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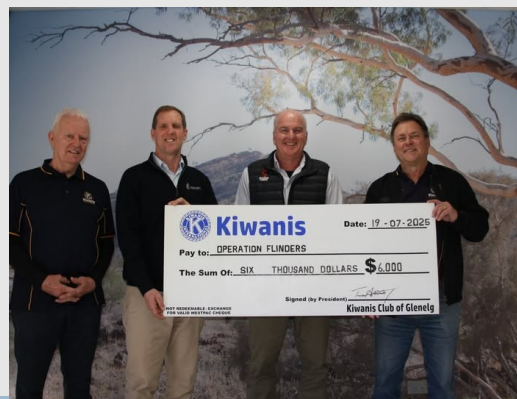
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Welcome to the September edition of the Glenelg Gumtree Gossip.

On 12 August President Trevor Averay, Alan Blakebrough and Peter Symons headed to the offices of Operation Flinders and presented a Big Cheque to their CEO David Wark. Also at the presentation was Stephen Patterson MP, Member for Morphett and Jonathon Robran. The big cheque was exchanged for a bank transfer soon after, for \$6,000. Thank you to all of you who helped raise these funds which can now go to assist in sending youth to treks at the Flinders Ranges which are a big challenge but also very worthwhile and ultimately enjoyed by them.

See their Thank You letter on page 10.

In the photo by Peter Symons are:
Alan Blakebrough, Stephen Patterson MP, David Wark and President Trevor Averay



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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

to the end of 2025

Sun	14 Sept	Bunnings barbecue @ their Marion store.
Mon	22 Sept	Our Handover Dinner Meeting —guests are our District Governor David McNabb and Louise Miller-Frost MP.
Fri	26 Sept	Bunnings barbecue @ their Marion store.
Mon	13 October	Regular Dinner Meeting @ Club Marion.
Sun	19 October	The Bay to Birdwood Car Rally —please try to keep this morning free as we will need many volunteers. Thanks!
Sun	26 October	The Seacliff Recreation Centre Open Day—we to cook bbq lunch.
Mon	27 October	Regular Dinner Meeting @ Club Marion.
Thurs	30 October	Bunnings Halloween Night 5-7pm—let's have some fun cooking a barbecue!
Sat	1 Nov	Baden Pattinson Kindergarten 70th birthday—cook their bbq.
Sat	1 Nov	Division 8 Meeting for club leaders.
Sun	2 Nov	Coast FM Open Day—we will have a trading table there.
Sat	8 Nov	Bunnings barbecue @ their Marion store.
Mon	10 Nov	Regular Dinner Meeting @ Club Marion.
Fri	21 Nov	Bunnings barbecue @ their Marion Store.
Mon	24 Nov	Regular Dinner Meeting @ Club Marion.
Sun	30 Nov	HeartKids Christmas Party—11-2pm at Partridge House, Glenelg plus pack up
Sat	6 Dec	Bunnings barbecue @ their Marion store.
Mon	8 Dec	Our Club Christmas Dinner/Party—Rooms 4 & 5 Club Marion.
Upcoming in 2026:		
	Late January—12 days—BJS sculptures event—marquee entry	
	8 February 2026—Corvette Day at Wigley Reserve	

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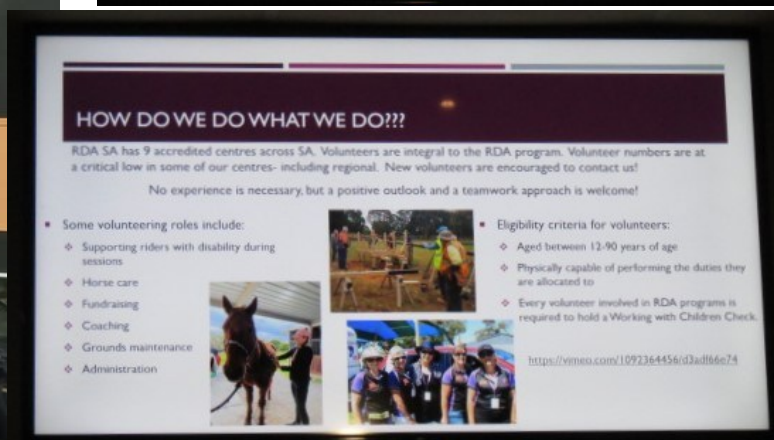
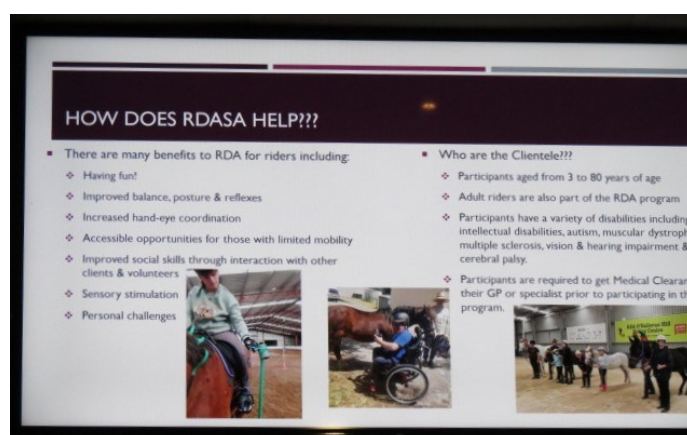
🐾 On Monday 12th August our guest speaker was Amber Pyle from the Riding for the Disabled Association. They have 9 centres in South Australia and provide horse riding experiences for disabled children and adults aged from 3 to 80.

