasing all the time, the Kiwanis Book Shop has had a positive social impact on the local community via sales and donations.

Enhancing the Kiwanis Brand

Since opening, the promotion of the Kiwanis Book Shop brand has been consistent and strong through a proactive social marketing strategy. These marketing activities have always included promotion of Kiwanis and the activities of the Adelaide Hills Club. Advertisements and editorials appear regularly in local and community newspapers. Letter drops have been made in the area and flyers and posters distributed throughout Mt Barker and nearby towns. All media releases feature the Kiwanis logo. Two radio interviews have been conducted with the question, "What and who are Kiwanis" always discussed. Social media via Facebook has been important to publicise the activities of the Book Shop and the association with Kiwanis. To advertise the Book Shop’s June long weekend event, six A2 corrugate signs were displayed around the town displaying and promoting Kiwanis. Within the Book Shop, signs featuring the Kiwanis logo, mission and purpose are displayed prominently. Application forms to join the Kiwanis Club are also available.

Top right: Chris and Lorraine helping at the desk. Left: Sue, Ken, Steve and Annie all lending a hand in the office.
Although the Kiwanis Club of the Adelaide Hills has been going for nearly 30 years, the club had a reasonably low profile compared with other service clubs in the area. During the past 18 months that community profile has changed dramatically because of the activities and publicity of the Kiwanis Book Shop.

**Strengthening Memberships and Social Partnerships**

During the past 18 months membership of the Kiwanis Club of the Adelaide Hills has increased by five, all Book Shop volunteers who decided they wanted to be involved in a dynamic service club which was making real difference in the community and its surrounds. The activities of the Book Shop in providing donations has encouraged partnerships with over 20 charity and Not For Profit organisations in the community who provide direct services to children and disadvantaged families. Examples include Foodbank, Backpacks for Kids SA, Kids Arthritis, Young Carers, Cranio-Facial Unit, Scouts, Headspace, Second Chance (families of prisoners), Angels of Hope, The Flying Doctor, Spectrum Connection, The Road Home (Veterans) and many more.

**Significant Impact—Supporting Children, Young People and Others**

The Book Shop has a special children’s room with all books priced at $1 consistent with one of our goals to encourage children’s reading and literacy skills for young people. The Kiwanis club is involved in the Terrific Kids Programme. Kits given to Terrific Kids contain a $5 gift voucher to purchase books at the Book Shop.

Funds from the Book Shop do help individual children on a case by case basis. Examples include special high-tech glasses for a child with a rare eye disease, assistance for children with intellectual disabilities to attend special games meetings, and sponsoring children at risk to participate in Operations Flinders - a long-established wilderness intervention programme conducted in the Flinders Ranges, SA. Donations made to many of the service providers mentioned above directly benefit children.

The Book Shop has trolleys out the front which sell sub-standard books for a gold coin donation placed in a Kiwanis HeartKids tin on the front desk. Since the Book Shop opening, over $1000 has been donated to HeartKids from selling these books.

The Book Shop has encouraged volunteering by teenagers interested in books as “work-place training” and a pathway to future work. Three girls have gained experience in customer service, cataloguing and operation of the cash register. References have been provided.

**In Conclusion**

The opening and continued operation of the Kiwanis Book Shop has been of great benefit to the community while promoting the Kiwanis brand. It has been a boon for disadvantaged children and families while attracting new members to join Kiwanis. The impact of Kiwanis in the Adelaide Hills has been greatly enhanced by this brave initiative.

Kiwanis Book Shop

4 Albert Place, Mt Barker, SA 5251

Kiwanis Club of the Adelaide Hills

2020 Signature Project Entry—Kiwanis Book Shop

**Above:** Two of the Book Shop ‘big wheels’ Charlie Sheldrake (L) and Geoff Johnston [Chas - “of course I’m listening to you Geoff!!”]hmmm...
BROKE, NSW :: June 8, 9

On Queens Birthday weekend (June 8 and 9) at Broke, NSW, Kiwanis East Maitland Club (KEM) were assigned to keep the venue for the Barbecue Competition clean and tidy.

