A great gathering of (Past) Governors during President Jane’s Visit Down Under
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I need to firstly praise the great start that clubs have made to the Kiwanis year where the important service occurs. Apart from the District executive, Peter Zander, Ken Archer, Tony Gunn and Bob Sitters, I will acknowledge the early behind scenes work of others in the District team. There will be some I’ll miss, but of the ones I know, I thank the following who have been beavering away with tasks in the background.

- Bryan Williams, Secretary of the KADCF has been hard at work with a KADCF Grant application for HeartKids Grants-in-Aid program.
- Graham Mould has updated and distributed the District Honours Record Booklet.
- Phil Riggio has been assisting the District in his role with Laws and Policy business.
- Steve Legg has been helping with Insurance matters.
- Steve Hughes with eliMiNaTe and Grant matters.
- Bill Craig, Graham Mould and Spencer Harding progressing with District Convention 2018.
- Norm McLennan has been working with a school with regard to a new Key Club.
- Tiger Tony Gunn has been working on a schedule for the Eye of the Tiger Team visit.
- Lt Governors Brian Pedretti and Ian Randall have followed up on the Children First Foundation by visiting the CFF Retreat for the children in Kilmore, Victoria. (More on this, further on in AK).
- Bob Sitters and Peter Zander attended the Governors-elect education in Indianapolis.
- For the District, Lindsay Curtis currently Mitcham Kiwanis, formerly Adelaide Club has written up the history of the formation of the Bamenda Kiwanis Club in Cameroon.
- David McNabb cajoling, collecting, collating, compiling contributions and producing our Australian Kiwanian.
- and to all who have been advertising what we do via Facebook, newsletters, emails, media, etc. THANK YOU!

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

Member count in Kiwanis Australia at the end of October was 827 members with 42 clubs operating after West Lakes Grange declared officially closed. Thanks to all the Lieutenant Governors looking after their Divisions. Well done to Tony Schelling who called in to Division 2 clubs on his LONG way return from the BOT in Adelaide back to Darwin. I am aware of Divisions 1, 3 and 7 having Divisional Council Meetings in the last two months. Thanks Deb, David and Brian – a good start to the year.

**NEW MEMBERS:** Thank you Peter Zander for keeping me up to date with new Kiwanians. Lisa Ladas joined Shepparton sneaking in on the last week in September. In October Tim Looker joined Glenelg. Tim had been in Kiwanis just 3 days when J ohn and I had the pleasure of being billeted by him and his family of three friendly dogs in Adelaide for the last BOT. Thanks Tim, a great weekend stay. Rosalinda and Steven Thompson were added to Roseworthy-Hewett. November saw the additions of Mary Smith at Glenelg and Maureen Caporella at Prospect Kiwanis. Congratulations to you all on your choice of service club, your commitment to service and to children. Most importantly, enjoy the ride!

**GOVERNOR’S REPORT continued on p.10**
It’s that crazy, busy time of year alright, but the AK team has managed to get your December issue out on time. Plenty of reading, as usual, so take a break from festive season preparations and update yourself on what’s happening in the world of Kiwanis.

From this issue on, we’ve made a few subtle improvements including adding the Kiwanis brand logo on the lower front page. It seems that the Last Laugh regular segment gracing the back page is keenly followed by many readers. The “funnies” page has been retained but moved to p.26. On the hard copy version of AK, the back page is in colour and at times it did seem a bit extravagant having four-colour “jokes”, so for that reason the back page will be devoted to Kiwanis photos that can be seen in colour in printed copies.

Amongst the recommended reading in this Christmas issue of Australian Kiwanian is an article on p.6 written a month (or three) ago by (then) Governor Tony Gunn. Relating to Pauline and Tony’s experiences surrounding the 2017 International Convention in Paris, Tony did the right thing and duly submitted his well-written article, but due to an editorial “muck-up” (mea culpa) that item didn’t quite gain oxygen in our last issue. To make amends to Tony (he’s a decent bloke, after all) we’re running his Paris prose in this issue. Go to p.6.

The 103rd Annual Kiwanis International Convention will take place June 28–July 1, 2018, in Las Vegas, Nevada, USA. Start planning your trip now and don’t miss the fun, fellowship, service and education a Kiwanis Convention offers. And that’s not to overlook the important ASPAC in Malaysia in March, where Tony Gunn is a candidate to fill the Regional Trustee vacancy created with the unfortunate passing of Peter Kimberley.

International President Jane’s visit had just occurred on the cusp of Print time for the last AK, hence we are featuring that milestone visit more in this issue. In further good news, it’s very pleasing from an editor’s point of view to record that this is the first issue for more than two years without any Vale column. No-one has noticed the absence of Kiwanian many years ago, so read p.18 for an update on what this intriguing vessel has been doing recently.

Well done to a Kiwanian of nearly 50 years standing, Peter O’Keefe, who was recently bestowed a Rising Sun Award, after supplying steadfast service to Supplies portfolio, amongst other attributes. Peter is the latest “Rising” recipient, the others in this select group being: Bryan Williams, Steve Hughes and Andy Amberg.

I’ll close for now, and extend Season’s Greetings to all Kiwanians, their families & associates, here’s to a really fruitful 2018 – catch you in March for the next issue of AK. All the best.

David

JUST A REMINDER To Club Secretaries or Presidents – as per the last issue, a couple of printed AK copies will be posted out by mid-December. These are designed to be circulated at Club meetings, mainly for the benefit of Kiwanians who may not have email access. Thereafter, the President or whoever, can retain a copy for your own records.

On the cover: Echuca-Moama Secretary Deidre Nesbit hard at work on the MV Kiwanis. This unique boat figured in Australian Kiwanian many years ago, so read p.18 for an update on what this intriguing vessel has been doing lately. Also pictured is cutting of the cake at Melbourne Club’s 50th celebrations. More about that on p.17.
Early Bird registrations are now open for next year’s Mildura milestone Convention. Whereas in Darwin last month we celebrated 50 years of Kiwanis in Australia, the 2018 Convention will actually be our 50th such event. The Convention is being coordinated by Australia’s oldest Club, Melbourne on behalf of Division 1.

Mildura is set on the banks of the Murray River - Australia’s most important waterway, and is a regional centre for Victoria and NSW. The city has a regional population of 60,000 and is a hub for agriculture, tourism and horticulture, amongst many other attributes including being an important food bowl (think grapes, citrus fruit, almonds, olives, etc).

