Joseph’s “technicolour dream” presentation by our Kiwanis International President - more on p.13

Forget about walking on water. This bloke walks UNDER water! Newcastle’s new Kiwanian is already making plenty of waves! More: p.27-28

STOP PRESS! Australia District’s Tony Gunn voted in as Trustee at ASPAC, March 10th!!

Record attendance at this year’s Division 2 Mini Convention - p.14
The Governor is but one District role. The most important aspect of the role is having a very dedicated District team and support from Clubs. Thank you to each of the District executive and other support leaders in their respective roles and the Lieutenant Governors working at that important grass roots level where the action and impact is. I wish to pay tribute to all Kiwanians for their commitment.

Member deletes are matter of fact and always with us but when the delete is the result of the death of a long time active member, it comes with strong emotion. It is with sadness I mention the sudden passing of George Loch in Darwin just before Christmas followed by the death of Newcastle member Allan Stubbs in January. Both long time Kiwanians of 45 and 29 years respectively. There’s more on these gentlemen in Vale, page 24 of AK

**INSPIRATION**

Membership Growth: District goals have been up front with Club membership in my Governor newsletters. After a waterfall of deletes at the end of 2016-17, there have been 12 deletes since October 1 and now two more. However we have had 27 new members (17 women) since October 1, 2017.

New Club Growth: In the December Governor’s newsletter was a summarized history of the formation of the Bamenda Kiwanis Club written by Lindsay Curtis, Mitcham Kiwanis. It is thanks to the initiative of Joseph Fombason, seeded initially in Shepparton! Congratulations to the Fombasons and all Kiwanians who played a part in the new Kiwanis Club of Bamenda.

Division 7 Lt Governor Brian Pedretti has met twice with a group of women very interested in forming a new Kiwanis Club in Bendigo. Tony Gunn and I attended the first meeting in December. A further meeting was scheduled for late February. Thanks Brian for your work in this areas.

NEW CLUB MEGA BLITZ: This year I’ve met with International President Jim Rochford and ASPAC leaders at three on-line meetings. These meetings mainly deal with new Club and membership growth. The Eye of the Tiger Mega Blitz Team: Jim Rochford, Lee Kuan Yong and Kendra Skidmore arrived on February 10th in Melbourne for a three day blitz of recruitment in the Cranbourne area, where the BOT met and worked 12 months ago. Organised by Lee Kuan Yong, meetings of prospective members also took place in Wheelers Hill and Box Hill during that weekend. Thanks to international team that provided impetus, I sing the praises of Tony Gunn, Norm McLennan, Ian Randall, Ray Wakeling, Betty D’Amore, Steve Legg and John Hyde for their time in Cranbourne doing the hard yards. Follow up from the Blitz meetings continues.

**IMPACT**

The club Signature Project is to be a feature of impact this year. Thank you to the 4 clubs – Newcastle, Bendigo, Reynella and Glenelg for providing their Signature Project for judgement. The Board of Trustees decided on the Reynella Kiwanis Signature Project “Fun Day for Disadvantaged Kids”. This will be entered in both the ASPAC and International Kiwanis Contest for best club project. Thanks to Ray Wakeling and Trevor Lehmann of Reynella.

Service Leadership Programs – 4 Key, 1 Builders, and 6 AKtion Clubs. 142 Terrific Kids schools are going well with 6 BUGS Programs. Thanks Annette for your work.

(continued page 5)
Welcome to your first AK for 2018. As you’ll see, another bumper issue and there’s been an embarrassingly high number of items we’ve had to ‘hold over’ until the next (June) edition, such has been the level of contributions. But it’s a good ‘problem’ to have!

When an email from Ken Archer landed last month, one wondered what this was all about, proclaiming that Newcastle Club had a brand new member who was already achieving wondrous things. Well “Rod is God” - almost. He doesn’t walk on water, but can walk **under** it! Check out the feature on Rod Moore on pages 27-28 of this edition.

Now, the usual thank you’s to our regular contributors such as Ian Randall who continue to grace the Inbox with plenty of items. In a future AK we hope to run an article on a Victorian family which has three generations involved in Kiwanis. Not a bad record.

As you’d have noticed from the front page, there’s a full report on last month’s Division 2 Mini Convention, plus a final look at Jane Erickson’s Training Day in Melbourne from last September. Along with the usual features such as Around The Clubs, eliminaTe update, and more on the District Charitable Foundation.

At times social networking is a “pain in the butt” but it can be a handy medium for speedy dissemination of news. At this year’s 43rd ASPAC held at the One World Hotel, Petaling Jaya, Selangor in Malaysia, word quickly spread through of Immediate Past Governor Tony Gunn’s successful Trustee tilt - read more on page 6. Well done to both Tony and Peter Zander who are helping hold Australia District’s name up in lights on the world stage. This is a terrific outcome following the very sad passing of Peter Kimberley last year. There wasn’t time (or room) for an ASPAC report. Incidentally, start saving now for ASPAC, March next year when it will be held in Taiwan.

Reynella Club’s winning entry in the 2018 Signature Project competition, with the Family Fun Day benefiting underprivileged children, will certainly represent Australia District admirably at International Convention. Reynella “do it well” and we wish them all the best for Las Vegas.

As usual, just a gentle reminder that each Club in the District will be mailed out a couple of hard copies of this AK, sent to the President or Secretary, and the idea is for them to be circulated at a Club meeting, especially for the benefit of members who may not have internet access. After that, anyone who’d like to can “souvenir” a copy.

Make sure you read up on a brand new Kiwanis project on p.23 - the Family Fun Day in Reynella as an entry for next year’s Signature Project.

Enjoy the read. Until next time, in service.... DAVID

On the cover: At February’s Board of Trustees meeting in Melbourne we had the pleasure of three overseas Kiwanians present including International President Jim Rochford and Lee Kuan Yong (“Eye of the Tiger”). They’re shown with Cameroon couple Eveline and Joseph Fombason and Port Phillip Kiwanian Peter Cownley. The reason for this photo is covered on p.13. Thanks to Bryan Saunders for the other main photo, showing some of the record turnout at this year’s Division 2 Mini Convention held in NSW.
In Darwin last year we celebrated 50 years of Kiwanis in Australia, but the 2018 Convention will actually be our 50th such event. This milestone 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).

