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This super large Birthday cake was prominent at Murray Bridge Club's Dinner, celebrating their 30 Year Anniversary. Read more p.23.



Yes, Convention was a while ago, but this is the first AK since that enjoyable Kiwanis event at Echuca-Moama. Main photo features the *MV Kiwanis*, that beaut boat which took us down the mighty Murray River.

Read more on our Convention: p.12-13. The other pic shows Sue, Anne & Fiona on barbecue duty at Kings Domain, St Kilda Rd during HeartKids 'TwoFeet and A Heartbeat' in October. Read more about that HeartKids event p.7-8.



Kiwanis

GOVERNOR INTERSTATE VISITS



Governor Steve (and Cathy) have been busy with Divisional visits (SA, Victoria, NSW) in recent weeks. Here's some photos from a few of those events, inc. Mt Barker (below).



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LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS 2025-2026



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TIM
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HEYWOOD



Division 10
Currently
Vacant



FROM THE GOVERNOR

From Governor Steve Hughes

Kiwanis Australia District finished 2024-25 with 556 members in 28 Clubs which was a decrease on the start of the year by 23. We had one Club (Barwon Seed of Faith) in Geelong close due to non-payment of dues with a loss of 18 members.

My goal for clubs is to add 25% new members in 2025-26 which allows for natural attrition and some growth. October had me buoyed with clubs adding 10 new members and only 1 delete. However, the new member adds have stopped in November. Sadly, we lost Mandy Joneshart from Beachside-Newcastle this week after a long battle with cancer. Many of you will remember her ever smiling attitude.

Has your club drawn up a Membership Plan and appointed a Membership Chair? If you haven't then please do so, otherwise we won't achieve our goal of seeing Kiwanis Australia continue to help kids. Remember **#Kids need Kiwanis and Kiwanis Needs You!**

Two For Two is a great program to make sure a couple of your members are working on growth every month. If you want to know more, then please contact your Lieutenant Governor or myself.

The Signature Project competition around the Kiwanis world will again ask for submissions on the 6th January. Get your club to select what they want to be known for in the community, and write it up.

Kiwanis Australia selects the best one in each of the categories: Clubs under 28 and Clubs over 27 to go forward to the KI competition. At the Kiwanis Convention the top 10 finalists in each category will be presented with an award and then the Gold, Silver and Bronze will be presented with a cheque. In the last six years Australia has had four clubs in the winners circle plus one other finalist. What have you got to lose? <https://www.kiwanis.org/members/service-projects/2025-signature-project-contest-winners/>

Amplify is a leadership course online through Kiwanis International and is open to all Kiwanis members for US\$50. The eight leadership topics are completed over six months. It is led by leading consultants and trainers from around the world and is equal to any business training. Maybe you can use this as an advantage for younger persons to join Kiwanis, build their leadership skills, improve their career, their community and themselves.

Kiwanis Australia District Convention 2026 will be held in Sydney at the Rydges Sydney Central Hotel, right next to Central Railway Station. It will be Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd August 2026 and promises to be a great event. Mark it in your calendar now and plan for some sightseeing either side while in Sydney. Registrations will start in March.

Kiwanis International Convention will be combined with the ASPAC Convention in 2026. It will be held in Manila, The Philippines on 24th to 27th June 2026. The city is known for its mix of the modern and the historic – from culture to cuisine and more. That makes the Philippines' capital city a great place for Kiwanians to gather for fun, fellowship and education. Save the date, and look for more information as the event approaches! Registrations will start in December. <https://www.kiwanis.org/members/kiwanis-international-convention-manila/>

Cathy and I have already visited Divisions 8 clubs including most clubs from Division 10, Sydney, Newcastle, East Maitland, Beachside-Newcastle and Australia Online. We are taking off on a road trip over the next week to Division 7, Geelong, Warrnambool and then onto Division 6 including Port Phillip. It's been great talking to the enthusiastic members and see some of the great work we do in the community. We do promise to visit Perth, Brisbane and a couple of other clubs in Adelaide in the new year.

Let's all pull together and make 2025-26 a great year for Kiwanis Australia, along with the kids who rely on us for a better life.

STEVE HUGHES
Governor Kiwanis Australia District 2025-26



**SEASON'S
GREETINGS**





It's almost time to ring in 2026, but before we toast to a new year, let's look back at some of the amazing Kiwanis family projects, events and achievements in 2025.

Help when it's needed most

Service is the heart of Kiwanis, and 2025 was no exception. Here are just some of the ways members around the world helped kids and families in need:

Support for education:

- In Uganda, the Kiwanis Club of Nakivale distributed school supplies to more than 200 students.
- In Jamaica, a new scholarship will cover tuition for an associate degree for ten students each year.
- Vanuatu students at Vanua Leadership College will learn practical skills thanks to ten new sewing machines donated by the Kiwanis Club of Christchurch in New Zealand.

Children's health and well-being:

- The Indiana District of Kiwanis committed to raising US\$1 million to fund mental health services at a children's hospital.
- In Italy, the Kiwanis Club of Chieti Pescara G. D'Annunzio provided free health screenings for kids and helped purchase a neonatal ambulance.
- The Kiwanis Club of Badenweiler-Müllheim in Germany is keeping students safe by donating 275 high-visibility safety vests.

Relief in tough times:

- After heavy flooding in Romania, the Kiwanis Club of Saverne-Cité des Roses in the France-Monaco District delivered 44 pallets of clothing and sporting goods.
- The Kiwanis Club of Barrie in Ontario, Canada, helped six Ukrainian refugee families relocate and adjust to life in a new country.
- Twenty-seven teachers in California who lost their homes in the second most destructive wildfire in State history received financial assistance from the Kiwanis Club of La Cañada.

Submissions for the 2026 Signature Project Contest will be accepted beginning January 6.

Global impact

More than US\$9 million has been raised in cash and pledges so far for **The Kiwanis Possibility Project**, the first fundraising campaign that solely supports Kiwanis and the children we serve.

Our goal: US\$25 million to help 10 million children around the world be healthy, happy and successful.

- The third annual **Kiwanis Day of Giving** nearly doubled its initial goal, resulting in US\$186,000 raised for the Children's Fund! That's enough to reach more than 82,000 children. Mark your calendars now: **Kiwanis Day of Giving** returns February 25.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert (Bob) Sitters".

ROBERT (BOB) SITTERS
Kiwanis Children's Fund District Chair

Serving the  Children of the world

CONVENTION 2026 UPDATES

SAVE THE DATE

for Manila



Don't delay, as Registration costs increase from February 3

Please note - Registration closes on April 13, 2026 -

there will be no onsite registrations available.



REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

Don't miss this unique fabulous chance to experience a Kiwanis International Convention PLUS the 2026 ASPAC Region Convention, being held concurrently.

Registration fee covers both KI Conv & ASPAC - includes Fellowship Lunches on Thurs June 25 and Fri June 26.

Options include KI Children's Fund Luncheon, Thurs June 25: 11.30 - 1pm (US\$40);

"Colours of ASPAC Dinner" 7-9pm Thu June 25 (US\$80)

SLP Luncheon Fri June 26 11.30am-1pm (US\$40);

KI / ASPAC Gala Dinner "The Culture of Asia Pacific" Sat June 27, 7-10pm (US\$80)

The main venue is Marriott Hotel Manila where Kiwanis group rate discount applies (for now). Nearby hotels are also another option.

FUTURE CONVENTION

2027 – June 17-19

Host: DALLAS, TEXAS



2026 AUSTRALIA DISTRICT ANNUAL CONVENTION

SAVE THE DATE

Venue is Rydges Central Sydney, 28 Albion Street, Surry Hills - a 5 min walk from Central Railway Station.

FRIDAY AUGUST 21 and SATURDAY AUGUST 22, with Farewell Breakfast on SUNDAY AUGUST 23.

Registration will open soon, so do keep an eye on the District website for further details. In 2015 Australia District ran a condensed Convention (Melbourne) and the same applies in 2026. This should help with costs for those attending. Make sure you're there!!

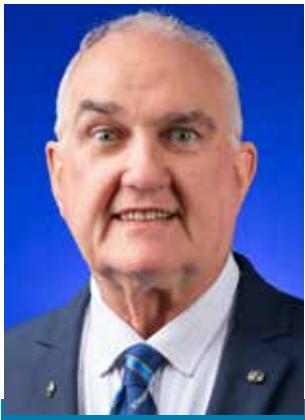
NEW ZEALAND SOUTH PACIFIC DISTRICT CONVENTION 2026

Based in Napier the Art Deco Capital of New Zealand, the NZ SP Kiwanis Convention is usually held the weekend before Australia District, but in a neat switch for 2026, Australia runs "first" on August 21 and 22, while NZ District Convention is set down for the weekend of August 29 & 30.



Convention venue is "The Thirsty Whale", while main accommodation is at nearby Bluewater Hotel. Convention Convenor is Past Governor and 'Past Everything' the very capable Clinton Green, so a good event can be assured. Cruise the NZ District website for further details as they become available, but the NZ SP Kiwanis family would love to see any of us Australian Kiwanians who happen to stray that way, late August.





HEARTKIDS UPDATE

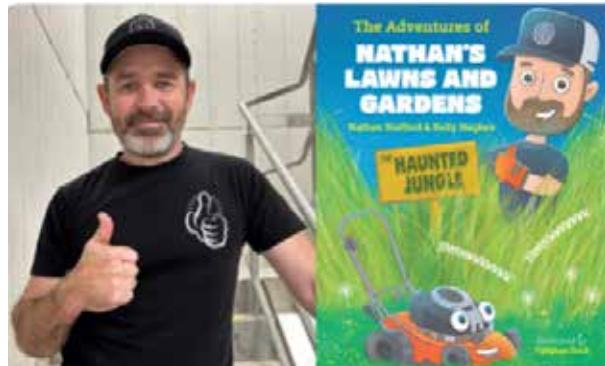
with Ian Randall

Here's HeartKids New Ambassador - Nathan Stafford

We're excited to welcome Nathan Stafford (right) of Nathan's Lawns and Gardens as our newest HeartKids Ambassador. Nathan has built his social media platform around kindness and helping others.

A proud Heart Dad, Nathan's connection to our mission is deeply personal as his son Benji was born with Pulmonary Valve Stenosis and underwent open-heart surgery on the day he was born.

Nathan from Sydney is bringing his passion to raise awareness of childhood-onset heart disease (CoHD), generously donating \$2 from every order and a portion of proceeds from his children's picture book, *The Adventures of Nathan's Lawns and Gardens: The Haunted Jungle*.

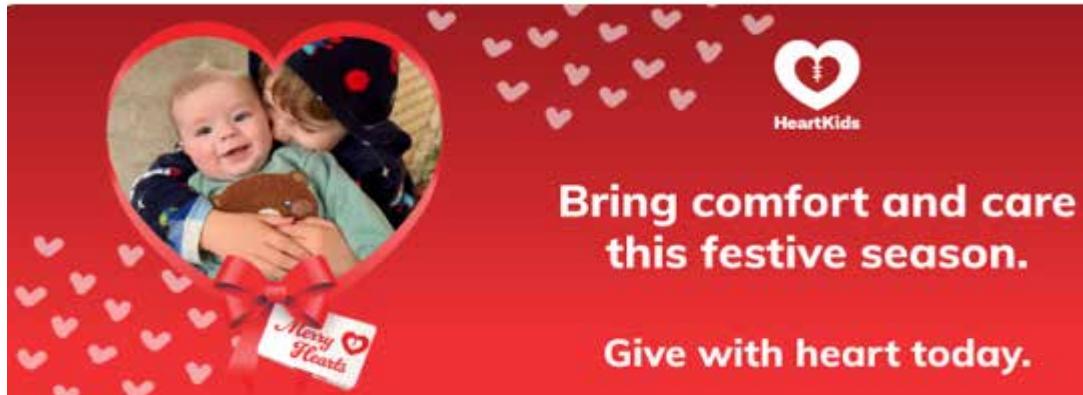


Help Support Families Across Australia this Festive Season

As the festive season approaches, for many of us this means twinkling lights, delicious feasts and cherished moments with our loved ones.

But for many of our HeartKids families, these are often very difficult times. Many are facing some of their toughest days in hospital, away from home, adjusting to a new diagnosis or overwhelmed by financial difficulties.

Every day in Australia, eight families welcome a baby who will need lifelong care for childhood-onset heart disease (CoHD). You can help us bring care, guidance and hope to these families by donating to our Festive Appeal. Your generosity can ensure that HeartKids can be there to offer practical and emotional support when they need it most this season.



HeartKids Innovative Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) is Launched

Formally endorsed by Reconciliation Australia, our inaugural RAP showcases HeartKids commitment to strengthen relationships, respect and opportunities with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

HeartKids is committed to walking alongside communities, listening and working together to improve outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Our vision for reconciliation is grounded in deep respect, enduring partnerships and meaningful action.



Save the Date for our Back-To-School Program

In January, as we approach the start of the 2026 school year, we're hosting a FREE two-week programme 'Ready? Set? School' Offering guidance for children and parents from three health professionals: an Occupational Therapist, a Mental Health Counsellor and a Speech Pathologist.

