Happy 99 Years!
I’ve just been reading with interest the report of the Division 2 Conference on the weekend of 20th to 23rd February last, and admired the enthusiasm of members from Brisbane to Sydney who travelled to Tea Gardens to get together in the spirit of Kiwanis. Why not then plan to attend the Shepparton District Convention next August. You’d have to go a long way to beat the hospitality of the Shepparton/Murray River Kiwanians, so a great time is assured. Links for Registration and Accommodation forms are included at the bottom of page 7. If you haven’t attended a District Convention before, then this is the one for you.

For those of you who are a little more adventurous, then there’s another Convention on this year that promises something very special as well for the 99th Anniversary of Kiwanis. That’s the combined International Convention, and ASPAC Convention, which additionally celebrates the 50th Anniversary of Kiwanis in the Asia Pacific with the anniversary of the Tokyo Club. This will be held in Chiba, and details and links appear on page 12/13.

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FROM THE EDITOR’S DESK
FEBRUARY 2014

Thank you to all of you who have taken the time and effort to let me know how much you enjoy reading the AK. It’s very gratifying to hear. On page 2, you will always see the deadline for contributions for the next edition. Despite this, when we reach this date, I will receive requests from clubs to see if they can still submit articles. My advice is always the same. Work smart like the gentleman above (Steve Marcel Marceau Hughes), and send me your articles as soon as you can, and include photos with descriptions. I will then fit them in. On pages 20 & 21, I have reproduced two pages from the Summer Edition of the Heartkids Magazine, which features our friend Prof Yves D’Udekem on the cover. It is a rare pleasure to have an organisation dedicate two full pages of their whole edition. Lastly, please support our sponsor. Click on the Promo offer page 7.

Ed. Tim Vine. AK@kiwanis.org.au

“Kiwanis is a global organisation of volunteers dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time.”
Governors’ Report

Australia Day—this year with a difference

The Christmas / New Year period is now well behind us and as we move forward membership is continuing to grow. As a result of our ongoing increase in membership the Kiwanis International Board of Trustees reinstated Kiwanis Australia to District Status. Ironically, the decision was made on January 26th, Australia Day! We are again a District in the eyes of Kiwanis International.

I can report that Growth is progressing at a rate of close to 5% for the year. At the recent Division 2 mini-convention it was announced that the Kiwanis Club of Western Sydney had held its organisational meeting with 22 members. Since that meeting another 4 have been signed up with several more people showing interest. Congratulations to Julia Barker and George Wells for the work that they are putting in regarding the new Club’s formation. Several Lt Governor’s have reported new members joining Clubs within their Divisions. I ask that Club secretaries forward new member information to District Secretary Steve Hughes as soon as possible so that he can complete the appropriate Kiwanis International paperwork.

As a Governor visits Divisions the easiest way to obtain information relating to Club projects is to read the Club monthly on-line report. These monthly on-line reports allow the Club secretary to give a snapshot of their Club’s activities. Currently the District is running at only 65% participation of Clubs reporting on-line. I ask that all Club secretary’s make a conscious effort to complete these reports. If there is any difficulty logging into the Kiwanis International portal District Secretary Steve Hughes is only a phone call away.

Growth is the platform of International President Gunter Gasser;

Growing small existing Clubs up to Charter strength

Obtaining positive growth for all existing clubs

Identifying potential sites for future clubs

As of writing this report I can inform you that 20 of our clubs have increased their membership since October 1st. Only 2 clubs have dropped in membership whilst the remainder are holding a steady membership. The Board of Trustees and members of the Formula for Growth seminar have identified 19 potentially viable sites for the development of new clubs across Australia. We are now developing a plan that, over the next few years, should produce positive growth outcomes. A lot more information will be published in the near future. Member involvement is essential at all levels. Everyone needs to promote Kiwanis in that positive way which will enable Kiwanis to be the number one service organisation in Australia.

In the last edition of the Australian Kiwanian Bill Skully (Lt Gov division 10) submitted an article where students at a local school had held a casual dress day with proceeds going to support the Eliminate Project. Currently our Clubs support nearly 100 schools across Australia through our youth programs. Let’s make an effort to try and get these 100 schools all participating in a casual dress day (or similar) with proceeds to support Eliminate. It is also another way to promote Kiwanis.

I encourage all members to continue to tell those positive stories about the great things that your Club is doing. Be proud of the projects you are doing, be proud of the way your Club operates and be proud of what we do as an organisation. This infectious enthusiasm will become contagious. Invite a friend to assist with a project so that they too can see what terrific things we are doing as an organisation. Together we can make a difference.

John Bromilow
Governor 2013/14 Kiwanis Australia
President’s Report

Experience the Diversity of Kiwanis
There are Kiwanians in more than 80 nations and geographic areas around the world. We truly are an international organization that spans the Earth. Our diversity will be on full display during the 99th Annual Kiwanis International Convention.