Convention will be based at the Mildura Grand Quality Inn, directly over the river from paddleboat cruises and is just minutes from the CBD, shopping precinct, art galleries, scenic walks and much more. A special Kiwanis Convention pricing will apply for all attendees.

Mildura is within easy driving range of Adelaide, Melbourne and Sydney. Train and flight options are also available, making this a most accessible venue for our 50th Kiwanis Convention.

Check the District website - you can send in an Earlybird Registration ($25 per person) to: The Treasurer, 55 Neil Street, North Geelong Vic 3215  email: spencer.harding@bigpond.com

A lucky draw for those Earlybird Registrants (cutoff date is Feb 28, 2018) will take place and the prize is a reduction of $75 in the Registration fee. So jump in now!!!

Electronic transfers can be made to:
BSB 633-108  A/C 161181558 (a/c: 2018 Kiwanis Convention)
Thanks to Greg Anderson for supplying the above photo from a recent meeting of Gully Go-Getters Aktion Club. Tea Tree Gully Council Mayor Kevin Knight was officiating at a Naturalisation Ceremony the same evening, and heard of the Kiwanis meeting, so he popped over in his red robes and regalia to meet with the Aktion Club members.

At right, taken last month during a meeting of Adelaide Achievers Aktion Club (Triple A), two members were able to talk of their recent travels. Andrew (Cooky) had just returned two days prior from a two week cruise with his parents and proudly showed off the Cabin pass that passengers needed to carry with them during the cruise. A few months ago Cooky completed a trip to Britain, so he sure has his wings.

Similar story from Bronwyn (right) who has just returned from her third trip to China, shown here with a souvenir panda. She had some tales to tell of her impressions of the impressive Great Wall of China.

**Kiwanis CHILDREN’S FUND**

**NOT A ‘NEW KID ON THE BLOCK’**

Kiwanis Children’s Fund (KCF) has been around since 1940, but we knew it as Kiwanis International Fund (KIF). The new title clearly supports our motto of “Serving the Children of the World”.

A quick search at http/www2.kiwanis.org/childrensfund will get you all the material you need to learn:

- How the Fund meets the needs of children
- How you and your Club can support the Fund
- The process and guidelines for applying for a grant.

My job is to support you in this endeavour. Please keep me busy!

**BETTY D’AMORE**

KCF Board Support Leader
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The Gunns ventured to Paris in July with the intent of making a holiday of it. Not our first trip, but still a favourite destination, and what better than to combine the journey with the 2017 Kiwanis Convention.

The trip did not go exactly to plan. We arrived 12 hours earlier, exchanging a night in London for a night in Roissy, aka CDG Airport. Loved that night, eating food worthy of a Facebook posting in a small village Bistrot (see pic below!). Next day we checked into our Parisian Convention hotel in time to pick up our registration packets and head out for a walk to acclimatise.

International Conventions are multi-facetted with something for everybody. As Governor, my first function was a ‘class reunion’. Our President Jane and the France Monaco Governor colluded to organise a gourmet dinner in the 17th Arrondisement’s Hotel de Ville. That was a fun night aided and abetted by a variety of champagnes and wines and a veritable glossary of French cuisine, two fire alarms causing mass evacuations, plus Governors being presented with certificates for their nefarious achievements. The bonding of Governors starts in training two years earlier. Our group is very closely connected by Facebook, so meeting all for the first time since the Toronto Convention seemed like picking up the conversation mid-thread.

Thursday was the start of the business. I attended a workshop on Working with Today’s Youth, before attending some compulsory events for Governors and our ASPAC Board of Trustees. Also had time to meet old friends and talk to the Vice-Presidential candidates, the most important part of the elections, to understand their viewpoints and intended direction if elected.

Finally, to close a long day, was the opening ceremony with a walk-on role for me, addresses by Shayna Cole, President of Circle K and Devin Sun, President Key Club International and keynote speaker Ruby Bridges. Unfortunately, I missed an excellent orchestral performance of Gershwin’s ‘An American in Paris’ and other acts as I had been corralled below stage to prepare for the afore-mentioned walk-on part. Ruby Bridges’ talk and Q&A with Pres Jane was an eye-opener into the extreme racism pervading USA in the 50s and 60s and how a 6-year-old child became a pawn in adult politics; the determination of her few loyal supporters to break down the walls of segregation.

Friday’s public holiday (Bastille Day), for Pauline and I became a non-event. We strolled down to the Arc de Triomphe, saw a fly past of the might of France’s air force, but nothing more. Should have headed to the bar to watch it on TV. Then back to work with the House of Delegates, report from CEO Stan Soderstrom, debate and voting for by-law amendments and finally voting for our new members of the International Board.

Friday evening was the Fireman’s Ball, which was hosted by the European Federation who were running a concurrent Convention. I needed to google this as had never heard the term and found that the fire departments in Paris throw their doors open to impromptu dances on Bastille Day, dated to the 19th century. Our Ball was more formal and so large that it needed to be held in two venues interconnected by large screen CCTV so that we could enjoy their entertainment and vice-versa. We enjoyed a table in the quieter of the two rooms. Many left early to catch the fireworks from the windows of their hotels or television, but Pauline and I stayed on to ensure that District Norden behaved themselves.

Saturday is when Gov-Elect Jan and I met our International Counsellor and discussed District issues and each other’s needs for the District Convention. The Convention concluded with the closing ceremony where the Presidency was formally handed over and the new teams were introduced. President-Designate Jim will have an extra challenging year meeting the very high standard set by Jane Erickson. Australia District’s ‘closing ceremony’ consisted of traditional drinks followed by a group dinner at a local restaurant. For the Gunns, Paris Convention ended with an early Sunday morning taxi to Gare de Lyon and a high-speed train to Geneva and three weeks of rail journeys across Switzerland and Austria. I don’t even think that we saw the Eiffel Tower during our sojourn, even though we were within walking distance, but we enjoyed every minute with new friends, old friends and quality Kiwanis time.

Monsieur T. GUNN
During Darwin Convention, International Counsellor Chian Chu Ching (George) presented the Lt Governors with enough sets of impressive medallions to pass on to each Club in their Division. Used in Taiwan for promoting a sense of honour at being a leader, the idea is that the medallions are handed over each year to the next person in the role. The Presidential medallion has the symbol of a gavel, the Secretary’s one denotes a quill and there’s a key inscribed on the medallion reserved for the Treasurer.