The organisers of this event, Robert and Randi Thraves from Broke had compiled some amazing stall holders selling hot chilli sauces, coffee, Dutch pancakes, and local produce like olives and designer brews plus wines. Also many different types of barbecue cooking ovens and smokers. Not forgetting the large number of serious competitors for the Best Barbecued Meats.

The event ran for 10 hours on Saturday and nine hours on the Sunday. Crowds were already waiting at the gates before official opening time, as the smell of slow-cooked beef, chicken, lamb and gourmet sausages filled the air.

It was a crisp morning on the Saturday, and the crowds arrived ready to sample everything on offer. Sunday’s crowd was huge due to the warm sunny day.

There was live country themed music playing all day and virtually all night. Various singers, bands and performers entertained the crowds.

Good security was provided, and an enjoyable feel to the event. Many young families attended and a designated playground area was set up for the children.

Every hour the competitors would hurry up to the judging tents with their offerings. These were carefully carried and presented by each competitor. It was full-on business.

Newcastle Kiwanian Mary Greenwood joined our East Maitland Club members that were available and we all worked well together. We were kept busy as the bins filled in minutes during the lunch period. The organisers donated meal vouchers, and many of the vendors provided water and coffee, noting how busy we were.

There were only four of us to cover the event, Liz and Gabe, Mary and Maureen. At the end of day shifts Mary and I had a chance to check out the vendors and taste the amazing food. Evening shifts were done by Liz and her fiancé Gabe, who loved the music. It was very rewarding for us volunteers as we took pride in ourselves that none of the bins overflowed. Many people made the effort to thank us and appreciated the clean venue.

I wholeheartedly recommend any Kiwanis event in the Hunter Valley; next time, just go, as you will have a most memorable time.

MAUREEN PETERSON – East Maitland Kiwanis

Footnote: Broke is a village of around 300 people in the Hunter Region in Singleton Shire, around 160 km north of Sydney on the original early colonial road between Sydney and Singleton.
Dear Kiwanis Club Mooroopna

I had the great pleasure of meeting your barbecue squad on the 18th and 19th May at our Clearance sale in Beveridge. I feel so honoured to have met all of you Kiwanians. Your selfless act in raising funds for others, giving up your whole weekends really touched my heart, and I feel I need to explain to you why this has impacted me so much.

In February my family was a victim of a home invasion and an extortion of $25,000. My husband was beaten up and we paid the money simply to protect our family. This was done by a contractor who had carried out some work for us but saw us as an easy target. He was there to rip us off right from the start. You do what you have to, simply to protect your family and this meant letting it go. This caused much trauma in our house which initiated the clearance sale in order for us to leave this house. As a result of this awful episode, I had completely lost trust in strangers, and believed everyone was out to hurt us and our family. That is until this band of Kiwanians turned up at the sale.

What a pleasure you all are and I can only assume the rest of the crew are the same. You put a smile on my face for two days and I continually laughed with you. You act through sheer kindness and give to your community without expecting anything in return. You all know your job and act with precision.

Max – memories of your bacon, egg, onion & sausage sandwiches will stay with me forever. Thank You X

Without realising it you were counselling me all weekend, I did not ever realise that until Monday! You have done more for me than the counsellor I had been seeing since all this happened. Thank You X.

As a community we take for granted all the volunteers that give up their time and energy to help others. I’ve told all my friends to say “Thanks” and support by buying your sausage sizzles, even if you do not like sausages!

I hope this enclosed voucher can be put to use. It is not much but it is my way of expressing how grateful I am for all your hard work and for being genuine lovely people.

I will always remember your kindness and hope that one day I can return it.

Again from the bottom of my heart “THANK YOU”, you cannot imagine how much you have helped me.

With sincere thanks, HEATHER T . . .

(that’s Heather, shown inset above)
AROUND THE CLUBS

Beryl has a worldwide reputation stretching from New York to Dili, having rubbed shoulders with world leaders and colourful community service volunteers. She and husband Ed are now looking forward to a quiet retirement from active service, hoping to see more of their family and gaze at the Sydneyside view from their 22nd level apartment. Kiwanis Sydney, and indeed Kiwanis Australia District, acknowledge and thank Beryl for her wonderful support and work towards helping make the world a better place for children, particularly those from Timor Leste.

