



GUMTREE GOSSIP

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Christmas 2025

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Please Note:

Our first regular dinner Meeting for 2026 is on Monday evening 9 February

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KIWANIS GLENELG—HELPS KIDS IN NEED

We just wanted to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



...and very importantly thank you for all the volunteering you have done during 2025

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

to February 2026

2026: below are the main dates for the Brighton Jetty Sculptures where we are assisting at the entrance—at this stage some of the dates are somewhat fluid—please be aware of this

Sat	17 Jan	To be confirmed—red polo shirts can be collected from Brighton Surf Life Savings Club for those who ordered them—we will probably have 1 person to collect and then arrange for you to receive yours—everyone else can use theirs from last time
Mon	either 10 or 19 Jan-to be confirmed	The Outdoor Bump In commences—Trevor Averay to get together a team of our people for this, and advise timings—again the timings will be a bit 'fluid'
Tues	either 11 or 20 Jan-to be confirmed	The Indoor Bump In—this will be for the marquees—this time we have been advised that they will have a numbering system to match the display with the plinth it will sit—dates to be confirmed and Trevor Averay to get a team together
Sat	24 Jan	The Tour Down Under commences a men's stage at Jetty Road, Brighton—there will be limited parking that day—road to be largely blocked from 4am
Wed	21 Jan	The opening of the Brighton Jetty Sculptures—we will be at the entrance to take the entry fees from 10am each day
Tues	27 Jan	This is Seniors Day at the event—Seniors with Seniors Card or Concession card pay only \$2 for entry
Sun	1 February	Event closes—last day of our roster system and the day of the Brighton Jetty Classic
Mon	2 February	Bump Out—Trevor Averay will put together a team for this
Mon	9 February	Our first regular dinner meeting for 2026—commencing at 6.30pm but arrive from 6pm to order your dinner
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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Since our last very full Gumtree Gossip, we have had the following events:

- ⇒ A barbecue at Treasure Boxes
- ⇒ Cooked the HeartKids barbecue lunch
- ⇒ Awards at our Terrific Kids schools
- ⇒ Our own Christmas dinner celebration
- ⇒ Cooked at the Department for Childhood Protection Christmas party

Some photos and a bit more information about these on the following pages.

TREASURE BOXES BARBECUE

On 29 November we did a small cook up for those who were lined up at Treasure Boxes premises to purchase from their store. We charged for the food, and then donated our profits back to Treasure Boxes. We sold 41 sausage sizzles and 9 drinks. The weather was pretty terrible on that day.

Attending this one and cooking and serving from our club were Bob Sitters, Mary Sitters and also Tony Heath and Angela Heath. Thanks to you for doing this. No photos to show you on this one.

A thank you (below) following our assistance at the Dept for Child Protection lunch



Below is a thank you from Sarah Notridge (who has been a guest speaker at one of our meetings) to thank us for our ongoing support for the Brighton Primary School Breakfast club. This is in collaboration with St Judes Church which is situated next to the school. The church is where we hang our Big Banner for 2 (separate) months of the year.

The email is addressed to Peter Symons who keeps in touch with Sarah and the team at St Judes.

(you will probably need to zoom in to see the words)

From: Sarah Notridge [mailto:sarah_cox84@hotmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, 17 December 2025 11:41 AM

To: Peter Symons <geckos@adam.com.au>

Subject: Breakfast Club gratitude

Dear Peter and our wonderful friends from Kiwanis,

Lisa has advised that you are continuing your funding of the Brighton Primary Breakfast club in 2026. I wanted to personally offer my sincere gratitude for your support. Without your generosity we would not be able to feed over 150 young people each week. Our 14 volunteers have worked tirelessly this past year to ensure this ministry continues and offers young people and their families a time to connect, fuel and feel supported through their struggles by their community. Thank you all for making this happen.

Blessings to you, your family and the wonderful Kiwanis of Glenelg.

Sarah Notridge

See Page 9 for a few photos of our group doing this very big cook up

HEARTKIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY AT PARTRIDGE HOUSE

On 30 November we cooked the lunch for the HeartKids Christmas Party for children and families. This function was at the beautiful grounds of Partridge House at Glenelg. HeartKids themselves provided the food items and our people cooked it up. They did the serving. It was a fairly big job—thanks to all who volunteered on the day. We are always there to assist HeartKids in any way we can. The weather was quite good for this one, after predictions of loads of rain.



Above: the entrance to Partridge House, Glenelg



Above: in this photo we can see Mary Sitters and Mike Parsons



On the left are Mike Parsons and David Meadows

Others who assisted but not in photos were:
Agnes Chong, Owen Vick and Bob Sitters



TERRIFIC KIDS

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. In Term 4 the voucher is for \$100 as it is for Year 6 graduates.

As well as the schools shown below, we also had Henley Beach Primary School, where Wendy Percy attended to give out the Awards to Year 6 graduates, and West Beach Primary School and Glenelg Primary School, where Annette Lenon attended to give the Awards.

Thanks to you all



Above is Principal of Fulham North PS Nick and students Callen & Lulu with Bob Sitters who attended the school to give the awards to the happy students



President Trevor Averay went to Kilparrin Teaching and Assessment School to give the Terrific Kids awards to 2 of their students whose names unfortunately we do not have.

In the photo are Trevor on the right and also Cathy Roche-Wells (Principal) second from the left

OUR CLUB CHRISTMAS DINNER PARTY ON MONDAY 8th DECEMBER 2025

Wasn't this a good night?! Mostly arranged by Marilyn Chandler with a bit of help from some others, we had a great night with good food, some terrific entertainment by Lindi Jane and friends, some colourful outfits, a visit by the big man and his petite wife and some awards. It was great to see so many there, all laughing and enjoying themselves. Thanks to P1 for this photo. Visiting from Belgium we also enjoyed seeing Doreen Blakebrough, Alan's sister.