Speaking of Anniversaries . . .

Last month Australia’s most senior Kiwanis Club - Melbourne - celebrated its 50th Anniversary (see report on p.17). Shown at right is that significant Club’s significant document - its official Charter, which apparently only surfaced fairly recently, after several years “resting quietly”.

It’s interesting to reflect on how Kiwanis in Victoria quickly advanced since Melbourne set the ball rolling in 1967. Moorabbin Club was founded in 1970 and a further ten Clubs were in action by 1972 - the nationwide total peaking at 68 Clubs in 1992.
Late October, the (now) annual major Fundraiser for HeartKids by Barossa Kiwanis Club was held, and again, what a resounding success, with nearly A$2000 raised for this worthwhile organisation.

Following on from last year’s successful inaugural “Twilight In The Barossa” concert, another great turnout of concert-goers lobbed in Tanunda in the picturesque Barossa Valley, this year to hear Eleanor Blythman who flew in especially from her current base in Melbourne, to complement the superb musical attributes of Scott Angove, Tommy Ng, James Yip, Mark Sandon and Steve Kaes.

Following this truly epic concert performance, most concert-goers were able to partake of a fabulous dinner organised by Lorna Schiller and her trusty team.

Although the audience wasn’t totally Kiwanians, amongst others there were K folk there from Reynella Club, Mitcham Kiwanis, and also Lorraine & Bevan Brown – Bevan being a past President of Adelaide Club.
A “HEALESVILLE HEARTKIDS HAPPENING”!

The annual Healesville Heartkids event was held a couple of months ago, and once again proved a very enjoyable event, both for the children and adult helpers.

What a great sight, to see the Heartkids with zipper chests, running around, not betraying the rugged start to life they have been dealt. A reminder of their health issues was the rather regular regime of necessary drugs and medication these youngsters need to take daily - these items were stored in the camp fridges.

The 2017 Camp, at Candlebark Farm near the Yarra Valley, Victoria, was another full-on fun-filled affair. There was the usual Friday night orientation, with a briefing on camp safety including snakes. Saturday’s session with the big flying fox had to be curtailed early due to the winds, but the small flying fox and canoes after lunch were much enjoyed. Parents and helpers had dinner provided in town by the RSL, while the children were fed back at camp, complete with campfire and toasting marshmallows.

Early Sunday risers were able to spot kangaroos close up. Then there was a visit by the local emergency services including fire, police and ambulances with sirens wailing and water cannons operating to give the kids a treat. A sausage sizzle lunch preceded camp break-up for another year.

For 2017 there were 18 non-Kiwanians and 11 Kiwanis helpers. The camp has 17 bunk bedrooms, each capable of sleeping eight. Two or three cabins are reserved for helpers, with the rest occupied by HeartKids families, where the ages of the children can range up to 15 or 16. This annual HeartKids event continues to be popular with the families involved, and all-up costs nearly A$6000 to put on.

Many thanks to the Moorabbin Kiwanians (and Manningham) plus helpers who assisted us in treating these HeartKids youngsters to a very special weekend.

BRUCE ENTWISLE, Camp Coordinator, Kiwanis Club of Manningham (and thanks to Tim Vine for the photos!)
GOVERNOR’S REPORT (continued from p.2)

We were recently notified that our District would receive a visit by an USA/ASPAC Eye of the Tiger team to assist us with a new club opening. The team will include the International President Jim Rochford. The planned schedule for the team is to arrive in Melbourne on Feb 10th after having visited both islands of New Zealand for the same type of club opening activity. The team is to give us that ‘shot in the arm’ to seal the deal on the opening of a new club. The site of the new opening is yet to be decided and we have much work to do.

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

At the October Board Meeting it was decided to have District endorsement for the Children First Foundation. It was recognised that the principles and mission of this unique Australian children’s organisation ran parallel with that of Kiwanis. It was featured in my last Governor’s newsletter. Clubs who wish to learn more about the CFF can look up the website. If clubs wish to donate to this worthy life changing charity they can do so through the KADCF as we do for HeartKids.

A query was made on the exchange rate used for Kiwanis Children’s Fund donations, in particular related to Annual US $10 Donation per member, which was answered as the prevailing exchange rates at the time of transfer.

IMAGE: Enhance the Kiwanis image and brand worldwide

I have been receiving some great club newsletters and bulletins. Whilst the bulletin provides that important communication link among members and other clubs you also get a feeling about a club and its culture. If you have a bulletin/newsletter please send it on @jh345616@bigpond.net.au

Who is the best and most cost-efficient marketer for the District? YOU ARE! Every Kiwanian and club is responsible for getting the name KIWANIS and our mission out there. Every Kiwanian is responsible for seeking and sponsoring new members. Wear clothing with the Kiwanis logo – self advertise. I have a round badge that simply says: Ask me about Kiwanis. This works. You need a succinct first answer then there will be follow up questions. Try it! Be ready with hand-outs to give away as well.

INVESTMENT: Ensure financial viability and responsible stewardship

It’s club dues time! From Treasurer Ken Archer - International dues will be set at A$65 and new member add fee of A$52.50. Australian dues will be 2 x $25 per half year. Insurance is expected to be $20 per member. Sponsor member discount will continue for clubs that request it.

What a start! To all, have a great December and festive season... and a good time Kiwanis..ing.

GOVERNOR JAN
All Clubs and the District regularly receive requests for support from many worthy causes. Some are accepted and others deferred or rejected. The District recently received a request from the Children First Foundation. We did some research and fortunately for us the President of Sydney Kiwanis, Jeff Hudson, was already sold on it. Some years back he was by chance introduced to CFF by being asked to escort an ailing child from the Philippines to Australia for urgent medical help.

The Children First Foundation tugs at the heart strings once you learn about it and see it at work. Remember the co-joined twins Trishna and Krishna? Children First Foundation helped them and since 1999 through their “Miracle sMiles Program” have brought more than 300 seriously ill or injured children to Australia for life-changing surgery that cannot be performed in their own country. CFF also has a “Between the Gaps” program that supports Australian families with disabled or chronically ill children, by providing the gap funding for equipment and services that are only partially funded by government.

The Board believes that this is a cause that clubs could get behind, as the organisation’s mission is exactly what Kiwanis is all about—helping kids in need. It fits in with our local, national and global footprint for serving children.

