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More on this annual Kiwanis event p.14
Our Kiwanis year started (as usual) on October 1, with Australia District having 44 clubs and a total membership of 802 – at the start of January our membership remains at 802. It's now time for everyone to activate the challenge of Club and Membership Growth that was outlined to Lieutenant Governors at our November Board meeting, when they were asked to involve all Clubs and all members in a process that can change current trends in membership.

Well done to the Barossa and Glenelg Clubs, both with an increase of four new members and I hear that Sydney are set to induct four new Kiwanians as well.

If most of our 40-plus Kiwanis Clubs managed to install an average of four new members per Club, we would be getting close to our target of 1000 members.

It's also pleasing to hear that most Clubs have been developing an I Plan for their Clubs and setting goals, also finding this a beneficial process.

Many thanks to Waverley Kiwanis for stepping up and helping the new Cranbourne Secondary College Key Club (as reported in the last AK). It is pleasing to hear that Kiwanis Clubs have been increasing the number of Terrific Kids Schools and I would encourage members to look for these opportunities to build SLP Clubs.

We have been able to reinvigorate badly needed Member Education and Training for current and incoming Club Officers, and with a further education opportunity at the Division 2 Mini Convention, this means that more than 12% of our members have benefitted from these sessions.

Many thanks to Jan Hyde our Leadership and Development Chair, who is also to be congratulated for her appointment to a position on the Kiwanis International Leadership Advisory Task Force, which certainly is an acknowledgement of her dedicated and hard work in the name of Kiwanis.

In November we applied for an ASPAC District Matching Grant for the purpose of growth, marketing and education within the Australia District. I am pleased to report that we have been allocated an amount of US$3000 which we need to match from the Australia District for Growth in Sydney, Mildura and Adelaide. Reimbursements occur after the granted activities have happened and after itemized receipts have been received.

Some really good news for the District is we have welcomed a very energetic Public Relations Coordinator, Emma Hale who will be helping us with increasing our Public image and exposure. See p.6 for an introduction to Emma, who we warmly welcome on board.

As a result of the devastating wildfires all around Australia, we launched our Kiwanis Bushfire Relief Appeal on January 5 in support of UNICEF Australia, through the Kiwanis Australia District Charitable Foundation. (Thank you to Bryan Williams for his expertise and work in getting the Appeal up and running)

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Above: Governor Ash presents a LoH to Ray Peek.
DEADLINE: Your next Australian Kiwanian is due out in mid-June, so the deadline for items to be submitted is May 31. Thanking you in advance for your contributions.
KIWANIS CHILDREN’S FUND

Thank you to those Kiwanis Clubs that have included donations to the KCF in their I PLAN. The work for KCF is ongoing. I know that many Clubs have been very generous in supporting the Wildfire Relief Fund, but a gentle reminder please, to send your Kiwanis Children’s Funds donations to our District Treasurer Ken as soon as possible.[Suggested amount is $US10 per member].

BETTY D’AMORE, Australia District KCF Support.

Assuming this year’s International Convention goes ahead, our District’s two entries in the Signature Project have been ratified. In Tier 1 we will be represented by Adelaide Hills with their Kiwanis Book Shop, going “gangbusters” since it started. Money raised in the shop funds services for children and adults from underserved communities. The Book Shop entry has made the final ten for judging at K.I. And in Tier 2 (for larger Clubs) Glenelg Club came in with their Australia Day Breakfasts. The Tier 2 final ten has been decided and sadly our District missed out on a (Tier 2) guernsey this time.
The priority with UNICEF is to focus on the recovery and rehabilitation phases particularly in support of children impacted by this disaster. It has been very heartening in the wake of these wildfires, to have received so many messages of support, not only from all around Australia, but also from our Kiwanis family all around the world. The following message was received from Tony Stuart, CEO UNICEF Australia:

“Kiwanis have been an incredible supporter of UNICEF’s work with Children for over 25 years. To learn that their Australian members are coming together to raise funds for our bushfire response work is tremendously gratifying. Every dollar raised will help children and their families affected by the wildfire crisis to return to a normal life as quickly as possible. I would like to thank the Kiwanis clubs across Australia for their continuous support of UNICEF Australia. I also extend my sincere condolences to those members that were directly affected by these devastating events.”

A strategic goal for this year was to encourage Clubs to Support & Promote the Kiwanis Australia District Charitable Foundation (KADCF). Now that we have successfully achieved our Australian targets for the worldwide Eliminate Program, Clubs are being encouraged to make use of the District Recognition awards through the KADCF. It’s pleasing to see Clubs continuing to support HeartKids, the Children First Foundation and the Childhood Cancer Association’s Research into Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia (ALL), which is currently the biggest cause of non-traumatic death of children under 18 years of age.

‘A Year for Action not just Words.’ Have you asked someone to join Kiwanis?

ASHLEIGH GORE
Governor, KAD 2019-2020

(GENUINE) STOP PRESS:  A MESSAGE TO ALL KIWANIS MEMBERS

We are currently living in difficult times with the effects of this Coronavirus and the rapidly changing situation here in Australia. And this is hot on the heels of recovery efforts after horrific wildfires and east coast floods.

Yes, our Kiwanis Club meetings have stopped for now, and most of our projects have been suspended – we have been advised to isolate ourselves and practise social distancing, but as Kiwanians there are and will be real needs out there in our community.

