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KIWANIS GLENELG—HELPS KIDS IN NEED

Our club is very happy to announce that we have another Corporate Member, being **Enviro Frog Cleaning** with their Director, Shaun Cocks. Shaun, as you know, was already a club member, however wished to change his membership to recognising his business, Enviro Frog Cleaning. If you can support this business, like we ask you to do with all of our Corporate Members' businesses, that would be great. Here are Shaun's details:



Shaun Cocks

Director

Enviro Frog Cleaning

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Please see Page 12 for a list of all our Corporate Members

This edition covers quite a few events, as our club has been very busy. We are yet to hold our weekend events of cooking a barbecue at Treasure Boxes tomorrow and then on Sunday cooking a large barbecue for the HeartKids Christmas party—the editor will put out a final newsletter for the year after these and our Christmas party has been held.

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

to February 2026

Thur	27 Nov	Glenelg Primary School—end of year concert with barbecue by us.
Sat	29 Nov	Treasure Boxes barbecue by us at their premises—roster complete
Sun	30 Nov	HeartKids Christmas Party—11-2pm at Partridge House, Glenelg plus set up and pack up—roster complete
Sat	6 Dec	Bunnings barbecue @ their Marion store.
Mon	8 Dec	Our Club Christmas Dinner/Party—Rooms 4 & 5 Club Marion. You must RSVP to Marilyn if you would like to attend. Also, if you would like, bring a toy or gift for a child—these will be donated to Treasure Boxes—thank you. Please do not wrap the gift as they need to be sorted. No need to spend a lot. And please not too big as they need to be taken in someone’s car to Treasure Boxes.
Wed	17 Dec	Dept for Child Protection—cook their barbecue lunch—roster full.
	December	Delivery of rubbish bin flyers on behalf of Holdfast Bay Council—only in some areas this time
2026:		Late January—12 days—BJS sculptures event—marquee entry plus set up in the days before and take down once completed. A roster has gone around for this but we will also be emailing it out and would appreciate more names added.
Sun	8 Feb	Corvette Day at Wigley Reserve, Glenelg—fundraiser barbecue day. Heads up —the next Australia District Convention will be held in Sydney on 21st and 22nd August 2026—a shortened convention.

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A great day helping the Baden Pattinson Kindergarten celebrate their 70th birthday. As you can see our volunteers cooked up a barbecue lunch, while they sold cakes and other deliciousness inside the kindy.

Below: The Brighton school band



Fw: Thank you!

Hi Marilyn,

On behalf of the Baden Pattinson Kindergarten team, I would like to thank you and The Kiwanis Club of Glenelg for your contribution to our 70th birthday celebration.

Thank you again for your ongoing support of our kindergarten.

Kind regards,

Sarah Williams // Director
Baden Pattinson Kindergarten
Cnr Alison st and Kibby Ave
Glenelg North 5045

Below:
Marilyn Mitchell, Tony Heath, Owen Vick, Peter Symons and Marilyn Chandler enjoying being there to help out. This one is Community Service for our club.

Meanwhile, inside lots of lovely delicacies, plus a silent auction.



COAST FM OPEN DAY

Our club are members of Coast FM (radio) and occasionally have our 'sting' played on air. We attended their Open Day again this year and sold succulent plants, by Jacki, having done the same last year.

Jacki very kindly puts all these plants into lovely pots and donates them for sale. She asked if we would like to donate our proceeds to Childhood Cancer, a charity very special to her. And of course we do! This year, due to lightning, thunder, rain and wind, we didn't have as successful day as in the past. However, it was good to have our volunteers there, under our marquee which shows our name very clearly, just to get our name out there again. Here are a few photos and thanks to all who either

helped with sales, or with setting up and taking down.

Special thanks to Jacki



Left:
Alan Blakebrough,
Phil Bradley and
Helen Blakebrough
after setting up



Right: Jacki Mills, Val Symons and Marilyn Chandler were getting blown around a bit—crazy weather that day!



