



# Kiwaniis<sup>®</sup>

## CLUB OF SYDNEY

# Newsletter

**February March 2025**

#Kids need Kiwanis#

Kids are curious, lovable and hilarious. They are also wild, impatient and vulnerable. Kiwanis is looking out for kids in every corner of the globe with more than 400,000 volunteers who serve their communities through local clubs.

*The smallest act of charity can ignite a fire of hope.*

– Leo Evans

## Signature Project – Comfort Care Cases

In the January Newsletter I reported that Kiwanis Sydney had submitted its Signature Project of Comfort Care Cases at Sydney Children’s Hospital Randwick to the Kiwanis International contest.

Kiwanis International has emailed us yesterday.

*“Congratulations! Your club is a Top 10 Finalist in Group 1 for the 2025 Signature Project Contest!*

*After many rounds of evaluation, your club was one of ten selected from more than 500 outstanding contest entries.*

*We are inspired and motivated by the incredibly impactful and meaningful work you do. Thankyou for your time and commitment to Kiwanis and to your communities, in the collective effort to make a positive change in the present and the future.”*

The project provides 8 cases of resources, including books that are aimed at trying to give some comfort to children who are at “end of life” through serious illness or injury. It also helps the family members cope, allowing the child and the family to create lasting memories.

Five Kiwanis Sydney members; Steve, Cathy, Angelique, Mark and Jeff are attending the Kiwanis International Convention in Pittsburgh in late June. I am sure they will let people know about our project. Especially if our project is selected among the 3 winners, I am sure they will know we are there.



## Anthony Mastoroudes as new member!

Kiwanis Sydney is delighted to welcome Anthony as the newest member of Kiwanis Sydney. Anthony has helped Kiwanis Sydney with IT matters and manned our Bunnings barbeques over the years.

We will induct Anthony at our April meeting and report more then.

## Bowls Day!

Instead of our usual meeting in February, Kiwanis Sydney organised a bare foot bowls day at Pennant Hills Bowling Club.

We had 11 people come along and all had a great day. Maybe the standard of the bowls wasn't that good, but it did bring out the competitiveness in some. It was a great opportunity to meet members families and learn about each other in a social setting.



## Kiwanis Mini Convention at Tea Gardens



### Naz and Belinda - Training Session

Governor Div 2 Naz, Governor Elect Steve and Cathy, Angelique, Belinda, Heidi, Jeff and Dave all attending.

Friday evening started with Trivia, which was eventful with a blackout for an hour in the venue. However, the show carried on with the reduced emergency lighting. Saturday morning was the business session. Naz was re-elected for a second term as Lieutenant Governor Div 2, 2025-26. **Congratulations to Naz!**

At the end of February, Kiwanis Division 2 held its annual Mini Convention. Convention is a loose description as it primarily focuses on fellowship and fun.

Again, we had all the clubs of Sydney, Newcastle, East Maitland, Brisbane and Beachside-Newcastle represented from Division 2. We also had Governor David McNabb and his wife Kerry attend from Prospect in Adelaide, and Tony and Pauline Gunn from Port Phillip in Melbourne.

Governor David gave an address on how Kiwanis is going in Australia and what we need to do is grow, to be able to serve the children of the world. He also espoused his catch phrase of "let's put the fun back into fundraising".

Kiwanis Sydney was well represented with Lieutenant



### Saturday Night "Out of the Jungle"



### Naz at Disc Bowls

Ray Behn from Brisbane was elected to follow Naz as Lieutenant Governor 2026-27. This is great news that we have succession with new people leading the Division.

Naz, Belinda, Steve and Tony then conducted some training and interaction sessions in ageism and culture in our clubs, Two for Two as a growth strategy for clubs, club collaboration through success stories and what do you know about Kiwanis? Most commented that it was the best session conducted in quite a while.

Saturday afternoon saw the usual disc bowls games take place, all vying for the coveted “Sunshine Cup”. The eventual winners were Naz and Steve from Kiwanis Sydney.

Saturday night was the themed dinner and this year’s theme was “Out of the Jungle”. Bryan and Gaile and their helpers put on a dinner to suit, and the hall was decorated with the jungle theme. It was great to see the costumes that people came up with. A lot of fun!

East Maitland cooked up bacon and egg burgers for all on Sunday morning before everyone returned home. Thanks Bryan, Gaile and all the others who helped to make the weekend a success with fellowship and fun.