Horse riding with these wonderful and trained horses offers many therapeutic benefits for disabled people. Apart from the fun side, some of the benefits are improved posture and reflexes, hand eye coordination, social skills and sensory stimulation. A medical clearance from their GP or Specialist is required.

Participants with a variety of disabilities have participated and benefitted. Conditions like autism, intellectual disabilities, muscular dystrophy and skeletal problems, to name a few.

The need for volunteers is constant and covers multiple roles from caring for horses and support for disabled participants through to ground maintenance and admin. If you can assist the RDA would be most grateful.

Our club donated \$1,200 recently which helped with hay to feed these beautiful horses as costs have gone up so much in recent times for food, vet care etc and every bit helps.



Above: Amber Pyle receives a Certificate of Thanks and small gift from President Trevor Averay. In turn she thanked us for the donation of \$1,200 for hay for the horses.

At right: Amber Pyle during her talk to club members



BUNNINGS—Saturday 16 August 2025

We had a great day on 16 August with Bunnings. It was a Saturday and the weather was very kind to us and the people were out in force. We nearly had a record day and had to go over to the super-market on a couple of occasions for extra stock. This time we were supporting Operation Flinders with our fundraising. We had several very good donations too. Here are a few photos from throughout the day.

Thanks to all who helped, both on the day and also ordering and delivering ingredients and with slicing of onions, sausages, the IT side of things, carting equipment and



Above: Trevor and Agnes are busy with customers.

Left: Agnes makes a great cashier.

Below: Alan with new member Tony and Marilyn Mitchell

Below:
Tim, cook and Trevor,
server





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KIWANIS DISTRICT CONVENTION 2025

August 28th—31st 2025 Echuca— Moama

Venue— Moama Bowling Club, 6 Shaw Street, Moama

Glenelg Club had 10 members attend this Convention which was a really great one. Here are some photos, but there are more on the Kiwanis Australia District Facebook page. The Echuca-Moama twin towns area is a lovely place to visit, and the event was held entirely in the Moama Bowling Club which is a very big building, with intentions to build on even further with a hotel, accommodation, units and extensions to the bowling club itself. The grounds for bowling are covered and beautiful. On the Thursday early afternoon the Board of Trustees met in a room upstairs for 2 meetings chaired by Governor David McNabb.

On Friday we started fairly early with Bob Sitters MC'ing the two days of activities and he did a fabulous job. We had the formal dinner on the Friday evening and the fun Op Shop Chic dinner night was on the Saturday evening.

Many of us went on the Echuca-Moama club's small houseboat along the Murray which was a beautiful trip. Thank you to all who were involved in the organisation.

Photos on right and below: your Australia District Board of Trustees met at the commencement of the Convention:

Right: Governor-Designate Steve Hughes, Anne Wilson, Ian Randall, International Counsellor Shinichi Yoshikuni, Governor David McNabb, Secretary Sue Kimberley, Val's spot-taking photos, Kavitha (incoming secretary);

Below left: Tony Gunn, Annette Holmes, Ken Archer, Bob Funnell, Robert Gambell and Tim Dawes, Peter Zander;

Below Right: after PZ are Bob Sitters and Jan Hyde, then back to Steve.