The 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 your Registration to: The Treasurer, 55 Neil Street, North Geelong VIC 3215

email: spencer.harding@bigpond.com

(Earlybird Registrations have now closed)

Electronic transfers can be made to:
BSB 633-108  A/C 161181458 (a/c: 2018 Kiwanis Convention)

Further details are on the District website. See you there!

CLARIFICATION

In our December AK, the report on Jane Erickson’s Melbourne visit mentioned: “this is believed to be only the third time a current International President has visited Australia District”.

Proving that, hey, AK is being read, Ian Perdriau AM has submitted a nicely worded correction, pointing out that statement is incorrect because in fact there has been quite a large number of serving Presidents making a visit “Down Under”. Thank you to Ian for his exemplary “proof reading”, and upskilling the errant editor. The complimentary remarks regarding the rest of the Australian Kiwanian are much appreciated. Thanks again to Ian, who still retains the distinction of being Australia’s only Kiwanian to serve a term as International President, in 1982/83.
The other goals such as supporting local and national HeartKids projects, HeartKids Grants in Aid Project, Kiwanis Children’s Fund, Eliminate MNT Project has now had the addition of Children First Foundation which has a link for press button donation on the KADCF site.

Thanks to Bryan Williams, Steve Hughes and Betty D’Amore for your work on these areas above.

For Kiwanis Children’s Fund - Congratulations to donor clubs Reynella (Gold Level), Rostrevor-Campbelltown (Silver Level), Shepparton (Silver Level) and the many others at Blue level for Kiwanis year 2016-17.

**IMAGE**

Editor David McNabb continues to collect, compile and produce our Australian Kiwanian. The latest edition was stupendous. Ken has been updating the District website with publications. Thank you both. With the help of the monthly Governor’s newsletter I am able to communicate news, achievements and add some educational aspects. This newsletter is distributed to all District leaders, Club Presidents and Secretaries, Chian Chu-Ching, International President Jim Rochford, Lee Kuan Yong, Toto Gonzales and the NZ-South Pacific District. I’m not sure who reads it but it’s made available.

I don’t know how many clubs have appointed a person in charge of a publicity and marketing plan or how many have developed a new type of club communication for the year such as bulletin, newsletter, Facebook page or a website. I know of print media publicity of Kiwanis club activity in a number of divisions. Some clubs send their bulletins for widespread publication on the District website. Those clubs are Glenelg, Moorabbin, Rostrevor-Campbelltown, Sydney and Brisbane. Some other clubs that produce a regular bulletin and share with others are Athelstone, Barossa, Shepparton Sunrisers, Shepparton and Mooroopna. There are clubs with a Facebook page and/or website. It is good to see members wearing their Kiwanis club gear at activities.

Gratitude to brand new member of Newcastle Rod Moore who takes on the different pastime of walking underwater for a cause!! He is a man on a mission and does it to publicise Kiwanis – already a TV star!! Read more about Rod’s amazing exploits in AK on p.27.

**INVESTMENT**

The KADCF continues to meet regularly online organised by Bryan Williams. Bryan has been hard at work with a KADCF Grant application for HeartKids Grants-in-Aid program and organised the online facility for the Children First Foundation donations. He is also promoting the KADCF District Recognition Programs for clubs.

Other people involved in District activity are Graham Mould who has updated and distributed the District Honours Record Booklet, Phil Riggio who has been assisting the District in his role with Laws and Policy business, Steve Legg has been helping with insurance matters and was part of the Mega Blitz, having had experience with this in the USA. Bill Craig, Graham Mould and Spencer Harding have been working on District Convention organisation. Betty D’Amore continues to seek our grants from KCF.

ASPAC: At the District Darwin Convention Tony Gunn was endorsed as an ASPAC nominee for International Trustee 2018-20, brought about by the vacancy left by the late Peter Kimberley. Tony will be up for election at the March ASPAC Convention in Kuala Lumpur. There are two other nominees, one from each of the Philippines and Malaysia. We sincerely hope Australia can have an elected representative, given the sad and unforeseen circumstances of the vacancy. On January 15 I sent a Governor’s Report for the ASPAC Convention and a PowerPoint Report is in progress.

Thank you to all. For your work I’m most grateful and the District is the great beneficiary.

Governor Jan

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**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.

Val Symons

Do keep submitting your Club’s articles to: valery001@live.com.au
In front of an impressive attendance of virtually all of Kiwanis International “top brass”, Australia District was honoured with two significant achievements at the 2018 ASPAC in Malaysia.

As expected, our District Secretary Peter Zander OAM was confirmed as ASPAC Chair - installation from October 1. But the real “icing on the cake” was when immediate Past Governor Tony Gunn won the ASPAC Trustee ballot (over Malaysia’s Cheng Lian Teh, and Philippines’ Ernest Marcoso), thereby filling the void after the sad passing of Peter Kimberley last year.

Never short of effective words, Tony summed up his success immediately after the vote by stating: “I’m saying this is good news and bad news for Dream Team 102. The bad news is that I’ll be with you at International Convention, Vegas 2018, while the good news is that Dream Team Gov Lo was elected to be ASPAC Chair-Elect and I was elected to ASPAC Trustee. I am grateful for Jane Erickson’s inspiration, guidance and her support, and also the backing from Dream Team 102 Alumni.”
Couldn’t resist sneaking in with this ASPAC snap, showing (L to R): Tony from Taiwan, Australia’s John Hyde, Tony Gunn and Ken Archer standing in front of the Australia District display stand at Selangor, Malaysia. The theme spruiked at ASPAC for 2018 was: Engage Energize Enrich......

Some of our Aussie ASPAC Team. L to R - back row: Steve Hughes, Cathy Hughes, Tony Gunn, KI Vice-President candidate Art Riley, a local, Bill Craig (obscured), Graham Mould, John Hyde, Peter Zander, Ken Archer; front row: Sue Kimberley, Governor Jan, Pauline Gunn, Betty D’Amore, Margaret Mould, Heather Craig.

Answer to the riddle on p.3: Pictured is a spinner used in the game of Put and Take - a gambling game that originated in the trenches during The Great War. The original was made from a brass bullet and was spun. The player put into or out of the ‘ante’ according to how the spinner fell. I recall playing a version of this as a child. A little later than the 1914-18 War of course.

The link to KCF? : The Children’s Fund is like a game of put and take. That’s how it works. In Australia we’re very good at the ‘put’ part of the game. Last year 50% of our clubs donated to the Fund. A great effort. The District 1 Plan goal in the 2017-18 year is to have at least 60% of our clubs contribute. Some have done so already, and I know we will reach and exceed our goal.

