CONVENTION EDITION

We salute Toronto International and Australia District in Adelaide

INSIDE: Full reports on Adelaide and Toronto Conventions
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Julie and I appreciate all the hours of work that members throughout Australia have put in to “improve the world one child at a time”, and I thank Julie for all time and energy she has put into Kiwanis and in supporting me in the past year as Governor of Australia District. Kids need Kiwanis, and for that very reason, we must double our efforts to grow new clubs. More clubs = more effect. Last year at this time I outlined what I thought we needed to do as a Board this year. The first thing was to achieve a complete Board with representation from all the Divisions. This has been achieved. Also, we have worked on succession planning so that positions on the Board are filled for the future and there is adequate training for various positions. This training is an important Strategic Goal and is part of The I-Plan, which will see us well into the future. Another goal to achieve was to improve gender balance on the Board, and this has changed for the better, where we have at least three female members. We should aim to increase this immediately. I totally support Jan Hyde as a nominee for Governor-Elect and welcome Deb Cowley as Lieutenant Governor Div. 1.

Thanks to John Bromilow, who stood in as acting Div.1 L.G. when I asked him - a generous effort indeed. Thanks John from across Australia. There has been a huge amount of action taken to the betterment of KAD. I feel much is achieved when we communicate well. We have appointed a P.R. person in Cassandra Tregus. This will help us discuss our actions in open and honest conversations and further develop our Strategic Planning. We have a need to support each club, as we have four or five clubs under duress. Nearby Clubs should be aware of what they can do and planning for this should be long term-actions of support.

Thanks again to Tony Gunn and Ken Archer, who have worked tirelessly. Tony will make an excellent Governor this coming year.

It has certainly been a busy time this year - it has flown past. We also hope to have a nomination for The ASPAC Board, as a trustee to be voted on at Australia District’s National Convention. So, it is pleasing to report that KAD is increasing its influence in ASPAC with Peter Zander (Vice-Chair) and Norm McLennan (Secretary) taking up positions on that Board.

Some of my time has been spent on travel to Taiwan for ASPAC and to Toronto, Canada, for The International Convention. I have travelled to all mainland States to support clubs. I will finish my year by supporting fellow Governor, Megan Allen, in attending her Convention in New Zealand in early September.

For me, the most exciting thing that I attended was the Charter Meeting of Pacific Pines on the Gold Coast - a brilliant new Club.

Communication is a key issue, which we must improve on enabling us to have a clear picture of our clubs. We have some Clubs in poor condition, low in numbers and possibly closing. We are proud of the fact that in Australia, our clubs are very independent, but we must all help each other out whenever we can by positive support.

Val Symons has taken over coordinating our Facebook page and this allows for very positive communications between clubs. Well done, Val.

We must all have important conversations about where we can start new clubs. I would like to see all clubs talking more about new clubs in their Divisions. Div.3 should be, for instance, a strong area for possible new clubs. Kiwanis has a great track record here and so we have a head start. I repeat “Kids need Kiwanis”. Kiwanis needs more clubs so let us all communicate our ideas about how we can help to start new clubs.

Recently I visited a Key Club at Banksia Park International High School and found the organisation, set up by Tea Tree Gully Kiwanis, operating (continued, p.6)
Welcome to the “final” Australian Kiwanian issue for the 2015/16 year. A bumper edition awaits you, with reports from International in Toronto, along with Peter Zander’s comprehensive coverage of his Kiwanis journey to Malaysia. Not forgetting last month’s District Convention held in Adelaide. That was a great effort, especially when you consider the organising Club has only been going for around four years!

Many thanks to incoming Governor Tony for an enlightening report on International Convention which appears on p.20. And a big thank-you to Jim Chantry and Bill Skully for the photos accompanying this report.

What a District Convention! Those who couldn’t make it, especially anyone from South Australia - their loss, as they missed out on a top opportunity to gain more knowledge on Kiwanis operations, along with just the best chance for networking and socialising. Memo to future Convention organisers – do continue to encourage the display of Club banners, because while they can be awkward to cart around, the sight of so many colourful banners on show at the 2016 event really helped set the scene.

A full transcript of last month’s Board of Trustees minutes will be sent out by District Secretary to all Clubs very soon, outlining business transacted and relevant changes as they affect our Australia Clubs. Suffice to say we were enriched having an International Trustee the calibre of Dewey Smith in attendance at both the BOT meeting and our whole Convention. A day after Adelaide’s event he was jetting off to the Philippines on Kiwanis business.

Another recent branding suggestion from K.I. involves the universally accepted K roundel logo which supersedes the birdcage or global K logo that’s been used for several decades. The latest change is rotating the K roundel 5 degrees, as on the front page of this AK (in case you hadn’t noticed!) J ust a subtle difference, and no, the graphic designers haven’t been clumsy and overlooked straightening up the logo. J ust so you know.

Our next edition of AK is due out in December, so please ensure you send in any contributions by late November.

In closing, a late genuine Stop Press - we offer West Lakes-Grange Club President Brian Mason (and Carole) our best wishes and hope Brian is recovering. Get well soon Brian.

Until next time,

DAVID

AUSTRALIA DISTRICT 2015-2016

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The worldwide eliMiNaTe programme

In the "final countdown", as we continue our Kiwanis journey in partnership with UNICEF to eliminate Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus, there remains just 19 nations considered still as "work in progress". Meanwhile, the following update from K.I. has arrived late July, showing the world's Top Five Kiwanis Districts - with the highest per member averages. Great to see our Australia District figures prominently. Keep up the good work, and let's see if we can help out Waverley Club with their ambitious pledge. “All hands on deck!”

WESTERN CANADA     US$933.27
JAPAN       US$733.81
AUSTRALIA   US$634.49
MALAYSIA    US$621.61
NEW JERSEY  US$573.28

The latest updated DONOR LEGACY BOOK was distributed at District Convention, with encouraging signed messages from President Sue Petrisin and International Foundation President Mark Rabout, listing all the current eliMiNaTe donors. These books make compelling reading, even if only to see how Australia stacks up alongside other key worldwide Districts.

Just before we reprint below Australia District’s entries from the book, it's worth mentioning the listed entries for Reached or Surpassed Fundraising Goals (Top Five) -

WESTERN CANADA  142%
SWITZERLAND- LIECHTENSTEIN  131%
JAPAN       115%
NETHERLANDS  110%
AUSTRALIA    106%

Also interesting to note listed amongst the Lead Gift Donors (US$100+) are Drue and Randy DeLay, while the Major Gift Donors ($US$55,000 - $99,000) include Dr John Button (International President 2015), and Rosemary & Tom DeJulio, Sue Petrisin plus Misty & Stan Soderstrom.

A genuine “Well Done” to all concerned in the comprehensive listing of so many generous donors and benefactors towards this eliMiNaTe project. It's really has been a total effort showing how Kiwanians worldwide can combine, pooling resources, achieving such a phenomenal result. Good going Kiwanians!!