This July, we will gather outside of Tokyo, Japan, to conduct the business of the organization. We will vote on amendments to the bylaws and elect new leaders. But we will have some fun too. We will get to experience many of the different cultures of the Asia-Pacific region. There will be singers, dancers and instrumentalists performing pieces native to their homeland. I know it will be a grand display.

During the convention, we will also honor the legacy of Kiwanis in the ASPAC region. It was 50 years ago in Tokyo that the region’s first Kiwanis club was formed. While much has changed during the past five decades, the dedication of those serving the children of the world has not. Because of selflessness of Kiwanians in the ASPAC region and around the world, lives have been changed and more children have access to opportunities for a safe and happy life. That is worthy of celebrating.

I invite you to join in the festivities. Information on attending the 99th Annual Kiwanis International Convention in Japan, can be found on our website, Kiwanis.org/convention. I hope you will get a chance to enjoy the great diversity that makes up Kiwanis International.

Gunter Gasser
2013-14 President
Kiwanis International

Just before going to press I spoke to Past Governor Geoff Peirce. For those of you who are not aware, Geoff’s wife Lorrie has been diagnosed with a serious illness, and has been undergoing intensive treatment.
Because so many of you know Lorrie so well you will be pleased to hear that Lorrie has been responding favourably, and Geoff hopes that they may both be able to attend convention this year.
Letters to the Editor

To all Kiwanians,

As District Chair for Conventions this email is to advise that ASPAC and International Conventions will be combined in 2014.

The Convention will be held in Chiba, Tokyo, Japan, 17-20 July.

A side tour to Vietnam is also being offered by the Convention Committee.

You can check the Kiwanis International web page for updates on registration, promotions, downloads, Convention schedules, workshops, elections, amendment proposals, fellowship, etc.

I will also be keeping you up-to-date as information is received.

Kind regards
Geoff Holmes
Governor 2005-06

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Australian ceramics;
• Factory Sales attracting ½ million visitors per year;
• The river, forests and walkways
• Shopping

• Dining, produce and wine
• Arts & Culture
• Vibrant events scene with a full packed calendar
• History recognised through several local museums, including the Tatura Museum which features a significant collection of wartime camps memorabilia.

Who knows, if you visit Shepparton for the convention this August, you may even see the MV Kiwanis. (seen here being checked out by Shepparton members)

Weather:

Greater Shepparton enjoys a temperate climate, boasting more hours of sunshine per year than the Gold Coast! Summers bring hot and dry weather, spring and autumn are typically warm, whilst cold frosty winter mornings turn in to bright sunny winter days.

Early Bird Registrations are available now, so get in early. Just click on the links at the bottom of page 7.
Shepparton.
Popular with Visitors since 1838
Shepparton home to Club # 6887 the 13th Club in Australia. will be the venue for the 2014 District Convention. The Convention will be jointly hosted by the Clubs of Division 7. Shepparton hosted their first convention in 1974, and then again in 1984, and now 2014. Shepparton is also known for:
• over 60 accommodation providers;
• Australia’s Largest adventure playground;
• Art Gallery housing the most prominent collection of

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February BOT Meeting

Kiwanis Australia District Board Meeting
Held in Geelong Fri 7th and Sat 8th February 2014

The meeting started at 3pm on Friday and closed at 2.15pm on Saturday. It was attended by 13 Board members plus 1 District Chair and 1 observer. All travellers were billeted with local Kiwanians and a big thankyou goes to their hospitality.

All reports from Board and Chairs were pre-distributed and “taken as read” to make the business discussions more focussed on issues and policies than on past reporting. This certainly worked well as the meeting finished all on the agenda with nearly 3 hours to spare on Saturday. There was lively debate on the larger issues considered.

Australia District status was re-instated by KI Board at their meeting on 26th January 2014. This is great news and was fitting that it was taken on Australia Day. The KI Board considered that Australia is making great strides to rebuild to over 1,000 members.

Membership numbers for Australia stood at 940 plus Sri Lankan connection at 31. However, we know that clubs have a further 55 net new members that we haven’t received the paperwork for as yet. A call to all clubs to get these people officially signed up and get us back over the 1,000 mark and make these new members feel part of Kiwanis family. So far this Kiwanis year we have had 40 new members with 10 deletes so shaping up to be a good year. The process of adding new members has also been improved, with the member added as soon as the form is received at secretary@kiwanis.org.au and an invoice being sent to the club for the new member add fee of $45.

The Kiwanis Australia District accounts for 2012-2013 are currently with Fortune 5 for audit.

Campaign for Growth (CFG) Norman McLennan is the leader of CFG for the next 3 years to provide continuity. At present positions of a Club Builder and a Club Counsellor for each state are being sought and the positions will be advertised to all members. The Builder particularly leads the team effort to assess an identified new club site and build the new club. The Counsellor will work with all clubs in the state to help them retain and gain members. It is still important that each club appoints a “Membership Coordinator” to make sure that membership remains a focus of their club.

