May is membership month (page 8)
Yes May is membership month, so please read the item on page 8, and how about making that extra effort. Your District is hosting a Growth Summit on 6th & 7th June, so we may have some new ideas as a result, but you are still our best chance!

This edition precedes the May BOT meeting, so ensure that your club secretary updates you after receiving the official BOT report shortly.

Another thing you may have observed is the several non too subtle references to District Governor nominations. Why not give it some consideration, but remember, if you wait until you think that you are ready to nominate, you probably won’t?

What about one of you girls?

It could well be that both KI and our District have female leaders in 2016-17!!

I hope to see you in Shepparton in August (details page 10).

Finally, don’t forget to support our sponsor. “Kiwanians” get an extra 10% discount by using the promo code TEP10.

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**Deadline for September edition**
**15th September 2014**

Cover:
Berwick, Moorabbin and Waverley Kiwanis Clubs combined on Good Friday this year to assist the Makayla Cook Charity Golf Day for Heartkids. Profits from their BBQ added to a total of $30,000 raised for Heartkids.

See full story on page 22.
Welcome to another edition of your magazine. It is packed full of activities from individual clubs, which has been my clear object since I first started editing it. So thank you to all the contributing clubs. To all clubs who have not contributed, why not take a camera along to your next project, snap a couple of shots of members working, and send it to me along with a few words describing the project.

By now, you should all be aware of the change to our Kiwanis Defining Statement as shown at the bottom of this page. What you may not have thought about is the fact that your current club letterhead probably still uses the old version. I confidently say this, because if you were to visit the Kiwanis International Website, and download the current Letterhead Template, it would include the old version. I had to produce a modified statement for other documents, so accordingly, I produced an Australian version of a club letterhead that incorporates the new statement, and is an A4 document size. I include a link to this template here, so that you can download it, add your club name, and save it as a template for your own club letterhead.

Here’s the link. Club Letterhead Template
It resides on the Moorabbin website, and is not the official letterhead, however it will certainly serve until such time as an official one is available. Just click the link, open it in Word, insert your club address, and save it as one of your favourite templates.

Ed.

Tim Vine.
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“Kiwanis is a global organisation of volunteers dedicated to improving the world, one child and one community at a time.”
Governor’s Message

As I sit and write this report I realize that the Kiwanis year is heading towards completion. To date we have achieved a lot. The emphasis has been on growth and hopefully we will achieve further positive outcomes over the next few months. We have regained our District status and have had 8 consecutive months of growth. Australia’s membership is fast approaching 1000 and to date there have been over 100 new members join us. Membership is up nearly 8% so far this year but we still have 17 Clubs under charter strength.

Congratulations to all involved for their commitment.

As Jenny and I have visited Divisions we have noticed a distinct change within Clubs. Positive enthusiasm is bubbling from members. They are proud to be Kiwanians and are continuing to promote the great things that they are doing. By delivering pro-active stories, others are showing interest and are joining our clubs. Support is coming from the Club level and on behalf of the Board I would like to thank all members for taking up the challenge of raising the profile of Kiwanis across Australia.

The challenges that we are currently facing in relation to growth are escalating both at a District and an International level. Kiwanis International has launched a 5 year strategic Campaign for Growth. Our team has met and will work through a growth program chaired by Roy Hedeen on the weekend of June 6th. I thank all those members who have given up their time to support this event. Hopefully the outcomes developed will see further growth within Australia.

As previously stated the model for Growth is based on the Eliminate Project, where Regional and District Growth Co-ordinators work with Divisional Growth committees and Clubs. The goals of the campaign are:

- To have a net growth of 1650 new Clubs over 5 years at an International level
- To increase existing Club membership by an average of 10 members per Club

For Australia District this means building 4 new Clubs per year for the next 5 years.

The change we are seeing as we visit Divisions is that members of Clubs are promoting projects through “the sharing of good experiences”.

Currently 18 of the 49 Clubs have increased their membership since October 1st and the Kiwanis Club of Western Sydney will charter on June 21st.

Another new Club is working towards holding its organizational meeting on May 28th. We are on track to achieve a growth of more than 10% for the year.

Let’s keep the momentum going. Secretaries, please forward changes in membership to Secretary Steve Hughes as members join. From reports we think there are another 35 active Kiwanis members that are not on our books yet.

I believe Kiwanis within Australia is positioned to go forward but we need to build together. Continue to promote your Club’s projects and invite friends, acquaintances, business colleagues to participate to assist. Look at those who are “friends of Kiwanis” and see if they are willing to take the next step and join your Club. All you have to do is ASK.

For the remainder of the year I ask all my fellow Kiwanians to stay committed to our projects and maintain the fun, fellowship and friendships whilst “serving the children of the world”. In doing so, together we can make a difference.

John Bromilow
Governor 2013/14 Kiwanis Australia
Heartkids Grants

Grants in Aid

This year $347,000 in grants-in-aid were awarded to 7 successful applicants. The grants only covered 27% of the submitted applications. Over the last 3 years 18 projects have received $850,000.

The research project linked to Kiwanis’ $30,000 donated funds from last August was awarded to Prof. Chris Semsarian with his project brief below.

1 child dies every week from heart failure that can be from congenital or cardiomyopathy disorders. These children and their families are quite often unaware they have a problem and the child may die during a sporting activity or even playing.

Where a problem is found, the activities the child undertakes can be modified to lessen the risk. Also an implanted defibrillator could prevent death in the event of a heart attack.