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MODEL CLUBS: Adelaide, Athelstone, Brisbane, Deniliquin, Manningham, East Maitland, Geelong, Glenelg, Karrinyup, Moorabbin, Newcastle, Palmerston & Rural, Reedbeds
SILVER CLUBS: Brighton (SA), Barossa
BRONZE CLUBS: Australia Online, Gawler, Prospect, Warrnambool, Shepparton Sunrisers, Reynella
*100K Club
ALAN INNES FORRESTER  26-4-1925 - 31-8-2016

Ninety-one. A fair innings. But that barely sums up the life of dedicated Kiwanian ALAN FORRESTER who passed away in Royal Adelaide Hospital a few days after our 2016 Convention had finished. Alan was a member of Adelaide Kiwanis right up until that Club went into recess and had been a Kiwanian for over 20 years.

Born in Irymple near Mildura, this man unwittingly had quite a military background, as he was born around Anzac Day, and his initials are the same as Australian Imperial Force. He met a Sydney lass (Betty) and they married in 1969, moving to Adelaide with work commitments. Betty pre-deceased Alan, passing away in August 2007.

Alan’s Kiwanis journey began after the couple shifted to Adelaide, seeking to join a service club and choosing Kiwanis where he served with Adelaide Club on the Board in various capacities. A generous philanthropist, he could always be relied on to help out at any Kiwanis activity and was “most rapt” when he gained a Walter Zeller Award from Adelaide Club in September 2014.

A generous turnout of around 10 former Adelaide Club Kiwanians helped swell the numbers at Alan’s funeral, which was held Friday, September 16.

While on Vales, it’s worth following up on the item about Ken Foggo in our last AK. Ken passed away last year and was named as a posthumous recipient of an Australia Day Award in June this year. The Presentation Ceremony was held at SA's Government House on Tuesday August 30th. Ken’s brother Ian attended to receive the Award on Ken’s behalf, and was accompanied by another past Kiwanian, Fred Wilson OAM.

STEWART RUSSELL  3-3-1927 – 19-8-2016

STEWART RUSSELL was a foundation member of the Kiwanis Club of Shepparton Sunrisers and also inaugural President in 1987, then aged 60. A coffee shop owned by Stewart became this new Club’s regular meeting venue. He doodled a cartoon sketch of a smiling sun peeking over the horizon which became the basis for that Club’s logo.

In 1996 he was awarded Life Membership and in 2012 had a George F. Hixson Fellowship bestowed on him. When Stewart turned 75 he tendered his resignation from Kiwanis telling people “I’m too old”, but was talked out of that decision, remaining an active Sunriser until his passing mid August. We extend our sympathy to wife Betty and family.

KIWANIS AUSTRALIA DISTRICT FACEBOOK PAGE

For all Kiwanis Clubs in our Australia District

Hullo again from the Editor of Australia District facebook page. I’m continuing in my quest to post information about our Clubs, as well as any photos of your Kiwanis Club in action. If your Club already has a facebook page and has “liked” the Kiwanis Australia District, please let us know what you’re up to. If you haven’t “liked” our page yet, please do so.

To those of you who don’t have a facebook presence, no worries, you can send me any articles, photos and interesting items about your Club by emailing it to this address and I can post it on your behalf. Please keep sending in your Club’s articles to: valery001@live.com.au

Facebook is definitely a wonderful way for not only other Kiwanis members to see what we are doing these days, but anybody who may be interested in joining will be happy to see that we are a vibrant group of Service Club members who want to improve the world one child and one community at a time.

Many thanks, (VAL SYMONS, Glenelg Club - Publicity) Ph: (08) 7220 6407 Mobile 0411 676 764
Entries now being encouraged for 2017 Awards

Further on in AK is a report from District Convention, including winners of the various awards that are distributed each year.

In a bid to have more entries in the mix for judging for 2016 - 2017, we are outlining here a few salient points to possibly help persuade Secretaries or Editors to submit their Club bulletins for consideration.

For the 2015-2016 year, there weren’t a huge number of Kiwanis Clubs who did submit their magazines regularly – and in fact it almost seems many Clubs aren’t sending in publications to Ken Archer for posting on the District website, because over the past year there were just four Clubs regularly represented via the internet: Glenelg, Brisbane, Moorabbin and Rostrevor-Campbeltown. There may be good reasons for that, such as privacy concerns, but if we want to have Kiwanis as a well-kept secret, one of the best ways is not to share Club publications.

There were some very good examples of magazines that did make their way past the AK Editor’s Inbox including Barossa, Mooroopna, Melbourne, Glenelg, RosCam, Brisbane, East Maitland and Moorabbin. The Mooroopna Kourier deserves a special mention for its regularity (nothing like being regular!). This Club in Division 7 puts out a 4-pager almost on a fortnightly basis which would really help keep their members informed on what’s happening in their Club.

Returning to District Awards for the year just finished, there were two “runnerup” or Most Improved Awards handed out, because it was too hard to separate Brisbane and Glenelg Clubs. The Brisbane Review had a slightly irregular publishing cycle but was always one to keenly anticipate, with its 20-30 pages each issue combined with a well spaced out layout and heaps of photos. The “Review” also included articles on Kiwanis outside Queensland on a fairly regular basis.

Glenelg’s Gumtree Gossip – another magazine with an attractive layout, alternating between bi-monthly and quarterly publication cycle. The reports and photos of Glenelg Club events really made one wish you’d been able to attend! Varied between 10 to 18 pages and a credit to all concerned.

Winner of the Best Magazine Award for this year has gone to Moorabbin Club. Several factors helped make this decision a bit easier, such as extremely regular output (11 issues p.a.), combined with an easy to read layout, plenty of pix, and by far the best selection of Kiwanis articles and items from other Clubs around Australia. Moorabbin excelled at “sharing the brand”, which we reckon is an admirable trait.

So in conclusion, for those Clubs not represented in the lists above, do please send in your newsletters, we would love to hear from you!

Footnote: There was another regular publication that was of a particularly high standard, but it wasn’t really eligible, due to this not being an individual Club bulletin. This was the Division 7 Newsletter published by Lt Governor Div 7 J an Hyde. It’s on the website if you want to see what we’re talking about.
**Australia District Rising Sun Honour award now available**

The availability of the long-awaited new Australia District Rising Sun Honour award was announced at the annual Convention in Adelaide last month.

This prestigious personal award ideally recognises exceptional services to Kiwanis and/or the community by:

- any Kiwanis member (whether at Club, Australia District or international levels)
- non-Kiwanis individuals, corporations, businesses or community leaders
- overseas based Kiwanis Districts, Clubs or individual members

It must be bestowed upon the recipient by another person or others such as:

Kiwanis Australia District, Kiwanis Clubs or individual members (on behalf of other recipients)

Non-Kiwanis individuals, corporations, businesses or community leaders

Recipients will receive an engraved crystal award and accompanying Award Certificate.

The Rising Sun Honour award requires a donation of $750

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**Other Australia District Recognition Programs**

Currently there are two other Recognition Programs available that allow us to express our appreciation to individuals who have supported the Kiwanis family in many ways, probably over many years. These are:

**For Kiwanis Clubs or members to show appreciation to businesses or non-Kiwanis individuals for their one-off or ongoing support of Kiwanis activities.**

Recipients receive a personalised certificate as a thank you and recognition for their support. However it does not provide any entitlement to the benefits of membership of Kiwanis International.

