

President's Report

As the old Kiwanis Year closes and the new one begins it is very appropriate to acknowledge the efforts of our board and members. The level of activity and the commitment to the Objects of Kiwanis exhibited by Rostrevor-Campbelltown Kiwanis is exemplary. There have been many things the club should be proud of. The level of fundraising and the broad spectrum of donations that have benefited charities and individuals that encompass the ethos of Kiwanis International has been a wonderful response.



The level of involvement in fundraising is an indication of the willingness of members to give of their time. Elsewhere in this bulletin there is a rundown of activities that have made the fundraising possible.

Each meeting has contributed to our understanding of the financial pressures being placed on our

community and we have been able to make small dent in this area.



At our recent Handover, we were able to acknowledge the Kiwanian of the Year. The worthy recipient for the **2024-2025 Kiwanian Year is Phil Dawe.** While on the subject of awards, there was wide acclaim for the recipients of **George F. Hixson Awards. Ann and Geoff Thomas** are worthy awardees, and we congratulate them for their ongoing efforts for the benefit of Kiwanis and the community.

Finally, though sad to lose one of our long-term members, John Jones, we stand with Pam and her family as we come to terms with John's death.

In conclusion, it has been an honour to be president for the past Kiwanian year and wish Geoff success and great support as Rostrevor-Campbelltown Kiwanis club continues its community support.

*Bruce Ind
President*

**Thank you Clayton Church Homes Inc.
Generously printing our bulletin. It's a great indicator of your community spirit.**



Bruce has now been a member for 25 years



Rod with San Bhatara

Human and Spiritual Aims Report

It was really sad that Jill and Judy's mum, who was 100 years old or should we say young, passed away last month. It was a lovely service and thanks to the members who attended. Jill and Judy will have so many wonderful memories.

Geoff Sibley had a skin lesion removed from his face which was successful. Good news Geoff.

Bob Trevena had a bout of the flu.

Jim Deering had an operation on his leg in August.

Geoff and Ann Thomas's son has sepsis and again wish him well on his road to recovery.

Both Chris and Jack have suffered from head colds.

Yvonne Castle had a melanoma taken off her leg. Hope all is ok Yvonne.

Wendy O'Hagan attended a funeral of a close friend in Pt. Pirie.

Jim Deering had a skin lesion removed from his face.

Jim also has a melanoma of his leg which is being treated through radiotherapy as it's unable to be removed because of its position. Hope all has gone well Jim.

Avril Pople has been back in hospital to sort out her breathing. She is now home which is fantastic news. All the best Avril from us all.

Judy Brewin had a bout of vertigo which has affected her for some time. Wishing you well Judy, as you recover from this symptom.

Ray Broadbent thought he had pneumonia but after blood and an Xray, he is suspected to have a heart condition. Thinking of you Ray as you continue to follow up from this.

Just For Laughs

The easiest time to add insult to injury is when you're signing someone's cast.



Geoff with three people from Pathways Community Centre

People on the move:

Helen Bibbo: Geelong: her second home.

Geoff and Ann Thomas have been to Maroochydore.

Bruce and Anne to Stansbury.

Janine Harper: Queensland.

Chris and Jack Bourke: Pt. Lincoln.

Bill and Yvonne Castle: Canberra.

Phil Daws: Queensland.

Bill and Joylene Haberfield are caravanning in far North Queensland. Safe travels you two.

Geoff Holmes: Moama for the Australia District Convention. Thanks Geoff, for representing the club.

Geoff Holmes has also been on a river cruise, thereafter, a visit to the Blue Mountains.

It's the end of another Kiwanis year and I would like to congratulate Bruce on his outstanding leadership throughout his term as President.

We now look forward to 2025/2026 under the direction of Geoff Thomas.

'Volunteers do not necessarily have the time, they just have the heart'.

Chris Ward
Director

Fundraising Report

Well, here is a summary of the year which has been a very busy one.

