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Welcome to the first AK for 2016. As you’ll see on page 4, there was a plethora of welcoming comments that greeted our last issue (my first!) and I sincerely thank the many folk who wrote in - too many to publish.

Now that we’re a quarter through this calendar year, and about halfway into the Kiwanis year, the various Clubs in Australia District should have their succession plans in place, with incoming Presidents, executive, etc gazetted. Hopefully that applies to BOT positions as well, with Lt Governors often being an ‘interesting’ one.

There was a small but definitive response to the question in our last AK (p.23) regarding whether the “shortened” version of Kiwanis Objects should be utilised sometimes. Resoundingly correspondents were in favour of retaining the longer, more traditional Objects which I reckon most of us are definitely familiar with. The last time I can recall the shorter version being aired was at our District Convention in Adelaide, 2013.

Whilst on “traditional”, I can now “fess up” to having changed something in the December AK that no-one (except Tim V) seems to have noticed. All along our Kiwanis journey in this nation, our District journal has been labelled “The Australian Kiwanian”. In line with more liberal ‘modern’ journalistic style, I’ve taken the liberty of dropping the “The”, the idea being to see if any comments were forthcoming demanding its reinstatement. Therefore ladies and gentlemen of the jury, with no evidence to the contrary, this adjustment is likely to be retained. Case dismissed!

We all sometimes have “outside of Kiwanis” moments which can impact on our ability to devote as much time as we’d like, to our favourite service organisation. In my case, helping tend to a recently hospitalised and ailing mother, plus an unexpected flight to Melbourne for a funeral in March have conspired to prevent my presence at the computer for working on this AK, as much as I’d have liked. A further unexpected delay came from a District item needing some late wording clarification before being released.

This March AK issue was also delayed slightly, so we could include a report from ASPAC (see page 18) and from all accounts it seems the Australian contingent had a highly successful Convention and Training in Taiwan. Originally the ASPAC reports were due for publication in our next issue until I saw the calibre of the ASPAC report provided by Peter Zander. To accommodate that article, and retain an AK with number of pages divisible by four, this meant re-jigging several items to fit everything in. Hope you’re okay with the result.

To quote Big Kev - “I’m Excited”. And you should be, too. There’s heaps happening in the world of Kiwanis, so if you keep jumping on board, together we can all really make a difference. Meantime, we can’t urge you enough, to continue checking the Australian Kiwanis website - it is constantly updated (thanks Ken) and the plethora of useful real-time reading available makes it worthwhile - for instance, the latest on upcoming Conventions, plus any Club editors or secretaries that send in their respective magazines to Ken, can have them posted on our site. Nothing like sharing all that good news and information.

The next AK is due out late June, so please submit contributions by early June. Keep enjoying Kiwanis!

David
After last month’s Board of Trustees Meeting ended, I concluded that we really do need Lieutenant Governor representation from Division One. That is a priority. It was very noticeable that a vacuum existed in communications between Division One and the Board. We have put in place actions to address this issue.

I again praise the work of our Lt Governors. They operate under some pressure and are achieving plenty. Stephen Legg has a huge area to cover and has been active in starting a new club at Pacific Pines, Queensland. Plus he keeps an eye on our insurances. Jan Hyde also has a wide territory to cover. She is looking at an area for a possible new Club along with producing a Divisional Newsletter, which recently outlined in great detail The Kiwanis I-Plan and how it can be applied. Jan presented this at our Board Meeting. Robert Gambell is passionate about Division 10 and puts a lot of any spare time he has into chairing the Organising Committee for our 2016 District Convention. Ian Randall is another looking into new Club building in Division 6. I hope he’s recovered from his operation. David McNabb not only runs his Division exceptionally well but also has taken on the role of Editor of our national magazine, copies of which I am taking to Taiwan as an exhibit for Australia District. Bob Sitters gave the Board an excellent talk on the growth successes of his Glenelg Club. I believe that his work with the Key Club at Brighton Secondary is leading us to a brighter future. He is committed to the Kiwanis family. My Lieutenant Governors are to be praised for such an excellent output. It is now time for all Clubs to think about nominations for Lieutenant Governors to represent their Divisions from next September. It never hurts to let possible applicants know they will enjoy full support wherever possible.

Last month I noticed a photo in our local paper of a small, thin child from overseas sipping water from a bottle held by a volunteer. The child was a declared witch... a superstition in that country. The picture was heart wrenching, but it stirred in me the passion that we all share as Kiwanians. Whenever I have doubts about what I’m doing, or of some difficulty involved, I will think of that photo. After all, it’s about those children, as our mantra states.

I recently sent a message to Chin-Hsiang Lu who is Chair of Asian Pacific Region, expressing the concerns all Australians have for the people in Taiwan after the recent earthquakes. I don’t know how they can cope with that disaster and still run ASPAC, but more strength to them!

It’s that time of the Kiwanis year when actions are needed for the benefit of all our members. Start the process of finding Lieutenant Governor appointments for the new Kiwanis year. Also start to think about who will be Club Delegates for Convention, and how they can be supported. Be early and register for Convention in Adelaide.

(Governor’s Report concludes page 6)

**DATELINE: AUSTRALIA DAY 2016**
Governor Bill “working hard” at two Kiwanis events

Such proof isn’t really needed, but the above is a good indication of how busy a Governor’s day can become, especially on a “public holiday”. Above left, Governor Bill (centre, dark shirt) is shown with the Reedbeds/West Lakes Kiwanians at the start/finish line for a Triathlon marshalling project, and a couple of hours later, Bill was assisting the Achievers AKtion Club at the Burnside Council Australia Day barbecue event (above). Yes – “Busy!”
Dear Editor David,

From one chocaholic to another, let me be the first to say you need no trepidation about becoming editor – this was a great, FULL publication. Nicely done!

Congrats to Tim Vine who did a stellar job over the years with your publication. I always look forward to reading it.

Governor Bill Skully, good job keeping up on all these travels. Good wishes to Julie and I pray she is feeling in top form now. Later in the AK bulletin Governor Bill speaks about the new Strategic Action plans that have been developed by the Board. I look forward to seeing those on our upcoming trip to Taiwan in March.

Nice ad for Toronto Int. Conv – hope to see you all there!

Congrats to your new Key Club and welcome to the Kiwanis family. We look forward to reading about all the wonderful things you’re accomplishing and if we’re ever in Australia again I hope to catch up with some of you and take part in some of your service. And no worries about Ms Zoe moving to a Sydney school – now she can start a Key Club there also!

Tony Gunn, Mister Been There, Done That. Well, he’s not been Governor before and I’m looking forward to working with Tony and Australia to bring your membership up, increase your service to kids and communities, get your good Kiwanis name well known and better secure your financial future. So go, Governor-elect Tony, go! Tony, please thank your mother for instilling that sense of giving back in you at such an early age. She has left her positive handprints in and through you, and I see you doing the same. And yes, most would call that passion . . . passion for giving back. With us we call it Kiwanis. Black sheep of the family, indeed!

How delightful to see Betty D’Amore smiling off the page. Betty’s husband Lou and my husband, Gus, were Governors together back in 1995-96 and we spent a week with them touring in the late ’90s. Oh, what fun that was. I see Betty still has that sparkle in her eye that makes her such fun to be around. Well done to Betty on her Life Member status.

Congratulations and a major THANK YOU to all the Club responses listed on p.23 for service and fundraisers to help our kids and communities. So very nice to read. And kudos to Peter Zander for his abundant work with your Aktion Clubs. What a blessing you are to these young people.

