



The New Kiwanis Year Begins

October is the start of a new Kiwanis year and President Marg shared these thoughts at the recent Handover meeting:

I am proud to be in this role and look forward to a productive year. To learn last year that our Vice President and very dear friend, Phil Schmaal was gravely ill was very sad. Phil was determined to continue in his role and even at his induction as President, his determination for his beloved Kiwanis was evident. We miss Phil. He was such a genuine good guy and respected by us all. We will always remember him. I would like to thank all members for their kindness towards me as I start this new role.

To the Board members:

Thank you, **Mike Nicholls**, for offering to 'job share' with me so that we could complete Phil's year as President. Mike you have mentored me in the most relaxed way – no fuss, no drama, easy going! Perfect! Lucky me!! (Have you noticed that Mike's shoulders seem straighter and lighter already??)



Anne Stone - you are a brilliant Secretary - our Club is very lucky to have you. I appreciate you continuing as Secretary and I look forward to working with you.

Marianne Noack- our Treasurer thank you – always a busy person but always delivers.

Rory Ellendon - responsible for Youth Projects you do a great job particularly managing Terrific Kids program.

Des Schiller - Human and Spiritual Values – such a kind person to us all who loves to remember all the special milestones in our lives

Lorna Schiller – caterer extraordinaire – known and loved by everyone in The Barossa – nothing is too hard for her – her work ethic is phenomenal

Tom Stone – Programming and Hospitality –there is nothing this man can't do and in fact can pull a quiz night together in a matter of hours.

Thank you to you all for a very good year. The new board welcomes Ev Leske and Mary Mattner.

We are a club of 36 members but membership is not just about numbers. The relaxed style is what attracted us to Kiwanis initially - we were impressed by this and the happiness at the meetings.

The jovial camaraderie amongst the members before and during the meetings and at fundraising opportunities, is evident. We are so fortunate to have the strengths and talents we have in Kiwanis, to seize the opportunities to make a difference to others and to enjoy the journey as we do that.

Opportunity IS EVERYWHERE we just need to see it.

To see opportunity and to not run with it seems a waste. I am not going to change what is a successful working model at Kiwanis Barossa but what I would like to do is to seize opportunities in this next year. The skills and experiences of our members means that we can turn our hands to many different projects. Mike has already shared with you the variety of projects that we have worked at this past year. Lorna keeps those projects coming so we'll never be idle. 😊

There are several opportunities staring at us already:

1. John's Place

John's Place is a youth mentoring programme that along with a community e waste facility gives at-risk and disengaged youth opportunities to learn hands on skills. This is run entirely by volunteers and is currently in Nuriootpa but needs to find a new location by mid next year. Maybe as a combined project of Rotary, Lions and Kiwanis, we could assist in some way during the transition. By pooling our knowledge and experience, the opportunity to make a difference becomes reality.

2. Sir Condor Laucke Oration

I met recently with Sandie Simons from Rotary and we discussed the possibility of all th Barossa Valley service clubs working together to manage the SCLO. We feel it is an enormous task for each individual club and that we could achieve more if we cooperated. With a combined committee we are suggesting that we could hold this wonderful event every 2nd year. We could avoid the same year as the Barossa Airshow and Barossa Vintage Festival.

These are just 2 opportunities that already exist; I am sure there will be many more during the coming year.

What I will do as your President is to protect what is already a success - proudly taking the helm of this happy and productive service club that does make a difference to children whether they are local state interstate or international. Thank you to all members for their energy, kindness and generosity throughout the year. I look forward to working with you all.

Kiwanis Barossa is 38 years old and this is meeting number 803. It truly is a credit to our members that after all those years and all of those meetings Kiwanis Barossa is a strong proactive club that sees opportunity and then does something about it in making a difference in the community.

My Closing Quote:

It's about the value of helping others

A pessimist, they say, sees a glass as being half empty

An optimist sees the same glass as half full

But a giving person sees a glass of water and starts looking for someone who might be thirsty.

