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At the West lakes Convention, I heard a few comments after Governor Norm referred to an article on UNICEF in the August edition of the KIWANIS Magazine, stating that the KI magazine is not available to the general membership any longer.

Well for the last two Australian Kiwanians, made possible by our new electronic presentation, links to the most recent KI magazines have been included. Again on [page 18](#), there are links to the June/July and August editions. Just click on the cover of the edition you want to read, and there it is. The Kiwanis magazine has a wealth of information, and is a great source of ideas for projects and fundraising, so do read it.



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Cover:

Without question, one of the highlights of the 2013 Convention in Adelaide was the performance of the West Lakes Shore School R-7 Choir at the opening. (shown here with choir teacher Pat Dunlop, and International Trustee Lee Kuan Yong). Recognising the original owners of the land where the West lakes Convention was held, they sang the National Anthem in the original Kaurna language, and then in English, They followed this with an emotional rendering of the Malaysian National Anthem, which impressed a teary eyed Trustee Lee Kuan Young who stood and joined them for this rendition.

Below the Choir is an impressive Magician John Bromilow, ready to do his magic for the next Kiwanis Year, and an inscrutable looking Lee Kuan Yong.



The Australian Kiwanian

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EDITORIAL SEPTEMBER 2013



Jann Kingston CEO HKA

One of the recurring themes that came through at the Adelaide Convention was the desperate need we have to change the way we do things if we are to continue to exist, let alone grow. Gov Designate John quoted Anthony DiNozzo (NCIS): "If you keep doing the same things, then you'll always get the same results". (apologies if that's not quite right). In a similar theme, Sylvia Kriven during the Publicity and Marketing workshop stressed the need for clubs to

adopt social media, because "Newspapers are in real trouble"! On the other side of that coin, in IT we have an expression "If it's not broke, don't fix it". As a case in point, part of the success of this years convention was the fact that it returned to a tried and tested format (long form), that we know works. The message should therefore be look for alternatives for the things we do that are not working (recruitment and building), but don't change the things that work.

There will be a more detailed report on convention later, but I can't close without mentioning the highly emotional presentation from Z.P Zwinkels from UNICEF, the infectious friendliness and sincerity of Lee Kuang Yong, and the heart wrenching presentation (pardon the pun) from A Prof. Yves D'Udekem.

All of these were topped however by Jann Kingston COE HKA, who on gratefully accepting a cheque for \$30,000 from the Trust, put her hand up, and stated that she wanted to be included as a member in the startup roster for a new club in Sydney.

Just remember the best advertisement we have for Kiwanis is you!

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.



Governors' Report



September 2013

Fellow Kiwanians. I would like to begin this, my report to you on the activities of our organisation for 2012/13, by thanking you for investing in me the honour of leading Kiwanis in Australia over the last twelve months and representing you at international

forums. It has truly been a most interesting, life changing and ultimately humbling experience.

As I have said to some of you when I have had the pleasure to visit with you I have appreciated that this role is the ultimate out working of my personal favourite of the Kiwanis Objects (if I may be so bold as to have a favourite) .

To Provide, through Kiwanis Clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service and build better communities.

The role which you allowed me, provided the absolute outworking of this object. I have during the last two years been privileged to be able visit with, meet and form wonderful friendships with people in many parts of Australia and the world. This also leads to the feeling that, on a personal level, service effort has also more than just a local club focus.

This year there have been a number of important initiatives and developments in our organisation which I would like to address:

Growth

Kiwanis in Australia has, in year 2012/13, experienced an increase in membership. Without in any way seeking to discount the efforts of others in the district the positive increase in membership this year is attributable to large to efforts of the club builders in Newcastle who, over a period of around 18 months, worked diligently and carefully to bring together the new members who now form the Beachside Newcastle Club and to the leaders of the Warrnambool club who increased membership with 10 new members. The Newcastle example was particularly pleasing as it developed directly from the growth summit conducted in November 2011. The consistent and persistent efforts of those involved demonstrates to us all that younger members of the community are interested in community service but that we need to be aware that traditional ways of being a member may not always apply. Late last Kiwanis year the board introduced a policy where by clubs would be provided with a matching grant of up to \$500 for the promotion and publicity of a community function or event aimed at membership. It was very pleasing to have the Warrnambool club take advantage of this initiative and conduct a wine and cheese tasting the result of which was 10 new members. I urge members to use their imagination and look at opportunities to promote their clubs in the community with a view to developing membership. On current trends and with the adoption of these and other initiatives by members and clubs I look forward to Kiwanis

in Australia being able to lift itself out of 'In Formation Status'.

Sri Lanka

On 1st April this year Sri Lanka was, for administrative purposes, formally attached to Australia. Subsequently the Sri Lankan Nation representative, Daya Ratnayake, was invited to the May Board meeting where he was inducted as Lt Governor, 'Division 94'. Although nothing concrete has, as yet, taken place we have begun to look at opportunities within Australia and incoming Governor John will be making a visit to Sri Lanka in October to further establish the relationship in that direction. If any other members of the district has suggestions or contacts with the Sri Lankan community either here or in Sri Lanka or would feel that they could be assistance with our efforts in this direction we would welcome your assistance.

Eliminate

I would like to express how proud I am of the membership in Australia and the enthusiasm you have shown and continue to show for this initiative. It is very interesting to observe how willing Australians have been to embrace this when compared with Kiwanians in some other part of the world. We continue to 'punch above our weight' both in outright dollars contributed and per member contributions. It was a privilege to be recognised at the recent Vancouver International Convention as a top three Nation.

Congratulations to all those clubs who have committed to or achieved model club status. Particular mention should be made of the Sydney and Waverley clubs who were recognised at Vancouver Convention. Sydney for being a 300% Model club and Waverley, being last to progress across the stage, as a 1600% model club

Kif

Kiwanians in Australia have continued to make contributions to the International Foundation, over and above the commitments to both Eliminate and Heart Kids. I would particularly wish to make mention of the efforts of 2012/13 Kif District Chair Graham Mould who has worked diligently to promote the foundation both directly to clubs and through the Australian Kiwanian.

Heart Kids

Our district charitable focus continues to be well supported. It was an honour to be able to represent you at several Heart Kids functions during year but none more than when the funds donated at convention last year were actually handed over the Royal Children's Hospital as he outlines how our funds have been put to use. It was very pleasing to be able to provide Heartkids with a further \$30000 at this year's convention.

District Trust

Allied to our HeartKids efforts is the work of the District Charitable Trust as it is through this vehicle we are able make such donations. As you may remember, due to legislative changes, significant changes needed to be made to the trust and it was reported this time last year that it was felt the end was in sight. Sadly, through no fault of those

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Governor's Report

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working on the task, that proved too be overly optimistic. I would like to commend District Chair Bryan Williams on the work he and his team have done and the patience they have demonstrated to work through the legal and legislative issues and finally achieve success.

Service & Fundraising

The reason for belong to Kiwanis is the opportunity provide service to one's community and it is very interesting to be able to see what is being done in terms of hours contributed and funds raised by clubs across the district. The one comment I would make in this direction is that it is still disappointing to note that there are still several clubs, who do not use or make effective use of the online reporting function. If your club is one of these I urge you to encourage your secretary and club board to do so. It makes the time consuming task of the District Secretary so much easier when putting together reports which help us to track and report on the activities and impact of Kiwanis in the Australian community.

Website

One of the major decisions untaken by your board this year was to finally take action to redevelop the District Website. The current website is based on the model developed by the International office for use by clubs. It has been felt for some time, by several board members and others in the district, that this model and therefore the District site lacked the functionality and features required for a modern organisation wishing to make effective use of the advantages offered by the internet and other social networking sites. Consequently under the direction of District Secretary David Allen and Lt Gov. Division 6 Stephen Greene a design brief was established and several suppliers have now been invited to make submissions. A decision on this is imminent and we anticipate 'going live' with the new site very early in the new Kiwanis year.

Electronic meetings

In line with the board's determination to redevelop the web site we explored the opportunities available through the internet for electronic communication. Consequently the board recently conducted a very successful 'test' board meeting. As a result we have purchased a subscription to a meeting provider, Go-to-Meeting. Although we will still necessarily continue to bring the board together for regular meetings, these being the cement which binds our organisation together at district level as they do at both club and division levels, it will enable us to more easily and quickly get the board together and perhaps save the district money if we are able to forgo one of the quarterly face to face meetings. Also, this subscription will allow other district committees to function effectively by providing the opportunities for Chairs to actually form these committees and conduct meetings rather than one to one conversations over the phone. This subscription will also be used by the reformed internet club for its meetings.