KCF provides grants to clubs to support projects in the areas of children’s health, education and leadership. However....

We do not do as well in the ‘take’ part of this game. To date, I have had only one approach for assistance with submitting an application for a grant. I know that there are other projects out there, including Signature Projects that would be eligible for a grant.

Key requirements are that the project must:
• Be Kiwanis led.
• Recur at least once a year.
• Have at least 50% of the work performed by Kiwanis-family members.
• Receive at least 25% of total funding from your club.
• Require no more than 40% of total funding from the Children’s Fund
• Have at least one additional funding partner besides the Children’s Fund.
• Spend the grant during the 12 months following the awarding of the funds.

The application process starts with a Letter of Enquiry which is easily done on line from the KCF website. You are asked to provide:
• A project overview
• A timeline
• An impact chart
• A budget, and
• A community needs overview.

As the meerkat says, “Simples”.

Yours in Kiwanis
BETTY D’AMORE
AUSTRALIAN RECOGNITION PROGRAMS

Bryan Williams, Secretary of our District Charitable Foundation, is commending to all Kiwanians the four Australia District Recognition Programs now available for your consideration.

We are happy to promote the awareness, benefits and future use of these Programs, which are outlined below. This ties in with the KAD Strategic Plan goals “Foundation Funding Sources” and “Enhancing Image and Brand”.

The programs that have been developed are:
- Rising Sun Honour
- Kiwanis Australia Fellowship
- Kiwanis Australia Foundation Fellowship
- Memorial Fellowship and Memorial Gifts.

Bryan can be contacted, phone 0419 209 734 if you’d like to discuss further the benefits of subscribing to KADCF. The Charitable Foundation Directors are Peter Zander, Ken Archer, Geoff Peirce and Steve Hughes.

KIWANIS AUSTRALIA FELLOWSHIP

This alternative Australian personal award allows for special recognition and appreciation for services to Kiwanis and/or community.

Similar conditions to those shown above apply.

Recipient receives a stylish engraved glass award and personalised certificate.

DONATION: $500

MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP

It’s a Way to Say, ‘We’ll Always Remember...’

Ideal for a Kiwanis Club or family, friends, Club members or business associates to honour a deceased Kiwanian.

Club donors receive a ‘Memorial Fellowship’ certificate in honour of the deceased Kiwanian with an option of presenting this to the family.

Other donations of ‘Memorial Gifts’ in memory of the deceased are most welcome.

DONATIONS: Club donors for ‘Memorial Fellowship’ - Minimum of $250
Other donors of ‘Memorial Gifts’ - Discretionary amount.
Further to “THAT T-shirt” as “featured” on page 6....

In the leadup to the vote at ASPAC involving Tony Gunn, Angela was busy berating Tony for not handing out “how to vote” leaflets and not having big banners with his lifesize photo as other candidates were doing. She insisted that in Asia, loud and brash wins, not quiet and polite. As she was verbally assaulting Tony she caught sight of the calligraphy artist who was helping the Taiwan team at their static display. Tu-Chin Chen is chairman of the “China Professional Skills Association for the Handicapped” and was busy decorating fans. Unfortunately he had no English and could not write in English, so he faithfully copied a scribbled message onto back and front of the tee shirt. This required Mr Gunn to kneel to match the wheelchair height. As the work progressed, the crowd grew. A number of people then wanted to be snapped with Tony, including (R to L): Chian Chu Ching (George) our District Counsellor; Tony - one of the ASPAC 2019 translators in training and Hsu Chang-Ching, 2017-18 District Governor. We think Michelle Wu is next to Chang-Ching. A bit of uncertainty re the others’ names.

Simple story of Gunn the clown. In his nomination speech, Tony mentioned his granddaughters Harriet and Sophie have always called him Silly Grandpa as distinct from Tall Grandpa, but goes without saying, he might be “Silly Grandpa” but he’s quite serious about his Kiwanis work.

PRESIDENT JANE’S TRAINING DAY

As covered in our last Australian Kiwanian, International President Jane Erickson took time in the closing stages of her “reign” to call in and visit Australia on her return trip to USA last September.

For a final look at that visit, here are some photos (via Ian Randall) of Jane during the Saturday Training workshop held at Rossdale Golf Club, Aspendale. This motivational day covered several Kiwanis issues such as attracting new members, image and branding through to leadership and teamwork.

Jane is seen here showing some branding examples. Also, the group shot shows the afternoon session teamwork exercise which involved a team of four moving a marble from point A to B with the marble atop an upside cup on a tea towel. Concentrating hard is Sue Kimberley (back to camera), Tim Vine, Brian Mates and Bryan Williams. There’s “no mercy” as the next task was a repeat except one person was blindfolded and another was a leader guiding the group to a table, then a position around the table. Tricky but effective.
MYSTERY SOLVED!!

Past Governor Bill Skully can now sleep at night.
The mystery has been solved!

Two years ago, then Governor Bill commissioned a couple of large professional banners which were used at the last Adelaide District Convention.

When the 2017 Convention in Darwin was approaching, Bill dutifully packed up the banners and mailed them off to Tony Schelling in Darwin so they could be used at this annual event.

A problem arose after the package landed in NT but Tony wasn’t home when it duly arrived, and with nothing indicating it was Kiwanis regalia, the package was placed in the family cyclone shelter and ended up being overlooked.

During Convention Bill kept checking the whereabouts of the banners but no-one in Darwin seemed to know anything about it. What a mystery! It wasn’t until a few months later that an incidental rummage around that cyclone shelter unearthed a package which turned out to be, yes, the missing banners!

So at Division 2 Convention late February, Tony S made sure they were flown down with him to NSW where he had pleasure in officially “handing over” the banners to Graham Mould for use at the 2018 Mildura Convention. That’s Graham shown happily receiving the banners in front of a large audience, which should minimise the chances of a similar “muck-up” happening this August!

KIWANIAN “SEES THE LIGHT”

A rather amusing anecdotal “Oops” moment came to light at the recent Board of Trustees meeting in Melbourne. A District past Governor attended the Sunday evening social that usually rounds out BOT gathering and recounted how he had met Bill Johnson many years ago in USA when Bill was a New Mexico Kiwanis Lt Governor.