Mark your calendar now: Session 1: Thursday January 15; Session 2: Thursday January 22



Podcast: The Power of the Patient Voice

In our latest episode of From The Heart, Sami talks to Tanya Hall, CEO and founder of Hearts4heart and member of the World Heart Federation Board.

You can tune in as Tanya shares her personal journey from feeling isolated due to her diagnosis, to starting Hearts4heart, a national organisation supporting, educating and empowering adults with heart conditions.

Together they discuss how lived experience can reshape care, policy and community.

Two Feet and a Heartbeat Update

This year's *Two Feet and a Heartbeat* was one of our most heart-warming yet, with Kiwanis clubs right across Australia stepping up to support the event. From volunteering to hosting sausage sizzles, your involvement added a meaningful touch for families coming together, whether to honour their own journeys or remember the little angels who have passed.

The HeartKids team absolutely loves working alongside Kiwanis. Your clubs are a true staple at community events, bringing reliability, warmth and a generous spirit to every occasion. In 2025, more than 4,000 walkers across 30 locations, from Broome to Geelong, Sydney to Cairns, joined in, making it a truly national moment of connection.

A special shout-out goes to the Brisbane Kiwanis Club, who not only helped Mitz prepare for the event, but also rolled up their sleeves to help clean out the shed! (shown left) It's the kind of above-and-beyond support that makes this partnership so special.



A Gift That Will Change Lives in 2026

HeartKids is also deeply grateful to Kiwanis for the generous \$20,000 donation to continue our Primary Years and Teen Transition programs in 2026. Your support will directly impact children and teens living with childhood-onset heart disease and ensure they receive the help they need to thrive.

Primary Years Program – Supporting Healthy, Confident Kids

Our Primary Years pilot program, running in three Victorian schools, aims to engage young students through Hop for HeartKids. This initiative encourages: Physical activity; Inclusion & wellbeing; Awareness of heart health.

With childhood obesity and hypertension on the rise (around 26% of Australian children are obese and ~20% experience hypertension), early education is more important than ever. Schools taking part receive a Welcome Pack and Educator Guide to run a 4–6 week program featuring: Movement and mindfulness activities; Inquiry-based learning; A school hop-a-thon event.

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This program helps build stronger school-community partnerships, raises awareness of heart conditions, and boosts student confidence, social inclusion and activity levels.

Teen Transition Program – Guiding Young People Into Adult Care

Your donation also supports the Teen Transition program, designed for young people aged 12 to 18 as they move from paediatric to adult cardiac care, a time when many risk dropping out of the system.

The program provides: • Practical health education; • Peer support; • Online learning sessions; • Culturally safe RHD Day Camps for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander teens

These activities build confidence, enhance health knowledge, and help young people stay connected to the lifelong care they need.

Together, these programs give children and teens the tools, confidence and community support to thrive – and Kiwanis has made that possible.

Looking Ahead to 2026

As we now find ourselves at Christmas again, we extend our warmest wishes for a safe and joyful festive season. We look forward to seeing you in the new year for Sweethearts Week (9–14 February) with activities across major capital city shopping centres, buildings lit in red and pink, radio features, and (fingers crossed) a little TV as well.



Once again, we truly appreciate any support you can offer as we launch our simple call to action:

“Give \$8 for the 8 babies born today with a heart condition.”

Thank you, Kiwanis family, for walking beside us, this year, next year and always.



Left: Brisbane stalwart Graham Simpson shown with helpers on the barbecue, during some of Queensland's efforts towards helping HeartKids. Top: Governor Steve presenting the cheque for A\$20,000.00 from KADCF to Sami Glastonbury, National Philanthropy Manager, and HeartKids Chairman Rohan Geddes. The cheque is the annual donation from Australian Kiwanis Clubs.



The Kiwanis Bus Service 'kingpin' and Brighton Busy Beavers Aktion Coordinator, along with staffing the Supplies Office are just some of the many hats worn by long-standing Kiwanian Peter Zander OAM who is now a Glenelg Club member. At this year's Glenelg Christmas meeting early December, it became obvious that Peter has the natural attributes for "playing the part" of Father Christmas, with his correctly coloured beard. (For the record, Peter didn't score the Santa "job" at that Glenelg Dinner.) Another hat worn by Peter is that of Australia District Governor-Elect, not overlooking the fact he had the role of Governor a decade ago. One busy bloke, and amongst a large number of Kiwanians who continues to serve our District well.



CHILDREN FIRST
Jessica Redwood

Kiwanis delivering care in a contemporary world

Many of you know who we are and have supported us for years. Still, for those members who are new or who haven't stopped by for a while, I'd appreciate the opportunity to reintroduce Children First Foundation and some of the exciting things we have been doing this year, thanks to Kiwanis.

Children First has three main programs: The **Miracle sMiles Program** enables children with the most challenging cases from developing countries to receive life-saving and life-changing surgeries in Australia. The program partners with top Australian surgeons, hospitals, and donors to provide complex surgeries not available in the children's home countries. Children and their parents/guardians receive holistic pre- and post-surgical care, including accommodation, education, and emotional support from the Children First team.

The **In-Country Surgery program** facilitates life-saving and life-changing surgery in children's home country, where possible. We collaborate with a select number of overseas hospitals that meet our surgical governance and clinical standards to facilitate surgery locally.



Junelson, Today Tomorrow Project Surgery.

Just like in the Miracle sMiles (Australian) program, we provide children and families with vital pre-surgery and post-surgery support, including rehabilitation, ensuring the best possible outcome for each child.

The **Back Home Support Program** provides children with additional support to pursue their goals, including welfare, education, or health support after surgery. Our capacity-building initiative, **The Today Tomorrow Project**, works to address the underlying barriers to children accessing surgical care in their own country.

By investing in not just surgical care but also surgical training, we are laying the foundations for a future where no child is left waiting for the care they desperately need.



Mijors, In-Country

Your kindness changed lives in Samoa !

Thanks to your incredible support, 22 children received life-changing surgery in just one week in Samoa! You helped save Daniel's life.

Baby Daniel was born with a severe abdominal hernia that left him malnourished and fighting for survival. There being no surgeon in Samoa able to help, his parents feared the worst—until your generosity made it possible for our skilled team of surgeons to travel to Samoa.



Daniel with mum before surgery.

Together with the local surgical team, they operated under challenging conditions – sometimes by torchlight during power cuts! Beyond saving lives, gifts to Children First helped mentor local surgeons, anaesthetists, and nurses, building skills that will benefit countless children in the future.

As Daniel's mum said, "Thank God you were here this week when we needed you". Your compassion ensures children can receive care close to home – today, tomorrow, and for years to come. Thank you for making this possible.