Kiwanis Club of Western Sydney held its’ Organisation Meeting on 9th October 2013 and is close to finalising paperwork to add 25 members. We look forward to the Charter Night and congratulate President Julia Barker and Secretary George Wells for all their work in establishing this new club covering Glebe to Parramatta to Campbelltown.

Other sites being assessed or looking for names are Gold Coast, Penguins (Melbourne Aquarium), Bayswater (WA), Winchelsea, Albury/Wodonga, Cameroon (as satellite of Adelaide), Cranbourne and La Trobe University. If you have any names for these areas please send them to growth@kiwanis.org.au

The Board approved a growth promotion that will give every sponsor of a new member to Kiwanis between 1st October 2013 and 25th April 2015 an entry in a draw. The aim is to build Australia to 1,100 by 2015 KI Convention. The draw 1st prize is registration, airfares and part accommodation at the 2015 KI Convention in Indianapolis. 2nd prize is registration, airfares and part accommodation at the 2016 Aspac Convention and 3rd prize is registration and airfares to the 2015 District Convention. Some conditions apply.

Sri Lankan Connection they are in process of rebuilding existing clubs of Battaramulla and Colombo and also trying to build a new club at Kandy. The Board approved expenditure on a social media campaign targeting 25 to 40 year olds as potential members. Sri Lanka has also selected a national project for the prevention of kidney disease in children. Children in Sri Lanka suffer from drinking contaminated water, so the objective is to purchase and install water purification units in 5 schools in the North Central Province at a cost of $75,000. Each unit services approximately 250 children with 1 litre per day. Most of the schools will require 2 units at a cost of $1,250 per unit. The intention is that the children will take water home with them also. They aim to gain publicity for Kiwanis through the program and gain membership. Maybe your club could support through local Sri Lankan connections to raise funds for this worthwhile project and gain new members.

100th Anniversary Kiwanis 2015 Melbourne is looking at a project that celebrates 100th anniversaries of Kiwanis and Anzacs in conjunction with War Memorial. They have asked clubs particularly in Divisions 1, 6 and 7 to support the project which encourages school children to trace the descendants of the Anzacs under the program name of “Connections”.

Youth Programs the Board expressed a vote of thanks to Michael Flavel for his work in compiling the data on youth programs (SLP) supported by Australian clubs. It shows over 100 Terrific Kids schools currently sponsored. Board is looking to include a Youth Programs page on the new website. We would also like to forward the Australian Kiwanian (AK) to mentors of every Youth Program, so we implore every club to either forward the AK or give the email address of mentor to AK@kiwanis.org.au.

Kiwanis Australia District Charitable Foundation (KADCF). The KADCF has replaced the Trust in accordance with new Australian legislation. The Board requested a windup plan for the KADCT and how residual funds will be dispersed.

The NSW Bushfire Appeal with funds going through Salvation Army and The Philippines Typhoon Haiyan Appeal with funds going through UNICEF Australia will be closed on 28th February 2014. Any club or individual should make contributions before this date. $3,750 for the Bushfire Appeal and $2,800 for Typhoon Haiyan have been donated by clubs and individuals to date.

A vote of thanks was expressed for the considerable, valuable work done by John Emerson and Bryan Williams for writing and gaining (Continued on page 9)

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acceptance under incorporation of the new deeds for the KADCF.

**Education and Planning** 5 members of the 2014-15 board executive will travel to Kuala Lumpur at the end of February for the Aspac training and planning session and the Aspac Board meeting.

Lieutenant Governor Elect training will be conducted in Adelaide on 30th May in conjunction with the May Board meeting.

**Eliminate** is discussed elsewhere in this AK, Mothers Day Project was the key discussion focus.

**Marketing and Promotion** the Board would like every club at division meeting to develop an “elevator speech” (ie less than 30 seconds) on “What is Kiwanis?” that they and members will be comfortable with.

Defining statement has been changed to “Kiwanis is a global organisation of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time”

Club matching grants of up to $250 are available for clubs to run a specific new event to promote Kiwanis. Submissions should be sent to governor@kiwanis.org.au.

**HeartKids** – Grants in Aid research awards will be made in Sydney in coming week at a special ceremony. Steve Hughes will represent Kiwanis. Approximately $20,000 has been donated by clubs to KADCF to date this year. Please remember to make donations before August for the District Convention presentation to allow valuable research to continue.

**Laws and Policies** KI is looking to change the standard KI District By-Laws by 2015 to simplify and make more relevant. The Board reviewed these and couldn’t see any major difficulties with the changes and will respond to KI with comments.