While keeping ourselves physically apart, now is the time to be even more socially connected. Regular contact via all forms of electronic media and post with our Club members, families, friends and neighbours can help the negative effects of isolation, as we are all in this together.

The messages and contacts and offers of support that you make are most important, particularly to those living alone, single mothers with children, and those that have lost their jobs, etc.

Kiwanis Club Board meetings, the Australia District Board Meetings, and Club Elections are able to be held electronically and further details will be made available shortly. Club Secretaries, please ensure you distribute this information to members, re the widely proposed holding of Club AGMs for 2020 via electronically or by telephone. Unusual times call for unusual methods.

We still live in a Lucky Country compared to the rest of the world, and as we negotiate these difficult times we need to be ready to respond as Kiwanians do, by our actions not just words.

Please stay safe and keep in contact with each other.

ASHLEIGH GORE - Governor

Kiwanis Is Where A Need Is Served More than Ever!
AUSTRALIA DISTRICT CONVENTION 2020

Ensure you have August 27-30, 2020 marked in the calendar, as that's the dates planned for the 52nd District Convention.

Adelaide Hills Convention Centre is where it's at, just on the outskirts of Hahndorf, and AHCC can include accommodation, plus will be able to cater for the whole Convention “in-house”. This will be a real “Twenty Twenty Vision” Convention . . . with Adelaide Hills Kiwanis Club as organiser. That Club will have celebrated its 30 Year Anniversary a couple of months before Convention, so they have a rich heritage, with their Charter President being a past Governor, and our current Governor being that Club’s third President!

There has only been one Convention at Hahndorf in the past - organised by Rostrevor-Campbelltown - that was back in 1997. So, let's all jump on board and help make 2020 Convention a resounding success! Registration Forms are on the website.

PLEASE NOTE - Arrangements are proceeding, but with the rapidly changing worldwide situation regarding gatherings of people and other restrictions, it would be wise to keep checking our website for developments.

WELCOME EMMA

EMMA HALE - Kiwanis International Australia District Public Relations Coordinator

Emma has a wealth of experience in community engagement and public relations, drawing on her qualifications in Psychology, Community Development and a Post-Graduate in Communications. She has volunteered extensively in her local community and has joined Kiwanis to assist with increasing the profile of the great work achieved in Australia District. Emma recently joined Glenelg Kiwanis Club in Adelaide, which will help her to engage more “in synch” with what we’re about. Welcome aboard, Emma!

KEEPING IN TOUCH

It's great to hear that sometimes, Kiwanis Clubs that profess to transgress into “recession”, their original members still keep in touch from time to time.

A great example of this is the Kiwanis Club of Flagstaff Hill (South Australia) which kicked off in 1983 and may even have still been operational, but for key members moving out of the area.

Flagstaff Hill Charter President NEIL STAGG (right) was keen on pursuing a get-together of past Kiwanis members, and late last year he decided to try getting in touch with Flaggie Hill personnel he still had contact details of. Amazingly every single past Kiwanian he could connect with, responded positively, and an enjoyable reunion was arranged at the Duck Inn, Coromandel Valley near Adelaide.

Added significance to this Reunion held late last year, is that one of the attendees was BOB SITTERS (above left), immediate Past Governor of our District, and a charter member of F/Hill Kiwanis. In fact Bob only transferred to Glenelg Club after Flagstaff Hill revoked its charter.
PANDEMIC PANDEMONIUM!!

(Editors Commentary)

Kiwanis publications do not usually become involved with opinions on world events, political impropriety, etc but the present almost unprecedented situation (certainly in our lifetime) probably deserves comment. Sadly, Kiwanis is included in the huge number of global organisations adversely affected by this COVID-19 outbreak. An edict has been distributed advising Clubs worldwide to suspend holding meetings for at least a month while the situation is re-assessed. This effectively means curtailing our general business and all sorts of activities like AGMs we would normally undertake. In Australia, when Bunnings issues a decree halting their store barbecues, that sure grabs our attention – “Something big is on the agenda”. Amongst many immediate problems are that these barbecues are likely the main revenue stream for many of our Clubs. Hence no income, there’s a major impact on our ability to distribute funds to worthy causes down the track. Hopefully we will see some sort of resolution before too long. This evolving situation, changing almost hourly, needs constant monitoring.

We cannot for one moment underestimate the catastrophic effects this current Chinese disease is still having on the world economy and virtually every nation’s general wellbeing, especially with accelerating mortality rates. There was a worldwide Pandemic Virus back in 1918 (of avian origin), where about 500 million people (a third of the global population) became infected with that virus. At least 50 million deaths ensued, which is incredibly bad odds. It mainly hit the very young and elderly, but that Virus was notable as it also badly affected 20-40 year olds. In 1968 there was another Pandemic with a death toll of nearly one million worldwide. And yes, the current COVID-19 deadly disaster seems to be threatening our very fabric of life as we know it.

We’ll round out this item by quoting from the Wise Oracle, who reckons that if stockpiling of items is needed during troubled times, households must make a priority list: food items on top, and toilet paper on bottom.....
Georgia Angus has been appointed National Events and Corporate Relations Coordinator, and a meeting was scheduled for mid-February as a catchup for this year’s activities.

