Is your Club on target for your Eliminate Fundraising?
Proposed change to District Governance.

At The May Board of Trustees meeting, a paper on the Governance of our District was discussed. As a result, there will be discussions on a proposal to be put to the House of Delegates at the Adelaide Convention.

Open discussions on this proposal that will effect everyone of you, will take place on the floor of convention, so it makes sense that you ensure that your club is represented in Adelaide to contribute to these significant changes, and that you have some input into the way your club votes. Accordingly you may wish to quiz your Lt Governor at a club meeting to get all the facts, and then as a club, discuss them in detail.

Finally then register for Convention.

Remember the AK is your magazine, so please use it to have your say!

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Cover:
Delegates at the Hiroshima ASPAC Conference Welcome Dinner were greeted by lines of Japanese ladies in traditional kimonos. Below is a photo of young children (8—13 year olds) playing wooden xylophones as part of the cultural presentations at the Grand Opening Ceremony. See a report on ASPAC later. 2013

ASPAC Conference report
Editorial May 2013

Thankyou for all the kind words you’ve sent me. I’m also pleased (surprised maybe) that there have been no negatives. A few readers have had problems opening or printing the February edition, but everyone that has contacted me has been able to resolve their issue. It’s never easy when you, the readers use a multitude of platforms (Win XP to Win 8, Mac and Linux) to make the distribution fool proof, but I think we come pretty close. We want to make it as easy as possible, and having a platform that you can read without having to download is a big step forward. I know it will take a while for some of you to break the habit of printing a copy, and then filing it only to throw it out after several months. Why not leave it online, and open it any time you want to refer to it?

I really want to get some discussion going on our district, and what better place than your own newsletter. Please write to me, or send a response to those Kiwanians who have taken the effort to write. Be proud of the “K” that you wear, and share the pride, pleasure and enjoyment that you derive from Kiwanis membership. In the February edition, I advised that we are able and willing to send your AK to friends of Kiwanis as well as our membership. Please advise Secretary Dave of anyone that you would like added to our mailing list, as the more people that discover Kiwanis, the more members we can recruit.

Service Clubs worldwide are facing a membership problem, yet there is more interest than ever by individuals to get involved in volunteering. This is a Sales Problem. We need to differentiate our product, and make Kiwanis attractive to our neighbours.

Tim Vine.
AK@kiwanis.org.au

Our Purpose:
To improve the quality of life for children and families worldwide

Our Mission:
As a thriving organisation of men, women and youth, we are dedicated to serving the children of the world and improving the quality of life worldwide

Our Vision:
We will be the world’s leading organisation engaging adult and youth volunteers.
Greetings Tim,

Membership and growth have been a topic of much discussion over many years in Kiwanis:

In a recent exchange of emails with Governor Norman McLennan, in relation to the International Convention, I signed off with the following comment:

"Recently signed another member up making us 34:" (The Adelaide Hills Club)

Governor Norm replied;

"34 members - I’ll have to get you to share your secret! Re Membership"

My response: “No secret; Doing Lots of things!"

If you have a spare minute. The answer is on our web site: www.adelaidehillskiwanis.org.au

One of the stories on the web site is Jack’s story, one of many, which have directly resulted in continued membership growth and enthusiasm within our Kiwanis Club.

Jack, was a young student in year 6, at the Mount Barker South Primary School, and comes from a caring and supportive family. Jack was lacking in self confidence, struggling to cope socially, finding it difficult at school to the extent that some mornings he couldn’t get out of bed and didn’t want face going to school.

Jack’s School, the Mt Barker South Primary School, has a very high proportion of single parent families; with many children also coming from difficult or poor family backgrounds. The School now has approximately 45% of students on school card, 22.5% of students with a disability, including two Special Classes of mostly autistic children. The Hills Kiwanis Club have sponsored the K-Kids Club at the Mount Barker South Primary School since 2001, and in 2011, while in year 6, Jack became a member of the K-Kids:

In early 2011 The Adelaide Hills Kiwanis Club became aware that the School was funding and providing some sandwiches for some of the many students who were coming to school with little or no food at all. The Kiwanis Club supported a request from the School Counsellor to assist the School in this area.

At the start of 2012 Jack was in year 7, and was elected as President of the K-Kids Club and it was evident that his self esteem, confidence and sense of humour had really started to shine.

The members of the K-Kids Club decided that they would try and run a regular breakfast club, which developed to the extent that the K-Kids, over the following 12 months, ran the Breakfast Club, initially with minimal adult supervision and then independently, between 8.30 am and 8.50 am each morning before school.

Leading the way was, K-Kids President, Jack helping with the rostering of the other K-Kids members and overseeing the smooth running of the breakfast club, which supplied toast with toppings, fruit and a Milo milk drink.

The K-Kids Club of the Mount Barker South Primary School was nominated, for the Community Service Award in the Schools section of the Premier’s Service Club Week awards, for their work with the Breakfast Club at their School.

On the 16th of October 2012, three active members, Jack, Jesse and Laurana, of the K-Kids Club attended a reception at Parliament House, where they were announced as the winners of the Community Service Award, which included a cheque for $1,000 for their school:

The award was presented by Hon Ian Hunter MLC, Minister for Volunteers and Youth, in the Balcony Room, Parliament House; and Jack, who looked very smart in his red bow tie, made an impressive acceptance speech and drew some well earned applause:

One of Jack’s comments; “look at me – I have gone from a shy, nerdy little boy to a non-shy, still nerdy, big boy with a bow tie, able to speak to a large group of people.” (See Jack’s speech in full on the web site)

Jack has now started in High School and in his first term report from one of his teachers was the comment, “Jack show signs of leadership potential”

Jane, who is Jack’s very proud Mum, has recently signed up as the 34th member of The Kiwanis Club of Adelaide Hills.