In Beryl’s words: “It has given me a lot of personal satisfaction working with the wonderful people at Bunnings Artarmon, through our barbecue fundraisers, to achieve a high level of sponsorship for the children’s projects with which Kiwanis Sydney is involved.

“I joined Kiwanis in 1987, around 32 years ago, and recently resigned as Treasurer for health reasons. I know that in handing over to Angelique, the Sydney Kiwanis Club will continue to be in good hands. Thank you.”

MOOROOPNA NEWS

This Club is now using a giant cheque ‘blank’ (left) for presentations such as (right) to the Australian Cranio-Facial Foundation for A$500. President Tony Nappa and Garry Alexander are shown with Andrea from the Foundation.

ROSEWORTHY-HEWETT “K”

“Keen As” doesn’t half sum up the enthusiasm brought to Kiwanis by Amanda J anetzki, who is now President of Roseworthy-Hewett Club and along with Anthony J anetzki, this pair continue to support interclub events including the recent Glenelg Convention. The item at left appeared in a local paper earlier this year, and is great publicity for Kiwanis.
Above: Mitcham hosted another Terrific Kids ceremony at Sturt St School end of T2. Left: John Lundy presenting HeartKids CEO Tania Potts with a cheque after her guest speaker spot.

More from Melbourne

Long time supporters of Kids Plus Foundation; the Kiwanis Club of Melbourne presented a cheque for new equipment as KPF plan their move from a small terrace house in inner city Geelong to a brand new facility on land at the Deakin University Campus, Waurn Ponds. The building has been funded by Federal Government grants and local philanthropists but new furnishing and equipment requires separate local fund-raising. Construction is well underway and it is hoped all will be ready for a January 2020 opening. Graham Mould who has been working with Kids Plus since its inception ten years ago is shown presenting the Kiwanis cheque for $2000 to Laura Nielsen, one of the therapists at the Centre.

Brisbane Club hierarchy had a fair excuse for missing out on Glenelg Convention. Brisbane President Ruthven Underhill and Past President Jennifer Sorrenson were in fact on honeymoon in UK / Europe and while overseas they were able to attend a Kiwanis meeting, in south France. Well done!

Publicity for Moorabbin Kiwanis at Bunnings

Moorabbin Club in recent times has received permission from Bunnings to display a stand outlining some of what we Kiwanians are about. A great publicity angle!
Kiwanis Geelong has been involved in the renowned Geelong SPC Food Run, these photos being taken in June. Food relief program is now in its 29th year and has involved many organisations including Kiwanis, St Vincent de Paul, St Marys Pantry, Christ Church, United Way, Gateway Church, Nelson Park School, Geelong Addy Adopt A Family. Kiwanis Geelong contribution to this event was an impressive $20,000, with the total value of food handled on this venture around $60,000. The SPC Food Run really cranks up in December when there is a Christmas Hamper run.

Photos here sent by Past Governor Spencer Harding (that's Spencer in black jacket and hat) show food being delivered to Jeff's Shed by Brian Hicks Transport from Cobram.
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 KADCF – Target 2$M.
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

AUSTRALIA DISTRICT FACEBOOK PAGE

A reminder re KAD’s facebook page. If your Club already has a facebook page and has ‘liked’ the Kiwanis Australia District, let me (Val Symons) know what you are 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

AUSTRALIA ONLINE

AUSTRALIA ONLINE is probably the District’s easiest Kiwanis Club for ‘attending’ meetings. Kiwanians who maybe can’t go outside, possibly away travelling around the countryside, or if their regular Kiwanis Club has gone into recess, then this could be for you.

For those Kiwanians who are “Grey Nomading”, this club can enable them to maintain contact while travelling. We welcome any existing Kiwanians who are interested in developing new friendships with fellow members from other parts of the country, and potentially worldwide.