HeartKids Teen camp went ahead in January; unfortunately we were unable to attend. I continue to ask for interstate HeartKids news and events, however at present I receive information only from the Victorian/Tasmanian branch. This will be raised again with Georgia.

A Victorian HeartKids event in February that we supported was Jaidyn’s Lunch for the Kids, on Thursday, February 27. Held at The Glasshouse Holden Venue in Melbourne, the cost was $150/head and it’s worth noting that Jaidyn is the Youth Ambassador for HeartKids, from Collingwood AFL. (see opposite)

**HeartKids Happenings**

Not a huge amount of HeartKids activity to report since late last year. A meeting with CEO Rob Lutter on November 7 went ahead and was very positive.

A number of issues were discussed in relation to Kiwanis and HeartKids. In particular branding Kiwanis when we are involved with HeartKids activities. Communication remains open between Rob and his team and myself.

Community radio – Southern FM 88.3FM. I continue to participate in the community radio talkback program with Tim Vine from Moorabbin Club. We promote and discuss all Kiwanis things and I further promote HeartKids in the program.

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**CALLING HEROES, SUPER HEROES!!**

June 19, 2020 is Super Boss Day!

It’s on again! Super human crime fighters around Australia are due to don their superhero costumes - all are dedicated to the cause of fighting the evil of childhood heart disease and protecting the children that it affects.

Super Boss Day is a fun initiative where principals, teachers, day care staff, students, businesses or anyone who’d like to fight crime for a day, dress up for the day to raise funds for HeartKids.

**HEARTKIDS TEENS CAMP 2020**

The National Teen Camp was held on January 15-19 in Grantville, Victoria. Ninety HK teens attended enjoying a range of activities including surfing, mountain bike riding, high ropes course and canoeing. Attendees came from Victoria, WA, Canberra, NSW, QLD and NT.

It could be as simple as a gold coin donation or organising a cake stall. So do put this date in your diary and register your interest with HeartKids Australia. We will be in touch with more information along with everything you need to help promote the day to your community.
February was the “Show Your Heart” major campaign for HeartKids to raise community awareness in the fight against one of the leading causes of infant deaths in this country. This February we have raised just over $200,000!

We are very grateful to everyone for the amazing support in raising funds for HeartKids during a difficult time in Australia’s history, with the wildfires, supporting our wildlife, and now the Coronavirus adding to these challenging times.

People jumped out of planes, baked biscuits, held morning teas and cake stalls, Unplugged for HeartKids, tested trivia knowledge, took part in the Photo Challenge, and so many more activities, all the while raising awareness of CHD.

GOING LOCO – ALLAN LORD DAY

This annual Fun Day is coming up in a month’s time (all being well). Moorabbin Kiwanis Club will be involved with the family sausage sizzle, face painting, and of course the mini steam train rides for all to enjoy.

TWO FEET AND A HEARTBEAT - OCTOBER 19

Keep that date free in Victoria, and bear in mind this event is also held in most other States. Stay tuned to your HeartKids coordinator in your area.

GRANTS-IN-AID DONATION

The Kiwanis donation of $30K to HeartKids for the Grants-in-Aid program continues to support ongoing research this year. Part results of the Award presented to the Doctors at the RCH, Melbourne have been received and are now available. Contact Angela Randall if you would like to see a copy.

JAIDYN STEPHENSON LUNCHEON

On Thursday February 27, The Glasshouse Holden venue hosted this special luncheon where Eddie McGuire was amongst those in attendance.

Jaidyn Stephenson is the HeartKids Ambassador at the Collingwood Football Club, along with being last year’s Rising Star recipient.

An afternoon of entertainment, auctions, presentations and raffles was laid on for the nearly 200 attendees who included Angela and Ian Randall, along with Norm Hutton and Phil Riggio from Brighton Bayside Kiwanis alongside Rob Lutter, HeartKid CEO.
Children First Update

Like all organisations, Children First Foundation has been impacted by the current COVID-19 virus pandemic.

We have several precautions and protocols in place in order to minimise exposure for our children, carers, volunteers and staff. We are asking that unnecessary visitors do not come to the Retreat in Victoria at this time and are also limiting outings to only essential medical appointments.

There will be no working bees until further notice. As soon as our working bees resume I will let you know and we will get a Kiwanis day arranged.

The Retreat however remains a bustling place, as usual, where all our wonderful volunteers continue to work with Manager Deb and her team. There are currently ten children and six guardians in our care.

They come to us at Children First Foundation from six different countries from around the Pacific and Africa. We also have seven children who are in the process of obtaining the required paperwork for arrival.

However, due to the COVID-19 outbreak, we will not be bringing any further children to Australia for the foreseeable future. A further 25 children are in the various stages of review. We are all coming together to support each other at this time. The team from the North Melbourne office, and even our Board members, are driving over to Kilmore to assist with the care requirements if there are unexpected staff or volunteer absences.

As we have sadly had to postpone or cancel all events and activities for the next three to six months, our fundraising will take quite a hit this calendar year. The team will be pooling our collective brain power to produce some innovative alternatives to raise those much-needed funds! We still have so many wonderful stories of kindness, bravery and community to share – what could be a better balm to all this uncertainty and worry than sharing them with others.