KI standard Club By-Laws changed in October 2012 and all clubs should review these and accept these on-line before October 2014. Your club will need to amend the By-laws to suit your club, notify all club members of a meeting to accept the By-Laws with 14 days prior notice and gain a 2/3 majority vote of members present at the meeting. Once submitted online they will be approved by KI. These By-Laws will then form the basis of your clubs Incorporation Rules. To avoid lots of work in the writing and submission process to the various state departments, the Board has asked one representative in each state to go through the incorporation process with their club and provide these to other clubs as a model.

Further legal advice will be sought on photo release requirements before future consideration.

**New Governance Model** - the Board continued review of a proposed change to the Australia District governance model as put to the 2013 West Lakes Convention. Ostensibly the new model would have 3 trustees representing SA, Victoria and the rest of Australia plus the executive as the new makeup of the Board. The lieutenant governors would continue to be the leaders in each of the 9 divisions. The aim was to reduce costs of the Board and make it more effective in policy and strategy setting. There was considerable discussion including linkages to a review of District By-laws, new incorporation rules, effectiveness of meetings and the possible effects of the campaign for growth. It was considered that we need to further develop the roles of trustees and lieutenant governors and review the model in light of any growth achieved. It was considered important not to rush such a major change. As a result, the implementation was deferred at this stage.

**KIF** – request to all clubs to contribute at a level of $6 or higher to KIF Annual Gift appeal. Australia has received funds from KIF via grants for East Timor dairy project, Marysville rotunda and several matching scholarships over the last 4 years which far exceed the Australian contributions to KIF. For the coming year KIF has offered 6 new matching scholarships of $500 each (plus $500 from Australia). The Board will endeavour to get better Kiwanis signage erected at the Marysville rotunda.

**Conventions** - the Board approved that the 2014 District Convention will be held at Shepparton on 28th to 31st August 2014 in the Sherbourne Hotel. The theme is “multi cultural”.

2013 West Lakes Convention final financial accounts were presented and accepted. The profit of $1,007.58 will be returned to hosting Divisions 3, 8 and 10 in line with new future policy.

Melbourne has withdrawn their application for hosting 2015 District Convention and new expressions of interest will be called for.

2014 KI and Aspac Combined Conventions will be held in Chiba Japan on 17th to 20th July and it looks like 20 Australians will attend.

**Website** – the new Australian District website is progressing and should be finished for go-live within 2 months. Call to clubs to provide photos and short videos in hi-res (> 200kB) for inclusion.

**Succession Planning** the Board will ask the past governors to form a subcommittee to assist with approaching candidates for governor and lieutenant governor positions. Peter Zander has asked Tony Gunn to be his district secretary for 2014-2015.

**General Business** – Miriam High of Adelaide, mother of Aktion Club member Rachel was honoured with an AM in Australia Day honours for significant service to people with disabilities and to the community.

Our condolences go to Kath Treacy of McLennan Mooroopna at the loss of their son in a tragic drowning incident recently.

**Supplies catalogue** has been posted to current district website.

The Honours booklet was recently updated and distributed. Thanks go to Graham Mould for keeping this history for Kiwanis Australia.

Next Board meeting will be held in Adelaide on 30th and 31st May 2014.
DIVISION 3 Report

February 2014

Things continue to tick over nicely in Division 3 at the moment.

Adelaide Club has had a net increase to 23. Four members have received 30 and 35 Year Legion of Honour service citations in recent weeks. Sad to report that the inter Division Annual Bowls Night is now cancelled for 2013/14, as we’ve been unsuccessful in finding a Club prepared to be the main organizer. On the good news front, there has been positive preliminary progress on the formation of Cameroon Kiwanis in Africa.

Prospect Club has also put on three new female members in recent months and has the exciting news of their efforts to promote a Key Club at a local school nearing fruition. Prospect also has the distinction this month of marking their 10 year anniversary.

Mitcham has succeeded in sustaining a static membership in recent months, with their two young Club members in the process of contacting Childhood Cancer and similar groups, offering to volunteer with children. The Club has been successful in jumping aboard the Bunnings bandwagon which is good for fundraising.

West Lakes Grange is also maintaining a steady membership, and working on the programme at Tennyson Dunes whenever the heatwave conditions permit. The Club’s impressive barbecue trailer continues to have regular usage. A number of triathlons have been worked in conjunction with Reedbeds Club—a great joint project.

Reedbeds unfortunately has just lost two of their lady members, with one resigning due to moving residence south of Adelaide. This Club continues to be highly functional with a full book of activities including having Terrific Kids programmes at three schools.

A matter has arisen in recent months which could impact on the direction that some Clubs disperse their revenue from fund raising. A large national hardware chain that allows various agencies to hold regular barbecues on their premises is encouraging the proceeds to be steered towards local beneficiaries, rather than directing the remittance to overseas aid organisations. Taken literally, this may mean a rethink on how some Div 3 Clubs continue their committed support for projects such as eliMiNaTe, for example. And naturally there may be Australia-wide ramifications as a result.