Unfortunately at present genetic testing is frowned on due to children not being able to consent themselves. It is hoped the outcome of the research will lead to a change for children with a family risk history.

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Principal Investigator: Professor Chris Semsarian
Project: Genetic testing in children at risk of heart disease.
Institution: Centenary Institute.
Additional Investigators: Dr Jodie Ingles.
Project Description:

Genetic heart disease includes inherited cardiomyopathies (heart muscle diseases) and primary heart rhythm disorders. If a disease-causing gene fault is identified in a family, then this information can be used in other family members, especially children, to test for the gene fault, known as predictive genetic testing. No guidelines exist regarding genetic testing or inherited heart diseases in children. Our clinic experience suggests that genetic testing can be a very useful tool in early identification of gene carriers amongst children and have minimal emotional impact. The proposed study will answer many unresolved questions about the impact of predictive genetic testing in children, how early diagnosis in children can allow for initiation of early prevention strategies, and provide a basis for the development of guidelines that will standardise genetic testing approaches in children across Australia at risk of heart disease.

Have any of you noticed anything different about the list of Kiwanis International Board candidates to be voted on at the 99th Convention this year? The list for the top three jobs is as follows:

ANNOUNCED CANDIDATES FOR KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL BOARD
To be elected during 2013–14, for terms beginning 2014–15
(as of December 2, 2013)

PRESIDENT—one to be elected: John R. Button, Eastern Canada and the Caribbean District
PRESIDENT-ELECT—one to be elected: Susan A. Petrisin, Michigan District
VICE PRESIDENT—one to be elected:
Are you that Someone?

Late last year, we surveyed our clubs throughout Australia regarding their service to the young.

The biggest and brightest news was to find that almost all clubs had identified the needs of the young and worked hard to meet these needs in very practical ways. We can be very proud of the ways by which we serve our young.

Using this data (and that for other club welfare projects) to best advantage is now our challenge. We have most of the information so let’s take advantage of it.

We found that we had a few Key Clubs for secondary students, K-kids clubs for primary school pupils and Aktion clubs for the intellectually impaired young adults. Over 100 primary schools at their end-of-term assemblies have local Kiwanians presenting Terrific Kids Awards; at some of these schools, presentations for “Bringing Up Grades” (BUGS) and “Reading around the world” (RATW) are also made. In summary, a minority of our clubs are sponsoring Kiwanis family “branded” projects.

But this was well and truly outshone by the variety and commitment of clubs to many other projects. Activities in Brisbane differed to those in Perth; efforts for Heartkids in Victoria were admirable; the way in which we helped school kids varied from locality to locality and the practical ways to assist paediatric hospitals were noteworthy. In summary, we can be proud of the many and varying projects with which we are supporting the young.

So now that we have most of the data, let’s use it – no point in it gathering dust or being filed away! We could use this information in our clubs to give us more ideas on projects – we could use it to incorporate it into our club recruitment brochure – we could use it as we plan our projects with School Principals – and these are just a few of the ways to take advantage of this data. Let’s summarise these findings and create some papers to be used for these and other purposes. So now we need a few Kiwanians with flair and ability to put this data to its best advantage. We have the information - just contact us and have a go at putting it to best advantage. The data can be emailed promptly by us via youthprograms@kiwanis.com.au

Are you that SOMEONE?

Michael Flavel.—Tea Tree Gully

My suggestions for anyone wanting to become District Governor were those recited (with actions) to my Class of Governors 2002-03 in Kiwanis International Headquarters, Indianapolis. Evidently it made an impact, because numerous Past District Governors have referred to it over time and like to combine the words with actions when we get together at Conventions.

To be a successful District Governor you need to be able to:

Keep your shoulder to the wheel,
Your back to the wall,
Your hand to the plough,
Your nose to the grindstone,
Keep your ear to the ground,
Keep your eyes peeled  (How do you peel your eyes?)

Janine Keulen—Adelaide

Hi Tim,

I just finished reading your Kiwanian magazine online. Wow, great job; easy to use/navigate, easy to read, great photos, useful information. And I love the hand-written thank you card from Kit as it makes Kiwanis more personal. Well done!

One suggestion is to use the updated Defining Statement on page 3. The KI Board updated that by removing the word “changing” and inserting “improving” so that it reads “Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time.” A little word change but more effective and positive outcome we believe.

On another note, my husband and I traveled in Australia a number of years ago and had an absolutely wonderful time. Louie and Betty D’Amore were our hosts (Louie and my husband, Gus, were governors together). I was governor with wild-man Bill Craig (smile) and his lovely wife, Heather. We have such fond memories of that visit so that made looking at all your photos and reading the stories even more fun.

Thank you for all your fine work to share the Kiwanis message.

