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KIWANIS GLENELG—HELPS KIDS IN NEED

Welcome to the first Gumtree Gossip for the 2026 year. A short version. Even over the 'break' our club has been very busy. We have supported the Brighton Jetty Sculptures team for the largest Art event in South Australia, held at Brighton beach from 21 January to 1 February. We not only sat at the entry to the 2 big marquees to take the entrance fees for the indoor sculptures with thousands attending, but provided man power for the Bump In and Bump Out.

A very big thank you to all our people who helped with this—we will be given a donation from the BJS for doing so. As you know, we did this last year as well, after being asked by the BJS due to them not being able to find enough volunteers to help out, particularly with the heavy work required for Bump In. Thanks to our volunteers for doing this job for 2 days prior to the event commencing and then Bump Out.

We had a sub-committee consisting of President Trevor, Alan Blakebrough, Secretaries Marilyn and Val and Director Peter Symons. We met with their Event Director and sorted things out and they were very happy that our club members put their hands up to be on our roster again this year.

There are a few photos in this edition and more on our Kiwanis Glenelg Facebook page.

A shortened January edition

Editor: Val Symons
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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

to April 2026

2026:		
Sunday	8 Feb	Corvette Day at Wigley Reserve, Glenelg—fundraiser barbecue day.
Monday	9 Feb	Regular Dinner Meeting at Club Marion
Sunday	22 Feb	SCASA (Service Clubs Association of SA) lunch at Auchendarroch House, Mt Barker— we have a lodged a project entry which we hope might win an award in one of the categories
Sunday	22 Feb	Divisional Training Day @ Club Marion—for leaders and anyone interested in knowing more about Kiwanis– if interested in attending please let Lt Governor Div 8 Louise Heywood know asap
Monday	23 Feb	Regular Dinner Meeting at Club Marion
Saturday	28 Feb	Bunnings barbecue day
Tuesday	10 March	Regular Dinner Meeting in lieu of the holiday Monday at Club Marion
Saturday	14 March	Bunnings barbecue day
Monday	23 March	Regular Dinner Meeting at Club Marion
Friday	27 March	Bunnings barbecue day
Monday	13 April	Regular Dinner Meeting at Club Marion
Sunday	19 April	President’s Lunch—hold the date—tbc—venue to be advised
Monday	27 April	Regular Dinner Meeting at Club Marion
	Heads up	The next Australia District Convention will be held in Sydney on 21 st and 22 nd August 2026—a shortened convention.

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Please see below a great Newsletter from District Governor, Steve Hughes with a lot of information about what is happening around your District



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Governor's Newsletter January 2026

Remember my Motto for this year is **#Kids need Kiwanis, Kiwanis needs You!**

Bushfires Victoria Appeal Kiwanis Division 7 Clubs of Echuca-Moama, Bendigo, Shepparton Sunrisers and Mooroopna are banding together to conduct a relief project centred around the recent bush fires near Harcourt and Longford. Bendigo will focus on the Harcourt fires south of Bendigo and Shepparton Sunrisers and Mooroopna will concentrate on the Euroa and Longford fires. Echuca-Moama will probably split efforts between the two.

The Kiwanis clubs led by Lieutenant Governor Tim Dawes will talk to principals of schools in the affected areas to decide how our funds could best be used to help kids in returning to school for 2026. Do they need help with back-to-school supplies, school camp fees or other costs knowing that families have already lost considerably during the fires.

I thank the Division 7 Kiwanis Clubs and the Kiwanis Clubs of Perth, Sydney, Glenelg and Brisbane for donating \$6,250 to this valuable work for kids. Contact me if you would like to donate.

Club Officer Training – LG Div 8 Lousie Heywood is organising a training day in Adelaide on Sunday 22nd February 2026 at Club Marion, 262 Sturt Road. Leadership Chair Jan Hyde will be running the day with Louise. It is open to all who would like to attend and learn more about Kiwanis. Contact Louise.

Signature Projects – Glenelg, Warmambool, Geelong and Newcastle were the only clubs to enter this year. KI received a record 592 entries from 45 Districts. Kiwanis Australia has the job of selecting one entry from our clubs 27 and less, and one from the larger clubs. We will watch to see how our club projects compare to others around the world. Thank you to the clubs who entered and good luck.

Growth Kiwanis Australia has added 21 new members this year in only 10 out of the 28 clubs. We have had 8 deletes. This number will not sustain any growth for the future. Make sure you invite someone to talk about Kiwanis over coffee, or bring them to a meeting or project. Remember to ask them if they would like to join! ***Kids need Kiwanis!***

Rise Projects (Regional Impact for Sustainability and Environment) Kiwanis ASPAC is encouraging all clubs to undertake a project that helps the environment. Younger people want to see what we are doing and may want to help or join us if they see us caring for the environment. I set two challenges for each club.