AWARDS RECEIVED AT CONVENTION FOR OUR CLUB WERE:

Right: Premier Club 2024-25

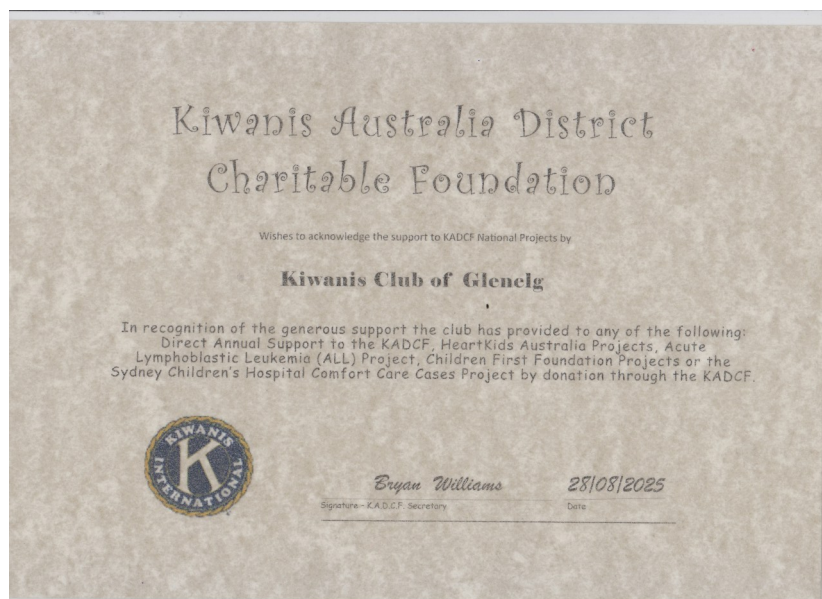
Below left: Best Secretary 2024-25
(Val and Marilyn –double act)

Best Bulletin 2024-25
(The Gumtree Gossip)



At right is the KAD Charitable Foundation recognition certificate for donations made by our club to District projects as shown—HeartKids Australia, Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia (A.L.L.), Children First Foundation and the KADCF Foundation.

We donate to these projects yearly.



As mentioned at our meeting last Monday night, we also received Certificates for being the Premier Club in 2023-24 and Best Secretary 2023-24 for Marilyn Chandler. These had been announced at the end of that Kiwanis year but Certificates not received due to a face-to-face Convention not being held that year.

CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL

More from Convention

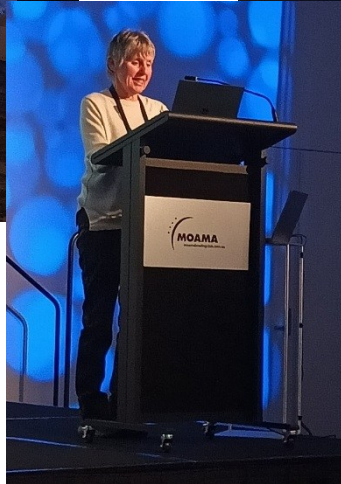
Left: Bob Sitters

Right: Gov-Designate Steve Hughes

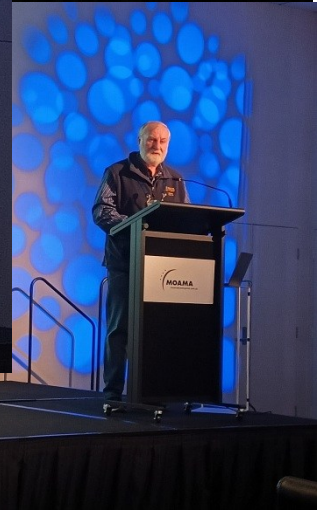
Below: Secretary Sue Kimberley



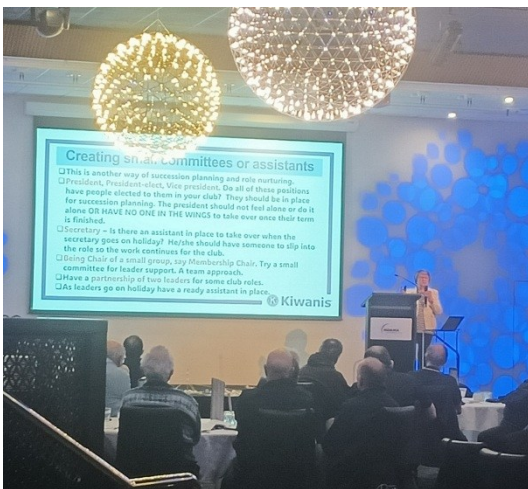
Above left: Shinichi Yoshikuni, Japan District & International Trustee



