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## President Marg's message.

It's exciting to know that we as a Kiwanis Club are really defying the trend facing many service clubs - diminishing member numbers. We now have 37 members and Amanda Fry who has attended a few meetings is wanting to join us. We look forward to getting to know her. We also have impending members making contact about coming to future meetings. This is so heartening - we celebrate what it is that brings new members to us. Let's not forget that our current members are enthusiastic about attending meetings and assisting with fundraising. Meeting numbers are consistently high.

This past month we have noted:

Kiwanis District Convention 2025 will be in Echuca 28/8 – 31/8. If you're interested in attending, please see someone from the Board who will have all the details. A few club members are already planning a road trip around those dates.

Geoff and Lyn Hansen have completed 80 hours of volunteering this past month both cooking meals and prepping produce for future meals. A lovely photo of Geoff and Lyn is in the new Barossa Mag released this week. We love their enthusiasm for working so hard for those who need food in emergency circumstances. The program keeps growing and Lyn and Geoff, with Lorna and others, just keep cooking and delivering. Well done, Team; we thank you for your efforts.,

I look forward to seeing you all at the next meeting at the Gomersal Community Hall. Please advise if you will not be attending to assist with catering.

Let's continue to enjoy what we have at Kiwanis Barossa and the community in which we live. Enjoy the huge number of events happening in the next month. It truly is a wonderful place to live, work and play.



## Recent Meetings

February kicked off with one of our home-grown meetings and what a delight it was. Our members Deb and Mary unpacked Mary's life, regaling us with her stories of travel, especially her year in

Thailand as a Rotary exchange student. This experience drove Mary to a life of service and overseas development through both Rotary and Kiwanis, in between teaching and having her kids. Thanks Mary and Deb for sharing this fascinating story.

At our February 27 meeting, we were treated to a talk by our member Sherryl about her 14 year involvement with a UNESCO World Heritage listed archaeological site on the Orkney Islands. After travelling with family in 2011 to the Orkneys, which lie off the north eastern tip of Scotland, Sherryl developed a deep fascination with what is possibly the most prestigious archaeological dig in Europe. Since 2011 she has returned five times for a few weeks in midsummer to work on the ongoing dig at the Ness of Brodgar. The Ness is a strip of land that runs between two lochs on the main island of the Orkneys. It was a meeting place of great importance for the Neolithic (Stone Age) people who lived on the Orkneys at that time and many massive stone buildings were erected, and endured for 75 generations before the site was abandoned and eventually hidden with a covering of soil. The Ness was discovered on a farm property by chance in 2003 and an archaeological dig involving hundreds of experts and volunteers has been ongoing since then.

The Neolithic structures at the Ness of Brodgar are unique and there is evidence from the dig that building began there around 3300 BC and the settlement continued until 2300 BC. Sherryl has very much enjoyed her involvement with the dig where she has worked on small finds and meeting and greeting visitors of whom there are often 1000 a day. Unfortunately, it has been decided to close the dig after 20 years of continual work, as the amount of uncatalogued material and scientific information was becoming overwhelming. It may possibly reopen sometime in the future. Thank you to Sherryl for giving us an insight into a fascinating world many of us would not have been aware of. Sherryl finished with the saying that "if you scratch the surface of Orkney, it bleeds archaeology."



## Other Activities

1. February is always busy with the Declaration of Vintage and 2025 is no exception. A good crowd of helpers turned out making the job much easier. Special thanks to Lorna for collecting chairs and Mark for sorting out all the marquees.





2. Robert completed a pleasant duty by attending the St. Jakobi Lutheran School's assembly at Lyndoch recently and presenting framed certificates to the students – including his granddaughter Isabelle - who raised funds for HeartKids, in recognition of our Club's commitment to this important cause. The culmination of this great educational activity was his announcement that their fundraising total of \$185.30 had been matched by an anonymous donation of the same amount and then boosted by our Club's additional donation of \$1000, bringing the total donation to HeartKids to \$1370.60. What a great combined effort and a great educational activity generated by their teacher Hayley Habermann.



*Robert and Hayley with students Harvey, Lily, Isabelle and Indy (absent).*

3. Our club recently made contact with the Southlake Kiwanis Club in Texas, just a few minutes' drive away from Grapevine, the Barossa's new Sister City connection. President Tracy Ferguson passed on the following message: **"Good day, just wanted to touch base via email so you have my contact information. We are thrilled to help in any way possible with the students' visit.**

**Have a great day".**

**Regards,**

**Tracy Ferguson**

4. Friend of the Club, Efi Tabueno, from the Manila Club, has also been in touch regarding the next ASPAC Conference coming up in Taiwan.
5. Tom has done a great job organising our two new Club banners for indoor use. They certainly look smart. Thanks Tom.
6. **Kiwanis International news:** The 2025 Kiwanis International Signature Project Contest received 514 entries from 43 Kiwanis districts. These projects collectively represent a positive impact on 315,000 kids! For 2025 Australia District's entry in Group 2 is Barossa Club with its HeartKids Christmas Party, where the children and families are treated to a real Christmas experience, complete with Santa arriving in a vintage car.