Our District past Governor used to correspond with his American counterpart, where many (snail mail) letters crossed the Pacific over the years. When Bill passed away a couple of years ago, his son who now lives in California, found a large cache of letters written by Past Governor and pledged to return them to their Australian author. On a business trip from USA to Melbourne last month, the Californian son managed to track down the said PG in Geelong and drove there in a rental car to meet up for a coffee and to return these “long ago” letters.

After a convivial cuppa, and confessing the usual minor “hassles” of driving on the so-called wrong side of the road, our American friend then drove away into the twilight, but Past Governor noticed he’d taken off and forgotten to put on the rental car’s lights. So PG quickly sped off in pursuit, flashing his own car’s lights for two or three blocks before succeeding with the desired effect of alerting the American “tourist” who was blithely driving along ‘in the dark”. Satisfied with a task well done, our PG then U-turned and headed off homewards before realising that “the streets ahead are looking rather dark”.....

It seems PG himself had been blissfully blundering along the back roads with his own car lights not switched on!!! Red-faced PG rectified his own oversight, admitting that “ok, maybe the American wasn’t such a klutz after all” !! Best to omit names for protecting the innocent, but we wouldn’t dare mention Mr Graham Mould’s name in connection with this, would we??!!
PRESIDENTIAL BROTHERS

The Howison brothers in Melbourne have held the office of President of two Division 6 clubs simultaneously this Kiwanis year.

STEVE HOWISON is the Berwick 2017/18 President. Moorabbin have a unique and successful arrangement whereby they have three Presidents each Kiwanis year, rotating through the position on a trimester (four-monthly) basis. For the first trimester, October 2017 to January 2018 the position was held by IAN HOWISON.

Well done brothers – and thank you. It’s probably worth mentioning both Howisons are New Zealanders originally, although these Kiwi Kiwanians have been “over here” for many years now. They had a rush trip back to NZ late last year for a family health matter but thankfully there seems to be better news on that front.

Photos above show (Left): Moorabbin Board changeover with President Ian Howison, LG6 Ian Randall and Treasurer Bryan Williams. The photo at Right shows Berwick Club changeover night (L to R): Ian Randall, President Steve Howison, Tony Wride and Secretary Norm McLennan.

JANE ERICKSON (Again!)

During the Australian visit by Ki President Jane Erickson, she shared a story about gender discrimination in the USA (noting that Kiwanis was a male only organisation until the late 1980s). When introduced to Angela Randall, Jane politely enquired if she was a member (yes). The next evening Ian Randall advised Jane that not only was Angela a current member, but that she was a past President of Brighton Bayside and that the current President (Fiona Campbell-Hicks) and another past President (Carolyn Journeaux) from Brighton Bayside were in the room, as well as then Governor Designate (Jan Hyde) from Shepparton Sunrisers. Jane was very happy to have the group photo taken.

Shown above are Jan Hyde (then Governor Designate), Fiona Campbell-Hicks (current President 2016/18), Carolyn Journeaux (Past President 2014/16), Angela Randall (Past President 2008/2010) and Jane Erickson (then Ki President). [Not present for photo: Dolla Wilkinson Past President 1996/98]
Membership ages of Adelaide Achievers AKtion Club members range from 30 to 70 – the Club has been operating for nearly 25 years since the inception of AKtion Clubs by Denis Molyneux AM.

On Australia Day our Kiwanians again served tea, coffee, cake and fruit for the Burnside Council ceremony. At the February meeting there was a Combined Birthday Party for all members and helpers - another successful event, and at our (earlier) December meeting we were fortunate to have the use of the Kiwanis Bus (shown left) for a Christmas Lights tour, which included carol singing and supper in Bonython Park.

The Club is fortunate to have two drivers from Disability SA transport members, the occasional attendance of Lt Governor Div 3 David McNabb, and regular helpers Lesley Pawson from our RosCam Club and Jan Woodward from Athelstone Club, along with visits from parents and carers. Past District Governor John Rowell can no longer be involved with the club since his relocation to Mount Barker.

One of our success stories involves Rachel High who in 2018 is undertaking her third year of university studies. Previously Kiwanis has financially sponsored a “Buddy” for her but the University has this year provided a Mentor, which is greatly appreciated by Rachel and her family.

ADELAIDE HILLS AKTION CLUB was another group of Kiwanians to help support Clean Up Australia Day early March, a worthwhile event they have been supporting for around 20 years. The patch assigned to our keen Kiwanians is on Nixon Road, at Windmill Hill Reserve and nearby roads in Hahndorf.

There was a smaller group attending this year but they were very effective, managing to collect ten bags of rubbish. Amongst the discarded junk that our Aktioneers collected this time, were a pair of undies, some gloves and a straw hat, leading to the jovial observation that our “Rubbish Busters” could have started dressing a mannequin...

It's pleasing to report that less rubbish in that area was actually collected this year in an emerging trend. Could it be that people are starting to get the message about “Don’t Rubbish SA”! After the cleanup, the Aktion Kiwanians enjoyed a barbecue lunch at nearby Hahndorf. Many thanks to Ash Gore for the photo and wording.
Following a trip to NZ, KI President Jim Rochford en route to ASPAC, spent a few days in Melbourne early February, visiting us Colonials Down Under as part of a Mega-Blitz agenda, where the Eye of the Tiger team that included Kendra Skidmore and Trustee Lee Kuan Yong was focussed on New Club Building.

Despite their NZ trip inadvertently clashing with New Zealand Day where the nation “shuts down”, there were favourable results across the Tasman, with the Pohutakawa Club set to charter in Auckland, and a similar deal down south in Christchurch where the foundations have been laid for a new (Downtown) Club there.

There are promising signs in our District for a second Club to be built in Bendigo, maybe one in Melbourne with Malaysian folk as its core, and efforts for a Club in Cranbourne are continuing. The Mega-Blitz team took in Sunday session of the quarterly Board of Trustees meeting where they saw the result of a vote for our District’s entry in the KI Signature Project.

Reynella Club’s Fun Day for Disadvantaged Kids got the nod over Glenelg (HeartKids FUNdraiser), Bendigo (Book Boxes for literacy) and Newcastle (Charity Xmas Trees)
This year’s annual Division 2 Mini Convention was held as usual at Tea Gardens, north of Newcastle, incorporating a Russian theme for the traditional “fun night” social event.