Right: Peter Zander accepts the position of Governor-Elect for 2025-26



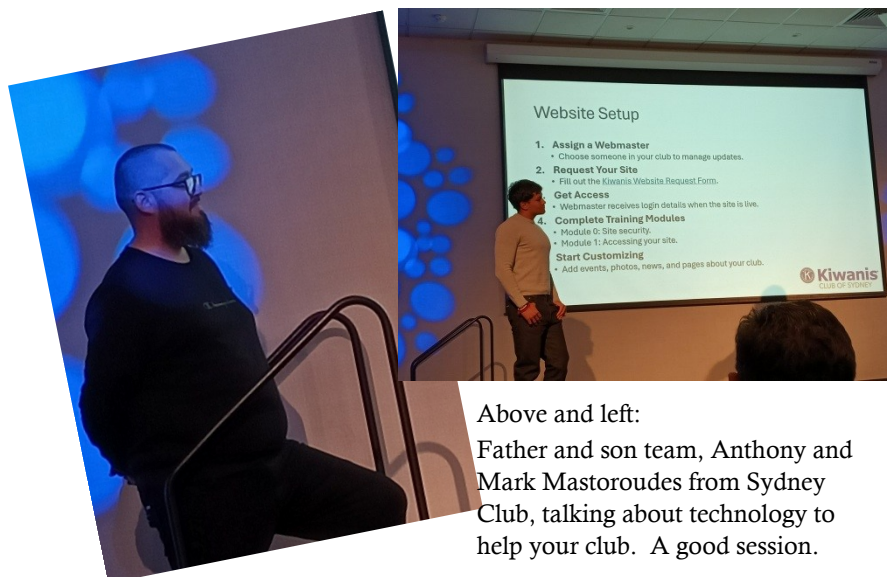
Left: Jan Hyde speaks about CLE and as usual does an amazing job through her Training role on the Board of Trustees



Below left: Fun night in our op shop clothing: Bob Sitters, Peter Symons, Mary Sitters, Val Symons, Roy Seccafien and Genda Seccafien.

Below right: Roy "assists" the magician—he's made for comedy!





Above and left:
Father and son team, Anthony and Mark Mastoroudes from Sydney Club, talking about technology to help your club. A good session.

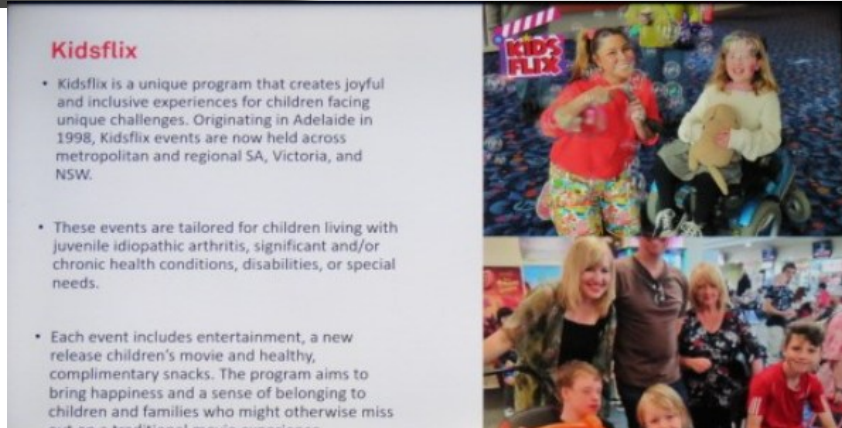
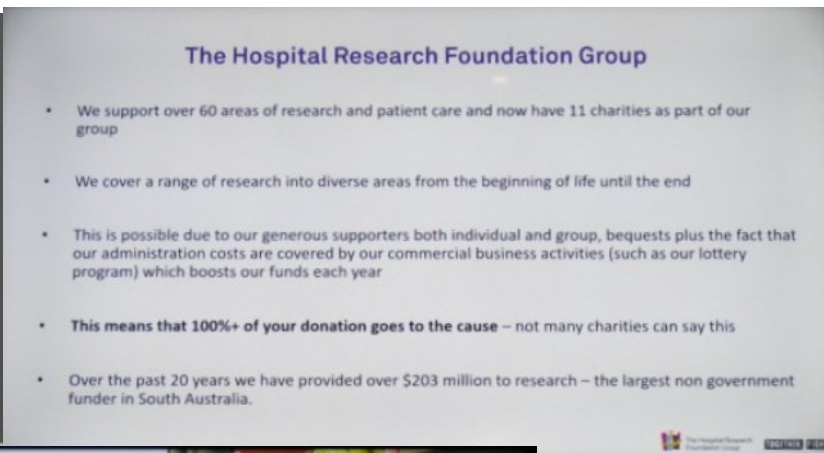


Right: Paul Marshall, Principal of Twin Rivers Specialist School spoke about the value of having a Terrific Kids program in his school and thanked all present very sincerely for what we all do for kids.