Thank you for continuing to keep the elMiNaTe Project in the forefront. Let’s work together to bring Australia even higher on the list. Thank you Australian Kiwanians for protecting our most innocent.

Love all the Key Club pictures! Such passion, energy and wonderful work ethic displayed.

YAY, Formula! Let’s get it up and running with robust energy! Our kids are counting on us.

Thank you David, for all the hard work putting this together. It’s a wonderful testimony to the work of Australia Kiwanis!

Best regards,

P.E. Jane

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LETTER FROM WESTERN AUSTRALIA (written to Dist.Sec.Tony Gunn by G.R. Peek)

Dear Tony

I have received via internet the latest copy of the Australian Kiwanian.

I was most impressed and it shows that Kiwanis in Australia, in the main, is alive and kicking. David is to be congratulated for his magnificent production.

I joined as a Charter member of Kiwanis in Western Australia, and have held every office over a number of years. I was honoured to be elected as Governor of the Australia District in 1986/87. With the help of my (late) Secretary Bob Wylde I was awarded Distinguished status for having formed ten Clubs in that year. I am a member of the Karrinyup Club but now at age 87 am finding it impossible to get new members. Most of my associates are either members or past members or passed (deceased). I still collect spectacles for Save Old Spectacles (SOS) and collect about 500 per month.

Kind Kiwanis regards

(GARNET) RAY PEEK, Karrinyup Kiwanis, WA

Below is a letter to Sean Keefe from District Secretary Tony Gunn, and following that is the citation submitted on Sean’s behalf recognising his service record. Sean (below) is President of Kiwanis Club of Doncaster Templestowe.

January 26, 2016

Dear Sean,

Happy Australia Day!

The Board of Trustees Australia District wishes to congratulate you on being awarded the Order of Australia Medal OAM for outstanding community service.

Congratulations!

TONY

OAM Citation in favour of Brother SEAN MICHAEL KEEFE, Donvale, VIC 3111

FOR SERVICE to the community of Manningham, and to the people of Timor Leste. Service includes: Chaplain of Whitefriars Catholic Boys College Donvale, Victoria (current); City of Manningham Council; Member of Promoting Character Group, 2004-2014; Member of Responsible Driving Committee 2011-201; Member of Walk for Water Walkathon 2014; Member of Drive; Member of Drive Alive Today Tomorrow 2006-2012; Member of Walk The Torque 2007-2010; President of Kiwanis Club of Doncaster Templestowe (current) and a Kiwanis member since 2002.

Sean Keefe has raised funds for, and awareness of issues in, Timor-Leste and has been instrumental in several development projects in the country, including clear water and solar power to people in rural areas. Also manages a programme in Zulalai to hire full-time teachers, enabling the education of over 200 students (since 2006); Councillor of Carmelite Provincial Chapter of the Province of Australia and East Timor 2010.

Awards and recognitions to date include: Recipient Citizen of the Year, City of Manningham 2011
FACEBOOK PAGE FOR KIWANIS AUSTRALIA DISTRICT

To all Kiwanis Clubs in the Australia District

I am the new Editor of the Australia District facebook page. I’d love to be able to post various information about our Clubs, as well as photos of your Club in action. If your Kiwanis Club already has a facebook page and has already “liked” the Kiwanis Australia District, please let us know what you are up to. If you haven’t “liked” our page yet, please do so.

To those of you who don’t have a facebook presence at all, not to worry, you can send me any articles, photos and interesting items about your Club by just emailing it to this email address and I can post it on your behalf. Address is: valery001@live.com.au

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

I look forward to seeing your Club’s article.

Many thanks

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ANNUAL CLUB BULLETIN AWARD

Each year at District Convention, amongst the Awards presented is one for Best Club Bulletin, a rather sought-after recognition of an individual Club’s regular publication that aims to keep members informed on local events, entertained and up-to-date on all matters Kiwanian, both here and internationally. To be eligible, it is anticipated that either Club Secretaries or Editors send in a copy of their publications on a regular basis, to the AK Editor. These days that’s usually by email, but submitting a hard copy version is also highly acceptable. Factors which help gain points include regularity, content, presentation, ease-of-reading and inclusion of “special features” such as interviews, member profiles, updates on District or overseas Kiwanian news, etc.

GOVERNOR BILL’S REPORT continued from p.3

Do continue to recruit and sponsor a new member, and to look for areas where new Clubs might be possible. We have a great organisation which backs us all the way. Early February I received a letter from Past Governor Ian Perdriau AM and he was very supportive with great encouragement. It makes quite a difference when someone takes the time to help you out.

In terms of “Governor Diary Dates”:

I am attending the Division 2 Mini Convention in Newcastle 27th - 28th February.

Julie and I are leaving for ASPAC on March 2nd, returning on 18th March.

A quick turnaround will see us in Shepparton for a Division 7 meeting on 20th March.

We intend attending the Past Governors’ weekend in Naracoorte, South Australia - April 1st to April 3rd.

Finally, it’s fitting to make special mention of Tony Gunn and Ken Archer, who as Secretary and Treasurer are putting in many, many hours to keep Australia District on a sound, well organised footing.

Yours in Kiwanis,

WILLIAM SKULLY     Governor Australia District 2015-2016
Sunday, February 21 dawning clear and bright, just the right conditions for the Kiwanis All Ford Day at Deakin University, Geelong.

Significantly, 2016 was the 25th anniversary for this important event which doubles as a major fund-raiser, plus helps lift the profile of Kiwanis, along with putting that Ford emblem in the spotlight.

This year numbers of participants and spectators exceeded all expectations with over 1300 vehicles on display and over 7000 people attending. As usual, there were chaotic scenes around 8am as marshals tried to get the display cars into position. By 10am when the show officially opened everything had settled down.

More older vintage Fords were entered this year including the 100-plus year-old Model Ts. Other brands on show included Mustang, Anglia, Capri, Customline and Cortina. These classic vehicles complemented the modern day Falcons, Fairlanes and suchlike.

Among the day’s highlights was the first Australian public showing of the new Ford Sprint. Launched just three days earlier, the Sprint drew a large amount of public attention along with the two new imported Mustangs that were also featured.

For this year Prodrive Racing Australia came on board as a major sponsor. Throughout the weekend their latest V8 Supercar driver Cameron Waters mingled with the crowd signing autographs and posing for photos. Also on hand were former V8 race drivers John Bowe and Fred Gibson.

This event had the support of the Kiwanis Clubs of Port Phillip, Melbourne and Warrnambool who each supplied members to ensure that the day ran smoothly. The Kiwanis Club of Geelong wishes to thank those Clubs for their contribution. Overall another great day was had and many Ford enthusiasts enjoyed seeing the display of the vehicle history of the Ford Motor Company.

(Many thanks to John Bromilow for supplying text and photos)
AROUND THE CLUBS

SHEPPARTON SUNRISERS CLUB has been involved for many years in an annual Charity Bike Ride fundraiser which over the past eight years has raised nearly $750,000. A share of the funds raised via Kiwanis goes to support Vincent Care and Shepparton Children’s Respite House. Well done on a phenomenal result. Sunrisers Club President David Jones is shown (above) holding the K banner in this shot, where Kiwanis partners with agencies like Rotary and Ulysses.

MOOROOPNA KIWANIS CLUB

Past President Garry Alexander shown here thanking speaker Trish Quibell from “Berry Street” who spoke at a December Mooroopna Kiwanis meeting.

Below: A photo of Mooroopna Kiwanians on a day trip to Bendigo where amongst the highlights was visiting the famed Marilyn Monroe statue.

