Gov's Message for April:

I trust this finds you well and surviving these difficult times: While many of us are now staying at home in reduced or self-isolation, we need to be looking for ways where we as Kiwanians can continue to make a difference.

Kiwanis Clubs around Australia have been sponsoring well over 150 Terrific Kids Schools. Yes, some schools have closed and, or are going to on line learning but let's not lose contact with those teachers and maybe look at ways of continuing to get those Terrific Kids certificates out by way of post etc. What a boost for the young student who has been struggling, to get a certificate and acknowledgement in the letter box!

Other suggestions that have been made are making face masks for local elderly residents, (a little research required there). Several Clubs have contacts with Men's sheds or groups making wooden toys for Christmas. Sure, the Men's shed may have closed, but keep those contacts as there may be a way to continue the project with individuals in their own homes.

Many Kiwanis Clubs are meeting and keeping in touch on line, with some Clubs already conducting their elections. I am aware of several clubs deciding to continue with their same Board of directors for the coming year.

The latest Australian Kiwanian (March edition) thanks to David McNabb has been circulated. Please check to see that all members have been able to access a copy, as I am aware that quite a few would prefer a hard copy to read.

Now for some good news:

The Kiwanis Australian District Bushfire Relief program supporting UNICEF Australia has reached a total of $43,433.73, which includes a most welcome and generous gift donation of $30,376.90 from Kiwanis Japan District and Kiwanis Japan Foundation for this program. These funds will be used by UNICEF as ongoing support for children and families impacted by the devastating fires: Some of these families had been suffering through years of drought, and it is even more important now as the children are not only dealing with the aftermath of the recent fires, but now compounded with issues surrounding the corona virus pandemic. Thanks to all who have supported this appeal, and it is still open through our Australian District Charitable Foundation.

The District Board Meeting in May will be discussing our Kiwanis future directions in this current climate of change: A decision in relation to the Kiwanis Australian District Hahndorf Convention in August will be made re possible postponement or cancellation.
Hang in there, as the needs of Children and Families will be more than ever when we come out of these restrictions.

I have included a message from our International President Daniel Vigneron below.

**We live in a lucky Country**
Please stay safe, keep in contact.

*Ashleigh Gore*
Governor 2019-2020

Daniel Vigneron  
April 5 at 4:14 AM ·  
My dear friends,

I watch the evolution of our world health pandemic with great sadness as we have now lost several Kiwanians to COVID-19.

My thoughts are with their loved ones, and with all of you as we pull together to do all we can to prevent the spread of this virus.

It is very important that we keep in touch.

I have spoken with our Kiwanis leaders around the world over the past few days, so we can keep our communications strong among our members.

We are all learning more about technology and how it allows us to stay in touch and be active.

Please check in on each other to share moral support and lend a hand.

We will continue to have a positive impact with our neighbors and on our communities. As Kiwanians, we would not have it any other way.