Ashleigh Gore
Letters to the Editor

Hi Tim

I know we have talked about the Kiwanian but David Allen seems to want more’
Firstly you have done a bloody good job on this production, sorry Tim that was mistake No 1
Making it so user friendly was mistake No 2
What you have potentially done is to make the job of Editor a lifetime commitment. Surely you don’t think there will be any challengers for this position any time soon.
Look forward to its arrival as it is full of interesting subject matter.
Congratulations Tim
Regards
Ivan Bell

Tim,

That was a very fine newsletter! Thank you very much for providing such extensive coverage to the Kiwanis International Foundation and the Eliminate Project.

Peter Mancuso, President
Kiwanis International Foundation

--- LET u’S FINISH THE JOB!---

The Kiwanian Bush Fire appeal raised monies from around Australia, thru the Kiwanis Int. Foundation U.S.A. and New Zealand and South Pacific Districts, coupled with the generosity of public donations, the Kiwanis Appeal raised around $Aus100,000.00 in just 6 weeks.

The project received massive publicity in the press, Australian Kiwanian, New Zealand Kaleidoscope, Kiwanis Magazine and the “Age.”

The Rotunda standing majestically on the banks of the Stevenson River, in Gallipoli Park was completed on time and under budget. The 2009 Christmas Carol Service was instrumental in bringing the town back together in an open air celebration of praise and thanksgiving with the Rotunda as the vocal point. There has been huge International acclaim.

Many Kiwanis notables have visited, or registered their interest and appreciation. Notables such as, Int. President U.S. Alan and Jeri Penn, Int. Pres. U.S. Dave and Eva Curry,

Int. Pres.U.S. Paul and Suanne Palazzoio, Chris and Helen Past Gov. N.Z., Ewan Beck Past Gov. N.Z and last but not least,

Without exception, each one has expressed their joy with the Rotunda. However, the common query has been “Why doesn’t Kiwanis Australia display large Kiwanis signage and display the history of this very important Signature Project? “

Hence, my humble request to you the Editor, and to each Australia Kiwanis Board Member,
Please, pretty please, Release the necessary funding to:

--- LET u’S FINISH THE JOB! ---
Bryan Saunders/Former coordinator
Marysville / Kiwanis Bandstand / Rotunda.

In April of 2012, as a member of the Burnside East Adelaide Kiwanis Club, I was approached by the Childhood Cancer Assoc. (S.A.) requesting funds for the purchase of ten wheelchairs suitable for use by very small children.

The thought that fired my passion for the project was the image of these small children being transported to the hospital in adult wheelchairs.

My own Club, Burnside East Adelaide, assisted me to launch the project with a very generous donation. I then approached several Clubs and, miracle of miracles the target of $10,000 was raised within twelve months.

These chairs are now being custom made by a Company who have offered to donate leg extensions (to allow for growth), a ramp and delivery of the chairs to the clients.

CONTRIBUTORS TO THE FUND
Kiwanis - Adelaide - Burnside East Adelaide - Mitcham - Reedbeds - West Lakes - Murray Bridge - Rostrevor Campbelltown and Reynella. My sincere thanks to all.
Each chair will be badged with the names of all these clubs, and will be on display at the Convention.

Established in 1982 the Childhood Cancer Assoc. in South Australia provides ongoing and practical support for children with cancer and their families.
It has no Government funding and is totally a ‘not for profit organisation’.

As William James quoted - "Act as if you do make a difference - it does”.

Any support from other clubs would be gratefully accepted.

Yours in Kiwanis
Colleen Doran
As we build up to the final third of the Kiwanis Year it is important to focus once again to the fantastic work being done by all members of the district as they strive to make their communities a better place to be. This is particularly evident from the figures which are reported each month by club secretaries, the continuing excellent contributions being made to the ELIMINATE campaign which puts Australia at the forefront of the international drive to solve this problem, and from the experiences I have had as I travel and meet fellow Kiwanians around the country.

Your district board has taken a number of important decisions at our most recent meeting to develop and expand the support mechanisms to enable and encourage the growth of Kiwanis in Australia.

After much discussion and debate we have charged Lt Governor Division 6, Stephen Green, with the task of finalising and actioning the developing of a new Kiwanis Australia web site. The aim of this initiative is twofold. Firstly the board has resolved that our new web site should provide for a more welcoming and ‘user friendly’ first point of contact for strangers wanting information about Kiwanis. We have also been aware that many of the current functions and much of the current information available through the current site are of use or relevance only to members. The new web site will solve this problem by having a secure member’s only area. We look forward to being able to launch this site in the very near future.

One of the issues constantly mentioned by successive governors, myself included, is the issue of growth. An initiative first promoted by our Mark Sims, our Marketing and Publicity chair, involving the use of the internet and a community based survey is about to be trialled. Led by Growth chair Stephen Legg and Lt Governor Division 2, Pat McKinney the aim of this trial is to, more efficiently, identify the needs within communities and to identify those in the community who may be interested in forming the basis for the development of new Kiwanis clubs. We have identified a site in rural South Australia and Metropolitan Queensland for the conduct of this trial and, given a positive outcome in terms of our ability make contact with relevant people in communities, we look forward to using it as a tool to enable our wonderful organisation to expand its reach and impact in the Australian community.

