Australian Kiwanian

Official Newsletter of KIWANIS AUSTRALIA DISTRICT  www.kiwanis.org.au

SEPTMBER 2017

FOUR OF THE BEST

Inside: Tributes flow for four Past Governors

PETER KIMBERLEY • JOHN BROMILOW • JIM RAE • KEVIN WOOD

Inside:
Paris Convention p.6
Around the Clubs p.9
Malaysian Conv. p.13
eliMiNaTe Update p.25
Vales p.19-23

Stop Press!
NEW KIWANIS CLUB FINALLY FOUNDENED

FULL REPORT FROM DARWIN p.12
Another year has passed and as many Governors before me have said - too soon and with unfinished business. Let me start by offering my condolences to Sue, Jenny, Kay and Ann on the untimely passing of their husbands and Past Governors, Peter, John, Jim and Kevin. These advisors, mentors and strong advocates for improving the lives of children will be sadly missed.

At the start of this year we revised our strategic plan and have worked to fulfilling those objectives, not always with success, but with wholehearted effort from all of the Board and Chairs. Our aims have been simple:

**Increase membership through organic growth in clubs**
I am grateful to those clubs who set and achieved their targets and worked to replace those members who left Kiwanis. Once again we have closed clubs and have others perilously close to folding, so for the third year in succession we will finish the year with fewer members than at the start. These losses are not sustainable, and if not corrected will lead to the demise of Kiwanis in Australia and the loss of thousands of hours and dollars to improving the lives of children. We are fortunate, in part due to the efforts of John Bromilow, that Kiwanis Australia has changed the requirement for Districts to be above 1000 members, enabling us to continue as a District and with representation at International level.

**Increase membership through adding clubs**
It is very important that we work hard to build clubs, as expanding to new suburbs and towns increases the awareness of Kiwanis and the community work that we do. I am grateful to Formula Chair Norm McLennan for the effort that he has put into the groundwork for a potential new club in Cranbourne and opening a number of doors for us in other areas.

**Service through Terrific Kids**
We reviewed and modified our Terrific Kids Strategic Plan which has been effective in allowing us to increase our reach to schools. I am always thrilled to see reports and photographs of children happily accepting their awards. I am also grateful to those clubs who have enacted the next phase of the strategic plan by recruiting new members from their TK schools. Annette Holmes has been doing a great job driving this strategy.

**Strategic Plans for all Clubs and Divisions**
I am grateful to the many Lt Governors and clubs who created a strategic plan that follows the I Plan structure; that is Inspiration, Impact, Image and Investment. These plans will enable those clubs to continue their good work and monitor their successes in meeting long term goals. Ultimately the investment in good planning and reporting will lead to stronger and more attractive clubs positioning themselves to attract and retain members. The amount of service that we do is proportional to the number of active members.

**Increasing Public Awareness of Kiwanis**
Out Media and Public Relations Strategic plan has been discussed at BOT meetings and, through the efforts of Chair Cassandra Treagus and LTG Ian Randall has improved the way we present ourselves to the world. We had good radio coverage in Adelaide after last year’s Convention and in Cranbourne. Facebook, under the stewardship of Val Symons, is also a growing presence with our page being visited 200-300 times each week. There is still work to do to get more clubs reporting and posting so that the world continues to be informed of the good work that we do.

Internally we are indebted to the countless hours that Dave McNabb puts into producing the quarterly editions of the AK which are is distributed globally. It is a shame that many of our members do not have or don’t wish us to know their email addresses, thus potentially missing out on this excellent publication.

**Investment through the Charitable Foundation**
The Charitable Foundation has grown through the year thanks to the Board and other Past Governors. I am grateful to Bryan Williams, his fellow directors Ken Archer, Geoff Peirce, Jim Rae, and Advisors John Bromilow, Peter Zander and William Skully.

(contd p. 4)  Right: Rising Sun award for Steve Hughes in Darwin
EDITORIALLY

Here’s your September AK - enjoy the read. As per most Club magazines these
days, the Australia Kiwanian in recent times has been mainly distributed
in electronic format, either sent out by email link, or you can download from the
District website.

Well, the BOT has now agreed for a couple of issues (starting now!) to trial having a
couple of hard copies of AK mailed to each Club for them to have for distribution,
maybe for members who don’t have email access, but at least it’s something “in your
hands”. Check with your Club Secretary if you’d like to see a printed version. We’d
welcome feedback on this new venture.

As our own District Convention was such a big deal this year, marking 50 years of
Kiwanis in Australia, there’s a special three-page (plus!) Convention feature, so make
sure you check that out.

Within a horror four-week span in J uly/August, we have lost four esteemed and still-
active Past Governors. More honourable gentlemen you’d be hard pressed to find
and it’s just such a huge shame that blokes of such high calibre should be cut down
in their prime while “ratbags” like Mugabe and other big profile world identities of
doubtful parentage continue living to a ripe old age.

It’s like losing four Allan Lords, rolled into one, within a terribly short time-span. For
Kiwanis to lose so much friendship and such a wealth of knowledge and energy, we
are definitely the poorer for their passing.

 Renewed contact has been made with our Kiwi Kiwanis cousins over the Tasman, and
we’re now exchanging national journals. Their Kaleidoscope magazine is a well produced bulletin covering New
Zealand and the South Pacific region, with an unusual aspect being the bilingual setup, where several articles are
written in French as well as English (bonjours amis kiwaniens!). Kiki Ringland is still NZ Governor and the latest
Kaleidoscope kindly paid tribute to our fallen comrade Peter Kimberley, noting his death en route home from Paris
International Convention. Interestingly also to see that three years ago NZ was able to host then Counsellor James
Rochford (and Debra) - outdoing Australia - when they attended Christchurch (national) Convention. James is of
course now set to be installed next month as International President, succeeding Jane Erickson.

The keenly anticipated flying visit to Australia (Melbourne) by Jane Erickson - reputed to be only the third time a
current International President has visited Australia - occurred while this AK edition was being finalised, and so a
full report will feature in our next AK (in December). Similarly, the promised item on the 30th anniversary of women
being admitted into Kiwanis has been bumped until December, due to unexpected pressure on space, with so
many significant Vales happening. But it will appear. Promise.

Further to the International President visit to Oz to be featured in the next AK, there will also be an expansion on
the exciting news that came to hand just as this edition was being put to bed. As mentioned on the front page,
finally the new Kiwanis Club of Bamenda in Cameroon, under the umbrella of Australia District, has cleared the
last hurdle and is now (at last!) ready to be chartered.

Also watch out in the December AK for the usual reports from Clubs on their Handovers, mostly held late Sep-

tember annually. As always, that time of year is even busier for our District Secretary and all Lieutenant Governors.

In service, DAVID

(FRONT COVER: Graham Mould flanked by Taiwan’s Angela and George in Darwin)

AUSTRALIA DISTRICT
2016-2017

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Governor: TONY GUNN
Governor-Elect: JAN HYDE
Imm. Past Governor: BILL SKULLY
Secretary: PETER ZANDER OAM
Treasurer: KEN ARCHER

Lieutenant Governors
Division 1: DEB COWNLEY
Division 2: TONY SCHELLING
Division 3: DAVID McNABB
Division 6: IAN RANDALL
Division 7: BRIAN PEDRETT
Division 8: BOB SITTERS
Division 10: ROBERT GAMBLE
AK Editor: David McNabb (ak@kiwanis.org.au)
NEW KIWANIS CLUB!

