



The New Year begins

Welcome to the first edition of our newsletter for the new Kiwanis year. Des, otherwise known fondly as Otto amongst long standing Kiwanians, takes the reins this year. Thank you, Marg, for your 18 months serving the club so efficiently and successfully. Below is the welcome also from Kiwanis International President Michael Mulhaul.

Fellow Kiwanians,

The work we have accomplished together this past year has been truly inspiring. Thanks to your dedication as Kiwanis members, we have touched the lives of children and families in communities across the globe and in our own neighborhoods.

As we begin a new Kiwanis year, let's reflect on your club's achievements, celebrate progress and look ahead with fresh goals and new initiatives. Take this time to honor your members' dedication, make sure they feel valued, connect with other clubs and explore ways to reach even more children and families in need. The magic of Kiwanis is found in its members.

Let's continue working together and building on this momentum by sharing the incredible impact you're making, empowering others to discover the joy of serving through Kiwanis.

I am honored and excited to serve you in the year ahead as we continue building a brighter future for children and communities around the world.

Happy Kiwanis New Year!

Yours in Kiwanis service & friendship,

Michael Mulhaul

2025-26 President

Kiwanis International



News from President Des

Kiwanis Handover Dinner - what a great evening with 64 guests, including our retiring Aust. District Governor, David McNabb, retiring Div 10 Lt. Governor Mike Hepple, the incoming Aust. District Secretary Kavitha Hapuarachchi, plus Aust. District Treasurer Rose Hepple. We also welcomed members from Athelstone Club, including former Barossa Charter member Henry Alsop, Prospect Club, and Roseworthy - Hewitt Kiwanis clubs, as well as BV Lions, Angaston Lions and of course, our own Club members and spouses. Much loved friend of the Club Louise Ross was another attendee, along with Tony Robinson from the Leader.



Year 11 Performer Tom White

Our guest musician/ singer Thomas White was very talented and entertaining.

Lt Gov Mike Hepple thanked Anne Stone, Marianne Noack and Mike Nicholls for their many years on the Board. He then inducted for 25 / 26: President Des Schiller, Vice President Tom Stone, Secretary Chris Ulstrup, Treasurer Geoff Hansen, and the following Directors: Youth Projects Rory Ellendon, Programming Ev Leske, Membership & Education Mary Mattner, Human & Spiritual Sherryl Whitehead and Fundraising Lorna Schiller. Immediate Past Pres Marg Harris continues on the Board and Ev Leske continues as Newsletter editor.

A very tasty meal of 7 choices was served by the amazing Vine Inn staff, but I feel it took too long to deliver, so I suggest for next year, we have 3 choices, served alternate

drop.

Many thanks to the Directors for their reports, Marianne for collating our yearly booklets and the Leader for printing them.

Once again, a huge thankyou to Mike for his endurance with Football Gates, and all who helped, especially David Hodge, but for the coming year we need a better response from our members as this is one of our bigger fundraisers.

Our Club has great camaraderie between members at our meetings, I'd like that to continue, with the format of our meetings being some with guest speakers, profiles, and always room for fun and fellowship.

I feel, if the Board works well together, inspires and leads our members, the Club will continue to serve the Children and Community well, plus we will enjoy our achievement.

Kids need Kiwanis

Cheers

Des



Chris, Anne and Emeile



Robert, Lynda and Henry



Geoff, Des and Ray



Tony and Dennis



Louise, Kavitha and Ofelia



Brian, Mike H and Marg



The old Board retires



Mike Hepple welcomes the new Board

Lorna's Fundraising Report

Finals football gates are over, with **\$4,000 being raised**.

Spring has certainly sprung, and so have our opportunities for FUN-RAISING! so we have an exciting and busy time ahead.

Oct 5 - CARS COFFEE BAROSSA 7:30am (daylight saving)

Marg, Brian, Mike, Lorna

Oct 4 + 6 - DRIVER REVIVER roster filled thank you

Oct 12 - BAROSSA BONFIRE @ Rob N. \$20pp PLEASE LET LORNA KNOW FOR CATERING PURPOSES
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Oct 14 - PROBUS PICNIC LUNCH - Barossa Bush Gardens

11:15am BBQ trailer - Geoff, Lyn, Deb, Chris, Ev, Lorna

Oct 18 - BAROSSA LIBRARY EXPO 10 - 1pm

Oct 21 - GREG NORTH /BANJO PATERSON EVENING 7pm

Langmeil Hall - PLEASE SELL YOUR TICKETS

Nov 3 - 8 - VELOCETTE NATIONAL RALLY - I will share at next meeting when help is required.

What an exciting array of opportunities to raise money for children.