Daniel after surgery.

Our immense gratitude especially goes out to the three Kiwanis Clubs that have supported the project so far this year: Kiwanis Club of Brisbane; Kiwanis Club of Brighton Bayside, and Moorabbin Kiwanis Club.

Thank you all for being part of this incredible, life-saving three-year project.

If you'd like to join in, supporting life-changing surgery in Samoa, please get in touch with Jessica Redwood, CEO, jessica@childrenfirstfoundation.org.au

Jessica



Khon, Miracle sMiles



INVITE - All Kiwanians are welcome to attend the 2026 DIVISION 2 MINI CONVENTION



If you're looking for a Fun Weekend, consider attending the
ANNUAL DIVISION 2 MINI CONVENTION at

Tea Gardens / Hawks Nest, NSW on February 12-15, 2026

The Mini Conventions have a maximum of fun and fellowship and a minimum of formal sessions. Ask anyone who has attended in the past!



There's golf, trivia quiz, yard games, and the all important "theme night" on Saturday evening.

For 2025 the theme was "A Night in the Jungle". Some members really got into the theme with very fancy dress (Pictured below is our 2024/25 District Governor !)

For 2026, because the Saturday night is Valentine's Day, the theme is **LOVE!**
So for Saturday night, wear your heart on your sleeve, or just be lovely!

Early members arrive on the Thursday – drinks and dinner at the Tea Gardens Country Club which is attached to the Country Club Motel where most members stay. Others arrive Friday (morning golf, evening Trivia at the Tea Gardens Masonic Hall). The remainder come along on Saturday to be part of the short "official" proceedings - Division 2 Council and Governor visit.

Then the fun afternoon yard games begin where there's an interclub competition to decide the winner of the prestigious Sunshine Cup.

Most Kiwanians stay at the Country Club Motel but you are welcome to arrange your own accommodation or bring your motorhome or caravan. As with everything these days, costs are increasing. The best rate that could be negotiated with the Motel was Thursday night \$165 for Queen room, \$180 for a King room, with Friday and Saturday nights \$200 for both Queen and/or King room.



If you would like a room at the motel please email us, saying which nights you would like to stay, as the motel has asked us to allocate the rooms. First in best dressed for the Queen rooms, then it will have to be King rooms. The registration this year will be \$50 to cover food costs - dinner Saturday and breakfast Sunday morning, hall hire, etc.

If you'd like more information please email the coordinators
Gaile & Bryen Smith bhgvs@yahoo.com.au Phone 0412 308 251





AKTION ACTION



Adelaide Hills AKtion Update



The Hahndorf home of Past Governor Ash Gore & Ros was the December 7 venue for the annual Aktion Christmas lunch. Kiwanians had a lovely meal and made the donations shown in the photo to Foodbank. There was a surplus after expenses of \$135 so a quick vote was taken and a decision to donate that to Foodbank as well. Lt Governor Div 8, Louise Heywood, also attended. Well done to Aktioneers and those who assist.



Newcastle AKtion Update

Late November the Newcastle Aktion Kiwanis were busy assembling 150 Soul Hub care buckets filled with items purchased by Newcastle Kiwanis. These care buckets would be "dished out" at the Soul Christmas party.

Gaile & Bryen Smith were amongst

regular Kiwanians helping out, before everyone tucked into a pizza supper. Well done to all who took part.



DISTRICT CONVENTION MOAMA 2025



Secretary Sue giving her report.



Joseph Fombason from Port Phillip Club



Anthony Mastoroudes



Governor David giving his report.



Above: Our MV Kiwanis skipper Graeme Trist, a local Kiwanis Club Charter member. Below: Bob Sitters is shown with the incoming Board for 2025-26. (Absent - Louise Heywood and Rose Hepple). The lineup includes our Trustee 'Yoshi'.

BRIEF CONVENTION SUMMARY

The 56th District Convention August 28 to 31 went off very well, with nearly 100 registrants, although health reasons saw a couple of late withdrawals. Governor David was nearly a cancellation but was determined to attend, after pushing his surgeon into agreeing to discharge him from hospital the day before. Unable to drive, it was Kerry to the rescue and she kindly became GC (Governor Chauffeur) for the weekend!

With assistance from Bob Sitters, the Convention at Moama Bowling Club (magic venue) under the guidance of Echuca-Moama President Tim Dawes and helped by Julie Mansfield plus Terry James amongst many others, ran really smoothly.

Several Kiwanis Clubs had great turnouts including Reynella (Koster, Humby families), Barossa & Sydney Clubs, amongst others (three from Perth!), which was most encouraging to the host Echuca-Moama Club.

Award winners for 2024-25 announced at this Convention were:

Ralph Doddrell Award for most new member adds - ATHELSTONE (for adding 9);
Ian Perdriau Trophy -- GLENELG CLUB - for exemplary performance across the qualities required of a Premier Club

Sid Curry Memorial Trophy - Best Club Secretary - GLENELG CLUB - Val Symons & Assistant Marilyn Chandler. Glenelg Club Secretary consistently submitted monthly reports by 10th of the month - very reliable.

Best Bulletin Award - GLENELG CLUB for Gumtree Gossip - ticked all the boxes required.

Bulletin Most Improved - SYDNEY CLUB

Kooka Award - ATHELSTONE CLUB - especially recognising the efforts of Secretary Kavitha Hapuarachchi in recruiting new members.



The annual Board of Trustees meeting that precedes the start of Convention.



Board meet in progress.



Above: Terry James; right:
Saturday dress up dinner;
below: The ladies lineup for
judging Best Costume.



Above: Bob Funnell (East Maitland) and the Moulds (Australia Online Club)



We had the privilege of having our International Trustee on hand for Convention. An Aussie welcome was accorded to Shinichi Yoshikuni, or Yoshi as he was variously called.

Yoshikuni is a member of Tokyo Kiwanis Club, where he served as President 2015-16. He is a George F. Hixson Fellow and a Dr Wil Blechman Fellow.

Holding a degree in economics and also business administration, 'Yoshi' has held several senior positions in the banking industry including as an executive director of the International Monetary Fund.

With Kiwanis, Yoshi organised Japan's first university-based Circle K international club while he was a visiting professor at Musashino University, Tokyo.

He and wife Yuri have two children and three grandchildren. It was a pleasure to have Yoshi on board at Convention.



Above: Immediate Past Governor Ian Randall (Moorabbin) and Ev Leske (Barossa) are shown "on board". Inset: Helen Blakeborough from the Glenelg Club.



BAROSSA BONFIRE BASH

Back in 2020, Barossa Kiwanian Robert Nitschke floated the idea of hosting an interclub social get-together on his property outside Nuriootpa in South Australia.