I was able to attend some of the Clubs’ meetings late 2013, including several Christmas functions, and where possible will try being available for Clubs whenever they hold special meetings, such as inductions or anniversaries.

In service,
David McNabb
Lt Governor Division 3
Division 2 Conference

Division 2 Conference

the local Chinese restaurant.

The conference was convened at 9am on Saturday at the Tea Gardens Hotel where the Lt Gov Pat McKinney welcomed everyone and introduced special guests from Australia District. The Presidents of Kiwanis clubs from Brisbane, Sydney and Newcastle introduced their members who had travelled to the conference.

Pat McKinney chaired the business session and gave an overview of the Div 2 achievements throughout the past 12 months, with Div 2 members contributing 6,300 hours to complete 137 projects which raised $116,000, equal to each member raising $1,000.

Div 2 clubs Presidents expanded on their circulated reports which gave a cross flow of new ideas for all clubs as well as an update on our newest club Kiwanis Club of Western Sydney.

Steve Hughes was presented with a Hixson Award for his untiring work over many years and is currently District Secretary and Australia Eliminate Chair person he gave an update on Eliminate fundraising and the Mother's day project,

Mr. John Bromilow, Australia District Governor, gave the Governor's message which carried a special message that Australia is once again a District, he also spoke about the Sri Lanka Initiative and how we as Kiwanians can help the school children there by supply funds to purchase water filters for their schools which will help to prevent Kidney disease in children.

The meeting finished with a workshop seeking ideas for the 30 second speech, "What is Kiwanis" and looking at ways to promote Kiwanis 100th Year.

The regular sporting contest was held on the lawns of the Hotel before departing for a fun filled "French Affair" at the local surf club.

After breakfast on Sunday morning, Kiwanians departed for all parts of Australia having had a wonderful weekend and made sure they had booked their hotel rooms for next years conference.

Mal Lancaster—Brisbane
Tokyo Club marks 50 years
Feb 21, 2014

The Tokyo Club, the first Kiwanis club in the Asia-Pacific region, celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2014. In 1963, some leading Japanese businessmen consulted with Kiwanis International about establishing the first Kiwanis Club in Japan. On January 24, 1964, the Tokyo Club was officially established.

Since then, the 229-member club, the biggest in Japan, has actively supported those in need. Members are proud of their most prominent activity: producing Kiwanis dolls for hospitalized children awaiting surgery. Since 2001, the 29 clubs of Japan have donated more than 60,000 dolls. The Japan clubs also lead the world by contributing an average of $638 per member to The Eliminate Project: eliminating maternal and neonatal tetanus.

Join Japan District members at the Tokyo-Chiba convention in July and celebrate this milestone anniversary for the Tokyo club and the Asia-Pacific region!

Register to attend the convention. Don’t forget to fill out the certificate of election if you are a delegate for your club. Then check out what to expect at the Tokyo-Chiba convention. Browse hotels, learn about tours and get travel tips.

The exhibit hall, workshops and general sessions will be held at the Makuhari Messe International Convention Complex, located 2-1, Nakase, Mihama-ku, Chiba-city, 261-0023, Japan.

Click on the links above for more information

The Chiba castle in Chiba City

Attend the convention

Discover the spirit of Japan. Attend the Tokyo-Chiba convention in 2014 and help celebrate 50 years of Kiwanis in Asia-Pacific.
Discover the spirit of Japan

JULY 17–20

In 2014, the Kiwanis International convention will be in Japan. Visit the Tokyo-Chiba convention booth to learn more. Get informed. Get inspired. Get ready to celebrate our 50 years in Asia-Pacific!

www.kiwanis.org/japan
Club News

Past Governor Allan Lord presents Past Governor Geoff Hergt with his 35 year Legion of Honor Certificate.

It was the occasion of the 99th Anniversary Dinner celebrations held at Moorabbin, when guest presenter Allan Lord invited President Geoff Hergt to come forward and accept his 35 year LOH badge and certificate. This was much to the surprise of Geoff, who was acting as MC for the evening.

Rostrevor-Campbelltown have for some time now been supporting financially Marie Shaw and the Ice Factor program. Marie has attended Rostrevor meetings to thank the members for their continued support, and President Colleen has attended the IceFactor awards night to support their achievements. This is an incredibly successful project, and we plan to have a feature article on it in the May edition. Watch this space. In the meantime, you can check out the report on ABC TV Behind the NEWS in July 2008. Ice Factor. Follow this link http://www.abc.net.au/btn/story/s2316611.htm

Barossa Club members (above) helped serve drinks for the riders in the Ride for Juvenile Diabetes which raised around $3 million for diabetes research in January.