Kiwanis Online meets monthly, on the first Thursday 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 really need a computer, as you can dial in using your phone.
Australia: +61 2 9087 3604  Access Code: 173-825-077

Inquire direct to Club President Norm McLennan at namclennan@bigpond.com (phone 0408 737 580). Or simply log in using the above on the next meeting date. Look forward to “seeing you” at a meeting soon!

The Online Club has decided to implement guest speakers at future meetings. The next meeting coming up is on Thursday October 3, where newly installed Governor Ashleigh Gore will be visiting online, and all Kiwanians are welcome to join in.

MOBILE AFTERNOON - Fundraiser

Kiwanis Clubs of Athelstone & Rostrevor/Campbelltown present

AFTER THE WEDDING  Sunday Nov 3

Chicken & Champagne lunch - Raffles
Regal Theatre, Kensington Rd, Kensington (Adelaide)
Luncheon midday, Movie starts 1pm -  Phone (08) 8281 2917
Tickets ($25): Geoff Edwards - geoffed@adam.com.au
VALE TO 5 KIWANIANS

DR JOHN GOVAN (Adelaide Club)

Dr John George Govan was a past member of Adelaide Kiwanis Club, having joined on March 6, 2001. Despite being rather “busy” with his own practice Dr Govan was able to devote resources not only to Kiwanis but other philanthropic activities, and during his time with Adelaide Kiwanis he actively participated in many projects.

After a GP and professional psychiatric career spanning 57 years, John passed away on July 8, aged 87. He was a dad and father-in-law to Nicky (and Dianne), Doug (and Nikki), Ros (and Tony), J akki, James, Tim (and Marine). He also had six grandchildren.

John’s funeral service was held on July 19 at Burnside Uniting Church, Tusmore, where attendees were asked to wear something bright to reflect an appropriate celebration of this Kensington (South Australia) resident's colourful life.

BRUCE GOWER - Dandenong (and Berwick) Kiwanis Clubs

Stalwart Bruce Gower joined Dandenong Kiwanis Club within its first year of operation, around four and a half decades ago. In late 1979-80 he was elected Club President and it was during this year that Bruce undertook further work at Dandenong Hospital. Part of this was placement of a two-metre long fish tank in the Children’s Ward for which he undertook responsibility for looking after (the tank).

Around 1996, having continued to service the fish tank since his resignation, Bruce visited Berwick Kiwanis Club seeking funds to restock the tank with fish. Berwick Kiwanis Club undertook to fund the tank restocking on the proviso that Bruce rejoin Kiwanis . . . Mr Gower agreed and in 1999/2000 he (again) undertook the position of Kiwanis Club President.

However, ever the perfectionist Bruce became dissatisfied with his performance and tendered his resignation. Which was not accepted. So, for the past 24 years Bruce continued to be a valued member of Berwick Kiwanis.

He provided exceptional service in most projects, and although his health began failing over recent years he continued to provide the monthly servicing of “that fish tank” at the Hospital - surely a unique effort in our District, given that his service covered around 40 years. Amongst the deserved recognition that Bruce Gower received was a Legion of Honour, presented by Lt Gov Div 6 Ian Randall two and a half years ago..

He passed away on Monday August 12, leaving his wife (Lyn) of 30 years and children Ben and Teagan. Berwick Kiwanians are grateful having had the chance to visit Bruce in his latter months in hospital, and to inform him of projected ongoing arrangements to look after “his fish tank” at the Dandenong Hospital.

DENIS MOLYNEUX AM (Adelaide / Burnside Clubs)

Denis Martin Molyneux was born October 1925 in Braunston, Northamptonshire, UK (youngest of three brothers). He grew up in Welwyn, Hertfordshire, being educated at Queen Elizabeth’s School, Barnet and having a stint as a choirboy in the mid-1930s but no-one could envisage how interesting and scholastically inspiring a life lay ahead of this young chap. The teenager left senior college during World War II to undertake Officer training in 1943, during which time he happened to come across the famed Glenn Miller troupe and asked if his group could play alongside this iconic band.

