



Australia Day Award for Geoff and Lyn



Huge congratulations to Geoff and Lyn on receiving the Barossa's Active Citizenship Award for 2024, through their leadership of our Club's emergency meals program. This award is also a tribute to our Club's amazing efforts in taking on this challenge, and organising and delivering the emergency meals and we can't overlook the fact that this has been a great team effort. The significance of this program can't be overestimated. In the current cost of living crisis, Geoff explained that the weekly delivery of meals had risen from an average 50 meals a week, to around 150 meals a week. The coverage in the "Leader" newspaper and then in the Barossa Council's regular newsletter, took this news to a huge audience, adding massively to the Club's standing in the community. Below is the bulk of Geoff's acceptance speech which brought tears to the eyes of Mayor Bim Lange.

Geoff's speech to about 400 people in the Tanunda Show Hall: Jan 26, 2025

With mixed emotions we are honoured and humbled by this award as we love what we do. As Christians we strive to be an example like our servant king Jesus whose birth we celebrated a month ago.

The Emergency Frozen Meals program started at the beginning of Covid when Williamstown Hotel's new owners offered to donate 40 frozen pub style meals a week, for those struggling in the local community. The Barossa Mayor Bim Lange asked the Southern Barossa Alliance (SBA) to coordinate the distribution of meals to the local community.

The SBA noted that the Pastoral care workers at local schools were acutely aware of which young families were in crisis and struggling to feed their children.

During the covid crisis the SBA identified the pilot program needed wider distribution across the Barossa. Early in 2023 the SBA contacted Barossa Kiwanis to see if they were interested in taking over the Emergency relief frozen meals program.

We (Geoff & Lyn Hansen) were interested as it seemed not too hard for us. So, we met up with SBA chairman Simon Taylor and were shown how the program worked. From there we took over and sent out our first text on June 19 2023. At the start, we supplied 20 plus meals a week and as we spread the word amongst Pastoral Care Workers, Schools and charities, this has now grown to 100 per week.

There are so many other people who we think share this award with us.

Huge thanks to:

1. The 24 people that get our text every Monday morning, especially the Pastoral Care Workers at the schools, who do a great service for our children.
2. The 5 charities that we deliver to and work with - Centacare, Christian Community Hub, Barossa Community Kitchen, Impact-Restore store and Lutheran Care

3. The people who supply ready-made meals, including Williamstown Hotel (whose generosity started this program back in covid times), The Bearded Cook, Stockwell who generously came on board soon after, Kiwanis club members – Des, Lorna, Lou, Chris, Deb and Mary
4. Geoff and Chris Redden who help us deliver and also supply meals.
5. The people that generously supply produce, money or discounts for us: Northland Packaging, Greg and Marlene Schubert at Farmer John's, St Petri Lutheran Church's men's shed - Shed Happens, Maggie Beer, Barossa Area Fundraisers for Cancer, Barossa Fruit Shed, The Lions Club, Schools - Robertstown Primary School, Faith Junior College, Rowland Flat Lutheran Church, Barossa Gourmet Catering, Tanunda Liedertafel, Centacare, Barossa Council, Impact Re-store and many generous individuals who give us fruit, vegetables and eggs.
6. Louise at Lutheran Care who has a gift for finding produce for us to use and to share the love with.

THANK YOU.

7. And finally, to our Barossa Kiwanis club whose motto is – **Serving the children of the world.**

It was that motto which drew us to the club. The club has become like an extended family to us. Thank you for supporting us and letting us run with the Emergency Frozen Meals program.

GOD BLESS and THANKS



President Marg's message.



Welcome back to all of our members and particularly our newest members, Chris and Emeile. We are thrilled you have decided to join us – we look forward to enjoying Kiwanian fellowship with you both. I hope everyone is now refreshed after the Christmas New Year break and ready for 2025 activities.

We are super proud of our members Geoff and Lyn Hansen who were awarded The Barossa Council Active Citizenship Award at last week's Australia Day breakfast in Tanunda. No more worthy or humble recipients would you find.

Congratulations and thank you Geoff and Lyn for the incredible job you do for your community. It is exactly what the award is about. The article in Council's newsletter D'Vine is a joy to read.

Your Board is busy planning for some good meetings, great guest speakers and some enjoyable events in 2025.

I look forward to sharing that with you.

Thank you all in advance for your contributions to our great Club.

Marg.



Our January Meeting

January 23 kicked off the 2025 year with a great evening of fun, learning, fellowship and, most of all, the induction of our newbies Christine and Emeile Rabot. Our membership director Mary did a great job of introducing Christine and Emeile and President Marg was on hand to conduct the ceremony. I'm sure club members will go out of their way to make you both feel welcome and thanks, Christine, for helping

out already - with the barbecue at Faith College last week. Then it was on to our guest speaker Andy to share about the Channel Islands, in particular Herm and Guernsey, where Andy grew up. These islands feature in Andy's recent novel "Painting Martha." On hand were Nick and Amanda recently migrated from Jersey to keep Andy honest and to develop the Jersey v Guernsey banter. Thanks, Andy, for your great presentation.



Terrific Kids Update

Last year, it was heartwarming to have Robert's granddaughter telling us about the volunteering efforts in her class and presenting us with a great donation to HeartKids. This group are now to receive their Kiwanis certificates at a school assembly and we hope we can involve the Leader in promoting this event. The photo below shows the Terrific Kids awardees from St Jakobi last year.



Emergency Meals Report from Geoff and Lyn

Howdy,

We have done approx. 40 enjoyable hours of volunteering for January 2025.