At the recent board meeting, Past Governor and current District Secretary, David Allen presented a detailed and comprehensive paper involving significant potential changes to the structure and governance Australia District. Briefly his proposal involves the election of a board of trustees separate from the Lt Governors. The aim is, in line with current corporate best practice, to streamline the governance of the district and allow the Lt Governors the time and space to promote growth in their divisions and coordinate the activities of the clubs. The detail of this proposal will be a centre point of discussion at the forthcoming District convention in Adelaide. I urge you all to endeavour to be present in Adelaide to inform yourself first hand and to contribute to the debate. The greater the ‘on floor’ input we have the more likely we are to arrive at a conclusion which will satisfy the majority of the membership.

Another initiative which has been under consideration for some time is to bring Kiwanis into the 21st Century by conducting some of the business of the district using electronic meetings. To that end we will be conducting an electronic board meeting on a Saturday early in August. The intention is to encourage meetings to be more focused and may in fact allow the board to meet more frequently, for shorter periods of time, to discuss specific issues. We also believe that by going electronic the District chairs will also be able to use the facility to make contact more easily with the members of their teams across the District.

The final issue to report on was the work done on the ‘Sri Lankan initiative’. With Sri Lanka having been formally attached to us by the Kiwanis International Board I was pleased to be able to formally induct the Sri Lankan Nations Representative, Daya Ratnayake as a Lt Governor. Several initiatives and opportunities have been advanced which, as they bear fruit, will enable growth to occur in both parts of our Kiwanis world.

Finally in conclusion, as I thank all whom I have had the pleasure to have met in the various part of the district in the last few months, I would urge you all to remember that, aside from having the opportunity to enjoy the experience of providing service to your community there are only two things we, as Kiwanians, need to do. That is, to quote a former International President from the Rocky Mountains District in the USA, to bring in new members and pass the ball. I would urge you to remember that regardless of the initiatives of the board it must be the responsibility of all members to bring in new members. After all the majority of us were asked to join by another member.

Governor Norm.
What is a George F. Hixson Fellowship?

The Kiwanis International Foundation Board of Trustees created the George F. Hixson Fellowship in 1983 to honour the first Kiwanis International President. A George F. Hixson Fellowship is issued following a contribution of US$1,000 to the International Foundation. The Hixson Fellowship can only be issued to an individual. A member, club, division, district or other contributor can make the payment to honour and recognise a spouse, friend, member or other individual.

New Fellowship members receive two numbered medallions bearing the likeness of George F. Hixson. Both hang from a blue and white ribbon. One is encased in a walnut and velvet shadow box for display and the other is worn at elite Kiwanis functions or other suitable occasions. A lapel pin/tie tack is also awarded.

Diamond-level status can be attained by Hixson Fellows by a further contribution of US$1,000. Diamond recipients receive a pin that indicates what level of giving has been achieved. A new pin is given for every additional contribution made.

Send orders to: District Secretary with payment and the following information…
Is this a surprise [ ] Yes [ ] No
Name of recipient: ..................................
Member ID #: ......................................
Recipient’s address: ..................................
Recipient’s club: ....................................
Club Key number: .................................
Donor name: ....................................... Name and physical address where to ship items: ..................................
Date of presentation ........../........../...........
day/month/year

Please note:- Full payment must be received by the District Treasurer before this award can be ordered from the KIF international office in the USA.

Graham Mould
District Chair – 2012/13
KIF Annual Club Appeal

Are we there yet?

No we have got quite a way to go before we reach our goal. So far only two or three clubs have made donations to the annual appeal to the Kiwanis International Foundation and we would like to see every club recognise the value of the Foundation’s work, and to make a contribution. The suggested contribution is US$16 or about $25 Australian per member. That sum of money is just eleven cents per week, not even enough to buy the Australian child above a lolly, but a significant amount of money in underdeveloped countries.

Please send your contributions to - The District Treasurer, PO Box 538, The Junction, NSW 229

Make payable to - The Kiwanis International Foundation

Graham Mould
Australia District Chair 2012/13

How would you like to advertise in the Australian Kiwanian?
You or a friend of Kiwanis may have a product or service that would appeal to our readers, and we have some very attractive rates at present. Contact or call the editor if you are interested.
Division Reports

Division 3

It’s Magic Promotion Details

22/8/13 Thursday evening Cocktail Reception: Meet & Greet Hosted by the Kiwanis Club of Adelaide, with a special presentation for 1st Timers arranged by the Kiwanis Club of Tea Tree Gully. Welcome: by David O’Loughlin, Mayor of Prospect, member of Kiwanis Club of Prospect, and President of the South Australian Local Government Association. Meals available in Bistro and local restaurants.

Early Friday morning special guest speaker: CEO of Volunteering SA/NT Evelyn O’Loughlin will set the stage for the House of Delegates, with the National Anthems being sung by a choir from the local school.

Official Opening: Past International President Ian Perdriau AM will officially open the meeting and a local Heartkid will light the Convention candle.

House of Delegates: All Clubs can be represented, hear the reports and vote.

Heartkids: Two representatives will attend, give reports and make presentations.

Lunchtime speaker: One of our overseas guests will bring us an update on what is happening around the Kiwanis world.

Workshops: a varied offering – “Ask the Experts”, hands-on assembling Birthing Kits for Timpir/South Sudan, building clubs / gaining members, etc.

Awards: Clubs have been busy achieving goals for EliMiNaTe and other worthwhile projects, improving their newsletters and reporting systems, and gaining new members and clubs.

