



President Marg's Message.

There are 2 significant events approaching in our calendar. The 56th Kiwanis Australia District Convention in Echuca Moama will be held in a couple of weeks. 9 Kiwanis Barossa members will be attending. For some it is an opportunity to take a little break and enjoy a road trip before the convention. There is no doubt, as we stay in like-minded country towns, we will get the sense of community and organisations with the same volunteering spirit as ours. The Convention will be based around workshops and guest speakers with the aim of strengthening and growing existing Kiwanis Clubs. We look forward to learning and growing from our visit.

The other event will be our Handover Dinner. The Board is busy planning for the evening on Thursday 25th September to be held in the function room at The Vine Inn. This is an occasion when you will need to advise if you will be attending. There will be more information closer to the event. This week Brian and I met a local lady who we were purchasing a storage unit from. She told us that she had recently been diagnosed with breast cancer. As she was recovering from surgery her husband suddenly took very ill from a virus and within 24 hours had passed away. They are both in their 40s with one mid-primary age child. I asked if she had support and she said she was amazed at the kindness and strength of the community around her. We left there feeling her pain and in awe of her bravery in sharing her story. It was a sharp reminder of how quickly life turns in an unexpected way and how lucky we are to live in the beautiful strong community we live in.

Thank you all for your efforts for Kiwanis Barossa and beyond. Your community will always appreciate you.



Recent Meetings

Our July 10 meeting was a chance to feature our own members rather than an outside guest. First Mary presented the new formal shirts for members to wear. They will be a popular addition to our corporate clothing. Then, Ford Club president Leon Parbs (pictured with Marg above) joined us for the evening and presented our Club with a generous donation of \$1000 to go towards our Emergency Meals program. Leon reflected on the Ford Club's proud history over 60 years and its strong membership of 400 car owners. The Emergency Meals program has been a real team effort, with contributions like this from all round the community as we saw from the Hope Cottage Quilters'

donation last month. President Marg gratefully accepted the gift from Leon and thanked him for this fine gesture.

Finally, this meeting was a great opportunity to recognise the outstanding service of several of the Club's members over many years. Mary

and Des were pleased to present certificates of 25 years of service to David and Margaret Hodge, to Rob Van and Glen Schultz for 30 years of service and to Dean Hoklas for 35 years of service to the Club. The Board also thought this an appropriate time to acknowledge our continuing charter members, Aub Kaesler, Jim Ellis and David Obst. David wasn't well enough to attend the meeting but he was grateful for the recognition when Des visited him at home the next day. The following photos record this important event in the Club's life.

Eventually, after completing police check applications, we got down to the business of the night, a hearty round of bingo. Thanks, Mike and Aub.





Our enthusiastic guest speaker for the second meeting in July was Kathryn Schilling, who gave us a fascinating insight into the Vine Inn, which has now been our Kiwanis meeting “home” for quite some time.

Kathy was born and bred in Nuriootpa and has been a keen supporter of her community in a variety of ways. She worked for many years as a local hairdresser and in that time shared numerous conversations with her clients about their town. She has been involved with the current town committee, The Nuriootpa Futures Association, and is a current member of the Barossa Valley Council.

Kathy has amazingly served on the Board of Directors for the Vine Inn since 1997, including some years as Vice Chairperson. Who better then to tell us about the history of this beloved community hotel, than Kathy, who last year completed the mammoth task of compiling a book about the Vine Inn? Interestingly, the room in which we meet was the original dining room, built on in 1939! In 1938 the existing Nuriootpa Hotel was purchased to be run as a community hotel and has flourished in that form ever since. The Vine Inn gives up to \$180,000 a year to the community and sponsors football, netball and soccer clubs. There are some wonderful stories in Kathy’s book, and she told us about the buses which the hotel operated as free transport to take children to Kindergarten and to be used for day tours. Kathy knows her subject matter inside out and was an engaging speaker and I am sure she enthused many of us to find out more about the Vine Inn by reading her book.

PS Great to have former Kiwanian Pepe D’Apuzzo visit us and create some fun at the same time. Welcome, Pepe.



Lorna’s Fundraising Report

This year has moved along very quickly, even though it has been rather quiet on the fundraising side. We can at least fill the football gates roster, especially now that Barossa Light Gawler Football Finals are coming along very quickly!! See guru Mike to see where you can help!!

Aug 3 - Cars Coffee Barossa - thanks to Mark, Marianne, Des, Lorna



\$427:40 was raised

Looking forward we have:

Sept 7 - Cars Coffee Barossa 7:30 - Amanda, ~, ~, Lorna

Sept. 6, 7, 13, 20 - Barossa Light Gawler Football Finals Gates

Oct 5 - Cars Coffee Barossa 7:30

- Marg, Brian, ~ Lorna

Oct 14 - Probus Picnic Lunch @ Barossa Bush Gardens

Oct 18 - Barossa Library Expo

Nov 2 - Cars Coffee Barossa 7:30 -

- Faith College Thanksgiving BBQ

Nov 3 - 8 Velocette Motor Bike Nationals

Nov 13 - Tanunda Primary Sports Day

Nov 19 - Little Athletics

Nov 28 - Angaston Christmas Parade

Dec 7 - Cars Coffee Barossa

Looking forward to these events, so we are able to support many disadvantaged children,
cheers

Lorna

Des's Caring Corner for June

BIRTHDAYS - Aug 6 - Ev Leske

8 - Marg Harris

11 - Jason Balk

13 - Aub Kaesler

26 - Chris Leske

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Aug 9 - Belinda & Phil Anderson

15 - Marg & Brian Harris

18 - Anne & Tom Stone

26 - Margaret & David Hodge

MEMBERSHIP INDUCTIONS

Aug 5th - David Hodge

Greetings and good health to all our
members, especially those away
travelling, cheers Des.