The kids need a place for recovery after and between surgeries. Last week President of Sydney Kiwanis and Director of the CFF, Jeff Hudson, Div 6 Lt Governor Ian Randall, Div 7 Lt Governor Brian Pedretti, John Hyde (Kiwanis Sunrisers) and Bruce Hickson (Bendigo Kiwanis) and I visited the “Miracle sMiles Program” Retreat at Kilmore in Victoria. This facility is in constant evolution and capital works were in process while we there.

We met the five children in various stages of recovery at this time, Elizabeth Lodge, the CEO of CFF, Marina Te Maro, Miracle sMiles Case Manager, the Kilmore staff and volunteers. The facility caters for approximately 23 children each year from Australasian, Asian, African and Middle-Eastern regions. The global focus of the program embraces diversity, promotes equality and values compassion. By 2020, the CFF goal is to help 35 children annually.

The program facilitates pre and post-surgical care for a range of congenital and acquired conditions including orthopaedic, craniofacial, burns and plastics, renal and urology cases.

Transforming a child’s life is quite expensive, but with dedicated Program Partners, it becomes a reality. While the average cost of helping one child can be up to $37,500 for public hospital treatment at a humanitarian rate (in addition to the cost of travel and care in Australia), Children First is hugely grateful that private hospitals, surgeons and allied health professionals donate their services for children recovering and being rehabilitated post-surgery.

Apart from medicos who operate pro bono there are many volunteers who work for the organisation and many trade people who give time to improve facilities. The land the Kilmore retreat stands on was gifted by the next door farmer/owner.

As a Kiwanian first and Governor second, I am reassured that Kiwanis Australia has made a very good decision to offer support through our clubs and become a partner of CFF.

We can support through goods and services, monetary donations and hands on for nearby clubs to Kilmore. Club monetary donations can be given through the KADCF using the same process as for HeartKids.

Please look up childrenfirstfoundation.org.au This site is definitely worth a read.

GOVERNOR JAN

Above left: Four of the five children post-surgery.
Above right: CFF CEO Liz Lodge, Governor Jan, CFF Director Jeff Hudson
IT WAS THE “SEASON OF TREASON FOR A REASON” . . . .

2017 marks the 30th anniversary of that truly significant milestone in the history of Kiwanis, where we joined other service organisations in admitting women to full membership. But not without a gestation period that had its hiccups.

The male-only clause had been written into Kiwanis By-laws back in 1924, and for nearly half a century “that was it – no ladies allowed”! As far back as 1973 rumblings began about “why not women?!”, slowly gathering momentum.

In 1976 KI President Ted Osborn chaired a House of Delegates where a proposal for granting honorary membership to women was up for consideration. The early “landmark” Kiwanis Clubs to actively pursue allowing women to join were the Kiwanis Club of Great Neck, New York, along with the Kiwanis Club of Cheynne Mountain, Colorado. There had been a gradual infiltration of ladies (in USA) around the mid-1980s whereupon the relevant Lt Governors were obliged to report on such “treason”.

Male Kiwanians (mainly in USA) who were vehemently opposed to such “radical change” cited reasons that included “the character of our organisation will change”, “The dynamic atmosphere at meetings will alter”, “Some of our traditions and ceremonies will change”...

On the flip-side, men talking up in favour of taking this bold step spoke of being distressed that their spouses who offer so much support must remain second-class persons, doing much of the work but being denied the chance of becoming full-time Kiwanis members.

By now, there was growing evidence of support for a change to the Constitution and By-laws, as more and more Clubs furtively turned a blind eye to female involvement, with ladies not only helping at social events but also at hands-on projects. However voting then at Conventions still didn’t the necessary two-thirds requirement to pass such a rather radical motion.

From early 1984 Kiwanis began compromising by creating Kiwanianne Clubs – where regular Clubs could sponsor and charter a Kiwanianne Club catering for community businesswomen, wives and widows of Kiwanians. The floodgates were starting to open, because within the first year, over 1500 women joined Kiwanianne Clubs, which included a presence in Australia. (Looking ahead, chartering of Kiwanianne Clubs lapsed in 1996 as there was no longer a perceived need for them).

In August 1985 attorney Marcia Baer promulgated an interesting legal action. She litigated against Kiwanis via a TV broadcast, stating she had the Kiwanis Club of Ridgewood New Jersey behind her, to strike down the By-laws of Kiwanis that made it a “men only” organisation. In a counter-attack, KI arranged for its attorneys in New Jersey Federal courts to declare the Kiwanis Club of Ridgewood invalid for being a K Club as it no longer met the necessary criteria (because it had ladies as members).

Interestingly, around September 1985, Rotary had been going through similar issues. Be mindful, this wasn’t just a bunch of ‘bra-burning suffragettes’ agitating for change, as a growing number of male members who could see the benefits of being alongside lady Kiwanians, were also getting behind this movement.

Ironically Kiwanis kindred movements - Circle K and Key Clubs had enjoyed female membership since 1973 and 1977 respectively, adding to the impetus for change.

Forty USA Kiwanis Clubs in 16 States had already admitted ladies, in defiance of the Kiwanis Constitution and By-laws. This led to some Clubs having their charter revoked. The Washington DC 1987 Kiwanis International Convention became really memorable, when the House of Delegates overwhelmingly voted to let its Clubs admit women as full members, ending a 72-year tradition of men-only membership. It wasn’t quite “all over red rover” however, due to continuing but diminishing acrimonious debate from some die-hard male Kiwanians.

Over 67% of the 5600 delegates at that Convention “spoke” by a standing vote, negating the need for a ballot vote. KI President Frank DiNoto was surprised at
the time that the margin was so emphatic, as he had expected this contentious issue to go to ballot.

Leading up to Washington Convention, in May of 1987, Rotary in California voted to accept women as members, and three years earlier in Minnesota, the same deal had applied for Jaycees. Lions International also backed women as members early 1987. It was Rotary International President Chas Keller who encouraged Kiwanis members to embrace modernisation. He said, “In Kiwanis and Rotary we have two of the oldest, most respected organisations with similar objectives. We need to increase the role of women as partners in service”.

At the 1987 Convention no-one really spoke against the new rule which was duly endorsed by Kiwanis Board of Trustees and Board of Governors. The proposed amendment originally would have required Clubs only in USA to open their membership to any person meeting all other requirements regardless of gender. 1973-74 KI President Bill Eagles was the main proponent (if it passed) for ruling in favour of admitting women worldwide, and not just in America.