Australian Kiwanian

At the urging of our new editor, Tim Vine, the board also

took the decision to purchase access to this new magazine style Australian Kiwanian. My thanks go to Tim for the time and effort he has put in to this publication this year. The new format, together with Tim's skills and experience have, I believe, raised the bar and greatly improved its readability. I trust that you have enjoyed receiving the AK in this format and encourage you to spread the news as you to share it among your non Kiwanian friends and family.

CFG

I would also like to briefly mention the recently announced initiative from the Kiwanis International Board; the Campaign For Growth (CFG). As it with the other major international community service organisations, Kiwanis is, world-wide but particularly in the English speaking countries, suffering from a declining and aging membership. Modelled on the very successful Eliminate programme this initiative seeks to establish or perhaps re-establish the processes and habits needed to ensure the long term viability of our wonderful organisation. It seeks to recognise that, as with MNT fund raising, membership growth is not a function of the KI office or district boards but must come from the actions of the membership at club level. I urge you all, if you believe in the legacy of Kiwanis established over almost a century internationally and 50 years here in Australia, to get behind it. I have accepted the role of leading this programme in Australia for the next 5 years.

Thank You,

To Secretary David Allen and Treasurer Ken Archer along with all Lt Governors. I am greatly appreciative of your efforts in guiding the District board in its deliberations and ensuring that things moved along relatively smoothly. And to all those other Kiwanians who volunteered to take the responsibility, as District Chairs I also acknowledge the time effort and energy you contribute to the ongoing strength of Kiwanis in Australia.

In conclusion I would like to thank all those others of you who have helped and supported me and the board over the course of the year. I have greatly appreciated all those who have pushed, prodded, advised suggested and at times covered for me and cleaned up after me. One of the things I was told by my late departed friend and mentor Ian Gibb was that Kiwanis, on top of all else, provides an opportunity for personal growth and development. This has been one of those years. I have, at times, often been stretched and I hope that I am now a better person for it. Thank you all, again, for the experience and the opportunity.

I would, finally, like to use the words of former Australian of the year Professor Ian Fraser who is quoted recently as saying 'I believe that whatever we do in life, we should aim to do good for others.' I urge you to encourage others of like mind to join Kiwanis, with us, to consolidate and spread the work we do in the community, locally, nationally and internationally.

Norman McLennan

Governor 2012/13 Kiwanis Australia



Your Say

Letters to the Editor

This WAS the GREATEST!

Without doubt this would have to be the most successful and the most rewarding Kiwanis Project in the 45 years history conducted between the New Zealand and South Pacific and Australia Kiwanis Districts.

Could you imagine, this day and age, the prospect of 4 experienced Kiwanians making a proposal to the District Board for a inter/national project, then obtaining permission to conduct a feasibility study on another island continent?

Well, this International Project actually happened in October 1990.

Travelling at their own expense the four flew to Melbourne / Australia to be confronted by a senior Australian Kiwanis leader challenging, "Who gave you permission to come to Australia to start a Kiwanis project?" Fortunately, the 4 Kiwis, from across the Tasman were of strong resolve, they defied the challenger and pressed on with their enquiries. Try to visualize the sight of the fabulous four arriving at Kiwanis Farm Templestowe Victoria and asking "how do we get to Bendigo from here?" (around 200 kms. away) Evidently, the fame and fortune of Kiwanis Farm had spread far and wide. Maybe the prominent 1 meter high Kiwanis Farm sign might have caught their attention as they made enquiries to the writer. Records show the 4 eventually made their way to Bendigo Kiwanis Club, where conclusion was reached that a Australia – New Zealand Youth Exchange had the possibility to become a viable and worthwhile project.

Their report back to the New Zealand District Board was accepted.

However, it was not until February 1993, and a serious change of direction, that Bruce Entwisle became Chairman and all Clubs in Division 6 agreed to participate. Across the Ditch Chairman Mr Jim Kyle was assisted by Alan Fairweather both members of Matamata Kiwanis Club.

All the N.Z.Division 2 Clubs gave support both monetary and hosting facilities.

Both Chairmen are to be congratulated on the mighty fine work they did in setting out 38 pages of documents on conducting a Youth Exchange for disadvantaged youth. 16 yr old male or female students that met the criteria of disadvantaged children, those not likely to travel and visit outside their home environment. Their names had to be nominated by Aus. Division 6 or NZ Division 2 Kiwanis Clubs. The selection requirements were very strict. Can you imagine yourself as a 16 yr. old sitting down before your parents whilst a Kiwanis member asks embarrassing questions, such as

"Do you smoke? Do you drink alcohol? Have you ever?" etc.

At first there was a reluctance for host families from both sides of the Ditch to accommodate the Youth Exchangees. However, the determined resolve of both Mr Jim Kyle and Mr Bruce Entwisle won thru and a number of suitable homes were found. After, the initial visit, word of mouth travelled around Division 2 and Division 6, that hosting Students was a



rewarding experience both for the Students and for the hosts. As a result, there became a surplus of hosts offering accommodation to the number of students in the program. The high calibre of the students was due to the high standards set in the guidelines and the Kiwanis Clubs began nominating the very best Youth. Usually exchanges took place during the September school holidays for a fourteen day visit. The character

transformation and the development of the students was evident after a 2 week visit, this was also noticed by the Hosts the Clubs the Parents and the School Teachers.

The Youth exchange project continued very successfully for a 14 years. Three Aussies actually went on to become active Kiwanis members of Waverley and Nunawading Kiwanis Clubs. Current Lt. Governor Stephen Greene Division 6 is a fabulous example of personal development and a former Exchangee. As a result Division 6 and Kiwanis International is the major beneficiary of Stephen's special talents, having served as President & Director of Waverley for 5 years. Sadly, the most successful and long running Australia New Zealand Youth Exchange project came to a sudden conclusion with the advent of the Australia Kiwanis Police Check Policy. The project was disbanded, much to the sorrow of the New Zealanders and to many host families both sides of the Tasman.

Last August, Mr Jim Kyle made a special visit to Melbourne as guest of Waverley Kiwanis Club, with Mr Bruce Entwisle and 3 former exchangees in attendance, namely Stephen Greene, Judy Ng, and Kerry Smallwood. The dinner meeting was held as wrap up, in appreciation for the wonderful service Mr. Kyle and Mr. Entwisle had given so tirelessly over the years, their monetary and the huge number of voluntary service hours that they gave so freely gave.

The three former exchangees related their individual experiences living with Kiwis families. Some of the stories, filled the meeting with laughter as they related the antics that they got up to. Many stories revealed for the first time such as:- motor bike riding, Bungee jumping, golf, milking cows and the career change from Vet to Fire Fighter. This came about suddenly when asked to put his arm up the backside of a cow to deliver a calf. That moment became a definite time of "no go" and thus later he became a highly trained M.F.B. fireman.

To have personally witnessed the vast development, the transformation from insecure 16 year old school children into adult hood with a maturity beyond their years, bears testimony to Kiwanis International and the objects;

"Serving the Children of the World."

Maybe, ...just maybe,... somebody in Australia District could take up the cudgels and resurrect the Australia and New Zealand Kiwanis Youth Exchange.

That remains as challenge to Australia District Kiwanis Membership!

Bryan Saunders.

Griffen Fellow Member N.Z.



Charitable Trust/Heartkids

Pleasant Surprises from the Kiwanis Charitable Trust

Convention delegates received pleasant surprises arising from the Charitable Trust activities in the past year as it processed just over \$45,000 donations from Clubs and individuals for District approved projects.

HeartKids Australia

There has been continued wide-spread support for the national HeartKids

Prof. Yves D'Udekem



'Grants-in-Aid' program with 27 Clubs donating a touch over \$32,000. Notable donations included \$5000 from Palmerston & Rural; \$3000 from West Lakes Grange and \$2000 from Tea Tree Gully. Also included was \$250 from the Busy Beavers

Brighton and The Hills AKtion Clubs.