In Kiwanis spirit,
Jane

Jane M. Erickson, MA
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Educate – Engage – Empower!
Could you be District Governor........Could you?
It often seems strange that a fantastic organization like Kiwanis has some difficulty obtaining a commitment from members to move ahead and hold a higher office than that of Club President. Members who may often question where we are going as an organization, what plans we have and what progress we are making towards achieving those plans.
Men and women members who have a vision, and the ability to take their vision forward for the betterment of our organization.
To maintain and grow it is imperative that we bring fresh minds into the district organization and to this end the District Board of Trustees has instituted a Succession Planning Committee under the Chairmanship of Past Governor Geoff Holmes with Graham Mould and Bill Craig as team members. This committee is charged with the task of finding you, advising you, preparing you and ultimately having you nominated to the role of one of the nine Lieutenant Governors or that of Governor Elect and ultimately to be the District Governor of Kiwanis in Australia. If you have not been a Lt. Governor yet the District would want you to spend one term in that position to gain knowledge and experience on the District Board before taking on the Governor's job.
Maybe you're just not sure, worried about the cost or you just think it's a bit pretentious to put your own name forward, or maybe you have someone in mind who would make a great District Governor but are uncomfortable suggesting it, or asking them. *We will do it for you.*
Contact us with possible candidates or any suggestion that would help us fill these important positions.
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Bill Craig       0419 397 376 / craigs3331@hotmail.com
May is membership month
Have you shared what you love about your club?
In many parts of the world, May is fondly known as membership month—the perfect time to share why you hold a special place in your heart for Kiwanis. Maybe it’s the laughter and smiles at a festival your club hosts, or the food you collect for the local food bank.

Anything you do requires members. More hands and more hearts increase your club’s potential impact and result in a greater impact for your community.

What can you do to inspire potential members and invigorate current members?

- **Invite others to join you.** One organized way to invite many members to see what your club is about is to host a special event designed to teach the community about your club’s impact and try out the experience.

- **Bring a friend.** 74% of members joined a Kiwanis club because someone invited them—and for 48% of those, it was a friend or relative.

- **Share your service.** Invite community members and partners to serve alongside you—then promote your results to local media and even via social media outlets.

- **Show members they matter.** Don’t forget to thank current members. And let them know they matter. Surveys help ensure they are happy with their experience and offer opportunities to make it even better.

**KI foundation approved 27 grants in February**
The Kiwanis International Foundation Board approved 27 grants totalling nearly US$600,000 during their February board meeting. The grants comprise six different areas of focus: service leadership programs, housing, children’s homes, education, health/nutrition and play areas.

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Why did you join Kiwanis? Probably it was because someone asked you.
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Understand the “BIG” picture and visualise it!
Learn on the fly – mistakes are part of the process – adjust quickly and often!
Anticipate success – what you think is what you get – if you think we can, you’re right! If you think we can’t, you’re right again!

As with the Eliminate Programme the future of our organisation – Kiwanis - can only be ensured if we all become involved.
Those members who have volunteered to lead the programme ask that all members lend their assistance

Remember according to The Formula there is no correct way to get things done
Think about your legacy of membership

Again - Why did you become a Kiwanian? Was it because a family member was a member? Was it because you saw the impact that clubs have in schools? Think about what you enjoy about your Kiwanis experience. Why do you remain committed to serving the children of the world?
Now, consider what would make your experience better. Think about your club's aspirations and what it would take to reach them. Find unmet service needs in your community and ponder how even more hearts and hands working together could solve them. Try a new fundraiser. Make your community an even better place.

Use The Formula to strengthen the future of your club, your community and the Kiwanis family. Start now. Get involved. Volunteer to be a leader to assist your club, your division, your district – please don’t sit back and wait for others.
The Formula for the Future is another way to contribute service to your community.
Sharing is Caring

Every Kiwanis Club I’ve visited over the last few years does some amazing Projects in their local area. They have some great physical resources such as marquees or laptops and projectors and they’ve put a lot of effort in to developing their own intellectual property – things like letterheads or brochures for Club promotion. Even simple ideas like producing a little flyer to hand out with every sausage at Bunnings that explains what they are raising money for that day. All of these things are great assets for each of those Clubs.

But this has me thinking. Why do we as individual Kiwanis Clubs put so much effort in to developing these things from scratch? Surely there is a better way to do things. Does every Club need to put hours in developing their own letterhead? Does every Club need to own two marquees that get used only a few times a year? I don’t think so. So as Lt-Governor of Division 6, I have suggested a new approach (well it’s new for us anyway) to sharing the resources of our Clubs. We are currently working through a process of identifying what each Club has and is willing to lend to other Clubs. We will then use that to create a register available for all Clubs to see what resources are available, who to contact to borrow that resource and on what terms. This will then be shared amongst the Clubs. So the next time any Divison 6 Club needs a marquee, rather than hire one, they know they can call the Waverley Club and organise to borrow ours.

This system of borrowing and sharing can bring much benefit to all Clubs and bring Clubs closer together. However the quickest way to destroy this trust is to abuse it. This may come in the form of not returning things in a timely fashion or in a nice clean state or simply not returning them at all. Hopefully all Division 6 Clubs embrace this spirit of sharing and caring and respect for the possessions of others to the benefit of all.

Stephen Greene Lt Gov 6

Division 2

As with other Kiwanis Clubs across the Country the team in Division 2 undertake a wide variety of projects both within and beyond their respective communities. See examples on pages 14,15,17 & 20.

Pat McKinney Lt Gov 2

DIVISION 3 REPORT

After a slow start to the year, activities seem to have picked up considerably in recent months for Division 3 Clubs.

Adelaide and Reedbeds Clubs have had a slight membership increase over the past few weeks, and Adelaide is hoping that two “false alarms” the Club has had lately can be clawed back with another fairly definite member prospect. It’s worth relating that the new Reedbeds member knew nothing of our organization until he spotted the Kiwanis Bus in traffic, googled for information, liked what he saw and has since become really involved.