Recent Meetings

After the fun and high jinks of August's meetings, our first meeting in September took a more serious turn. Rick Lane, in charge of wellbeing at Nuriootpa High School and also a council member for the Barossa Council, shared his personal story but also helped us all, as Kiwanians vitally interested in youth today, to understand some of the issues facing teenagers in the 21st century. Rick's life experience before teaching - working as a fork lift driver and computer programmer, as well as raising two hearing impaired children - prepared him well for his role in student wellbeing. To learn from someone who works at the coalface with the young was helpful indeed for all members. We thank Rick for sharing his thoughts, and also for bringing his friend, Steve Meyer, along to play guitar and accompany Rick's





vocals. In addition to his work interests he is also a singer in the band Colonel Mustard. The two of them entertained us with renditions of hit songs



“Reckless” and “Daniel.” A big thank you to Tom for interviewing Rick. We all enjoyed this format of presentation and look forward to the next interview coming up soon when Deb interviews Mary about her life journey.

The handover meeting on September 26 was very successful. Below is Tom’s report which featured in the Leader recently:

A New Board for Barossa Kiwanis

Last Thursday evening, 26th September, the Kiwanis Club of the Barossa Valley held its annual Handover Dinner at the Vine Inn, Nuriootpa. The event was well attended by club members, guests from several Adelaide based Kiwanis Clubs, as well as representatives from the Barossa Rotary and Lions service clubs. The Australian Kiwanis Governor Designate, David McNabb, and Division 10 Lt Governor Mike Hepple were special guests on this occasion.

Past President Mike Nicholls opened proceedings with a warm welcome to all and gave a report on the Club’s very active past year, which included raising funds of over \$30,000, through a variety of activities, which was used to support many and varied, mostly local, charities, community organisations and schools.

After our main course, Lt Gov. Mike Hepple thanked the outgoing Board of directors for all their hard work and inducted the new Board of nine club members. Mike Nicholls then presented the incoming president Marg Harris with the Club Charter, gavel and gong.

Marg finished the evening with a heartfelt and passionate speech about the joys of being a member of the Barossa Kiwanis Club, with its focus on supporting the youth in the Barossa and wider communities, and shared some of her visions for the club’s next 12 months.

A warm and friendly evening was enjoyed by all.

BLGFA FINALS



Our finals gatekeeping has finished for another year. As always, this has been a huge commitment for our club and special thanks must go to organiser Mike, ably assisted by David and Margaret in the background and of course the dozens of members who helped out.





Emergency Meals Update from Geoff and Lyn

We have done approx. 40 enjoyable hours of volunteering for Sept 24. The Bearded Cook has started supplying meals again as well as Williamstown Hotel. We have invited helpers Geoff & Chris Redden to our next Meeting on Oct 10. Since June 2023 we have delivered approx.

7000 meals and Kiwanis has made approx. 5000 of those.

Congratulations KIWANIS. It wouldn't happen without your support. What a brilliant effort!

God Bless

Geoff & Lyn Hansen

Des's Caring Corner for October

BIRTHDAYS

Oct 15th - Sue Nicholls

19th - Geoff Hansen

26th - Sherryl Whitehead

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Oct 19th - Marianne & Dennis Noack

MEMBER INDUCTIONS

Oct 4th - Dean Hoklas 1987 - 37 years

20th - Graham Shilton 2005 - 19 years

Get well wishes to Rob van Wijngaart. We trust you'll be back with us soon. I've also spoken with Natalie Schmaal and David Obst who are doing well. Cheers for another year, Des

Lorna's Fundraising Report

VOLUNTEER HOURS for SEPTEMBER

Sept 1st - Cars Coffee Barossa	4p	9.5hrs
14th - Clearing Sale	5p	20
20th - Community Helpers BBQ	4p	12
7th, 14th, 21st, BLGFA	63p	148
TOTAL -		76 people

September 2024 is completed, so another exciting Kiwanis year begins! I love new beginnings, as you never know what is ahead. There are new Fundraising opportunities, new people / children to meet, new challenges, together with lots of fellowship, of course.