Workshops and presentation of 2014 Convention venue: will be held on the Saturday morning and everyone will join together for morning tea and lunch.

AKtion and SLP Mini Convention: This will be held on the Saturday morning and will enable them to share information and ideas, receive awards, and have some fun together.

Saturday Lunch speaker: A Clown Doctor will demonstrate the benefits of a good belly laugh - because laughter is the best medicine, along with magic, music, jokes and puppets.

Saturday Magic Fun Night: The Kiwanis Club of Glenelg is hosting the evening and has promised plenty of fun and games, dancing, food, prizes for “Magic” clothes and team costumes.

Sunday Morning Memorial Service at the Sea Rescue Squadron HQ, West Beach: The Kiwanis Club of Barossa will host the Memorial Service, lead by Lt Governor Dennis Noack, and followed by Brunch prepared by the Kiwanis Clubs of Reeds and West Lakes Grange.

Tours and ½ Day Trips: The Kiwanis Bus will transport people to and from the airport, to the Memorial Service, and on the organised Tours. (See the Registration Form (link opposite) for details and bookings).

Janine Keulen
Lt Governor Division 3

Division 6

Wonderful service is continuing across all of the Division 6 Clubs at the moment. Planning is well underway for the Heart Kids Family Camp which will once again by run as a Division 6 project in September this year. We have a lot of other projects underway or recently completed including a MS Megaswim in Casey in July (Berwick Club). Heart Kids Miniature Railway Day in October (Waverley), Major Council Raffle fundraiser (Doncaster-Templestowe), Skip-A-Meal fundraising night (Moorabbin) and a donation to the Bayside Special Development School (Brighton). All valuable projects and a tiny snapshot of the great works Division 6 Clubs are doing in our community.

Mother’s Day Project – Thank You

2013 saw the second instalment of the ‘Mother’s Day Project’ – a fundraiser for ‘The Eliminate Project’, and I’m pleased to report that it was once again, a fantastic success.

$6,600 has been raised by Clubs throughout Australia – that’s 3,300 women who can avoid the tragedy of Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus.

The total raised was spread across 13 Clubs and consisted of 162 separate donations which is a fantastic result and has built on the success of last year.

However, the challenge is out there for 2014. We’d love to see all Kiwanis Clubs across Australia get involved. It is an easy way to raise money towards your Club’s Eliminate Project goal. So please keep an eye out for the Club Kit that will be sent to all Club’s early next year and we hope your Club can get involved.

If your Club has any feedback on the Club Kit, or any part of the Mother’s Day Project (such as the website, letters, certificate or the Project overall) or if you have any future marketing ideas, we would love to hear them. Please email Stephen Greene on Stephen.R.Greene@gmail.com to let us know your thoughts.

Stephen Greene
Lt-Governor Division 6
The Sri Lanka Connection

The Australia / Sri Lanka Connection

Kiwanis in Australia and Sri Lanka has taken on a new dimension. In January 2013 Kiwanis International Board approved the linking of Kiwanis Australia District to Kiwanis Nation of Sri Lanka for a 5 year period.

Each has had difficulty increasing its membership alone but by helping each other there is a potential for growth in both countries. Sri Lanka currently has 79 members in 4 clubs and Australia has 935 in 48 clubs.

At the 2012 ASPAC convention Tadao Oda (Kiwanis Japan) presented a paper outlining the need for Kiwanis Districts to assist Kiwanis Nations in growth. The theme was supported by (then) International President Alan Penn and all others present. Australia, represented by (then) Governor John Bromilow, Governor Elect Norman McLennan and Treasurer Ken Archer quickly saw the potential to work with Sri Lanka. Daya Ratanayaka representing Sri Lanka agreed.

A paper was submitted to Kiwanis International seeking its support in allowing a strategic pilot program to run between the two countries. In January 2013 meeting the Kiwanis International Board of Trustees agreed “That the Kiwanis International Board approves the request to allow the Kiwanis Nation of Sri Lanka to attach to the Australia District (for a 5 year period).” Kiwanis International also agreed to continuing financial support for the pilot program, conditional on satisfactory achievements in each year.

The benefits to all parties are huge. With Sri Lanka now a Division of Australia we can pool resources and assist each other in growing and developing the Kiwanis brand.

Sri Lanka can benefit
- from the administrative structures in place across Australia.
- from administrative support by Kiwanis Australia.
- from prospective members recommended by Sri Lankans living in Australia.
- by development of Kiwanis training for delivery in Sri Lanka.
- by helping to establish Service Leadership Programs (SLP) into Sri Lankan schools.
- from leadership development for their Lieutenant Governor.

Australia can benefit
- by contacting local Sri Lankan community groups to seek their interest and input.
- by looking at ways Sri Lanka is working to develop SLP into its schools.
- by local Sri Lankans forming or joining Kiwanis clubs to assimilate into the Australian community.
- from Sri Lankan students becoming Kiwanis members while studying in Australia.
- from linkage of clubs to provide support for the disadvantaged kids in Sri Lanka.

A National working group will be established to take responsibility for the pilot. Local working groups will also be established within Divisions especially where there is a high local Sri Lankan population.

Already the learning and sharing has started. Over the next few weeks Kiwanis in Sri Lanka is running a Key Leader program for 50 young Sri Lankans between 16 and 18 yo. Participants will spend 2.5 days participating in the recognised KI program where leadership skills will be developed and hopefully they will be future Kiwanians. The program is being funded by sponsorships obtained by the Sri Lankan Kiwanis Clubs and Australia is seeking funding from KIF. The training is being delivered by Malaysian Key Leader trainers and our Peter Zander will attend with view to gain training accreditation for the program. Australia has talked about running such a program here for several years. This is just one example where both countries will benefit.