Williamstown hotel has decided not to donate meals this year and requested that we pick up the freezer and the 12 meals in it. We thanked them for their generous support. Remember: They started the program. We will cover what they donated reasonable easily, as they averaged out about 50 meals per month. We received the Active Citizenship award for 2025 on Australia Day. (But we would have rather been making coffees and teas!) This promotion has produced results already as we have had a few phone calls about donations of produce from various churches' Harvest Thanksgiving services.

Even people walking past home stop and chat about our Emergency Meals program.

God Bless

Geoff & Lyn Hansen

Thank You

Thanks to the Whiteheads and the Hodges for looking after our Driver reviver slots on the long weekend in January. Maybe a life was saved by this worthwhile work.

Des's Caring Corner for November

DES'S CARING CORNER FOR FEBRUARY

BIRTHDAYS

Feb 5 - Margaret Hodge

6 - Sarah Schiller

22 - Glen Schulz

24 - Margaret Shilton

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Feb 12 - Lyn & Geoff Hansen

23 - Deb & Peter Atyeo

MEMBERSHIP INDUCTIONS

Feb 7 - Lorna & Des Schiller 23 years

10 - Margaret & Brian Harris 2 years

Wishing everyone good health and happiness, Des

Lorna's Fundraising Report

2025 has certainly arrived and January has already disappeared!! This is what happened:

Jan 5 - CARS COFFEE BAROSSA	\$495
22 - TOUR DOWN UNDER	\$1420
24 - FUNERAL WAKE	\$925
26 - AUSTRALIA DAY BEVERAGES	\$1523:50
Feb 2 - CARS COFFEE BAROSSA	\$354
5 - FAITH COLLEGE FAMILY BBQ	wine donated

Huge thanks to the many willing hands for all the above efforts, as it certainly gets our Kiwanis name out into the public.

But there's always more,

Feb 16 - DECLARATION OF VINTAGE, Tanunda Rotunda

- Saturday chair pickup - Lorna

- Sunday 8:15am, flag, marquees, chair set-up 9 helpers please
- Marshalls- Mark, Marianne and Deb
- pack up - 12:15 helpers please

March 2 - CARS COFFEE BAROSSA - Anne, Tom, Mike, Rory

April 6 - CARS COFFEE BAROSSA - Anne, Tom, Mike, Rory

April 6 - BAROSSA AIRSHOW

See you all at the meeting, Cheers Lorna

Recent Activities



Angaston Christmas parade

Lutheran Care's distribution of Christmas hampers



Sausage sizzle for the Tour Down Under

Serving tea and coffee for Australia Day breakfast with the assistance of students fundraising to visit Grapevine Texas with the Barossa Council's delegation





Back row, left to right: George P, Riley, Miyu, George M
 Front row, left to right: Milly (Nuri High School - Agriculture Coordinator (teacher), Maya, Maddison, Arrabella, Nick, Rick Lane (Nuri High School Wellbeing Coordinator (teacher))

Happy coffee pourers



A thank you card from Light Pass Primary



Jason's award for 35 years at Barossa Enterprises



Rob, Lorna and Chris at cars Coffee Barossa

Out and About

A big thank you to the boys (Des and David) for helping to keep the Gomersal Road plants alive in these very dry conditions at the moment. Keep up the good work, boys!



Tom has been busy erecting more Kiwanis “Care for Kids” signs at Tanunda oval.

One of the spin offs from assisting students fundraising to join the team visiting the Barossa’s sister city Grapevine, is that there is a Kiwanis Club just ten minutes away from Grapevine called Southlake Kiwanis. We are making contact with them currently and they seem very similar to us with a membership of about 40 and a Facebook page we are making contact with. Grapevine and Southlake are on the edge of Dallas/Fort Worth Texas, not far from its huge airport.

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Intro
The Southlake Kiwanis are heavily involved with local community youth including providing scholarships, fundraising, mentoring, community service projects benefiting underprivileged youth in Tarrant and surrounding counties.

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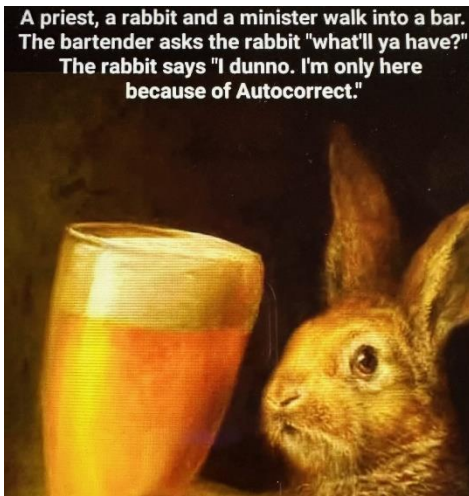
Featured

Southlake Kiwanis
January 12 at 6:07 AM
Thanks again to all our participants for helping make our inaugural Paddles for a Purpose event a success!...

Southlake Kiwanis
March 2, 2023
Click here to join the greatest club in Southlake!

From the Board

1. Tom has ordered two new indoor club banners to give our meetings a modern feel. They should be here before the end of the month.
2. Did you catch the article in the Advertiser about the marvellous work of the Children First Foundation helping children through life saving surgery? This is a major Kiwanis project which we are planning to support and we hope to get a guest speaker to join us soon.
3. We have again entered our HeartKids Christmas party in the signature project competition
4. District Convention is being held on the Murray at Echuca/Moama from Aug.28-31.



Funnies

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.

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.

What's coming up?

February 13	Deb and Mary chat
February 16	Declaration of Vintage Tanunda Rotunda
February 27	Sherryl takes us on a tour of the Orkney Islands
March 6	Board Meeting at the Stones'
March 13	Mayor Bim Lange is our guest.



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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