Not very often that our District is involved in spawning a new Club “offshore” but that is the case with the late arriving news that the long-awaited plan to start a Kiwanis Club in west Africa has been successful.

There will likely be more on this in our next issue, but the news was confirmed from Rene Booker, KI Club Processing Representative that Bamenda Club in Cameroon can now proceed to be officially chartered, interestingly in a non-District area - Africa.

Main stumbling block in recent months has been finalising the new Club’s by-laws, but with thanks to Governor Tony for his patient perseverance, and considerable input from Melbourne-based Joseph Fombason (“Papa Fomba”), it’s now full steam ahead.

After Adelaide Kiwanis Club was approached a few years ago to start off as main sponsor for Bamenda Club, Mitcham Kiwanis became involved through Lindsay Curtis. There followed a visit to Australia by initial President Ambu William, who was able to return to Cameroon armed with gavel and gong along with plenty of Kiwanis regalia items.

International President Jane was able to meet Joseph on her recent flying visit to Melbourne, and as per the front page photo, was able to share in the great news. It’s been a lengthy gestation but we are happy to welcome the Cameroon Kiwanians into our fold.

You would of course recognise the Cameroon flag top of this item, and the lady pictured is Ms Rose Bumah who will be the Charter President.

(Continued from page 2)

The work that Bryan puts in behind the scenes is in danger of being undervalued, but we have ensured that's not the case. The BOT were unanimous in awarding him a Rising Sun Award for tirelessly running our Foundation.

District Convention

Congratulations to Lt Governor Tony Schelling and his team from Casuarina for staging this year’s Convention. I appreciate the amount of work that is done behind the scenes to mount such an event, especially with your time commitments.

Community Impact

The Eliminate Project is nearing its conclusion and I am grateful for all clubs who have pledged, donated and fulfilled those pledges. I am aware of some discrepancies with the way donations have been converted and reported in USD.

Putting these minor issues aside, I am grateful to all Australians, and especially Steve Hughes for driving this project to its successful conclusion and I urge all clubs to get behind Waverley Club’s big challenge in meeting their target. The winners are the mothers and babies immunised against tetanus with well deserved kudos coming to the Australia District for our generous per capita donations.

Children throughout Australia have benefited by another year of Signature Projects, support for HeartKids and outstanding community service. I thank all Kiwanians for this work and meeting our objectives and mission in improving the world for children.

As Governor I am in close contact with International President Jane Erickson, ASPAC Chair Lee Kuan Yong, and KI Counsellor Dewey Smith who have been providing guidance and feedback throughout the year. The work of other members of the Board of Trustees should not go without mention as all have contributed to our successes.

I thank those mentioned above and Jane Hyde for leadership and education skills, Ken Archer for keeping the books, Deb Cowley, Brian Pedretti, Bob Sitters and Robert Gambell for providing invaluable input to the Board meetings and strong leadership of their Divisions. Peter Zander requires a special thank you as he not only executes his defined Secretarial duties efficiently, but also is my mentor, sounding board and covers my inadequacies. Not only does he fill all of these roles, but also is ASPAC Chair-Elect and a member of three clubs plus a lead role in the Brighton Busy Beavers Aktion Club. Thank you to Peter, Thank you Clubs, all Board members, and Chairs. The successes of Kiwanis Australia District are down to your efforts.

TONY GUNN
Governor 2016-2017
Here's a roadside sign spotted in Australia (Flagstaff Hill) where there can be no doubt which is the organisation of “biggest note” amongst Probus, Lions & Rotary. They're all beaten by Kiwanis, which as you can see, sure is ‘the biggest’!

**SIZE MATTERS!!**

Here's a roadside sign spotted in Australia (Flagstaff Hill) where there can be no doubt which is the organisation of “biggest note” amongst Probus, Lions & Rotary. They're all beaten by Kiwanis, which as you can see, sure is ‘the biggest’!

**ASPAC TRUSTEE**

After the unfortunate passing of Trustee-Designate Peter Kimberley who was set to take up his three year appointment in October, Koshiro “Kit” Kitazato (right) from Japan has agreed to stay on for an extra year. At the ASPAC Convention in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in March 2018, there will be another vote to fill the vacant Trustee position which runs until September 30, 2020.

Australia will be nominating Tony Gunn, who as immediate Past Governor, would be an admirably suitable candidate for this important post.

From October 1, Peter Zander OAM will commence as Chair-elect for ASPAC, becoming Chair from October 1, 2018.

**GOVERNOR’S ON THE GRID!**

Expect to hear more soon from Pocket Rocket, incoming Governor Jan, who’s ready to race off when the flag drops very shortly. While Tony Gunn is about to park in the pits after a sterling race during 2017, Jan is set to roar into action.

**HIGH FIVES ALL ROUND**

October 1 marks the date when new International President Jim Rochford takes over from Jane Erickson. As you can see from this pic, Jim (“Eye of the Tiger”) is set to hit the road with all four legs (wheels!) running. Jim is set to start his term in office by hosting quarterly Webinars, focusing on membership, with substantial prizes for Club openers and membership recruiters. The first one is on Wednesday October 4 (9pm US Eastern Standard Time) and you can register or find out more by hitting the KI website.

**AUSTRALIA’S OLDEST KIWANIS CLUB ABOUT TO TURN 50**

Melbourne Club has passed a memorable milestone, marking 50 years of service in Australia.

The Club held its inaugural meeting on May 1, 1967 at the Victorian Club, Queen Street Melbourne, with the Organisational meeting held at the Sandringham Yacht Club on October 2.

The Kiwanis Club of Melbourne K06280 was chartered on October 27, 1967 at the Southern Cross Hotel.

Past Governor Bill Craig is the Club’s current Secretary and has advised of a Celebratory Lunch being arranged to mark this special occasion.

The function will be held on Monday October 16 (11.30 for 12) at the Mail Exchange Hotel, 688 Bourke Street, Melbourne. Guest Speaker is John Emerson AM and RSVP is essential due to room size.

**Meet POLY LAT**

Kiwanis International President-elect Designate for 2017/18, Poly Florencio Lat has been a member of Kiwanis for 27 years. A past Club President and also a former Lieutenant Governor, Poly served as Governor for the Philippines Luzon District in 2011/12. He is highly decorated and amongst his awards are a Charter Walter Zeller and George F. Hixson Fellowship. He has a new email address, and you can contact Poly in the Philippines on polylat@gmail.com
Hello fellow Kiwanians

This is a report on the Paris International Convention by Terry James of the Echuca Moama Kiwanis Club (dobbed in by his wife Susan Elizabeth); it’s a report covering the experiences of two Convention “virgins”!!

You hopefully would know that my wife Suzie was the lucky person whose name was drawn at our (Adelaide) District Convention last August (as reported on p. 16 of 2016 September AK). It was rather daunting for Suzie – she had to consider carefully before choosing which “friend” she’d take along. I can tell you this little black duck was the best behaved Australian husband for several months while vying for the position of “friend”!

As you do, we took the long way round through England and Scotland before flying to Germany and then on to Paree by train. Our three day stopover in Hamburg coincided with the G20 summit and, with “The Donald” in town most of the city was shut down...........

we enjoyed Berlin more because my youngest son is a resident and it was lovely catching up after two years. The Donald was also in Paris, for Bastille Day celebrations marking 100 years since the US entry in 1917 into the Great War; sad to say we didn’t sight him at our Convention.

What do you do at an International Convention when, although you’ve signed on as a delegate, you’re not actually duty-bound to attend any particular events, at least not in an official capacity. The Program was very full and very impressive, obviously the product of much thought and planning, so where to start?