Monies raised recently:



Sept - Cars Coffee Barossa - WIND don't forget the wind \$289.85

Clearing Sale at Angaston \$468.80

Community Helpers 25 Anniversary BBQ \$500

BLGFA Final Gates - money will be coming our way.

A great way to finish our Kiwanis year was with the help of many members and friends, especially Prospect Club, Rita and Keith. Huge thanks to all for giving of yourselves



October is already here so it's -

Oct 6 - Cars Coffee Barossa 7:30am - Anne, Tom, Des, Lorna

Oct 6 - Collingrove Hillclimb - Lyn, Geoff, Des, Lorna

Oct. 8 - Probus Picnic Lunch - Sherryl, Rob N, Lyn,

Geoff, Lorna

Nov 3 - Cars Coffee Barossa - Marianne, Chris, Ev, Lorna

Nov 29 - Angaston Christmas Parade

Dec 2 - HeartKids Christmas Party at Bethany Reserve

Let's celebrate the start of a new year, Cheers Lorna



From Kiwanis International

What's your moment?

Kiwanis moments. We've all had them — those experiences that remind us why we joined Kiwanis and help us understand what it means to be a Kiwanian. Moments where a kid discovers their potential, a community comes together and the world becomes a little better.

We asked attendees of the 2024 Kiwanis International Convention in Denver, Colorado, U.S., to share their favourite Kiwanis moments. We'll share them throughout the year, but here's one to start:

"My first Terrific Kids assembly as a brand-new Kiwanian. A little girl smiled at me (with missing teeth) and said 'I've never been terrific before.' My heart melted. I told her she's always been terrific and would always be!" T.M.

What's your Kiwanis moment? We'd love to hear about it! Share it with us by emailing ShareYourStory@kiwanis.org or by replying to this email. It may even be featured in upcoming Kiwanis communications!

Cycling for Kids with Cancer

I've just started tackling the **Great Cycle Challenge** again this year throughout the month of October, along with thousands of riders around Australia. I am hoping to ride 500 kms to raise funds to support the Children's Medical Research Institute, as they continue their work into the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and finding a cure for childhood cancer. **Cancer is the largest single killer of children from disease in Australia – over 600 children are diagnosed with cancer every year and sadly, 3 die every week.**

Kids should be living life, not fighting for it. Kiwanis already puts special effort into assisting childhood cancer research so it makes sense to support this cause. If you would like to support this challenge with a donation, please use this link:

<https://greatcyclechallenge.com.au/Riders/EverardLeske>

I'm happy to accept cash donations too at our meetings on Thursdays if that is preferable.

Thanks Folks

Thanks Sherryl and Peter and Brian and Marg for doing the Driver Reviver over the Long Weekend.

Gomersal Road Report

A big thank you to Robert for bringing his spray plant down to Gomersal Road to spray out weeds amongst the plantings. With a little help from the lads, (Des, David and Ev) the rest area is looking great.



Vale John Miegel



One of Barossa Kiwanis Club's founding members, John Miegel, passed away on Saturday September 21. His funeral was on Friday, September 27 at the Gramp Chapel, Tanunda. Long standing members remember John for his enthusiasm for the Club and his welcoming spirit. Our thoughts and prayers are with Lois and his family.

What's coming up?

October 10	Louise Hickingbotham and Janine Harding from Barossa Council will be guest speakers at our next meeting, speaking about a student exchange program with the Barossa's sister city in Texas.
October 24	Young Barossa achiever Sam Doering will speak about the Rural Ambassador program.
November 7	Board Meeting

Regular dinner meetings 6.30 for 7.00 pm at the Vine Inn Nuriootpa. If you can't attend a dinner meeting, please let Chris and Ev know, either by email – ejleske@internode.on.net or mobile for calls and texts 0428337132. New number for a new Kiwanis year!

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