The 2018 Convention set a new benchmark for attendances, with nearly four dozen Kiwanians registering this time (up from 33 last year). This was not the only pleasing significant stat for the organisers - Gaile & Bryen Smith. For the first time in Div 2 Convention’s history, there were Kiwanians in attendance from every State and Territory in our District - NSW, Qld, Vic, SA, WA and NT - quite a milestone in this event’s 30 year history!

The usual format prevailed, with most Kiwanians arriving by Thursday evening (February 22), ready for the next morning where the golfers set off Hawks Nest Golf Club while others in the NAGA category set off for a ferry ride over to picturesque Nelson Bay. There are also plenty of lovely bistro, cafes, bakeries amongst other stores to peruse in Tea Gardens.

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Adding to the “spice up” factor for Div 2 Conventions is the Saturday evening dress up dinner. Recent themes have been Best of British, and Taste of India. This year it was Russian Rhapsody, and mostly everyone went to a fair bit of effort with costumes to complement the Russian decor, and appropriate food expertly served up by the kitchen staff that included the Smiths, Bev Saunders and Annette. This was after we had entered the decorated hall to theme music such as “Moscow” by Genghis Khan, with pre dinner Black Russian drinks served up in “Vodka Valley”. As you can see above, there were Russian peasants, cossacks, maids, KGB agents, Russian roulette, Kommissars, Babushka dolls, military, and even a Russian cosmonaut - Brisbane’s Sharon who really stood out. “Zazdarovje” (that’s “cheers” in Russian)
The Kiwanis Club of Brighton Bayside has instituted the Kevin Wood Memorial Award, in recognition of Past Governor Kevin’s achievements for Kiwanis and as a founding member of that Club.

Margaret Nelson and Audrey Smyth, the first two recipients, received their awards at the February meeting, attended by Ann Wood and daughter Gabby (an early Australia District lady member).

The award was for Margaret and Audrey’s outstanding service to Kiwanis over an extended period of time. Audrey has over 16 years Kiwanis involvement and has been behind fundraising for a long time. A Kiwanian for 12 years, Margaret is the coordinator of the Club’s preloved spectacles program.

(Below L to R): Fiona Campbell Hicks (President), Ann Wood, Gabby Sheahan and Margaret Nelson, during the official presentation ceremony.

Above: President Jim addressed the Sunday session of last month’s Board of Trustees meeting in Melbourne and provided a comprehensive rundown of effective tactics that can be used when speaking to or engaging with prospective new Kiwanis members.

Above: President Jim, Joseph Fombason and Lee Kuan Yong after a special presentation to Joseph when he received a Formula Award – Certificate of Appreciation marking the work he has undertaken towards getting a new Kiwanis Club formed in West Africa. That’s quite an undertaking, considering Joseph is based in Australia. Well done all round.
DIVISION 2 MINI CONVENTION

(Continued from p.15)

Friday evening all Kiwanians assembled in the hotel hall for a Quiz Night run by the Quizmaster Extraordinaire Graham Mould. That really got the cogs cogitating in readiness for the next morning’s official Council meeting where the Div 2 Clubs were represented.

Lt Governor Tony was chairman and the Presidents present presented their reports, with a Q&A segment being included. There was also a talk by that interesting chap Rod Moore, who has recently joined Kiwanis and has been providing some really valuable publicity.

After lunch a disc throwing competition cranked up, although the cut-throat factor was missing because “someone overlooked bringing along that perpetual Sunshine Cup trophy”!!

After plenty of fellowship, it was time to dress up in Russian outfits for the evening’s Theme Dinner where Mr Bryan Saunders chauffeured Kiwanians in a shuttle bus to the venue at nearby Hawks Nest.

The following morning was a welcome complementary breakfast of bacon and egg muffins, after which most folk started trickling away back to their various home locations.

A brief background on these Division 2 Mini Conventions - over the past 30 years, they have been held at Nambucca Heads, Port Macquarie and Central Coast, before settling into Tea Gardens / Hawks Nest since 1994. The style of self-catering was begun in 1999 and thanks to stalwarts Gaile & Bryen Smith, they’ve stuck to this format.

(Past) Governors Informal Get-together

A couple of past Governors and Lt Governors gathered late January for some Kiwanising up at Hahndorf in the leafy Adelaide Hills. Perennial visitors the Coles (pictured on the right) were over from NZ, scoring a summary dose of summery temperatures in the high 30s while on one of their regular visits this side of the Tasman.

From left: past LG8 Ash Gore, Helen Cole (believed to have joined Kiwanis recently!), past Governor Peter Zander OAM, past Pacific Governor Chris Cole, and LG3 David McNabb. Always good to have informal get-togethers to “problem solve” and also to update on the latest Kiwanis news from both sides of the Tasman!
At the Brighton Bayside Christmas dinner, the highlight was the presentation of Walter Zeller fellowships to Meredith Windust and Caz Journeaux in recognition of their outstanding service to Kiwanis (Brighton Bayside and Hampton) over the last 13 years. Congratulations to the two “Zeller Feller” award recipients. In order to recognise Meredith and Caz, the Club donated a further $3300 to the eliMiNaTe Project, bringing the Brighton Bayside club total to $11,600.

Moorabbin Club was fortunate in having three guests recently including Eye of the Tiger man Tony Gunn in attendance. The others were Judy and Jim Packard from Colorado who were visiting Melbourne and took the chance to join in a meeting. That’s Kiwanian Jim above with Immediate Past President Ian Howison.

GLENELG GOSSIP
Left: Guest speaker Julie Black, CEO of Arthritis SA is here with Glenelg President Peter Symons after she addressed a recent Club meeting. Right: Glenelg members were out in force (with help from Reynella Club) to marshal the road closures at Brighton’s Jetty Road Classic which was held early February.

ROSTREVER-CAMPBELLTOWN
In December the local Council Christmas Parade went ahead and shown above are the Kiwanians from Rostrevor-Campbelltown Club who helped take part and spread some Christmas spirit.

Shepparton Club Secretary Gael Thompson was recently made up as a KI Life Member. A well deserved honour.
Jimmy Binn from Armani Soccer Club spoke at an early March meeting of Brisbane Kiwanis. His interesting talk outlined how he worked tirelessly to make his dream of playing top grade team sport a reality. His commitment and passion is extraordinary and an inspiration to aspiring young players. Jimmy is shown above with Ruthven Underhill and Brisbane President Jenn Sorrenson.

Below: Brisbane Club helped at the Basket Brigade packing day where 2000 shopping bags of food were distributed to needy families at Xmas time.