Registration was time-consuming but interesting to be in a queue with two people from Jamaica in front and two from USA behind; it was also enjoyable, over the three days, chatting with international guests including two ladies from Romania and another couple of Kiwanians from Columbia. We thoroughly enjoyed the keynote speaker on Day 1, Ruby Bridges, who in 1960 at the age of six became one of the first black children to integrate the US all-white public school system. Ruby paid tribute to one of the Federal Marshals who had to escort this little girl to school and to the teacher recruited specifically to conduct lessons in this “one person” classroom, despite threats to their personal safety.

Coincidentally, Suzie and I had really enjoyed the movie “Hidden Figures” just before departing - good timing Kiwanis to arrange such a speaker. Another highlight was buying five copies of the children’s book, Little White Doll, which were autographed by the author and dedicated one each to the five Terrific Kids Schools in our towns. We’ll present them at the next Terrific Kids assemblies for those schools.

Suffice to say we went looking for those Convention workshops we thought would have relevance to the culture of an Australian club; this we believe was sensible because we think it’s fair to say that some initiatives that might fit into a North American environment might not be such a good idea in our society. Important ones for Suzie and I were:

• Putting the fun into fundraising with examples shown from around the world of what clubs are doing locally to create successful events which maintain long term popularity and,
• The power of Service Leadership Programs (SLPs). We concede the North Americans and Asians seem to be doing a lot on youth programs generally with the aim that these members will contribute as they pass into adulthood. ........ not easy to get youth involved but we’re pleased to have one 18-year-old with our Club who is proving a popular and productive member.

Some Observations:
1. K.I. Head office certainly puts on a good show.
2. Our European hosts, particularly our French Kiwanians were excellent hosts who’d worked very hard to make the Convention a success.
3. We were impressed to learn that the major growth area for Kiwanis is the Asia-Pacific zone with the Philippines spawning new clubs at a far greater rate than in any other area.

Left: Spotted the “Bistrot” Bar in Paris !
4. The Kiwanis Asia Pacific Chair, Lee Kuan Yong presented as a warm and effective leader for our region.

5. Devin Sun and Shayna Cole, respectively Key Club International President and Circle K International President gave insightful presentations and are clearly high achievers with a lot to give to Kiwanis International in the years to come.

6. The last night in town incurred the duty of visiting "Australia House" (Tony and Pauline Gunn’s room) to assist in the chore of making sure no wine was left unfinished in their fridge. A lovely way to finish Convention in good company with fellow Australians including Governor-designate Jane Hyde, and her consort John.

We were very saddened to learn later of Peter Kimberley’s passing; we didn’t meet Peter at Australia House as he was unwell but we did share time with Sue and are very sorry for her loss.

We wish to thank Kiwanis Australia for the opportunity to attend the International Convention and to thank other Delegates for their friendship and hospitality. Suzie wishes to thank me for doing this report when, she knows, it was her name that came out in the draw and it should really be on her to write this report.

Very best wishes to all Australian District Kiwanians

Terry James

Photo top left of this page shows keynote speaker Ruby Bridges during Convention in a “chat” with Jane Erickson. Along with Barbara Henry, a Humanitarian Award has been bestowed on Ruby and she accepted this in Paris in July. The Award is inscribed “Courage to Inspire” and is most fitting, considering the amazing life’s journey that this person has endured. Barbara Henry was on the staff at a recently desegregated school in New Orleans in 1960, when desegregation was just being introduced in States of USA where it needed to be applied. On this occasion, the white parents transferred all their children away from this particular school as feelings on the matter were running high, leaving Ruby as the sole remaining student. She and her teacher showed great courage to “tough out” the situation and taking a stand against racism. This Award was well deserved for Ms Bridges, and it was terrific that KI President Jane could pay tribute in person to such a brave lady.

WORTH MENTIONING HERE that while for the second year in a row, NZ and South Pacific Region attendees outnumbered our own District, there were still the stalwarts there flying the Aussie flag. Included were the Gunns, McLennans, Hydes, Kimberleys, Chantrys, plus the James who had won the Competition draw to attend Paris.

Daniel Vigneron (left) from Howald, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg has been voted in, at Paris Convention as Vice-President and will become President of K.I. in 2019/20. He belongs to Kiwanis Club of Vielsalm, Belgium-Luxembourg District and has been a member of Kiwanis since 1985. Daniel also speaks seven languages, and could be referred to as multi-lingual.

You can “talk” with him via email on fb804718@skynet.be

As International Convention was timed to start during France’s Bastille Day celebrations, the other photo shows a traditional fly-past by jet planes above the iconic Arc de Triomphe.
Mid June, Roseworthy-Hewett Kiwanis celebrated a milestone fifth birthday.

Over 40 people attended the Club’s celebration at the Nixon Function Centre Gawler, with six of the seven clubs in Division 10 represented.

R-H President Rose Muirhead delivered a brief summary of the Club’s history so far including the service projects it’s been involved in throughout the local area and further afield.

Roseworthy-Hewett’s hosting of the 2016 Australia District Convention was seen as a great achievement in the Club’s short history. There would surely not be many Kiwanis Clubs in our District that have taken on the task of organising a Convention inside of their first four years.

The evening was also attended by District Governor Tony Gunn and Governor-Elect Jan Hyde. Governor Tony congratulated the club on such a great track record, and also highlighted the need for clubs to develop a strategic plan. Governor-Elect Jan inducted a new member Rosalinda Thomson, which was one of the exciting aspects of the night. Guest speaker, local Legislative Council Member John Dawkins, also congratulated the club on its memorable milestone. He also touched on the importance of service clubs and spoke about youth suicide prevention.

Club member Robert Nitchske presented Certificates of Appreciation to President Rose Muirhead and Barossa Club President Dean Hoklas, from Roseworthy-Hewett’s Sister Club Manila in the Philippines. Both these clubs contributed funds to a school project which resulted in the purchase of three computers.

Immediate Past Governor William Skully provided the meeting with a printed pictorial record of the Club’s history, and along with Julie Skully supplied a magnificent birthday cake. Tuesday 13th June - a date to be remembered.

Everyone present received a Roseworthy-Hewett pin, which was appreciated by all. Looking back, this vibrant Kiwanis Club was chartered in 2012 when Governor John Bromilow was amongst the huge crowd in attendance. Roseworthy-Hewett Club now looks forward to the next five years and beyond.

Pictured above: Top left - Guest speaker John Dawkins addresses the Kiwanis crowd. Top right: District Governor Tony Gunn during his address. Below left: Governor-Elect Jan Hyde during the induction of new member Rosalinda Thompson. Hence the (pink) rose pictured here. Rose (Muirhead) is Roseworthy’s President, and Rose (Rosalinda) was the new member inducted during the evening’s festivities!
Barossa Past President Robert Nitschke made another trip to Manila earlier this year to present donations from the Barossa and Roseworthy/Hewett Clubs to the Luzon District Division 3A and Manila Clubs to purchase IT equipment and library books for local children.

MOORABBIN

Moorabbin Kiwanis Club has received a recent communiqué from their counterparts in Sweden - the Karlskoga Kiwanis, one of whose projects is helping a local ladies’ shelter called “Women’s House”. This is where abused mothers and children can seek short-term refuge and be provided with startup kits, which would be similar to the Care Kits provided by Brisbane Kiwanis and also in Adelaide for homeless people.