Each Foundation Fellowship requires a donation of $200.

**This is a Way to Say, ‘We’ll Always Remember xxxxx’ a deceased Kiwanian. The Memorial Fellowship can be used by a Kiwanis Club, families and friends, Club members or businesses and associates by making a donation to the Kiwanis Australia Foundation. A minimum donation of $250 is required from a Club donor while discretionary donations are received from others.**

Club donors will receive a Memorial Fellowship certificate in honour of the deceased Kiwanian with the option of either presenting this to the family or using for display in any way it chooses.

All donations by individuals, corporates or businesses for any of these three Australia District Recognition Programs are tax deductible. These donations will provide a lasting legacy supporting Kiwanis Australia District programs as investment earnings will be used for future grant-making purposes.

For more information or nomination form for any of these three programs please download a copy of the relevant brochure from the Australia District website or email the Foundation Secretary at kadcf@kiwanis.org.au

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**Foundation Development Advisory Group**

Convention delegates participated in a workshop that focused attention on the use of the Kiwanis Australia Foundation for ‘Enhancement of awareness of the Kiwanis brand in Australia’. The workshop supported a new District initiative to form a Foundation Development Advisory Group to review how best to enhancement the awareness based on existing and potential future District and Foundation strategies.

This Advisory Group is due to be chaired by John Bromilow with the support of both District and Foundation representatives. One of their initial tasks will be to prepare a work program it intends to follow to identify and recommend suitable future additional community service and fundraising programs that will assist ‘Enhancement of awareness of the Kiwanis brand in Australia’.

Early days yet, but work has begun!
ROSTREVOR-CAMPBELLTOWN

Rostrevor-Campbelltown can justify its claim to be the nation’s biggest Kiwanis Club when they can pull well over 100 people to a Quiz Night earlier this year. The successful fundraiser earned nearly $2500.

PROSPECT KIWANIS

Governor Bill Skully was able to attend a recent breakfast meeting of Prospect Kiwanis Club where the sizeable gathering heard from members of Roma Mitchell Key Club (sponsored by Prospect) of their recent activities.

Prospect Club deserve plenty of kudos for their representation at the recent District Convention in Adelaide. For a small Club, they had around 85% of their membership participating at Convention which is a very good “strike rate”.

Interestingly, Prospect Club holds breakfast meetings (like Sunrisers) and is holding their Handover function late September, in the evening (like Sunrisers). Henry Kutek will be incoming President.

MITCHAM KIWANIS

Mitcham Kiwanis have again secured the rights to a very lucrative fundraising venture that nets nearly $20K for less than a fortnight’s work! This involves carpark duties at the Royal Adelaide Show and with fees next year likely to rise from $15 to $20, the income could even improve! Shown here (L to R) are John and Renee Lundy (Mitcham) and Rodney Thompson (Reedbeds Kiwanis Club).

On yer bike! Kiwanian David O’Louglín often arrives at the Prospect Kiwanis meetings on his trusty treadly, setting a good example. This green guy is prominent in local Governing Body affairs and is currently Mayor of Prospect City. Thanks to Karen Teague for the photo.
Glenelg Club is holding its annual major Fundraiser on Friday October 28th. A COCKTAIL PARTY - AUCTION NIGHT with the theme: 1920s Gatsby or Roaring Twenties. Venue: Glenelg Function Centre $50/head inc. drink on arrival. Finger foods. Auction inc. Silent Auction. Wine Raffles. Band: Groove Brothers & Soul Sister. All welcome, dress up (1920s) and put the fun into FUNdraising!

Kiwanis Club of Shepparton Sunrisers celebrated their 700th meeting mid September with a night event at Shepparton RSL, coinciding with their Handover night, where John Hyde (right) was installed as President. David J ones is Immed. Past Pres. This breakfast Club has seven Primary schools in their Terrific Kids programme - Congupna PS, Grahamvale, Kialla Central, Kialla West, Orvale, Shepparton East and Waaia-Yalca South. The Sunrisers have recently helped Ardmona Primary School with a sizeable donation towards the school camp to Queenscliff. Well done to this Kiwanis Club! Next year Sunrisers will celebrate their 30th anniversary, after chartering in October 1987 with 26 members - past Governor Geoff Hill was one of those early members. The Sunrisers first meeting was actually held on August 6, 1987. Charter President Stewart Russell doodled a sketch when the Club was being formed, of a sun peeping over the horizon, and from that basic cartoon evolved the current logo (shown above). Sadly Stewart passed away mid-August.

FROM MOORABBIN
Following the passing of Past Governor ALLAN LORD in May, his fellow Moorabbin Club members organised a framed photo of the last Club meeting attended by Allan (the day before he died). This photo was signed and presented to Joan Lord, shown here with this nice memento.
A recent regulation Reedbeds Club meeting had a special feel to it. Two past Governors (in Peter Zander and Chris Cole - from NZ) were present, along with two (yes, two) prospective new members. It was great to again welcome Helen and Chris Cole of Christchurch to attend a Reedbeds meeting. Chris is shown here (left) with Reedbeds Club President Kerry Gannon.

AROUND THE CLUBS

Last month Reynella Club held a special function to mark its 1000th meeting. Local Mayor Lorraine Rosenberg was present along with two current Lt Governors and reps from Glenelg and Reedbeds. There were two speakers from HeartKids who gave a most interesting presentation.

BAROSSA CLUB recently held a Trivia / Quiz Night and the winning table featured Phil, Robert, Glen, Dean, Bob and Aub. Robert Nitschke is the outgoing President while Dean Hoklas is now President for the 2016/17 year.

Newly installed District Secretary Peter Zander OAM travelled to Malaysia in July to help with the 2016 Club Officer Education Program, part of their Leadership Conference (below). Read Peter’s comprehensive report of that interesting event in this AK (page 18).

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SHEPPARTON TERRIFIC KIDS  Kiwanian GAEL THOMPSON (standing at the back) presented awards at St Luke’s Catholic Primary School end of last term. This is one of five schools that Shepparton Kiwanis Club has Terrific Kids programs with.

BAREFOOT BOWLS! Brisbane Kiwanians Kyle Lobo and Sue Quinert organised a social Barefoot Bowls event early September with a great turnout of Kiwanis members who partook of bowls games and a barbecue tea. This was mainly a social occasion but surplus funds including raffle proceeds will be used to support community services. That’s new member Sue Quinert and new President Jennifer Sorrenson (above right), while Graham Simpson (above left) washes down the dust during an assessment of his bowling prowess.

McLennan Kiwanis Club of Mooroopna a couple of months ago held its final meeting and shown above is the cover from a publication they distributed when they went into recess. It’s a well put together montage showing various Kiwanian identities over the 22 years of the Club’s operation. One easily identified chap is past Governor (and namesake!) Norm McLennan.