Above: a great photo of our fabulous club members who had some fun for Christmas after a wonderful year of volunteering to help children—thank you to all of you



Above: Home made by Wendy Averay is this cute Lindt chocolate and Pascal marshmallow treat for each person who attended—thanks so much Wendy.



Winners of the President's Awards for 2025 are:
Helen Blakebrough, Marilyn Mitchell and Peter Teagle for all they do behind the scenes to keep our many Barbecue events running—here with President Trevor Averay on the left



Lindi Jane and Dufus provided lots of fun and our good sport and great club member David Meadows didn't disappoint with assisting—he didn't have to say much that's for sure, but Dufus did!



Above – some of the fabulous cakes that were lovingly home made and provided for our dessert on the night by Angela



Left: The raffle items put together by Helen Blakebrough who always does a terrific job



At left is the drawing of the raffle prizes and this was done by our 2 birthday boys - Roy Seccafien and also David McNabb who both had birthdays on that very day— also in the photo is President Trevor Averay

On the right: Shane Misso, Principal at Glenelg Primary School, having a laugh with our Treasurer Peter Teagle





Pamela Smith was asked to assist Lindi Jane and her friend Ringo with the magic tricks

Below: a special invitation was sent nice and early so we had Father Christmas and Mary Christmas visit on the night—Mary Christmas brought gorgeous bon bons for everyone - she had made them herself in her spare time!

Marie Dorsey got into the fun with a puppet while we almost got Peter Colbey into this photo



Below: Winners of best costume were Wendy Percy (here with Trevor Averay) and David Cook—these were chosen and presented by Principal of Glenelg Primary School, Shane Misso (photo below right)



THE DEPT FOR CHILD PROTECTION CHRISTMAS PARTY POOLSIDE

It was a hot day for this one on Wednesday 17 December. It was several of our lads who turned up to do this one. It was a cook up of all the food items that the Department provided. It was actually a big job and in very hot conditions. So this one was completely Community Service. Here are some photos by Peter Symons and one by Trevor Averay who called by.



Above left and also right: our lads who did this big cook up –Peter Symons, Tony Heath, Peter Zander, Owen Vick, Peter Smith and David Meadows

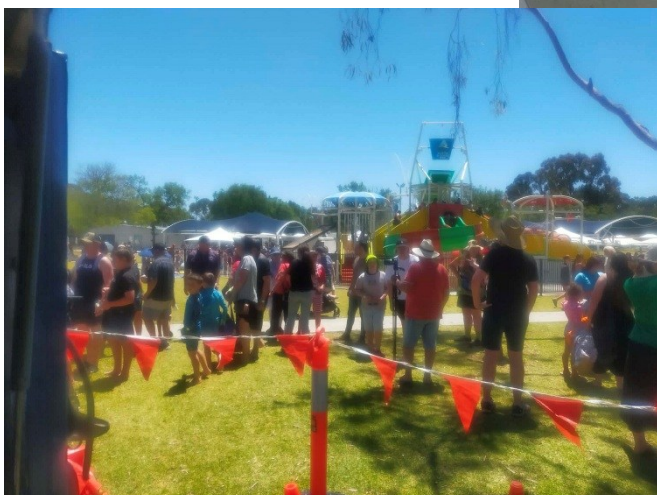


More photos from the day - fortunately we were able to change cooks from time to time to allow for a break on such a hot day



One side of our big trailer barbecue with the vegan options at the front

Below: a photo that is a bit grainy, but shows Peter Symons slaving away



A few of the over 500 who attended this event on a hot day so a terrific spot for the children to have some fun



For your advanced notice the following are the
dates for our 2026 Bunnings barbecues (that we know of so far)

Thank you to Marilyn Chandler for always liaising with Bunnings—when the dates come up she is
sent paperwork which has to be completed and signed off on—always paperwork!

Thank you for assisting Marilyn all year with putting your names down for
rosters and for all you do.

In February Marilyn will send out the duties for each of the

Roles that are on our rosters—the roles were set by Bunnings once they started up again after the
covid pandemic and some of the requirements have eased now, but are a great guide. For instance,
we have already dropped the need for someone to keep everyone 1.5 metres apart.

We do need to take the occasional Friday barbecue.

- **Saturday 28th February**
- **Saturday 14th March**
- **Friday 27th March**
- **Saturday 2nd May**
- **Friday 26th June**
- **Saturday 18th July.**



Convention

2026



SAVE The DATE

Kiwanis Australia District Convention

Rydges Central Sydney

28 Albion St Surry Hills - a 5 min walk from Central Railway Station

Friday August 21st and Saturday August 22nd 2026

Farewell breakfast on Sunday August 23rd

Registrations opening soon



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.

Mid-December to early February Birthdays

December

18	Glenda Seccafien
21	Peter Symons
24	Shaun Cocks
26	Deb Bennett (Corporate Member)

January

2	Bob Sitters
29	Val Symons
31	Brett Day

February

4	Christine Teagle
6	Jim Limberis
6	Marie Dorsey

Happy Birthday



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JUST FOR A LAUGH

Three men die on Christmas eve:
To get into Heaven, St Peter says

"You must have something on you
that represents Christmas!"

The Englishman flicks on his lighter
and says! "Its a candle!"
St Peter lets him in.

The Welshman takes his keys and
shakes them and says! "They're Sleigh
Bells!"
St Peter lets him in.

The Irishman pulls out a Bra.
St Peter says! "How do those repre-
sent Christmas?"

Paddy says! "They're Carols!"



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