The Kiwanis Australia District again presented a cheque for \$30,000 to HeartKids Australia, Chief Executive, Jann Kingston, for the 2013-14 'Grants-in-Aid' program. Since 2005, Kiwanis Clubs around the country have donated \$250,000 to various national HeartKids research projects.

Providing this year's HeartKids address to Convention delegates was Assoc. Prof. Yves D'Udekem. Trained and initially working in Belgium, he is a pioneering paediatric heart surgeon at the Royal Children's Hospital in Melbourne, a senior researcher at the Murdoch Children's Research Institute and a research fellow at the Heart Foundation.

He gave a very interesting and moving insight to his work with particular reference to his ground-breaking research into the development of hypertension in patients who have undergone coarctation repair. Coarctation with hypoplastic (smallish) arch is Prof. Yves area of surgical specialty, and the incidence of hypertension (high blood pressure) is becoming a major public health issue. This is being undertaken through the Kiwanis 2012 'Grants-in-Aid' donation. There is the potential for this research work to now attract additional funding from other heart focussed organisations.

And there was more - when Jann Kingston accepted our donation she announced that HeartKids Australia staff members would be encouraged to actively get involved in Kiwanis membership. She set the example by putting up her hand to 'join a Kiwanis club in Sydney'. It is now up to the Sydney club to sign a new member. This potential growth opportunity for Kiwanis is of course

greatly appreciated.

Eliminate Project donations

The Charitable Trust received \$13,000 from individual donors, all of who received an income tax deductibility. This included the online Mother's Day project through the District website and other individual donations. These donations are separate from those made by Clubs donations which are required to be received by the District Eliminate Project Coordinator.

New Kiwanis Australia District Charitable Foundation

The new Foundation received statutory approvals mid-August and governance arrangements are now being established. Once in place, the Foundation will be able to receive donations previously processed by the original Charitable Trust as this will be wound up.

The Foundation as a not-for-profit ancillary fund for public charitable purposes meets new federal legislation introduced in January 2012. Further information will be available to Clubs in the coming weeks.

In the meantime the Kiwanis Australia District Charitable Trust will continue to receive individual donations for the Eliminate Project and all donations for HeartKids.

Bryan Williams



Host a Cuppa for HeartKids and support a great cause



Dear Tim,

Hosting a Cuppa is a fun and easy way to raise money for HeartKids.

Invite your friends and family to join you for a tea party and make a real difference in the fight against Childhood Heart Disease.

Running throughout August and September 2013, Cuppa for HeartKids is a national community fundraising campaign to help fund essential support and life-saving research for children with heart disease and their families.

Join us and have a Cuppa for HeartKids.

Register your Cuppa by clicking the button below





KIF



Kiwanis

INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION



Dear Kiwanis members,

As we reach the final months of the 2012-13 year I would like to remind you of the important work done by our International Foundation with the funds you and your club generously donate.

The Foundation receives hundreds of requests for funding support for club projects, national projects and international disasters. It carefully reviews all those requests and provides the necessary funds for as many of the programs as are within the Foundation's financial resources. To a large degree these funds are dependant on regular donations each year from clubs all around the world.

We as members can easily donate through our clubs to the annual International Foundation appeal by sending a cheque made out to The Kiwanis International Foundation via the Australia District Treasurer.

It is suggested that the small sum of \$6.00 dollars per member is sufficient to achieve these important works.

If you have not yet made a donation please consider it as a matter of urgency.



KIF

Kiwanis Leadership Society

**Donations in honour of deserving
Individuals ensure that the Kiwanis
International Foundation can assist
KI in serving the children of the world**

Our Kiwanis International Foundation helps deserving groups and individuals through the generosity of clubs and others .



Individuals can be made part of the **Kiwanis Leadership Society** for good reasons.

It's a good way to recognise the accomplishments and the Service of family, friends and fellow Kiwanians.

Many Kiwanis clubs, divisions,

and districts utilize the Kiwanis Leadership Society program to honour charter members, out-going club presidents, or officers, lieutenant governors, governors, and other deserving individuals.

A personalized plaque, as show above, is presented to the individual being inducted into the Kiwanis Leadership Society.

Send orders to : District Secretary with payment and the following details...

Name of recipient.....

Recipient's title.....

Recipient's address.....

Recipient's club.....Key number.....

Donor name.....

Name and physical address where to ship item:

Date of presentation/...../..... day/month/year

Please note:- Full payment of US\$100 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

Best Club Bulletin Award.

Every year there will be two awards made, one for the best print type bulletin (one that you can print out, most commonly sent as a "pdf" document), and the other for the online version. (This is usually embedded in an email , with internal and external links to items)

Each Bulletin received by the editor of the AK between 1st Oct, and 30th Jun receives 1 point. The remaining 90 points are awarded 30 for presentation, 30 for Layout, and 30 for Content.

A minimum of 7 editions is required for consideration, as some clubs do not publish a bulletin over the Christmas/New Year period.

Does this explain why your Club's Bulletin may not have been considered?

Congratulations to Kiwanis Adelaide News (KAN) for winning the 2012-2013 award. Congratulations also to the Mooroopna Kourier, and the Brisbane Story for their Honorable Mentions.



KAN Editor David accepts the Banner patch.

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.

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Division Reports



Division 2

In a recent report to the Australia District Board I said "Active and Enthusiastic" is a fair way to describe the Kiwanis Clubs in Division 2". At the Aust Dist Convention in Adelaide this was reaffirmed by the Distinguished Club Status Awards presented for last year

and it just gets better. A few examples of what I mean:

The Brisbane Club recently held a fantastic celebration of their 25th Anniversary. Nearly 100 people attended a great night that acknowledged the tremendous work that the Club and individual members have done to support the local community over this time and cheques for more than \$10,000 were presented to several organisations that help improve the lives of children. It was a night of fun, fellowship, connection with the local community and the promise of several new members for the Brisbane Club

Our newest Club in Div 2 ... Beachside Newcastle is just so vibrant and active and the projects they have underway to support the disadvantaged in the community is brilliant and has a very positive focus. Whether it be support for Faith Cottage, making Buddy Bags for children taken into refuge or raising funds to support Eliminate they do it all with passion and style.

The East Maitland Club continue to 'lead the charge' in communications and use of social media and they received many awards at the recent convention for the work they do. I think they have a 'Genie' working for them ... check out the photos from the District convention!

Our Newcastle Club have a strong focus in their beautiful city and are growing their membership. They have a fantastic Action Kids program in place and provide strong and creative support for the Eliminate project.

And ... there must be a special mention for the Kiwanis Club of Sydney who not only hosted the District Convention in 2012 but had 80% of their membership attend the recent convention in Adelaide. The club also provides the Aust Dist, Eliminate Chair and next year's District Secretary, Steve Hughes.

So ...what is life like as a Lt Governor for Kiwanis?. I'd say it is inspiring when you have teams like this to work with who are proud of what we do in the community and enjoy their commitment to Kiwanis.

Pat McKinney
Lt Governor
Kiwanis Aust – Div 2



Division 6

Just a short report from Division 6 this time around. Having just completed the first 12 months in my role as Lt-Governor of Division 6, I am very excited about the 12 months ahead and hopefully doing a far better job of engaging and bringing together all of

the Division 6 Clubs.

It has been a challenging 12 months for me from both a Kiwanis perspective, in terms of learning how we operate as an organisation, meeting lots of new people, learning the pitfalls of being disorganised and identifying what a Lt-Governor *should* be doing and personally with the challenges of juggling parenthood, kinder, school, after school activities, work etc etc. But with a second term as Lt-Governor, it's a chance to improve and grow and to work a lot more closely with the Clubs in Division 6 and as a member of the Board of Trustees.

We have the Division 6 Heart Kids Camp coming up which is a fantastic example of what can be achieved when Clubs come together and combine their efforts. It is a wonderful Camp and it would be great to throw the challenge out to other Divisions to get their own Camp up and running.

This spirit of co-operation should also inspire us to work together in other ways, such as sharing of knowledge and resources, raising the profile of Kiwanis in our area and helping each other grow. What any one Club can achieve, can be amplified many times over if Clubs work together. I am looking forward to working with the Division 6 Clubs in the coming 12 months to make this happen.