Prospect’s Key Club project with a local high school has tentatively started, although there is a funding quandary to be finalised before all the boxes are ticked. Prospect Club has raised A$5000 for EliMiNaTe and continues with its fundraising efforts. The Club has just held a successful Tenth Birthday celebration dinner, attended by the Governor-Elect and LG Div 3, along with three past Governors, plus several past members as well as a great turnout of present Kiwanians. West Lakes-Grange continues to punch above its weight for a small Club of less than a dozen active members – they have raised $1000 for Fred Hollows Foundation and a huge A$10,000 towards EliMiNaTe, mainly through their magnificent barbecue trailer and helping with triathlons. This Club will be taking a winter recess, partly due to health issues of a couple of stalwarts, but also due to most the Executive going for interstate vacations.

Adelaide Club continues an effective working liaison with the Achievers AKtion Club which supplements its monthly meetings at Burnside Town Hall with some worthwhile project efforts. Adelaide President Lindsay Curtis has put in considerable hours and effort to help advance the formation in Africa of a new Kiwanis Club out of Cameroon. This brand new venture has already held formative meetings and the situation is looking promising, with Kiwanis International being informed of progress along the way.

Mitcham Club is another quiet achiever, having reached gold status with EliMiNaTe donations and moving close to double Model Club status (A$15,000). A top effort.

An enjoyable combined Div 3 Dinner meeting (hosted by Adelaide) was held earlier this year and another is planned by Mitcham for July, with two top guest speakers to attend.

David McNabb Lt Gov 3

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Typhoon Haiyan Appeal through KADCF

Kiwanis Clubs and individuals donated $3,800 to Typhoon Haiyan Appeal through UNICEF.

UNICEF Toni Bennett Corporate Relations Manager wrote “Thanks for the Kiwanis donations supporting UNICEF’s Typhoon Haiyan Appeal.

Below is some information, around UNICEF’s response in the Philippines, with some statistics that were recently released in a situation report (four months after the typhoon struck) - all donated funds will support UNICEF’s ongoing relief efforts:

The pain of loss still cuts deep in the Philippines four months after Typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda) killed more than 6,000 people, but there is also a growing sense that recovery is possible.

Progress has been made but many challenges lie ahead for Filipino children, the following statistics have just been released in a UNICEF report:

- 14.1 million people, including 5.9 million children were affected
- four months on, 4.1 million people are still displaced
- nearly 3,200 schools and day care centers were destroyed

Key figures about UNICEF’s role in the humanitarian response:

- 930,000 people received access to safe water
- 430,200 children received school supplies as part of a back-to-school campaign
- 97,000 children have been screened for malnutrition
- 1.1 million children have been targeted for vaccination
- 17,000 children are benefitting from 89 UNICEF Child-Friendly Spaces

Thanks again for your ongoing support.”

NSW Bushfire Appeal

Clubs and individuals in Australia donated to Kiwanis Australia District Charitable Foundation (KADCF) for the NSW Bushfires Appeal. It was decided before the appeal that the funds would be directed through the Salvation Army as they were quickly on the ground and were best placed to put the funds to best use.

Presentation to Capt. Tim Gittins – Salvation Army of cheque for $2,750

Some other Kiwanis Clubs chose to donate directly to the NSW Bushfire Appeal.

The KADCF thanks all the clubs and individuals who contributed.

Amber Dale – Communications and Public Relations Director advised “Donations to The Salvation Army Bushfire Appeal by the local community and groups like Kiwanis, make a significant difference to local people trying to get their lives back on track after the devastating 2013 bushfires.

The funds raised by the Australian public are used to tangibly support people and help them to rebuild their lives and continue on living as normally as possible. The Salvation Army manages this by providing emotional support as well as the purchase of food, clothing, white goods, furniture and also helping with rental assistance and being there for the recovery of whole communities. Long after the fires have gone down and the smoke has cleared, The Salvation Army remains, standing side-by-side with those affected to help them pick up the pieces and begin the long process of healing and rebuilding. The Salvation Army is very grateful to Kiwanis for their support.”

Mother’s Day Project

The Mother’s Day Project has been conducted again in 2014, marking the third year of the Project. A quick snapshots of the results were as follows:

Total Raised: $1,453
Total donations: 43
Clubs involved: 9

While these results were down on last year’s effort – I am still proud to be able to say that over 725 mothers will be able to receive these lifesaving vaccinations as a result of the hard work of everyone involved.

The Mother’s Day Project will be back bigger and better next year, and I encourage every Club to take advantage of this Eliminate Project fundraiser. It is a very simple way to help your Club reach its Eliminate target. All you have to do is tell people about the Mother’s Day Project and make sure they mention your Club. It’s that simple. Similar to last year – we will send out some information packs to help Clubs promote the Project in your local area.

Stephen Greene
Clubs in the Press

Hard work floats boat

By Trent Horneman

Echuca-Moama Kiwanis Club has relaunched a vessel to help raise the spirits of people in the community — and raise funds for good causes.

The boat, MV Kiwanis, has been used for many years and is often used during Easter weekend to raise money for the Royal Children’s Hospital.

This week, it took a group of 11 clients from Murray Human Services for a leisurely trip from Victoria Park to the Echuca-Moama bridge and back.

Kiwanis club president Tim Dawes said guests were able to see the new look MV Kiwanis, which has been repaired, reajusted, had a new motor installed and been modified for limited-mobility guests.

Mr Dawes said members pitched in to help refurbish the boat, with the help of donations from local businesses.