Situated in a wine-growing area, this would take the format of a magnificent barbecue lunch with some reds or cool whites to wash that down, while in the background there'd be a chance to burn off a huge pile of old stumps and vegetation – a good old fashioned Bonfire.

The first three or four were held in the autumn time, and in those years there wasn't an issue with Council permits or stuff like that. But for 2025 the extremely dry summer meant it was prudent for our Kiwanis Bonfire to be delayed.

Sunday October 12 was the revised date and newly installed Barossa Club President Des Schiller (along with host Robert) welcomed a good sized gathering to the venue, set on a sprawling estate.

Barossa Club barbecue trailer fired up, and a terrific lunch was duly served for the Kiwanians and friends in attendance. Meanwhile in the background, that bonfire gathered momentum, although its warmth wasn't overly needed due to the somewhat mild conditions.

Many thanks to Robert for his hospitality, and the Barossa Club for their input into what is now an entrenched Inter club Kiwanis activity.





OUR INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

Michael Mulhaul (shown left) of Interlaken, New Jersey, USA, was installed as President-Elect of Kiwanis International during the 2024 Kiwanis International Convention in Denver, Colorado. Since the 2025 Convention in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, he has now been installed as KI President.

Michael (Kiwanian for 33 years) belongs to the Kiwanis Club of Greater Parsippany. A certified Club Trainer, and past President & Treasurer, he helped charter the Asbury Club. He's also a member of the Asbury Park, New Jersey, Kiwanis Club and belongs to the Eye of the Tiger e-club. Michael has been both Governor and Lt Governor of the New Jersey District and is currently President of the New Jersey District Foundation.

He is a George F. Hixson Fellow, a Walter Zeller Fellow and a Dr Wil Blechman Fellow. He has also earned the Tablet of Honor.

An investment professional for more than 40 years, Michael has chaired the organisation's Audit and Finance Committee and served as a member of the Executive, and Risk Management Committees, as well as the Conventions, Conferences, and Recognition Items Committee. In addition, he previously served on the Service and Partnerships Committee and the Public Relations, Image, and Marketing Committee.

Along with Laura, his wife of 32 years and a fellow Kiwanis member, Michael has three adult children, Zach, Curtis and Emily, along with two grandchildren. Below is a letter penned by our International President, welcoming us all to a "new Year"

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 neighbourhoods.

As we embrace 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 honoured 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
KI President 2025-26



Past International President Case Van Kleef died on November 30 and was still active, helping at working bees until recently. Born in the Netherlands before moving to USA, he joined Kiwanis in 1965. Case was President 2004-05 (when Frank Fotiades was Australia District Governor) and Australia had the pleasure of meeting Case and wife Susan on a trip Down Under early 2005. They took part in the annual Kiwanis Bowls Night run in Adelaide by Divisions 3,8,10. That's Susan shown here displaying a pair of balls at that 2005 bowling event. She has been a member of Northside Naples Kiwanis Club in Florida since 2016.



AROUND THE CLUBS



ROSEWORTHY-HEWETT KIWANIS



Roseworthy Hewett Kiwanis were represented at November's Terrific Kids ceremony by Marie Wholing and President Bill Skully, shown here with one of the TK recipients. The other photo shows a trio of Charter members (Marie Wholing, Andrew Pulford and Janet Pulford) proudly displaying the Certificate presented at Convention recognising the Club's contribution to HeartKids.

NEWCASTLE



Annette Holmes is shown here at the latest Terrific Kids presentation, hosted by Newcastle Kiwanis Club.

ROSTREVOR-CAMPBELLTOWN



BRISBANE KIWANIS



Brisbane stalwarts Marie and Graham Simpson (left) were recognised recently at a Christmas party organised by local Councillor Sarah Hutton. The Simpsons were recipients of a Local Legends Award, that pays tribute to people who've made an outstanding contribution to the community.



"Roscam" Club, ever active, have welcomed four new members recently. Shown top with Immed. Past President Bruce are Grace De Palma, plus Anna & Vince Marotti. Anne Reuter is not pictured. Lower photo shows Joan with Holly & Jaydee from Icefactor. After their talk, the Club donated \$1000 to Icefactor, formed 20 years ago to assist schools in their efforts to keep 'at risk' students at schools..

SHEPPARTON SUNRISERS



New pyjamas and undies plus a cuddly soft toy and other supplies are packed into backpacks for children escaping domestic violence or facing homelessness.

On a recent Division 7 visit by Governor Steve and Cathy they attended a Shepparton Sunrisers meeting. Cathy saw firsthand the Shep Sunrisers Healthy Eating Sprout Garden and helped with backpack packing.

During that weekend John Hyde celebrated a big Milestone Birthday, but spent part of it in hospital after an unplanned medical episode. However the good news is that John's back home, up and about again.

REYNELLA KIWANIS



Reynella Club decorated their barbecue trailer to become a great Xmas float in the local Pageant early December. Lots of effort went into making that a great publicity item for Kiwanis.

PROSPECT KIWANIS



Early December Prospect Club had a stall at a Council-run Christmas fair. Shown here is part of that display being set up by new President Emmanuel Phisos, where the Club's newly printed promo brochures that have already had traction in attracting new members. "Manny" is hosting a President's Breakfast late January, which has been a long-standing Prospect Club 'tradition'.

ATHELSTONE KIWANIS



District Secretary Kavitha with several new members, during Athelstone's Xmas Dinner at the Paradise Hotel, on Nov. 10.

AUSTRALIA DISTRICT FACEBOOK PAGE

A reminder about KAD's facebook page. If your Club already has a facebook page and has 'liked' the Kiwanis Australia District, let me (Val Symons) know what you are up to. If you haven't "liked" our page, please do so.

If your Club doesn't have a facebook presence, no worries, just send in any articles, photos and items about your Club by emailing it to this address, and I can post it on your behalf. Please send to val.symons@outlook.com



Please do keep in mind the Kiwanis Australia District Charitable Foundation (KADCF)

Kiwanis Australia welcomes grant funding for the following current programs in Australia for improving children's health and wellbeing:

- HeartKids Australia 'Primary Years' and 'Teen Transition' programs
- Childhood Cancer Research – into Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia
- Children First Foundation - supporting life-changing operations in Australia for disadvantaged children



These ongoing Grant programs are the key focus for our Charitable Foundation fundraising, in a combination of sources using a Kiwanis Club & their members, family & friends, public & corporate sectors.

Tax Deductible Donations are received for these programs by the Kiwanis Australia District Charitable Foundation either by 'Direct Deposit' or the 'GiveNow' online 'Donate Now' facility.

Kids Need Kiwanis

WANTED - APPLY WITHIN !!