Mary Greenwood is shown here with Nikyia who was awarded the Kiwanis Club of Newcastle Terrific Kids Award for February. Nikyia attends Fern Bay Public School and demonstrated the values of Respect, Responsibility and Inclusive Choices.

IS DON, IS GOOD!

CONGRATULATIONS to Shepparton Kiwanian DON KILGOUR who has been awarded an OAM in the Queen’s Birthday Honours list in Victoria. Don has been in Kiwanis since early 1989 but his service to the community actually runs to over 50 years in total. Don is a past Parliamentarian, and we send he and his family best wishes on this well deserved recognition.

A major fundraising project for the Kiwanis Club of Berwick is the annual Dandenong Show. Aided by past members and friends, help for this undertaking also comes from interstate, including NSW and Queensland. The Kiwanis barbecue stall always attracts attention, and seemingly the November 2017 event saw bacon and egg rolls almost more popular than the usual snags and onions.

The Kiwanis stall each year is allocated a prominent position, and with the branding on show (as you can see!), this seems to help Kiwanis gain traction at each Dandenong Show. Pictured here on duty at the barbecue are John Upham and Heather, Norm and Karen McLennan. For the last two years Waverley Club has helped out in a welcome move towards fulfilling their large eliMiNaTe pledge. Well done all round.
Busy Brighton Bayside
Food Hampers with Red Cross Brighton

The Kiwanis Club of Brighton Bayside has assisted the Brighton Red Cross for many years with delivering food hampers to approximately 100 identified families, referred as being in a low socio-economic position and in need of help. This currently occurs every four months. For the delivery on December 4 last year, the Kiwanis Club of Brighton Bayside donated 100 tinned fruit cakes to add to the food hampers, and assisted in loading the cars for delivery throughout the City of Bayside and surrounding areas. Phil Riggio is shown here (left) helping with loading a car—each bag has a wide variety of food items worth around A$100.

Eliminate
Update

As at December 2017 the official figure collected to that point by Kiwanis and UNICEF for this project was US$77,122,799 in cash gifts. This is about 70 per cent of the goal figure of US$110,000,000, so there is still some work to be completed. But we’re getting there! And the number of nations left to eradicate . . . has been lowered to 15. Pakistan is reportedly being assessed as to having its status upgraded to MNT-free.

The Philippines has also now been declared MNT-free becoming the third country to be successfully rated in 2017 after Ethiopia and Haiti, and the 24th since our combined eliMiNaTe project began, partnered with UNICEF.

In 2015, 16 of 17 regions in the Philippines were MNT-free but the final region of Mindanao was harder to achieve, due to its geographic isolation and ongoing regional issues.

The nations remaining to completely be rid of MNT are: Angola, Afghanistan, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Guinea, Kenya, Mali, Nigeria, Somali, South Sudan, Yemen, Sudan, Papua New Guinea (and Pakistan).

Following an enjoyable Prospect President’s Luncheon just prior to Christmas (one hot Sunday afternoon!), the Club has had quite an active start to 2018.

Pictured above (left) is President Henry during the pre-Christmas breakfast meeting, where “Santa” and his largesse knew no bounds! The other photo shows Rochelle Mutton (on the left) who was guest speaker at the Club’s early March meeting, talking about “Motivate Kids”, an organisation which helps children with confidence and development issues to assimilate with peers and others. Rochelle is shown here being presented with a cheque by treasurer Sara.
Sydney President Jeff Hudson recently presented young Josh a certificate to thank the lad for his invaluable help at Kiwanis functions over recent months.

Athelstone members on December 9, during the annual Xmas Tree Drive, ready for deliveries. Also shown are Jan, Sue and Julie, at the recent All American Day where our Kiwanian team do the catering at this annual car show event.

Barossa Board Meeting

The ever active Barossa Club with Ev Leske at the helm - photo above shows a recent Board meeting as they plan the year ahead.

Kiwanis Bus AGM

A respectable turnout of 20 Kiwanians attended late January when the Kiwanis Bus Board (Adelaide-based) held its AGM.

A resolution was passed to increase the half day fee for the Bus to $154; the full day fee remains unchanged at $254.

With an increasing ASPAC involvement later this year, Peter Zander understandably is relinquishing some of the many roles he’s undertaken on the Bus Board in recent times.

The new Board voted in is: President: John Dowe, Vice-President: Ash Gore, Secretary: Peter Bowden, Treasurer: Peter Zander, Committee: J anine Keulen, Howard Humby, Martin Percy, Driver Co-ordinator: Alan Roberts, Bus Co-ordinator: Howard Humby, Office Co-ordinator: Peter Bowden. Ex-officio Officers - the three Lieutenant Governors: Div 3, 8, 10.

Kiwanis
Kiwanis Club of Beachside-Newcastle

Serving the Children of the World

Beachside Kiwanis are holding a Fundraiser, selling Entertainment Books.

You can order your new 2018/19 Entertainment Book or Entertainment Digital Membership, and you’ll receive hundreds of valuable offers for everything you love to do, and you’ll also be supporting their fundraising. PLUS order now to receive over $200 of bonus Early Bird Offers (these sell out quickly, so don’t delay). Contact Rae Pidgeon on 0407 921 277 to secure your Entertainment Book now. Great value!

Sydney Scene

Barossa Board Meeting

Athelstone Angle

Australian Kiwanian - March 2018
AROUND THE CLUBS

MOOROOPNA KIWANIS recently were active at the Shepparton Harvey Norman outlet cooking snags in similar style to we’ve become accustomed to, with Bunnings stores. Shown here are (L to R) Cedric, Louis, Arthur and Murray.

Reedbeds Club recently was able to have a senior member of the South Australian Police force attend a meeting to talk on and clarify just what is involved in performing the public duties of traffic marshals at events such as Triathlons. This is topical, given the mild (or otherwise) abuse that Kiwanians can cop while directing traffic at these events. Shown here (above) taking in what our speaker was talking about, is Markus Roberts, the Reedbeds liaison person with Gatti Sports which regularly runs these Triathlon events.

Reedbeds Club is about to resurrect its Roadwatch program, whereby a couple of adopted stretches of roadway are regularly targeted for a Sunday morning litter clean-up. Local Councils are supportive of such ventures (which the Club undertook a few years ago) but medium strips in the centre of busy roadways are off limits for these “Litter Busters”, due to safety concerns.

Watch this space for updates!

