

## President Marg's Message.

At the Board meeting last Thursday evening, we all recounted what a busy time it has been in the Barossa recently.

Not only an inaugural Barossa held Gather Round, which was an outstanding success, but with the Air Show, Easter, Vintage Festival, Anzac Day and School holidays it has been a jam packed few weeks. This was all combined with Cars Barossa, Little Athletics, Tanunda Tennis Club, Emergency Meals and other caterings. The weather was superb and really encouraged widespread participation. Thank you everyone for being present at so many of the above events. No wonder Kiwanis Barossa is respected and requested when it comes to catering. Thank you, Lorna, for your incredible efforts with steering the catering ship.

Work on the footy gates begins this weekend with the first game to be held at Barossa Park Lyndoch, so we look forward to seeing how our system of 3 people x 2 shifts each game works, as it has done in the past at Williamstown. Thank you, Mike, for managing the roster. We all hope it goes well.

Our meetings are in the planning with some good guest speakers ahead. Thank you to Ev for his work with that. Don't forget if you plan to go to the District Convention in Echuca at the end of August, that you check out the program and book in as soon as you can. It should be a fun few days. Let's hope rain brings some welcome respite to the driest start to the year on record. Records keep tumbling with such an extraordinarily dry spell.

Marg.

## Recent Meetings

Our April 10 meeting focussed on real children's needs as we learnt about the Treasure Boxes program from CEO Gena Notley and her capable assistant Ainslee Raven. Treasure Boxes are a collection of goods which are sold at a moderate cost to families and children in need, from underwear and clothing packs, to toys, school, nappy and toiletry packs. Other essential items like cots and baby capsules are also provided.

Treasure Boxes support children and families in crisis, migrants and refugees, people in remote and rural areas, survivors of domestic violence and people with disabilities. Not surprisingly, this work is right up our Club's alley and we were pleased to contribute \$2000 to the cause. Thanks Gena and



Ainslee for sharing about your important work. A special moment in this meeting was when Mary and President Marg. inducted our newest club member Amanda Fry. Amanda and her husband Nick have only been living in the Barossa a short time, but they have hit the road running and have quickly become part of the community. We also look forward to



next meeting when Nick comes along as our guest speaker. Thanks to Mary for organising the induction and to Chris for sponsoring Amanda.

Our second meeting on April 24 was a change of pace as quiz master Mark asked the questions for Mark's Big Quiz and offside Peter gave out the choccies. Thanks to you both for all the fun and mayhem on the night.



## Des's Caring Corner for May

**Birthdays** – May 13: Dennis Noack

May 17: Brian Harris

**Wedding Anniversaries** – May 16: Mary and Peter Mattner

May 30: Chris and Glen Schulz

**Membership Inductions** – May 18: Rob Van der Wijngaart

May 19: Jason Balk and Anne and Tom Stone

**Wishing all good health and lots of happiness, Des**

## Lorna's Fundraising Report

Did you all get the feeling: what else could be "crammed" into April?? Rest easy, April has disappeared as quickly as it came! May has arrived with the cooler days and nights, so enjoy your log



fire until I maybe tap you on your shoulder, hehe

HUGE thanks to all the different volunteers who helped at the following events. With so much happening, it wasn't always a great money raiser, but the camaraderie was great, so thanks.

April 6 - Cars Coffee Barossa \$393.40  
 6 - Barossa Airshow \$1259.86  
 13 - Gather Round Party in the Park \$268.00 donation to Faith Jnr  
 25 - Tan. RSL Breakfast \$500.00  
 May 4 - CARS COFFEE BAROSSA 7:30am - Deb, Mike, Des, Lorna

**Please! We need help for:**

JUNE 1st - CARS COFFEE BAROSSA 7:30am 3 helpers  
 JUNE 29th - LITTLE ATHLETICS CROSS COUNTRY ? helpers  
 JULY 6th - CARS COFFEE BAROSSA 3 helpers

Until next time, enjoy, enjoy!! cheers Lorna

**Volunteer Hours:**

April 6 - CARS COFFEE BAROSSA	9.5hrs	4p	\$393.40
6 - BAROSSA AIRSHOW	97.5	18	\$1259.86
13- G.R.PARTY IN THE PARK	14	3	Don. Faith Jnr
25 - TAN. RSL BREAKFAST	13	5	\$500:00
GOMERSAL WATERING	6	3	
EMERGENCY MEALS	16	4	

**Footy Gates**

Footy gates – Our first stint on the gates at the new Barossa Park is on May 10<sup>th</sup>. We will be manning two gates, one at the back and one at the front on the main road. We have been asked by the Association to work on the gates on June 7<sup>th</sup> (long weekend) when four inter association games will be played at Barossa Park. This is our biggest fundraising commitment for the year. There are still lots of gaps in the roster so please check your diaries and pick a date when you can help. If you need someone to guide you the first time you use the machine, let Mike know and another member will come along and help out.

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

**7.30am - 11.30am**

**Saturday May 10th**

**11.15am - 3.15pm**

David	Margaret	Marianne	Mary	Peter	Graham
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**Saturday May 31st**

Des	Lorna	Amanda	Rory	Ev	Chris
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**Saturday June 21st**

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**Saturday June 28th**

Des	Lorna	Dennis	Tom	Anne	Rory
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**Saturday July 5th**

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Saturday August 2nd

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Saturday August 9th

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Saturday August 23rd

Tom Anne .....