Troubled kids can find it really hard to get back on track. If they’re struggling at school and find it hard to make friends they can start to feel really isolated. But in this story, Catherine checks out a program that is transforming lives - but it’s using a very unusual sport!

CATHERINE ELLIS, REPORTER: Hahah! Not quite as easy as I thought!
Kiwanis Beachside – Newcastle president

OFFICIALLY, Rae Pidgeon has been involved with Kiwanis since 1991. The Islington resident’s association with the international community service organisation, however, began unofficially in the 1980s when her husband joined.

“We had quite a few clubs in the Hunter at that time, but it was a men’s club, as a lot of service organisations were in those days,” Rae said.

“My husband was a member, and when he took on the secretary or treasurer’s role it was me doing a lot of the typing and organisation.

“By the time my husband passed away, he was only 44, I was very much entrenched in Kiwanis as a helping hand.

“But by that time, which was 1991, women were allowed to become members of the organisation.”

Because of her association with the East Maitland Kiwanis, Rae came on board as the club’s first female member.

Rae is still secretary of the East Maitland group, but she also took on a mentoring role at the new Kiwanis Beachside – Newcastle club.

She has also held leadership roles for Kiwanis Australia.

“I’ve always been one to put my hand up – whether it was at the school canteen or the basketball club, as well as Kiwanis,” she said.

“Now that I’ve retired, I’ve taken on quite a few hours a week for Kiwanis.

“My partner would say probably a few too many, but it’s an administration-type role where I help manage a website and write newsletters, and organise meetings and guest speakers.”

One of the main reasons Rae had enjoyed volunteering for Kiwanis was that it had given her the opportunity to support many causes.

“You can volunteer for one group, but I find with a service club you can help many, many groups within the community and therefore you feel like you’re helping a wider cross-section,” she said.

Kiwanis, which began in the United States in 1915, started off being more of a “hands-on” organisation.

“So you might go in to a preschool and help them paint furniture, or help build a fence or sandpit. These days we’re asked to give more financial donations.

“But we still like to go along and do physical duties, and a great example of that is our association with the women’s refuge here in Newcastle.”

The Kiwanis maintain the garden, so it is a welcoming environment for those who present there in traumatic circumstances.

“We also make sure that the women have toiletries when they arrive, because they often arrive with absolutely nothing to their name.”

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“It’s very fulfilling to be able to help others and to be able to bring a smile to the faces of children.”

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**Hunter Hero – Hunter Water Nominate someone for the Newcastle Herald’s Hunter Water Hero Awards. Each week we profile someone doing something extraordinary in and for our community – from sport to business, education to charity, music to health and the armed forces to emergency services.**
**The Eliminate Project**

KI world pledges and contributions to date  - US$48.1 million

A single Kiwanian in USA recently anonymously pledged $1 million, making them the largest single donor ever to Kiwanis International Foundation (KIF). January saw the greatest monthly increase in the campaign total which is good considering we only have 17 months left to raise the remaining $61.9 million.

Kiwanis Australia pledges and contributions to date

- $512,000  allowing protection of 284,000 mothers and their future babies.

Australia is still 3rd in the world for per Kiwanian giving at $524 and is also 3rd in world for achieving 89% of our agreed $560,000 goal. 100% of Kiwanis Australia clubs are now participating.

Newcastle and East Maitland Clubs became the 18th and 19th clubs in Australia to commit to being “Model” clubs who will contribute more than $750 average per member. Their respective goals are $21,000 and $17,250. Congratulations and thankyou!

Barossa recently gave a written commitment to achieve “Silver” Club with a total of $19,500 which exceeds the $500 average per member required for this level. Congratulations! For all those clubs still to commit to a written pledge we would welcome a commitment at Model ($750 per member), Silver ($500 per member) or Bronze ($350 per member). In this way KI can achieve the $110 million goal and give UNICEF the certainty to complete the Eliminate Project.

**Vaccination and Validation in the field**

Laos was declared maternal neonatal tetanus (MNT) eliminated in December taking the remaining countries at risk down to 25. Great progress considering there were 40 countries at risk when Kiwanis accepted the challenge in 2010.

Madagascar, The Philippines and Cambodia have finished vaccination and are currently in validation phases. Validation involves initial assessment by UNICEF, then by the country and finally by World Health Organisation (WHO). Elimination is achieved when there is fewer than 1 case of neonatal tetanus per 1,000 live births in every district of the country.
India, Afghanistan, Congo (DRC), Haiti and South Sudan are currently in vaccination rounds. Between January and April 2014 UNICEF will reach over 6.2 million mothers in 6 countries as part of The Eliminate Project.