At a recent Brisbane Club meeting, the speaker was Bob Walker, Community Engagement Officer for Office of Fair Trading. He provided those Kiwanians present with tips on scams and how to avoid them. This is a hot topic, as scams and rogue emails have become more common these days. That’s Bob (above left) with past President Pat McKinney after Bob’s presentation.

BAREFOOT BOWLS!

Garry Alexander and Betty D’Amore shown here during Friday night’s dinner at 2016 Adelaide Convention. Garry is the incoming President of Mooroopna Club.
Following last year’s short format District Convention in Melbourne, organisers for 2016 decided on reverting to the more traditional three-day format for the 48th Convention.

Based at the Sage Hotel in central Adelaide, there was a good turnout with the usual suspects along with several first-timers. The organising Club was Roseworthy-Hewett which was a grand effort for a Kiwanis Club that’s only been around for four years. Robert Gambell and his crew has a full, ambitious program in store but as it happened, the whole weekend ran smoothly and was most enjoyable.

Our international visitor this year was Trustee Dewey Smith from Albany, Georgia, who really fitted in well for his first visit to this vast country (Dewey couldn’t believe how much longer it took to drive from Melbourne than what the map showed!). Read a bit more on our friend Dewey on page 24 of AK.

A welcome move was encouraging Club and Division banners to be displayed, after several years of their absence. Thursday’s activities kicked off with the usual Board of Trustees meeting which Dewey was invited to attend. That evening a Welcome/cocktail reception was held with plenty of finger food and fellowship. Host Club President Rose Muirhead was a speaker, along with Mr Gambell, and then we heard from Dewey who provided some great anecdotes on his Kiwanis journey so far.

Friday morning kicked off just after 9 with another Welcome, from MP Tony Piccolo who also spoke at the Charter night for Roseworthy Hewett back in 2012. He was happy to acknowledge there are two Kiwanis Clubs in his area.

We then heard from a really inspirational speaker, Lea Sander and her Kalahari Experience. Since 2007 she’s made 16 trips to this famed African desert (near Botswana), which involves a 10 hour bus trip from Johannesburg. Lea told how the only benefits available to African locals are an aged pension and a child allowance for each baby. Hence most girls provide for their greater families by adding to the population. She helped oversee setting up of a container as a bakery to provide employment opportunities. This cost $25,000 to organise.

There were a couple of Business Sessions interspersed with speakers such as Bill Skully with his Governor’s report and Ken Archer presenting the Financial report. Our District has just under 50 Clubs, around 950 members and a healthy bank balance. Bryan Williams then provided a Charitable Foundation report. We noted that the previous Charitable Trust lasted until 2013 when it was rebadged. District Secretary Tony Gunn showed a video presentation of the “Strategic Plan for Kiwanis in Australia”. This encompasses the I-Plan – Inspiration, Impact, Image, Investment.

Election of Officers followed. Governor-Designate is Tony Gunn who was wearing a “handprint” tie, part of President Jane Erickson’s “Energise the Dream” mantra. Governor-Elect was next, and this honour goes to Jan Hyde from Shepparton. She told how stalwart Stewart Russell had apparently invited Jan to join Kiwanis. Sadly he passed away just prior to this Convention. In her acceptance speech Jan an told how (as a teacher) her Year 12 class presented her with a giftwrapped box which contained a redback spider. Meaning Jan is like that spider: “small but deadly”!! Jan was “worked over” by Past Governors Mould, Craig, Kimberley and Zander, so she had “no chance to turn down the Governorship”. This was compounded by having a Gunn and Archer also encouraging her!

District Secretary will be Peter Zander, while Ken Archer continues as Treasurer. There was to have been an election between John Bermilow and Peter Kimberley for ASPAC Region International Trustee but as John had to withdraw on doctors orders, this left Peter as Australia’s candidate. Peter Zander remains as ASPAC Vice-Chair.

After lunch Steve Hughes provided an eliMiNaTe update. At the start of our cooperative with

Pictured are:

Brisbane’s Bev Lancaster picking up Gold Coast’s Kooka Award from Janine.

Lady in Red: Lea Sander

Trish & Ian Perdriau OAM (Past International President)
48th AUSTRALIA DISTRICT CONVENTION continued

UNICEF, there were 39 nations with this disease but that number has now dropped to 19. Thirty of our 48 Clubs made pledges, but some of the remaining Clubs have made independent donations – and 25 of the 30 Clubs have met their pledges. A pledge breakdown shows we have 1 Diamond, 2 Platinum, 7 Gold, 12 Model, 2 Silver and 6 Bronze Clubs. Worldwide we’re into the fulfilment phase, with many months to go before we need to finalise fulfilling our pledges.

Awards came .
next: Bill Lees Trophy for new club building Brisbane
Sid Curry Memorial for best Secretary Jeff Kaye, Reynella Club - Division 8
Ralph Doddrell Trophy (new member adds) Rostrevor-Campbelltown (eight)
Ian Perdriau Award for Best Club Brisbane
Kooka Award Pacific Pines, Gold Coast
Magazine Award - Best Overall Moorabbin
Runnerup (two awarded) Brisbane and Glenelg
HeartKids patches were distributed to several Clubs to acknowledge their fundraising.

Friday evening’s formal dress-up dinner had three excellent speakers and it was most fascinating to see the security measures including an Aide de Campe assigned to the SA Governor. Adelaide Lord Mayor Martin Haese opened the batting, his address included a tribute to Prospect Mayor David O’Loughlin who is also a Kiwanian.

His Excellency Hieu van Le, SA Governor was next to talk, admitting this was the first time he’d addressed a conclave of Kiwanians. Briefly backgrounding his own life journey since leaving Vietnam for Australia as a refugee fleeing camp existence, the Governor was lavish in his praise for service club members who give up so much to help others.

Above: Life Member Lundys
Left: Sami G accepts a HeartKids cheque from Ken. Above: Friday night’s top table was a very impressive lineup. Below: The new Board of Trustees for 2016/2017 Kiwanis year after being “sworn in” later on Friday night.
We then had Tony Gunn surprise two Mitcham Club members, Renee & John Lundy who were conferred with Life Memberships from K.I. Their reaction confirmed, it was definitely a surprise, but well deserved.

Following mains, the third high quality speaker was introduced by Governor Bill - this was SA Police Commissioner Grant Stevens who is also a Kiwanian. He spoke at length on policing in general and SA modern policing methods. Well worth listening to.

Saturday morning we were back at the Sage, ready to hear a Key Club presentation featuring two immediate past Presidents, Saneen Shazad and Ben Northcott (see p.23). Then a compelling talk came from Ms Samantha Glastonbury who is a “HeartKid Mum” and is now on the Board for SA/NT HeartKids.

After two healthy children, Sami was told of an issue with her third pregnancy and at 21 weeks needed to decide whether to go full-term. She did, and Francis was born nearly two years ago with a heart defect, needing surgery in Melbourne and frequent interstate trips. Sami has run in the City-Bay fun run for fundraising and has given up her job to be a full-time HeartKid mum. She “appeared” on a radio programme (see p.25 for details).