MOOROOPNA

Well done to MOOROOPNA KIWANIS - this Club has recently commissioned an impressive banner and this sign makes great publicity for Kiwanis, whenever they perform their football parking and at other events.

Congratulations to BRIGHTON BAYSIDE Kiwanis Club (Victoria) which celebrated its 30th Birthday on Saturday 9th September. A dinner was held at Highett RSL to mark this milestone, with Mal Walden as guest speaker.

ROSTREVOR-CAMPBELLTOWN

The District’s largest Club really does put Fun into their Fundraising. President Bruce Ind reports that a recent Quiz Night helped swell their coffers by nearly $2000, with a swell time had by the large number in attendance. Shown here are some prizes that were on offer.

No Photoshop involved in this snap of Lt Gov Div 3 during the induction of a new member when she was welcomed into Prospect Club last month. That illuminated sign really is on the cafe’s back wall!
The Kiwanis Division 10 Indoor Bowls Night was held on July 3 at Hope Valley Bowling Club.

Modbury Club led by President Graham Brown and Secretary Bob Culshaw invited all clubs in Div 10 to take part. Teams from Athelstone, Barossa, Modbury, Roseworthy-Hewett, Rostrevor-Campbelltown, and Tea Tree Gully competed in this keenly-contested event. A hard fought-final was held between Rostrevor Campbelltown and Modbury, where Rostrevor-Campbelltown finished successful on the last bowl of the evening.

Many thanks to Modbury Kiwanis for their Annual running of Bowls Night, and the wonderful supper provided.

Tea Tree Gully entrants are shown above (Standing) Terry Kemp, Brian Emery, Bert Kampes, Marlene Meathrel; (Sitting) Michael Flavel, Kerryn and Bob Sherrah, Lorraine Ludecke, Alan Meathrel and Roberto Giorgio.

SYDNEY CLUB has just marked its 30 year Anniversary and celebrated with a presentation to Noahs Ark Toy Library. Shown here (right) at the Library are (L to R): Dave, Robert, Jeff, Beryl, Patricia, Vikki, Steve & Cathy with Ros.

This Club also supports the Rainbow Children’s Home in Nepal, helping them recover after the damage from the bad 2015 Nepal quakes. President Jeff Hudson is shown (right) during a Terrific Kids ceremony at Sir Eric Woodward School, earlier this year.

PROSPECT PRESENTATION

Last month a special assembly was held at Prospect Primary School, specifically to honour a long-standing helper, Simon Linke who was awarded an OAM in the Queens Birthday Honours list. Simon is highly regarded at the school (where Prospect Kiwanis has a great relationship) for the time he puts in, helping students.

Among the many tributes delivered during the assembly (which included a special video) were testimonials from Henry Kutek and Peter Zander OAM.
AROUND THE CLUBS

IAN BROPHY FROM ATELSTONE KIWANIS has supplied the interesting information that a good friend of Kiwanis (John Clements) has recently been conferred with a Paul Harris Fellowship.

Hang on, wait up. The Paul Harris notation is the Rotary equivalent of awarding a Kiwanis George F. Hixson. So how come a Rotary awardee scores a mention in Australian Kiwanian? Well, while Mr Clements isn’t a bona fide Kiwanis member, he is well known in Athelstone Kiwanis circles.

John Clements has been involved with service clubs since the age of 21 when he followed his father’s steps into Apex. As we know, members of Apex “age out” at 40 (since changed to 45 years old) and he moved into the Rotary ranks.

These days John is a member of an interestingly named Rotary Nomads Club which was formed around four years ago. He’s currently Nomads President, with this Club catering for Rotarians in Australia who are regularly moving around this vast nation, usually in 4WD vehicles with caravans. These “grey nomads” obviously aren’t in a position to commit to a regular service Club, so they link up with whatever Club they happen to land close to, for small projects as they move around the country, keeping in touch weekly by Zoom (similar to Skype).

Sometimes this means the Rotary Nomads are working alongside Kiwanians or Lions members, and it’s great to see such Service interaction to the benefit of various communities. John Clements has helped Athelstone Kiwanis at some of their projects and has become a good friend of that Club. So he was able to do a guest speaker spot at a recent Athelstone Club meeting, expanding on the Harris notation that he’s been awarded. It seems Paul Harris was an originator of the Rotary movement.

John is shown (above right) with Chas Jolly of Athelstone Club, after he spoke regarding Rotary Nomads. As a footnote, it’s worth reminding Australian Kiwanian readers about a Kiwanian having been conferred with a Paul Harris award around a year ago. You would have read in AK about Brisbane Kiwanian Mal Lancaster having this very rare honour come his way.

ATHELSTONE KIWANIANS HELP HONOUR A “NOMADIC” ROTARIAN!

GLENELG

Glenelg held a successful Beyond India Day earlier this year, kindly hosted out at Athelstone by the Dolmans.

During September, Glenelg Kiwanis are able to help out at Adelaide’s annual City-Bay Fun Run, contested by thousands of runners and walkers. The Kiwanians help dispense Gator-Ade drinks for competitors and the team of Kiwanians is seen above, ready for action.

Glenelg Club also celebrated its 45th Birthday - a memorable milestone - on August 14.
ATTENTION! WHAT A CONVENTION!!

The above heading has no relevant relevance towards this year's 49th Australia District Convention - just designed to grab your interest. But for the 2017 Convention, hosted in the Northern Territory, it was a case of: “if you never never go, you’ll never know.”

Those Kiwanians who couldn’t make the 49th District Convention sure missed a very enjoyable gathering of our Kiwanis brethren who really did celebrate a half century of Kiwanis in Australia, in style!

The last Convention held in Darwin was back in 2005, and for 2017 we had Tony Schelling and Paul ter Bogt and their team pulling the levers. For visitors, it is a fair haul, travelling as far north as Darwin, but those who made the effort late August were rewarded with a truly great experience.

Most people flew up to Darwin in time for Convention Kickoff, Thursday 24th but a few such as past Lt Gov Div 8 Ash Gore (& Ros) took the slow path north, towing their caravan on a lengthy “Trans Australia” odyssey timed to land in Darwin for this big Kiwanis event. Annette Holmes and Ken Archer did similar.

Following registration Thursday, Board of Trustee members attended the regular BOT meeting where considerable business was enacted within the three hour time limit. After this, all Conventioneers were bussed down to Parliament House for an official warm Welcome, addressed by Deputy Chief Minister Nicole Mansion. The spectacular sunset backdrop to this ceremony, overlooking the Harbour, was breathtaking, after which we bussed down to Mindil Beach to take in the legendary twilight Markets.

A real international element emerged, with attendance by Efi Taylor and Manny from the Philippines, plus Nadine from Uganda. A pair of Kiwanians from Cameroon, Africa were due to attend but were inexplicably denied entry by Australian Immigration. However we did welcome K.I. Trustee Chian Chu-Ching “George” along with his delightful Taiwanese interpreter - “Angela” Liu, this pair enthralling us with sincere messages of support and best wishes.

The Friday morning opening business session set the scene for a well-organised Convention. MC Tony “Tiny” Schelling began on the guitar with a song “One Kid At A Time” which we all managed to sing along to. Jannine who lived through Cyclone Tracy in 1974, performed the “Welcome to Country” which was followed by both Aussie and Taiwanese national anthems. On Friday, “George” would present the KADCF with a cheque for $750.

We heard the usual reports from Governor, Secretary and Treasurer, including confirmation that while overall the District’s numbers are down, our Kiwanis service hours are up considerably. So we are currently achieving “more with less”. For now that’s probably not ideal, but it does serve to show the relevance of Kiwanis in today’s world.