The Glenn Miller band did oblige by playing at Denis’s school graduation ceremony in 1944. Denis moved to Canada until 1948, serving in Ceylon and Singapore with the Armed Services. After serving in the Fleet Air Arm he attended the University of Birmingham and also the University of Newcastle, graduating with a BA and later com-

(Vale for Denis continued on p.29)

BOB ELLIOTT (Athelstone) and TONY KERSHAW (Manningham)

Late advice has been received that a Charter Member of Athelstone Kiwanis, BOB ELLIOTT has just passed away, on September 19. A more comprehensive mention of Bob will appear in the next Australian Kiwanian. And a day later TONY KERSHAW from Manningham has also passed away. There will be more on Tony in the December AK.
KEN SLATTER (Heathcote Kiwanis)

Kenneth Slatter unfortunately has the distinction of being a Charter Kiwanian but not living long enough to see his new Club hold its first official meeting – this is probably an unprecedented occurrence for our District.

Born into a farming family at Boort, Victoria on July 28, 1942, Ken was a valued member of the Rural Financial Counselling Service team where he brought stability and support to countless farming clients. He served as a rural financial counsellor in Victoria for 27 years and never really retired, having a genuine zest for working and helping others.

Ken was the consummate community-minded bloke - in 1983 he was awarded a Life Governorship of Apex (of 200,000 Apexians in Australia, he was one of only 48 to be deemed worthy of this Award). He was forever performing community service and also volunteering for nearly everything going - the many organisations he belonged to included Heathcote Men's Shed. When approached to become an inaugural member of a Kiwanis Club in Heathcote Ken jumped at the chance to join wife Sandra (the Heathcote motivator) in this new venture, signing up officially on June 23rd. Kiwanis was the perfect fit for this bloke. (And vice-versa) . With his financial background Ken was to be mentor for the Heathcote Kiwanis treasurer.

A member of the Heathcote Car Club, he competed in sporting events, having restored and raced classic cars. His many talents included turning a handy hand in the kitchen, baking cakes! He was with wife Sandra for 30 years and between them they had seven children and 17 grandchildren. Although in his seventies, this man could be considered the District's “oldest teenager”, such was his passion for life.

Ken Slatter passed away suddenly at home mid-July – we barely had the chance of getting to know this genial, brand new Kiwanian. To Sandra and the family we extend our heartfelt condolences. Take a breather Ken, for a well deserved rest.

TED KITTO (Shepparton Kiwanis)

Amongst the “better known” Kiwanians in our district, Ted Kitto from Shepparton Club passed away on Monday August 19, just days before our Convention.

Ted joined Kiwanis in November 1989, around three decades ago. He soon became involved in many areas of our organisation’s activities, installed as Club President in 1992-93 and was Lt Governor Division 7 from 1996 to 1998, and from 2008 to 2011. He was instrumental in convincing Kiwanis Australia to adopt HeartKids as their District project, and UK-born (Manchester) Ted took up the post of Shepparton Club’s YCPO/Youth Chair for several years. He was also involved with establishing a K-Kids Club at the Bourchier Street Primary School and helped kick-start several Clubs within Division 7.

Ted was a maths and physics teacher at Shepparton Technical College, followed by a stint at Goulburn Ovens TAFE as an electrical engineering and electronics teacher. As well as Kiwanis, he also had involvement with Scouts, Apex, Meals On Wheels and helped establish a local toy library. Having been HeartKids patron and ambassador, he was approached several times by HK to accept nomination for an award. Ever humble Ted kept declining, but in 2010 eventually agreed. This resulted in him (at age 82) being honoured with the well-deserved Premier’s Award for Victorian Senior of the Year, which he received at Government House. Devoting his retirement years to helping children, the elderly and disadvantaged, Ted is credited with this quote: “We’re all put on this earth to help people. Once you’ve done something for someone, you look at that face and the smiles - that’s the best reward!”

Ted Kitto enjoyed attending Conventions and he will be missed by his many Kiwanis friends. He’s survived by wife Joan, three sons, a daughter plus several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. RIP TK, a true philanthropist.

MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP

Ideal for a Kiwanis Club or family, friends, Club members or business associates to honour a deceased Kiwanian. Club donors receive a “Memorial Fellowship” certificate in honour of the Kiwanian who’s passed on, with an option of presenting this to the family. Other donations of Memorial Gifts in memory of the deceased are most welcome.