Then President-designate Tony Kaiser’s closing address at the 1987 Convention summed up the situation. He said, “We have wisely changed Kiwanis to meet the demands of an international organisation in the closing decades of the 20th century.”

The impact of that monumental decision in 1987 was immediate, with Kiwanis membership increasing by around 3000 within six months. Thousands more were set to eagerly join from 1989 onwards. By 1994, 40,000 women were serving as Kiwanians and three years later when there were 49,000 women, that was nearly 15 per cent of Kiwanis total membership.

As we know, having ladies join up has been terrific for our organisation, not only in membership strength, but their wealth of “life” experiences they bring to service groups.

Kiwanian Lisa McCoy from Texas became the first woman to serve on Kiwanis International Board, in 2001. Jane Erickson in 2007 was the first female to serve as K.I. Foundation President, and was destined to follow Sue Petrisin in 2016, these two being the first females to be voted in as International Presidents.

Here in Australia District we’ve gone a similar way with current Governor Jan being (so far) only the second lady behind Janine Powell (Keulen) to hold the position of Governor. We’ve seen the benefits of lady Kiwanians in this District, with some early members including Sydney’s Beryl Spechler and out west there’s Carole Chantry. Many others have since followed suit, enriching Kiwanis and, really, allowing us to move forward into the 20th century and beyond.
This is believed to be only the third time a current International President has visited Australia District, so we were highly honoured to have Jane Erickson join us mid-September on a flying visit. Thank you to (then) Governor Tony for having invited Jane and Gus to squeeze us into their hectic itinerary.

Although the “fly-through” was based in Melbourne, there were several Kiwanians from NSW, SA and WA who journeyed to Victoria to help meet ‘n greet the President, and hear her compelling messages. Jane’s busy schedule began on Thursday evening with a community event in Cranbourne, expanding on how advantageous it would be to have a new Kiwanis Club in that area. She also had speaking engagements at a local school, plus air time with a radio station interview.

Friday night's dinner in the Milanos Bay View room was well attended with the highlight being Jane’s compelling address where she spoke on how Australian Kiwanians have left very worthwhile handprints over the years. Governor Gunn’s Facebook page has a link where Jane’s talk can be seen. A “must-see”. One of the interesting “notes” to come out of her talk was how Gus (Erickson) is a trend-setting Kiwanis International “first bloke”, because (as in USA Presidents) we usually talk of “first ladies” as partners of the person in the “top job”! Take a bow, Gus!

There was a Saturday workshop on September 16 held at Rossdale Golf Club, Aspendale. This covered many topics, leading to discussion on what makes us Kiwanians tick, how we can be better Kiwanians, how we can improve our Club meetings, our Kiwanis experience, teamwork, and the importance of understanding communication in all forms and using it to advantage.

Such a pleasure to have had the “belle” from Bellevue, Nebraska on board, and many thanks Jane for taking the time to join us Kiwanis colonials “Down Under”.

KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT
J ANE VISITS AUSTRALIA DISTRICT

AUSTRALIAN KIWANIAN - DECEMBER 2017
Smiles all round for Jane & Gus on re-connecting with Betty & Louis D’Amore, plus Heather & Bill Craig. Jane and Bill were Governors in the same “school”, while Gus and Louis were ditto in 1995/96, over 20 years ago!
Well done Brighton Bayside (Victoria) Kiwanians who last month marked their Club’s 30th anniversary by holding an enjoyable dinner celebration where the impressive total of $2000 was raised.

With thanks to Carolyn Journeaux for her organisational efforts, those funds have been earmarked for Dogs For Life, where special leads for trained dogs have been commissioned, with the Kiwanis Bayside Brighton logo attached. A great publicity angle!

Brighton Bayside was formed back in 1987 and there are five current members who have been Club President on two or more occasions: Phil Riggio, Angela Randall, Carolyn Journeaux, John Baker and Fiona Campbell-Hicks (current President).

Amongst the fundraising events this active Club undertakes are monthly Film Evenings (coordinated by Brenda Wilson), “Motto” Fashion Parades, and these keen Kiwanians help run an Op Shop on Mondays, apart from regular barbecue activities and suchlike.

It’s interesting to reflect on how Kiwanis in Victoria has advanced since Melbourne Club set the ball rolling back in 1967. Moorabbin Club was founded in 1970 and a further ten Clubs were in action by 1972, with the nationwide total rising to a peak of 68 Clubs in 1992.

On Wednesday, October 11, a surprise event was organised by Reedbeds Kiwanis Club, at the Childhood Cancer Association office in Adelaide.

The occasion was to honour recently-retired Club stalwart Colleen Doran, a 29-year Kiwanian who has selflessly devoted many years to providing great assistance for this organisation that supports families of children who have cancer.

Colleen thought she was just being transported that Wednesday to a morning tea, but had no idea there would be a special seat unveiled at the Association’s rooms, with a plaque in her honour.

In the June 2016 AK there was a comprehensive list of Colleen’s achievements with Kiwanis. Go there and read up on page 11, you’ll be reunited with the many reasons why Kiwanis is grateful to have been associated with this wonderful woman.
KIWANIS IN AUSTRALIA TURNS 50!!

Kiwanis in Australia officially turned 50 when a milestone event was celebrated on October 16 at The Mail Exchange Hotel on Bourke Street, Melbourne.

At the Kiwanis Convention held in Toronto, 1961, a significant decision was made for Kiwanis to expand beyond North America. An initial group headed by Bill Lees was tasked with introducing Kiwanis to Australia, our nation being the 22nd to embrace Kiwanis outside North America. Bill was joined by Dud Peck, George Santos and Ralph Doddrell – George is still a valued, current member of Melbourne Club.

The Kiwanis Club of Melbourne was organised on October 2, 1967 with support from the Kiwanis Clubs of Riverside in Portland, Oregon plus Hackensack, New Jersey. Melbourne Club’s Charter President was Des Fagan, who was joined by Peter Frankel and Ralph Doddrell in the role of Vice-Presidents. Ian Carroll was Secretary and Don Senn filled the role of Treasurer.

Charter Dinner was held at the Southern Cross Hotel on October 27, 1967, where KI President Jim Moller attended. Within a decade, the Melbourne Club had helped sponsor 11 new Kiwanis Clubs throughout Australia.