KARRINYUP CLEANUP

KARRINYUP KIWANIS over in Western Australia played their part on the first Sunday in March, the traditional date for Clean Up Australia Day. Jim Chantry and his keen team are shown above in Stirling Gardens, next to the Stirling railway station, during their rubbish pickup.

KARRINYUP KIWANIS were also busy on Clean Up Australia Day. Their usual patch is a 2km stretch of Echuca Road, Mooroopna and some of the Kiwanis team is shown here, after collecting around two dozen bags of rubbish.
Towards the end of last year, Adelaide Hills Kiwanis stalwart Geoff Johnston noted that a Book Shop run by Edwardstown Rotary was bringing in around $50,000 annually and he reasoned that maybe his own Kiwanis Club could become involved in something similar. This notion gained further traction after it was found that in his nearby township of Stirling, a volunteer-run Book Shop was performing a community service, taking in $126,000 p.a.

By chance, a heritage style cottage in Mount Barker, formerly run as an Art Gallery but had been dormant for three years, came onto the horizon and with a peppercorn rental as an attraction, this building was offered to the Adelaide Hills Kiwanians by Lorna and Graham Heinrich. After approval from his Kiwanis Club board, Geoff offered to oversee this operation and was Chair of the committee, project managing everything.

After such a lengthy hibernation the “Gallery” cottage needed a massive cleanup and redecoration, all tended to cheerfully by the Adelaide Hills troops, with overseers Bob Pappin and administrator Charles Sheldrake RR (Recently Retired) playing a key role. There’s been an estimation of around 1000 combined hours put in so far, to advance the Book Shop to its present stage.

Club President Marisa Ellks networked through the local library manager, resulting in shelving and books being provided from various local Council libraries, including Port Adelaide, Para Hills, Greenacres, Marion, Park Holme and Hallett Cove along with The Stirling Book Shed. Funding from a grant has also helped towards running costs.

The donated books were sorted into the categories (adult fiction sorted by genre; non-fiction by subject), and with heaps of midnight oil burnt, this new Kiwanis Book Shop was able to be officially launched by local Mayor Ann Ferguson early March. In an indication of successful trading, Club Treasurer Annie Bainger was able to confirm that around $1000 was taken in the first four days of the shop opening!

On Wednesday March 14 a special and well attended Kiwanis Club meeting was held on-site, featuring a truly magnificent gourmet barbecue dinner. It was a great excuse to hold one of their meetings in new surroundings and to let a few invited guests see what all the fuss was about. This Book Shop’s opening hours are Wednesday to Friday 10am-4pm, and Saturday 10am-1pm.

Left: Mayor Ann Ferguson cuts the ribbon, allowing the good ship (oops) good shop “Kiwanis” to sail off for a successful launch.
Above: Key players in the Book Shop venture shown here with (L to R): Mayor Ferguson, President Marisa, Charles Sheldrake, Bob Pappin, Geoff Johnston.
GEORGE LOCH (Northern Territory)

There wouldn't be too many long-standing District Kiwanians who didn't know of or hadn't met George Loch. He'd been around our organisation as long as, or longer than most.

Originally hailing from South Australia, George Loch attended Woodville High School in Adelaide, and from 1963-67 was with the Air Training Corps SA Squadron. He did military service with the RAAF from 1967-69, where he was based at Point Cook, Victoria. His service which involved munitions helped foster a lengthy interest in rifles and shooting.

George's career path saw him spend much of his life in the Northern Territory, and at the Darwin Institute of Technology he studied Information & Computer Science, spawning a career path in computers.

He became involved with Kiwanis in the early 1970s, being a Charter member of Darwin Club (15th February 1972), and after that closed George transferred to Palmerston Rural. He was also involved with the Kiwanis Australia Online Club.

For many years he assisted the District in managing security around our District website and his computer skills saw him also involved in maintaining and updating the generic email addresses for Board of Trustee members.

A past Lieutenant Governor of Division 9, George was rightfully recognised at last year's Convention in Darwin where he was awarded a Legion of Honour for 45 years service. George (whose birthday was on May 8) passed away in Darwin just prior to Christmas 2017.

ALLAN STUBBS (Newcastle)

Allan Stubbs (born 3/1/1940) lived in Floraville NSW and was in the Newcastle Music Society at Teachers College in 1958. Thirty years later he found Kiwanis, joining in September 1988 and for nearly three decades was a regular attendee at Kiwanis events.

Allan was well known for his love of food, often stating that he saved his appetite for the fortnightly Chinese banquets at Newcastle meetings. Allan supported Kiwanis projects including HeartKids, Ronald McDonald House, Casino Nights, Bunnings barbecues, and Christmas Tree sales. The latter was his pet event, where he would hold the trees for buyers to inspect, taking in the smiles on children's faces as they searched for their “special” tree.

About two years ago Allan was diagnosed with a benign brain tumour, which was operated on. He moved to a residential care facility in Belmont, as his daughter decreed he should not be left without support in his own home. He continued his Kiwanis membership and was also active in local Probus. Unfortunately last September the tumour returned and was diagnosed as malignant.

Allan William Stubbs passed away on December 28th, just short of his 78th birthday. The funeral service was held at St Augustine's Anglican Church, Merewether NSW on Friday January 5th, 2018. Allan had a brother Cecil and was the loving father of Tracy and Craig, along with one grandson. He will be missed by his Kiwanis family of friends and associates in Newcastle.

OVERSEAS NEWS

Sadly, we have all heard of the news from Parkland, Florida regarding last month’s latest tragic school massacre in USA, where the scoreline seemingly continues to read: Gun Lobby 1, Commonsense 0.

Anyway, on at least one news report came the revelation that among the 17 victims fatally shot were two Kiwanians. Seems they were members of the Key Club at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. Our thoughts are with families of those affected, especially the loved ones associated with the two Key Club members.
JUNE AMMERLAAN (Rostrevor-Campbelltown)

June (shown right) was a well-liked member of Rostrevor-Campbelltown Kiwanis who served on the Board as Treasurer for seven years during her 13 year term as a Kiwanian.

Known as a quiet, diligent lady with a great sense of humour, in latter years June lived in a retirement village complex. She was able to gain access to the village hall where she lived, which proved handy, especially on Mothers Day, when the Kiwanis Club prepared the flowers and cards for distribution. She was also able to help out on occasions in procuring the flowers.