JEFF HUDSON CFF Chair

PUBLICITY FOR CHILDREN FIRST FOUNDATION

Last December (on Dec. 21st) the Herald Sun newspaper in Melbourne published an article and photo on the latest success for Children First Foundation. The featured child was Chien Lu, who arrived with another patient during the day when the CFF Kilmore Retreat was held on November 24 (as featured p.13 of the last AK).

An example of the many ways that Kiwanis becomes involved helping out Children First Foundation, is Brighton Club in Adelaide, which purchased a child car seat several months ago to be used by CFF personnel for transporting children around the city when they’re in town for treatment.
Hunter (NSW) volunteer organisations have recently banded together to show the local community they haven't forgotten about the drought, still plaguing NSW and further beyond in Australia.

Early January the Kiwanis Club of Newcastle visited Scone to attend the monthly meeting of the Scone and District Country Women's Association.

The Kiwanis Club of Newcastle presented a cheque for the amount of $3000 to both Scone and Murrurundi CWA branches to be used for drought relief in the Upper Hunter. Lyn Tout received the cheque on behalf of the Scone CWA branch and Jan Hollows represented the Murrurundi Branch of CWA.

These funds will be distributed locally by the two local branches.

Australian Kiwanis clubs continue to support issues locally, nationally and internationally, putting the Country Women’s Association in line with their goals.

The Country Women’s Association belongs to an international organisation called Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW). The Australian CWA branches are backing the support of women and children, with the assistance of Kiwanis, local, nationally and internationally.

During times of natural disaster, such as with the current drought, CWA of NSW has available, grants of $3000 to drought-affected members of our communities. The grants should be applied for as soon as possible for those families who haven’t previously applied.

You’re encouraged to visit the NSW CWA website for details: https://www.cwaofnsw.org.au/droughtaid.html

(L to R): Scone CWA President Lyn Tout, Kiwanis Club of Newcastle President Penny Boorer, Murrurundi CWA representative Jan Hollows and Newcastle Kiwanis Club’s Mary Greenwood.
Early March the Key Clubbers at Banksia Park International High School became involved in a whole-of-school project.

At the school’s Sports Day held at Tea Tree Gully Athletics Centre (a rather casual event!) our young Kiwanians were out in force, helping on the main desk and also running the barbecue lunch. A great effort all round, generating publicity as well.

Kiwanian Brian Emery (circled, in photo to the right) was there helping out. Thanks to Michael Flavel for providing the information.
The inaugural year, 2019, for the K-Kids Club at Gowrie Street Primary School in Shepparton has come to an end.

It was an interesting year in that we have worked through what the club is about, how they operate as a club and what activity or activities can the club do both as a service to the school and to raise funds. The year culminated in a fundraising barbecue at a local shopping centre. The K-Kids spent time planning what they needed for the sausage sizzle, where they would do the shopping, working out a budget and ensuring there were enough K-Kids to run the stall on the day.

The Kiwanis Club of Shepparton loaned their barbecue trailer and along with the teacher and myself, we started the morning with the usual setting up and cooking. The K-Kids had made signs to put around the tables and were prepared to talk about K-Kids.

The K-Kids had worked out who was going to serve, who would take the money and who was going to cook. I commenced the cooking but was soon redundant, apart from advising when to turn the sausages and when to take them off. We started with a small number of trays of sausages and it wasn’t long before we were back into IGA to purchase more sausages and bread. This was repeated on two more occasions.

The K-Kids worked well together and were very soon saying “good morning” to passers-by and selling them a sausage. For those passing by who didn’t want a sausage, they still gave a donation. The shifts overlapped and the youngsters were all having such fun that they didn’t want to finish.

I found the morning a most enjoyable one and it was lovely to see the K-Kids very positively representing their school and, hopefully, learning what volunteering is.

At the completion of Term 4, 15 members said farewell to their primary school days to commence the next phase of their schooling. We have now welcomed new members and are in the process of elections for office-bearers. Here’s hoping for another great year.

GAEL THOMPSON
Kiwanis Adviser to Gowrie Street Primary K-Kids Club
Above: No, not St Trinian’s, but Jan and Mary do look the part!

Below: Jenny during the playoff for the Sunshine Cup while Ken awaits his turn.

Above: Surely not Graham Simpson in the Sin Bin?
Left: Ruthven and Jennifer, somewhere between roll call and recess!

More pix from Mini Convention on p.27

Rae won the raffle of a stuffed wombat. Luckily she wasn’t flying home!
What better way to spend the last weekend in February, than at Tea Gardens NSW for the Division 2 Mini Convention!

This annual Kiwanis “extravaganza” is regularly organised by Gaile and Bryen Smith and for 2020 attendees came from Brisbane, Newcastle, Sydney, East Maitland, Geelong, Melbourne, Adelaide, Beachside Newcastle and Shepparton.

Several Kiwanians arrived by Thursday in time for Friday’s traditional golf game at Bulahdelah* which was won this year by Brisbane. Jeff Hudson from Sydney was quizmaster for the Friday night Quiz Night, where plenty of fun and frolics took place. Steve’s team won first prize, while Ken’s team took the lemon for first at the wrong end!

The majority of Division 2 Clubs were represented at Saturday morning’s business session where reports were read and Mary Greenwood was re-elected as Lt Governor for 2020-21. Past Governor Jan Hyde then convened a worthwhile enlightening education session, with a focus on preparing an iPlan for each Club.