We were able to donate \$251 to the
CHILDHOOD CANCER ASSOCIATION



childhood cancer

BUNNINGS BARBECUE FUNDRAISER SATURDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2025

Well, what can this Editor say, apart from—"this was a record day for us". We didn't know if it would be as big as usual, as it was also Christmas Pageant day in Adelaide city, so we expected many people would attend that and maybe not come shopping.

And our day did start slowly for an hour, then went super-busy as people were out and about shopping for garden supplies and Christmas gifts etc at Marion shopping centre and Bunnings.

We did order more sausages and bread than usual, but even then we ran out on the last shift of the day and went and bought more.

We sold 762 sausage sizzles, 82 soft drinks and 11 waters and we had some donations, one of which was for \$50. Thank you to all of you.



Luckily we have the Marion shopping centre right there, so off we went for more supplies.

It can be quite hard sometimes to pick how busy it will be.

Thanks to all our helpers, and unfortunately no photos from the first shift.

Above:

Alan and Helen Blakebrough, Marilyn Mitchell and Tony Saunders

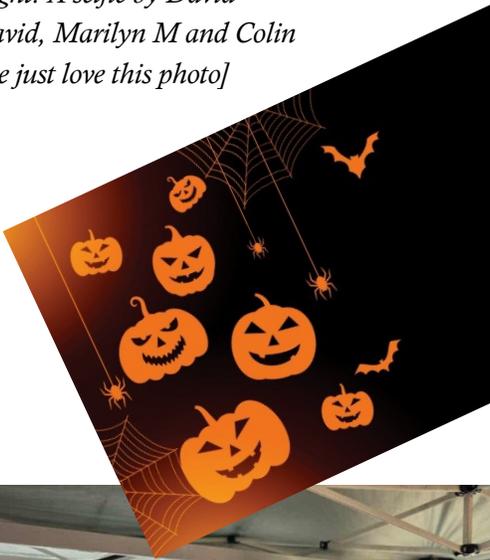
Right: Tony Heath and Bob Sitters (they've just finished a very busy shift so they are laughing!)



It's not always about fundraising and this time we were asked by Bunnings Marion if we would like to assist with their Halloween night for families. Yes, we said, that would be fun. So here are our club members, dressing the part and helping Bunnings on Thursday night, 30th October. Below are some photos by David Meadows.



Right: A selfie by David - David, Marilyn M and Colin [we just love this photo]



Left: Mike Parsons, Trevor Averay, Owen and Colin [another great photo]



Right: Colin Nisbet, Mike and Marilyn M



There was a Terrific Kids presentation to 2 students at Glenelg Primary School on Wednesday 29 October. The 2 students awarded were Reception and Year 1 students. It was so lovely to make this presentation to them. We were only permitted to show the photo of one of the students, Enzo. If anyone wants to make any of these presentations, please let Annette Lenon know. Annette is the co-ordinator of this program. There are several schools where we make presentations.



TERRIFIC means:
Thoughtful, Enthusiastic, Respectful, Responsible, Inclusive, Friendly, Inquisitive and Caring.

Students receive a Certificate in a bag which also contains a \$50 Dymocks book voucher, pens, and some other bits and pieces about our club.

On Thursday 20th November it was Marilyn Chandler's pleasure to present the All Rounder Award to Toretto Denton at Springbank Secondary College. Our club presents this Award annually and Marilyn loves attending for this purpose which includes a Certificate and a JB HiFi gift voucher from our club.



#kidsneedkiwanis





At left is a story and photo about Tommy Turbo which was in Advertiser on Monday 17 November. What a great photo of our club member Rebecca Mattinson, daughter of Angela and Tony Heath, with her son, Tom who has been a multi-awarded athlete over the past number of years. Good luck Tommy!