**Mary as zebra**



**Dave and Heidi**



**Belinda as lion**



**Pauline and Kerry**



**David as flamingo**



**Naz and Kerri Birthday**

## ASPAC Convention in Kaohsiung

Between 13<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March the ASPAC Convention was held in Kaohsiung, Taiwan. The convention had 2,900 registered attendees with over 2,000 Kiwanians from Taiwan and over 500 coming from other ASPAC Districts and from Kiwanis International. There were 177 delegates in the House of Delegates sessions. Kiwanians came from Australia, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Nepal, New Zealand and South Pacific, Philippines Luzon, Philippines South, Taiwan, Guam, Pakistan, Vietnam, USA, Iceland and Luxembourg.

Preceding the convention the incoming executive teams for the ASPAC Districts were invited to attend two days of training and planning for 2025-26. From Australia Governor Elect Steve, Governor David, District Secretary Kavitha and Membership Chair Tony attended.



The Convention started with the requisite and “long” ASPAC Board Meeting on the Friday. Saturday morning was a Leadership Summit open to club leaders which Naz, Belinda, Cathy and Steve attended. Australia setup a display of Australian clubs, although our display paled alongside the extensive displays of most districts. There were awards for best service projects, best photo display, best murals in your community, best cultural display and several other categories. Australia did collect a Platinum Club banner patch for Glenelg Club having more than 50 members (they have 55 members).

On Saturday afternoon was the opening ceremony which featured the Vice President Taiwan Hsiao Bi-khim who welcomed us to Taiwan and recognised the valuable work that Kiwanis does for communities. Other speakers included the Mayor of Kaohsiung, Governor Kiwanis Taiwan, ASPAC Chair, KI President Lee Kuan Yong and the KCF President.

There were performances by Kiwanian dancers and a drumming group. There was an impressive conversation role play between two K-Kids members (primary school), about what they do and why they like it.

That night we were treated to 300 lit drones in the night sky displaying many pictures including “2025 Kiwanis” and “ASPAC Taiwan”. An impressive fireworks show followed the drones. A banquet of 11 courses followed with a gala night of entertainment.

Sunday was the House of Delegates sessions to hear reports from all the districts and nations and elect the ASPAC leadership and KI Trustee for 2025-26. The elected members were Michelle Cordioli as ASPAC Chair, Michael Chiew as Chair Elect, Evangeline (Gigi) Chan Chu as Vice Chair and Shinichi Yoshikuni as KI Trustee. The afternoon House of Delegates session was to approve a new set of ASPAC Bylaws to allow them to register as an association and be able to receive an annual grant from KI to perform some growth and training activities in the region. This session was not easy with some not having read the documentation to understand the changes. However, after a very extended time the new ASPAC Bylaws were accepted.

We ended the convention with another banquet, and making and renewing lots of Kiwanis acquaintances.

We had some time after the convention to do sightseeing. We were impressed with the transport systems including the bullet train, the food, the cleanliness, safety and the impressive buildings.