Another great address by Dewey Smith was followed by a livewire presentation by Ms Efi Tabuena Taylor, a Lt Governor from Manila who is a real dynamo. Her Club in the Philippines has twinned with Roseworthy-Hewett and various advantages of this arrangement were outlined. There was also a handover ceremony of Twin T-Shirts.

By Saturday evening we were all gearing up for a big Fun Night of socialising, and as always the costumes helped make the show. Deb from Darwin arrived to do a presentation promoting next year’s Convention in Darwin - August 24 to 26 - where the slogan is “50 hours to celebrate 50 years” of Kiwanis in Australia.

Raffle prizes were drawn with Geoff Holmes winning a wine hamper and Sue Kimberley taking out second prize. The Main Raffle was won by Glenelg’s Phil Rogers (see p.24). An Auction was followed by a hilarious presentation of Gidday Gidday by the Aussie team who wowed ‘em at ASPAC earlier this year.

After the Paris Lottery was officially conducted, the socialising continued for a while, but many were mindful that the following morning’s chapel service would be starting, with tributes to Kiwanians and associates who have passed away over the preceding 12 months. The service was followed by a Farewell Brunch, rounding out a most enjoyable and worthwhile Convention. See you in Darwin!!

(PS Thank you to the Sage for looking after us Kiwanians so well)
CONVENTION SATURDAY FUN NIGHT!!
PARIS HERE WE COME! The District Lottery (for those Kiwanians who had introduced at least one new member during the past year) has been run and won, after the winner’s name was drawn during the 2016 District Convention. The lucky winner, scoring a $5000 package towards flying over and attending International Convention (their first) in Paris, is SUZIE JAMES from ECHUCA-MOAMA Club (she sponsored Ms Julie Mansfield). Suzie’s “other half” Terry is immediate past President (and also a keen Sydney Swans fan, so he’s very happy). Well done to both the James who between them introduced more than half of Division 7’s new members in 2015-2016!

K ids need Kiwanis
Kiwanian recognised by Rotary Foundation of Rotary International

Past President of Kiwanis Club of Brisbane, Mal Lancaster is well known around his local suburb because he is involved with so many different community organisations.

Mal can often be found cooking sausages, riding a camel in the nativity scene at the local Christmas Carols, working with the local RSL veterans, or rolling up his sleeves to help those in need in the local community.

So it came as no surprise when he was made a “Paul Harris Fellow” for his dedication to humanitarian work by the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International.

Mal received the honour after attending a meeting of the Rotary Club of J indalee.

“The Club President, Mr Nicholas Netto asked me if I would be a guest speaker regarding the work I do as a member of the Kiwanis Club of Brisbane, and after I finished my talk they presented me with the Award,” he said.

“It’s very humbling to be singled out to received this Award.”

Mal has been working with many other Kiwanis members to raise funds for local and national charities as well as humanitarian projects around the world.

One of the biggest projects for all Kiwanians is raising US$110 million for UNICEF to fund the Eliminate Project, a program that will eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus, a deadly disease that kills many thousands of babies and women annually.

J indalee Rotary President Nicholas Netto shown left, with Mal Lancaster after the Kiwanian was awarded Rotary’s highest honour.

Definitely worth sharing these newspaper clippings about two of our leading Kiwanians - great publicity & a fitting tribute to the contribution this pair makes

WORLD WELCOMES JAN’S LEADERSHIP

By Hayden Thomson

Shepparton’s Jan Hyde will be the Governor of Kiwanis Australia from 2018.

“Last week in Adelaide I was inducted and accepted the role of Governor-Elect, meaning I will spend a year training to become the Governor,” Mrs Hyde said.

“I’ll be travelling around the world as a representative of Australia at international events in a figurehead role.”

As part of her new role, Mrs Hyde will visit clubs nationally, be the guest speaker at events, organise the national newsletter (really? Welcome back to your old role! - Ed) and chair the national Board.

“I’m very honoured to be asked to take on the role and to be the only female on a Board of 13 men is exciting.”

The service club, which has the motto “Serving the Children of the World” is a global organisation of volunteers dedicated to improving the world, one child and one community at a time.

“It was a very agonising decision because it’s a two to three year commitment and it is basically an unpaid full-time job,” she said. “To be the second female Governor ever for Kiwanis Australia was something I couldn’t knock back and I’ll be able to meet a lot of people from around the world in the role.”

Mrs Hyde will spend a week in Indianapolis this year training and will then jet off to South Korea in March for an Asia-Pacific Conference.

“The role will have its peaks and troughs time commitment-wise, but I think my teaching background, communication skills and organisation will hold me in good stead.

“The family has always come first but they will have to do without me for a little while.”

The above newspaper article appeared in the Shepparton News on September 7 – it’s a terrific piece of publicity for Kiwanis and also Jan in her new role. The young journalist did get a couple of items not quite right however, including the paragraph about Jan being the only female on the Board. Of course, in this new Kiwanis year Jan will be joined by Annette Holmes, Deb Cownley and Cassandra Treagus.
In my role as Vice-Chairman ASPAC that commences on October 1, one of my responsibilities is to assist the non-districted nations, of which ASPAC has many. Malaysia District sent an open invitation to the incoming Presidents and Secretaries of each of the Clubs in Pakistan, Indonesia, Singapore, Hong Kong, Cambodia, Nepal, India and Thailand. Financial assistance was provided from Kiwanis International to cover some of the costs for these representatives to attend this Malaysian District’s Club Officer Education weekend. Pakistan, Nepal, Indonesia and Singapore sent representatives along from their Clubs. Sri Lanka was also invited, with part costs covered by Australia District, and Fiji with part costs being covered by the NZ/South Pacific District. Unfortunately due to lengthy visa application times there were no reps from Sri Lanka or Fiji.

Malaysia being a smaller geographical country is able to get all their Clubs together in one venue to hold their Club Education Program over one weekend. Malaysia has 46 Clubs with approximately 1650 members. In truth there are currently around 40 clubs active with a membership of about 1100. Pro rata, this is on par with Australia with 45 clubs and about 920 members.

Day 1 – 15th July

Flying in from Melbourne to Kuala Lumpur I was picked up mid-morning from KL International Airport by Teng Eng Too (TET), who was Governor of Australia. The training weekend was being held in Melaka so TET drove me there as he was a participant as well. On the way we visited a Down Syndrome Centre, run by the Kiwanis Club of Melaka. Kiwanis Malaysia has several of these centres around the country. Teresa (a member of the Melaka Club), met us there and showed me how the Centre operated and introduced me to the teachers and several of the children and their parents benefiting from the facility. Children are enrolled as babies and stay until they are about 6 years old, benefitting from a modified curriculum that assists the children to learn through games, activities and repetition. This prepares the children to enter the public school system where the education progresses at a more rapid pace.

We then travelled onto the hotel where the weekend’s activities were being held. Here I caught up with several colleagues I had met over the last few years attending ASPAC Conferences. We went for a quick drive around Melaka, later meeting up with some local Kiwanians. Back to the hotel I met one of the representatives from Nepal (Laxman) and a representative from Singapore (Damian). TET and I were shown some of the local sights by Teresa.

A welcome dinner was organised at the Portuguese sector of Melaka and many of the early arrivals had dinner together.