EDITOR STILL NEEDED - Australian Kiwanian

It's YOUR magazine, and Australia District is still in need of a new Editor to produce this journal.

This is a quarterly (4 issues annually) and while currently AK averages about 24 pages, the size and formatting is open to what the Editor decides. Lately, the production has been on a Mac platform using Adobe software, but a new Editor can use Word or similar applications – again, it's really a blank canvas and the current "de facto Editor" (our Immediate Past Governor) will be happy to provide technical advice and support.

*Please email David - dmcnabb689@gmail.com
for further information. Don't be shy, it really isn't that hard!*



GET ONLINE WITH AUSTRALIA ONLINE



AUSTRALIA ONLINE is probably the District's easiest Kiwanis Club for 'attending' meetings. Kiwanians who maybe can't go outside, are possibly away travelling around the countryside, or if their regular Kiwanis Club has gone into recess, then this could be for you.

For those Kiwanians who are "Grey Nomading", this club can enable them to maintain contact while travelling. We welcome any existing Kiwanians who are interested in developing new friendships with fellow members from other parts of the country, and potentially worldwide. Kiwanis AOL Club meetings often have a guest speaker, with interesting topics.

Kiwanis Online meets monthly, on the **second Thursday** at 7.00pm Australian Eastern Time using the following information:

Please join our meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone by clicking the following link
<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/173825077> You don't really need a computer, as you can dial in using your phone.
Australia: +61 2 9087 3604 Access Code: 173-825-077

Inquire direct to Club President Ash Gore at 1agorekiwanis@gmail.com (phone 0499 848 414). Or simply log in using the above on the next meeting date. Look forward to "seeing you" at a meeting soon!



VALE: 7 VALUED KIWANIANS

DON MILLARD (Adelaide)

Donald James Millard, born April 17, 1933, passed away in Adelaide on Friday August 15, aged 92. Over later years his health had deteriorated but this well educated man remained stoic until his latter stages of life.



Don was an exceptionally well organised man, with a military background, and trained in the education field. He was appointed to the staff of elite school Prince Alfred College mid-1973, where he remained until retirement in the late 1990s.

He joined Kiwanis Club of Adelaide around the 1995-96 timeframe, back when that Club held its meetings at the Adelaide Public Schools Club site on East Terrace in the city. He was delighted when that Kiwanis Club later switched to holding its meetings at the Adelaide Naval, Military & Air Force Club, because his services background meant he had two reasons to be at that noble club.

Immediate Past Governor David recalls meeting Don for the first time, in the mid-1990s, when as "newbie" Kiwanis members, they were both assigned to an early working K project, at Carclew Mansion, North Adelaide, this being Don's first taste of Kiwanis action.

For Adelaide Club, Don held various posts including President (Distinguished in 1999) and again in 2010-11. He was Secretary 2003 to 2005, and again 2012 to 2015. He was honoured with a Hixson Fellowship, and is credited for being a major force behind the formation of the Kiwanis Bus Service Operators Club, which chartered in September 2007. Whenever he assisted in setup of helping at Bunnings barbecues and similar, his military style background invariably came to the fore with impeccable organisation.

Other positions held by Don included Lt Governor Division 3, 2005 - 2007, along with being that Division's eliMiNaTe rep 2013-2014. When Adelaide's combined Kiwanis Club ran the Picnic in the Park for disadvantaged children, it was Don's house at Collingwood St, Hazelwood Park that was used for working bees leading up to those annual events. He and wife Margaret were often involved in attending or helping organise District Conventions.

Following the *Collingwood* 'theme', Carlton Street's Rosefield Uniting Church was the venue for his funeral service on August 28 (coinciding with District Convention), where Lindsay Curtis was amongst those representing Kiwanis.

Don's wife Margaret pre-deceased him in March 2020. The couple had three children - Kym (& Leonie), Michael (& Robyn) and Julianne (& Andrew), and were blessed with 8 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

He was a staunch member of Adelaide Club right up until they went into recess in 2015, but felt unable to switch to another Club mainly due to his advanced audio issues.

More Vale entries
appear next page



BILL ZUILL (Reedbeds)

William John Zuill was born November 22, 1932 (died August 23, 2025) in New South Wales, where he spent the first half of his life, before being transferred through his employment with Mobil Oils, to Adelaide.

An ever-community minded man, Bill became involved with Kiwanis in the late 1980s, joining Reedbeds Club in 1988 and was one of a handful of Charter members still active, when Reedbeds went into recess just a few years ago.

Bill was very much into Kiwanis, and also became involved as a Parish Council member of St Richard's Anglican Church, Lockleys – near to where he and wife Jill lived, and where his funeral was destined to be held on September 9.

Bill was also nominated and won a West Torrens City Council Local Government Award which recognised the outstanding Community service he performed over the years, involving Road Watch, garden maintenance, leading the local Neighbourhood Watch for 9 years, Meals On Wheels for 15 years, and other services rendered.

He was a Vice-President of Reedbeds Kiwanis and also a Board member. Bill and Jill bought a farm down south of Adelaide at Inman Valley where olives were grown. Kiwanians became accustomed to being part of 'working bees' to harvest the crops for a while. He was also a staunch member of Grange Golf Club and was rather delighted when for the latter year or more, Reedbeds Kiwanis finished up having their dinner meetings at GGC.

The Zuills had three boys – John, David (& Tracy) and Peter (& Zorica) along with 15 grandchildren. A posthumous Award marking Bill's faithful Kiwanis service was presented at Moama Convention in August.

CHARLES JOLLY (Athelstone)

Charles Francis Jolly, better known as Chas, was born 10/2/1946 and sadly passed from this world around 2am on Saturday 15th November 2025. He was a steadfast member of Athelstone Kiwanis for over 22 years but before we explore his service club journey, let's find out some more about this man.

Chas was born 79 years ago in Whyalla into a large family of six, and attended Whyalla Tech High, where his early sporting prowess bloomed, excelling at both football and basketball. This versatile bloke also had lots of musical talent, being proficient with four instruments including violin and piano.



He boarded in Adelaide while training as a teacher at Wattle Park Teachers College - his first posting being in 1967 to Cleve Area School. In 1968 he met Marilyn, they were engaged the following year and were wed in 1970. Son number 1 was born in 1972 - their family eventually consisting of Ben (wife Pina), Simon (married Monica), Rachel (m. Mark) and Lachlan (m. Jody). Later, their tally of grandchildren grew to five.

