



## Belgian Kiwanians visit the Barossa

Last Sunday morning's regular "Cars and Coffee" fundraiser took on special significance for the workers on deck when a couple of Kiwanians from Belgium visited our stall and said hullo. The picture here reflects the pleasure and surprise we all felt at this unexpected meeting. The couple, who spoke excellent English, liked our hats so much they even borrowed one! We



hope they enjoyed our bacon and egg sandwiches! PS Our Belgian visitor (centre) is named Geert Hayen and, just yesterday, he liked our Facebook page. Thanks Geert!

## Recent Meetings

Our October 10 meeting featured two informative guest speakers: Louise Hickinbotham and Janine Harding. Louise is coordinator of Lutheran Care in the Barossa and she shared some of the areas this crucial organisation is working in currently. Emergency relief is her main focus and she shared how LC is working with Virginia farmers who have lost their jobs because of the fallout from the tomato virus in that area. Another key area is helping foster carers and assisting a mother who is homeless due to domestic violence. After living in a car for two weeks, they



were able to help her find accommodation in a caravan park, leading to a job offer and now a proper home. Lutheran Care's annual Christmas hamper program is gearing up and Kiwanis is providing a sausage sizzle for those

waiting for hampers. Janine works for the Barossa Council and has been in that area for 35 years. Her current focus is our sister city relationship with the town of Grapevine in Texas. We learnt there is a Kiwanis Club there which we may be able to make contact with. Grapevine has a lot in common with the Barossa and a student exchange program is being planned. It is hoped we may be able to help support fundraising for any low-income Barossa students who may be keen to join the exchange

party. We also enjoyed having Geoff and Chris Redden as our guests that evening. They have been helping Geoff and Lyn with emergency meal deliveries. Thanks Geoff and Chris.



Our second meeting for the month featured a young local who is going places. Sam Doering, who grew up in the region, shared his experiences of the Rural Ambassadors program, which is designed to promote and reinvigorate the country shows of SA and the Royal Adelaide Show so that they continue to draw in younger members of the community. His presentation featured many country shows he has been visiting. He came second in the Ambassadors competition. The top three winners all won a month-long overseas trip to investigate farming in a different part of the world, so the trio are busily working out their major destination. This is not the only award Sam has won lately. Back in May, he was awarded The SA Emerging Historian award following his production of two local history



books about the Eudunda area. He has also been named on the shortlist of the 2025 SA Literary Fellowships. Five awards are being given and there are 12 on the short list. The winners will be announced on November 7. Sam also shared that he will begin PhD studies in History at Flinders University next year which will involve 12 months study in Berlin. Currently he is also working as a tour guide at historic Anlaby Station near Kapunda. Sam's enthusiasm for country regions was very apparent in his excellent presentation to the Club.

# Emergency Meals Update from Geoff and Lyn

Geoff's latest report on the Emergency Meals program:

"We have done approx. 60 enjoyable hours of volunteering during the month of October. Louise from Lutheran Care spread the "Love" again by offering us all the food products we could collect from a house which was vacated due to a death in the community. The family who offered us the provisions, said there were more products than Foodland and they were pretty close! With the help of Lorna, we managed to clean it up and now have enough cans etc. for about 24 months of cooking. This has really restocked the pantry. We have also been invited to a Church Expo, called "I See". We will chat with the organisers to find out what they expect."

God Bless  
Geoff & Lyn Hansen

## Did you know?



1. Dear Kiwanis friend Kari Lindsay designed and created several of the magnificent floats in Saturday's Christmas Pageant. Kari got lots of mentions on the Pageant commentary and deserves our congratulations. These photos are of Kari's new creations "Kumanga Malturri Apinthe" and "Shaping our Wonderful World - Diversity."



2. This year's Two Feet & A Heartbeat walks raised an incredible **\$460,000+** with **6,700+** **participants** across **32 locations** throughout Australia! HeartKids is now able to support even more children and families impacted by childhood-onset heart disease (CoHD). We look forward to our HeartKids Christmas party coming up on December 2.