Currently the Australia District Board of Trustees is seeking member support as we try to make connections within the local Sri Lankan community. Interested parties have been identified in Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and Darwin. If you have a friend or acquaintance with a Sri Lankan connection, please speak to them about this fantastic project.

As we gain momentum with this project, the Kiwanis brand, community service and membership of both countries will grow.

John Bromilow.


**Vale / Heartkids**

**Kiwanis Remembers:**

**VALE MICHAEL HOCKEY**

It is with sadness that I inform fellow Kiwanians of the passing on 7 February of Michael Hockey, a member of the Kiwanis Club of Reynella with 15 years service.

Michael was a much valued member of the club having held directors positions over his period of service and been enthusiastically involved in all of its projects. Despite being an active person who enjoyed walking, Michael was battling a number of health issues for a long time and unfortunately they affected his mobility and quality of life up until his passing.

Michael’s funeral was held at the Glenelg Funeral Chapel on Brighton Road, Somerton Park on 12 February. There was a large contingent of Reynella club members in attendance to support his family, mourn his loss and celebrate his life. John Adams, the club’s Director Community Services delivered a eulogy on behalf of the club.

His family’s loss is shared by his friends in the Kiwanis community.

Trevor Lehmann
Secretary, Kiwanis Club of Reynella

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**In Memorium Ron Thompson.**

I regret to advise that our member of the Kiwanis Club of Shepparton, Ron Thompson died on Thursday 2nd May 2013. Ron was a member for nineteen years and President in 1997/98. His wife Gael is currently president of the Club.

Regards,
Norm Mitchelmore,
Secretary

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**In Memorium Beverley Rose**

It is my sad duty to inform you that Brighton (SA) member Beverley Rose passed away last night, losing a lengthy battle with cancer.

Bev was a familiar face at many Brighton Club activities over the last few years and will be sadly missed by all.

We pass on our condolences to family and friends.

Sincerely
Peter Zander

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**HeartKids Research Grants-in-Aid Awards 2013**

HeartKids Australia is delighted to announce the research projects to be funded under their Grants-in-Aid program in 2013. The Grants-in-Aid program supports research and research capacity building in congenital and acquired childhood heart disease.

HeartKids Australia would like to thank Wilson HTM Foundation the Founding Partner of this program, and Kiwanis Australia, HeartKids Queensland, HeartKids Victoria and HeartKids Western Australia for their support.

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Don’t loose sight of the fact that Heartkids is a District Project for all clubs to support!
The Eliminate Project

Where are we at?

In Australia (to date)
- $426,617 donated or pledged
- 43 (90%) contributing clubs
- 5 SLP clubs contributing
  - 1 club committed to contribute $100k
  - 16 Model Clubs contributing $750 per member or more.
- $560,000 sum of goals offered by Australian clubs

Internationally KIF (to date)
- $30 million Total Monies Received and Pledged
- $92.7 million sum of District goals as of World Wide Report Day 23rd May

SLP Clubs
Mount Barker South K Kids joined The Adelaide Hills, Brighton Busy Beavers, Gully Go Getters and South Coast Aktion Clubs as contributors to the project.

New Model Club Commitments
Brisbane and West Lakes Grange Clubs are the latest to commit to be Model Clubs. This is fantastic news and both clubs have committed to an average above $1,000 per member. Thankyou to the members of both clubs. At Aspac Convention in Hiroshima, Australia was presented with an award for the most Model Clubs in the region.

Legacy Model Clubs (already achieved Model Club)
- Mitcham passed their Model Club commitment in Feb 2013
- Tea Tree Gully passed their Model Club commitment in Feb 2013
- Berwick passed their Model Club commitment in May 2013
- Waverley passed the “Diamond” giving level of $2,500 per member in Jan 2013

Worldwide Report Day
WWRD was held on 23rd May and was a day of reinvigoration and celebration for The Eliminate Project. Every District Coordinator rang world Chairman Randy Delay to report on District goal, progress and potential for new Model Clubs. The timing is planned to allow celebration at KI Convention in Vancouver. Thanks to all Club and Division Coordinators for their help. The positive from the day was the District Goals totalled $92.7 million which is getting closer to the $110 million Kiwanis needs to complete The Eliminate Project. Kiwanis needs to keep this total increasing through new Model Clubs, 100K Clubs, Lead and Major Gifts. All clubs of the world need to deliver or exceed their goals.

June 2015
By June 2015 Kiwanis plans to celebrate $110 million from pledges and donations at the 100th Anniversary Convention. Kiwanis will then give UNICEF the green light for vaccinating in all remaining at risk countries while clubs and supporters complete the contributions against their pledges. This is why we are giving clubs, 5 years from now to complete the contributions against their club commitment.

Website
www.theliminateproject.com.au
Thanks to Stephen Greene of Waverley for the set-up of the website. All clubs or individuals can use all year round for occasions such as Christmas, Fathers Day, sponsorship or birthdays. Sydney Club will use to gain sponsorship for City to Surf in August.

Fundraisers
Mothers Day Project was again widely distributed by clubs and has raised $6,600 at last count. Well done. Newcastle held a major raffle of 4 places to ride a tug out to pull a major ship into Newcastle Harbour. They drew the winner at a function in April with the Manager of Spritzer as guest speaker. Approximately $4,000 was raised for Eliminate.
Tins are bringing in between $80 and $300 each to clubs. Melbourne is planning a corporate breakfast function. T Shirts sold at District Convention were very popular. You can still buy from Steve, Norm, Tania or John Bromilow at $20.
Brighton Vic is planning a Christmas in July and also continuing with cinema evenings.
Bumper Stickers as per header may be available in near future for clubs for a small fee.

