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## President Marg's message.

Geoff and Lyn Hansen, with help from Lorna and others, have produced and delivered **10,000** meals since the Emergency Meals program's inception 21 months ago. This is an awesome achievement which we should celebrate. Special thanks to all who have contributed to this project over that time. Robert Nitschke has suggested that we enter the program into next year's Kiwanis International Signature Project Competition and the Board agreed this would be a great idea.

Thank you to Ev for editing the Club's newsletter. Not only does it provide a valuable reference tool for club members, but it is read far and wide, connecting us with the wider Kiwanis family and drawing others to us as well.

I had a phone call from incoming Governor of Kiwanis Australia, Steve Hughes from Sydney. He asked if I would consider taking on the role of Lieutenant Governor for Division 10. After I had time to think about it, I declined his invitation. If anyone from our club is interested in this aspect of service to Kiwanis, please let me know and I can pass that on to Steve.

Bill O'Brien contacted me on his retirement recently, to let me know that he and his wife Marilyn would like to join our club. Bill was very impressed with the camaraderie and positive and happy vibes within the room when he visited us as a guest speaker last year.

My thanks to all board members for such collaborative and happy meetings. Thank you to the members for their efforts and how willingly they take on roles and responsibilities. As I drove home from last week's board meeting, I thought how fortunate we are to work together in such a positive and supportive group.

Enjoy this hugely festive Vintage and Sporting atmosphere in our community.



Marg.

## Recent Meetings

We were privileged to have our Barossa mayor as our guest speaker for the first March meeting on March 13. Mayor Lange has spoken before, some years ago, when he reported on his bike ride through the World War I battlefields of France, to commemorate the service of many Australians in that war. This time he reported to us on the progress of the Barossa Park development in preparation for two AFL matches in the Gather Round coming up. Our club is vitally interested in this project because we perform the gatekeeping duties there for all Barossa District home games. Bim reported that we will still only have to work on one main gate and one walk in entrance. He also reported on the new Creative Industries Centre being built around the Barossa Regional Gallery and discussed the

exchange with our sister city Grapevine in Texas. We have made contact with our sister Kiwanis club near Grapevine which is called Southlake Kiwanis Club and are excited that they are keen to build a relationship with us.



On March 27, we took a break from visiting the Vine Inn and headed for the Gomersal Community shed for our meeting. Lorna's Kiwanis burgers were a hit and then Aub, in his inimitable style,

introduced Dean as our guest speaker. His talk about life in the Gomersal area is an attachment to this newsletter for those who missed it. A big thank you to Dean and Julie, Lorna and Aub for the efforts on the night.



## Emergency Meals Report from Geoff and Lyn

We have done approx. 80 enjoyable hours of volunteering for March 25.

Many of these hours are prepping produce for future use.

We have received produce from Lutheran Care and the I SEE Church (Foodbank left overs).

The Pastoral Care worker at Kapunda High School got in contact looking for some meals for a family who has been knocked for six.



As of last week, we have handed out **10,000** Emergency Frozen Meals in 21 months. **Well done KIWANIS.**



Thanks to everyone who has helped. It's sad in a way that there is so much hunger, but a great achievement for Kiwanis. Geoff & Chris Redden are still doing deliveries every second week and have cooked a few frozen meals.

We also went to the Nuriootpa Caravan Park with Des and Lorna to give a speech about Kiwanis and the Emergency Meals Program to the Jurgens Caravan Club.

The Board have approved costs incurred for Jan, Feb & March 2025 which included lots of donations.

## Des's Caring Corner for April

**Birthdays** – April 1<sup>st</sup> – Lyn Albrecht, 4<sup>th</sup>- Des Schiller, 5<sup>th</sup> – Anne Stone and Lyn Hansen, 12<sup>th</sup> – Graham Shilton (the big 80), 13<sup>th</sup> – Lorna Schiller, 18<sup>th</sup> – Rob Van (70) , 26<sup>th</sup> – David Obst (87), Tom Stone

**Wedding Anniversaries** – None in April

**Membership Inductions** – April 4<sup>th</sup> – Ev and Chris Leske 20 years, April 5<sup>th</sup> - Mike (second time around 2018) **Wishing all good health and lots of happiness, Des**

## Lorna's Fundraising Report

	Hrs	P	\$
March 2 – Cars Coffee Barossa	12.5	5	\$439.20
12 – Nuri Little Athletics	24	7	donation - \$500
27 – Gomersal Community Hall meeting	3	1	\$126
29 – Tanunda Tennis presentation	20.5	7	donation - \$500
Gomersal watering- 3 times	9.5	6	
Emergency Meals - 2 times	21	4	
Emergency meals - Hansens	80	2	
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>HOURS = 170.5</b>	<b>32 people</b>	<b>\$565 raised</b>

### Recent events

April 6<sup>th</sup> – Cars, Coffee, Barossa – Mike, Rory, Tom, Anne

April 6<sup>th</sup> - Barossa Air Show – Lorna, Mark M, Marianne, Geoff and Lyn, Louise Ross, Ev and Chris, Henry and Lynda from the Prospect club.