The Jolly family built a house in Cleve, living there until 1988 when they sold up in Cleve and moved to Athelstone in Adelaide's northern suburbs. Being community-minded Chas had joined Apex, being a President of his local chapter and after ageing-out, was able to discover more about Kiwanis, joining Athelstone Club on Feb 24, 2003, over 22 years ago. In Kiwanis he was Club President 2004-05 and 2012-13. He also served as Secretary 2009-10 and 2015-16. This keen Kiwanian could always be relied on to help out at projects and events. Another "plus" was he and Marilyn joining up as members of the Adelaide Crows Football Club.

Professionally, Chas was Deputy Principal at Blair Athol Primary School in 1989, eventually retiring in that position from the workforce in 2006. During those years the Jollys were able to do an Around Australia trip.

This quiet bloke had actually had a cancer diagnosis around 25 years ago but kept it at bay with treatment. Sadly illness returned and his last months were spent in the care of Mary Potter Hospice. Chas's funeral was held on Tuesday November 25, with several past and present Kiwanians (plus Past Governors Bill Skully and Robert Gambell) in attendance.



JOHN UPHAM (Waverley)

John William Upham (born August 9, 1950) was an Old Collegian of Mentone Grammar, spending the final two years of his college education at that Melbourne school. In 1967 John was a member of the 1st 18 Football team, and was promoted the following year to the prestigious position of team captain. He was also prominent in Mentone's Top Tennis Team and his sporting prowess gained him Full College Colours 1968 for football, tennis and athletics. He graduated from Mentone, December 1968.

An ever community minded man, John joined Kiwanis Club of Dandenong in October 1986 where he was President 1994-95, and Secretary 2003-05. This Club was renamed Berwick and he served alongside Norm McLennan plus Steve Legg. John took the position of Berwick President 2019-20 to 2023-24.

During 2016-17 Kiwanis year, he gained a Legion of Honour, presented to him by then Lt Governor Division 6 Ian Randall. When Berwick went into recess in September 2024 John transferred to Waverley Club where he was an active and valued Kiwanian. A fellow Kiwanis Club member Margie Patterson recalls John taking part in many working bees and often attending the Kiwanis stall at the annual Dandenong Show, plus Special Olympics.

Ever the keen sportsman, John had a regular Friday golf "threesome" with buddies Keith Trueman and Ian Gibbs – both now being deceased, and this trio is likely enjoying a round of golf "upstairs", as we speak.

John passed away on November 25. A Memorial Service in his honour was held on December 5 at Beaconsfield Golf Club, Beaconsfield Upper, under the care of Greenhaven Funerals. Sincere condolences are conveyed to partner Heather and to all of John's family.

TREVOR BARRON (Canning River, WA)

Kiwanian John Osborne worked with Trevor's wife Cheryl, and got to know the Barron family. He duly signed Trevor Barron up to the Canning River Club and he became active in Kiwanis during the late 1980s early 1990s.

A very strong family man and quiet, unassuming by nature, Trevor (born September 3, 1936) was a returned Vietnam vet. He passed away on October 9, 2025.

TRISH PERDRIAU (Brighton Bayside)

Patricia Ann Perdriau – better known as Trish – lived a life grounded in love, family and genuine warmth. Born on September 3, 1936, she grew into a woman known for her kindness, steady presence and the joy she found in both the simple and significant moments of life.

She was the devoted wife of Ian Perdriau, past International President of Kiwanis, and their partnership was one of deep support and shared purpose. As Ian rose through the ranks, Trish was by his side – travelling the world, attending countless Kiwanis events and forming friendships across many countries. Notably, she was the inaugural First Lady of Kiwanis to come from outside North America. Her grace, humour and approachability made her a valued and much-loved presence within the Kiwanis community.



Family was central to everything Trish held dear. She was a loving mother to Andrew and Sarah, taking great pride in their achievements and lives. Becoming a grandmother brought her immense happiness, and she cherished the special place she held with Grace, Madeleine, Claire and Xavier. Whether celebrating milestones or simply enjoying time together, her family always felt her unwavering support and affection.

Trish also enjoyed a range of interests that brought her energy and connection. She loved the theatre, appreciating the artistry and experience of live performance. She was a lifelong supporter of the Melbourne Football Club, following each season with a faithful sense of hope. Tennis was another passion – she enjoyed watching and talking about it and playing regularly over the years, finding both fun and friendship on the court.



Trish always carried herself with gentle strength, humility and a genuine appreciation for the world around her. She valued people, experiences and moments of togetherness, and those who knew her will remember her as warm, thoughtful and quietly resilient.

Trish passed away peacefully on October 9, surrounded by her family – just as she had lived: with love close by. She leaves behind a legacy of kindness, loyalty and heartfelt connection, carried forward in the memories of the many people whose lives she touched.

(Trish is shown here with Ian Perdriau AM, Australia Governor 1982-83, and Kiwanis International President 1994-95)

MANDY JONESHART (Beachside - Newcastle)



The world had the pleasure of knowing Amanda Joneshart for seven decades, into which she packed a lot of living, including one of her passions – travelling.

Mandy joined Newcastle Kiwanis in 2009, sponsored by Kerry Plunket (who has since left Kiwanis). Mandy was born in Melbourne, moved to Newcastle for her schooling and university, later working in Sydney, and so could be termed a real "east coast girl".

She switched to Beachside Kiwanis in 2023, as she could more easily help with their projects. She loved the beach and arts, especially the ballet. Mandy gained the travel bug, including cruises, and had visited many places including Africa, WA, Lake Eyre, Jervis Bay, Melbourne and Adelaide.

A travel companion on some trips was fellow Kiwanian Mary Greenwood. A decade ago Mandy was advised to cut back on travel so she could undergo treatment for cancer.

Born September 9, 1955, she passed away on November 13 and her funeral was held Friday November 21 at St John's Anglican Church, Cooks Hill – a suburb of Newcastle.

Condolences are extended to Mandy's two sisters, Fiona and Emma. *(Thanks to Mary G for the information)*

MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP

It's a Way to Say: "We'll Always Remember..."

Ideal for a Kiwanis Club or family, friends, Club members or business associates to honour a deceased Kiwanian. Club donors will receive a "Memorial Fellowship" certificate in honour of the Kiwanian who's passed on, with an option of presenting this to the family. Other donations of Memorial Gifts in memory of the deceased are most welcome.

Donations: Club donors for Memorial Fellowship - Minimum of A\$250.

Other donors of Memorial Gifts - Discretionary amount.

Further details are included in the brochure available online from:

kiwanis.org.au/foundation or by email to: kadcf@kiwanis.org.au



THE LAST LAUGH



Bumper sticker:
Honk if you like peace and quiet!