**Governor's photos in entry**



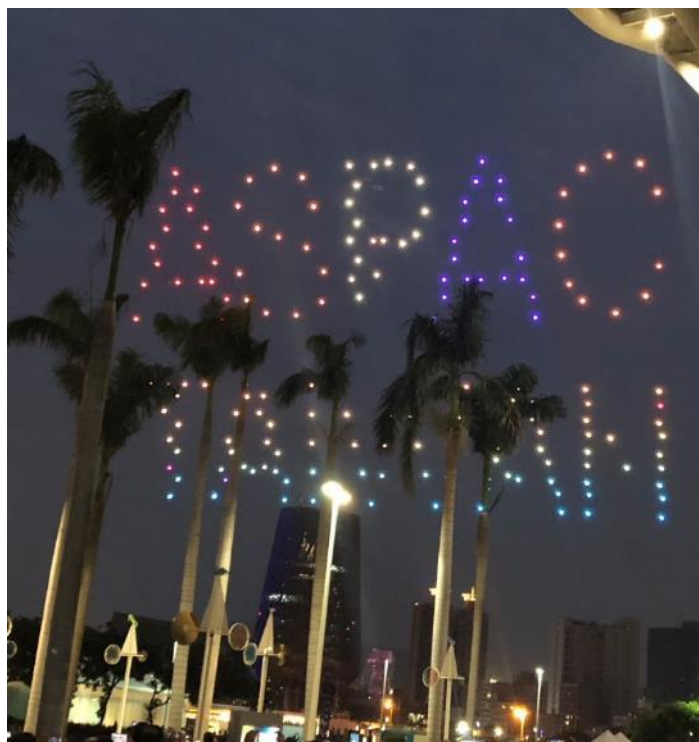
**Banquet Hall**



**Steve with other ASPAC Governor Elects**



**Opening Ceremony**



**Drone Show with 300 drones**

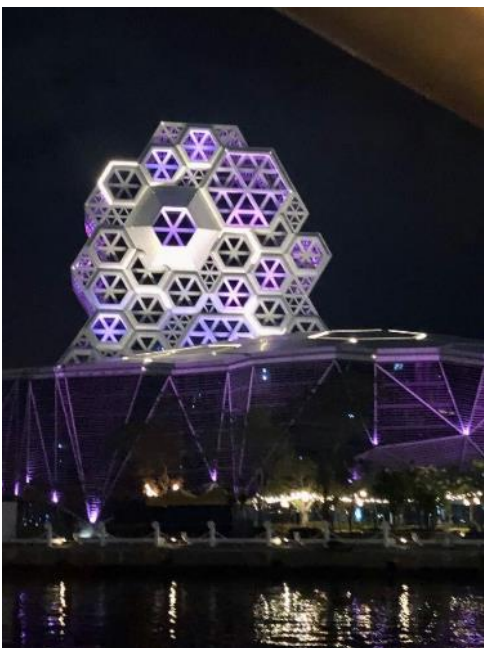


**Dome of Light in Railway Station**



**Winning Japan Cultural Display**

**ASPAC Board**



**Music Hall in Kaohsiung**

**Cathy and Belinda**

## Bunnings Barbeque

Our February and March Bunnings barbeques were again very successful. It was great to have extra help on the midday shift.

The donations “pot” was for HeartKids Sweetheart Day and the donations for this cause raised \$120.



## Aktion Club – looking for members!

[www.aktionclub.org](http://www.aktionclub.org)

Kiwanis Sydney wants to sponsor a new Aktion Club and we are looking for potential members. Members with a disability will be part of their own club to fundraise and perform work in the community to help others in need. The Aktion Club will also organise their own social activities to get to know other members and have fun. Kiwanis Sydney members support the club.



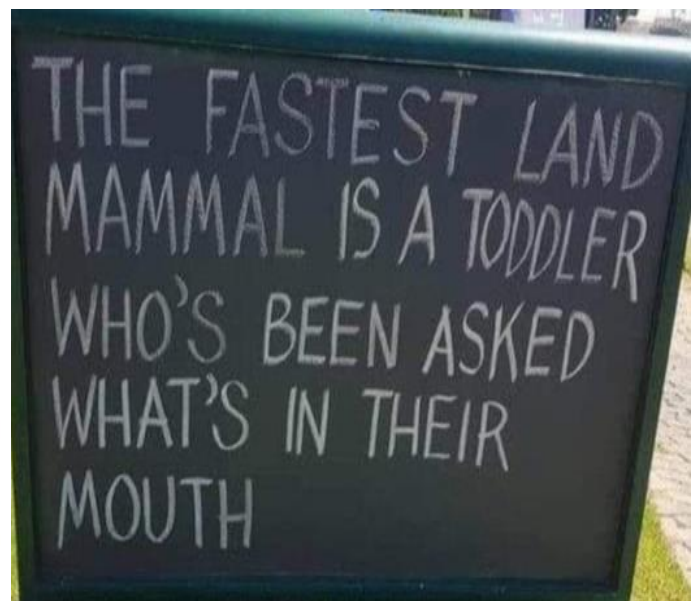
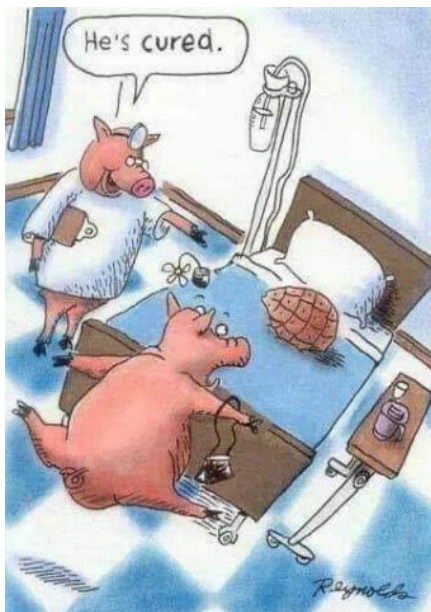
If you know of someone who might like to be part of, or benefit from this club, then please contact us at [sydney@kiwanis.org.au](mailto:sydney@kiwanis.org.au).