MOORABBIN KIWANIS CLUB

Moorabbin members welcomed a surprise guest at a recent meeting when past Governor Jim Chantry breezed in from Perth. Jim was able to help at a Terrific Kids presentation.

Stalwart Tim Vine shown here presenting Jane Foster with a cheque which would help out at the annual Christmas Luncheon put on by “Matt’s Place”.

LEFT: Bendigo Secretary Brian Pedretti handing over a Book Box for Noah’s Ark Bendigo for early childhood years. This is the first Book Box the Kiwanis Club’s been involved with.

REEDBEDS CLUB

President Kerry Gannon is shown here presenting a cheque to guest speaker Cath O’Loughlin from Childhood Cancer. The cheque? It was for A$3000 which was most warmly received by Cath.
At a recent Carer's Link barbecue, held on a very wet day, Lorna Schiller (top) was able to direct operations from the kitchen while seated that day - due to incapacitation, while Des Schiller and his team (above) braved the elements to cook up a storm of snags.

At a February meeting, Past President Marianne Noack presented guest speaker Leanne Hutton from Barossa Foundation with (yes) some of the Barossa Wine region’s products!

Glenelg Club took part in last month’s Brighton “Jetty Classic” Cancer Council fundraiser. This partly involved being in a “Marilyn” Swim group and our Kiwanis ladies joined in the fun. The only one missing from this shot - her real name ironically is Marilyn (Chandler)!

Brisbane, Sydney, Newcastle and East Maitland Kiwanis Clubs were amongst those represented late February when the annual Division 2 Mini-Convention was held at the regular Tea Gardens venue north of Newcastle. Governor Bill Skully and Julie plus & Yvonne and Peter Zander also attended this enjoyable weekend, where heaps of fellowship and social discourse were interspersed with Kiwanis business. The weekend was themed as Best of British – going by these photos (and many others!), the evening functions were an absolute scream! Well done to Division 2 for continuing to hold these events.

Barossa Club President Robert Nitschke visited the Philippines late last year and attended the 29th Handover meeting of Das Marinas Club in the District of Luzon. Having travelled to a recent ASPAC event in Japan, this man sure gets around!

Brisbane’s new President Jennifer Sorrensen surrounded by the incoming Board members due to be installed in September.
KIWANIS CLUB NEWS

Front page Feature photo:
Graham Mould along with Bill Craig (both past Governors) and Heather Craig are shown with three unfinished items of specialised furniture. Graham has been building and assembling these chair and table units in Melbourne for several years and last December received an urgent request for three pieces of furniture to be ready for early January. He had just three weeks notice, but by rearranging his elves’ roster in the workshop and delaying summer holidays, Graham was able to complete the order, to the delight of Lachlan, Toby and Hamish - three young lads who were to gratefully receive the chair/table units.

“They’re specially designed and made to aid children who have cerebral palsy and similar ailments, where they have little or no spinal and neck strength,” said Graham. Bill and Heather called past for a visit and checked out Graham’s progress.

We hope to bring you an expanded article in a future AK regarding how Mr Mould sets about making these nice, functional pieces of furniture, and the material used in their construction.

Shown above is a scene from Christmas in NT, where the Kiwanis Clubs of Casuarina, Darwin and Palmerston Rural combine each December to help organise the big Christmas Carols event in NT. The other two photos show Kiwanians running the barbecue at the Xmas Party for the Disadvantaged; and Julie Skully also helping at the Xmas Carols event.

EAST MAITLAND KIWANIS
advise that one of their major fundraisers for this year is selling the renowned Entertainment Books.
For 2016/17 these remain extra good value priced at A$60 per book and offering plenty of value. Please contact an East Maitland Kiwanian if you would like to secure a copy.

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NORTHERN TERRITORY NEWS

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From ROSTREVOR-CAMPBELLTOWN

Past Governor Geoff Holmes (left) celebrated a significant birthday recently with a ceremony at the Payneham Tavern, accompanied by fellow Kiwanians.

From the District’s largest Club (Rostrevor Campbelltown) comes news that at this year’s Australia Day Awards ceremony, long-standing Kiwanian Chris Ward was officially installed as the SENIOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR for Campbelltown City. Amongst his many attributes is helping with E-Grade Athletics, plus Chris has been on the Youth Advisory Committee since 2002. Congratulations on this well deserved Award. Also, the newest addition Dennis Castle was welcomed last month in a ceremony where Janine Keulen badged Dennis in the absence of the Lt Gov Div 10.

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KIWANIS – helping improve the world, one child and one community at a time.

Kiwanis supports a large number and variety of organisations and projects each year, some as a one-off, while many are backed as ongoing ventures.

On the worldwide stage years ago, we were involved with the IDD Iodine Deficiency program, and also the Timor-Leste cows venture to the north of Australia, before we partnered with unicef in 2010 to form a formidable team in the fight against Neo-natal Tetanus via the eliMiNaTe program.

In our District one of the better known groups we support is HeartKids - a registered health charity - where each August, we have regularly handed over cheques in the range of A$25K to $30K. Please send in details for publicising if your Kiwanis Club or Division is involved with a project you feel is worthwhile sharing with the rest of this District.

In South Australia, one of the organisations that local Kiwanis Clubs have been supporting on an ongoing inter-Divisional basis is the Childhood Cancer Association, formed in 1982.

Long-standing Kiwanis stalwart Colleen Doran helped coordinate a venture a few years ago whereby ten wheelchairs were purchased for the use of children undergoing treatment for cancer - there was a workshop about these wheelchairs at 2013 District Convention. Colleen is behind “Hands on Help” which is a practical way for Kiwanians to assist Childhood Cancer.
Our Governor-Designate for 2016/17 TONY GUNN flew back to Indianapolis late last year for the traditional training track, chaired this time by JANE ERICKSON. It turned out to be anything but “traditional”, as a full squad of incoming Governors from around the world were put through a rigorous but enjoyable training program. Tony’s interesting summary follows.

International President-Elect Jane Erickson’s motto: “Energise the Dream”

“Dreams strengthen creativity. Dreams spark imagination. Dreams power innovation. All children deserve the right to dream. Kiwanis Clubs in every community erase the barriers that stop the dreaming. Kiwanis Club help take away worries, pain & hardships. Kiwanis Clubs provide the opportunity for all children to reach their full potential. Kids need Kiwanis now more than ever before.

Our aim in 2016-17 is to energise the dream that every child is happy, healthy, safe & loved.”

This was the introduction to Governor-Elect training for “Dream Team 102”, taking place over a week in November last year. It was a whirlwind of information, fun, laughter and making friends. The course material was designed to be all you needed in preparing to take the reins of your respective District.

It was structured around elements of the I Plan which has four pillars: Inspiration, Impact, Image and Investment. The formal instruction was enhanced by “learn by playing” so that we really were in Governor Kinder. There were also official and unofficial out-of-hours activities, mostly conducted around the bar.

The week started by painting our hands and creating a hand print. A hand for a pat on the back, helping hand, gentle push forward! (see front cover for photo!)

We drew around our hand and coloured it in, ate children’s food from around the world, giving us food for thought to experience the sugar high to which we expose our (western) children far too often.

There were also toys to play with on the off-chance we had an idle moment. We assembled a jigsaw puzzle needing teamwork, a picture of what the finished puzzle should look like, and all of the pieces.

The pancake/decorating contest became competitive. My International team was no match for some of the Andean Central America and Japan looking on, awaiting the verdict.

The ability for our group of incoming Kiwanis leaders to achieve.