“Waterproofing of the top deck and other works such as cabin fit-out, electrical rewiring, plumbing and navigation lighting were also completed and brought the costs of this refit to an estimated $9500 for materials,” he said.

“We were able to receive a deal on a new motor through Mercury Outboards and Xtreme Marine.

“All labour was performed by club members, or friends of the club, and we are excited the launch went so well.”

“An unexpected and pleasant outcome which has delighted members has been a rejuvenation of the club with everyone banding together and working so hard as a team to bring this project to fruition,” Mr Dawes said.

Kiwanis was grateful for the substantial financial contributions from within the community but still needed $2500 to cover all costs.

“The vessel will be put to very good use within our community and we are off to a good start, having hosted visiting Kiwanis members on Sunday for a divisional meeting and taking our guests from Murray Human Services for the Monday cruise,” he said.

“Locally Kiwanis is small, but we are the third largest service club worldwide and our chief charter is to assist disadvantaged children with our main ongoing initiatives being Heart Kids (started in Echuca-Moama) and Project Eliminate, an initiative which seeks to eliminate tetanus in developing countries.”

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The Kiwanis International Foundation is now on AmazonSmile. That means the next time you shop on Amazon, a portion of your purchase will be donated by Amazon back to our foundation. To do this, go to www.smile.amazon.com, log in as normal and choose the Kiwanis International Foundation from the drop down list. Then, shop as you normally would. It’s a simple and convenient way to get a little something for yourself and give a little something back to us.
In 1999, the Kiwanis Club of Port Phillip, Australia, chartered with much fanfare and nearly 30 members.

Fast-forward to 2005. With a membership roster of five hearty souls, the club faced a tough decision about its future. But rather than call it quits, the remaining Kiwanians chose to revive their club by dropping much of their meeting formalities and making the most with what they had: five hearts devoted to service. They adopted a signature project that resonated with their community.

"Kiwanis Carring Hunger is a simple project where we ask, via a letterbox drop and newspaper ad, for people to leave nonperishable food on the footpath outside their house and we drive by and collect it," says club President Tony Gunn.

Kiwanians sort the goods, reject unsuitable items and divide it all into packages with a mixture of food types to be sent to help those in need.

"We give it to three or four charities who deal directly with people in need."

Though the recipients are always happy to receive help, Gunn believes the club itself benefits the most. As a result of its decision to focus on a signature, meaningful project, the once small club is now a well-respected, 15-member-strong force for good in Port Phillip.

"The project has helped us by being a focal point and identities, which gave us a raison d'être during the years of very low membership," he says. "It is important for clubs to have active projects to enable new or potential members to get hands-on involvement early in their Kiwanis life."

At any hint of interest from potential members, the Kiwanians are quick to respond. "We follow up leads quickly and positively with invitations (into membership)," Gunn says. "We try to get people involved in a project before talking about meetings. We're not shy about putting a membership form in front of them."

"Often, it's a case of just asking."

Read more about the unconventional Kiwanis Club of Port Phillip at http://kiw.is/kmorphilip.
A little while ago the Newcastle Aktion held their official Club Charter function. Eighteen (18) members were present on the night and the membership has now increased to twenty (20).

They are a very active group as some of these photos of their service projects show:

The Australian Kiwanian would like to hear more about this group as they seem to be quite active.

Note the new Aktion group logo above.
Sydney Club
Excerpt from Sir Eric Woodward Memorial School magazine 4th April 2014

Kiwanis International Sydney Club Volunteers
On Saturday 5th April a wonderful group of people from the Kiwanis International – Sydney Club joined together to work in the SEWS gardens with a few staff members. Our new friendship with the volunteers from Kiwanis Sydney club came about through one of our families, the Biswals and this new friendship blossomed quickly with such dedicated volunteers.

Members from Kiwanis International Sydney Club donated their time to work on projects in planting and landscaping the gardens around the school. A very generous contribution of $500.00 was also given to the school, which purchased many of the plants and soil, completing the liberty swing area and making it a visual delight.

The volunteers worked with such conviction to make our grounds beautiful for our students, their smiles and commitment to the project were truly a gift.

Kiwanis is a global organisation of volunteers dedicated to improving the world through service to children and communities. Its members help shelter the homeless, feed the hungry, mentor the disadvantaged and care for the sick.

Kiwanis International develops youth as leaders build playgrounds and raise funds for paediatric research and much more.

With a belief that when you give a child a chance to learn, experience, dream and succeed great things happen!

The volunteer group from the Kiwanis Sydney Club Vikki, Steve, Cathy, Patricia, Geoff, Beryl, and Robert who visited and worked so hard on Saturday and their passion was undeniably heartfelt. Nothing was too big or too small for them.

On behalf of the students, staff and our families we extend our great appreciation to our new friends Kiwanis and we look forward to fostering this friendship. Over the course of the day while speaking with the volunteers we looked at other ways SEWS students can be supported by these wonderful volunteers, which include the TERRIFIC kids program and future gardening and grounds projects. It is great to know and experience fun people who want to and do make such a difference to their community.

A very big thank you is also extended to Norma, Louise S and Anita who all attended on Saturday and got their hands dirty, digging, replanting and creating new gardens in our outdoor learning spaces. A great and productive day. Thank you!