Donations: Club donors for Memorial Fellowship - Minimum of A$250.
Other donors of Memorial Gifts - Discretionary amount.

Further details are included in the brochure available online from: kiwanis.org.au/foundation or by email to: kadcf@kiwanis.org.au
**ADELAIDE HILLS AKTION HANOVER**

The 26th Handover meeting of this AKtion Club was held at Auchendarroch House, Mt Barker, on Saturday June 22, with a large turnout that included Governor Bob & Mary, Past Governor Peter Zander OAM, LG8 Ray Wakeling & Helen, LG3 David & Kerry, plus Governor-Elect Ash Gore & Ros, along with many regular members of Adelaide Hills Kiwanis Club.

The Gathering Wave choir set the night off on a good note. Scott was able to hand over the President’s baton to Michael. Evergreen Barton Gawen is continuing as Director of Interclub Activities. There was a slide show during the night of Club events from the past 25 years, (thanks to Ash) and many Aktioneers present were wearing their new Club T-shirts that had been produced in April this year.

**HILLS AKTION HANOVER NIGHT**

Above left: The new AKtion Board is installed. Above right: The handover from outgoing President Scott to incoming President Michael. Left: Governor Bob during his address. Above: Outgoing Board with their Certificates.
Denis Molyneux (Vale, continued)

pleting an MA in history in 1957. This scholastic chap joined the Physical Education Department of Birmingham University in 1958. Denis visited various European countries in Europe in 1960 to further his studies. He has rubbed shoulders with a great number of notable people including Earl Spencer, father of Lady Diana Spencer, while working at the Luton Sports Academy. At one time he also worked with Roger Bannister the famed athlete who was the first to record a sub-4 minute mile. Later Sir Roger was to contract Parkinson’s (like Denis) and died around a year before Denis. In 1976 Denis decided to emigrate, eyeing Australia but preferring either Perth or Adelaide to the huge cities such as London, Sydney or Melbourne.

Settling in Adelaide’s eastern suburbs, he became involved with Kiwanis, joining Burnside and later Adelaide Clubs, being especially keen on helping less fortunate disabled people. He was instrumental in founding Kiwanis Aktion movement in South Australia and maintained regular contact with Clubs such as Adelaide Achievers Aktion until the last couple of years when health issues precluded him attending Kiwanis events. He was a key mover in establishing E-Grade Athletics in Adelaide in 2004 (aged 77), catering for disadvantaged sportspeople. Denis was District Chair for Aktion Clubs for eight years and became a “father figure” to these folk. For services to sport and recreation services for disabled persons he was made a Member of the Order of Australia in 2005. Prior to that, this amazing “cricket tragic” was nominated in 2002 for SA Premier Award for Community Service, and in 2004 for SA Senior Citizen of the Year. His wonderful scholastic ability shone through in 2009 when he graduated from Adelaide Uni with a PhD in his favoured subject - social history. At the age of 84! His thesis became the basis for a published book: “Time For Play”, yet he continued to shun accolades, preferring “not to have a fuss made”.

Ever a philanthropist, Denis bequeathed his body to medical science after passing away on Friday August 16, so in lieu of a funeral, a well-attended Memorial Service was held at his Retirement Village on September 8, with many golfing buddies, Kiwanians and Aktion folk present. His daughters J eanie and Kate sent messages from UK which were read out to the appreciative gathering. To wife (of 43 years) Marjorie we extend our condolences. Marjorie concluded the service poignantly farewelling 93-year-old Denis: “A Life Well Lived and Loved” . . .
AIN'T IT SO . . . !
A wise man once said . . . nothing.
We all thought getting older would take longer.
The one thing you can give and still keep is your word.
So, why do clairvoyants need door bells at their front doors?
What grows down while it grows up. A goose . . .
Kids of today - respect your elders. They graduated from school
without internet or mobile phones.
“I’ve decided I’m not really old. I’m 35 plus shipping and handling.”
Behind every angry woman stands a man who has absolutely no idea
what he did wrong.
Patience: What you have when there are too many witnesses.
SOUP-DE-LOOP: If you boil a funny bone, it becomes a laughing
stock. Now, that’s humerus!
“The trouble with quotes on the internet is that you can never know
if they are genuine.” - Abraham Lincoln

Apparently, on drinking a pint of beer, you can shorten your lifespan by nine years. So according
to my calculations, I died sometime during 1644.

