



The annual HeartKids Christmas party goes off with a bang



when Tom organised some great impromptu indoor games for the kids and parents. Lorna’s magnificent meal for the families – and for the lucky Kiwanians present, as well as the three HeartKids staff from Adelaide – was enjoyed by all.

This also happened to be the tenth anniversary of these events, a real milestone for our Club and something to be proud of. We have seen several of the local HeartKids grow into young adults over the years - a wonderful development we hadn’t thought of before. Following the meal all was ready for Santa’s arrival.

Jim’s superb, bright red Model A Ford, appropriately called “Scarlet,” carried Santa to the front door and soon the huge hampers Lorna prepared for each family were presented. Kari brought the throne from the recent Christmas pageant in Adelaide along, with a beautifully painted Christmas Koala and Echidna to add to the colour of the day. Thanks Kari. Special thanks to Lorna for overseeing this event. In the midst of the busy Christmas build up



she carried it off with aplomb. This year we provided a bit of Christmas cheer for nine young HeartKids and 16 other family members.

On Monday December 2, the Kiwanis Club of the Barossa proudly presented its now traditional Christmas party for local HeartKids. The venue shifted from the Bethany Reserve to the Langmeil Centre, because of weather concerns, but the setting worked out beautifully, especially





Recent Meetings

Our November 14 meeting was an information sharing session provided by Rebecca Reynolds, one of the conveners of the 2025 Barossa Vintage Festival. Bec. gave us a few insights into the new program, which includes old favourites like the parade, Ziegenmarkt and Step Back in Time, while reviving the Tanunda oval finale to the parade, and the traditional grape stomping. New events include the gridiron demonstration by the Rams rugby club and the “Big Sing” gathering. Jim passed on our thanks to Rebecca who brought husband David along as well. Thanks Bec.



Our November 28 meeting took us out on the road to Keyneton, where Marianne and Dennis hosted us warmly at their new place not far from Henschke wines. They provided us with a tour of the house and the extensive garden and opened up their shed for our delicious bratwurst buns and rice pudding and fruit for dessert. Thanks Lorna. It was great to have special guests, Christine and Emeile along. We think they would make great new club members! It was



lovely having David Obst join us too. Special thanks to Dennis and Marianne for their hospitality.



Our final meeting for the year was our Christmas break up. Just for a change we recruited the



KaDenCe Barbershop Quartet to sing a few golden oldies and lead us in some carol singing for Christmas. The highlight for the evening was a special presentation by Robert Nitschke's granddaughter Isabelle. Some weeks ago, Robert visited her class to talk about volunteering and to feature the work done by Kiwanis for children. Isabelle and her friends – Lily, Harry, and Indy – chose to organise a fundraiser for Kiwanis. Teachers accepted this proposal and the group sold lemonade at recess time raising \$185, which they requested be used to support HeartKids. Isabelle and her sister Audrey handed over the proceeds and the Club will happily hand it on to HeartKids. With help from Robert, the Club prepared special certificates for each student and handed them

over to Isabelle. Thanks Isabelle, Lily, Harry, Indy, Robert and also St. Jakobi Lutheran School for this great project. As Isabelle said, "we are very proud to hand our donation over to Kiwanis, especially after learning how important you are to the community"



Terrific Kids Update

We now have 10 schools on our list of Terrific Kids schools this year, with St Jakobi Lutheran School, Lyndoch, joining us. This week will see the last of the presentations for 2024. A huge thank you must go to all those, who have made it happen. Our presenters include Jim Ellis, Ev and Chris Leske, Tom and Anne Stone, Marianne and Dennis Noack. An extra special thank you must go to Marianne for her exemplary preparation and printing of certificates, book stickers and book marks under short timelines. In all, a wonderful team effort.

Rory (Youth Projects)

PS And thanks to Rory for all his patient organising and following up with schools and Principals.

Emergency Meals Report from Geoff and Lyn

Howdy,

We have done approx. 40 enjoyable hours of volunteering up until Nov. 24.

The Bearded Cook have been busy and on sick leave, but hope to be back on deck in new year.

Williamstown Hotel had a very busy period and rang Friday to say freezer is full.

With the help of Lorna, Des, Lou, and Chris we managed to keep up with supplies.

Geoff and Chris Redden do the deliveries every second week and supply some meals those weeks too. We have accepted an invitation to the first Community Christmas Expo at the I-See Church on Dec. 16, 2024 from 10am to 1pm.

We hope to have some posters done that showcase what Kiwanis is about and what we do for the community. We'll also give away a few sausages to the hungry.

We have sent out the message that EFM will be closed from Dec. 13, 2024 to Jan. 6, 2025. Lorna will be our contact in a crisis. Some have ordered in more meals to cover that absence.

We are going on a 10-day cruise out of Sydney (no cooking) over Christmas.