As our motto says: KIDS NEED KIWANIS

Volunteer Hours for September:

Sept 7 - CARS COFFEE BAROSSA	10hr	4p	\$? (till Geoff can check the account)
14 - FunDay Sunday	13h	4p	\$ 0
15 - GOMERSAL REST AREA	19h	7p	\$0
- Football Finals	166h	30	\$4000:00
Lou/Lorna Em meals	25h	2p	
Geoff/Lyn " "	60h	2p	

Cheers

Lorna

Sherryl's Caring Corner for October

Birthdays

Oct 15 - Sue Nicholls

Oct 19 - Geoff Hansen

Oct 26 - Sherryl Whitehead

Wedding Anniversaries

Oct 19 - Marianne & Dennis Noack

Oct 24 - Sarah & Damien Schiller

Member Inductions

Oct 4 - Dean Hoklas 1987 - 38 years

Oct 20 - Graham Shilton 2005 - 20 years

Best wishes to all,

Sherryl



Sherryl on the Driver reviver Saturday with Rose
Warren of Gawler Lions

Emergency Meals Report

Howdy,

We have done approx. 60 enjoyable hrs volunteering for Sept 25.

We have received produce from Lutheran Care, I See Church's Foodbank, and Shed Happens Men's Shed at St Petri and Maggie Beer.

We are having a networking get together every second month of like-minded people/organisations.

Our next one is on 21 Oct 2025, at 1.30pm in the I See Church lunch room.

Blessings

Geoff and Lyn Hansen

Stats: Total Kiwanis meals are now up over 11,000. Special thanks to cooks Geoff, Lyn, Lorna, Louise, Deb, Mary, Chris and Yvonne.

BGLFA Finals Series

Special thanks go to Mike, ably assisted by David and Margaret, for organising our BLGFA gate keeping during the finals series. We got handy help from Barossa Lions and Prospect Kiwanis. This has raised \$4000, so thanks to all members who have helped out. It's pretty easy money really and not reliant on food production like many of our fundraisers. **But what about next year??** The Board has discussed this at length but all members need to be consulted. Put your thinking caps on. We hope to put out a survey to get all members' views on this important topic.

From the Board

1. A reminder that with the start of the new Kiwanis year, our subscriptions to Kiwanis International are due. For 2025/2026, costs are:

Individual members: \$100

Couples: \$180

Parents of HeartKids: \$50

If you wish to pay online, the Club's bank account details are:

BSB 085005

Account No. 496114668

Remember: Our dues are subsidised by the Club. Our football gatekeeping funds help to reduce our dues.

2. You may have seen in the Leader newspaper, information about a program called Equip which is gearing up to begin next year. This is what it's about: *"The Equip project offers a community-based and led mental preparedness, mental health, and wellbeing program, which is designed for rural communities at risk of extreme weather events, such as fire and drought. Currently, most services and support come in the context of recovery and so are limited to being provided post- extreme weather event only. This support is usually provided by services and individuals external to the community, who do not always understand the local context, and who come for a short period of time and then leave again (often called the cycle of 'fade in, fade out'). In contrast, Equip was specifically designed for rural Australians and builds mental health and improves wellbeing, community connection, resilience, mental readiness/psychological preparedness, and coping skills before disasters hit. The program is community-led and based, ensuring that it is tailored to each local community, and that the skills and knowledge remain in the community long after the project".* Quite a few members of our Club are in bushfire prone areas and so I've been in touch with the Equip team to register our interest in it. We will find out more early next year.

3. Mary is planning to produce a new Club address list. If anyone has any changes to their contact details or has noticed a mistake, please let Mary know and she will update your details.

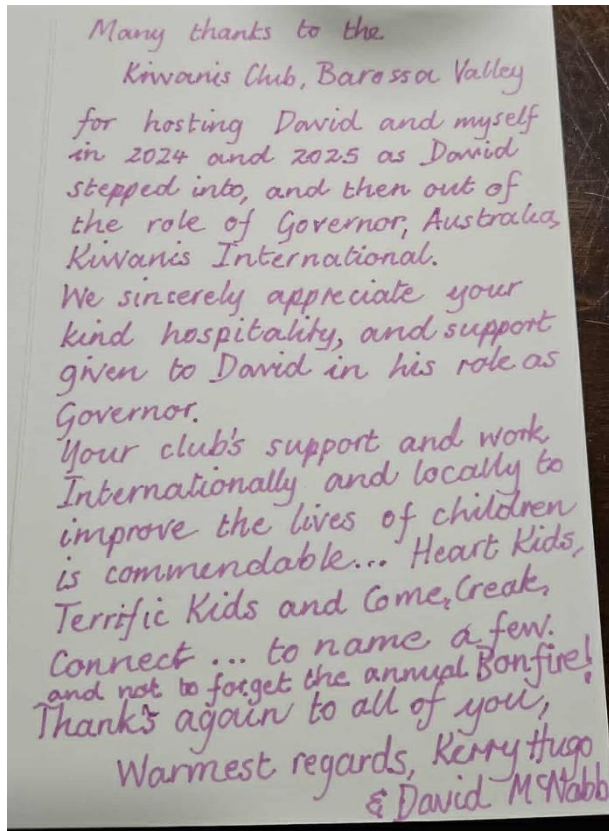
4. Our Club is again involved in helping with breakfast at the Australia day ceremony next January 26. Please keep that date free as it will be all hands-on deck, providing egg and bacon rolls.

