



Kiwaniis
CLUB OF SYDNEY

Newsletter

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#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 more you volunteer the happier you become!



Hope for Little Hearts



On Sunday 14th September at 12:00 pm we are holding a fundraiser lunch to raise funds for HeartKids NSW. All the proceeds will go to HeartKids NSW and help children with childhood onset heart disease (CoHD) and their families. Four children's lives are lost each week to CoHD.

As part of our mission to serve the children of the world, Kiwanis believes every child deserves a chance

to live a full and healthy life. HeartKids NSW walks beside families during their most difficult times—with compassion, care, and real help.

By supporting this fundraiser, you're giving:

- ❤ Hope to families in crisis
- 👶 Support to vulnerable children
- 👨👩👦 Strength to our community

There'll be tasty food over 3 courses, a complimentary welcome drink and great company while supporting a cause that truly matters.

At Delhi Heights Indian Restaurant, 4 Quarry Rd. Dural, NSW 2158

There will also be live entertainment, raffles, auctions and plenty of fun. Come and learn about HeartKids NSW and Kiwanis. Dress is smart casual.

Tickets are \$80 each through TryBooking via the QR link. At least 50% of the ticket price will go to HeartKids NSW.

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1439543>



Terrific Kids at SEWS

Term 2 Terrific Kids awards were presented at SEWS by Belinda on Wednesday 2nd July.

Two children received the awards of a \$30 gift card, framed certificate, TK pencil and TK stickers.

Teddy from DESU Year 7 has demonstrated his adaptability to different school environments and his support for his twin brother Bradley during a challenging time, showcasing his strength of character and resilience. His enthusiasm in online lessons and positive feedback from both schools further highlight his dedication and commitment to his personal goals. Leading a welcome song at one of his schools is a wonderful achievement that reflects his leadership skills and ability to bring joy to others.

Alisha in Face 2 Face Year 2 has been growing in her communication skills this Semester particularly around toileting. She has had some great success in the classroom with stopping her work or play and letting staff know she needs the toilet. She is also paying more attention to the PECS card she chooses to communicate 'more' rather than selecting the one closest to hand. When asked to 'show me something nice' she will place her hands over her mouth and smile, then give a wave or high-five. She is very aware and proud of her progress. Well done Alisha, we're very proud of you!



Belinda took the opportunity to discuss Sid's book with the Principal while there, and its relevance to other non-verbal children. They showed interest so Belinda purchased a book and sent it to them.

Thanks Belinda!

Saroj as new member!

Saroj Nepali has joined Kiwanis Sydney as our newest member. Saroj lives on the south side of Sydney, so we are keen to figure out how he will become an active member of the club.

Saroj is an IT Engineer working for an aged care firm and is based in the Miranda area. The positive part of Saroj's membership is that he is part of the Nepalese community and we hope we can form a new club within Sydney.

Welcome Saroj!



Comfort Care Cases wins Silver in World Competition!



Winners!! Kiwanis Sydney submitted their Signature Project of the Comfort Care Cases to the Kiwanis International competition. There were two divisions and we were in the Clubs with 27 or less members. The competition received 550 entries from Kiwanis clubs all around the world in the two divisions.

A recap is that we are the sole sponsors of 8 cases in the Sydney Children's Hospital Randwick. To fund these cases Kiwanis Sydney holds a cake stall on the Mother's Day weekend each year. The cases contain lots of items for the children to create memories for their families, make their hospital room more friendly, books about bonds that continue after death to read with their siblings, and items for use by the family that make their hours at the hospital less sterile.



Angelique, Mark, Jeff, Steve, Cathy and Governor David McNabb attended the Signature Projects breakfast at the Kiwanis International Convention held in Pittsburgh in June. They presented an award to the top ten finalists in each division and then proceeded to the winners.

Kiwanis Sydney was ecstatic to receive the Silver Award and a monetary award that will help our valuable work. The pleasing part of the awards was that several Kiwanians from around the world approached us during the Convention to find out more details and how they could introduce to hospitals in their communities. Some of the people admitted they were in tears hearing about the project and how we serve the children in an “end of life” stay in hospital.

Kiwanis International Convention in Pittsburgh

On 25th to 28th June the Kiwanis International Convention was held in Pittsburgh. The theme was “Forge the Future” in tune with the steel city. An interesting fact is that Pittsburgh has 446 bridges.

There were 1,420 Kiwanians from 741 clubs around the world and the House of Delegates had 1,058 voting delegates.

The House of Delegates voted in the following leaders for 2025-26.