Shown here is cutting the official 50th birthday cake, and helping at this ceremony are (L to R): Division 1 Lt Governor Deb Cownley, Peter Cameron (current President of Melbourne Club), District Governor Jan Hyde, and Ian Perdriau AM, a member of Melbourne Kiwanis and the first non-US International President (1994-95), along with being the only Australian Kiwanian to have served on KI Board of Trustees.

AUSTRALIA DISTRICT FACEBOOK PAGE

Just a reminder about the Australia District facebook page. If your Club already has a facebook page and has “liked” the Kiwanis Australia District, let us know what you’re up to. If you haven’t “liked” our page, please do so.

To those Kiwanians who don’t yet have a facebook presence, no worries, just send in any articles, photos and interesting items about your Club by emailing it to the address below and I can post it on your behalf.

Please do keep submitting your Club’s articles to: valery001@live.com.au

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Echuca-Moama Kiwanians really “float their boat”
(Thanks to Terry James for this update)

Greetings from the Kiwanis Club of Echuca/Moama - population approximately 20,000 - visit www.echucamoama.com

Although a rather small and informal group here in northern Victoria, we reckon on “punching above our weight” with members being “in it” not for personal gain but to happily work as a team for our community. This report’s been submitted to show us “at work” during a recent meeting. We’d like to show the world that “all work and no play make Jack a dull boy”! No better illustration than below where Madame Secretary, Deidre Nesbit (circled), is the only one actually doing anything [apart from those hidden from view who are manning the barbecue “aft” and preparing a right regal meal]. Be assured our Club President, Tim Dawes, did get us down to the business at hand shortly after these photos were taken. The writer also acknowledges the sumptuous spread, and the work involved by members to create that repast.

We must emphasise that, like Kiwanians worldwide, we work to make a difference and, in recent times our efforts have included: HeartKids; Building a chicken pen for the Murray Human Services facility near Echuca Hospital with the help of some of the clients and their parents and staff; Cheque to Echuca Specialist School to support funding for a new school bus; Donations to local Scouts and Guides; A donation to assist with grounds upkeep at a local Primary School; Assisting the Apex Club in building a chook/chicken pen at Echuca West School; A donation to the Echuca Moama Toy Library; Cruises onboard MV Kiwanis on the Murray River for people with disabilities; Support of furniture supplies to Community Living and Respite Services for their Op shop; Ongoing donations for school presentation prizes; Funding a $6,250 “Bili bed”, for the use of infants, as our contribution to the “make your mark” campaign for the new Echuca Regional Health hospital nursing mothers unit. This campaign provided “nice to have” items not usually forthcoming under government funding.

An important part of our community participation is through our Terrific Kids Schools. We currently have six schools involved, and quarterly, they welcome Kiwanis to “end of term” assemblies where a total of 115 certificates are presented over the six schools: one student from each class receives these prized awards. We further cement our “terrific” relationships through a sponsorship of $100 per school for prizes at the end of each year.

The Kiwanis Club of Echuca-Moama usually concentrates efforts locally; however we have supported initiatives such as One Girl (assisting West African girl’s education), the Nepal Lumbini appeal to help Kiwanis International setting up a school after catastrophic earthquakes and, of course, Project eliMiNaTe. A less recent move was providing financial support to local college students in a project to improve facilities for education in a remote Cambodian village (our Club believes this has given impetus for our youth to be involved in service work with the added benefit of supporting children in that village). In addition, we have contributed over the years to many events such as assisting at local Special Olympics.

We also have a barbecue barge, MV Kiwanis, (pictured below) which underwent a major refurbishment by our members in 2013 including grit blasting of the hulls, installing a new motor and a special disabled access ramp. Since the update, we have been able to use her to further follow our charter of providing service, particularly to Murray Human Services, the Specialist School and Community Living and Respite Services; these local organisations are providers of disability services within our community. Guests might not be able to access conventional vessels so MV Kiwanis has proven popular with both the clients and their carers. Students from the Specialist School have even been out on a fishing cruise, which they loved.

Left: The MV Kiwanis moored on the Murray while preparations are being made for a dinner meeting. This shot shows the extended ramp ready for use.
Reynella Club has again been involved as event marshals in the 2017 Flinders By Bike ride. Twenty-two Reynella members and partners (with help from the Secretary of Reedbeds’ Howard Humby and son Mark, as well as Ros & Ashleigh Gore from Adelaide Hills) were marshals for this amazing mountain bike event held annually on the last weekend in October.

Organised by Event Strategies, Elite riders covered 206 km along tracks and trails across Rawnsley Park Station, Willow Springs Station, Gum Creek Station and the Mawson Trail to finish in Wilpena Pound.

Kiwanis marshals were scattered in many remote and beautiful locations along the route to keep the nearly 120 riders safe and pointing in the right direction.

Reynella Club gained two new members from being part of this event last year and we all enjoyed the opportunity to be involved again in such a great area. We made sure there was plenty of exposure for our Kiwanis name during this bike ride.
AROUND THE CLUBS

Mid-November the Tea Tree Gully Kiwanis Club held a ceremony to honour two long-standing members.

Bob Sherrah and Quentin Schulze were conferred with certificates marking their lengthy service. The photo (lower left) provided by Greg Anderson shows (l to r) Alan Meathrel, Bob and Quentin.

Photo (at left) shows new member Roberto Georgio after his recent induction.

ROSTREVOR-CAMPBELLTOWN

Club member and a 40+ year Kiwanian was last month awarded a Rising Sun (see AK p.2). Peter’s retired after a lengthy stint, 14 years, as the Board’s Supplies manager.
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EAST MAITLAND KIWANIS

Well done to East Maitland Club, following a successful Handover night where Ken Archer officiated. Shown above are two new members, Liz and Scott who have recently been inducted. This Club has a proud heritage, having been in action since January 1980.

MITCHAM KIWANIS were privileged to have a notable guest speaker at their last dinner meeting for 2017. Graham J aeschke took time from his very busy schedule to address the Kiwanians on his work with The Smith Family. This noble organisation began in Sydney and helps disadvantaged Australian children get the most out of their education. Graham (shown left) also has ties to Children’s Week and is shown here accepting a cheque towards the work of The Smith Family from President Renee Lundy.