Raising and lowering a “hula hoop” demonstrated the concept of synchronised activities and adjustments for the individual strengths and weaknesses. We are controlling the outcomes. Moving, while blindfolded, a glass marble on an upside down plastic cup balanced on a hanky demonstrated cooperation and using outside resources in the final solution.

To paraphrase John Grab from Pennsylvania: From a circle with all involved, many ideas and concepts were thrown at you from different people. Eye contact and anticipation will be a requisite to respond properly. It was important that we did not throw or drop the baby.

After we split into groups, a cesspool filled with “radioactive material” demonstrated the need to pre-plan and practise until a desired outcome was achieved.

Energise the Dream

On the academic side, we were informed about our financial controls, our SLP programs, KIF, the Formula, branding, techniques for media interviews, PR, partnerships where we can get help from the multitude of head office resources. Concepts that were new to me will be workshoped at the next District Convention in Adelaide and well-proven programs are available on the Kiwanisone website.
KIWANIS BUS SERVICE - “More Drivers Needed”

In Australia we have an entity listed as unique in the worldwide Kiwanis organisation. We’re referring to the Kiwanis Bus Service, based in Adelaide SA, modelled along the lines of community bus services that various local body Councils run, but the unique factor is that the Kiwanis Bus is owned and operated entirely by our service clubs.

The Service which has been going for over 30 years is in desperate need of manpower assistance to keep the bus running. The Kiwanis Bus Service was set up by the Kiwanis Clubs of South Australia that existed in 1984, and it would be appreciated if Clubs could canvas their members for anyone who could assist in any way possible.

It was never the intention to leave its operation solely to the Bus Operators Club. That Club was set up mainly to cover volunteer drivers and their assistants who were not members of regular Kiwanis Clubs for the purpose of insurance protection and a singular interest in the Kiwanis bus.

The 19-seater air-conditioned bus currently in service, has full wheelchair carrying capabilities along with a chair lifter that is used extensively. The Bus is now one of the longest running projects of Kiwanis within Australia and is utilised mainly by nursing homes and aged welfare concerns for taking residents on outings, along with use by some Kiwanis Clubs and kindred organisations.

The Kiwanis Bus Service is overseen by a Board of Management which in part should be made up of members of local SA Kiwanis Clubs. The Service has lost a number of drivers lately through retirement and more recently additional drivers and assistants have become temporarily unavailable due to family, medical or travel reasons.

People interested in driving the bus but who currently do not hold the minimum ‘MR’ class license, would be considered for driver tuition to obtain their bus license, subject to a commitment to regularly drive the bus in the future. Driver assistants are also required, and appropriate training in this role can be provided.

Any assistance from local Kiwanis Clubs would be greatly appreciated. The more personnel available on our roster means that drivers may only be needed a couple of times a month.

The Bus AGM was held mid March with nearly 20 in attendance, and the main office bearers of President and Secretary were re-elected unopposed - that’s Bob Edwards and Peter Bowden respectively. Vice-President is John Dowe, while committee members Ashleigh Gore and J anine Keulen have been joined by Howard Humby of Reedbeds Club. Peter Zander continues as Treasurer, and also is filling in for the roles of Bus and Driver Coordinator. The Office Coordinator is Peter Bowden. Ex officio committe members are the SA Lieutenant Governors - David McNabb (Div 3), Bob Sitters (Div 8) and Robert Gambell (Div 10).
Early December, the Tea Tree Gully Go Getters Aktion Club members held their annual break up picnic at the TTG Civic Park. There was a great attendance of Aktion club members and instead of the usual barbecue we decided to purchase pizzas which went off a treat. Tea Tree Gully Kiwanians brought along dessert; Greg Anderson obtained a donation of “baked delights” from Ned’s Bakery at Hope Valley. Cans of drinks were also provided. In the absence of stalwart Aktion club organiser Terry Kemp who was in the USA at the time, it was left to Louise Paterson to do most of the organising and happy to report the event went off without a hitch.

Our Aktion Club receives a great deal of support from Julie Harms (Disabilities SA) who attends most meetings. Club President Peter Griffin took the opportunity to thank Julie for her support & presented her with a “Certificate of Appreciation”. Julie accepted the certificate and acknowledged the Tea Tree Gully Club in return. Louise was able to thank members and partners for their support in ensuring that the Aktion Club members were well looked after during the evening and also thanked those who assisted with transport.

Above: Tea Tree Gully Go Getters Aktion members at their Christmas breakup barbecue. Many thanks to stalwart BRIAN EMERY for providing the report and photo.

ADELAIDE ACHIEVERS AKTION CLUB

Peter Mann (far right) is shown conducting a Christmas Quiz during the Aktion Club’s Xmas breakup function – they sang carols, ate lovely food, played Celebrity Heads and had heaps of fun!

(Thanks to Janine for the photos below)

Below: Janine, Jan and Herb helped assist Achievers Club members at the Burnside Council’s Australia Day function. Mayor David Parkin and Governor Bill also joined in.
The Hills Aktion Club has taken part in Clean Up Australia Day for the past 20 years.

On Sunday March 6th, 12 Aktioneers and five members of Adelaide Hills Kiwanis met at the Windmill Hotel near Littlehampton to clean up the nearby Reserve and approach roads. The group worked diligently, collecting 16 bags of rubbish before adjourning to Hahndorf for an enjoyable sausage sizzle.

The dozen Aktion Club members are shown above, along with John Dowe, Peter Mason and Emily Heard. Photo by Ashleigh Gore (thanks also to Ash for the article).

Newcastle Aktion Club began in July 2011 with eight members. The Club chartered in September 2013 with 18, which is around the size of current membership.

Members meet monthly in St Columba’s Church Hall at Adamstown and there’s always a good roll-up. Pizzas are usually the choice for supper but sometimes there’s a sausage sizzle during summer months.

The Aktion Club has worked with Newcastle Kiwanians on various projects such as Christmas tree sales, care packs, card delivery for Mothers Day and Fathers Day to aged care residents, timekeeping at the Special Olympics Swimming Carnivals, etc. Some of the members compete at those carnivals.

Regular social outings held include putt putt golf, Australia Day Barbecue, Oakvale Farm visit and Ten Pin Bowling, which are events enjoyed by all.

Ken has arranged several guest speakers to attend over recent months. Members love their Aktion Club and are very proud of the projects they are involved in.

Pictured right is Club President Carolyn after presenting Senior Constable Bird with a certificate of appreciation following his talk on safety in the home.

Thank you to Annette Holmes for submitting this AKtion information.
Two new Australian Recognition Programs

Our District now has two new special Australian recognition programs available. These allow us to express our appreciation to individuals who have supported the Kiwanis family in many ways, probably over many years.

They were announced at the 2015 District Convention in Melbourne and are now available through the Australia District Charitable Foundation.

Donations received from these two recognition programs will be held in perpetuity by the Foundation for investment purposes, with interest earnings used for future grant making purposes. The Programs are (1) Kiwanis Australia Foundation Fellowship, and (2) Memorial Fellowship.

KIWANIS AUSTRALIA FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIP

Allows Kiwanis Clubs or individual members to show appreciation to corporations, businesses or non-Kiwanis individuals for their one-off or ongoing support to the Clubs’ activities.

Donation is $200

The recipient will receive a Certificate of Recognition of this Kiwanis Australia Foundation Fellowship.

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 will 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.

All these donations will provide a lasting legacy supporting Kiwanis Australia District programs.