Following the official stuff, there was the traditional disc game with plenty of spirited participation. Steve Hughes was unable to repeat his great form from last year, and for 2020 the Sunshine Cup was won by Rae Pidgeon and Bob Funnell from East Maitland.

Bryan Saunders was on hand to chauffeur the merry gathering to Saturday evening’s Themed Dinner, this year’s highlight featuring “Back To School” where everyone dressed up and got into the swing of things. Even Governor Ash Gore managed to squeeze into a St John’s Grammar outfit which was possibly a size or two on the small side.

As the school students filed into the hall they were greeted by Miss Brown (Jenny Bromilow) with cane and whistle, directing the “youngsters” to line up for their bottles of milk (but laced with something rather strong!). At the tuck shop orders were taken for pies, sausage rolls and pasties, served in brown paper bags.

Of course there was a Naughty Corner where recalcitrant students were banished for whatever “sins” that Miss Brown could think of. Games included tunnel ball, hockey with balloon and match the “about me” sentence to one of the 40 in the hall. Hilarious fun, but what played out in “school” stays in school (no dobbing).

Survivors on Sunday morning were treated to traditional egg and bacon rolls for breakfast, followed by fond farewells and “hope to see you next year”.

*Bulahdelah - an Aboriginal name for meeting place of 2 rivers.
All going well, we hope to bring you a more comprehensive report on 2020 ASPAC from Nepal in the next issue of AK (in June). This year’s Asia Pacific Convention was particularly well attended by Australia District with nearly 20 participants.

Unfortunately the emerging global pandemic issues helped cause most of the Korean and Taiwan delegation to be non-starters, affecting numbers in Kathmandu. This also had an impact when it came to voting for ASPAC Trustee, where our own Tony Gunn finished runnerup to Wilfredo Aguilar from Philippines.

Overall ASPAC was fortunate to have had a successful conclusion, given the COVID-19 outbreak which was just starting to accelerate around that time. In fact several of our Aussie Kiwanians just missed the deadline for returning to these shores, and were obligated to self-isolate on their return to Melbourne, Sydney, Newcastle, or wherever.
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION 2020
The 105th Kiwanis International Convention is due to be held in Indianapolis (the Convention City) on June 17-20.

As at late March, this “sacred” event was still due to be held, despite some fears that the health scare currently turning the world on its head, may impact on Convention. Registrations are still being accepted and the following special announcement is on the International website:

We are paying close attention to the coronavirus outbreak in order to make responsible decisions. We closely monitor the CDC and WHO updates on COVID-19, and as of now, the 2020 Kiwanis International Convention will take place as scheduled. Changes to events or meetings will be made based on future developments. In the event we cancel the 2020 Kiwanis International Convention, the Convention registration fees will be refunded for all attendees.

It can only be hoped that the International Convention does go ahead, because business sessions and agenda items to be voted on, are usually very important. There’s the choosing of Vice-President, and North American and “At Large” Trustees. By-laws would have contingencies covered but these are extraordinary times, with unprecedented measures being taken.

Accordingly we proudly present the profiles of this year’s candidates (five in total), one of whom is due to be International President in 2022-23, following Daniel Vigneron, Art Riley and Peter Mancuso.

BERT WEST
Divide, Colorado
From the Rocky Mountain District, Bert is a third generation Kiwanian married to Sandy with 2 daughters (who are Kiwanians). Belongs to Ute Pass/ Woodland Park Kiwanis and also North East Denver Metro.

CHUCK GUGLIUZZA
Homestead, Florida
Married to Emilia, joined Kiwanis in 2001, a past District Governor. Currently an International Trustee. Chuck met Mother Teresa in NY and was inspired by her words: “If you cannot help 100, just start by helping 1”.

DICK OLMSTEAD
Lancaster, California
Married to Cheryl, 3 children, 7 grandkids. President of the Cal- Nev-Ha Foundation (California - Nevada - Hawaii). An International Trustee with over 39 years of Perfect Attendance to his record.

ERNEST SCHMID
Einode, Austria
Ernest lives in Treffen am Ossiacher See, Austria and has worked at Kiwanis International. Belongs to the Kiwanis Club of Lentia. He subscribes to the philosophy: The key to success is to be allowed to cry but never give up.

TERRY WHITE
Evansville, Indiana
A 66 y.o. trial attorney, married to Zenda, 2 daughters, 2 grandsons. Has 41 years experience in Kiwanis and served in most leadership roles including Club President. He is District elimiNaTe coordinator, with a real passion for Kiwanis.

IT’S ALL ON, IN NEPAL
The latest Kiwanis International magazine has devoted nearly a quarter of its space to featuring KI’s latest District - Nepal, and there are two photos where our own Peter Zander is prominent. Kiwanis began in Nepal five years ago when the Clubs of Lumbini and Kathmandu were formed. The present Governor, Sujan Shreshtha, presides over more than 50 Clubs and over 1000 enthusiastic members.
NEWCASTLE AKTION CLUB has been busy in recent months, one of their activities being an enjoyable Australia Day event at the home of Ken and Annette. There were games in the back yard and a great barbecue with cakes for dessert. The shady trees were welcomed during the afternoon! The five photos below are from Australia Day at No.7.