[I hope you can read this article on the left]

Several club members visited Murray Bridge club on Wednesday evening, 19th November to help celebrate their 30th birthday and Christmas. They had 65 at the dinner which was held at the Murray Bridge RSL club. We presented a Certificate of Congratulations to them, designed by Christine Teagle. Below is a photo of the Murray Bridge team. It was a great catch up.



At right: 2 Legion of Honours were presented by Lt Gov Div 8, Louise Heywood. Kathy Franklin and President Glen Dorsey received them and on the far right is a photo



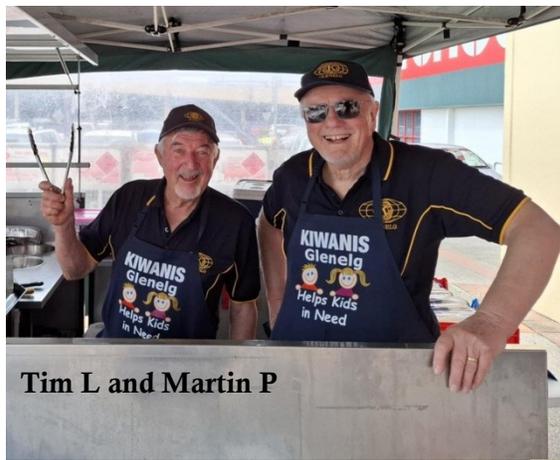
of Sienna Grieger who was recognised as an Honorary Member, for all the great assistance she has been providing.



Below is Louise Heywood with President Glen Dorsey



21st November we had our volunteers at yet another Bunnings bbq day. This one was a Friday and quite busy which we think was probably due to it being Christmas and a nice day weather wise. Here are a few photos.



Tim L and Martin P



Phil B and Tim L

Right: Peter Z and Bob S

*Further right:
Tony H, Colin N and
Bob S*



*Left:
Val S, Glenda S
and Roy S*

*Right: Peter Z,
Marilyn M and
Colin N*

*Not all made it to
the photos*



And then our meeting of Monday 24 November was another good one. President Trevor opened the meeting and Secretary Marilyn Chandler read the apologies, Roy Seccafien read the Invocation, and Marilyn told another great joke. Our guest speaker was the lovely Annie Hall. Ann told us a bit about her life, how she became a nurse, went to Vietnam during the war, worked in ICU and some of the stories from those times. At times very funny, though Ann did mention that sadly many came back with PTSD. It was a joy to listen to Ann, one of our best guest speakers—no overheads, no notes, just really good stories. Thank you Ann.



..and then Ann sent us a thank you as she enjoyed coming to our club so much. As did Robert Nitschke from Barossa Club. Thanks to Colin for recommending Ann.



GLENELG PRIMARY SCHOOL

We've cooked up another great barbecue meal for those attending Glenelg Primary School's Christmas concert for 2025

This is an event we have been attending for quite some years now. We liaise with their Parents & Friends group to organise this and then we donate half of our profits to them as a thank you. We have a great liaison with Glenelg Primary School. We attend their school to award students with Terrific Kids awards and their Principal Shane Misso has volunteered at several of our events over the past few years—namely All Holden Day and the Bay to Birdwood Car Rally.

Here are some photos from Thursday 27th November 2025—our people were busy so photos were taken when time allowed. Unfortunately none of the concert, which is always colourful and filled with terrific music. **We sold 403 sausage sizzles and 161 drinks in 2 hours!!!**

Thanks to all who helped in any way.

Photos by Yvonne Zander and Marilyn Mitchell



Top row: from left Marilyn Mitchell, Colin Nisbet and Yvonne Zander .
Above middle: Cooks Peter Smith and David Meadows
Above right: Another cook Tony Heath



Above: Bob Sitters who did an amazing job—unfortunately our Square system stopped working fully after half an hour so we couldn't accept card payments after that. Back to cash. Much harder job then, with lots of change having to be given, but Bob was terrific as usual.