Donations

Club donors for “Memorial Fellowship”: Minimum of $250

Other donors of “Memorial Gifts: Discretionary amount

The name of the deceased Kiwanian, with a summary of their contributions to Kiwanis, at Club and/or District levels and to the community will be included in an “In Memoriam” section of the annual Australia District “Kiwanis Honours” booklet.

It’s anticipated that each Lieutenant Governor will be arranging visits to the Clubs in their respective Divisions to discuss the mutual benefits available to the Kiwanis family in Australia and the community by supporting our District Charitable Foundation.

Donations made to the Foundation through these programs will generate investment earnings for future grant making.

For more information or printed copies of these two brochures, please contact the Foundation Secretary by mobile 0419 209 734, or email kadcf@kiwanis.org.au
Through the eliMiNaTe Project, Kiwanis International and UNICEF have joined forces over the past half decade to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus—a deadly disease that steals the lives of nearly 49,000 innocent babies and a significant number of women each year.

We are closing in on our promise to raise US$110 million to help eradicate MNT. As of February 2016, we’re at US$107 million in cash and pledges. As we near our goal, the Kiwanis International Foundation has committed to bridge the gap that remains—so clubs and members in districts around the world can maximize the momentum of our final fundraising push and focus on fulfilling remaining pledges.

Now, more than ever, we are determined to finish what we started. Mothers and babies in 21 countries are depending on Kiwanis. They’re waiting for us to fulfill our pledges—so we can turn promises into funding; funding into vaccines; and vaccines into lives saved and futures protected. The end of this disease means the beginning of better health for so many of these families.

Kiwanis offers a special thank you to all of our dedicated campaign volunteers who work passionately and tirelessly to save and protect mothers and babies.

Most Australian Kiwanians would recall back in 2010 when then Governor Ken Archer on his national tour visiting the various Divisions, had the momentous honour of announcing the follow-up to Iodine Deficiency, the international project which Kiwanians had embraced several years earlier.

We learnt that for the next five years (since extended) Kiwanis International would be asked to raise the sum of US$110 million and in conjunction with unicef, the aim would be to knock out MNT from dozens of developing nations.

While, as always, there is much still to do, and several countries yet to be counted as MNT-free, your AK staff have compiled a list outlining where and when MNT has been knocked out.

2011 - Ghana
2012 - Burkin Faso, China, Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Senegal, Timor Leste, Tanzania
2013 - Cameroon, Ivory Coast, Gabon, Iraq, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Sierra Leone
2014 - Madagascar
2015 - Cambodia, India, Mauritania

One of the human faces of eliMiNaTe, pictured here is Fatimatou aged 22 when this was taken in November 2012. A native of Mauritania, she is shown here with her (then) 9-month-old son Sidiahmed who fortunately responded to vaccine treatment after displaying symptoms of MNT.
This year’s ASPAC Training Conference was held on March 8-9 in Taoyuan, Taiwan at the Novotel Airport Hotel where Australia had strong representation. Those there from our District included Governor Bill Skully (and Julie), Governor-elect Tony Gunn, District Treasurer Ken Archer, SLP Chair Annette Holmes, KIF Chair Bob Funnel, Formula Chair Norm McLennan and incoming District Secretary Peter Zander OAM.

This event was led by International President-elect Jane Erickson assisted by a number of Kiwanis International staff including CEO Stan Soderstrom, Jeff Oatess (Operations), Michelle Morrison (Education), Tatiana Day and Roy Hedeen (Formula), Sherri McKeen (SLP), Bob Broderick (Finances), Amy Wiser (Public Relations), Mark Rabaut and Ann Updegraff Spleth (KIF).

Day 1 – 8th March
Principally the Kiwanis I-Plan was presented and broken down by segment, with relevant information. We had an update from Jeff O. on the state of Kiwanis worldwide. Kiwanis Asia Pacific has roughly 13% of membership, Kiwanis Europe 15% with the balance coming from USA, Canada, South America and Africa. We heard from Malaysia’s Lee Kuan Yong (2016-17 ASPAC Chairman) on membership within ASPAC and the growth in new nations. ASPAC is made up of 6 Districts (Australia plus Sri Lanka), Japan, Malaysia, Philippine Luzon, Philippine South and Taiwan), 1 District in Formation (New Zealand/ South Pacific), 2 Districts in Pre-formation (India and Korea) and 7 non-District nations (Cambodia, Hong-Kong, Indonesia, Nepal, Pakistan, Singapore and Thailand). Taiwan is ASPAC’s largest District and is now the biggest worldwide (still growing!).

Each District’s strategic plan was presented with emphasis on what some of our key goals were last year and how we having been working towards them. Break-out sessions were held for the respective District positions – Secretary/Treasurers, Formula coordinators, Governors-elect and Governors, PR and SLP coordinators, plus Education and KIF coordinators. I attended the one for Secretaries/ Treasurers involving a breakdown of the parts of the www.kiwanisone.org website and where to find specifics on bylaws, new Club building and Club management. Dues income was covered & the need for Districts to have qualified people as Treasurer.

After the break-out sessions there was a significant presentation by Tatianna on membership and The Formula. Of particular note was the use of hands-on Formula gatherings in the Americas to build new clubs. Our own Steve Legg and Norm McLennan will be heading to Philadelphia shortly to participate in one of these activities.

DAY 2 – 9th March.
Day 2 was spent reviewing and updating our strategic plan for 2017 as a group. We did a couple of exercises provided by Jane to encourage groups to think. One involved putting together a jigsaw puzzle with a missing piece.

Another exercise involved being provided with an idea for a significant project. Several of the teams
received the same project – working with a school to prevent cyber-bullying. Several Districts tackled this from different perspectives. To reinforce this exercise we were then given 5 minutes to prepare a 30 second advertising commercial. This was a bit of fun but it too had a message that we need to do more by way of public relations to advance our organisation and even with just 5 minutes planning a respectable idea can be achieved.

These two days were different to previous ASPAC Training conferences that I have attended. The message was much the same but the style of presenting has changed and the focus on becoming more professional in our own Districts is evident.

We concluded Day 2 with a traditional Taiwanese banquet meal together. I lost count of the number of courses but it was an identical menu to what I had some years ago.

After the meal we loaded our luggage on the buses, said farewell to Bob who was not travelling on with us to Taichung and headed to our respective ASPAC Convention Hotels.

ASPAC Convention
After losing Bob Funnel we picked up Jeff Hudson from Sydney and Glenys Burdekin from Shepparton (our New Member Sponsorship winner).

The ASPAC Convention started for me on Wednesday morning when a number of us attended the ASPAC Executive Board Meeting as either a member of the Board or as an observer. There was an opportunity for each District and Nation to deliver a report. For Australia, Bill Skully provided the highlights.

Other addresses were made by various dignitaries but of most interest was our CEO Stan Soderstrom, presenting some background information on resolutions to be made at International Convention, particularly on the legitimisation of ASPAC under changes to the KI Bylaws and the need for everyone to have District Treasurers, Foundation Treasurers and any other affiliates with suitable skills to do the job. Another point of interest was a report by KIF President Mark Rabaut, who told us in the last three years (excluding Eliminate) US$111,000 has been donated to KIF from clubs in Asia Pacific and that US$190,000 had been returned to the region in grants and US$125,000 in Disaster Relief funding.

We were also introduced to the Kiwanis International European Federation President Dr Ernest Schmid, who was visiting ASPAC from Austria.

A fabulous lunch was provided by the Governor of Taiwan, Shih Yu-mei and dinner was provided by the Chairman of ASPAC Lu Chin-Hsiang, which included the provision of Taiwanese vodka for a number of impromptu toasts.