Just prior to Christmas the AKtion Club was involved in a project of filling buckets with men’s toiletries for distribution as Christmas gifts. Soul Kitchen collected those buckets from the hall and gave them to homeless folk, and those down on their luck (see photo top of page).

ADELAIDE HILLS AKTION CLUB

The Hills Aktionists have been really active lately, their most recent activity being to help with the Clean Up Australia Day on March 1 with Barton Gawen taking part, accompanied by other Adelaide Hills Kiwanians. A Fundraising Barbecue at Woolworths Mount Barker on February 16 raised nearly $125.00. Well done to the Barbecue Crew.

At a recent Club meeting it was decided to donate $150 to the Kiwanis Wildfire Relief Program in support of UNICEF Australia. During that meeting Steven was able to display the medals he won from the Tri-State Games held late last year.

New member Tamara Broughton was inducted and is shown (left) with her Membership Certificate, presented by President Michael.
-around-the-clubs

athelstone

early march, athelstone members were involved out north, helping with litter removal for clean up australia.

shepparton sunrisers

president greg is shown here with bruce davis from shepparton rsl sub-branch, thanking the sunrisers kiwanis for their help during the remembrance day appeal. kiwanis helped towards the overall total around shepparton raised of a$49k. later in the meeting bruce announced he was interested in joining the kiwanis club!

legions of honour

many members in our district are becoming eligible for loh awards. below we see brisbane stalwart dianne dawson & president ruthven underhill - dianne had just received her 25 year legion of honour (she joined january 1995). others shown are peter symons from glenelg and spencer harding from geelong club.

brisbane

geelong

glenelg

three new members!

glenelg kiwanis club’s early february meeting had a triple treat, when three new members were inducted by past governor bob sitsers. amongst the attendees were international trustee tony gunn, governor-elect roy seccaifen and lt gov division 3 david mcnab. above (l to r): glenelg president val symons, john heywood, trevor averay and yvette smith. sponsor for john and trevor was david (he has known these recent retirees for many years through scouting) while yvette did double duty on the night, as speaker (on yoga !). kaye & peter smith (her sponsor) are yvette’s parents, the latter being glenelg’s treasurer. yvette’s husband todd is a usa kiwanian whose father was a member for over 50 years, so that’s really keeping kiwanis in the family!
AROUND THE CLUBS

PACIFIC PINES

PacPines Kiwanians have been helping with breakfasts at the local High School, and have received this nicely worded Thank You.

ROSTREVOR CAMPBELLTOWN

The Club has held its annual Sunday Brunch, this year at the home of Anne and Bruce Ind. Great weather, top turnout and a successful Auction (raising $800) was held, with President Geoff Thomas as auctioneer.

NEWCASTLE KIWANIS

NEWCASTLE KIWANIS again ran their annual Christmas Tree project, on December 14. It was noted the trees weren’t as tall this time, yet were still very attractive, having that lovely pine smell. The Kiwanis Club has its regular clientele, but for 2019 managed to secure several new customers.

SYDNEY

Well done to Sydney Club who recently inducted two new members. Welcome to Katherine Benn and Sajeev Menon, taking the Club’s membership to nearly 20, and potentials Rajni, Ingrid and Mel are set to join soon, bringing the Club past Charter strength!

MOORABBIN

Right: Past Governor Geoff Hergt on the left, takes the reins earlier this year for his stint as President, from Ian Howison.
Reedbeds President Kerry Gannon had a “triple treat” late last year when he was able to choose between three gongs to dong at a Club meeting. (Two of them are “spares” from other Clubs now in recess!)

MOOROOPNA

On Sunday March 9, Ted, Tony N, Max and Arthur from Mooroopna Kiwanis cleaned up rubbish from their Adopt A Roadway section of Echuca Road, near Mooroopna Cemetery. 10 bags of rubbish were gathered, plus two tyres.

NZ SP DISTRICT

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BAROSSA

Barossa Club had an interesting speaker at their March meeting. Christian Frenzel, shown here, is a Master Cathedral stonemason, having done work in Dresden, and is due shortly to assist in the “monumental” job of restoring Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris.

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Barossa President Robert Van Der Wijngaart chairing a recent meeting.

Port Phillip Club’s annual fundraiser involving roses for Valentine’s Day was again a success for 2020.
Margaret Gwendolyn Millard (born December 9, 1933) passed away in Adelaide on March 3 after a lengthy illness, aged 86. Margaret was the wife of Don Millard, a noted member and Past President/Secretary of the (now defunct) Adelaide Club, and was a staunch supporter of the many roles that Don fulfilled during his Kiwanis career.

The large gathering at her funeral service (at Burnside Uniting Church) on Friday 13th March included past Governor Janine Keulen, current Lt Gov Div 3 David McNabb and other Kiwanians who heard how this lovely lady (born Margaret Lange) from a farming background, met and married Don in the 1950s. The couple had three children (Kym, Michael and Julianne) and were blessed with seven grandchildren and five great grandkids.

It was Margaret that actively encouraged Don to take on and embrace the role of Lt Governor Division 3 for 2005-06, and 2006-07. Our sympathies go to Don and the extended Millard family.