Stephen Greene
Lt-Governor Division 6

Code of a Successful Soul

"To laugh often and much;

To win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children;

To earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends;

To appreciate beauty;

To find the best in others;

to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition;

To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived.

This is to have succeeded."

Ralph Waldo Emerson



Campaign for Growth (CFG)

Campaign for Growth

2013-14 International President Gunter Gasser launched the global Campaign for Growth at the Vancouver International Convention in July. This campaign is a five year initiative of Kiwanis International to increase Kiwanis club membership led by, and driven by, Club members.

The strategic plan is based on the model used within the Eliminate campaign. ie Regional co-ordinators appointed, District co-ordinator appointed, Divisional Counsellors appointed and Club Growth Chairs appointed. Ideally each would serve for the 5 year period of the plan.

If we consider Gunter's goals for the upcoming year nothing is new:

Every club should strive to have a nett growth of one new member for the year.

Every club should be at or above charter strength, (15 members). Individual Clubs need to:

- Recruit new members
- Focus on retention
- Investigate Club mergers
- Formation of a club satellites

Establish a minimum of one viable new club site in every division with the target to organize and charter a minimum of one new club.

As well as building our current Club numbers up the initial challenge we face is identifying one viable new club site in each division with the target of organizing and chartering a minimum of at least one new club in that division. This will not occur overnight and no-one can realistically expect it to. Over the next 5 years Kiwanis International aims to put in place a structure where 2700 additional growth leaders from all levels of Kiwanis are working together to achieve this goal. \$US 4.1 Million has been allocated to support the project.

In the ideal (KI) situation

- ☞ Each District appoints a Campaign for Growth chair for a period of up to 5 years
- ☞ Each Division appoints a Campaign for Growth coordinator for a period of up to 5 years
- ☞ A Divisional counsellor is appointed to each Division for up to 5 years
- ☞ Each Club appoints a Campaign for Growth chair for a period of up to 5 years



If Australia followed this strategy we would have:

- 1 District CFG Co-ordinator

10 Divisional Co-ordinators

10 Divisional Counsellors

48 Club Growth chairs

Due to our geographical situation and population demographics an alternative proposal could be:

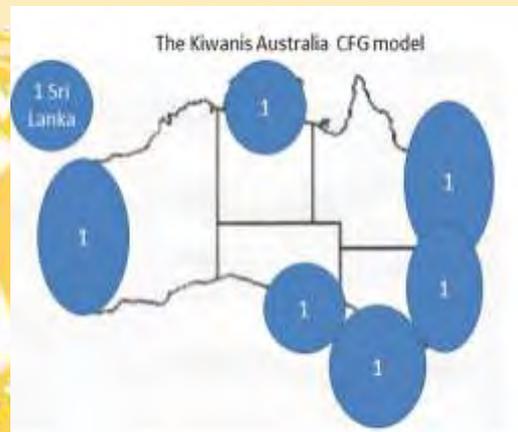
1 District CFG Co-ordinator

7 State Co-ordinators located:

- ☞ 1 Growth coordinator in Queensland
- ☞ 1 Growth coordinator in New South Wales
- ☞ 1 Growth coordinator in Victoria
- ☞ 1 Growth coordinator in South Australia
- ☞ 1 Growth coordinator in Western Australia
- ☞ 1 Growth coordinator in Northern Territory
- ☞ 1 Growth coordinator in Sri Lanka

10 Divisional Counsellors

48 Club Growth chairs



Some of the advantages of this model are:

- ☞ Coordinators cover >80% of the geographic population of Australia
- ☞ Opportunity to expand Kiwanis further into Queensland and into Tasmania
- ☞ A smaller team created resulting in easier communication

At present information relating to the Growth Campaign is sketchy but Kiwanis International is running a briefing session later this month. Governor Norman McLennan has agreed to accept the position of Australia's Campaign for Growth Chair and he will be attending this Training / Briefing in Indianapolis later this month. Hopefully upon his return we, in Australia, will have a better overview of the program.



Kiwanis Australia has the opportunity to embrace this project and run with it as we have done with Eliminate. With the backing of Kiwanis International the potential over the next 5 years for huge membership gains is high. The first challenge is for each existing Club

is to attain Charter status of 15 members. If this can be achieved over the next 12 months then we will in a strong position to fully benefit from this campaign.

All it takes is for every existing Kiwanis member to introduce one new member into your Club.

John Bromilow.



Convention 2013

The 2013 (45th) Kiwanis Australia District Convention was held in Adelaide, at the Lakes Resort Hotel, South Australia hosted by Divisions 3, 8 and 10 from August 22-25.

The organising committee was made up of the 3 Divisional Lt. Governors and a number of representatives from several of the clubs in Adelaide. All in all the Convention went off very well with a mixture of fun, fellowship and interesting workshops, supplemented by good food, good company and good guest speakers.

A huge thank you to all the helpers from the various clubs, but particularly the Rostrevor/Campbelltown Club that managed the registration desk, Adelaide Club members assisting at the welcome

reception, Glenelg Club for organising Saturday Nights Fun Dinner, the drivers and assistants from Bus Operators Club and Kiwanis Bus Service for providing



The Bus offloading Conventioneers

transport for our tours and interstate guests. A special thank you to Noel Kirby, who assisted with transport and also entertained our interstate and overseas visitors that stayed on Sunday afternoon. Thank you also to the many other individuals who assisted in various capacities. If I mention you all by name I will forget someone and I have no wish to do that. We the Australia District are indeed fortunate to have Lee Kuan Yong as our Board Counsellor this year. International Trustee Lee Kuan Yong arrived early



Lee Kuan Yong addresses the Convention

Thursday morning after flying in from Kuala Lumpur, having just returned from another convention in Seattle in the US. Lee Kuan Yong's enthusiasm, good humour and input to a number of workshops, as well as

sharing his experiences with us were greatly appreciated. He has since provided a couple of membership leads that will shortly be followed up, further indication of the support for growing our District's numbers. This year we had a gathering of First Timers prior to the welcome reception organised by Tania Allen and supported by the District Leadership. This was a great initiative as it allowed us to explain to our first time attendees a bit about what to expect and how to get the best out of the event. After the welcome reception ended it was great to see nearly 45 people enjoy a meal together in the bistro accompanied by a lot of laughter.



First Lady Karen lights the Candles

Friday morning started with the traditional welcome and lighting of the Convention Candles (not 1 but 4), enhanced greatly by the children from the West Lakes

Shore School Choir. After the "Welcome to Country" they entertained us with the National Anthems of Australia and Malaysia. Evelyn O'Loughlin, CEO of Volunteering SA and NT gave us an enlightening address about volunteering and the staggering number of hours provided by volunteers and the financial benefit to our economy of billions of dollars.

From here we were straight into the business side of the Convention with several reports, firstly by the District Governor, which was followed by the District Secretary, District Treasurer and the District Charitable Trust with an update on our new status with the Australian Tax Office. The elections for 2013-2014 were conducted with efficiency and



Bryan Williams Chair District Charitable Trust.

brevity. The elected included Governor 2013-2014 John Bromilow, District Treasurer 2013-2014 Ken Archer, District Secretary 2013-2014 (appointment) Steve Hughes and Governor-elect 2013-2014 Peter Zander.

Following was an impressive presentation by J.P. Zwinkels on the work of UNICEF and the current state of the Eliminate Project. We also had an in-sight into the massive refugee problem in Jordan due to the Syrian conflict. Quite staggering to comprehend that over 1,000,000 children have been affected by this tragedy. This was followed by a pre-recorded segment by Carrie Bickmore (Channel TEN presenter) and the UNICEF



J.P. Zwinkels

Ambassador for the Eliminate Project. Steve Hughes brought us up to date on Eliminate fund-raising in Australia and reinforced how well we as a

District are assisting in saving the lives of a huge number of mothers and their babies.

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Convention 2013

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Prior to the luncheon break a Zeller Award was presented to Peter O'Keefe, Supplies Chairman and a Hixon Award was presented to Tony Gunn, Port Phillip Club.

After luncheon many District and International Awards were made. Congratulations to the 14 Distinguished Clubs and several Distinguished Kiwanians and Lt.



Peter O'Keefe received a Zeller Award

Governors for 2011-2012.

Congratulations also to the clubs and individuals recognised with various District Awards for their efforts over the last 18 months or so.