The Aussies retired to Norm’s room for some cool libations, with a casual visit from CEO Stan.

Next morning after a hearty breakfast the international guests were treated to a half day tour of Taichung. First stop was the KI Taiwan main office where more speeches were made. From here we walked to the Wanhe Temple and museum. On returning to the KI Taiwan office we got back on the bus and were provided a “light” luncheon (with high calories!).

A quick change from casual to business attire and we were bussed off to the Wagog Convention Centre for the opening ceremony. Collecting our registration packs was interesting, given there were over 1600 Taiwanese doing the same thing on top of the 330 or so overseas visitors.

Our kits included a set of scales and a few nice small gifts. The Australian contingent were fortunate to be seated in the third row.

Opening ceremony started with a traditional Chinese drum performance before a procession of VIPs, including our own Bill Skully. There was a mixture of national anthems and welcoming speeches plus a lion dance. Several Taiwanese dignitaries were received including their Vice-President and President-elect, being the first lady in that role. A large gathering of national media and Taiwan security kept an eye on the audience to ensure no-one unexpectedly came too close to their government officials. Many of these guys were seen with ear pieces, talking into their wrist-comms and carrying identical satchels. These we found out later could be expanded to become bullet-proof shields!

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Further speeches from some Taiwanese officials and also from KI President Sue Petrisin, KIF President Mark Rabaut and the Taiwanese President of JCI. Another eclectic dance performance to close proceedings came from a group of local Kiwanians.

During the break before the gala dinner we had the chance to set up a project display organised by Governor Bill. It had a uniquely Australian character (G’day) with green and yellow balloons and streamers, hand puppets of Australian fauna and a picture show of club projects – we were asked to pose for photographs in front of it. The Gala Dinner had most of us seated on special tables where we were treated to a multi-course banquet between yet again more speeches and recognition of Taiwanese who had made significant donations to eliMiNaTe and performances by a number of Taiwanese Divisions vying for a local performance award.

It was back to our hotels after dinner with many retiring early for a 7.30 start the next morning.

Saturday morning we were bussed to the Wagor Convention Centre for the business sessions. Several formal items needed to be done, incluing identifying delegates, announcing sergeants-at-arm (one being Ken Archer) and the approval of rules for House of Delegates. All Governors and national reps presented reports similar to what we heard during the ASAC Executive Meeting. KIEF President Ernst Schmid gave an entertaining address, while others to speak were KI President-Elect Jane E, and KIF President-elect Chia Sing Hwang.

After morning tea KI CEO Stan Soderstrom spoke to the proposals for airing in June at the KI Convention in Toronto. We then broke for lunch, being another multi-course banquet.

Following lunch we had the final business session including election of officers and trustees for ASPAC. Lee Kuan Yong from Malaysia was confirmed as the Chairman for ASPAC 2016-17, Trinidad “Toto” Gonzales from Philippine Luzon was confirmed as Chairman-elect 2016-2017 and myself, after being introduced by Tony Gunn was confirmed as Vice-Chairman 2016-17.

Lee Kuan Yong made his maiden address, promoting the need for us all to work together to grow ASPAC and to look at ways to enhance the image and relevance of ASPAC. Chu-Ching Chian from Taiwan was then confirmed as the ASPAC Regional Trustee for 2016-18.

A presentation by Korea promoting Jeju Island as the location for 2017 ASPAC Convention was followed by Malaysia indicating they would host 2018 ASPAC in Georgetown, Penang. No bid was received at this point for the 2019 ASPAC Convention, however it was advised that the 2021 International Convention will be hosted in the ASPAC Region, with Sydney or Melbourne being one of the cities being considered.

After some final remarks, the ASPAC Convention for 2016 officially closed.

Following this a joint ASPAC Executive meeting was held. Norm McLennan was confirmed by Lee Kuan Yong as ASPAC Secretary for 2016-17. Then a discussion was undertaken with a motion presented jointly by Australia and New Zealand seeking an increase in the amount required for future ASPAC Conventions based on a tiered structure, given the cost of running these Conventions is usually higher in Tier A countries such as Australia, NZ and Japan. A few amendments were proposed, but the motion was deferred to a decision to be made during the Toronto ASPAC Board Meeting in order to give Districts time to consider the proposal with a discussion paper to be prepared by Lee Kuan Yong.

During the meeting the Philippine Luzon District proposed that they would bid for the 2019 ASPAC Convention, unless a bid came from another District prior to late May. The meeting was adjourned as it was time to let our hair down and participate in the Farewell Cultural Performance and Awards Dinner. The Aussies found a table at the back, amongst a large contingent of Taiwanese Clubs. We were “mobbed” by lots of them seeking photos and Australia District pins. Dinner was another multi-course Chinese banquet (thankfully different to previous ones). All the Districts had to put on a cultural performance and we chose to sing Slim Dusty’s “G’day G’day” that followed on from our District display.
Carrying signs with words from the song, wearing a green and gold lei, and carrying oversized hands with the Australia flag or hand puppets of Aussie fauna, we were being asked to high-five people we passed. Accompanied by the strains of Slim Dusty singing on background music, we gave a resounding performance. During the song I was throwing a few drink coasters with koala pictures into the audience and also had a number of small stuffed koalas and kangaroos in my pockets. The performance was a hit and we were set upon by everybody wanting one of our stage items or one of my coasters or stuffed toys. The Taiwanese around us kept cheering and wanting more high-fives. The Australia District pins were in great demand, but our stocks were exhausted.

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We were delighted when the Australia project display won second prize, which required us to run the gauntlet to the stage once more to cheering and wanting more high-fives from all around us. The roar of the crowd then grew when we were announced as the winners of the Cultural Performance Award. On heading to the stage this time we even collected a Taiwanese lady and a Japanese lady who accompanied us on stage as temporary Aussies. Back at our table we had lots of photos taken and all too soon it was time to board the buses back to our hotel.

“Australia House” had moved to my room and a party of 18 ensued with all the Aussies present plus a select group of other visitors including President-elect Jane and husband Gus, KI CEO Stan “Soders”, KIF CEO Ann Updegraff Spleth, and an old friend to many of us Chunju (Teresa) Chen and her husband Billy. The party was in full swing until hotel staff requested we drop the noise level. As the night moved on, we said farewell to Glenys Burdekin (our membership sponsorship prize winner), who had an early flight home, followed then by our international guests who also had early flights, so gradually my room finally cleared, allowing me to dispose of the empties.

After a couple more sight-seeing days and catching up with old friends I also headed my way home with fond memories of another fun-filled and successful ASPAC training Conference and Convention.
Following Australia’s addition to the worldwide Key Club ranks late last year (when Brighton High School Key Club was chartered), we’re happy to report that the latest Key Club to be formed is significant, as it’s in Japan, and is that country’s first Kiwanis Key Club.

Chartered on Saturday January 9, this new addition is the Zana American High School Key Club, based in northern Japan. The even better news is that this means there are now 37 nations globally (including us in Australia!) with Kiwanis Key Clubs, which all points to a potentially bright future for our organisation.

BRIGHTON KEY CLUB, SA

Following our last AK’s “breaking news” that Brighton High School has chartered Australia’s latest Kiwanis Key Club, we can report this Club has definitely been active since the latter part of last year.

Late November (2015) the keen Kiwanis Key Clubbers held a sausage sizzle at the school, moving 120 snags and raising $1280 during the week with other various projects.