Not all guest speakers or sessions included here due to space requirements.

Our guest speaker on Monday night, 25 August was Kristy Wildy from the Hospital Research Foundation. The Hospital Research Foundation Group funds life-changing medical research to find cures and improve care for all Australians. They deliver real impact, right now in over 60 areas of disease and illness through research, hospital care and health services for our community.

After Kristy's talk, we donated **\$2,000** which is for Kidsflix once again. Photo shows Kristy happily accepting the Big Cheque from our club President Trevor Averay.



BUNNINGS held their Fathers Day night from 5—7pm on Thursday 4th September. It was a fairly cold evening. Bunnings had asked us to cook up pancakes this time instead of the usual. We thank our volunteers for making this change, Owen for buying all the ingredients, Rebecca and Angela for making the pancakes, Mike Parsons for serving and Christine who was moved to help with the free raffle. We also thank Marilyn Chandler for all the emails she had to arrange all this.



At left:
Rebecca and
Angela cook
up a mean
pancake

Mike turned
out to be
great with
serving them



Left: The raffle prize, not bad for a free raffle!
The families enjoying themselves.



Right:
there was
also a fish
and chip
van for free
serves



19 June 2025

Mr. Trevor Averay
Kiwanis Club of Glenelg

Dear Trevor,

I would like to sincerely thank the Kiwanis Club of Glenelg for your continued dedication and support of Operation Flinders, with your Club's recent donation of \$6,000. Please see attached receipt for your records.

This generosity reflects your Club's trust in our mission and your belief in our ability to create an environment where young people can truly thrive.

The Operation Flinders program provides life-changing opportunities for young people facing complex challenges, helping them to build resilience, discover purpose, and form meaningful connections. Please know that your Club's contribution to our program is genuinely valued and appreciated.

Thank you once again to the Kiwanis Club of Glenelg for your generosity and ongoing support.

Kind regards,



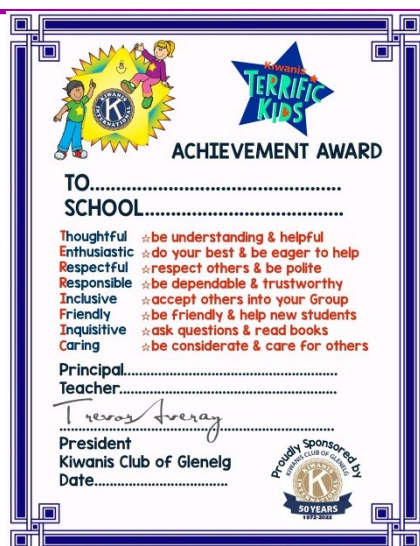
Jonathon Robran
Operation Flinders Foundation

Kiwanis Terrific Kids in the Schools

In August Wendy Percy presented 2 TK awards at Henley Beach School and Shane Misso, school Principal, presented the awards on our behalf at Glenelg Primary School, as we did not have anyone who was able to do so from our club, with Convention at that time.

We could do with another couple of club members to help with making these awards.

If you would like to visit schools to present Terrific Kids awards at any time, please let us know. We are always needing someone to do so and it is a very rewarding and happy thing to do that does not take up much time. We can provide a few words for you to say. The schools love these awards. Thank you.



We are still putting out a notice at Bunnings barbecues and events to advise which organisation we are supporting at that particular event — ie Childhood Cancer, Treasure Boxes, HeartKids, Operation Flinders, Kid Flix, purchase of a Frame Runner etc.

We have found that this initiative has been successful with extra donations being given.

Look out for the one we use on any given day and if anyone asks who we are supporting, please give them the name of the organisation. (use the word “supporting”) - see flyer here as an example.

Thank you.



FUNDS RAISED AT THIS
EVENT WILL BE USED TO
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treasure boxes
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There is a page on our Website which specifically advises of the donations our club has made to various organisations in recent times. Don't forget to point people in the direction of our Website or Facebook page if they require any information, or have enquired about 'what Kiwanis is'.

Kiwanis is a service organisation of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time. Kiwanis International is now 108 years old and our fabulous Glenelg Club is now 53 years old, having Chartered in August 1972.