We concluded the afternoon activities with a number of well-presented and thought provoking workshops, including one by David Allen on District Governance.

Friday night's Formal Dinner was well attended by over 100 people and gave us a chance to congratulate the 2012-2013 team for their efforts over the last year or so and also introduce and induct the 2013-2014 team. The challenge was made for all those that took Australia District pins to expand the Australian Kiwanis family during the next twelve months.

Saturday is traditionally a day of workshops and we were not disappointed. We started the day though with a presentation by Yves d'Udekem on behalf of Heart Kids and Kiwanis collectively presented a cheque for \$30,000 to them. A great story, where we now have financially supported HeartKids with over a quarter of a million dollars during the past decade.

The SLP mini-convention started after morning tea and it was great to see about around 30 members of Aktion Clubs and Key Clubs present. The clubs present accepted special certificates for their support of Eliminate (some of the first world-wide that were made). Distinguished and Honour banner patches were presented for their efforts over the last twelve months. It was pleasing to see several Kiwanians in the audience to ask questions of our presenters and acknowledge the great work SLP clubs are doing for our District and to hear firsthand from Aktion Club Member Rachel High how a scholarship by Kiwanis is helping her with her university studies.

Whilst the mini-convention was happening we also had Sylvia Kriven present a workshop on publicity and marketing and all reports were that this was well received and of significant interest too many members and valuable to clubs in general.

Lunch was a fun affair with SLP members joining Kiwanians and being entertained by David Cronin CD

(Clown Doctor). Laughter is a great medicine and there were lots of belly laughs performed. An uplifting and light hearted presentation appreciated by all in attendance.

More workshops in the afternoon, all very well attended and positive feedback on their content has been received. Fundraising with a difference brought forward lots of shared ideas, simple but effective fundraisers. A highlight was the insight into the cryptic mind of Lee Kuan Yong's Kuala Lumpur Club and their successful fundraiser.



Tony Gunn Shows his Hixon

Saturday night's fun dinner was a real coven of witches, goblins, magicians and characters from the big screen. Many ran the gauntlet of the Crows Supporters in the bar on the way to the function. I bet there were some surprised looks when the Tooth Fairy pranced (his or her?) way through the crowd. In any case everyone appeared to have a great night and some useful funds were raised for Eliminate during the live and silent auctions. Thanks to Phil Rogers from the Glenelg Club for being our MC and putting his hand at risk during the magic show! The music was obviously suited to the audience judging by the numbers making good use of the dance floor (and complaining of sore muscles Sunday morning!). Congratulations to everyone who went to such a great effort to dress up and really enjoy a fun night to end the day's activities.

Sunday morning involved a bus ride or drive down the coast to the SA Sea Rescue Squadron's Barcoo Function Centre to participate in the memorial service and farewell luncheon. On a personal note, I would like to say a big thank you to Dennis and Marianne Noack, assisted by David Allen with a photographic display, for one of the best memorial services I have ever attended. About 80 or so people attended the service and remembered Kiwanians that have had an influence on them and the wider communities in which they lived.

Thank you to the members of the West Lakes/Grange Club and the Reedbeds Clubs who put together a great luncheon for us all to enjoy. Also thank you to my wife Yvonne, who put together the fruit platters and helped set up the tables and chairs for the alfresco dining. A very pleasant way to close the Convention, say our goodbyes and look forward to coming together in another place about the same time next year.

Peter Zander



AN UNCONVENTIONAL CONVENTION

Well, what a wonderful (wintry) weekend at West Lakes! (Self praise is always easy, but the accolades arriving from everywhere have confirmed the above statement).

Last year's District Convention in Sydney would always be a hard act to follow, and the traditional third weekend of August set down for Adelaide was breaking new ground.

For the first time in 45 years, Convention was being organised jointly by several Divisions – in this case the three from South Australia, working together under a committee headed by Past Governor Janine Keulen. As Janine will admit, while spreading the workload has its advantages, there could also be a few speedbumps to negotiate, trying to ensure the Clubs would fulfil their allotted duties. Logistically the task was quite an ask.



A sad headache befell the organisers in January when Registrar Chris Brown died suddenly, but luckily the Minister for Nearly Everything (Peter Zander OAM) stepped into the Registrar's role and with experienced Conventioneers such as Geoff Holmes, Geoff Sibley, Geoff Edwards, the Wards, Allens and Norah Hann coordinating stuff, planning for this Magical annual conclave of Kiwanians really began to take shape.

As Kiwanians from around the Diocese of Australia began to arrive on Thursday, it was a nice feature to have the 'no fuss' Kiwanis Bus – a vehicle unique to SA – available for ferrying interstate parishioners from the airport. Noel Kirby was also able to help in this respect with his smaller but very useful bus.

Tania and Dave Allen only returned to Adelaide a few hours beforehand – “We've arrived from a land of 40 degrees to this 14 degrees,” Dave exclaimed while trying to stop “frostbite” setting in!

CONVENTION BEGINS

At the Registration desk it was noted that George, David, Beryl, Julia and all the Sydney Kiwanians were here in force - in fact the only Sydneysider missing was Jeff Hudson who recently fell off a horse, busting some ribs – otherwise there'd have been 100% attendance!

Thursday evening's address by Prospect Mayor David O'Loughlin had heaps of people to hear the official welcome plus partake of hors d'oeuvres and refreshments. Always a great chance to reconnect with Kiwanians we may not have seen for many months, and also engaging with Kiwanis members attending their first Convention – such as Prospect President Lynda Kutek, Cobram's President Geoff and Adelaide's President Lindsay plus Adelaide member Emmanuel Chubaka – among many others.

The opening stanza closed with the traditional Past Governors' Dinner, while most other regular Kiwanians gathered for a nice repast in the Shores Bistro.

Friday morning's traditional Opening ceremony saw Dave Allen and Governor Norm McLennan share the chair duties,



when the Convention Candle was lit and West Lakes Shore School students sang the National Anthems of Australia and Malaysia. The latter would have been an interesting exercise to learn, and was included as a welcome to International Trustee Lee Kuan Yong from Kuala Lumpur. LKY was to prove a major asset to our Convention with his truly amazing knowledge of local happenings, great recall of names and overall oratory excellence. Welcome anytime Kuan Yong! Business session-wise, the House of Delegates ran sans surprises, with reports tabled and adopted without being adapted. Election of Board members also went to plan – Incoming Governor is another break from tradition; an Australian first where we welcome the return of John Bromilow to the hot seat. Governor-Elect is Peter Zander while stalwarts Steve Hughes (Secretary) and Ken Archer (Treasurer) return to the Board.

After lunch (the high standard of catering must be recorded here!) Awards were announced, followed by a discussion on a new governance system anchored by Secretary Dave Allen, centred on the pros and cons of moving forward to a Trustee based model. Most people would have read the thought-provoking paper compiled by Dave, which recommends halving the current size of the Board, and foretelling a future in Australia where Kiwanis might be in a decade.

NEW CLUB BUILDING

A session chaired by Lee Kuan Yong revealed ways Malaysia has tackled the growth problem. There was a three year period in which over 20 new Kiwanis Clubs were built. They are structured a bit differently in Malaysia with nearly 24 Down Syndrome Centres run by Kiwanis Clubs as their main focus. LKY showed a promo presentation of Kiwanis at work in and around Kuala Lumpur, including footage of our illustrious Trustee sporting jet black hair in this video (taken over 10 years ago!).

This fascinating talk was followed by Adelaide Club member Joseph Fombason who has a pet “project” of looking at launching a new Kiwanis base in Central Africa. The Fombason fatherland of Cameroon has committed personnel ready to run with setting up a Satellite base initially and hopefully progressing to fully fledged Kiwanis centres in due course.

Friday evening's formal dinner began with Dave Allen as MC. This Convention missed out on the traditional trooping in of banners – the only reason was a dearth of areas to hang and display these banners.

An early evening recital of the Objects by Peter Kimberley was notable for the Past Governor's ability to recite these from memory – well done! Janine K is about the only other person seen in recent times who can do likewise.

Outgoing Governor Norm now has a new role – he is off to America soon for training as Australia's District Chair in a 5-year term for a global Campaign for Growth.

The usual retiring of the outgoing Board and introduction of new Board members went to script, followed by plenty of fellowship.