Tim Vine spoke on behalf of Bryan Williams for an update on the District Charitable Foundation. There were 24 of our 48 Clubs represented for House of Delegates. The “High Five” lady J an Hyde was introduced by Betty d’Amor as our Governor-Designate, after which an Eye of the Tiger (Tiger’s hat) was presented to (soon) outgoing Governor Tony Gunn.

There was an election for Governor-Elect between Div 6 LG Ian Randall and Div 8 LG Bob Sitters, with the vote going the way of the latter. 2017/18 Secretary and Treasurer positions remain unchanged with Peter and Ken staying on board.

Steve Hughes received a Rising Sun Award for his work on the eliMiNaTe project (see photo p.2). Steve told us how this District has raised an impressive $757K for this project where US$71.2 million has been received worldwide.

George Loch received a 45 year Legion of Honour, and a cheque for A$30K was presented for HeartKids Australia. There was a Kooka Award made to Sue Kimberley, while further “Kookas” went to Glenelg, Brighton Bayside and Bendigo for new member growth.


There were guest speakers galore, even more food with unlimited morning tea and lunch breaks, and later that day we all re-assembled at Crocosaurus Cove, where an enthralling experience of “up close and personal” with baby crocs, full size crocodiles, snakes and other “nice” creatures were on show. A full drinks and nibble package applied, in case looking at crocodiles became too thirsty, after which all Kiwanians were bussed to the Penthouse where we had a smorgasbord dinner, refreshments and a most interesting star-gazing experience (Saturn’s never looked so close!).

Saturday - a paper chain making exercise, great to get the circulation going. George and Angela had a workshop on how those Taiwanese build so many Clubs, including extensive use of Facebook. Taiwan is a powerhouse small country of only 36.5K sq km with a population similar to Australia’s.

(Continued p.14)
August proved a busy month for a Kiwanis quartet from Victoria. In the week leading up to our own District Convention, we had Past Governors Graham Mould and Bill Craig accompanied by Margaret and Heather attending the 41st Malaysia District Convention from August 18 to 20.

Held in Johor Bahru, Malaysia, the timing didn’t leave our Australian reps much leeway for returning to Australia, but at least this Flying Foursome only had to reach Darwin by August 23 to comfortably settle in for Australia District Convention.

Malaysia’s third largest city, Johor Bahru is on the southern peninsula near Singapore and is home to over two million people, yet it doesn’t suffer the density of other populous cities in the region.

During the Malaysian Convention Graham and Bill were recognised on many occasions and were called on along with ASPAC Chair-Elect Trinidad “Toto” Gonzalez to judge competitions for Best Display at Convention, Best Project and Best Report. The three judges presented the awards during the Formal Dinner night.

Both Graham and Bill were able to renew acquaintances with many Malaysian Kiwanians including the internationally known Lee Kuan Yong who was a guest at the 2013 Convention in Adelaide, as Trustee. As you’ll see from these photos (kindly provided by Graham Mould) the Kiwanis business was interspersed with several functions, all with appropriate regalia, including an “Aloha” Hawaiian evening.
Some interesting items came out of a presentation: “Kiwanis - 50 Years Down The Track”. Kiwanis worldwide is credited with providing more than 12 million hours service. Female membership makes up 31% of our worldwide total. And almost a third of Governors-Elect 2016-17 are female. There are six Districts worldwide. And George Santos is still around. This revered bloke was part of the Melbourne Club when Kiwanis began in Australia - 50 years ago!

An energetic lunchtime speaker, Tony Burns really set the place aflame with his compelling talk. He is CEO of Helping People Achieve, catering for challenged folk, and he inspires people to get inspired, with effective slogans such as: “If you don’t believe it, you won’t achieve it.”

Val Symons followed with a Facebook presentation and then we were asked to judge three Australian Special Projects. First up was Ray Wakeling talking on Reynella Club’s annual Fun Day for Children. Next Bob Sitters spoke on the upcoming HeartKids fundraiser, “Have a Heart”. Third person to speak was lan Randall on how Kiwanis supports an Orphanage over in Mongolia. Winner was the Reynella Club project.

After a couple more workshops we wound up, and then prepared for dinner that evening at the very posh poolside party, celebrating 50 Years of Kiwanis in Australia in 50 Hours, with a golden theme.

With Darwin’s predictable weather in the dry season, it was a master-stroke having an outdoor setting by a pool with lovely overhead lighting, great ambience, and a top time had by all. A raffle was drawn with prizes (in order) going to Yvonne Zander, Elizabeth Andrews and Bryen Smith.

The incoming Board for 2017/2018 was presented, along with a mighty big 50th Cake, heaps of eating, dancing, fellowship, refreshments, and a local guest speaker well worth listening to, before more eating, dancing, fellowship, refreshments....

The following morning’s Memorial Service and Windup ceremony in a nice parkland setting really set the scene for all in attendance to finish off with bacon & egg breakfast plus trimmings, before bidding adieu until next year when Kiwanis tackle the 50th Convention. See you in Mildura!
Top left: “Holler for a Marshall” - Richard Marshall from Reedbeds Club and Tea Tree Gully’s Brian Emery. The other two shots show our outgoing and incoming Governors, Tony and Jan, both formally and informally at various stages of a really enjoyable Darwin Convention!

DON’T FORGET! Your next AK, due out mid December, will have plenty more Kiwanis reading, including 30 Years of Women in Kiwanis • Jane Erickson’s visit to Melbourne • Melbourne Club hits 50 years of age
Kiwanis support Orphanage in Mongolia

Brighton Bayside Kiwanis Club in Victoria has supported this Mongolian Orphanage for a number of years by sending presents for the children resident there.

A few months ago Lt Governor Division 6 Ian Randall travelled through Ulaanbatar for work purposes on his way to the Oyu Tolgoi Copper mine (a Rio Tinto joint venture). He visited the Lotus Children's Centre where he delivered a sizeable package containing 32 kilo of items from the Brighton Bayside Kiwanis Club, including a generous donation of sustainable female hygiene kits for youngsters from the Days for Girls Organisation.

The orphanage was originally established by Didi Ananda Kalika in 1995, just outside Ulaanbatar, the capital city of Mongolia. It was a real (comforting) eye-opener for Ian, being able to see the high standard maintained in this orphanage.

(Many thanks to Ian for supplying this information)
VALE TO 4 KIWANIANS

IAN WOODWARD - ROSTREVOR CAMPBELLTOWN

Ian (left) was a long-standing member of the District’s largest Club, having been involved with Kiwanis for over 30 years. We extend our sympathy to Ian’s family.

ROBERT GEHLING - ROSTREVOR CAMPBELLTOWN

Robert Paul Gehling (right) passed away on May 13 aged 76, after living his latter years at Paradise Resthaven Home. He was a seven-year member of Rostrevor Campbelltown Kiwanis Club and well respected amongst his peers. Robert was married to Helen for 52 years, and they had three children followed by seven grandchildren. To his family members we extend our condolences.

VICTOR CARR - ECHUCA / MOAMA

After moving to Moama two decades ago, Vic (left) joined our organisation in 1999 because his brother Rex brought him to a Kiwanis meeting. Vic had many executive positions in the Echuca / Moama Club, excelling as Treasurer and bringing ledger experience with classic old school banking skills to the role.