Also, the Kiwanis Community Service Award winner, Charlotte Rayner, has recently received this Key Club’s $100 Westfield Voucher, and is due to be guest speaker at a Kiwanis dinner meeting early 2016.

It’s pleasing to report that the Key Clubs at Roma Mitchell Secondary and Banksia Park High School continue to be active as well.

2016 DISTRICT CONVENTION

SAGE HOTEL, South Terrace, Adelaide

AUGUST 25-28 (Thursday to Sunday)

Returning to the longer format, this 48th District Convention is being hosted by Roseworthy-Hewett Kiwanis Club. Book those dates right away!

Entry forms with full program and accommodation details are now available - just check out the Kiwanis Australia District website. Tours of City, Hahndorf and Barossa Valley will be available.

BRING ALONG CLUB BANNERS FOR DISPLAY

Mitcham Kiwanian Grant Stevens is one of the Keynote Session Speakers during Convention. Grant is a member of Mitcham Kiwanis (shown here with Club Secretary John Lundy) and is also the SA Police Commissioner.

EARLYBIRD 5% DISCOUNT IF REGISTRATION PAID BY 31st MAY
Bamenda Club edging closer

All we need now is the final list of names for Charter members, and the fledgling Kiwanis Club of Bamenda in Cameroon, West Africa (under the umbrella of Div 3, Australia District) can be organised, chartered, and up and running.

In fact this new Club in the making has already held several meetings with a good turnout of prospective Kiwanians, under the “baton” of the man ordained to be Charter President - Col. Ambu William. This good man would already be familiar with those who were at 2014 Shepparton District Convention when we had a small, colourful delegation representing Cameroon in attendance. Col. Ambu was at Shepparton, and subsequently attended a few regular Kiwanis meetings in South Australia to gain a better understanding of how our organisation works. He returned to Africa with Club banner, gong and lots of relevant Kiwanis T-shirts and merchandise, to help set up the new Club.

Main photo (top) shows some of the potential Charter members at one of their meetings late last year, with Col. Ambu at the far end of the table. The other photo, from Shepparton, shows Col. Ambu (2nd from left) with International President Sue Petrisin and then Governor John Bromilow along with others from the Cameroon delegation.

Cameroon native Joseph Fombason has been one of the prime movers for initiating this latest Kiwanis venture into the African continent. He currently lives in Broome, Western Australia, and while most of the potential Charter members of Bamenda have email addresses, intermittent internet reception can prove challenging at times for regular communication. Even Broome has its issues in this regard, but steps are being taken to improve that situation and the expectation is that before long, we will have the final submission of Charter member names which will allow advancing past the Formation stage to Charter meeting of Bamenda.

While these are early days yet, it’s worth sharing just some of the delightful names from the list that has been submitted with potential Kiwanians. Most African nations seem to have lovely names for their citizens, and Cameroon is no exception. We share this genuine listing on the understanding these are potential Kiwanians with no obligation on their part.

Ndikum Theresin Ngum; Chi Ayim Bumah Rose; Bumah Matuh Gisele; Nicholine Nangam Ndikum; Jenet Suh; Wirsly Ruphine Yujikn; Eunice Fonyuh Mawoh; Njeta Becky Nkuti; Gnoumba Leopold; Mokum Ngu Eric; Chi Marcelius Nji; Ngoue Sejine Marie-Noel; Kaspa Mbongeh Glory.

Hopefully before long we’ll be welcoming another new Kiwanis Club under the auspices of Australia District. The Adelaide Club began as sponsor, but Mitcham Club has since agreed to take this project under its wing.
A BRIEF BACKGROUND

KIWANIS SUPPLIES AUSTRALIA began due to the foresight, energy and hard work performed by the 1983-84 District Governor Geoff Peirce along with Graeme Little. Negotiations were carried out by letters - some actually handwritten - to Kiwanis International. A critical decision made at the time was that Kiwanis goods would be sent to Australia from USA by airmail! A loan from Australia District to get the ball rolling was quickly repaid because of the success of the operation.

Peter O’Keefe followed Geoff as District Governor for 1984-85 and the “Supplies” deal was signed and sealed at the following Shepparton Convention. While giving official recognition to the achievement, it didn’t occur to Peter that after maybe five or six years, he would be asked by then District Governor Norman Ford OAM to take over “Supplies”.

After all these years Peter is still as enthusiastic as ever and gives credit to Norman Ford and Joe Bickart and previous Directors for their support and advice as current Finance and Sales Directors.

It would be fair to say that Kiwanis in this country has been “australianised”. For example, ties, cuff links, flag sets or bannerettes haven’t been sold for years. In 1967 during negotiations to introduce Kiwanis into Australia, it was proposed among other things, we should meet weekly and stick closely to the US model. Of course back then, communications were far less sophisticated. Nowadays, with mobile phones, iPads, tablets, emails, skype, plus faxes, etc, it is no wonder our snail mail service is struggling.

Tribute must be paid to Kiwanians for their orders and prompt payment of accounts, and generally supporting our Supplies organisation in this District.

From the “Supplies Team” - Peter, Norman & Joe

Left: Kiwanis Rubiks Kube, one of the newer items in the range, along with Kiwanis Yo-Yo!

Footnote: “Please buy up large, then Peter (POK) can go to more District Conventions!”

Below: Some of the key K players in Australia District Supplies:
L-R Norman Ford OAM, Joe Bickart, Peter O’Keefe, Geoff Peirce
STOP PRESS  This is a genuine piece of GOOD NEWS - our District’s latest new Club (in Division 2) has just kicked into life. Formation Night for the new Pacific Pines Kiwanis Club in Queensland was held on March 22, and Charter Night is set down for Friday May 27. You’ll be able to read a full report on this great event in the next issue of AK.

On the opposite page is a feature dedicated to Australia District Supplies, which can supply you or your Club with almost any Kiwanian item possible, or at least help you arrange purchase of said items. Contact details are via Peter O’Keefe, 27 Lockwood Rd, Erindale SA 5066, phone (08) 8332 0239, mobile 0422 519 545.

Immediate Past Governor Peter Zander OAM has been able to confirm, from the query raised on p.18 of our last AK, regarding whether it was Brighton SA or Brighton Vic that rated as a Silver Club in the elMiNaTe Donor Legacy Book produced by KI middle of last year. And the answer is (!): Brighton South Australia. Right on, Brighton!

In our last issue of Australian Kiwanian on p.23 the listing of Kiwanis various entities included a mention that “there didn’t appear to be any Kiwanis Builders Clubs in Australia. Just as that edition was hitting the news-stands, information was unearthed that there was in fact one such Club – in Victoria, at Cobram Anglican Grammar School. This Builders Club came about after an approach to the College by the Kiwanis Club of Cobram Barooga, which fell on fertile ears - the good news is this Builders Club has been effectively operating since 2002 – nearly 14 years ago! Well done.

VALE - We record with sadness, the passing of LLOYD TREMELLEN, a Charter member of Mooroopna Kiwanis Club in Victoria, Born in August 1936, he was a long-serving Kiwanian, having gained a Legion of Honour. He and wife Glenice had three children (Alicia, Anthony and Ewan) and he was a doting grandfather of four. Lloyd passed away at home on Friday January 8, and the funeral was held in Shepparton a week later. Kiwanis Australia District respectfully sends condolences to his family members.