SATURDAY SESSIONS

After Saturday morning began with John Brom and Rae Pidgeon unfurling the banner of new Club Newcastle / Beachside, we heard John expand briefly on the Campaign for Growth with its strategies over the upcoming five year period.



AN UNCONVENTIONAL CONVENTION

Jann Kingston had flown in from Sydney and in similar style to last year at Penrith, was happy to receive a A\$30,000 cheque for HeartKids, outlining how last year's donation went towards research.

This neatly dovetailed our next speaker – we had much pleasure hearing from Professor Yves d'Udekem - a respected surgeon taking time out from his busy schedule in Melbourne where he performs operations daily on young children needing vascular corrections. We learned of tongue tying technical terms such as cardiovascular hypertension reoperation, normotensive thoractomy. And don't forget transthoracic echocardiography! A most interesting presentation with visual aids and a question session confirming the audience's appreciation of how HeartKids is helping with this important work.

In fact, Dave Allen reminded us how ten years ago at an Adelaide Convention, Kiwanis marked the start of its association with HeartKids.

After morning tea, the assembly split up with several opting to sit in on the Mini Convention. The SLP with members of three Aktion Clubs attending - Adelaide Hills, Adelaide Achievers and Brighton Busy Beavers. Gully Go Getters and South Coast Club were apologies for differing reasons.

Our national SLP Chair, Tania, spoke on how \$A1.9 million has been raised in funding to date in Australia, while both Steve Hughes and Peter Z also spoke to the SLP gathering, with Peter's talk including an outline on BUGS in primary schools.

During the morning there were addresses by Sylvia Kriven on publicity and marketing (would you believe for A\$800 you can acquire a thick media book listing every known print media outlet Austrasliawide)! Plus a workshop by Steve Hughes with a comprehensive outlining of online report submissions for Kiwanis Secretaries. The level of knowledge to be gained from such sessions is immeasurable and well worth the effort of attending.

Other workshop sessions during the afternoon included a speaker from Childhood Cancer, along with displaying one of the special wheelchairs which several local Kiwanis Clubs sponsored for use by children undergoing cancer treatment. Reedbeds Club member Colleen Doran was instrumental in this project.

Past Prospect President Henry Kutek left his sickbed to help with a presentation on local aid organisation Timpir which continues its wondrous work in South Sudan, helping sponsor two schools amongst other good projects.

The final session was hosted by LKY who told how they can raise US\$100,000 p.a. in Malaysia. Simple! Just run a major sponsored Treasure Hunt - along the lines of a professional Car Rally. It was mind boggling hearing of the cryptic clues and the lengths some crews will go, to gain ascendancy. In

fact, it's worth a separate article some time on the machinations of running such an effective event.

SATURDAY FUN NIGHT

With space running out, we'll fast forward to the highlight of most Conventions – the themed Fun Night. Other patrons at the West Lakes venue couldn't believe the mind boggling coven of witches, wizards and other wondrous magical sights, filing into the room that had been decorated by Glenelg Club to a very high standard.

There were around 140 people present to see a professional magician wow us with a stunning card trick (how did he do that?!) and guess the hidden knife under the paper cup trick. Phil Rogers from Glenelg Club ran a great Auction for EliMiNaTe, and along with a Silent Auction there'd have been plenty of funds raised.

The costumes seem to get more outrageous and entertaining each year. For 2013,

Darwin's trans-tramp "Paula" went upmarket and looked very dishy. Our international guest had the hard task of picking costume winners and these were Geoff Edwards and Rae Pidgeon, while Sydney Club deservedly took the group prize. Beryl had put a fair bit of effort into



their costumes, with Sydney excelling as Tarot cards.

We needed to recover from the hours of dancing and socialising, ready for Sunday morning's traditional Memorial Service and closing ceremony. Barossa Club's LG Div 10 Dennis Noack officiated during a moving tribute where candles were lit for Kiwanians who have passed away over the last year. In another first, Dave Allen had compiled a very nice short video display of each Kiwanian remembered, and it was lovely to have Michael Paterson's daughter and her children join us for this service.

Janine got so swept up in the occasion that at the conclusion, she accidentally blew out the memorial candles instead of the Convention candle, but oh well !

[Kiwanians remembered were Allen Warden (Victoria Pk, WA), Bev Rose (Brighton SA), Chris Brown (TTG), Dick Gibbons (Bus Operators), Lance Emerson (N/castle), Michael Hockey (Reynella), Michael Paterson (Reynella), Ron Thompson (Shepparton), Prof Nancy Mills (Brighton Vic), Michael Wooley (Mitcham), Bill Kane (Warrnambool) and John Skinner (Doncaster-T/stowe).]

After the Service, a lovely lunch was provided by Reedbeds / West Lakes Clubs, where we enjoyed more fellowship, and the chance for some farewells before most interstaters filed onto the K bus, ready for airport shuttles and the common theme of, "See you next year!"

All in all, a really Magical Convention. Well done to all

concerned.

- David McNabb





Clubs in the Press

Article from the Lower Hunter Star, Thursday 25th July. East Maitland Kiwanis Club has been raising money to purchase new playground equipment for the Miller's Forest Primary School. Photo Page 17. Below on 27th July, this article appeared on the East Maitland Terrific Kids Program.

'Unsafe' play

A heartbreaking struggle to raise money to replace rusting, 50-year-old play equipment at a forgotten Millers Forest Primary School is a daunting task facing the principal, staff and parents.

They have so far jointly raised \$7000, but will need \$18,500 to buy new play equipment.

Staff are on full alert every time the 38 pupils – including six children with special needs – play on the old slide and climbing pieces.

"The equipment we have here is totally inadequate," principal Christine Phelps said.

"In the past 18 months we have put in 12 grant applications to various bodies with no success.

"There is no allowance from the Department of Education that specifically targets playground equipment, so we have to watch our

children clamber around these rusting, old pieces which were brought to our school from Maitland Park.

"I think we are a forgotten school.

"The only one in this area with no new equipment the kids can play on.

"I believe the equipment we have here does not meet Australian standards.

"The kids are not banned from climbing on these things, but we watch them all the time."

She paid tribute to the help from the Kiwanis Club of East Maitland in fund-raising and compiling documents required for grant applications.

Judith Oliver of the Kiwanis Club said their members had been horrified at the state of the school's play equipment.

"It is also very distressing that

because this is a small school, the Department of Education has apparently decided this is not their problem," Ms Oliver said.

"We feel the department has forgotten about this little school, which does not have the funding of a large school.

"Twenty per cent of the pupils there have a disability and we feel the Department of Education has said those kids are not important."

Hilary Burgess from Bolwarra Heights and Marianne Krake from Chisholm both have children with special needs at the school and they have called on education authorities to provide adequate equipment.

A spokesman for Maitland MP Robyn Parker said she would phone Ms Phelps to speak to her about issues relating to grant applications.

Had some coverage in the Press! Then send us a copy and we'll reproduce it.

Bringing joy to kids

The delight in the eyes of children receiving medals for achievement at the Hunter River Community School under a new program is a joy to members of the Kiwanis Club of East Maitland who raise funds for them.

The program, called Terrific Kids is part of a worldwide Kiwanis initiative and this one is run jointly by the Kiwanis Club of East Maitland and the Hunter River Community School.

The club recently raised \$300 which it donated to the school for children with a disability.

"Together with the school, we started this program Terrific Kids which is designed to support the students in their education," said Judith Oliver, of the Kiwanis Club of East Maitland.

"It involves giving funding to help the school to provide communication aids – together with three student-of-the-month awards recognising their achievements," Ms Oliver said.

"We donate to this school because we believe in what they are doing."

She praised the specially designed pod books the school has acquired which encourage students to learn.



RICH REWARDS: Billy, 9, from the Hunter River Community School with Judith Oliver of the Kiwanis Club of East Maitland.

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"These are books of pictures, with sections broken into categories," Ms Oliver said.

"With the aid of the books, children from the school tell stories and the opportunity for them to learn is part of this experience.

"Also, each month three

students get awards and medals recognising their achievements.

"Every month the Kiwanis Club of East Maitland will continue to donate to the school so these projects can continue.

"We focus a lot on physically doing something for the

community and it is a great reward to know we are making such a difference in the lives of these children and their families."

Ian Hughes, headmaster at Hunter River Community School, said: "We value highly the special relationship we have with the

Kiwanis Club of East Maitland and the funding we have received from them.