Above: Martin and Wendy Percy getting ready for the lines of hungry people

Right: Early on Owen set up the big marquee.



Next to Bob is Server extra-ordinaire Angela Heath

No guest speaker at either of our meetings of 27 October or 10 November so on 27 October we had our Chocolate Wheel. P1 organises the look of the wheel by editing what he finds on-line. Then Alan runs the game on the night. Definitely a bit of fun.

Then on 10 November with no guest speaker again, Val Symons thought it was a good time to showcase our club Facebook page. She showed posts from the past month and some of the Reels that she had put together over the past few years.

Here is a photo of Val assisting Marilyn Mitchell and President Trevor with the drawing of the raffle.



Our next meeting is our Christmas dinner in Rooms 4 & 5 on Monday 8 December. Speaking of which - here is the flyer that was created by Christine Teagle who does all our graphics.

You are Invited

Graphic by Christine

Kiwanis
CLUB OF GLENELG

CHRISTMAS DINNER

CLUB MARION
Monday 8th December

6.00 for 6.30pm

\$48 pp

3 course meal

Live Entertainment by
Lindi Jane, Ventriloquist
Santa & Mrs Claus

RSVP 24/11/25

BSB 035 034 ACCOUNT 186 384
Please add your name!

You are also asked if you would like to bring a toy for a child—please do not wrap it and it will be donated to Treasure Boxes. Please nothing too big either. Thank you.

Did you see our email and invitation to this fun night—it went out by email on Tuesday 11 November—it contains details of the menu and some extra things you might want to know. Please make sure you RSVP. We are looking forward to this night. Wear your red, green, gold and silver if you want to feel even more Christmassy.

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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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.

December Birthdays

December	2	Agnes Chong
	3	Phil Bradley
	8	Roy Seccafien
	18	Glenda Seccafien
	21	Peter Symons
	24	Shaun Cocks
	26	Deb Bennett

and on January 2nd—Bob Sitters



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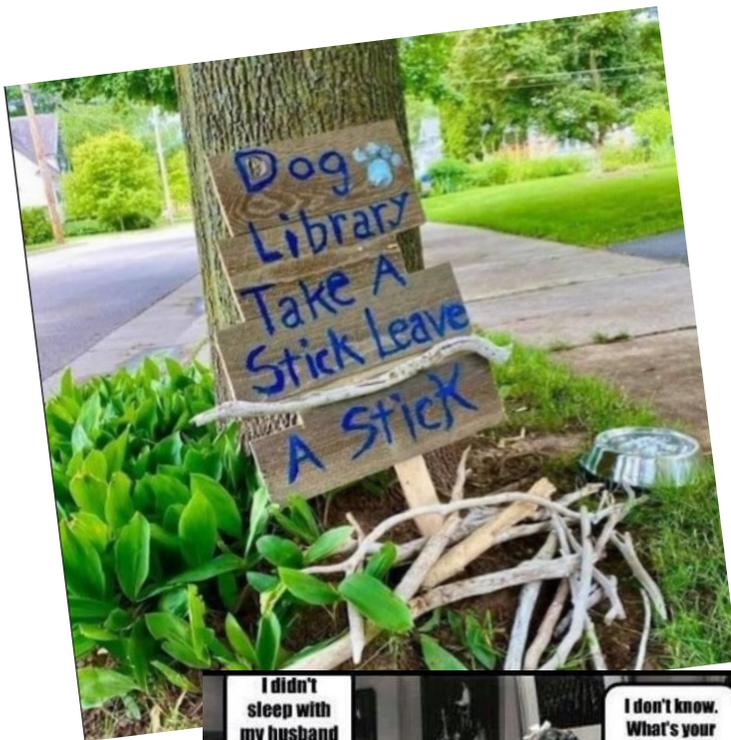
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JUST FOR A LAUGH



"Now that you're semi-nude under garish lighting with a total stranger in an environment synonymous with illness and death, let's take your blood pressure to see if it's normal."



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