By Steve Hughes – District Coordinator The Eliminate Project.
IRAQ AND COTE D’IVOIRE ELIMINATE MATERNAL NEONATAL TETANUS

May 2013 - The World Health Organization conducted validation surveys in Iraq and Cote D’Ivoire, and the results show these two countries have eliminated maternal and neonatal tetanus (MNT). More newborns and mothers’ lives are now free from the anguish of tetanus.

Since 1999, UNICEF and its partners have eliminated the disease in 31 countries, including Cameroon, China and East Timor. MNT still remains a deadly threat in 28 countries.

Cambodia and Sierra Leone are scheduling validation surveys after completing vaccination field work.

The final push to eliminate MNT globally will require US$110 million and the dedicated work of UNICEF and every member of the Kiwanis family. Thank you for your commitment and support.

Your gift and your club's gift will provide much-needed funds to continue elimination efforts.

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 picture at left, which will open the April/May or the March edition.

The Kiwanis Mag is therefore available to each and everyone of you at the click of a button. (Internet access is obviously required.).
From the Press

The following article appeared in the May edition of PAHANA. Pahana is a Sri Lankan Community Magazine printed in Sinhala, English and Tamil, and has a circulation of 15,000 in Australia and New Zealand. This is a first step by Moorabbin Kiwanis to promote the Australia / Sri Lanka Connection (see page 10) and is arranging to meet with representatives of the local Sri Lankan community. By the way, the Victorian Boys won in Malaysia!

Visit from Young Cricketer’s Development Program to Kiwanis Club of Moorabbin

On 18th March, Moorabbin Kiwanis hosted Peter Madison (Team Manager) and Johann Jayasinha (Operations & Media Manager) of the Young Cricketer’s Development Program, who outlined the upcoming tour by a Victorian Under 17 Cricketers team to compete in the 3rd International T20 tournament in Malaysia during the April School Holidays.

Peter & Johann gave a brief history of the Program, and its benefits, achievements and successes, including wins at the last two tours.

Ian Hewson (below) expressed the members’ appreciation to the dedication of the volunteers like Peter & Johann who give their time because of their love of the game of cricket, and the desire to assist in the development of our youth.

As with the last two tours, Moorabbin Kiwanis made a contribution to the cost of conducting the tour, and accepted a cricket bat signed by the Sri Lankan team captain Angelo Mathews.

By - Tim Vite
(SNMF - Johann Jayasinha)

What's in a Name?

It’s unanimous!
Not one single Kiwanian wishes to change this magazine’s name. You wish to retain the name, so as you are happy, then I am more than happy to continue producing the Australian Kiwanian and continue its proud tradition.
Early March saw a small but intrepid group of Australian Kiwanians travel to this year’s Asia Pacific (ASPAC) conference in Hiroshima, Japan. In order assist with the rationalising of costs of travel within the region this year’s conference was combined with the annual training conference for the incoming 2013/14 district officers.

The major purpose of the ASPAC conference, in two out of every three years, is the election of the ASPAC region representative to the Kiwanis International Board. This year, with the impending retirement of Dr Wen-Pin Su of Taiwan, the conference elected ‘Poly’ Latt from Philippines, Luzon for a three year term.

The other, and no doubt most important, role of the conference is that it provides a venue and a forum for Kiwanians from across the region to discuss issues of common interest, establish and build relationships. These events also provide a venue for those who wish and are able to be involved an opportunity to expand and develop skills. To that end the conference also elects a chair who serves on an annual basis and whose role is to act as an intermediary on behalf of Kiwanis International in some of the aspects pertinent to the effective running of the Districts in the region. Although this revolves mostly around the training of District Officers, in the case of Australia District this will also involve some of the oversight involved in our recent formal link with Sri Lanka, an initiative from last year’s Colombo conference.

Another focus of the conference is to allow delegates and attendees to gain some understanding of Kiwanis and life in each of the countries in the region. Each District is encouraged to mount a display to showcase district activities and, on the final evening, to present a performance representative of the culture of their country. This year we decided to take the Kiwanis ‘Kooka’ (thank you to KI staff member John Schertzer who ‘volunteered’ to dress up) and a didgeridoo. We sang ‘Kookaburra Sits in the Old Gum Tree’, ‘I am Australian’ and the expected ‘Waltzing Matilda’. This year inspite of stiff competition we were pleased to take 2nd place to our friends ‘from across the ditch’ in NZ who won with a well performed South Sea Island dance and Haka featuring the bare chests of Governor Mike McIvor and International Trustee Clinton Green – truly a sight to behold!

As already mentioned, this conference was held in Hiroshima the site of the first use of an atomic bomb during WWII. This now beautiful city located on the Inland Sea towards the south of the main island of Honshu can only easily be reached from Australia by flying to either Tokyo or Osaka and taking the Shinkansen or bullet train. It is truly an experience to travel at speeds of up to 270kph without any real sensation of speed and is one to be recommended. The conference site hotel was quite literally across the road from the ‘bomb site’ with the ‘A-bomb’ dome clearly visible less than a 5 minute walk away. It is truly a confronting sight to walk out the back of the hotel on the way to dinner and down a narrow, non-descript street to then come across a small granite obelisk which proclaims that it is at the ‘Hypo-centre’ where, some 580m above, the bomb exploded in 1945. There is obviously a great deal more to this city with its Peace Park Museum and nearby Miyajima Island with its Red Tori Gate. Hiroshima and Japan in general is a place I’d recommend and which we will all have the opportunity to visit next year in July when Kiwanis returns to Japan for a combined International and ASPAC convention.