"We are encouraging the Terrific Kids program across the school.

"And the medals the kids receive for outstanding student achievement are much sought after awards."



Clubs in the Press



Maitland Park School Playground



Above Professor Leonard Harrison Chief Investigator of the Type 1 Diabetes Trial joins members of Moorabbin Kiwanis at Southland Shopping Centre to recruit Trial Participants. Below. Students from Brighton Secondary College joined The Diabetes Team and Kiwanis to hand out brochures.



04 NEWS

Glen Eira Leader 24th
July 2013
—Jorja Freeman

HEALTH

Diabetes trial keen to find more candidates

A DESPERATE call for relatives of diabetics is being led by the Moorabbin Kiwanis group to ensure a Type One Diabetes Prevention Trial goes ahead before its December cut-off date.

The trial that began in 2006 has only five months to recruit 30 more participants, aged from four to 30, to reach its needed target due to funding.

Moorabbin Kiwanis spokesperson Tim Vine said anyone who has a blood relative with diabetes could be suitable.

"It can be siblings, it can be parents and it can be children," Mr Vine said.

The Kiwanis are holding a stand on Saturday, August 3, at Southland Shopping Centre to screen potential trial candidates.

A recent study from Diabetes Australia found that unless a cure was found by 2025, three million Australians over the age 25 would have diabetes, which proves the need for a vaccine is vital.

The prevention trial is well underway across Australia and New Zealand but needs the right amount of participants for its overall success.

Chief investigator of the trial, Professor Len Harrison, said that being part of the trial allows people to learn more about the condition and help to prevent it.

"People have the opportunity to do something about it," Professor Harrison said.

All candidates are required to take a free blood test to determine whether their risk of developing diabetes is high. If tests come back positive they are then eligible to trial.

There are currently 90 of the needed 120 participants undergoing the prevention vaccine. "We're on the home straight," Professor Harrison said.

Since 2006, the trial has screened 9000 candidates. "It is a major achievement on a world level," Professor Harrison said.

Visit stopdiabetes.com.au or Southland Shopping Centre on August 3



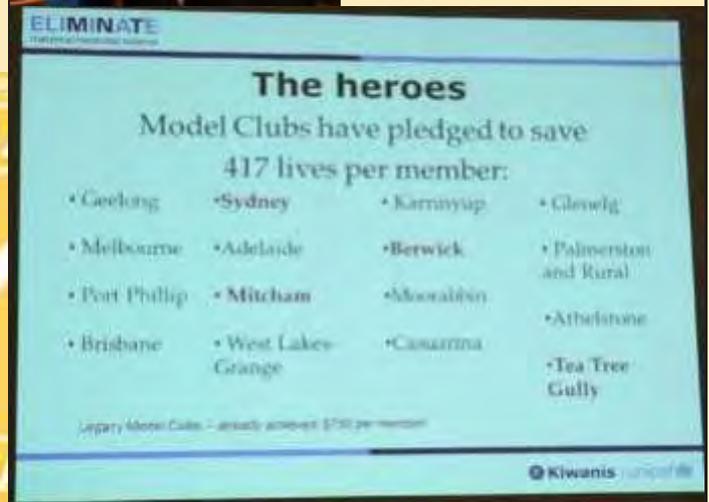
Eliminate

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!

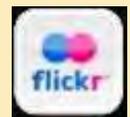


Eliminate Chair Steve Hughes thanks JP Zwinkels—Director Corporate Partnerships UNICEF Australia for his informative and emotive presentation on the progress of the Eliminate campaign and how our dollars are spent.

Below is a recognition of all the clubs who have taken that extra step in supporting Eliminate.



For more information, click on the social media links and Flickr (for images) below, and the articles in the July Kiwanis Magazine on pages 26 and the August Kiwanis Magazine on pages 41 and 42. (also below)



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 June/July or the August edition.

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



25th Birthday for Brisbane

A Fantastic Kiwanis Celebration



Some of the guests arriving at the Anniversary Dinner

Wow what an evening it was for all; Kiwanians came from Melbourne, Sydney, to celebrate with the new and the old members and friends of the Kiwanis Club of

Brisbane who gathered at the Jindalee Bowls club to mark twenty five years of community service.

Chartered on August 6, 1988 the club members have been helping to change not only the world, but also their local communities by raising funds for a wide range of charities for a quarter of a century.



Outgoing Pres Mal with incoming Pres Anita

Ninety one people attended the dinner including two charter members, Mr Brent Walsh and Richard Ingelido who accepted on behalf of Wayne Cole a framed Legion of Honor certificate presented by the Australian District Governor Mr Norm Mc Lennen. Wayne also a charter member and current member of the Brisbane Club was in Newfoundland for a family wedding.

The Governor also presented another of our members, Mr Ivan Bell, with a Legion of Honor certificate. Ivan was also presented with a gold jacket by the Governor elect, Mr John Bromilow, for his contribution to the Kiwanis Foundation.



Gov. Elect John presents the Gold Jacket to Ivan Bell

Our own Lt Governor, Pat McKinney, inducted the incoming

office bearers for 2013 – 2014.



Lt Gov. Pat inducts the new team for 2013-4

- President, Anita Lennox
- Vice President, Steve Smith
- Secretary, Marie Simpson
- And Treasurer, Bev Lancaster

The outgoing President, Mal enlightened the guests to the work Kiwanians have been doing around the globe for almost 100

years, and for the past twenty five years, our own involvement within the local community, Nationally and Internationally.

Cheques with a combined value of \$10,422 were presented to:



Gov. Norm presents a Legion of Honour to Ivan

- The Eliminate Project
- Salvation Army
- Western Suburbs Scouts
- Jindalee Girl Guides
- Project Love & Care
- Heart Kids Australia
- Hummingbird Hospice
- Boanerges Initiative, Uganda
- McIntyre Centre

The Assistant Minister for Child Safety, Tarnya Smith, MP gave an enlightening talk on steps her government is taking to ensure the safety of children in and around Queensland and the great work our members are doing within our community. There may be a role for Kiwanis members to partner with her on projects with kids in the school system.



Richard Ingelido Charter member, accepts a Legion of Honour on behalf of Wayne Cole

Mr Michael Darby, a bush poet, entertained the guest with some fine works from Banjo Patterson and Henry Lawson as they feasted on Tartare of Salmon, Duck liver pate, Sauteed Chicken Breasts and Baby barramundi.

On completion of all formalities, the President elect lead the members onto the dance floor and gyrated to music keeping time with the strobe lighting until midnight when celebrations came to an end.

A great night was had by all Mal



Club News

A Vaccine for Type 1 Diabetes.

Incredible as it may seem, a vaccine to prevent Type 1 diabetes (formerly known as Juvenile Diabetes) relies on a trial being carried out in Australia and New Zealand.

If successful, this vaccine could prevent type 1 diabetes and the need for daily insulin injections in people at risk.

Accordingly, during Diabetes week 14th—20th July, Moorabbin Kiwanis held a public information meeting featuring Prof Leonard Harrison the Chief Investigator of the Trial. One of the press notices appears here. The club saw this as a perfect

opportunity to "Serve the Children of the World" by

Diabetes lecture

Professor Leonard Harrison, from the Walter and Elisa Hall Institute, will talk about the "Type 1 Diabetes prevention Trial" at the Buckingham International Motor Inn, Highett, on July 15 at 7.30pm.

Sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Moorabbin. Open to all. Cost \$15 inc supper.

Details: 9580 2733

from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, which puts the direct health-care expenditure of diabetes at \$1.5 billion for 2008-09.

"Of course, the direct health-care expenditure is just a small part of the total financial cost of diabetes, with individuals, families, employers, businesses and governments also contributing



Professor Harrison describes the Trial and the likely outcomes.



Moorabbin President Allan Lord Welcomes visitors to the presentation on the Type 1 Diabetes Trial.

assisting the Diabetes Vaccine Development Centre and Prof Harrison to recruit the desperately needed volunteers for the Trial. An information and recruitment stand was setup at the busy Southland Shopping Centre on 3rd August. Manned by Moorabbin Kiwanis, Trial team members, and volunteer Students from Brighton Secondary College. Several names were collected, but many more are needed because of the. See the Press release on [Page 17](#).