# Des's Caring Corner for November

## BIRTHDAYS

Nov 4 - Peter Atyeo

Nov 11 - Belinda Anderson

Nov 24 - David Hodge

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Nov 13 - Lorna & Des

## MEMBERSHIP INDUCTIONS

Nov 7 - Robert Nitschke 2008 - 16 years

Nov 24 - Lyn Albrecht 2022 – 2 years

As a Kiwanis Club we also congratulate our inaugural President, David Obst, on his amazing achievements in leading the Barossa CO-OP for 22 years, to what it is today. Well done David!

## Lorna's Fundraising Report

It must be close to the end of the calendar year soon, as fundraising opportunities are revving up!

**October** - Cars Coffee Barossa + Collingrove Hillclimb \$767:76

- Probus Picnic Lunch \$ 739:73

Thanks to my helpers for these events.

But there's always more .....

### November

Nov 3- CARS COFFEE BAROSSA 7:30 Chris, Ev, Marianne, Lorna

Nov 20 - LITTLE ATHLETICS GRANDPARENTS DAY 4:30pm NURIOOTPA HIGH OVAL BBQ trailer, Geoff/ David. Helpers: Mike, Lyn, Mary, Deb, Marg/Brian, Sherryl, Lorna

Nov 29 - ANGASTON CHRISTMAS PARADE- Thanks to those already offering their time, a roster will be organised soon.

### December

Dec 1 - CARS COFFEE BAROSSA 7:30am Deb, Mary, Mike, Lorna

Dec 2 - HEARTKIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY 3:30pm Bethany Reserve.

You are all welcome to come, but please let me know for catering purposes. This is an alcohol-free event.

Dec 6 - BAROSSA CHRISTMAS PARADE

Dec 15 - HAMPER PACKING PREPARATION.

Dec 19 - HAMPER DISTRIBUTION DAY BBQ

There is more happening next year, so let's enjoy Christmas, but we have many opportunities in the New Year. You'll hear from me at the next meeting. Cheers, Lorna



## Cycling for Kids with Cancer

Thanks to all Kiwanians who supported my ride in the **Great Cycle Challenge so generously**. I managed to complete the 500 km ride. In all, 1,159,431 kms were ridden by entrants across Australia and \$3,254,147 has been raised so far to fight childhood cancer. They are still accepting donations, so feel free to contribute via this link:

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

# Gomersal Road News



A big thank you to Lorna and Des for their hard work weeding at Gomersal Road. The area continues to flourish. Check out their photos below.



**I signed up for an exercise class and was told to wear loose fitting clothing...**

**If I HAD any loose fitting clothing, I wouldn't have signed up to begin with.**

## Funnies

**Nurse came in and said Doc, there's a man in the waiting room who thinks he's invisible, what should i tell him? The doctor said Tell him I can't see him today.**

**Today's 3-year-olds can turn on laptops and use apps.**

**When I was 3, I ate mud.**


**This morning, I accidentally changed the GPS Voice to "Male." Now it just says, "It's around here somewhere. Keep driving."**

# What's coming up?


November 7	Board Meeting at the Schillers, 7 Bernkastel Court
November 14	Rebecca Reynolds, co-convenor of the 2025 Barossa Vintage Festival will tell us about the exciting plans for next year's celebration from April 23-26
November 28	A visit to Dennis and Marianne's place at Keyneton 118 North Rhine Road, Keyneton BYO drinks, glass and chair. Meal: \$10
December 2	HeartKids Christmas Party 3.30pm Bethany Reserve
December 12	Christmas Break up at the Vine Inn

Regular dinner meetings are at 6.30 for 7.00 pm at the Vine Inn, Murray St. Nuriootpa. If you can't attend a dinner meeting, please let Chris and Ev know, either by email – [ejleske@internode.on.net](mailto:ejleske@internode.on.net) or mobile for calls and texts 0428337132.

PS: We have run out presentation boxes for the wine and Kiwanis glass we give to our guests. Can anyone tell me where we got these containers from? They aren't sold by Northland Packaging so I'm not sure where else to look. Let me know at [ejleske@gmail.com](mailto:ejleske@gmail.com)



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Have you seen Mike's Kiwanis business card? Have you used one yet to promote our Club? See Mike to get a copy and see how quickly you can get it out to a friend.

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