SYDNEY KIWANIS have continued their very active schedule, achieving plenty over the past year. On October 20, Sir Eric Woodward School benefitted from a huge team effort (in spite of steady rain) when six Kiwanians (Jeff, Beryl, Ed, Patricia & the Hughes, shown left) were joined by five from KPMG, two from Bunnings and two from SEWS, reworking several garden beds and erecting new sail shades. This was Sydney Club’s Kiwanis One Day project. Our Kiwanians cooked lunch for the volunteers and generally helped out on the day.

GLENELG KIWANIS

Left: Acting SA/NT Heart-Kids Manager Brenna Chia was guest speaker late September, shown here with Vice-President Pam Smith. Right: Yvonne Schilling badges new member Tim Looker on October 23. Tim is a past Holdfast Bay Councillor - we welcome him into Kiwanis.
A PRIZE PROJECT - PLEASE READ

At the Paris Convention in July, Australia District wasn’t amongst the 40 Districts entered for the inaugural Signature Project Recognition Program. Governor Jan has submitted the idea that (quite rightly) Australia should lodge an entry. At least one Club must have a suitable signature project – get your thinking caps on and hopefully by the February BOT meeting we can, as a Kiwanis District, consider lodging an entry. Go for it!

Kiwanis International is again sponsoring a Signature Project Recognition Program and Contest in 2018. More than 40 Kiwanis Districts took part in last year’s inaugural event, the top awards going to a Playground for children of all abilities, a Drug-prevention program and a Children’s Film Festival.

Please consider submitting one club-level project from your District to the 2018 Signature Project Recognition Program and Contest. Each District is allowed one submission, and each District should determine the best way to select its premier signature project. Entry deadline is March 2, 2018. The top 10 projects and three ultimate winners will be recognised during a special event at 2018 Kiwanis International Convention.

All submissions are online, so check the Kiwanis website for details. Signature projects show the impact a Kiwanis club can have on a community. From playgrounds and parks to festivals and fundraisers, they’re the hallmarks of what Kiwanis is known for. This contest showcases many club-level projects Kiwanians undertake around the world to make a difference in their communities.

A KI Membership Subcommittee will select 10 finalists and then, the gold, silver and bronze winners. The finalists and the top three winners will be announced and celebrated during 2018 Convention in Las Vegas. The top projects also will be highlighted in Kiwanis publications, social media and on the website.

The aim of this contest is to recognise Clubs that participate in signature projects having a positive impact on their communities and to inspire all Kiwanis Clubs to create meaningful signature projects. For additional information, check the online resource that helps with planning signature projects.

SIMON SAYS . . .

A further expansion on the item in our last AK, regarding SIMON LINKE who was honoured at a school function after being awarded an OAM earlier this year.

Simon is an Aktion Club Kiwanian, having belonged to Brighton Busy Beavers since it began in 1994, and has been an active member ever since, hardly ever missing a meeting or Kiwanis activity. He was deservedly nominated for his OAM following service to the community at large and particularly towards children in his capacity as a volunteer teacher’s aid for 25 years. Well done Simon!

eliMiNaTe Update - MNT almost eliminated...

The combined UNICEF / Kiwanis International project to eliminate Maternal Neonatal Tetanus is certainly on the home stretch with around 16 recognised nations still to be declared MNT-free, but the need for funds remains on the agenda. Pakistan is the latest making progress towards our mutual goal. Last year the Punjab Province eliminated this dreadful disease, and now the Sindh Province has been preparing for a pre-validation assessment. Two other provinces in Pakistan are pushing for elimination by the end of the year.

However, we as Kiwanians can’t really afford to “drop the ball” when our goal is so close to being reached. Do consider a contribution to this worthwhile cause – there’s so much more can be achieved, and we are so close to our overall target. Bear in mind, the eliMiNaTe project was first announced as a Kiwanis joint venture, back when Ken Archer was Governor, in 2010, so this has been our major “push” for several years.
IT'S CAMEROON, “SOON”!

One of the hard-working inspirations behind helping formulate a world-first - a Kiwanis Club in West Africa - Lindsay Curtis, has written an outline of the journey so far, in getting this new Club into a position approaching Charter.

Here is a precis of Lindsay’s document. He’s nailed it quite well.

Joseph Fombason, currently living in Melbourne with wife Eveline, was domiciled for a while in rural Victoria and came to know Kiwanis via the Kiwanis Club of Shepparton. His family’s next move was to Adelaide where he tracked down Adelaide Club’s board member Alan Williams and was invited to join that Kiwanis Club.

Joseph still had plenty of contact with his native homeland in West Africa and the idea began to gain traction for seeing if it may be feasible to start up a Kiwanis Club over in Cameroon. Adelaide Club agreed to support the Fombasons in this venture and despite the logistics involved, the wheels began turning during the 2012-13 period.

KIWANIS CAME TO CAMEROON

Around this time, the Government Dept employing Joseph transferred him to Broome in remote Western Australia, but sufficient support was shown at the 2013 KAD Convention that he felt encouraged to continue.

Lindsay was able to formulate a publication outlining what Kiwanis was all about, along with advice and notes, and that was forwarded to Cameroon. The fledgling club had a name by now - Bamenda.

The new Bamenda entity already had a nucleus of enthusiastic locals, all raring to go. These keen Kiwanians-in-waiting already began holding meetings and gaining an early understanding of what belonging to a service organisation involved.

Initial President Colonel Ambu William was able to fly over from Africa for 2014 District Convention in Shepparton, joining Joseph, Eveline and Justine in making a rather spectacular presentation in front of incoming KI President Sue Petrisin. Ambu William had an extra fortnight in Australia, attending various Kiwanis events and gaining more knowledge of what we are about.

Around mid-2015 the sponsoring Adelaide Kiwanis Club went into recess due mainly to ageing membership issues. A small management group was appointed to honour the Bamenda charter commitment of support, this comprising Lindsay Curtis, David McNabb and Janine Keulen.

This trio was amongst several Adelaide Club members who joined other Kiwanis Clubs, and meantime the Fombasons switched their membership to Mitcham Kiwanis, which agreed to help continue the arrangement for sponsorship of Bamenda.

Joseph had a return visit or two to Cameroon and was able to help liaison with the fledgling Club back in his homeland. The Fombasons were finally able to secure a transfer from Broome, and have landed in Melbourne where they currently reside, attending meetings of Port Phillip Kiwanis whenever they can.

A final stumbling block - completing compatible By-laws - was achieved and approved leading up to this year’s Darwin Convention. Things are now starting to happen, with Joseph advising Mitcham Club that Kiwanis International has approved the Charter documents, and with sponsorship finance under control, we are now basically awaiting a suitable date for Bamenda to be officially chartered.