It was felt by the Club that here was a project that could help Children the world over, and for a change it is not a fundraising project.

The Cost of Diabetes in Australia.

Diabetes Australia today welcomed the latest report

significantly," says Prof Greg Johnson. "This total cost was recently put at \$14.6 billion per year (in 2010 dollars)."

(From a Diabetes Australia Media Release July 2013).

That's for Type 1 & 2 combined, but think what it costs the world, and what a cure for Type 1 would mean to International Healthcare costs.

Following the presentation, Moorabbin and Brighton (VIC) clubs decided that if all Australian Clubs got behind the recruitment of Trial Volunteers then it may be possible to achieve the goal of the Vaccine Development Centre. Clubs can learn about the Trial and its' objectives by visiting the website. [Stop Diabetes Australia](#). Read the release that was sent to all Club Secretaries on 29th July.

This details what is involved in the Trial, and how you as Kiwanians can help eliminate another scourge of the 21st Century. This time without having to raise a single dollar.

If you would like to arrange an information and trial recruitment stand and would like some assistance, then contact AK@kiwanis.org.au, or Phil Riggio <philriggio@ozemail.com.au>.

Alternatively, if you want to download the brochure and trial application form, then click here. [Trial brochure](#).

Tim Vine - Moorabbin Kiwanis.



Club News

Wheelchair Project.



One of the Workshops at Convention was given by Cath O’Loughlin CEO of Childhood Cancer Association inc. to thank Colleen Doran (centre behind the Wheelchair), who initiated a project involving eight Adelaide Kiwanis Clubs who raised \$10,000 for Childhood Cancer. One of 10 custom made small size wheelchairs purchased with this

money is shown here These will be loaned to Children with Cancer for as long as required without charge. The photo above was taken at a morning tea to mark the handover of the ten chairs. The Clubs involved were: Adelaide, Burnside East Adelaide, Mitcham, Murray Bridge, Reedbeds, Reynella, Rostrevor-Campbelltown and West Lakes.

Melbourne Kiwanis Trauma Dolls In demand



Back in December of 2012 after a visit to the village of Mollepata situated in the country of Peru Heather & Bill Craig’s daughter Andréa told the story of the children of the village, in conversation with her tour leader the name of Kiwanis was raised ,asked what a group of Kiwanian’s could do so far away from Peru.



At this village Andréa came to the conclusion that education and health were lacking some what. During the time there Andrea asked what we could do as Kiwanians living so far way, Trauma dolls were spoken of and agreed that

there was a need at the very small medical clinic and would welcome our dolls.



Their use is the same as hospitals here do, but, they stay (the dolls) at the Clinic, as only 12 were taken over they have to be reusable. If we are likely to send more dolls in the coming future, Andréa recommend that they are sent by the Peru Embassy so as to avoid the hassle of gifts entering Peru.

Bill Craig—Melbourne.



Club News

TRIVIA NIGHT SUPPORTS HEARTKIDS

On May 24 the Kiwanis Club of Shepparton held their annual Monster Trivia Night. Approximately 100 “keen Trivia buffs”



headed for St Augustine’s Hall in Shepparton to enjoy a fun evening with compere, Tony Mac, keeping things moving. The initial excited discussion was “What is going to be the name of our team?” Some interesting names were submitted.



Not only were some of us stretched to find the correct answers to the trivia questions but we were also involved in some activities during the evening just to add to the entertainment and to allow the organisers to check the answers and tally up the points.

We were treated to a lovely supper, delivered to each table, as well as nibbles from the commencement of the evening. A team of three were the winners – the other three members went to another trivia night being held in Shepparton. Probably just as well they didn’t turn up!

To add to the funds, several items which were donated, were put up for auction. The bidding was keen for some items with the successful bidders being delighted with their purchases whilst others were disappointed that they just couldn’t find the extra dollar to continue in the bidding race.

A fun night was had by all with HeartKids being the beneficiary.

CATERING TRAILER

In 2011, the Kiwanis Club of Shepparton gained a grant to upgrade their barbeque trailer. As the planning continued, the upgrade expanded and we came with a design to include all items we needed for any catering event. It has a space for the



Bien Marie, the barbeque, sink, tables, water tank, two-burner stove and boxes containing the smaller items. We were fortunate to have two members who put a lot of work into the design and led the project through to completion. Acknowledgement has been given to the builders of the trailer,



LDK Trailers, and the electricians, Trevor Cottrell Electrical. As we head off to catering events we feel assured that all equipment is in the trailer and even at short notice, we can head off knowing that everything needed is in the canary yellow trailer. With Kiwanis very visible on the trailer we are out their advertising. We would just love to be out on the road regularly.

IMPORTANT

- ◇ Link to [Australia Supplies](#)
- ◇ Link to [US Supply House](#) (Note many of these items are available from the Australian Supply House)



KIF Scholarships

Back in our February edition an item appeared, advertising matching Scholarships of \$500 from KIF added to \$500 from Australia District, making a total of \$1000 to a student of a University, TAFE or College, who is a member of an Aktion ,Key, or Circle K club. This scheme was a continuation of the 2011 scheme, and the recipients of the 2011 scheme are referenced here. The first was a member of the



Rachael High (right) and Janine Keulen

Burnside Aktion Club, Rachael High, and Rachael, a Downs Syndrome sufferer received one of the grants to compensate her “Study Buddy”, an essential part of her ability to complete her course. Below, is a copy of her presentation to thank the Adelaide Club.

I would like to thank Janine for asking me to come today and tell you something about myself and the way I have been supported by Kiwanis.

When I was in my late teens, I was doing the *Duke of Edinburgh Award* scheme - you probably know of it - it's a bit like the *Queens Scout*. - Activities, expeditions, challenges.

When I was receiving my Gold Award, an opportunity for a big change in my life arose. The Director in the Award Scheme, Anne Hartnett, asked me if I would be interested in getting involved in the *Up the Hill Project* at Flinders University.

A project that offers a small number of people with an intellectual disability, the opportunity to audit subjects at Flinders University, for three years .

I had no idea what University would be like, but with the support of student mentors (a key part of the project), I thoroughly enjoyed my time there.

You won't be surprised to hear that I tended to focus on Film and Drama subjects.

Three years after I completed the *Up the Hill Project* the senior lecturer in charge of that Project, asked me if I had ever considered attempting the Foundation Course (an alternative way to year 12 to meet the University entrance requirements)

I felt a bit nervous at the idea, but he said , he believed I could do it.

So I enrolled, and for a year spent two nights a week in lectures and tutorials. It was really hard work, and I needed lots of help with the maths, but it all paid off, and I ended up with very good marks for the Course. This qualified me to enrol as an

undergraduate in the Bachelor of Arts degree.

The great day came when I arrived as a 'proper' undergraduate feeling hugely proud and excited, plus a little scared

I have chosen to do only one subject per semester - a quarter of a full-time load. I have chosen subjects linked to Film Studies and Drama Theory, I have now completed my first three semesters and I scored a credit and distinctions in those three subjects. This semester I am studying creative writing

At first it was rather daunting at Flinders University, mainly because it was in a new area I found confusing and difficult to get along with the other students.

I felt a form of isolation through it and that made me even more nervous.

It was really great when I won a grant from Kiwanis so that I could have a study buddy; that study buddy has become my good friend and since then that isolation feeling went. I now feel included, belonged and welcomed at Flinders University. Because she is with me I have got to know more people, I saw some of old high school friends there and as time went by everything went terrifically.

Having a buddy makes a whole lot of difference to my life, I enjoy going to University and learning new things.

I would like thank Kiwanis very much for their generous scholarship because it has made it possible for me to be included in University life and I now feel like any other student.



Bianca Bressanutti

One of the other recipients in 2011 was Bianca Bressanutti a member of the Doncaster Templestowe Eliminate Committee.

Bianca received a grant towards her Bachelor of Science Degree with a major in Psychology at Monash University. Bianca, now a member of Doncaster Templestowe Club was a major contributor to a very

successful Fashion Parade in aid of Eliminate. She helped organize the event along with President Sean Keefe and the rest of the committee, and acted as MC on the day.

The event managed to raise \$3000 for Eliminate.

The other recipient for 2011 was Peta Hofer (member of Karrinyup Club) studying Nursing Certificate 3 in Health Service Certificate,



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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.