KI President – Michael Mulhaul from Interlaken, New Jersey

KI President Elect – Hope Markes from Hanover, Jamaica

KI Vice President – Cathy Szymanski from Erie, Pennsylvania

There were three amendments proposed and voted on. Numbers 1 and 2 were successful to allow Districts and Regional Boards to propose resolutions and amendments. The third amendment to allow remote voting for Kiwanis International business was debated from both sides for over 20 minutes. It achieved a vote of 51/49 for, however was defeated as it required a 67% vote for to change the ByLaws.

The keynote speaker at late notice was Terry Bradshaw. He is an American former professional football quarterback who played in the National Football League (NFL) for 14 seasons with the Pittsburgh Steelers. He was excellent in relating teamwork to Kiwanis and recognising our work.

There were lots of informative workshops on ways to grow and improve Kiwanis. The stores and displays hall was extensive with stalls with KI staff and sponsors to talk about everything you wanted to know about Kiwanis and some of the programs.

We all were able to catchup with old friends, and to make new friends from around the world. The convention finished with a fun Kiwanis Roaring ‘20’s Gala where most dressed in the “Gatsby” theme.

Certainly a great experience!



Mark at Imagination Library Stall



Other Kiwanians we met



Signs in Streets



Night view of Pittsburgh from Mt Washington



Entry to Convention



Relaxing for Dinner



House of Delegates

Bunnings Barbeque



Our June and July Bunnings barbeques were again successful. It was great to have extra help on the midday shift.

The donations “pot” at the June barbeque was for Taree Flood victims and raised \$550. Kiwanis Sydney supplemented these monies and donated over \$2,000 through Aussie Helpers to help farmers and their families in the Taree flood areas.

The “pot” at the July barbeque raised \$53 towards HeartKids NSW which will add to our fundraiser to be held on 14th September.

You may remember we supported Dr Luc Mulimbalimba of MHCD Adelaide in May. They send containers full of items such as clothes, books, solar panels, hospital equipment and school furniture to support the school and hospital in the community in Democratic Republic of Congo. There are a couple of videos of the bikes and solar panels on our Facebook page.

City to Surf

If you would like to help us at Drink Station #2 at Rose Bay on Sun 10th August at 6am then please contact Sree or send an email to sydney@kiwanis.org.au. This is a fun day seeing all the runners and costumes.

Aktion Club – looking for members! 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 will support the club.

"WHERE
DEVELOPMENT
KNOWS NO
DISABILITY "



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.

#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

Hope you enjoyed the newsletter. If you have an article to include in future newsletters, please forward to sydney@kiwanis.org.au

Joke Corner



Events Coming Up: 2025

Sun 10th Aug 2025 - City to Surf Drink Station #2 Rose Bay at 6am volunteers welcome

Tues 12th Aug 2025 - Kiwanis Sydney Meeting 7pm – Pennant Hills Library

Thu-Sun 28-31st August – Kiwanis Australia Convention in Echuca-Moama

Fri 5th Sep 2025 – Father's Day at Caroline Chisholm Nursing Home

Tues 9th Sep 2025 - Kiwanis Sydney Meeting 7pm – Pennant Hills Library

Sat 13th Sep 2025 - Bunnings BBQ Artarmon - 8.30am to 4.00pm – Reserve Rd Artarmon

Sun 14th Sep 2025 – Fundraiser Lunch at Delhi Heights Restaurant Dural for HeartKids NSW

Fri 26th Sep 2025 – Terrific Kids Presentation at SEWS for end of Term 3

Wed 1st Oct 2025 – The new 2025-26 Kiwanis Year starts. Our new Leadership Team takes over the reins.

Tue 14th Oct 2025 - Kiwanis Sydney **Changeover** Meeting 7pm – Pennant Hills Library

Sun Oct 2025 – Two Feet and a Heartbeat Walk – Kiwanis Sydney do Barbeque at Western Sydney Parklands

Sat 18th Oct 2025 – **tentative** Bunnings BBQ Artarmon - 8.30am to 4.00pm – Reserve Rd Artarmon

Tues 26th Oct 2025 – Social Get Together to share food - 7pm – Pennant Hills Library

Tues 10th Nov 2025 - Kiwanis Sydney Meeting Share the Dignity Packing 7pm – Pennant Hills Library

Sat 15th Nov 2025 - **tentative** Bunnings BBQ Artarmon - 8.30am to 4.00pm – Reserve Rd Artarmon

Tues 9th Dec 2025 - Kiwanis Sydney Meeting 7pm – Pennant Hills Library

Sat 20th Dec 2025 - **tentative** Bunnings BBQ Artarmon - 8.30am to 4.00pm – Reserve Rd Artarmon

Deserving Causes Kiwanis Sydney has helped	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	✓	
Mission in Health Care and Development - school and hospital equipment in DR Congo		✓
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 Australia