A long but ultimately fruitful journey, with the K.I. Ghent office in Belgium supporting the movement of Kiwanis into new territory - West Africa.

The Cameroon contingent is shown here at 2014 Shepparton Convention along with KI Vice-President Sue Petrisin.
GET READY FOR Mega Blitz !!

Some exciting news for us Kiwanians in KAD is the impending flying visit to New Zealand and Australia early next year of an Eye of the Tiger Mega Blitz Team from USA, due to hit our shores early February. Headed by none other than current International President Jim Rochford from Illinois (left) and Kendra Skidmore from Kentucky (right), an experienced team of Kiwanians will be visiting Down Under with the plan being to “supercharge” our current new Club building program. It’s expected the Mega Blitz Team will be based in a couple areas of Victoria, from February 10 to 14, and while the schedule is still being finalised, Kiwanians should stay tuned via email, facebook, website, etc, for further information on this terrific development. If you’re in the area, this will also be a worthwhile chance to meet President Jim. Below is a recent message from the man himself:

“To paraphrase Albert Schweitzer, when it comes to leadership, leading by example is not just the main thing, it’s the only thing! Kiwanis membership reached an all-time high in 1992–93 at just under 325,000. In the past 25 years, we’ve lost 40 percent of our membership and only had true net growth in one of the past 25 years.

Your 2017-18 class of Governors is committed to lead by example as we strive to achieve our goal of opening 400+ clubs this year. Carolinas District Governor Mary Jo Brubaker, is a great role model – she opened her first Club before our Convention in Paris this past July. She didn’t stop there, recruiting 30 members and forming another Kiwanis Club in just three days. Inspirational stuff.”

CHIEF CHANGES IN CHILDREN’S FUND

The Kiwanis Children’s Fund (see “advert” on p.5) has had to undergo a change at the top. Sadly, KCF President John Mayfield from Tennessee passed away on September 29 – it has been decided to dedicate the 2017-18 year to honour John.

To fill this vacancy, the Children’s Fund board has appointed IPP Chia Sing Hwang as President for the remainder of John Mayfield’s term. Past President Mark Rabaud has agreed to continue serving in the role of Immediate Past President. Thanks are due to Sing and Mark for stepping in to carry on the work of the Children’s Fund in honour of John Mayfield (pictured right).

Mr Mayfield was a philanthropist who travelled to Africa to witness first-hand K.I. efforts in the field with the elMiNaTe program. Thereafter, he really promoted the work of UNICEF and Kiwanis in this worldwide project.
The Last Laugh

A SURE INDICATION YOU’RE DRIVING THROUGH A TOUGH NEIGHBOURHOOD

You know you’re getting on in years when you wake up with that awful “morning after” feeling . . . but you didn’t get up to anything the night before......

AIN’T IT SO ?!!!
During childbirth, the pain is so great that a woman in labour can almost imagine what a man feels like when he has a cold...

MARRIAGE is like a deck of cards. In the beginning all you need is two hearts and a diamond. Later, you wish you had a club and a spade.

WIFE: I have a bag full of used clothing I’d like to donate.
HUSBAND: Why not just throw it in the rubbish. That’s much easier.
WIFE: But there are poor starving people out there who can really use all these clothes.
HUSBAND: Honey, anyone who can fit into your clothing is not starving.
Husband is due out of hospital soon - his head wounds are healing quite quickly.

It’s okay man, don’t listen to them...

You are not irrephephant.

Sometimes it really pays to think logically. Here’s a good example.
Went to the liquor store Friday afternoon on my bicycle. Bought a litre bottle of scotch and put it in the bike basket.
As I was about to pedal off, I thought to myself that if I fell off the bike, the bottle would break.
So, playing safe, I drank the scotch before I began cycling. Turned out to be a very good decision because I fell off my bike seven times on the way home.....

My wife phoned on her way home, after a long hard day at work, and asked me to run her some hot water and not to forget the bubbles. Hope she’ll be happy - she’s so sweet, love her to bits!
The Roma Mitchell School Key Club in Adelaide started with big changes in 2017. Last year’s leadership group started Year 12 studies, and a new group of leaders took over in Key Club.

In Term 1 the Key Clubbers worked together to learn leadership skills and start planning for the year. Two major events were held in 2017, the first was Wellbeing Week where they researched, promoted and ran activities that are good for one’s positive mental health. Through these activities funds were raised which were donated to organisations that promote mental health.

The second included an overnight hiking camp to Mt Crawford Forest (see above) where the young Kiwanians expanded their knowledge about nature and the environment. A significant part of this trip was carrying all the rubbish produced; amazing how much there was after only two days. Key Clubbers became more aware of the importance of waste reduction, doing some promotional activities, encouraging others to reduce their waste also.

They also enjoyed supporting the Prospect Kiwanis Club at a local Fair to promote their work by running an Angry Birds themed stall where kids would knock over boxes by throwing balls at them (see below). It was a lot of fun learning to manage groups of very excited youngsters.

In 2018 the Key Club looks forward to continuing with the theme of promoting ‘connectedness to the environment’, the plan being to make and sell vertical gardens within the school community.

MARZIA HUSSAINI
RMSC Key Club Vice-President

“We make a living by what we get. But we make a life by what we give.” – Winston Churchill
Had to share the lovely snap that features on the cover of the latest NZ *Kaleidoscope* Kiwanis magazine. From South Pacific Div 6 - New Caledonia - this (Kiwanis) boat was taking part in an annual regatta that apparently brings 15,000 people together, it’s such a huge event.

A fair amount of content in the NZ magazine is in French, reflecting the South Pacific proportion of membership, and the motto that’s printed on this boat’s sail, boasting a huge Kiwanis insignia, reads: “Servir les enfants du monde” (Serving the children of the world). That’s us, alright!

Prospect Club’s Handover in September had a real HeartKids flavour, as Brenna Chia from H/Kids was present, along with Sami Glastonbury, a HeartKids mum who spoke with passion on the topic. Sami is shown above accepting a sizeable cheque from secretary Karen Teague and President Henry Kutek.

Seen here late October, are the BOT members supporting Glenelg Club’s big HeartKids fundraiser. Inset is Australia District’s “First Bloke” John Hyde, along with District Secretary Peter Zander and Yvonne at the “Have A Heart” event.