Put it in your diary – It’s well worth the effort!

Norman McLennan
Secretary,
Berwick Kiwanis.
Governor 2012/13,
Kiwanis Australia.
This year Kiwanis International held the ASPAC Regional Training Conference at the Rihga Royal Hotel Hiroshima, Japan on the 6th of March. This was followed by the 38th ASPAC Conference from the 7th to the 9th of March. Delegates from Australia, Malaysia, New Zealand/South Pacific, Philippine South, Philippine Luzon, Japan, Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong and India were represented along with Kiwanis International officers and staff.

Australia was represented by Governor Norman McLennan and his wife Karen, Governor-elect John Bromilow and his wife Jenny, Regional Coordinator Eliminate Peter Kimberley, District Coordinator Eliminate Steve Hughes and his wife Cathy and myself being the District Master Instructor.

Getting to Hiroshima for all of us was a lengthy process involving multiple flights and a ride on a train (The Shinkansen or “Bullet Train”). The train trip was an experience, travelling at up to 300km/hr.

We were all pleasantly surprised expecting it to bit bitterly cold having only Monday morning heard of blizzards in northern Japan, but it turned out to be a delightful 19 degree C. Governor Norm and Karen stayed at the convention hotel, whilst the remainder of us stayed in other hotels with-in walking distance of the convention hotel. Hiroshima is a beautiful city, dominated by wide roads with a street-car track down the middle, wide footpaths which are shared with a huge number of cyclists and lots of gardens and memorials.

The ASPAC training day involved a number of presentations by various speakers including, President Tom De Julio, President Elect Gunter Gasser and KI CEO Stan Soderstrom. We were broken up into our respective groups to meet our compatriots from the other ASPAC nations. I was with the other Master Instructors and we were looked after by Michelle Morrison, Kiwanis International Manager for Education and Club Excellence. This was a very interesting segment where we discovered a new program had been developed, including a new manual for Club Presidents. Also it was explained that Club Secretaries now have their own 1-2 hour online module, meaning that they no longer have to sit through the same material presented to the Presidents.

After the individual sessions we all met up again for a luncheon, which again was followed by a collective session where the Master Instructors teamed up with the Membership Chairs to discuss working together to increase growth. Key points were raised where we need to sell the advantages of Kiwanis membership, a primary one being personal development.

The final session for the day brought everyone back in District groups to nut out some District goals and priorities.

Dinner was our own undertaking so we assembled in District Governor Norm and Karen McLennan’s room to have a drink before seeing where we would go for a meal. We looked around and eventually settled on a modern style Japanese Restaurant, where the menu was displayed in pictures but supplemented by English text. Some of us decided on mega-beers just to see what they were like and were presented with glasses of about a litre of liquid. Our meal consisted of several choices of traditional Japanese dishes shared by all of us.

The next day, Thursday, for Governor Norm and Governor-elect John involved ASPAC Board Meetings freeing the rest of us to become tourists for a day. Steve and Cathy Hughes, Peter Kimberley and myself, each bought a day pass for the street-car railway and travelled to the end of the line, (about an hours travel), where we caught a ferry to the island of Miyajima. Miyajima is a special place and holiday destination for many Japanese with many shrines and temples dedicated predominantly to Buddhist and Shinto religions. The island has a large population of protected wild deer and several island residents. We had a pleasant time walking around the island and looking through the souvenir shops, tried a local cookie/cake delicacy and took lots of photographs. Our return trip enabled us to get off close to the A-bomb Dome, a significant landmark being one of the only structures that survived the Atomic bomb detonation above Hiroshima on August 6, 1945. The area around it is known as Peace Park and also contains the Peace Bell. We were all quite sombre taken by the significance of the area, especially after striking and sounding the Peace Bell.
and viewing some of the many monuments to the citizens that perished at that time.

Friday the ASPAC Conference proper commenced at 7.00am with an Eliminate Walk. After this, Districts were able to set up a project display. Governor Norm had put together a map of Australia showing where each division was located and projects of clubs in each division. Also on a continuous loop was a video of photographs depicting Australian projects to the music of Men at Work – “We come from a land down under”. A workshop on growth, an update on KIF and another on Eliminate, round out the morning’s program.

An Eliminate Coordinators Lunch hosted by Peter Kimberley gave us the opportunity to talk to other coordinators from Asia Pacific as well as KIF President Peter Mancuso.

After lunch, the Grand Opening Ceremony was commenced. This included an introduction of all the District and International dignitaries, a welcome from the Japan District Governor, an address by the Chairman of ASPAC and various other speakers. A number of cultural presentations followed including a Japanese Drum performance, a key note address from International President Tom De Julio and the highlight for me a performance by about a dozen young children (8-13 year olds) playing marimbas (wooden xylophones).

An open forum on Eliminate (open to the public and invited guests) was presented by Ichiro Kitasato. The oration was in Japanese and headphones were provided to hear an English translation. Ichiro Kitasato is a noted Japanese academic whose grandfather, Shibasaburo Kitasato was one of a group of bacteriologists who developed the tetanus vaccine. In response Dr John Button, Kiwanis International Vice President, gave a presentation on what Kiwanis is doing and how we are working in association with UNICEF to eradicate MNT. Saturday is the business day of ASPAC, where Districts and Kiwanis Nations report on their activities and plans and a number of awards are presented related to the previous twelve months activities within ASPAC. The awards being similar in nature to those presented at our own District Convention. Several addresses were made including an invitation to the 2013 International Convention in Vancouver and the ASPAC Convention for 2014 which will be hosted jointly with the 2014 International Convention at Tokyo-Chiba.