Day 2 – 16th July

An early start allowed greeting other Malaysian Kiwanians I had met previously, everyone assembling in the hotel ballroom for Malaysian treats and coffee before moving in where tables were set up for each of the Divisions and a table for the international guests. After introductions of the key presenters including myself, an ice-breaker activity was conducted. This was called people bingo. Everyone had the same sheet of paper with descriptions of various Kiwanians that they had to meet and obtain their signature. Of course there was an item for a Kiwanis from Australia, so theoretically I got to meet everyone in the room. One item next to this was A Kiwanian that did not like spicy food, which everyone thought would be me, but they were all disappointed, as I love spicy food.
A welcome from the incoming Governor for Malaysia (Vincent Ho) started the morning session off, with myself being up first, giving an introduction on the I-Plan. This was followed after lunch with more detailed sessions on each of the four items under the I-Plan (Inspiration, Impact, Image and Investment). Prior to lunch though, we had a breakout session for Presidents and another for Secretaries and Treasurers, which is the one I attended. This was interesting as Malaysia has some unique requirements for all NGOs to be registered and much of it is centered on Club By-laws. In Malaysia they are attempting to do as Australia is trying to do by creating a one-document-fits-all-clubs, so each club can use a template and just fill in anything unique to their own club.

At the conclusion of activities on Day 2 everyone boarded a couple of buses to be taken to a restaurant to enjoy an evening together. I was well looked after by my colleagues who ensured we had a great repast (think Japanese whisky) with good conversation.

Day 3
Quick start, straight into the ballroom for the final session of the weekend. Much of this time was centered on the specific requirements for Malaysia and a plan to rebuild their District. Like Australia a few years ago the Malaysia District is having difficulties reconciling their membership records with those maintained at Kiwanis International Headquarters. As I mentioned previously their membership is 1650, but realistically it is around 1100. The recent increase in International dues has had a big impact in Malaysia, compounded by their movement from Tier 3 to Tier 1, which has almost doubled the cost of their International dues.

Time was spent advertising their coming Convention as well as the KIF, with one of their own members Hwang Chia Sing becoming K.I.F. President from October 1. At the conclusion of the formalities we enjoyed a farewell lunch and donned Malaysian District tops for a group photograph.

I was then driven back to Kuala Lumpur with Lee Kuan Yong and Hwang Chia Sing. Many in Australia would know Lee Kuan Yong as he was our District Counselor a few years ago and came to the District Convention held at West Lakes in 2013. Kuan Yong takes over as Chairman of ASPAC from October 1, and Norm McLennan will be ASPAC Secretary. We had a number of items to discuss in preparation for 2016/2017 year as there is a high expectation of strong growth in the Asia Pacific Region. Nepal for example has three clubs to charter later this year, with more in the pipeline. Several of their members hopefully attended our Convention in Adelaide this year. There will also be a strong focus on growing Kiwanis in India.

On arrival at Lee Kuan Yong’s apartment a typical monsoonal downpour occurred. This was an interesting sight to behold from his 18th floor balcony.
International Conventions. What are they? A whirlwind of meeting new friends, reacquainting with old friends, learning all that is new in Kiwanis, refreshing what one should know, and being thoroughly entertained.

Part of my “duty” as Governor-Elect was flying to Toronto to attend the International Convention and celebrate 100 years of Kiwanis in Canada. The Convention facilities also hosted concurrent CKI and Aktion Club Conventions.

After two days overcoming jet lag by walking away my weariness I moved from a hotel close to the airport (late night arrival) to the Convention hotel. The work part of the week started on Wednesday with our ASPAC Board Meeting, attended both by President Sue Petrisin and Pres-elect Jane Erickson. From there to registration, catching up with the Formula and meeting people and partners at the World Showcase. This was the Convention hub, general meeting place and site of the opening welcome reception. That evening I joined with a bunch of District Secretaries, if bunch is the right collective noun, for dinner. I soon realised there that many District Secretaries are both recurring and also Past Governors.

Thursday is the official Workshop Day, with a choice of 39, some repeating. These were concurrent in three time slots, so it was impossible to attend all. That’s where a group plan is required. My morning was pre-planned as I had a meeting with Pres-elect Jane with specific instructions to bring my spouse and wear a suit. The former was not possible as Pauline declined the invitation to attend Convention due to self-inflicted household issues. (“Minor” things like selling the family house! - Ed).

Later I attended a Workshop that was a panel discussion with JClS and Sister Cities to learn how these partners could be engaged in Australia. Thursday’s main event was the first of the “must attend” events, the Opening Session. Entertainment showcased Canada’s young musical talent, a product from their District Signature Project of bringing music to schools. President Sue opened with supporting remarks from Key Club International President Rip Livingston and CKI President Rachelle Ricklefs. These addresses reinforced the great work that Kiwanis does in bringing young leaders to the forefront of the public stage. Our keynote speaker was Astronaut Colonel Chris Hadfield which was worth the cost of the airfare in itself. Being an astronaut is no walk in the park with intensive training before that walk in space.

Friday was the Business Session – reports, voting on amendments and elections. Poly Lat from the Philippines was elected Vice-President after a close battle with three other nominees, Randy Delay, Patti Barsotti and Elizabeth Tezza (the latter having contested last year’s elections). After this all important business we helped mark 100 Years of Kiwanis in Canada with a birthday celebration in a nearby park. It was a hot day and coincidentally there was a micro-brewer next door offering samples of his product. All I can say is that I was not the only Kiwanian to ‘hop’ into that establishment. Both sessions also showcased Canada’s young musical talent.

It was here in the park that one little episode reaffirmed all that is good about Kiwanis and international friendships. There were a group of Japanese members lazing on the grass enjoying the sun, when one caught sight of me, jumped up, rushed over, shook my hand and reached into his pocket for an envelope containing a photograph of he and me posing together outside the Convention centre in the Philippines.
taken at ASPAC 18 months ago. I do not know how well travelled that cherished photograph was, but it was finally delivered into my hands.

Friday evening for me was the Governor-Elect’s dinner shared with Jane’s home District, Nebraska-Iowa. Jane made us sing for our supper, her daughters spoke about her, after which the boys from Iceland/Netherlands/Norway gave us some lessons in how to party.

Saturday morning was more work, with a workshop / panel discussion on inclusiveness in Kiwanis, covering politics, race, religion, male only clubs, and the gay community. I was unable to finish the workshop as I had a conflicting meeting, but the discussion was excellent, highlighting that we have a long way to go before we can say that, as an organisation, we are inclusive. We need to start at the basic Club level and address our enshrined practices, eg invocations, prayers, national anthems, etc that may be insulting to minorities. My conflicting workshop was to meet our Board Counsellor, Dewey Smith, who had been assigned to attend our Convention and act as my mentor in my year as Governor. The meeting was two-sided as Dewey was keen to learn what to expect at our Convention.