MEMORY TROLLEYS PROJECT

At Sydney Children’s hospital in Randwick there are, unfortunately, many families each year who must deal with death of their child. The purpose of a mobile storage unit, called a Memory Trolley, is to hold a selection of items for activities that can help create some happy memories for the child and the family. This includes a digital camera, memory cards for camera, journal, special applicators and paint used to take fingerprints and footprints (can be put onto canvas as below), suitable books that demystify death (eg “The Next Place” and “What’s Dead Mean”), organza bags to hold a lock of hair, and more.

Families have the option of keeping the mementos.

Kiwanis Sydney will sponsor these trolleys for the next 3 years. Good progress is being made by the therapists in sourcing the items to fully stock the trolleys. The Play and Music Therapy Department would like to have a Memory Trolley in 4 locations of the hospital.
PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO A NORTHERN ADELAIDE FAMILY.

About 4 years ago the Kiwanis Clubs of Tea Tree Gully and Murray Bridge combined their efforts to provide some tangible help to a family and their son Jack, who was born with Exomphalos Major, that basically means his“insides were outside his body when born.”

As the government was unable to classify his particular group of problems they did not provide any assistance to the family. Along with the continual need of nappies for their son, the family’s time and money was being spent caring for Jack and, as a result, all other normal family activities were relegated to second place.

The Tea Tree Gully and Murray Bridge Kiwanians met with the family to come up with a “wish list” of things that would assist the family. The decision was to create a backyard garden makeover to suit both Jack and his younger sister, and an interstate family holiday. Both clubs then started to provide money, labour, garden products and materials for the garden. Two of the first tasks undertaken were to donate $500 to the parents to assist with the constant purchase of nappies and also $500 for the family holiday to Sovereign Hill in Victoria.

Rostrevor Campbelltown club then joined in and donated $500 to help, TTG chipped in again with another $500 to continue the garden work and watering system. Both parents were also actively involved in the working bees as they occurred. The TTG club also approached a large nearby garden product retailer, and received considerable financial support for the project as well.

Over the next 18 months many working bees were held at the family’s home, where the following was completed.

- A general clean up to the back garden in preparation.
- Constructed 3 raised garden beds using new wooden sleepers.
- Provided potting soil and garden mulch into the new beds.
- Planted fruit trees, grape vines and installed suitable trellis for support.
- Laid pavers around the raised beds and to the house.
- Installed new water piping and 2 taps from the front to the rear of the house.
- Installed a garden arch and 5 half wine barrels for garden pots for the new climbing roses.
- Designed and built a “fairy garden corner” with a small wooden bridge to suit Jack’s younger sister.
- Installed an automatic garden watering system for vegetable growing.
- Had some external power points installed.
- Built and installed a water feature with a small lawn near the back of the house.

In true Kiwanis spirit, this project was designed to provide the family with some of the help they deserve to get back on track and enjoy life. The total cost of this project was approx $5400, and the value to the family was immeasurable.

Recently Jack’s father sent this email telling us of the latest episode in their lives, where Jack has now joined the local Air Cadets. Last week they managed to arrange a question time with the astronauts on the Space Station in the communication window as it passed over Adelaide, South Australia.

The attached photo shows the Lelliott family of Marc and Belinda, along with children Jack and Charlotte meeting with Kevin Scarce, the Governor of South Australia, after talking with the Space Station.

The original story of Jack and Tea Tree Gully’s involvement appeared in the Australian Kiwanian in 2010. The story above outlines Jack’s progress since. The highlight being the talk to the astronaut on the International Space Station, which took place on Friday 21st February this year. Channel 9 in Adelaide featured this event, and a copy of the story, can be viewed at the following link: Channel 9 Story

Additionally, a copy of the footage is available on the Australia District website under Projects/Gallery/Media for anyone who would like to download a copy. At the time, Marc reported that Jack’s, health has remained steady, that he’s lost a bit of weight, and is still fighting memory loss.
SPEAKER PROMOTES OVERSEAS VOLUNTEERING
Located in Chiang Mai, Thailand, the Agape Home for babies with IV/AIDS opened in May 1996 as a response to the plight of children impacted by the spread of HIV/AIDS across Thailand. Many of the children who come to the Agape Home to live are, or are at risk of being, HIV positive. Many of them have already lost their parents to AIDS, and there are no other options for their care. Agape Home provides a loving family for more than 100 children aged 0-21yrs.

Agape was first introduced to Kiwanis East Maitland by guest speaker Judith Bond back in March 2013 when funds were being sought to build a purpose built swimming pool at the home. Our donation of $500 assisted in some small way to seeing the pool finally opened on the last day of our visit. Members also voted at that time to sponsor a child.

A second speaker, Anne Hawkins visited East Maitland club to give us an account of her personal volunteer experience at Agape as part of “Team Love” 2013. Anne again spoke at a Kiwanis Beachside meeting where members also agreed to sponsor a child. As a result of her talk, members Rae and Sarah put up their hands to volunteer during April 2014.

Volunteers are encouraged to assist with programs to entertain the children during the 6 week long school holiday break. “Team Love” is a group of up to 20 adults who volunteer for one of those weeks. The program Rae and Sarah were involved with ran from 8am until 4pm for 5 days with a huge concert one evening and taking the older children out to dinner another. So a very full-on, crazy, fun filled, exhausting week.

Singing, silly games and craft were daily activities with excursions to the local swimming pool, a visit to an ice skating rink being a first for the children and a day out at Horizons park/zoo where we hired bikes, enjoyed paddle boating on the lake and feeding animals. One afternoon while the boys went fishing a room was converted into a day spa for the girls to enjoy facials, foot massages and other treatments.