MARGARET TAYLOR (Mooroopna Kiwanis)

Mooroopna Kiwanis Club in Victoria is sad to report on the passing of past President Marg Taylor (left) who died on February 13th.

Margaret was very active in the Mooroopna Kiwanis arena from 1990 to 2003 and served twice as Club President, first in 1991-92 (soon after joining) and then in 2000-2001. She was married to past Kiwanian Rod Taylor. Our sympathies are extended to the Taylor family.

With thanks to Club Secretary Murray Shields for the above information.

NOLA SIBIO (Shepparton Sunrisers)

Nola was a staunch Kiwanian who joined up on November 7, 1996, supporting husband Joe who joined Shepparton Sunrisers in September 1989 and is a 25+ Year Legion of Honour recipient. In 1997 Nola became the Club’s fundraising director, and took on the role of Social Director in 2001-02, followed by Membership convenor in 2005. She was the proud Club President who had the honour of lighting the candle to open the Shepparton District Convention in 2014. A very involved Nola was YCPO-Youth Director twice in 2008-9 and 2011-12. Sadly during 2011 Nola was diagnosed with cancer.

Two years later it was pleasing to report that she was recovering well after treatment. Nola resigned her membership due to health issues in 2013. She and Joe celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on September 7 last year, around the time they were due to be (first-time) grandparents. They were also proud parents of three fine lads who attended Wanganui Park Secondary College, Shepparton.

Nola’s funeral was held on Tuesday February 27, with several Kiwanians in attendance. Rest in Peace, Nola.

J ILLIAN GRIFFITHS (Rostrevor-Campbelltown)

Rostrevor-Campbelltown Kiwanis Club has lost a real stalwart with the passing of Jillian Griffiths (nee Thompson) in her 70th year.

Jill (8/4/1948 - 1/3/2018) left this world peacefully after a six month battle. She joined Kiwanis in March 2005, dedicating herself to the Fundraising Committee and being installed as Fundraising Director for a couple of years.

Jill had an infectious smile and wicked sense of humour. She loved being a helper at Rostrevor-Campbelltown events, and leaves behind husband George, daughter Tania (married to Gary) and grandchildren Montana and Denver. The funeral was held on March 8 at Enfield Memorial Park, Clearview, Adelaide where in lieu of flowers, donations were respectfully requested for Rostrevor-Campbelltown Kiwanis Club.

A lovely lady and fellow Kiwanian taken too soon. Thanks to Joan Tye for the information provided.
The Last Laugh

I don’t want to brag but I just completed a jig-saw puzzle in just 1 week & the box said 2 to 4 years...

IRISH JOB INTERVIEW
Mick had applied for a fermentation operator post, at a famous Irish firm, based in Dublin.
A Pole applied for the same job and since both applicants had similar qualifications, they were asked to take a test by the Manager.
The results came in – both men had scored 19 out of 20.
The manager went to Mick and said, “Thank you for coming to the interview, but we’ve decided to give the Polish man the job.”
Mick asked, “And why would you be doing that? It seems we both got 19 questions correct. This being Ireland and me being Irish, surely I should score the job.”
The Manager said, “We have made our decision not on the correct answers, but on the question you got wrong.”
Mick exclaimed, “And just how would one incorrect answer be better than another?”
Manager, “Simple. On question number 7 the Pole wrote, ‘I don’t know’.”
“You put down, ‘Neither do I’.”

Old Ministers never die. They just go out to pastor . . . . .
A luxury is something you don’t need, but cannot do without.....

“Pigs flying” is an example of swine flew...
For those prone to over indulging who want to watch their drinking – “go to a bar with mirrors”

AINT’ IT SO ???
Sadly, old age comes at a bad time. We all finally know everything – just in time to forget it.....
Good advice - No-one should ever (ever) take a laxative and a sleeping pill on the same night.

Here is the handy book titled “Understanding Women” in paperback format..... We’ve been told this is Volume 1..

GO McDONALD’S!!!
For people who don’t know, in Australia near Canberra, is a town called “Yass”.
Here is an actual billboard situated on the road into Yass.

“Old Ministers never die. They just go out to pastor...”

For those prone to over indulging who want to watch their drinking – “go to a bar with mirrors”
Newcastle Kiwanis have recently signed up a new member who has a “different” idea on how to gain publicity for Kiwanis! If any Club can “better” such a novel approach, we’d love to hear from you. Many thanks to Ken Archer for supplying this item.

ROD MOORE was invited late last year to talk to a Newcastle Kiwanis meeting after he had walked UNDER Lake Macquarie. This involved walking along the lake floor! He was impressed when he discovered what Kiwanis do, so he subsequently joined.

A subsequent venture was a walk UNDER part of Sydney Harbour, which he undertook on Wednesday January 31. He left Rose Bay 8:30am for a 5 km underwater walk (different!), finishing when he surfaced at Royal Motor Yacht Club. Rod was planning on surfacing briefly at Point Piper to say “hi” to Malcolm Turnbull but the PM apparently was not in residence.

The article above appeared in the Newcastle Morning Herald, late January, and just goes to show what great publicity this is, all in the name of Kiwanis. (More about Rod Moore on AK back page)
On Saturday February 17, PACIFIC PINES KIWANIS was a key player – with Little Elves Project and PacPines Residents Group – in a Family Fun Day & Business Expo with a host of attractions (some shown here) to raise funds for a special cause. Held at PP State School, the main focus was on helping a family of five children whose mother Sara is battling a terminal brain tumor. The support shown was inspirational.

Underwater walker ROD MOORE openly admits to being very wary of sharks when he undertakes his unusual past-time. And in a further candid revelation, Rod reveals he suffered a very serious foot injury 19 years ago that needed major surgery.

Following his early Walk under Lake Macquarie and the edges of Sydney Harbour, Rod’s schedule has included another NSW water experience (the day after Div 2 Mini Convention in February, where Sydney Kiwanis Club’s banner was borrowed for display by the support team in an endeavour to maximise exposure) followed by plans for a similar venture in Western Australia. And there’s more to come. This guy is truly amazing, especially with all the great publicity he is generating for Kiwanis. We wish him well in his “watery” endeavours!

Some screen grabs (left) from Channel 9’s “Today” show which airs on Sundays. Rod scored a four minute segment the day after his Sydney Harbour walk, which is truly invaluable exposure. A day earlier, Channel 7 ran a half-minute item on their evening news telecast the actual day of Rod’s walk. He’s even been covered by UK media....