### Upcoming events

April 13<sup>th</sup> – Gather Round Picnic in the Park – Tanunda Oval – Working on the donut stall with Faith JS. If you can help out making donuts on Sunday at the Picnic in the Park at Tanunda Oval, please let Lorna know. Kiwanis will be selling drinks as well.

April 25<sup>th</sup> – Tanunda RSL Anzac breakfast – Geoff and Lyn cooking egg and bacon with the BBQ trailer  
 Cheers, Lorna

**2025 Barossa District Football Club Gate Keeping @ Lyndoch Roster**

**7.30am - 11.30am**

**Saturday May 10th**

**11.15am - 3.15pm**

David                  Margaret                  Marianne                                  Mary                  .....

**Saturday May 31st**

Des                  Lorna                  .....                                  Rory                  Ev                  Chris

**Saturday June 21st**

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**Saturday June 28th**

Des                  Lorna                  .....                                  .....                  .....                  .....

**Saturday July 5th**

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**Saturday August 2nd**

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**Saturday August 9th**

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**Saturday August 23rd**

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***If unable to volunteer, please swap and inform Mike: 0417877213***

# From the Board

1. On March 24<sup>th</sup>, Sue Cooper from the Jurgens Caravan gathering organised a Kiwanis Barossa Raffle @ their Nuriootpa Weekend and \$478 was raised. Lorna reported that it was a most enjoyable event when she, Des Geoff and Lyn went along to speak to the club about our Emergency Meals program.

Lorna, Des, Lyn and Geoff with friends at the Jurgens caravan group gathering



2. Amanda Fry will be inducted as a new member at our April 10th dinner meeting. Mary has updated the member contact list. We will now have a total of 38 members.
3. Mary also reported that Chris Rabot's grandson has been selected to represent Australia in a cheerleading competition in Florida later in the year. The young lad is very committed to his training and has overcome some difficult issues in his life. To help with the costs of attending the competition in the USA, the Board decided that we donate \$500.
4. The Board also decided to donate \$500 towards Mark Harris's fundraising for Make a Wish through their "Stars of Barossa 2025" activity in August. We are hoping to have Mark as a guest speaker at one of our future meetings.
5. **A Nominations committee has been appointed to assemble the new Board for 2025/26. Please consider whether you can take a role, either large or small, on the Board next year. It's great to have new ideas and new contributions.**
6. Already, six members are planning to attend the Kiwanis convention this year – August 28-31. For more information, speak to a Board member.



**KIWANIS DISTRICT CONVENTION 2025**  
 August 28th—31st 2025 Echuca– Moama  
 Venue– Moama Bowling Club, 6 Shaw Street, Moama

## What's coming up?

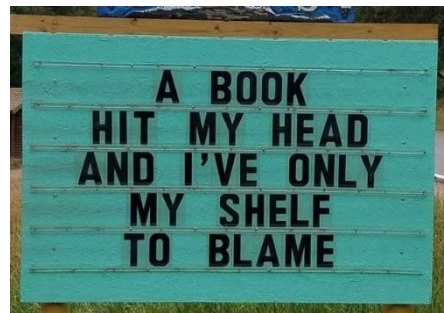
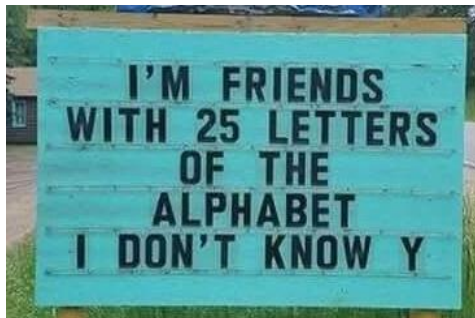
April 10	Gena Notley and Ainslee Raven from Treasure Boxes in Adelaide will be our guests. We will also welcome Amanda into membership.
April 24	The return of Mark's quiz night.

May 8	Nick Fry tells the story of his book about a plane crash on Jersey in 1965.
May 22	Grief Counsellor Fleur Tucker shares about her work.



Air Show fundraising

## Funnies



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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