'Twas the night before Christmas, there wasn't a sound,
Not a possum was stirring. No-one around.
We'd left on the table some tucker and beer,
Hoping that Santa soon would be here.
We children were snuggled up safe in our beds,
While dreams of pavlova danced 'round in our heads.
Now, Mum in her nightie and Dad in his shorts
Had just settled down to watch TV Sports,
When outside the house a mad ruckus arose.
Loud knocking and banging woke us from our doze
We ran to the screen door, peeked cautiously out,
Snuck onto the v'randah, then let out a shout.
Guess what had woken us up from our snooze . . .
But a rusty old ute pulled by eight mighty roos!
The cheerful man driving was chuckling with glee,
And we both knew at once who this stout bloke must be.
Now, I'm telling the truth. It's all dinki-di . . .
Those eight kangaroos fairly soared through the sky.
Santa leaned out the window to pull at the reins,
And encouraged the roos, by calling their names.

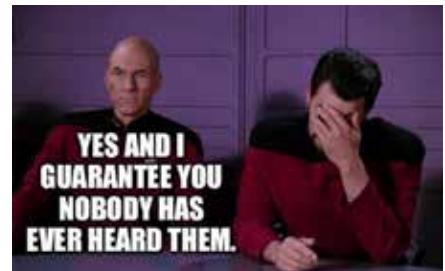
"Now Kylie! Go Kirsty, it's Shazza and Shane!
On Kipper! yes Skipper, go Bazza and Wayne!
Park up by that water tank. Grab a quick drink,
I'll scoot down the gum tree. Be back in a wink!"
So up to the tank those eight kangaroo flew,
With the ute full of toys. Plus Santa Claus too!
He slid down that gum tree and jumped to the ground.
Then in through the window he sprang with a bound.
He had bright sunburnt cheeks and a really white beard.
A jolly old joker was how he appeared.
Wearing red stubby shorts and old thongs on his feet,
With a hat of deep crimson as shade from the heat.
His eyes bright as opals, oh how they twinkled!
And like a goanna his skin was quite wrinkled.
His shirt was stretched over a round bulging belly
Which shook when he moved, like a plate full of jelly.
A big stack of presents he flung from his back,
And he looked like a swaggy unfast'ning his pack.
He spoke not a word, just bent down on one knee
To position our goodies beneath the yule tree.
As he left, Santa called in a voice filled with cheer,
"To all, Merry Christmas - a Happy New Year!"



Archaeologist:
Person whose career lies in ruins.

If 41 is pronounced forty-one, why
isn't 11 pronounced onety-one?!

*This month's Top Tip: You should
never expectorate whilst wearing
a full-face crash helmet!!*



JIM'S MILESTONE

Past Governor and Perth Club stalwart JIM CHANTRY marked a milestone birthday on November 8. This was near Halloween, and Jim & Carole are shown, left, dressed for the part (Count Dracula & Cleopatra)! Top photo, he is enjoying a pre-Convention red. Jim has been recognised with a 45 year Legion of Honour - well deserved recognition of a long-standing Kiwanis career.



MURRAY BRIDGE 30th BIRTHDAY

MP Tony Pasin (Member for Barker) was amongst dignitaries attending the special night for Murray Bridge Kiwanians on November 19. Club President Glen Dorsey and Immed. Past President Dennis Culbertson were there to help cut the cake. Also shown here are (L to R) Michelle Grieger, Kathy Franklin, Sienna Grieger, Rona Dahlitz, Helen Cramp, Kaye Laredo and Jan Colwell.

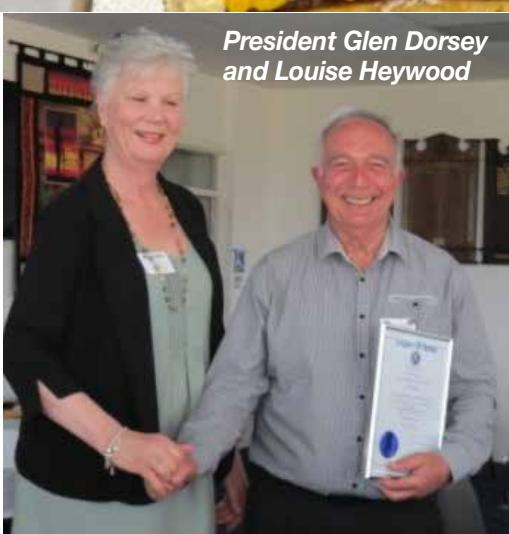
Lt Governor Division 8 Louise Heywood performed the ceremonials, highlights including presenting 30 Year Legion of Honour awards to Glen Dorsey & Kathy Franklin (below). Past Governors in attendance included Bob Sitters, Roy Seccafien, Ash Gore and David McNabb.



Other highlights included guest speakers featuring Charles Sheldrake and Geoff Johnston from Adelaide Hills Kiwanis, with a presentation of the famed Kiwanis Book Shop at Mt Barker and how that has evolved into a very successful Signature project.

Wendy Ziersch also spoke on her role as Practice Manager at Murray Bridge Medical Centre.

Well done to the Murray Bridge Kiwanis Club on 30 great years! Below: Charter members Kath Franklin and Glen Dorsey are shown with



LG8 Louise and Sienna Grieger, daughter of Club Secretary Michelle. Sienna was made an Honorary Kiwanian, for helping at many Club events.

BENDIGO KIWANIS

In October Bendigo Club visited Bendigo & District Quilters who showed our Kiwanians what they do, and how they make those amazing quilt products. The Quilters group contribute to the local community – their generosity and ethos mirrors much of what Kiwanis is about. Displayed here is a spectacular, large item that the ladies generously donated to help Kiwanis in their fundraising efforts, supporting children, families and local projects around Bendigo.



EAST MAITLAND KIWANIS



Above: President Ben Mitchell addressing the event.
Right: Gladys with the Master of Ceremonies
Thanks to Judy Ross for providing this item.

KIWANIS CLUB OF EAST MAITLAND sponsored an Afternoon Tea on November 22, to raise funds in Support of Motor Neuron Disease (MND) NSW. The idea for this event was introduced to the club by Gladys Mitchell, wife of one of our members. She had been profoundly touched while listening to a person with MND on a morning radio talk show.

The event was well attended. Local State Member of Parliament Jenny Aitchison was among those there and addressed the group. She has lost a family member to MND.

CEO Graham Opie of MND NSW gave a very educational and informative presentation. He was followed by Tony who provided a personal and touching talk about his wife's struggle with MND and how it affects the entire family, especially children.

Afterwards everyone enjoyed a delicious grazing table and had a fun time with the various auctions, raffles and the 100 Club for

a chance to win some great prizes. The \$250 prize from the 100 Club was generously donated back to the cause.

During the event the gathering was entertained by a terrific professional singer and pianist. It was a fabulous event for a very worthy cause that raised over \$4000.



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