Additionally on 2 occasions Rae and Sarah performed skits to entertain the kids – their black and white legged dance performed during the visit to Horizons had the kids mouths open in amazement and their “midget” dance to popular music during Thursday’s concert had them laughing out loud.

All the children are healthy and happy, well fed and clothed, educated, polite and part of a big loving family; a life that could have been vastly different had they not been welcomed into the Agape home. It was a very rewarding volunteer experience with Rae and Sarah promoting that it was through Kiwanis that Agape became known to both East Maitland and Beachside members. It was especially exciting to meet with both Kiwanis sponsored children.
The only High School ice hockey program in Australia, where young people learn to play the coolest and fastest team game on earth!

The Ice Factor program started in 2005 with the aim to keep ‘at risk’ students at school. Students participate in playing Ice Hockey, are picked up from their Schools and taken to the Ice rink where they are taught life skills as well as tasks to help develop literacy & numeracy skills, team management & vocational skills. Ice hockey gives them a unique skill set and allows them to develop through the Life Skills classes which includes student orientation discussions about leadership, teamwork, respect, humility & ambition. There are now five secondary schools in the Adelaide metropolitan area participating. Participating schools have reported an increase in school attendance and increase in their academic achievement’s.

Participating students can get credit towards their South Australian Certificate of Education *(SACE)*

Rostrevor Campbelltown Kiwanis Club became aware of the program when prominent Lawyer Marie Shaw invited our Club to become involved. Students are encouraged to seek assistance from Service Clubs and other organisations. Players, with assistance, write their own letters asking for help. One recipient had his shoes and jumper stolen. He requested $100, our club wrote him a letter enclosing a cheque for $200. He later spoke to our Club about how that small gift changed his life and he is now part of their training program helping new students.

Over the years Rostrevor Campbelltown has donated funds to help a number of participants develop through Tafe courses, purchase of skates and other equipment as well as funding to assist them achieve their dreams.

Club members have been fortunate to hear the stories of a number of ICEFACTOR participants who have shared how the program has been a positive influence on their lives and has helped them to develop into confident adults.

Rostrevor Campbelltown Kiwanis Club is invited to attend ICEFACTOR presentations twice a year and witness the rewards this program provides to our youth. The photo shows one of our members congratulating two participants. We are proud to be associated with a program assisting our youth in the community. The aims of the ICEFACTOR program are congruent with those of Kiwanis. We are both dedicated to make a difference to one child and one community at a time.

Funds are always needed, can you help?

Donations can be made direct – go to [http://www.icefactor.net/history-and-futureections.html](http://www.icefactor.net/history-and-futureections.html) or via our Club.
Deniliquin Club

The Deniliquin Club recently donated an outdoor table & seats to the village of Conargo which is 30 kms from Deniliquin. It was placed on a concrete slab supplied by the Conargo Council in a Caravan free camping area near Halls & sports ground. The Club thanks member Bill Bailey for organising & installing it which cost the Club $1400.00

This is third such project of this kind in the last 2 years.

Who reads the Australian Kiwanian?

If you answered all members of Australia District, plus a handful of other Kiwanians and other interested friends of Kiwanis, then you would be very wrong.

Here are some facts from the February 2014 edition.

The AK was successfully emailed to 670 individuals. Most of these are members.

302 opened it, 16 bounced (wrong or disconnected email addresses), leaving 368 unopened.

This means that almost 2/3 of district members rely on someone printing or sending it to them.

District attempted to email 686 copies. Please therefore ask your club members to ensure that KI has your correct email address. Don’t forget, if you do not have access to email, you can read the AK online at your local library, school, cybercafé etc.

Roses for Heart Kids

Extract from Port Phillip Post...April 2014

Over $1,600 raised this year. This was from sale of over 280 roses and a further $170 in donations.

Thanks to Henry Dudink of Timshell Nursery Wandin for the roses, and for packaging and wrapping a call out of thanks to Sandra Cownley.

Murrundindi Shire Council staff managed to sell over a 100 roses and also added donations.

Kiwanis workplaces at Frankston City Council, One Steel, Mitcham & Rooks Road Alliance (John Holland) and AECOM (Melb) were also great supporters of this project.
More from Millers Forest Public School Project. (East Maitland)

As part of our Playground Equipment Project for Millers Forest Public School, the Club has made a gift of a 3.3m x 2.4m sandpit for the children. The sandpit was built by the Beresfield Men’s Shed, using a modified design from the Better Homes and Gardens tv show. The sandpit has a full length cover, with two middle pieces that detach and enable the remaining pieces of the cover to fold back into seats at either end.

In the pouring rain and storm of Anzac Day, the base was delivered with the aid of a borrowed truck and the old little sandpit demolished. Men’s Shed gents then put the cover together on Monday, and this morning we added the sand.

The kids will love it!

THE 2014 HOG MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY CHARITY RUN

It was a breakfast with a difference for the Kiwanis Club of Brisbane, serving 150 HOGS with a sausage sizzle and coffee - no not the four legged kind - but members of the Brisbane Harley Owners Group who celebrated their 20th charity run today Sunday 18th May, raising money for Muscular Dystrophy Queensland, The Brisbane Kiwanis Club has been supporting this worthwhile charity motorcycle ride for almost 15 years, providing an early breakfast for the Harley Davidson riders and their pillon passengers who pay to experience a day riding on the famous Harley Davidson motor cycle throughout South East Queensland.