Birthday celebrations at the last Board meeting

Emergency Meals Report

We have done approx. 60 enjoyable hrs of volunteering for July 2025.

We have a new helper in Yvonne Pascoe, who has volunteered to help cook meals. 555 wholesome meals were produced in July, with Geoff and Lyn, Lorna, Chris Redden, and Yvonne all contributing.

A huge thanks to you all! We have received produce from Lutheran Care, Maggie Beer, I See Church (Foodbank) and a generous donation of Family size pies from Ray White Barossa Valley. (Thanks also to Emiele and Chris for supplying beautiful broccoli. Ed.)

We are having a networking meeting for "Food security" type groups on August 12 at 1.30pm at I SEE Church (Back room).

The Leader newspaper has been invited to the meeting.

Blessings

Geoff & Lyn Hansen

Footy Gates

2025 Barossa District Football Club Gate Keeping @ Lyndoch Roster

Saturday August 23rd

Tom

Anne

Lorna

Ev

Rory

Mike

***If unable to
volunteer, please swap
and inform Mike:
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BGLFA Finals Series

Lots of names are still needed for the finals series as Mike gets the roster up and running. Please check your diaries and contribute where you can.



Saturday September 6 South Gawler

Shift 1 7.30-11.30: Lorna and Des

Shift 2 11.30-3.30: Marg and Brian

Sunday September 7 Lyndoch

Shift 1 7.30-11.30: Marianne

Shift 2 11.30-3.30: Emeile

Saturday September 13 Nuriootpa

Shift 1 7.30-11.30: Des and Lorna

Shift 2 11.30-3.30:

Saturday September 20 Kapunda

Shift 1 7.30-11.30: Lorna and Des, Marianne

Shift 2 11.30-3.30: Marg and Brian, Ev and Chris

From the Board

1. The Board was thrilled to learn at its last meeting, that Tom Stone had offered to stand as Vice President on the next Board, in preparation to take on the President's role in the future. Thanks Tom. We know you will excel in this role.
2. Thanks Des, for your outstanding Bierkuchen (beer cake), shared at the last Board meeting. *Schmeckt gut.*
3. Kiwanis clubs have been asked to bring along a poster



describing their Signature Project to Convention and we are planning to put together a colourful poster presenting our Emergency Meals program.

4. We have been invited to the Rostrevor Campbelltown Handover on Sept 21 at Sferas Convention Centre.

Rory's Youth Projects Report

Rory was blown away by the volunteers who offered to attend Terrific Kids presentations this year. Thanks to all involved. The roster is below.

TERRIFIC KIDS PRESENTERS 2025

School	Date	Kiwanis	Sponsor
St Jakobi	Fri Nov 20 9:00 am	Marg & Brian	TBA
Lyndoch			
Trinity South	Wed Dec 10 1:30 pm	Chris Leske	Marilyn Curtis
Trinity North	Thurs Nov 13 9:30 am	Nixon's
Gawler PS	Mon Nov 17 2:30 pm	Amanda Fry	Tony Piccolo
Light Pass PS	TBA	Sheryl Whitehead	Kiwanis
Faith Junior	Wed Dec 10 8:50 am	Mary Mattner	Kiwanis
Owen PS	Wed Dec 10 6:30 pm	Marianne/Dennis	Ben & Bess Marshman
Gawler B-12	Thurs Nov 20 1:30 pm	Tony Piccolo
College			
Nuriootpa PS	TBA.....	Kiwanis
Trinity Blakeview	Thurs Aug 28 12:00 noon	Amanda Fry	Matt Burnell

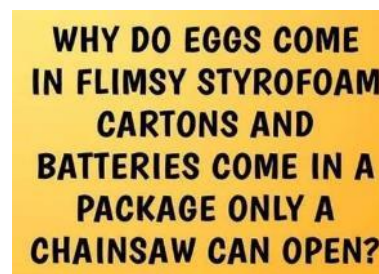
What's coming up?

August 14	Mark Harris and his <i>Make a Wish</i> dance experience
August 28	No meeting scheduled because of Kiwanis Convention in Echuca Moama
September 4	Board Meeting - Vine Inn
September 11	Profile - David and Margaret Hodge
Sept. 25	Our Club Handover Dinner - Vine Inn

Funnies

This picture was given to a class of year 2 students. They were asked to suggest a caption for the photo. You wouldn't read about it, but little Johnny came up with the winning entry...

Never swallow your bubble gum!



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 or mobile for calls and texts 0428 337132. This helps our hosts, the Vine Inn, with their catering.

Serving the  **Children** of the world