The Closing Session was staged on Saturday afternoon. This was marred/enhanced when the power failed during the energetic rendition of the Can Can to publicise 2017 Paris Convention. The dancers were very professional, finishing their routine without hesitation. Or music. From there we had Jane and various members of her family walking on stage at one minute intervals, reassuring us it would be fixed in one minute. Eventually the problem was sorted and we were able to continue with Jane’s “President Designate’s Remarks”. She was introduced by her grandchildren (“glittles”) and her daughters before outlining her journey through Kiwanis with emphasis on the four pillars of our I Plan: Inspiration, Impact, Image and Investment. Wow, talk about Inspiration. The closing entertainment was Choir!Choir!Choir! who had us all standing and singing Sweet Caroline to waltz us out of the Convention Hall.

I didn’t attend the gala concert & some other dinners, mainly too much to do, so little time. A Convention tradition was maintained though, with ‘Australia House’ opening late each evening to analyze the events of the day and toast our new and old friends with Aussie Red. Good to see some things don’t change!
On Sunday July 17, Adelaide Achievers Aktion Club enjoyed a full day’s outing where they took the Kiwanis Bus (right), heading south past the desalination plant, checking out loads of almond blossoms (out in force, after a very wet winter) and seeing Carrackalinga’s huge buddha statue. Lunch was at Fresh Choice, followed by a top session of ten pin bowling at Cross Road Bowls. Many thanks to all the helpers who in attendance including Past Governors John Rowell and Janine Keulen.

The Club’s 22nd Handover night was held on September 20th and amongst the 36 in attendance was Mister Aktion Club, Denis Molyneux AM. John Hutton has now handed over the Presidency to two Club stalwarts. Co-Presidents are now Andrew Spencer and Peggy Wood. A fairly new member Bronwyn Sauer is keen – she also belongs to Busy Beavers Aktion Club.

On Wednesday September 21, South Coast Aktion Club held its Handover meeting, chaired by Ray Wakeling from Reynella Club, with District Secretary Peter Zander OAM, and Lt Gov Division 3 amongst the big attendance. There were also four members of Brighton Busy Beavers Aktion Club there.

President Kimberley handed the gavel to incoming President Sparky. Barry (formerly of Gully Go Getters Aktion) has now swapped his Secretarial role for that of Treasurer, while Kerry Anne is the new Secretary.

Bruce Ind from Rostrevor-Campbelltown Kiwanis brought along his dog Wallace for a great talk (see page 9 for details).
During Convention we heard from 18y.o. Ben Northcott, who was in Banksia Park Key Club for five years (4 as President). He’s now Australia’s youngest McDonald’s manager as he prepares for uni study, and reflects fondly on his journey with Kiwanis.

The school principal Lyndall Bain was praised for his full support of Key Club, along with Michael Flavell who never turned down requests for assistance.

Originally Ben was the only male in the Key Club but more lads came on board later. He is really keen on the way fellow students can help give back to the community, eg after the Sampson Flat fire, the Club members helped out in both practical and fundraising ways.

A young lady from Roma Mitchell Key Club, Saneen Shazad, then spoke – she was charter President of that Club (since graduated), and amongst other activities has fundraised for eMInaTe, sold Easter eggs and helped run a free Breakfast Club for fellow students. Year 12 studies naturally had to take some priority, but Saneen persevered and remained keen on the Key Club concept right up to her graduation.

BRIGHTON H.S. KEY CLUB UPDATE: Money cans were delivered to the Club by the Lt Gov Div 8 (Bob Sitters). They are to be used in T3 as a “Change for Change” program. 67 cans have been distributed and the Home group that raises the most by term’s end will have a pizza lunch provided by the Key Club.

MOON LANTERN FESTIVAL CANNED - Bad weather forced cancellation of this Festival set down for September 13, where Glenelg Kiwanis Club was set to assist the Brighton Key Club as a fundraiser and awareness campaign.
BEST WISHES TO JOHN BROMILOW

Past Governor John Bromilow was a late withdrawal from Convention after being advised against travelling whilst undergoing treatment for an illness diagnosed a couple of months ago. John (right) who has the distinction of being the only Governor in our District to serve two terms, has had an initial operation in Melbourne with further treatment scheduled. We send our best wishes to “John Brom”, Jenny, Jody, Tracy and families during these trying times and we’re confident JB will get on top of this, especially given his stoic attitude and trademark comment: “**S****h**t happens!” Hang tough John....we’re with you.

Glenelg Club’s PHIL ROGERS (who also happens to double duty as our Coventioneer Auctioneer) wasn’t upset when his ticket was drawn as winner of the main Convention Raffle - shown here with his prize of a stunning wine cabinet that included 50 bottles of red. Nice! Second prize of a Picnic Run for Two in a classic Riley car was won by (gee whiz) past President of Roseworthy-Hewett, ROBERT GAMBELL. Third prize of a valuable painting by May Grigg went to KEN ARCHER. May Grigg (MG) was the first student taken on by Sir Hans Heysen in his early days and she went on to win many awards. Some of her works are displayed in the Art Gallery of SA. This painting was donated by the Peters family.

Following Phil’s stunning Raffle win, he had an extra spring in his step whilst later conducting the Auction to benefit eliMiNaTe, with items including signed fram ed guernseys from two AFL clubs – Port Power and the Adelaide Crows.

HOW DEWEY YOU DO?!!

Those fortunate folk that took part in this year’s Adelaide District Convention would have been lucky enough to meet our International Counsellor from USA’s deep south - Mr Dewey Smith of Georgia. On his first trip this side of the Pacific, Dewey fitted in real fine and provided us colonials with a genuine mix of mirth, mateship and information, all wrapped up with a dose of that unmistakable southern drawl (“Y’all remember now!!”).

So how did this beaut bloke become known as “Dewey”... .Well his real name is Louis, soon shortened to Louie. Visiting friends of his parents used to ask, how is “Huey, Dewey and Louie” after the cartoon characters in Disney’s Donald Duck. His older brother at 18 months old couldn’t pronounce Louie but could say Dewey, so it just stuck, and he’s been known as Dewey ever since (except for official Government paperwork).

As it happens, we didn’t have a Huey signed on for Convention but there was a Louie (past Governor Louis D’Amore), below left! That’s Dewey (below right) pointing out that these days, he’s not Louie, he’s “Dewey”!

WINNERS ARE GRINNERS!

We’ve all seen various banner stands used for promotions. Glenelg Club is making full use of this medium and has two sizes - table top (above) and a full sized version, advertising their Club and touting for members. A very effective marketing tool. Contact Lt Gov 8 Bob Sitters or Val Symons from Glenelg Club for more information.
KIWANIS BUS AT CONVENTION

During the last Adelaide Convention in 2013 (at West Lakes), the Kiwanis Bus was able to help out, and for this year’s Convention the bus was again in service, with driver Adam Jablonskas (left) at the helm. Main duty for the Bus in 2016 was conveying folk into town for the Haigh’s Chocolate Tour. Adam also kindly provided an impromptu drive around some of central Adelaide’s points of interest for the benefit of those on board. Many thanks to Adam and the Kiwanis Bus for helping out at the 2016 Convention.