Colin Nisbet was a charter member so has been a member for that length of time. And he's still active in the club, sometimes serving at Bunnings barbecues. He is also a Life Member of the club.

OUR WEBSITE ADDRESS IS: www.kiwanisglenelg.org.au (good for an overall view of what we do)

It consists of more than the one front page—go to the Menu and look at all pages.

FACEBOOK IS: Kiwanis Club of Glenelg—this consists of a rolling series of stories and photos, the highest one is usually our latest post. We post about speakers, donations, events, barbecues, and include photos of members who have volunteered for them. It is a good way to show people what we do. We have 578 Followers that see these posts and if we 'tag' another organisation that we have worked with, the posts also go out to them for all their Followers to see. A great way to let people see what we do and get publicity for our great club. Facebook is probably the best way to show what we do and our people doing it.

You would have read recently that we have doubled our donation to St Judes Church for the **Brighton Primary School breakfast program**—we will now donate **\$500** per term towards this.

They have agreed to hang our big banner for 2 (separate) months of the year outside the church on Brighton Road, Brighton right at the intersection with Jetty Road, Brighton, where it will be seen by thousands in cars, walking or on bikes etc.

The banner was recently on show but has now been taken down but will reappear in about 6 months time. Have you seen it yet? Great publicity.

Thanks to Peter Symons for arranging all this with the Church people and also to Bob Sitters for the behind the scenes organisation with Sign Style. The banner looks like this



We have been asked and have agreed to once again cook a breakfast barbecue of egg and bacon rolls at Barratt Reserve for the participants and others of the Bay to Birdwood Car Rally. This is to be held on Sunday 19th October, with set up the afternoon before. We need many club members and even some of their friends to volunteer for this event. It is always a great team effort and financially worth it for us to do so. Thanks to those who have already volunteered. Please let Marilyn know if you can help out. It's an early start, but you get away before lunch time.

We've also accepted an invitation to cook a barbecue at the Seacliff Recreation Centre Open Day which will be on Sunday 26 October. We won't need too many volunteers for this one. Marilyn will send a roster around at a club meeting soon.

Baden Pattinson Kindergarten asked if we could spare some people to cook their barbecue lunch at their 70th birthday celebration on Saturday 1 November. At this point we seem to have enough to help out.

We have continued our membership with Coast FM—\$120 per year and we have from time to time had them read out our advertisement for our club or heard our club “sting” and also they were advertising our Musical Bingo event for us. As most of you would know, our club members Dave Cook and Pam Smith are actually presenters on Coast FM.

We are going to set up a Community Desk at Marion Shopping Centre. This will be on Friday 10 October from 8.30 to 2.30pm. We may have enough volunteers, but if you'd like to do this, let us know. It's a matter of being at the desk, ready to spruik our club and Kiwanis in general to the public who enquire. We will have some hand outs available.

Our next Bunnings barbecue is this **Sunday 14 September** (roster full) and the following is **Friday 26 September** (we still need a number of volunteers please—let Marilyn know).

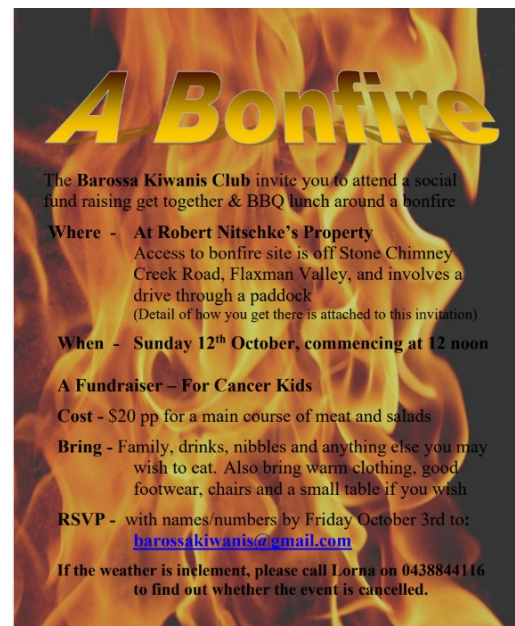
Did you know our Board meets once a month at Club Marion? The meeting is chaired by President Trevor Averay and an Agenda is prepared and followed. Minutes of these meetings are typed up and sent to all Board members after the meeting. Each Board member has his or her Actions to follow after the meetings.