We have raised funds from our volunteering at Bunnings Barbecues, Fashion Parade, Annual Brunch, Annual quiz night, Northern Districts Athletics Marshalling, Grange Golf Clean-up for the Liquor Industry Charity Day, South Australian Miniatures catering and the City to Bay numbering job for SA Athletics - Many, many hours spent by many members and partners in our Club to raise an amazing \$28,000 which



Pam Jones receives recognition of John's achievements with the club

has been well spent by Directors on the Board and so well received by the many needs of Children & Youth and also Carers we have helped throughout the community, so a huge thank you to our volunteers as none of this is possible without you.



The incoming board

During August & September we held Bunnings Barbecues thanks to volunteers Geoff Sibley, Phil Daws, Bert Kampes, Helen Bibbo, Joan, Gary, Jill Jarvis, Pam Cooper, Graham Goddard, Judy Brewin, Chris & Faye Ward, Chris Bourke, Rod Cameron, Jack Bourke, Avril Pople, Fraser Pople & Bob Rudolph, Judy Channing, Anne & Bruce Ind, Wendy O'Hagan.

Also, in August we catered for the South Australian Miniatures event over two days and thanks to the helpers for this: Judy Channing, Phil Daws, Ray Broadbent, Bruce & Anne Ind, Janine Harper, Yvonne Castle, Pam Cooper, Rod Cameron, Joan & Gary, Bob Rudolph, Chris Ward & Chris Bourke.

We have Bunnings Barbecue coming up on October 22nd along with our annual Fashion Parade 19th October which is always fun seeing our models show off

the Fashions – this year models are Judy Channing, Yvonne Castle, Helen Bibbo & Janine Harper so looking forward to this event.



George F. Hixson recipients

If anyone has any other ideas for Fundraising, we would love to hear from you and look forward to another successful year ahead.

Best wishes

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House and Reception Report

Our first speaker for August was San Bhatari. An exciting, passionate guy who shared his story from a young boy in his native country to an outstanding citizen who is doing himself and his community proud, assimilating into the Aussie way of life whilst keeping his rich culture alive. He is active and passionate in the soccer programmes that he has been a part of and has much planned for their future.

The board had approved a donation to provide the players with jerseys.

He expressed an interest in speaking again.



Bridgette Barendregt from SA Police cybercrime team visited us on 25th August. Speaking from personal experience she explained some of the pitfalls to look out for, when surfing the web, replying to emails etc, & online shopping.

She provided us with 'The little book of scams' booklet. A great resource that we hope is never needed.

Noelle Wallis from Pathway Community Centre gave a passionate, insightful talk on the many facets of the centre.

It reaches out to the local community, striving to meet their needs, providing food hampers, emergency support & referrals.

Her colleague, Val, has run the Treasured Op Shop for over 14 years

and this store provides 60% of the yearly revenue for the centre.

She spoke of how they provide emergency clothing, at no cost, to people in desperate need.

Noelle was grateful to receive a \$1,000 donation and was excited to call her father in America the following day (he being a past Kiwanian president of his local club.)



Judy received her individual trophy

Handover Lunch on 21st September saw us meet at a Sferas.

Although a different location, what was very familiar was the wonderful kinship of our Rostrevor-Campbelltown members.

Emceed by our newest Kiwanian of the Year 'Phil Daws' (Congratulations and well-deserved Phil) who kept us entertained with his quick wit.

Our very surprised and exceedingly worthy recipients of the Hixson Award Ann & Geoff Thomas joined a very illustrious group of previous winners.

Thank you to the outgoing board for an outstanding year and welcome to the incoming board wishing them well for great things to come.

30th September was the annual combined services dinner, this year held at Cafe Va Bene Campbelltown with 12 of our members attending.

A very big thank you to all the catering team who have provided great meals to our members over the last Kiwanis year.

We look forward to hearing from our future speakers.

Yours in Kiwanis,

Judy Brewin & Anne Ind

District Convention

The 56th District Convention was held in August at Echuca on the River Murray.

It was a very successful and enjoyable weekend with 90 people attending.

Several workshops were held on a variety of subjects. The local school students entertained us with a variety of songs and a magician certainly confused us all.

The following were elected for the coming year:

Governor: Steve Hughes from
Sydney Club

Governor Elect: Peter Zander

Secretary: Kavitha Hapuarachchi
from Athelstone club

Treasurer: Rose Hepple

Some facts and figures (not all positive but realistic):

Kiwanis is in 82 countries.