The event which began in 1994 and has raised in excess of $250,000 for MD Queensland, starts at Morgan and Wacker Brisbane, one of the oldest Harley outlets in the world outside the USA, has added a further $30,000 donation with today's charity ride.

HOG riders get the ‘good word’ about Kiwanis from Kiwanian Graham Simpson

Norm Bentley gets special breakfast service from Kiwanian Stephen Legg

The 150 HOGS departed Breakfast Creek at 0850 working their way towards the Sunshine Coast, stopping off for lunch and an afternoon tea before arriving back in Brisbane at 1600.
MV Kiwanis is a unique and versatile asset owned for many years by the Kiwanis Club of Echuca-Moama Inc. Although, in the past, it has been put to a diverse range of uses, including collection of money from campers along the river for the Royal Children’s Hospital Good Friday Appeal, plans have always been afoot to expand its use however this meant that it had to be more reliable, and safer. Accordingly, late in 2013 the club appealed to local business houses for financial assistance in order to replace the old 1970’s 2 stroke outboard motor and to enable performance of other essential maintenance. Work included abrasive blasting and painting to underwater areas, a new ramp to enable access for people with disabilities or mobility problems, and waterproofing of the cabin. Other works such as lighting and plumbing brought the costs of this refit to an estimated $9,900 for materials only: all labour was performed by club members or friends of the club.

Our experience is that disabled people can always get a ride on one of the many paddleboats operating out of Echuca-Moama but MV Kiwanis enables outings for simple things such as a picnic or even some fishing: importantly it has toilet facilities and, with a length overall of 10 metres, she provides plenty of accessible space for our guests.

And that is why we undertook this major refit with almost all of our 19 members involved in one way or the other; this almost total involvement proved to be a great “team bonding” experience and has generated a renewed enthusiasm amongst our members. Additionally, one of our members, John Marshall, is active in disability care and he is liaising with local Providers to set up a program of trips for our special guests.
Heartkids Golf Day

Good Friday 2014 - A Day to Remember
Good Friday throughout the world is traditionally a Christian day to remember and to give thanks. On the 18th of April this year, it was also a day to commemorate the very short life of Makayla Cook and to give thanks to HeartKids Victoria for their support to Makayla and her parents, Jackie & Leon Cook, in their time of need.
This is the second year that Jackie & Leon have, after many months and hours of detailed planning, promoting and organising, successfully presented to the communities of Warragul and Drouin, at the Drouin Golf Club, a charity golf day, in the name of their daughter, as a fund raiser for HeartKids Victoria.
This is the first year that Kiwanis has been involved with this event and our presence was truly appreciated, not only for the sausages & burgers we cooked and the funds we raised, but also the shelter our two large gazebos provided (at the 9th and 15th greens) when the rain really bucketed down. [At several times we had players & buggies crowded inside the gazebos with us and our facilities, whilst they devoured several sausages etc each and warmed themselves over the BBQ!]

Our part in the event was a fine example of inter-Club support. The Berwick Club coordinated our involvement for the day and provided their two large BBQ’s, BBQ utensils & sundries, signage and soft drinks. It was represented by Norm McLennan, Steve Howison, Michael Legg & Roger Richardson. The Waverley Club provided their two large gazebos and was represented by Peter & Sue Kimberley. The Moorabbin Club provided tables and was represented by Ian & Myles Howison. Another BBQ, manned by relatives & friends of Jackie & Leon, was situated just outside the clubhouse of this very attractive provincial golf course.
After the 160 plus golfers had completed their round, competition continued to rage in the finely appointed modern clubrooms. The bar was open, sandwiches & savouries made a hit, live entertainment was at a pitch and the lounge was awash with tall stories about the missed putt because of the puddles on the green and the partner’s sliced tee shot because of the thunder. In due course, presentations of some very fine prizes were made to the various winners, by Jackie & Leon Cook. An auction of items ranging from a $1,200 gents watch to a washing machine and to signed AFL tops provided continued excited competition, under the control of a very capable auctioneer. As a raffle of other fine prizes was drawn, the air was punctuated with loud exclamations and ridicules! All prizes were donated by sponsors or private individuals. (So too, were all food & drink items.) Young children swirling around on the dance floor added to the excitement and the tumult with their balloons, particularly as they burst. Partying continued late into the night.
It was a long day (not to mention the many previous months, days & hours of preparation) for those concerned in the running and presentation of the event, but it was well worth it. It is estimated that the three BBQ’s contributed about $1,200 towards the approximate total of $30,000 raised for HeartKids Victoria by the Makayla Cook’s Charity Golf Day.
Good Friday 2014 - a day to remember and for so many reasons.

Ian Howison—Moorabbin
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 [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!

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**Kiwanis Website**

As many of you are aware, the District has undertaken a refresh of the District Website, to be hosted at [www.kiwanis.org.au](http://www.kiwanis.org.au). While there have been some delays in getting the website up and running (all my fault unfortunately), we are getting close to having it up and going. However – we have one important need which all Kiwanians can help with. We need high quality photos of Kiwanians working in the community or showing the result of our work. So if you have any photos of good quality of the work we do, preferably with Kiwanis appearing somewhere in the photo (i.e. on a t-shirt, banner etc), please send them through to me at [Stephen.R.Greene@gmail.com](mailto:Stephen.R.Greene@gmail.com). Even if you aren’t sure whether they will be helpful or not, please send them through as the more photos we have to choose from, the better the site will look.

Stephen Greene

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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.