Is your club participating? It’s easy for every club and member to get involved and raise funds from the public for The Eliminate Project and get credit for these donations to your club. Just make sure the donors select your club from the drop-down box when donating. A kit will be sent to every club and to every member with email in the next week. The idea is that by donating to Mothers Day Project the donor can give their loved one a certificate on Mothers Day saying how many lives they have protected and an information sheet on The Eliminate Project. The donor also receives a tax receipt. As a member you can send the proforma email to all the contacts in your address book. In past years Kiwanis Australia has raised over $21,000 through Mothers Day Project so let’s all participate this year and go for $50,000!

**Fundraisers**

Roseworthy Hewett approached a school student representative council (SRC) about them fundraising for Eliminate. The SRC ran an “out of uniform” day and collected over $1,000. Maybe your club could try the same with your schools?

Eliminate shirts in sizes XS to 4XL at $20 each are still available from Steve Hughes, Tania Allen or John Bromilow. Contact us at [eliminate@kiwanis.org.au](mailto:eliminate@kiwanis.org.au).

Bumper stickers are still available at $2 each from Steve Hughes. [eliminate@kiwanis.org.au](mailto:eliminate@kiwanis.org.au)

Thanks for all your support to date on The Eliminate Project!

Steve Hughes

The Eliminate Project Coordinator – Kiwanis District of Australia
Members of Brighton (VIC) attended the Summer Party of Foundation House in Dandenong, where they cooked and served sausages on the day. They were delighted to have three new members along on the occasion. Foundation House supports refugees who have been a victim of torture, and is an ongoing project for the Brighton Club.

Most Club Bulletins reported on their annual Christmas dinners, but there was no competition when it came to which club had the sexiest Santa Claus. The prize went to Adelaide. See the proof at right.

In the September edition, we reported on the efforts of the East Maitland Club to raise funds for Playground Equipment at the Miller’s Forest Primary School, and their lack of success in obtaining grants for this project. In East Maitland’s “January Roundup” they reported that since then, due to the efforts of two of their members in particular (Jude & Tony), that they have now increased the available funds for playground equipment and supplies to $20,000 via successful grant applications. This includes the $1500 provided by East Maitland Club. The supplies have been obtained, and the playground equipment is now on order. Over 100 hours of work has been put in so far, and a working bee has been set for 8th March for the whole club. Congratulations East Maitland.
Club News

At least someone under 50 has heard of Kiwanis. Thanks Glenelg

2nd of February 2019

To the Glenelg Kiwanis Club,
My name is Kit Jury.
I am in year 10 at the Pasadena High School unit.
Last year I got an award for the middle school all rounder from the Glenelg Kiwanis Club.

I felt pleased and proud about getting my award.

And my family were very proud of me.

Thank you for my Westfield gift card. I bought a victorious TV and a victorious CD. Victorious is my favourite TV show, and I like watching to the songs on my CD. I also like making things out of paper. Yesterday I made a slinky out of paper.

Thank you every one at the Glenelg Kiwanis Club for my award.

From Kit
Heartkids

Kiwanis Sponsored...

Box Hill Train Day - 12th October

With the sun out on a beautiful Spring day, many children started this event by playing in the local playground. Families then gathered in a private area in the middle of the miniature train park and were treated to train rides around the lovely landscaped gardens. They enjoyed a scrumptious sausage sizzle lunch while they watched Marco the Magnificent perform his magic tricks and delight the children by presenting them with balloon sculptures.

Special thanks to The Kiwanis Club of Waverley (particularly Brian Mates) for coordinating this event, to the Box Hill Miniature Train Society for allowing us to use their venue and provide free train rides and to Marco the Magnificent for volunteering his services.

Myuna Farm Outing - 27th October

Courtesy of The Kiwanis Club of Sunbury, a number of our families met at Myuna Farm for another fun day out. As they arrived, they were greeted by the friendly Kiwanis volunteers, given name tags and tickets for free rides on the pony and train.

Many children headed straight to the petting animal enclosure to cuddle the guinea pigs and rabbits and play with the friendly goats. The goats loved to chew the special name tags given out to our families! The children enjoyed using the playground and a walk around the farm to visit many other farm animals. The pony rides and train rides were a favourite activity for everyone.

The Face the Parcel team created a special atmosphere by artistically decorating the faces of our children and also delighted the children with special balloon sculptures. Marco the Magnificent captured the interest of many children while conducting his magic and put on a show with the help of his young daughters.

Overall the day was a great success. We thank the Kiwanis Club of Sunbury for sponsoring and coordinating this event and Myuna Farm management for allowing our families to have a fun day out at their venue.
Heartkids

...Family Activities

Kiwanis

Kiwanis is an international community service organization of volunteers comprising over 200,000 adult members in over 8,300 clubs worldwide.

About 14 years ago the Kiwanis club in Australia (then known as Kiwanis Australia Inc.) adopted HeartKids as their secondary national cause. The Kiwanis motto, “Serving the Children of the World,” summed up the Kiwanis passion for all children and demonstrated why the HeartKids cause was the one which Kiwanis should embrace.