If we don't see you before, have a Blessed CHRISTmas

Geoff & Lyn Hansen

Did you know?

1. Jason will be doing a special Christmas edition of his Wednesday morning program for BBBfm on Christmas Day. Everyone is invited to listen in – 7am to 9am.
2. Tom and Mike are organising a new pull up banner for use at dinner meetings and other indoor events. Our current banners use the outdated Kiwanis insignia.
3. The Board has approved a new dress shirt for club members to purchase if desired. The Board will subsidise the cost to encourage members to purchase a shirt to use for meetings and other events. More details out next year.
4. At the closing party for Pernod Ricard at Jacob's Creek, our car parking trio Robert, Rory and Graham, not only raised funds for our projects, but also received a bottle of St Hugo's shiraz for their efforts!



Des's Caring Corner for November

Birthdays

Dec 5 Chris Schulz, Dec 6 Narelle Balk, Dec 20 Jim Ellis, Dec 27 Marianne Noack

Wedding Anniversaries

Dec 29 Julie and Dean Hoklas - 45th anniversary

Membership Inductions

Dec 2 Margaret Hodge Dec 2 Glenn Schulz

Lorna's Fundraising Report

Dec 15 - Lutheran Care Hamper preparation, Harris, Hansen, Schiller

Dec 16 - ISee church expo – Hansen, Schiller cooking sausages

Dec 19 - Hamper distribution day at St Petri - Deb, Sherryl, Mike, Lorna

Jan 5 - Cars Coffee Barossa - Marianne, Mike, (Rory/ Des), Lorna

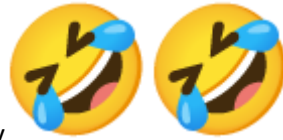
I am very grateful for the many hours of assistance from so many of our members that we could achieve the many and varied means of FUNDRAISING. You are all a blessing to our Club, so may you all enjoy a restful blessed Christmas with family and friends. Rest up, as we have a few "biggies" coming!

Jan 22 - Tour Down Under contact me

Jan 26 - Australia Day Breakfast beverages contact me

April 6 - CCB / Airshow

April 23 - 27 Vintage Festival



I'm in planning mode already

cheers Lorna

Gomersal Road News

The local Christmas bush (bursaria) is flowering again! A big thank you to Lorna and Des for watering at Gomersal Road through this dry period.



Closing thoughts from President Marg.

NOVEMBER is always a busy month and this month has been no exception.

Terrific Kids' Presentations are in full swing in November and are now almost done for another year. It's such a valued program and we thank Rory for all the communications and his persistence in seeing the best outcomes for students.

We were privileged to be a part of the Angaston Christmas Parade with a catering tent that was supported and appreciated by the community. The parade was described as a good old-fashioned parade and the locals loved it. Perfect weather and good support from many businesses made the night a success. Thank you to all from Kiwanis who helped on the night and to Lorna and team for the catering organisation.

It was a joy to see the delight of the HeartKids and their families at Langmeil Church hall for the annual HeartKids' Christmas party. Tom was the 'games maestro' and had the children involved from the moment they walked in. The parents showed much appreciation and we felt that the effort of putting on the event was well worth it. The location really enabled everyone to be involved and have fun.

Geoff and Lyn Hansen, with their band of willing helpers, continue to smash out meals at every opportunity to those in need in an emergency. Thank you both for such kind and valued work and don't underestimate the value of Kiwanis PR you do with every meal. We truly appreciate you both. Over 8000 meals delivered in 18 months!

It is important that we continue what works well, what it is that makes us happy and fulfilled as volunteers and what continues to provide income for the projects we take on. What is most important is that every member has the opportunity to have a say and forward ideas and suggestions and know that he/she is being heard. Please don't forget to fill in the member survey if you haven't already done so. This helps your board plan and deliver the projects that happen now and in the future.

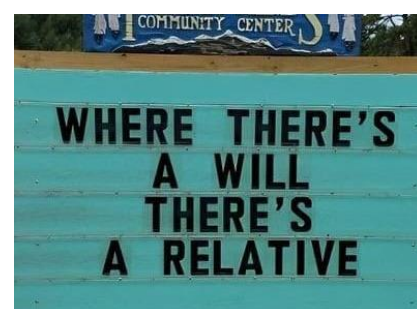
Please don't think your opinion won't matter – it will and it's what makes us tick.

Thank you for your support to those in our Kiwanis family - as a service club we ROCK! 😊

Wishing you a very happy Christmas with your families and friends and a safe and healthy holiday time.

Marg.

Funnies



What's coming up?

January 22 2025	Tour Down Under stall
January 23	First dinner meeting for 2025: Guest- Andy Thurlow, (author) telling us about his connection with the Channel Islands
January 26	Drinks stall at Australia day breakfast
February 6	Board meeting Schillers
February 13	Deb and Mary chat



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 or mobile for calls and texts 0428337132.

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