Robert Nitschke has a property at Flaxman Valley in the Barossa. If you can zoom in on the invitation at right, you will see he and the Kiwanis Barossa Club is holding their annual Bonfire day on Sunday 12th October. This time it's a fundraiser for cancer kids.

Cost is \$20pp which covers the main course of meat and salads.

Please either let Val know if you would like to come, or email them direct at the email address shown.

You can stay overnight in a caravan etc if you like.



IMPORTANT REMINDER

Just a friendly reminder to anyone who volunteers at one of our events where food is cooked and/or served, please remember the hygiene requirements, such as washing your hands before putting the gloves on, and each and every time you change the gloves, or touch anything including your face or hair, tying back your hair if long, wearing clean clothes, club aprons and enclosed shoes. Cashiers should use hand sanitiser after handling cash payments. Council, rightly so, is very strict with their checking of these requirements. Please also undergo the I'm Alert to Food Safety on-line training if you haven't already done so. Thank you.

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Happy Kiwanis 5th Anniversary to SHIRLEY SKURRAY

Shirley joined our club in September 2020 and has been brightening our club meetings and events since then.

Thank you for supporting us and the kids and also for donating all those gorgeous plants, in lovely pots, for our raffles. It is very much appreciated Shirley.

Shirley brightens any event and this one at left is for Easter :)

Colin Birkette came to our meeting on 28 July and spoke about his trip to Antarctica and showed some great photos.



Above: President Trevor Averay thanks Colin for his great presentation to club members.

Colin tells us this was unlike anything we would have experienced before, an expedition to Antarctic's Ross Sea Region on board Scenic Eclipse left them breathless. Seeing 'End of the Earth landscapes', gem-like glaciers, immense icebergs and jagged mountain ranges which were the setting for some of the planet's most prolific wildlife displays, teeming with whales, orcas, penguins, seals and migratory seabirds. The expedition followed the footsteps of some of the world's greatest explorers; but unlike those early pioneers, they enjoyed the spine-tingling outlook from the comforts of their ship with everyday truly remarkable experiences.

Thank you Colin.





A reminder that our contact details are listed in the Membership Directory which is sent to members a few times per year. If you don't want your name, address and phone number to be included please let me know. Please advise of any changes.

September Birthdays

July

Last month we reported we have no birthdays in July but now with our new member Matt Smith we finally do have one.



September

14	Wendy Percy
16	Marilyn Mitchell
19	Cathy Roche-Wells
20	Owen Vick
22	Warren Sharpe
27	Alan Blakebrough
27	Shirley Skurray