Kiwanis clubs in Victoria (there are none in Tasmania yet) organize activities specifically for HeartKids families and support the cardiac units at both the Royal Children’s Hospital and Monash Medical Centre by providing toys and other assistive items, helping to refurbish/renovate the physical surroundings and funding equipment purchases.

In addition to this support at a local level, Kiwanis has, over the last 3 years, donated around $300,000 to HeartKids Australia specifically for research.

The HeartKids/Kiwanis relationship continues to grow and strengthen and we have recently seen some HeartKids members and employees join Kiwanis clubs.

Candlebark Farm Family Camp

HeartKids families were treated to a fun weekend at our annual family camp in Healesville on the weekend of 20th to 22nd September.

The weather was perfect which made it possible for our families to enjoy all the outside activities such as Super Swooper, Flying Fox, Low Ropes course and canoeing.

Also popular were our indoor activities, including a special Art activity run by The Art Cabinet, rock climbing, basketball, table tennis, child care activities and games in the hall. Parents enjoyed a dinner out at the local hotel, while children were entertained in the child care room.

We really want to express our gratitude to the clubs of Kiwanis Division 6 who generously fund our camp and we say a special thank you to Bruce Entwistle for his leadership as camp coordinator.

A special thanks to all who contributed to the organisation of the camp:

- The Camp Committee/camp volunteers: Bruce, Brian, Shirley, Natasha, Margaret, Lynette (Kiwanis & HeartKids representatives)
- Camp Volunteers: Cameron, Jane, Tessa, Nerissa, Shamin, Jenna, Julie, Sarah
- Kiwanis club members
- Candlebark Farm manager, Michael Hill
- The Cake Angels
- The Art Cabinet
- SES and CIA
- Camp Sponsors: the clubs of Kiwanis Division 6; Bendigo Bank - Carlton Branch; SafeonSite.
Kiwanis Port Phillip presented RMIT Master of Arts student Nicola with a cheque for $1000 to enable her to continue her studies. The scholarship was initiated by Kiwanis International Foundation's "matching student grants", with Port Phillip Club donating the other half. In accepting the award, Nicola explained that she is studying for her Masters degree, majoring in art in public places and the grant will be used for course material including computer graphics software. As part of her course, she created multimedia exhibitions at the Dandenong Winter Lights Festival and more recently an exhibition of living art at the Fairfax Theatre as a part of the Melbourne Festival. To quote from her application: "Nicola works with a range of media including video and photography to create contemporary performance. Her interdisciplinary approach aims to present larger-scale public artworks that push the parameters of participatory performance. Her work deliberately occupies the undefined territory between representation and reality, appropriation and portraiture. Recent works demonstrate a fascination with the immersive potential of the theatrical experience: the communication of an idea from performer to audience and back again."

Nicola also let it drop that she received high distinctions for her four subjects this year. Kiwanis expects to hear much more of her works.

for the record Peter Cownley is presenting the cheque with Brenda Carr and Deb Cownley looking on.
Tony Gunn Port Phillip.

Photo shows Chris Flavel receiving the Kiwanis International Foundation cheque from Brian Emery, Tea Tree Gully President at an Aktion Club party on December 4 at Modbury, South Australia. Chris, 21 has just completed a Human Movement course at the University of South Australia and is about to undertake a bridging course to become a Physical Education teacher.

Chris thanked the Kiwanis International Foundation who award these Grants to tertiary students for use in their studies. Chris is the son of Paul, a former Kiwanian before being transferred to Kadina (a town approx. 200 kms north of Adelaide). His grandfathers, Gerry Blackshaw and Michael Flavel are both Life Members of the Tea Tree Gully Club.

We are confident that Chris will become part of the Kiwanis family in the foreseeable future.
You all use our District Supply House when you need to purchase required items for say a Club Changeover, but why not support it more between these times? Perhaps a thankyou gift for a member, or a personal “K” item for yourself, or even a Kiwanis Pen to present to a guest speaker. Check out some of the items available from the new Australia Supplies, (click the link), or else look in the US Supply House, (click the link) and mention to Peter that you saw it here, and perhaps he can obtain the item for you, or an alternative. In future editions we plan to include specials, so watch this space!

Did you know that your Kiwanis Magazine uses the same type of electronic presentation as the Australian Kiwanian now uses? The good thing about this is that to read it, you can simply click on the pictures at left, which will open the January/ February edition. The Kiwanis Magazine is therefore available to each and everyone of you at the click of a button. (Internet access is obviously required).
THE OBJECTS OF KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL.

1. TO GIVE primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life.

2. TO ENCOURAGE the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.

3. TO PROMOTE the adoption and the application of higher social, business and professional standards.

4. TO DEVELOP, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive and serviceable citizenship.

5. TO PROVIDE, through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service and to build better communities.

6. TO COOPERATE in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism and good will.