After lunch the House of Delegates are assembled and voting is held for a number of ASPAC roles, but particularly for the ASPAC region International Trustee. On this occasion 2 nominees were presented, one from Japan (Mr Kiyo) and one from the Philippines (Poly Lat). Poly Lat won the election and so will act as the International Trustee for the ASPAC Region for a period of 3 years.

Drinks before dinner with more guests in what was now known as Australia House (Norm and Karen McLennan’s room). On this occasion we had guests including Stan Soderstrom (KI CEO), John Shertzer (K I Director for SLP), Michelle Morrison (KI Manager Education), Dr John Button (KI International Vice President) and Gunter and Christiano Gasser (KI International President-Elect). At the closing dinner Districts traditionally have to present a cultural performance and the Australian delegation, along with ring-in John Shertzer (dressed in the Kooka Costume) presented a number of songs that included Kookaburra Sits in the Old Gum Tree, Waltzing Matilda and We are Australian. Our performance was of such a high standard that we achieved second place overall, beaten by the New Zealand South Pacific delegation presenting a rendition of the Haka and an extended Polynesian dance by a very dextrous lady member, who obviously caught the eye of the judging panel!

Sunday sadly, was the last chance to have a bit of a look around Hiroshima before commencing our onward journeys. Steve and Cathy Hughes caught an early flight onto Europe, whilst Norm, Karen, John and Jenny had plans to stay on in Japan for several more days. Peter Kimberley and I had evening flights so we decided to go for a walk anyway and checked out a few other local tourist sites. After looking through the Hiroshima Castle and walking around the gardens observing locals playing croquet golf, we walked to the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum. This is a museum with quite unique displays, predominantly related to the atomic bomb and its effect on the city of Hiroshima. Certainly one of the most sobering set of displays I have ever seen.

After collecting our bags and Kooka, we started our trip back to Australia commencing with another Bullet Train to Osaka and our individual flights home.

PETER ZANDER

DISTRICT CHAIR – TRAINING & EDUCATION
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 below, and when you order, mention to Peter that you saw it here. In future editions we plan to include specials, so watch this space! Remember profits support your district!

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News on the KITS Project

During February 2013 a new seat, work tray and insert for a stroller were designed and made for Tullie who is a child living in Geelong suffering from cerebral palsy.

Tullie provided the classic problem when making seats for babies; she outgrew a seat before it was supplied resulting in having to have a new and larger seat made for her. The first seat was measured up immediately prior to Christmas and then having being made during the Festive season, was delivered late in January when already too small. Fortunately the first seat proved ideal for another child and was quickly passed on.

Tullie settled into the new seat quite happily and we proceeded to develop a way to obtain better posture for Tullie while being conveyed in her ‘store bought’ stroller.

The fabric structure of the seat in the stroller allowed Tullie to slump and slide forward and without the ability to sit up her-self she was not able to see the world. Tullie’s legs were also sliding straight out to the front with no bend in her body at the hips and nothing on the stroller to help. A Tri-wall™ wedge was designed with holes to allow the straps on the stroller to be passed through the wedge. Extension straps were made allow for the thickness of the wedge. A semi circular knee role was provided in a fabric cover having Velcro attachment that allowed for adjustment. A small clearance gap was provided to bring the original support straps through from underneath. The whole device was covered up by an existing padded seat liner.

Everything seemed perfectly acceptable to Tullie who promptly went to sleep in her modified stroller.

Graham Mould
Kiwanis Club of Melbourne.
The Kiwanis Club of Brisbane joined the “World Wide Kiwanis One Day Project”; in Brisbane we held a project at one of our local charities “Love & Care”. The men folk engaged in making note books and the ladies manufactured bracelets and hair bands. Project Love & Care put together care packages for children aged between tots and 17yrs, to date they have distributed 32,000 kits in the past seven years throughout QLD.

The Kiwanis Club of Glenelg held a Progressive Dinner for Eliminate on Saturday 27th April, and raised approx. $1000. It looks like it may have been a bit of fun as well.

IMPORTANT

- Deadline for September edition is 2nd September 2013.
- Link to Adelaide Convention registration form p.8
- Link to Australia Supplies
- Link to US Supply House (Note many of these items are available from the Australian Supply House)
Each year for the last 18 years the Past District Governors of the Australia District have been meeting. These meetings occur in either of March or April, are attended by those Past Governor’s (PG) who choose to attend with the entire cost of participating being met from the individuals own resources. No funding at all from District coffers is sought or received.

It is at this meeting that the current Governor is invited to make a presentation on the actual position of the Australia District. If the current Governor is unable to attend that presentation is delivered on their behalf by another PG. The important element is that the PG’s as a group are brought up to date with the current situation of Kiwanis particularly in Australia.

So the “Pasties are Still Going Strong” with all levels of Kiwanis the beneficiaries of their dedication and service.

Acknowledged by PG’s that they only serve one (1) term as Governor they have been, or expect to be, a PG for many, many years to come. Remaining active in the organization is therefore part of being a PG.

The format of the weekend (Frid – Sun) revolves around social activities however the Saturday morning is set aside for an in depth meeting to discuss current issues facing all levels of Kiwanis within and outside Australia.
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.