TALL TALE (TAIL)
I was watching our dog chasing its tail, and
thought dogs are easily amused. Then it dawned
I was watching the dog chasing its tail . . .
First rule of house cleaning while listening to
music is . . . the toilet brush is never (ever) the microphone . . . never!
Wouldn’t it be great if we could put ourselves in
the dryer, and come out wrinkle-free.
And two sizes smaller . . .
Closest we come to perfection is when
we fill out a job resume.

Seamus: And how did you go at that
Faith Healer meeting you were going to
last night. I’ve heard he works miracles.
O’Leary: ’Twas a waste of time - I reckon
he’s a sham. Some folk left early. Why,
even a bloke in a wheelchair got up and
walked out on the meeting.

“Selfie” Fail . . .
Apparently, on drinking a pint of beer, you can
shorten your lifespan by nine years. So according
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“My ability to recall most song
lyrics from the 60s far exceeds my
capacity to remember the reason
why I just walked into the kitchen.”

“I tried out a new doctor recently, as my regular
had just retired. The “newbie” did a check over
and told me, “You’re losing your hearing”.
I haven’t heard from him since.

Above: SCENE (seen) IN A BUNNINGS STORE:
“Grandchild? Nah, that’s no grandkid of mine…”

Above: SCENE (seen) IN A BUNNINGS STORE:
”I don’t do drugs. I get the same
effect by standing up fast”

“Your call is important to us.
Please stay on the line until your call
is no longer important to you.”

You can always tell if a Pollie is lying - their lips are moving!
ROSTREVOR-CAMPBELLTOWN

Right: Julie & Stephen Bennett who have been inducted as new members at a ceremony officiated by Past Governor Geoff Holmes. A warm Kiwanis welcome to you both, Julie and Stephen!

PIctured below are some of the Rostrevor-Campbelltown members on the Kiwanis Bus during a recent inter-Club visit to Barossa Club. The outing was a huge success, and thanks are due to Adam Jablonskas (Bus Operators Club) who was driver for the day.

BAROSSA NEWS

Barossa Kiwanis and Barossa Lions held a combined dinner meeting on July 18 with much interaction between the two entities. A trivia quiz was held during the night based on local sites of interest.

Those attending heard reports from the Presidents of both Kiwanis and Lions on recent activities. Since this event, Rob Van der Wijngaart has been installed as the new President for Barossa Kiwanis.

Kiwanians Rob Van der Wijngaart & Tom Stone are shown above flanking John Reed & Rory Ellendon.

The Division 7 Education and Leadership Development Day was held at Mooroopna on July 21. Jan Hyde was facilitator with input from Lt Governor Div 7 Brian Pedretti. Clubs represented were Bendigo, Bendigo Family Hub, Echuca-Moama, Mooroopna, Shepparton, Shep Sunrisers. Apologies came from Cobram-Barooga and Heathcote.

Pictured at right is Glenelg Club President Peter Symons carefully holding the humungous bottle of Red that was the “Early Bird” raffle prize for those registering at Convention by a certain date. Only one winner - and that was District Secretary Steve Hughes, who was so rapt in his good fortune, he initially overlooked just how he and Cathy were going to transport a rather large bottle back to Sydney!
Judy & David Cook, winners Best Couple

Jeff Hudson (winner Best Male) & Robert Gilchrist

Annette & Ken (White Pointers!)

Yvonne Schilling (Best Female)

Carole & Jim Chantry (Amphitrite & Neptune)

The Adams family

Naughty-Cool Fun Night at Convention!!

Sue Kimberley & Brian Emery

Mary, the Rileys, Carma & Barry

Mary & Bob Sitters

Naughty-Cool Fun Night at Convention!!

Ian & Angela

“Cheers” from Betty & Louie

Helen & Ray Wakeling

Bev & Spencer

John & Jan

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