Happy Birthday



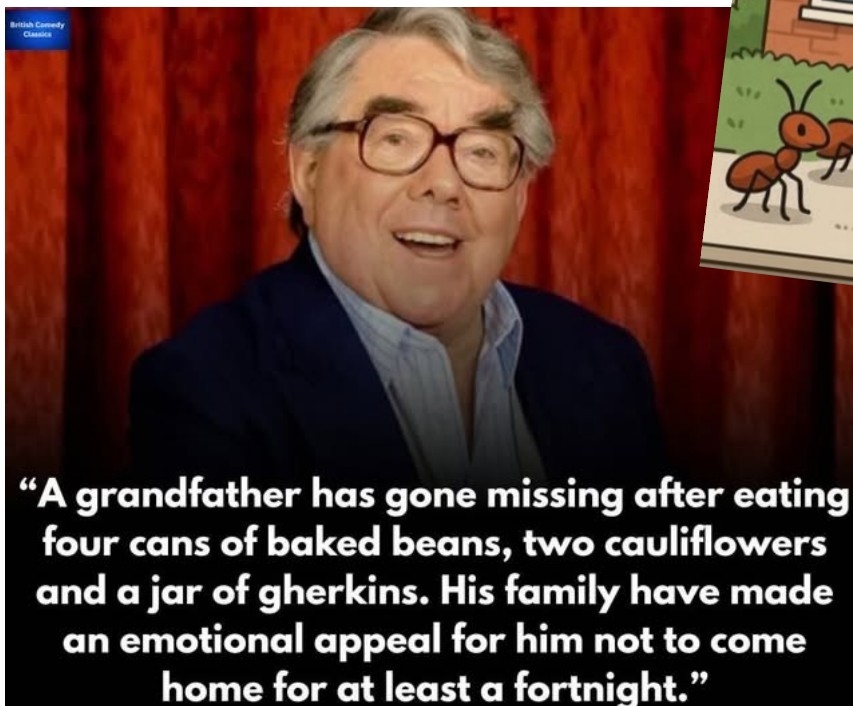
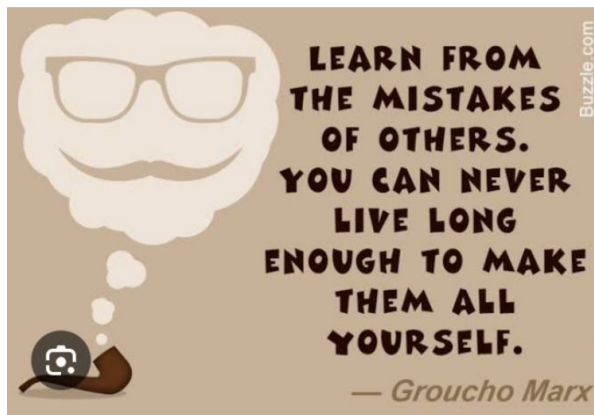
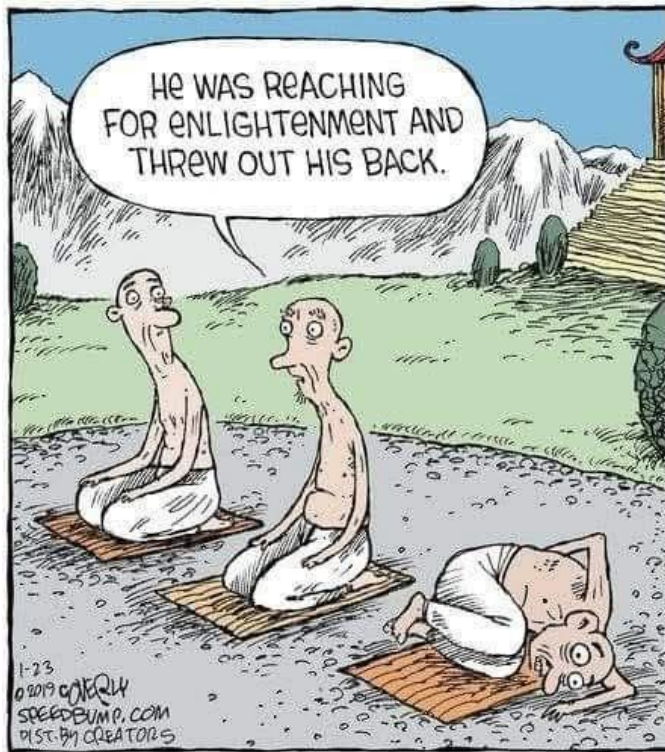
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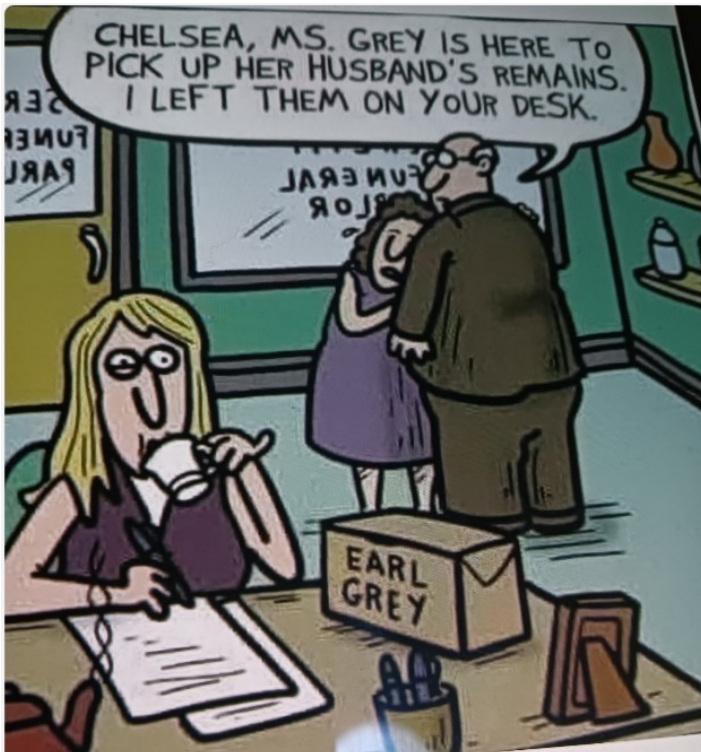
JUST FOR A LAUGH



I could only count 9 so I've added one—but have I missed something?



"And you may find yourself behind the wheel of a large automobile, And you may find yourself in a beautiful house, with a beautiful wife, And you may ask yourself, 'well, how did I get here?'"



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