What's coming up?

Sunday Oct 5	Cars Coffee Barossa
Thursday Oct 9	Dinner Meeting: News and Information night
Sunday Oct 12	Barossa Bonfire Robert N's property
Tuesday Oct 14	Probus Picnic - Barossa Bush Gardens
Saturday Oct 18	Barossa Library function
Tuesday Oct 21	Poet - Greg North at Langmeil Hall Tanunda
Thursday Oct 23	Regular dinner meeting. Guest Speaker Bob Sitters from Glenelg Club
Nov 4 1.30 pm	Next Board Meeting at Sherryl's, 10 Jane Place, Tanunda
Thursday Nov 13	Neil Lambert entertains us

Thank You David and Kerry

The Club received a lovely thank you card from David and Kerry following the Handover. This has not been an easy year for David as District Governor with extra commitments and major health issues, so we thank David sincerely for his work for Kiwanis this year and wish him and Kerry all the best.



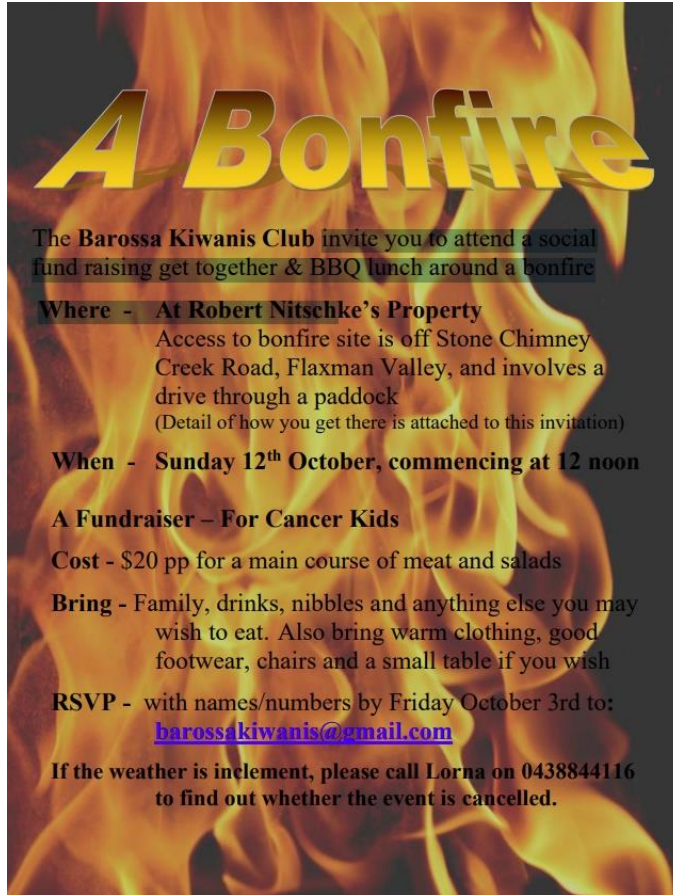
Did you Know?

A couple has started up a takeaway coffee business at our Gomersal Road Rest Area and are already increasing usage of the park. We wish them all the best.



Two Big Events Coming Up

Robert's big bonfire is on Sunday October 12 with many Kiwanians coming from across the state. And on Tuesday October 21 at Langmeil Hall, for lovers of the bush and bush poetry we have Greg North presenting the story and the rhymes of Banjo Paterson.



A Bonfire

The Barossa Kiwanis Club invite you to attend a social fund raising get together & BBQ lunch around a bonfire

Where - At Robert Nitschke's Property
Access to bonfire site is off Stone Chimney Creek Road, Flaxman Valley, and involves a drive through a paddock
(Detail of how you get there is attached to this invitation)

When - Sunday 12th October, commencing at 12 noon

A Fundraiser – For Cancer Kids

Cost - \$20 pp for a main course of meat and salads

Bring - Family, drinks, nibbles and anything else you may wish to eat. Also bring warm clothing, good footwear, chairs and a small table if you wish

RSVP - with names/numbers by Friday October 3rd to:
barossakiwanis@gmail.com

If the weather is inclement, please call Lorna on 0438844116 to find out whether the event is cancelled.

Come along and hear the

Life & Rhymes of Banjo Paterson

Hear your favourite poems and all about his amazing life on the 125th anniversary of Banjo's visit

Tuesday 21st October 2025, 7pm
Langmeil Lutheran Church Hall, Tanunda

Tickets \$25 - Lorna Schiller 0438 844116
Supper with jam & cream scone ~ Bar open from 6.30pm inc eftpos



BANJO PATERSON

WAR CORRESPONDENT & LECTURER

with three-times Australian champion bush poet
Gregory North

Raffle
\$2 Ticket

Supports the
Kiwanis Barossa and Prospect community projects

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.

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