## Emergency Meals Report from Geoff and Lyn

Howdy,

We have done approx. 80 enjoyable hours of volunteering for Feb 25. A lot of these hours are prepping produce for future use.

We have received Harvest Thanksgiving produce from the following churches:

Zion Lutheran Church – Angaston (Yvonne & Neville Pascoe).

Holy Cross Lutheran Church - Gruenberg, Moculta combined? (Murray Klemm).

Trinity Lutheran Church - Rowland Flat (Angie & Kym Lindner) + money donation.

Springton & Eden Valley Lutheran Churches (Carol Seelinger).

We have also received donations of produce from

Farmer Johns (Greg & Marlene Schubert) (20kg of carrots, 20kgs of onions and pumpkins)

I See Church (Foodbank Left overs).

Lutheran Care

Ian & Margaret Rosenzweig (Eggs)

St Petri - Shed Happens (Leftover BBQ meat)

Thanks letters will be sent to /handed out to donors.

The Bearded Cook is shutting down business and selling off gear.

He also said it was getting harder to get protein for meals.

I think eventually they will stop donating as well, but at the moment we will cover what they make.

God Bless

Geoff & Lyn Hansen

Active Citizens of the Year (With a sly grin)

# Des's Caring Corner for March

## BIRTHDAYS

March 3 - Margaret Ellis  
March 9 - Rory Ellendon  
March 22 - Robert Nitschke

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

March 14 - Narelle & Jason Balk

## MEMBER INDUCTIONS

March 5 - Rob Albrecht	2020
5 - Deb & Peter Atyeo	2020
5 - Lyn & Geoff Hansen	2020
14 - Belinda Anderson	2017
14 - Sarah Schiller	2017

Wishing all good health and lots of happiness, Des



## Lorna's Fundraising Report

February has already disappeared with MARCH also marching on!! Here's some of the happenings of February.

Feb 2 - CARS COFFEE BAROSSA \$354 (The ute was neatly packed for Cars Coffee as the photos show!)

5 - FAITH COLLEGE FAMILY BBQ Wines

16 - DECLARATION OF VINTAGE ??

19 - FUNERAL WAKE \$498.65

MARCH 2 - CARS COFFEE BAROSSA \$439.20

12 - LITTLE ATHLETICS 4:30pm - Mike, Geoff trailer, Lyn, Marg, Brian, David, Lorna + Grapevine students

21 - JURGENS CARAVAN CLUB - Geoff, Lyn, Lorna

29 - TANUNDA TENNIS CLUB - 12noon - David trailer, Marg, Brian, Anne, Tom, Amanda, Sherryl, Lorna.

APRIL 6 - CARS COFFEE BAROSSA 7:30 Mike, Anne, Tom, Rory

6 - BAROSSA AIRSHOW Exciting



Many thanks for the past help, and also in anticipation for the future events. Kiwanis Barossa wouldn't survive without you all!

Cheers, Lorna

## From the Board

1. The Club has donated \$4000 towards the expenses of the 8 Ag. Students who are visiting Grapevine later this year. An additional \$211 went to them for their help selling drinks on Australia Day.
2. The Board has also resolved to support Mark Harris's fundraising for Make a Wish in the Barossa by participating in Stars of Barossa 2025. It was suggested that we make a fun night of it at a club meeting by conducting an auction of items donated by members.
3. Another donation of \$1000 went to HeartKids for their annual Sweetheart Appeal.



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## What's coming up?

March 27	Dinner meeting away from the Vine Inn at the Gomersal Community shed next to Gomersal church, corner of Gomersal Road and Heinrich Road, enter off Heinrich Road. BYO drinks, glasses and \$10 for Kiwanis burgers. No need to bring chairs. Dean will be our guest speaker.
April 3	Board meeting at the Leske residence 95 Langmeil Road Tanunda 7 pm
April 10	Gena Notley and Ainslee Raven from Treasure Boxes in Adelaide will be our guests.
April 24	The return of Mark's quiz night.

Just a reminder that regular dinner meetings are held every second and fourth Thursday of each month - 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. This helps our hosts the Vine Inn with their catering.

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