Unfortunately another VALE needs recording - for GEORGE McLELLAN, 77, who passed away on March 17. He joined Kiwanis back in 1977 at Keilor Club before moving from Victoria to NSW where he joined North Sydney Club. George was also in the Koringai Kiwanis Club before moving to Newcastle 16 years ago, joining the Newcastle Club and being a member ever since. A Legion of Honour, George was Lt Governor Div 2 for 1986/87 and 1989/90, becoming a regular at District Conventions and also attending ASPAC. As recently as February, George attended the Division 2 Mini Convention at the Tea Gardens. We send our condolences to wife J an (a Kiwanis member), their three married daughters and three grandsons.

She would be well recovered by now, but a (belated) Get Well greeting from Kiwanians “down under” goes the way of International President-Elect Jane Erickson (shown right) who early February was reported to have been in and out of hospital with a treatable ailment. Thankfully J ane is back on her feet and running on all eight cylinders!

BACKGROUND to the famed Walter Zeller Awards which are well known for their association with our international elMiNaTe efforts. Did you know that it was during the 25th anniversary of Kiwanis in January 1940 in Detroit, Michigan, that Mr Zeller from Canada helped kickstart the Kiwanis International Foundation fundraising. KIF had been three years in the formation and as USA hadn’t yet been distracted with total involvement in the growing WW2 conflict, the time seemed right to foster an International Foundation to gather funds. It was Walter Zeller’s initial donation of 25 Canadian silver dollars that were auctioned to set the ball rolling, and KIF has not looked back since.

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KIWANIS is a global organisation of volunteers dedicated to improving the world, one child and one community at a time.
The latest meeting of our District Board of Trustees, held early February, had the rare bonus (it’s been done before, but not often) of having International President Sue Petrisin join in late Saturday morning.

It was still late Friday afternoon over in USA when Sue skyped us, from of all places - under a stairwell at a sports venue. We didn’t mind that, it was just such a buzz to have her on board, and we were able to update the Head Lady about Taiwan having just suffered a killer earthquake - Taiwan being the venue for ASPAC a few weeks away.

When Sue first appeared on our projected screen, the camera had her upside down until we persuaded our American friends to turn their camera 180 degrees! Hence the front page photo of this AK, showing our President “Down Under”!! Photo below shows Sue when the camera orientation was corrected.

Brief pace notes from this BOT:
- Glenelg Club has around 60 members which leaves Rostrevor-Campbelltown as the District’s largest, listing 65 members • International has recommended that in future, all Clubs should steer their regalia and literature away from the K logo that incorporates the “world globe” and just use the round K logo • SLP Chair Annette Holmes tabled some concept DL flyers for publicising Terrific Kids, Key Clubs and Builders plus possibly Aktion Clubs - these were well put together • All Clubs are recommended to revisit training modules (online) for their President/Secretary – even if the Club executives remain unchanged. On that basis maybe Training Days should be rebranded as Planning Days • A new Legacy Book is due out later this year with an updated listing of eliMiNaTe donors • Peter Zander presented an item from his trip last year to Sri Lanka in conjunction with Daya Ratnayake, where Kiwanis has taken on a “Water project” whereby schools have had purifier units distributed because of the unsavoury quality of the regular water service • Cassandra Treagus (Brighton, Vic) has been appointed District media person whose role will include helping lift the profile of Kiwanis in Australia • Casuarina Club in Northern Territory has offered to host the 2017 District Convention, and this offer was accepted • The next BOT meeting late May is set down for Melbourne, but this may change to Gold Coast.
GROWTH PROMOTION - Sponsor a new Kiwanian & WIN!

THE FORMULA is our multi-year initiative to strengthen Kiwanis membership in existing Clubs and expand the reach of Kiwanis to communities that do not yet have the benefit of a Kiwanis Club. This initiative is based on the premise that when members have an exceptional Kiwanis experience, they want to share Kiwanis. In sharing Kiwanis with others, members’ Clubs become stronger, new Clubs open and communities benefit from strong, better Kiwanis service. Stated simply: Love It, Share It, Live It.

We aim to build Kiwanis Australia to 1200 members by September 2016. From October 1, 2013 to May 31, 2015 we have introduced 176 people in Australia to the fun and fellowship that Kiwanis offers, while serving the children of the world. (Note this has been offset by the loss of 112 members either through passing away or resigning.)

To encourage members to invite and sponsor new members, Kiwanis Australia are continuing to promote recruitment by offering this special Prize Draw.

Members who sponsor a new member to Kiwanis in Australia between April 25, 2015 and the Adelaide 2016 District Convention will take part in a draw for a grand prize, subject to the conditions outlined below.

1st PRIZE is registration, travel and part accommodation to 2017 KI International Convention which will be held in the capital of France. This will be for the sponsor member and partner to a maximum value of $A5,000.

Consider sharing our great work and fellowship with others. New members will bring new ideas and also give Kiwanis more resources to better meet the community’s service needs. Each sponsor will be automatically included in the draw to be conducted by the 2017-18 District Governor Designate.

CONDITIONS: New Member means not already a member of another Club, or a transfer. Prizes are non-transferrable, non-redeemable for cash and are for two persons sharing accommodation only. Member Sponsors and the New Member must be financial members of KI and KIAD at December 31, 2016. This means all fees must be received and bank cleared at KAD. Member Sponsors who sponsor multiple new members will be entered in the draw multiple times, increasing the chance to win.

KAD Board reserves the right to amend the prize and conditions if circumstances change and minimum net gains are not met.

Registering for Toronto 2016? Immediate Past President John Button reckons this will be “better” than 2015 in Indianapolis. This is your last call to register. June 23-26 are the dates you need to remember.
A UK citizen calls at Australia House in London for a visa to visit his family in Australia. Bloke behind the counter takes some details, then asks, “Do you have a criminal record?” The Brit sighs and asks, “Is that STILL a requirement?!”

**SHOOTING PAINS**

Three men awaited execution by firing squad in the condemned cell, from which the site of their forthcoming ordeal could be clearly seen. The first, an Englishman, was taken out and stood against the wall. As the firing squad raised their rifles, he suddenly shouted “Avalanche!” at the top of his voice. The soldiers looked about in alarm, threw down their rifles and turned to run. Taking advantage of the momentary chaos, the Englishman was able to scuttle away as fast as he could, and escaped. The second condemned man - a Scot, seeing the success of this ploy, when his time came shouted “Floodwaters!” with exactly the same highly successful effect, and off he scampere. The third man, from Dublin, impressed by the initiative of his colleagues, was determined to follow suit. As the rifles were raised and fingers curled around the triggers, he shouted loudly and hopefully, “Fire!”

**THOUGHTFUL THOUGHTS: If you try to fail, and succeed, which have you done?**

Whose cruel idea was it for the word “lisp” to contain the letter “s”? Can an atheist qualify to obtain insurance against Acts of God? What if there were no hypothetical questions? How is it possible to have a civil war? And will the new concept glasses be a success? Remains to be seen.

Have those starting to advance in years noticed, Roman numerals for 40 are XL.... Alcohol and calculus don’t mix. So don’t drink and derive!

Seven European wheelchair athletes have been banned from the next Paralympics after they tested positive for using WD40.

Blondie admitted: A police officer came knocking on my door last night. He asked in an officious manner, “And where were you between 5 and 6?” So naturally I replied, “In kindergarten.”

A MUSO’S MUSINGS: The fact that there’s a “Highway to Hell” and only a “Stairway to Heaven” kind of speaks volumes about anticipated traffic numbers, doesn’t it?

The day is coming when YouTube, Twitter and Facebook will merge - to be known maybe as YouTwitFace!

Sign seen outside a bar:

**DRINK TRIPLE**

**SEE DOUBLE**

**ACT SINGLE**

The shortest sentence: “I am”

The longest sentence: “I do” . . .