He threw himself into key projects, becoming regularly involved in events such as the Royal Children’s Hospital Appeal, Special Olympics barbecues at the pool, and each Easter he would help collect donations from campers on the river. Taking his punt from camp to camp. On one occasion, Vic’s knot tying came into question as that punt was seen quietly drifting away downstream.

One of his biggest contributions was to the annual Garage Sales. Vic would volunteer his property for the cause which would go on for about three weeks leading up to the big day. The garage sale took over front & back yards, plus driveway and his kitchen for coffee breaks.

Vic was renowned for being neat and well organised – he would often commandeer an item of donated furniture, effecting repairs and painting so that when it was sold it would bring in a few extra dollars. A passionate worker at the regular Bunnings barbecues, Vic’s sense of humour would invariably see him the “victim” at a following fines session. And in true Carr fashion he would tip in well above the 20c “fine”.

Vic did all this and so much more and he would still front up, giving time to St Vinnies plus mowing a few lawns.

His funeral was held Monday 11th September at St Aloysius Church, Moama, attended by many Kiwanians. To his family we send our sympathies. We’ve lost a real keen Kiwanian.

(Thanks to Secretary Deidre Nesbit and Club President Tim Dawes for supplying information on Victor).

VINCENT WOOD

We pay tribute to a long-standing member of South Coast Aktion Club - VINCENT WOOD (right) - who passed away on Tuesday September 5th.

Vince was a foundation member when this AKtion Club formed in August 1994. He was an active Aktioner who never missed a meeting and in fact could be relied on as always being the first to arrive at the Aktion meetings.

Vince served as Club President in 2009 and treasurer in 2016.
In the last edition of Australian Kiwanian we ran a feature on the multi-credentialled Peter Kimberley. It is inconceivable but sadly it’s true that for this issue Mr Kimberley again features but for all the wrong reasons. Read on as we pay tribute to yet another fallen comrade, after Peter unfortunately passed away while returning to Australia from the Paris International Convention.

Even before landing in France for this year’s International, Peter had not been keeping the best of health as he was still suffering from what turned out to be a nasty virus. You know this bloke wasn’t well when he had to turn down joining the rest of the Aussie Kiwanians at the traditional gathering in the Governor’s room (Australia House!). Sue K attended in his absence and confirmed that PK “wasn’t travelling well”.

Sadly, a day or so later en route back to Australia, the Kimberleys got as far as the Dubai stopover when Peter’s condition took a huge step for the worse and he passed away while in transit. Understandably, this left poor Sue with a huge dilemma and one she handled with great equanimity.

And so, we are left to pay homage to such an incredibly gifted and knowledgable Kiwanian with so much promise, having given so much and with so much more to give. Next month he was due to be officially installed for a three-year term as ASPAC Regional Trustee which Peter was so looking forward to. And Australia was looking forward to as well. This bloke was virtually the complete Kiwanis package.

His very impressive Curriculum Vitae (CV) was outlined on page 5 of our last AK, so you can refer to that, but it is worth repeating some of PK’s more important achievements, which include: Australia District Governor 1999-2000, District Treasurer 2001-03, ASPAC Vice-Chair (2002-03), ASPAC Chairman 2003-04.

There’s just so much more of Kiwanis that can be said about this selfless bloke, but his “work in progress” is now a “memory of a major man” who really did set the world of Kiwanis alight. Rest easy Peter - if we could clone this bloke, the world would be so much better!

Peter Kimberley born September 21, 1946; passed away July 18, 2017. His funeral service was held at Karralyka Centre, Ringwood East, Melbourne on Friday August 4, with a very large turnout of Kiwanians in attendance. There were tributes from Peter’s wife (of 44 years) Sue, followed by one of their sons Simon, and Peter’s older sister Margaret. A compelling eulogy was delivered by long-time friend David Richards OAM. Celebrant at the funeral service was the partner of John Fyfe who was a Kiwanis PR spokesman several years ago.
Better known as “J ohn Brom”, this chap was another consummate Kiwanian and at 63 years of age, was the youngest of the four Past Governors we lost last month. He met Jen ny Bailey while both were teenagers, they became childhood “sweethearts’ and married in Geelong, February 1975 (over 42 years ago). Jen ny and John had three grandkids via their daughters Jodie (& Dave) and Tracy (& Troy).

A Melbourne Demons AFL fan, John also became a golf tragic, “specialising” in the 19th hole and we heard at the funeral from Ike Kulbars how his golfing nickname was “Nostradamus” - something about predicting where that dam small ball would land!

JB gained his Dip.Teaching after studying chemistry, and worked at Geelong East Tech originally. Kiwanian Graeme Munro spoke at the funeral on his teaching career and how John was a maths specialist. He then became a driving instructor and with a motoring interest, was an easy transition to become involved in Kiwanis through Geelong’s All Ford Day - a venture he hung with for 24 years.

Mr Bromilow was a dedicated Kiwanian for over two decades, having joined in 1993 (July 25 in fact), and within a year he was on the Geelong Club’s Board as treasurer. He was President in the early 2000’s and was rarely without a senior appointment in Kiwanis. John has the honour of being the only District Governor in Australia to have served two terms - in 2011-12, and 2013-14. His first Board of Trustees service came in 1997/98 as Treasurer (repeated in 2008-2010), District Trainer 2004-05, along with Distinguished Lt Governor Div 1 in 1999-2001.

Amongst his many accolades are George F Hixson plus Walter Zeller Fellowships. Rarely one to miss a District Convention in recent times, John had to cancel from 2016 Adelaide Convention after receiving news of a tumour in July that year. He remained incredibly stoic for the past year during his treatment, and instead of scaling back, his optimistic outlook saw him take on further duties such as Board Member for the District Charitable Foundation, starting Target 2M. Who could ever forget his laconic comment after being diagnosed: “Sh!t happens”!

John’s funeral was held at Barrabool Hills Centre Highton, (Geelong) on Wednesday August 16 with Tony Bugden officiating. Even the sky had a cry, as it bucketed down for part of that afternoon and you could be convinced that at one stage of the funeral, just as the function was starting, a huge weather “blow” convinced us JayBee was watching from above!

District Secretary Peter Zander OAM delivered the eulogy on behalf of Kiwanis, reminding us that JayBee had the rare distinction with Geelong Club of perfect attendance during his time with our organisation.

John wasn’t averse to a red or two, or a beer or two, and as Jenny can attest, their dwelling at No.9 was quite often the scene of several post-BOT get-togethers. The very well-attended wake held at Geelong RSL, Belmont, saw tributes to John Brom in real Kiwanis style.

**JOHN BROMILOW  July 23, 1954 - August 10, 2017... RIP true friend**
The Kiwanis world is again in mourning after the sudden passing of James (Jim) Rae, a smaller bloke who walked tall in our District Kiwanis circles.

Born on September 4, 1939, he was a founding Kiwanian and Member No.1 on Sunbury’s original charter, back on April 10, 1979. He rose to the rank of Distinguished President 1980/81 and was Lt Governor Division 1 in 1983/84. Jim later joined Geelong Kiwanis Club where he was presented with a Hixson Fellowship, and also served as Geelong President from 2011 to 2013.

He was made a Life Member of Kiwanis International in 1993, after serving a term in the highest office - Australia District Governor in 1992/93. Jim was on the Board of Trustees in various capacities, including District Treasurer 1995/96, and was a valued board member of the District Charitable Foundation, along with being the District’s Public Officer for many years.