Kevin Vincent Hodgson (born 14-1-1937) passed away after an illness on February 18th, aged 83.

A resident of the Brighton area in Adelaide for many years, Kevin rose through the ranks in local service, holding the office of Mayor of City of Marion in the late 1980s, after which he was invited to become a member of the Order of Australia Association for service to the community.

He became involved in Kiwanis through the Bus Operators Club, being a Kiwanis bus driver for many years, and also helping out at Mitcham Club events.

Rest in peace Kevin, a hard-working valued member of the community.

Ian Donald Henderson, aged 75, better known as “Ollie” passed away in his sleep at Calvary Hospital, Wagga Wagga on February 21, after a six month battle with cancer. While he was lately a Wagga resident, “Ollie” was previously from Darwin where he was a member of Casuarina Kiwans Club.

He leaves behind wife Michelle, and was a proud father and father-in-law of Tony and Sandra & Gunter. Also a granddad of two, and we extend our condolences to the family. A celebration of Ollie’s life was held on February 26 at the Rules Club in Wagga Wagga.

Doug was the present Treasurer of Modbury Kiwanis Club and passed away right on publication time for this AK, so we plan to run a full Vale for this valued man in the next Australian Kiwanian.

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

It’s a Way to Say: “We’ll Always Remember...”
Bill's background was in Kerang, Victoria, being educated at Dingwall School and excelling at sport. His early days were occupied on the family farm, for 7 days a week, 52 weeks a year which proved hard yakka. He developed a love of Red Poll cattle and became involved as the youngest judge at the Royal Melbourne Show for that breed.

A youthful Bill Craig became President of the Dingwall Younger Set in the 1950s, arranging dance functions at the Dingwall Hall and it was here he met Heather whom he encouraged to enter a Belle of the Ball contest. She won, thus starting a romance which led to this couple marrying in 1958 in Kerang. Eighteen years later the couple with four children in tow moved to Shepparton where Bill worked at various jobs and even started his own welding business.

His extensive Kiwanis background began in June 1984 when he joined the Kiwanis Club of Shepparton. Bill promptly became involved in such Kiwanis activities as Art Shows and meals on wheels, amongst many others. He rose to the rank of President in 1990-1991. Meantime his movement up the ranks of Kiwanis began in 1992 when he was elected Lt Governor for Division 7.

After two decades in Shepparton the Craigs entered the caravan park business, moving between Healesville and Nowra. Meantime Bill was still involved in Kiwanis and was asked to be District Governor in 1999. Maybe a lack of confidence and experience in that field led him to delaying saying “yes” until 2001. In fact it was Heather and Bill attending the 2001 Florida International Convention that provided the spark to take on the job. So, District Governor 2001-2002 led to Bill being elevated to “Distinguished” by Kiwanis International for his exceptional work as Governor. Overall, the Craigs had an impressive record at International Conventions, having attended from 1997 to 2000, then 2006-07, with their “last hurrah” being in Indianapolis 2015 to help celebrate 100 years of Kiwanis.

Ever on the move, Heather and Bill Craig moved to Bannockburn mid 2005 where he continued his association with Kiwanis, joining Geelong Club on May 12, 2006. He transferred to Melbourne Kiwanis where he was Club Secretary from 2010 to 2017, his service in that office only being broken in 2013-2014. One of Bill’s most recent “claims to fame” was when he joined Graham Mould and Spencer Harding as one of the “3 Musketeers” organising the 2018 Mildura Convention. His other notable records include District Secretary 2008-09, being a Tablet of Honour Recipient, George F Hixson Fellowship, Walter Zeller Fellowship and also a well deserved Legion of Honour (35 years).

Bill Craig, we salute you. Sincere condolences to Heather plus Christopher (& Sue), Grant (& J ill), Andrea (& Michael), plus twins Cameron (& Sharon) and Peter (& Vanessa), along with four grandchildren. The District will miss you!

That’s Heather, pictured above left . . . .
(A memorial service photo appears overleaf, on p.24)
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

GET ONLINE WITH 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!

BILL CRAIG’S MEMORIAL SERVICE

Thanks to Tim Vine for this photo snapped after the Memorial Service for Past Governor William Craig. Shown here are most (but not all) of the Kiwanians present. Great to see several Past Governors attending including Geoff Hill from 2006-07. While most of those present were from Victoria, it was inspiring that Libby and Brian Emery travelled from Adelaide for the celebration of Bill’s life. Apologies included Ian Perdriau AM, who had an important medical commitment, plus others still in transit from ASPAC.
KIWANIS ASIA-PACIFIC (ASPAC)

Some Kiwanians in our District may not be fully aware of what this ASPAC really is, apart from being a big organisation that holds a big Convention on our side of the big globe annually, early March.

As the name implies, ASPAC stands for a shortened version of Asia Pacific, and is highly regarded by K.I. as a real growth area. The annual ASPAC Conventions are usually attended by the top brass from Kiwanis International including CEO Stan Soderstrom and the International President (currently Daniel Vigneron).