## #Kids need Kiwanis!

Do you want to help kids? Kiwanis Sydney needs your help to continue our work in the local, Australian and world communities. Come along, obligation free, to one of our monthly meetings, or a Bunnings barbeque to meet the team, or simply meet with one of our members over a coffee and hear about what we do and how you can help. You will meet new friends and get that warm feeling from helping kids in Sydney Children's Hospital, HeartKids, Sir Eric Woodward School, Nepal or others. Contact us at [sydney@kiwanis.org.au](mailto:sydney@kiwanis.org.au)

Hope you enjoyed the newsletter. If you have an article to include in future newsletters, please forward to [sydney@kiwanis.org.au](mailto:sydney@kiwanis.org.au)

## Joke Corner



## Events Coming Up: 2025

**Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Apr 2025** - SEWS Terrific Kids Presentations – 9.30am Ayres Rd. St Ives

**Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Apr 2025** - Kiwanis Sydney Meeting 7pm – Pennant Hills Library

**Sat 12<sup>th</sup> Apr 2025** - Bunnings BBQ Artarmon - 8.30am to 4.00pm – Reserve Rd Artarmon

**Sat 10<sup>th</sup> May 2025** – Mother’s Day Cake Stall – 9am to 3pm – Bunnings Dural, New Line Rd, Dural

**Sat 10<sup>th</sup> May 2025** – Caroline Chisholm Nursing Home – Mother’s Day flowers and cards

**Tues 13<sup>th</sup> May 2025** - Kiwanis Sydney Meeting 7pm – Pennant Hills Library

**Sat-Sun 24-25<sup>th</sup> May** – Kiwanis Australia Training Day and Board Meeting in Adelaide.

**Sat 24<sup>th</sup> May 2025** - Bunnings BBQ Artarmon - 8.30am to 4.00pm – Reserve Rd Artarmon

**Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Jun 2025** - Kiwanis Sydney Meeting 7pm – Pennant Hills Library

**Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Jun 2025** - Bunnings BBQ Artarmon - 8.30am to 4.00pm – Reserve Rd Artarmon

**Wed-Sat 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> Jun 2025** Kiwanis Convention 2025 Pittsburgh “Forge the Future”

**Thu-Sun 28-31<sup>st</sup> August** – Kiwanis Australia Convention in Echuca-Moama

<b>Deserving Causes Kiwanis Sydney has helped</b>	2023-24	2024-25
Sydney Children's Hospital Randwick - Comfort Care Cases	✓	
Sir Eric Woodward School - Terrific Kids and vege pods for gardening	✓	✓
Broderick Gillawarna School – Terrific Kids, Fun Day and Formal	✓	✓
Warrah Specialist School – Terrific Kids, loom support and sensory equipment	✓	✓
Lidcombe Public School - Back to school packs & sensory toys. Vege Pods for growing vegetables	✓	✓
Children First Foundation - life changing medical help for children (District Project thru' KADCF)	✓	✓
HeartKids Australia - research into children's heart disease (District Project thru' KADCF)	✓	✓
HeartKids Two Feet and a HeartBeat, Sweethearts Day, Super Heroes Day and local respite	✓	✓
Aussie Helpers – assisting farmers and their children in need	✓	
Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia in Children (District Project thru' KADCF)	✓	✓
Share the Dignity Bags – for women and children in refuges or doing it tough at Christmas	✓	✓
Rainbow Children's Home Nepal - house and educate orphans	✓	✓
Harding Miller Foundation – part sponsorship of a Yr 9-11 girl for High School studies	✓	✓
Exodus Foundation Rev Bill Crews - helping the homeless	✓	✓
Father Chris Riley’s Youth off the Street	✓	✓
Kiwanis Children's Fund - various worldwide projects – annual club gift	✓	✓
Kiwanis Australia District Charitable Foundation – annual club gift	✓	✓
Caroline Chisholm Nursing Home – Mother’s day cards and flowers	✓	
Caroline Chisholm Nursing Home – Fathers day gifts	✓	
Street Care for Homeless Newcastle – provide clothing and food to homeless	✓	✓
Gunasekara Child Development Centre Sri Lanka	✓	✓
Hands Across the Water - helping 7 childrens homes in tsunami affected Thailand	✓	
Triple B Care Projects - caring for children with burns, cleft lip/palettes, parasites Philippines	✓	
Operation Rainbow Cleft Palate operations by WA Drs in Cebu	✓	✓



## The Objects of Kiwanis International

1. To give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life.
2. To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.
3. To promote the adoption and the application of higher social, business and professional standards.
4. To develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive and serviceable citizenship.
5. To provide, through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service and to build better communities.
6. To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism and good will.

*These Objects were adopted by the House of Delegates at 1924 KI Convention in Denver, Colorado*



Kiwanis Club of Sydney