6,500 clubs of which 1,100 are now in the Asia- Pacific Region.

175,000 adult members of which 60% are men and 40% women.

Average age 61 (63 men, 58 women.) In Australia the average age is 70.

Largest Club in Australia is Glenelg with 56 members.

Largest Club in the world is Birmingham Alabama with 456 members.

The next Convention will be held in Sydney 21st to 25th August 2026

Geoff Holmes

Community Welfare Report

As Jack is taking a break from his role, we thank him for his time and effort over the past couple of years, this has been greatly appreciated, and we welcome Rod Cameron who will endeavour to keep me on the straight and narrow.

We began 2025 with catering for the BBQ and morning tea for The Camp-

belltown Council Australia Day Function. As usual this was very busy and a full day, however always rewarding.

Kiva

This year we made 90 loans to single women in 12 countries in Oceania and Asia. These loans totalled over \$2,250 and helped women in a large range of activities, including food stalls, tapas making, pig fattening, fishing and fish sales, general stores, craft work, Kava production, and toilets for their homes.

Agnes, a 36-year-old divorced mother of four children from Honiara, Solomon Islands runs a market stall selling mixed goods in her community.

A loan of \$1800 will enable her to purchase coffee, noodles, sausage, betelnut, and fruit leaf to attract more customers.

This will increase her sales and provide additional support for her family, including improved living standards, educational support for her children, and better healthcare.



Agnes, Solomon Islands. We contributed \$25 of \$1800

Community Support

We have donated over \$14,000 to a variety of charities including Angel Flight, Children's Xmas party, AKWAK (Australians knitting for war affected kids), Nepalese Community Sports (we covered the cost of soccer gurnseys), Ronald MacDonald House, The Smith Family, and North East Community Assistance Project.

We have continued to sponsor orphans in Mwandi Zambia, this year taking on 2 extra boys, so we now sponsor the education and feeding of 1girl and 3 boys.

We are pleased to sponsor Paige Duffy, a young swimmer who is striving to win a place in the Paralympics Team. We will continue to monitor her progress and look forward to hearing her parents speak next month.

Many thanks to all for the support and help in our venture to ease the load a little for all the many families and children doing it tough.

A hearty congratulations to Ann and Geoff Thomas on receiving The Hixson Award this year, and to Phil Daws for receiving our club vote for Kiwanian of the year. Our club is certainly much richer with these valued members!!

The club looks forward to continuing to support our community in the next 12 months.

Chris and Jack Bourke



Combined services dinner

YCPO Youth Services Report

On Friday 26th September for Terrific Kids awards, Chris Ward attended Stradbroke Primary School with Geoff Sibley attending Dernancourt Primary & Phil Daws at Marryatville Primary schools.

There were two awards given out at both those assemblies by Chris & Geoff & Phil presented four TK awards.

Unfortunately, no Terrific Kids awards occurred at Charles Campbell Junior College but both Geoff & Chris have been invited and will be in attendance on 14th November at a special award assembly.

Marryatville Primary will not be presenting TK awards at the end of term 4 but will continue at the end of term 1 in 2026.

Thorndon Park School - special BBQ lunch day for students, parents & families. On Wednesday 24th September,

Rod Cameron & myself attended representing our Club joining in with Athelstone Club President Barry Burr & Alan Clarke (Terrific Kids presenter).

We undertook preparing, cooking sausages & onions & serving families with staff taking the money.

Students being served by teachers & parents separately. A very busy time but an enjoyable moment with Barry & Alan.

Just another of our services (non-financial). Great effort by Rod, Barry & Alan too.

Phil Daws

Director - Youth Services

Birthdays

Ray Broadbent	October 5
Bill Haberfield	October 17
Chris Ward	October 21
Pam Cooper	October 31
Anne Reuter	November 11
Brian Merchant	November 27
Bob Treveena	December 10

Guest Speakers

13 Oct - Tony Ey RAA - Now and Then

27 Oct - Anne Bullamore – Autism

10 Nov - Luke and Cara Duffy - Paige's story

24 Nov - Ron Kandelaars - His Story

15 Dec - Christmas Dinner