The awards he accumulated cover nearly every spectrum of Kiwanis, acknowledging the fullness of his service. Jim was a Charter Walter Zeller awardee (for those who made contributions prior to Sept 30, 2011), and gained his Legion of Honour for 35 years service in 2014. Jim attended International Conventions in USA, Canada and Europe and was an exceptionally regular Australia District Convention attendee since 1980.

Apart from being renowned in Kiwanis circles, Mr Rae had a military background. In May 1959 he was drafted and his conscription involved a couple months training until late July 1959. His National Service was deferred, but he stuck with the khaki and served in the CMF (Citizens Military Forces) from August 1959 until late 1960.

Jim joined the National Servicemen’s Association of Australia in Sunbury in 2007 and remained active for a full decade, taking over as President after the death of the previous President.

He was a builder by trade until suffering a heart attack a few years ago after which he became an estimator for Boral Plaster. He retired from the workforce after a second heart attack following which he was fitted with a pace-maker. For many years he was on the Match Review Panel for the Riddell District Football League.

His dual service with both Geelong and Sunbury Kiwanis Clubs saw Jim installed (alongside Secretary Garry Warner) as Sunbury President for 2016/17 (his second consecutive term as President), a position he still held at the time of his passing.

Jim Rae passed away at Sunshine Hospital on Friday August 11th, and the funeral was on Thursday 17th at St Mary’s Anglican Church Sunbury. He is survived by wife Kaye, son Brad and daughter Caron along with five grandchildren. To them we extend our sympathy on the passing of this fine man. Past Governor Reunions will likely have a “different feel” about them in future, without Jim there “to rev them up”!

Above: Jim with 2006/07 Governor Geoff Hill.
Born (17/7/1939) in Pyramid Hill, Victoria, just prior to World War II, Kevin entered the kingdom of heaven after passing away on August 23, 2017. A full funeral mass was held at St Finbar’s Catholic church, Brighton East on August 31, with Fr Malcolm Crawford as celebrant, and Phil Riggio delivering an eloquent euology on behalf of Kiwanis.

Kevin Wood was the second born in a family of six and was diagnosed early with albinism, affecting his eyesight. He attended secondary school in Bendigo, eventually graduating from Euchuca Technical College and helping tend to the family farm before acquiring his own dairy farm at Lancaster in Victoria and becoming President of the Kyabram Victoria Dairy Farmers in which he maintained an active role.

He was known for being handy with tools, from welding with metal to creating masterpieces with his carpentry skill, complementing his agricultural prowess. Kevin was an ardent Collingwood fan (but many of us won’t hold that against him!).

Around this time, he had a protracted but ultimately successful encounter with the Victorian Police who had summarily cancelled his driving licence on grounds of impaired vision. Following his lengthy “battle” with officialdom, Kevin eventually surrendered his licence later in life, in 2009.

He began his involvement with Kiwanis after being a guest speaker at a Moorabbin Club meeting 1987. Peter Cameron approached him to become a founding member of a new Club just starting up at Brighton (Victoria). Thirty years later Kevin was proud to be one of three remaining Charter members.

He was actively involved in Kiwanis, rising through the ranks to become District Governor in 2003-04 (with full support of wife Ann) when he followed Janine Powell into the top job. He became involved with the Timor Leste Dairy Cows - a project which took eight years and $1.6 million to complete its aim of providing milk for children. Two herds of 50 cattle bred for the tropics were transported from Victoria to East Timor via Darwin. Accompanied by other senior Kiwanians, and his own nephew, Kevin travelled to Fuirola in East Timor several times to help bring this project to fruition with his knowledge of dairy farming. Kevin was also able to initiate the Child Protection Policy for Kiwanis Australia during his term as Governor.

His wife Ann and daughter Gabby joined Kevin in Kiwanis for a while, while his grandson Brendan Sheahan joined Brighton Bayside Club in October 2016, keeping the Wood legacy alive. Kevin and Ann celebrated their 50th anniversary on July 23, 2017. He passed away just as 2017 Convention was about to start - on Wednesday August 23.

Despite failing eyesight, (he had just five per cent vision) he managed to type and complete his memoirs and earlier this year had 100 copies of his autobiography printed - entitled A Life Of Vision, A Life Of Service. A few copies remain available of Kevin’s book at $40 (+$12 pp) and you can contact daughter Gabby for details of how to purchase a copy. Payment would be to: BSB 063 145 A/C: 10045462

Above: Kevin and Ann’s wedding day in 1967.

Right: Their grandson Brendan holding the golden anniversary cake while the happy couple get set to cut that cake.

If you’ve ever wondered what the District’s leading duo (Secretary Peter and Governor Tony) look like without their beards, here’s a sneak peek!! (Just for fun)

Hopefully readers will recall the AK cover from a couple of issues ago where we featured the East coast antics of Barry McDonald and Pat McKinney. Both gents were at last month’s Darwin Convention and they agreed to pose for a “Re-visit Front Page” shoot. The result is above!

Some relevant dates for Australian Kiwanians to keep in mind:

- **October 28, 2017**: KIWANIS ONE DAY
- **Feb 16-17, 2018**: BOT Shepparton
- **Feb 22-25, 2018**: DIVISION 2 MINI CONVENTION
- **March 8-10**: ASPAC CONVENTION
  Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- **May 25-26**: BOT Shepparton
- **June 28-July 1**: INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
  Las Vegas, USA
- **August 23**: BOT - Mildura
- **August 23-26**: DISTRICT CONVENTION Mildura

---

**DISTRICT DIARY**

**50th KIWANIS AUSTRALIA DISTRICT CONVENTION**

23 - 26 August 2018

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 an easy 4 hour drive from Adelaide and a little longer from Melbourne and Sydney. Train and flight options are also available, making this a most accessible venue for our 50th Kiwanis Convention.

Details are on the District website - you can send in an Earlybird Form with $20 deposit to The Treasurer, 55 Nell St, North Geelong Vic 3215 or email: spencer.harding@bigpond.com Ph. 0408 522 510
From District eliMiNaTe coordinator Steve Hughes

Right now, UNICEF is ready to immunize 1.8 million women in Pakistan, a country that is growing closer every day to eliminating maternal and neonatal tetanus. To actually implement these immunization plans and conduct two full immunization rounds, UNICEF urgently requires US$3.3 million. Without the funds, the immunization campaigns will have to be delayed, leaving mothers and their newborns unprotected against tetanus, a disease that strikes the poorest of the poor and kills 90-100% of the babies who contract it.

Pakistan
Due to geographical challenges, wealth inequities and the differences in coverage across provinces, almost half of children do not receive a full course of tetanus vaccinations. UNICEF has helped reached over 18.1 million women with more than two doses of vaccine. The Punjab province was validated for MNT elimination as of November 2016 while the Sindh Providence has completed all tetanus campaigns and is preparing for a pre-validation assessment. The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) and Balochistan Provinces are now being targeted for immunizations to help over 1.8 million women.

Mali
Mali is still affected by the armed conflict that erupted in its northern regions in 2012, causing deteriorating security. This made access to these States fragile and the country now requires more operational support from UNICEF to deliver essential medications and medical equipment to children under 5 and pregnant women. UNICEF aims to target more than 1.5 million women requiring around $600,000 in funding.