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

## From the Board

1. Chris Rabot's grandson and his team won Gold in the cheerleading competition in the USA. Congratulations! The family are grateful for our donation.
2. Our AGM to be held on May 22<sup>nd</sup>
3. On April 24<sup>th</sup>, Lorna and Lou helped out at the Texas Grapevine student fundraiser at the Tanunda Rugby ground. The food was ordered by Lorna, paid for by Council and all proceeds went to the students.
4. Robert's bonfire: The bonfire has been postponed due to dry conditions and extension of fire danger period.
5. Mary displayed three formal shirts from Bandicoot Clothing. Marg, Mary and Brian will wear their shirts to the next meeting to show people and Marg will arrange to have several different sizes available to try on. Orders will be taken from those who are interested in purchasing a shirt. The club has agreed to subsidise the price of the shirts at \$10 per member. The final price is yet to be advised.
6. Sarah Lowke, Assistant Principal St Jakobi, passed on the following response to Rory: "Our school community was very pleased with the addition of the Terrific Kids Awards at the end of last year. It was lovely to be able to formally acknowledge students across the school in a meaningful way. We would love to continue with the awards again this year."
7. Our scheduled dinner meeting on August 28<sup>th</sup> clashes with the Australia District Convention in Echuca. After discussion, it was agreed we should cancel the Vine Inn meeting as several of our members, including the President, will be at the Convention.







Above: A photo from Graham's recent special birthday party. Left: David and Margaret and family inspect the Vintage Festival ANZAC display about the HMAS Melbourne aircraft carrier, on which David served.

### Thank You message from the mother of Jimmy S. whom we have been helping:

"I am just writing to let you know how grateful Philip and I are for your help with Jimmy's education. He now lives most of the time with his father and attends school every day. At his latest parent teacher meeting, his teacher said that he was doing well in all subjects, (although still needs to check his work) and should have no problems when going to high school. The help he was given by Kiwanis has made a big difference. Thankyou."

## What's coming up?

May 8	Nick Fry tells the story of the Jersey plane crash in 1965
May 22	Fleur Tucker shares her experiences of Grief Counselling.
June 12	Karen Lambert presents on the Quilting exhibition at St. Hugh's in VF and their donation to Kiwanis.
June 26	Alexa Schiller from Ronald MacDonald House




## Funnies



# Did You Know?

This excellent publicity for Kiwanis in the Barossa, and for our major project supporting HeartKids, featured in the latest edition of The Leader. Thanks again to Robert, St Jakobi and Tony Robinson at The Leader.

## St Jakobi students are all heart



Robert Nitschke and Hayley Habermann with St Jakobi students Harry Dowler, Lily Collins and Isabelle Nitschke. Absent, Indianna-Lee Green-Savage. Photo supplied.

At a recent assembly at St Jakobi Lutheran Campus, Lyndoch, longstanding member of the Kiwanis Club of the Barossa, Robert Nitschke, presented Thank You certificates to four St Jakobi students, Isabelle Nitschke, Lily Collins, Indianna-Lee Green-Savage and Harrison Dowler.

The small ceremony was the culmination of a wonderful community connection between the Kiwanis Club of the Barossa and the school, which resulted in a donation of \$1370.60 going to support HeartKids SA.

HeartKids is an important organisation which supports children who are stricken with CoHD, childhood onset heart disease. Eight newborn babies are diagnosed with CoHD every day in Australia and CoHD is the leading cause of death in infants under 12 months of age.

CoHD has affected a surprisingly large number of families in the Barossa region and the Kiwanis Club of the Barossa has made special efforts over the years to support HeartKids.

The story behind this donation started nearly a year ago with a clever piece of educational planning by Hayley Habermann, Year 5/6 Teacher and Teaching and Learning Leader at St Jakobi.

Hayley devised a learning unit about volunteering and guest speakers who volunteer their time in the community visited her class to share their reasons for volunteering.

Students then undertook a group exercise, outlining their desired fundraising event which linked to one of the volunteer organisations shared by one of the guests.

Students also created posters to inform the public about their chosen volunteer organisation.

Classroom teachers formed a panel to decide which proposals would be successful.

Isabelle, Lily, Indianna-Lee and Harrison were inspired by Robert Nitschke's presentation and chose to propose a homemade lemonade stall to raise money for Kiwanis. They created a poster to promote awareness of the work that Kiwanis do and to advertise their lemonade stall.

With help from Lily's mum, they collected lemons from the community, juiced them and created their delicious lemonade, with the stall held at recess time.

A big success, the four students raised \$185, which was donated to Kiwanis to support HeartKids. An anonymous donation doubled that gift and the Kiwanis Club added a further \$1000, making the total donation a generous \$1370.60.

Isabelle attended a subsequent Kiwanis meeting, making a heartwarming speech about the project and presenting the final cheque for HeartKids.

In the end, students, Kiwanis members and, most importantly the HeartKids organisation benefited from this exercise.

## Application open for standpipe upgrade

Councils across drought-affected regions of South Australia apply for funding under the recently launched Publicly Accessible Standpipe Upgrade Fund, a component of the State Government's Drought Support Package.

According to the Primary Industries and Development's office, the fund will support council standpipe infrastructure to improve security of access to water for residents, primary producers and livestock.

The fund has been established to assist councils with upgrading accessible standpipes. Standpipes were transferred from the councils in the 1990s and are more reliable and secure.

Under the program, local governments with responsibility for public standpipes can apply for funding to upgrade the area to invest in infrastructure.

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Currently, standpipes of councils involve a key for access and then receive council.

This is time for councils and residents.

**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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