ASPAC comprises 18 separate Districts and nations, listed here in alpha order (data is from the ASPAC 2019 Convention booklet in Taipei, hence Nepal is still listed as “Provisional”):

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As mentioned on p.27 of this AK, the Board of Trustees had the pleasure of meeting a candidate for Trustee elections to be held at ASPAC in Nepal. This candidate (ultimately successful) was Buheita Fujiwara (known as “Fuji”). He first joined Kiwanis in 1988 with the Tokyo Club and was President in 2013-14. A past Lt Governor and Governor (2016-17) of Japan District, Buheita is the current President of Kiwanis Japan Foundation. He has an extensive career background including being Japanese Ambassador to Bulgaria 1992-95. Earlier he graduated in Law and has a Master of Arts in Admin Sciences from Yale University, USA. Buheita has followed the Kiwanis footsteps in similar style to Tadao Oda, who also ventured to Australia a decade ago, before becoming a K.I. Trustee.

One of the Best from the West recognised

Garnet Ray Peek from Perth is one of the District’s most senior members. This Past Governor was recognised late last year when Governor Ash Gore went to the west to confer a Legion of Honour on Ray, marking his 50 years in our organisation.
PHOTO EXPRESS - Sandwich board outside a photo processing store was happy to proclaim: “We can shoot your wife. And we can frame your mother-in-law. If you want, we could hang them too!”

I just stepped on a cornflake. Crunch time. Now I’m a cereal killer!!

If the woman is always right, and a man is always wrong - then if a man tells a woman that she is indeed right, is the man right or wrong...?

The real trouble with health foods is, the price makes you sick.

The best time to miss a train is at a level crossing.

My therapist says I have an obsession with vengeance. We’ll see about that!!

Money talks. But all mine ever says is “goodbye”!

We exercise to exorcise the extra size!

Coffee filters can be used as toilet paper if you’re getting low. But it does change the taste of the coffee.

We all remember the good old days when one could smoke in pubs. For now, we can’t even drink (or eat) in them . . .

Wife says I have two faults – I don’t listen. And something else.

WORST JOB OF THE YEAR

Driving the “Corona Bug” around Beijing

ODOURLESS PERFUMES ARE NON-SCENTS.

PARANOID HAS REACHED A SILLY STAGE. I JUST SNEEZED IN FRONT OF MY LAPTOP AND THE ANTI-VIRUS STARTED A SCAN ALL ON ITS OWN.

A busy night at Stone Henge, as workers move all the stones forward one hour...

A WISE DOCTOR DID WRITE:

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DRIVING THE “CORONA BUG” AROUND BEIJING

WE EXERCISE TO EXORCISE THE EXTRA SIZE!

WE USED TO COUGH TO COVER UP A FART. NOW, WE'RE TENDING TO FART TO COVER A COUGH!

OXYMORON: SOCIAL DISTANCING.

AGE IS A VERY HIGH PRICE TO PAY FOR MATURITY.

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PARANOID HAS REACHED A SILLY STAGE. I JUST SNEEZED IN FRONT OF MY LAPTOP AND THE ANTI-VIRUS STARTED A SCAN ALL ON ITS OWN.

MY NEW YEAR’S RESOLUTION IS TO STOP PUTTING MY FOOT IN MY MOUTH ALL THE TIME... I’LL PUT YOURS IS LOSING WEIGHT. HUH2?

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Introducing the new “ROADING EDITION”

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We used to cough to cover up a fart. Now, we’re tending to fart to cover a cough!
FEBRUARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Plenty of Kiwanis business was transacted at the first BOT meeting for 2020. We welcomed Buheita Fujiwara, President Japan Foundation & Trustee candidate at the upcoming ASPAC. He slotted in well! Most of these photos were taken during the Saturday evening social at Ros and Governor Ash’s place in Hahndorf. John Dowe even left a family function to become chief chef at the barbecue (thanks John)!

John Dowe in action
It’s not often a Kiwanian becomes a nonagenarian (turning 90). So, we’re making rather a “splash” for PETER O’KEEFE, after this popular, witty and completely humble (“I didn’t ask for any of this!”) bloke celebrated his milestone birthday mid-January.

The official Birthday function was held on January 12th and pictured above are some of the Kiwanians present including Past Governor Geoff Holmes (& Elizabeth) plus Gary & Joan Tye from Peter’s present Club of Rostrevor-Campbelltown. Representing Peter’s former Kiwanis Club (Adelaide) was Lt Gov Div 3 David McNabb. Peter’s four daughters and son were on hand for the official ceremonials, and Karen O’Keefe delighted the sizeable gathering with a wonderful rendition of that renowned Cat Stevens number - Morning Has Broken - one of Peter’s favourites.

An Italian Twist on Fundraising

A long-serving and very reliable member of the Kiwanis Club of Gawler came of age (90 years) which he considers is 40, as “you forget the first half century”.

Joe invited all the members and partners to a luncheon at Modbury some 30 km away on February 21. Giuseppe LaStarza, or Joe as he is better known, stipulated that he would supply the Oriental and Australian meal, tea and coffee and “no gifts please but instead a donation to Gawler Kiwanis would be appreciated”. Something of a twist in fundraising!

That’s the young birthday lad seated in front surrounded by fellow Kiwanians. Thanks to LG10 Phil Schmaal for supplying this item.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO JOE!

From left: John, George, Bruce, Kath, JOE, Julie, Margaret, Monica, Maureen and Charlie.

Peter is the last remaining active Kiwanian who was a Charter member of Adelaide Club, formed back in 1969. Quite a claim to fame.

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