Mothers and babies in Pakistan and Mali need assistance from Kiwanians now more than ever
• Since 2000, 42 countries have achieved maternal and neonatal tetanus (MNT) elimination, meaning mothers and babies for generations to come will be safe from this terrible disease.
• Sixteen countries are still facing the deadly consequences of MNT.
• Many of the regions where MNT is still prevalent are also war-torn, impoverished or facing outbreaks of other diseases—all of which makes MNT elimination more difficult.
• The number of babies dying annually from MNT has dropped by more than 40 percent since 2010.
• For the first time ever, fewer than 100 newborns die each day from tetanus.
• Unfortunately, MNT still kills an estimated 34,000 babies each year.
• As of June 23, 2017, The eliMiNaTe Project has collected US$71 million in cash gifts toward our $110 million goal.

Ethiopia became the 42nd country to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus since 2000, thanks to Kiwanians and our partnership with UNICEF through The eliMiNaTe Project. Now, this excruciating, but preventable disease will not be a threat to mothers and babies in Ethiopia.

Immunizing women and babies in Ethiopia has been a challenging journey, especially in the Somali region, where many remote villages are located. This region was the last and most challenging province for immunizing. The Somali region also has struggled with long droughts, making remote areas even more difficult for UNICEF health workers to reach.

UNICEF Representative Shalini Bahuguna credits completion of the last leg of this journey to the local government of Somali for its “leadership, persistence and wide partnerships.” Ethiopia’s State Minister of Health, Dr. Kebede Worku, also shared that Ethiopia will “integrate maternal and child health services with other public health priorities,” ensuring that Ethiopia sustains MNT elimination.

Ethiopia’s new status comes after a long validation process by health officials. It includes a review of the nation’s community health programs and practices and collecting survey data on women and children to ensure that MNT is no longer a threat.

Because of your help, mothers and babies no longer are at risk of contracting maternal and neonatal tetanus. Today, only 16 countries remain affected by MNT, after the recent addition of Haiti to the list of nations rated as MNT-free. We are so close to eliminating this disease from the globe, but we can only get there with Kiwanians’ support.

South East Region of Nigeria is scheduled for validation surveys late this year. Our list of 16 countries could be dropping again. Additionally, Chad, Kenya and Pakistan’s Sindh Province are preparing for pre-validation assessments in 2017/18.

Kiwanians, let’s keep up the “good fight”. The battle is so close to being won.
TWILIGHT IN THE BAROSSA

SATURDAY OCTOBER 21  5:30pm  Barossa Regional Gallery, Tanunda (Barossa Valley)

A concert of beautiful music featuring the vocals of ELEANOR BLYTHMAN

SCOTT ANGOVE and STEVE KAESLER playing the Hill & Son Grand Organ

TOMMY NG and JAMES YIP on viola and piano

MARK SANDON  accompanist

$25 Adults   $20 Concession   $10 Students

EFT facilities available

For tickets/enquiries ring Chris Leske on 0428 337 132 or email ejleske@gmail.com

A DELICIOUS POST-CONCERT MEAL PACKAGE
ALSO AVAILABLE ($25 per person)

A Fundraising Concert in support of HeartKids in the Barossa, hosted by Kiwanis Club of the Barossa

HAVE A HEART GALA EVENT

FRIDAY OCTOBER 27   7pm to Midnight   Moet Chandon Pavilion, Morphettville Racecourse

Canapes & Drinks on arrival.  2 course Meal with Wine, Beer, Champagne

Entertainment by GROOVE BROS & SOUL SISTER. Guest singer: BECKY BLAKE

Black Tie   Auctions   Raffles   Kiwanis BOT will be in attendance

Tickets: $120 per guest - $1100 tables of 10

For Tickets / enquiries: Val Symons -

Banking details: Glenelg Kiwanis BSB 035 034 A/C 186376

A Fundraiser in support of HeartKids, proudly organised by Kiwanis Club of Glenelg

SA INTER DIVISIONAL BOWLS NIGHT

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 3   SOMERTON PARK BOWLING CLUB

$10 for Non-Players   $20 per Player   Supporters are welcome

Open to all Kiwanians and friends from Divisions 3, 8 and 10

Fees include a tasty Pie / Pasty / Sausage Roll supper   Raffle Prizes

Bring your Club banners to add to the evening. Can 2x winner Barossa be knocked off this year?   6:30 for 7pm start

Clubs - arrange a team or two (of 4) and make a fun night of this annual event where there’s keen competition for the Ken Farmer Shield & Lionel Whalan Trophy

Payments to Brighton Club by 20/10/17 - PO Box 123 Park Holme 5043

Direct deposit to Kiwanis Club of Brighton BSB 105 184 A/C 018967840
Sponsored by Reynella Kiwanis, this year’s Handover for South Coast Aktion Club was “different” in that the incoming President was holidaying in Europe, while incoming Treasurer was also away in Queensland. However outgoing President Sparky presided over an interesting meeting where for the second year in a row, the guest speaker brought along a dog, this year it was Paddy from RSPCA. Reynella President John Adams was there along with past Governor Peter Zander, and incoming Lt Governors for Division 3 and 8. Brighton Busy Beavers Aktion Club was also represented.

An exceptionally large turnout of Aktion members, parents, friends, chauffeurs and Kiwanians attended the Adelaide Achievers Handover for 2017. For this year the new venue (Robin Hood) provided excellent meals and a private function room. Aktion “godfather” Denis Molyneux was there, along with past Governor Janine Keulen, Peter Mann, Jan Woodward and Lt Gov Div 3.

Outgoing President Andrew Spencer handed over to 2017/18 President Mark Ukleja, while past President Tim Krahe took on the role of treasurer. Above is the new Board after the Handover ceremony. From left: Tim, Rachel, Andrew S, Bronwyn S, President Mark, Bronwyn B, Andrew C, Richard and LG3 David.
**CONFUCIUS SAY . . .**

Man who cut self while shaving, lose face!
If you cross pig with laundry, get hogwash.
To be old and wise, first must be young and stupid.
If Plan A not work, no worry. Alphabet has 25 more letters.
Cost for pirate to have ears pierced is . . . a buck an ear.
He who put face in punchbowl, get punch in the face!
Careful when you follow the masses. Sometimes “m” is silent!
Don’t let ageing get you down. Too hard to get back up again . . . .!
When man ask woman for help with crowbar, it because he can’t lever alone.

**DON’T UNDERSTAND**

My wife left me with a note on the fridge: “It’s not working. I can’t take it any more. Gone to stay at my mother’s!”
I got home, opened the fridge, the light came on and the beer was cold.
I have no idea what on earth she was talking about. She needs to wise up - the fridge works fine.

North Korea’s indulgence in nuclear weapons chest-beating has prompted the Australian Foreign Office to supply Kim Jong-un with the following “updated” map of the South Pacific.

A ladly was sipping on a glass of wine, sitting on the patio with her husband, when she suddenly said, “I love you so much, I don’t know how I could ever live without you.”
Her husband asked, “Is that you, or the wine talking?”
She replied, “It’s me . . . . . Talking to the wine.”

Boss asks employee, “Do you believe that there is life after death?”
“Certainly not, there’s no proof of it”, the employee replied.
Boss: “There is now. After you left work early yesterday to attend your brother’s funeral, he called past here looking for you . . . .”

The above has been printed without political malice in mind. It’s purely for the fun factor!!

NB: No responsibility is accepted for the accuracy of information contained in advertisements or text supplied by individuals or organisations, and/or typographical errors. Editor: David McNabb from Kiwanis Club of Reedsbeds Phone: 0407 795 681 or email: mcnabbmg@hotmail.com. Contributions can be emailed or posted. Electronically, text in Word format is preferable. JPEGs or PDFs are fine. Deadline for the next edition of AK is late November 2017.

28.australiantkiwanian.com.au