Footnote: The Kiwanis Bus is gearing up to return to service soon after a “winter hibernation” which has seen a full revamp undertaken along with a rethink of how the Bus service operates. Partly driven by availability of personnel, the overhauled operations have been brought about by one of our bigger clients, Southern Cross now having its own bus to take their residents on trips.

This year's Bus AGM has been set down for Sunday October 30, 2016 at the Bus Office on Morphett Rd, Adelaide. A warm welcome to all local Kiwanis Clubs who are urged to be represented for this important function which starts at 11am, with a light luncheon to follow the AGM business.

SWEETER FOR PETER!

Our District Supplies icon Peter O’Keefe shows off an empty box, indicating he held a successful trading table during Convention, where we were able to move quite a few Kiwanis items – sweet!!

That’s Peter (left) amongst a display of Adelaide Club memorabilia which was shown during Convention. Peter is a Charter Member of that Club (now in recess), having joined Adelaide in 1969.

TORONTO TURNAROUND

Last year at International Convention in Indianapolis, the “Colonials from Downunder” were well represented with just over a dozen from Australia but well under half a dozen from New Zealand. This year at Toronto it was a reverse situation, with five keen Kiwanians in attendance from Australia, but over a dozen from NZ. At Toronto the NZ team included Governor Megan Allen, Governor-Elect Kiki Ringland, Michael Fongue (a former Ki Trustee), Past Pacific Governor Chris Cole & Helen, plus Bob and Eleanor Reay. Considering the considerable distance to travel, Australasia has had good representation in recent times.

KIWANIS ON RADIO

Incoming Governor Tony Gunn alerted our membership to a radio program that went to air on Adelaide’s 5AA, the Saturday after District Convention. This was a live interview with Governor Bill Skully, talking on Kiwanis and our involvement with HeartKids. Program anchor Andrew Reimer then crossed to Sami Glastonbury (left) who was a speaker during Convention. She is a HeartKid mother who definitely “spoke from the heart” and came across well on air. This really was a great piece of publicity for both Kiwanis and HeartKids and was coordinated by Media Guru (MG) Cassandra Treagus in Melbourne. Well done to everyone! If you missed this, just click on the link below:

We don’t generally get into advertising individual Clubs’ fundraising ventures but in this case, the timing was right – and Kiwanis does support HeartKids. If you’re anywhere near the Barossa in SA late October, this is worth checking.

http://barossatwilight.weebly.com

TWILIGHT IN THE BAROSSA

Saturday October 22, 5.30 pm
Barossa Regional Gallery, Tanunda

Beautiful music for piano, violin, cello, clarinet, voice, and the magnificent Hill and Son Grand Organ, featuring:

- Josh van Konkelenberg  organ
- Kirsti Harms    soprano
- Nathan Ellul    violin
- Dave Garwood    clarinet
- Stephanie Zhang   piano
- Sebastian Mansell  cello

Tickets:  $25 adults   $20 concession   $10 students
Ring Colleen at Langmeil Church office on 85632657 or email langmeil@bigpond.com
EFT facility and optional meal package available.

A Kiwanis fundraising concert in support of HeartKids in the Barossa and HeartKids SA

Hosted by the Kiwanis Club of the Barossa and generously sponsored by

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- Faith Lutheran College

OPTIONAL GOURMET SMORGASBORD PACKAGE ($25): Baked leg ham, corned beef, roast chicken with Barossa dill pickles, fresh salads, crusty breads. Sweets: Handmade dessert bar selection, plus freshly percolated coffee and tea.
As a final wave farewell to 2016 District Convention, for those who weren’t there for the photo shoot on the South Terrace overhead walkway, this expansion of Mal Lancaster’s cover shot gives a better perspective, and how some of our photographers played “Russian roulette” with the passing traffic in a bid for a better image! At least most motorists kindly tooted their approval while all this photographic foolhardiness was taking place.

We bid ‘farewell’ to 2016 Convention

It’s worth revisiting the “fancy dress” gear shown earlier in this AK that the Moulds paraded during Saturday evening of the Convention. Graham and Margaret always come up with something unique, including HMAS Kiwanis sailor uniform at Geelong 2009, and the Ten Pound Pom outfit (Shepparton 2014). But this year’s theme of “Best of Town & Country” was epitomised perfectly by our veteran Victorian duo.

FLAGS HALF MAST AT INDY

Soon after the terrible terrorist tragedy that struck Nice on July 14, Kiwanis Headquarters (Indianapolis) provided a solidarity gesture with our comrades in France. As shown in this photo, flags outside the main Kiwanis building were flying at half mast.

Sadly it’s a case of being ever vigilant in these trying times. The daughter of your Australian Kiwanian’s editor was travelling in Europe around this time and by coincidence happened to be in Nice only a week before that awful event occurred.
**MONKEY BUSINESS AT THE ZOO**

A blonde lady motorist was about two hours from San Diego when she was flagged down by a man whose truck had struck trouble. The man walked up to the car, asking, “Are you heading to San Diego?”

“Sure am,” answered the blonde, “Do you need a lift?”

“Not for me. I’ll be spending time fixing my truck. My problem is I’ve got two chimpanzees in the back that have to be taken to San Diego Zoo. They’re a bit stressed already so I don’t want them on the road all day. Could you possibly take them to the zoo for me? I’ll give you $100 for your trouble.”

“I’d be happy to,” said the blonde.

So the two chimpanzees were ushered into the back seat of blondie’s car and carefully strapped into their seat belts, and off they went. Five hours later the truckie was driving through the heart of San Diego when suddenly he spotted the blonde walking down the street. To his horror, she was holding hands with the two chimps, much to the amusement of a big crowd. He braked and ran over to the blonde.

“What are you doing here?” he demanded. “I gave you $100 to take both those chimpanzees to the zoo!”

“Yes, I know you did,” said the blonde. “But we had money left over, so now we’re going to Sea World. . .”

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**LAYING DOWN THE LAY-DOWN LAW**

On her first day at the seniors complex, the new manager addressed all the residents, pointing out some of her new regulations:

The female sleeping quarters will be out-of-bounds for all males, and the male dormitory to the females. Anyone caught breaking this rule will be fined $20 the first time.”

She continued, “Anybody caught breaking this rule the second time will be fined $60. If you’re caught a third time it will cost you a fine of $180. Are there any questions?”

At this point, one of the older gentleman in the crowd stood up, and inquired: “How much for a season pass?”

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**BROKEN HEARTED LAWYER**

A father told his three sons when he sent them to university, “I feel that it’s my duty to provide you with the best possible education. You do not owe me anything for that. However I want you to be grateful for it. As a gesture of appreciation, please each place $1000 in my coffinn when I die.”

And so it happened. His sons became a doctor, a lawyer and a financial planner, each very successful financially.

When their father’s time had come and they saw him in the coffinn, they remembered his decree.

First, it was the doctor who put ten $100 bills onto the chest of the deceased. Then came the second son who was the financial planner. He also placed $1000 there, fulfilling their father’s wishes.

Finally it was the heartbroken lawyer’s turn. He dipped into his pocket, took out his chequebook, slowly wrote a cheque for $3,000, put it into his father’s coffinn, and trousered the $2,000 cash. . .