1. Organise and register to clean-up a local area on Sunday 1st March or around that time. Talk to your local school and see if they would like to help you. www.cleanup.org.au.
2. Organise a tree planting day. Talk to your local council about where, and they may even provide the trees. Then enlist the help of your local school.

Kiwanis Australia Leadership We are looking for a Governor-Elect, Lieutenant Governors for some of the Divisions and an Australian Kiwanian (AK) Editor. If you want to know more about any of these positions then please contact myself or Peter Zander.

Amplify Build your leadership skills. Improve your career, your community and yourself. Kiwanis Amplify is a leadership program for those who want to amplify their ability to lead in all aspects of their lives. Interested in participating in Kiwanis Amplify in 2026 then register at <https://www.kiwanis.org/members/for-leaders/kiwanis-amplify-home-page/> (*registration opens February 1*)

KI Convention Manila – June 24th to 27th, 2026. Register now! A great opportunity to network with other Kiwanians and learn what we are doing around the world.

Thank you,
Steve Hughes – Governor 2025-26
Governor@kiwanis.org.au

THE BRIGHTON JETTY SCULPTURES

January 21 to February 1, 2026

Plus Bump in 19 and 20 January and Bump Out 2 February

Thank you, thank you, thank you—a fantastic job done by nearly all our club members. From the sub-committee of Trevor, Alan, Marilyn1, Peter1 and Val, to those who did the bump in and bump out and those who ‘manned’ the entry point to welcome visitors and take the entry fees, it was a great event. Yes, there were weather issues—who can never know in advance what these conditions will be like in January. A special thanks to those who got swapped around, your patience was well received by those who made the phone calls and sent the emails.

As you know we are paid for these days even if we can't be rostered on because of the high temperatures. It was there-for great that we could fill in an extra hour or two here and there above our original rostered times, to help with getting the public to see the fantastic sculptures.



On the right, Marilyn Chandler was first to don the red top and sit at the entry point, with Phil the following shift.

Left: is Martin Percy who attended with Wendy (who took the photo)

Right: is Peter Symons also on the first day, last shift



Above: A photo of Bindarra Reserve from the entry marquee.



At right: Val and Angela on Day 1—it was windy.



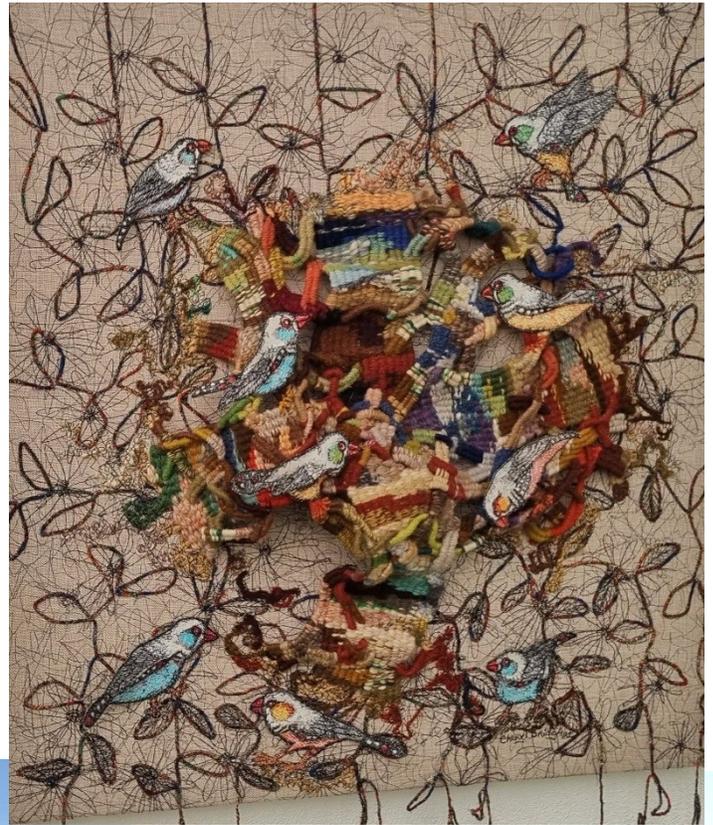
Left: Trevor Averay, Alan Blakebrough and Peter Zander, who, along with Peter Symons did the cleaning and painting of plinths (but didn't come home with clean clothes)!

Right: Peter Teagle contemplates just how to remove all the fencing and sort it out before installing it around the reserve.



Below and bottom right: installing some of the fencing.

Also 2 of the pieces on display-2 of many amazing works of art



...and here are a few photos from the Bump Out which was on Monday 2 February 2026

At right: Owen V, Dave Cook, Peter Smith at the back, then Tony H, Trevor, David M, Bob S and Phil—missing is Alan who had just left.

Below:

It's time to have some fun—Tony H, David M and Peter Smith and

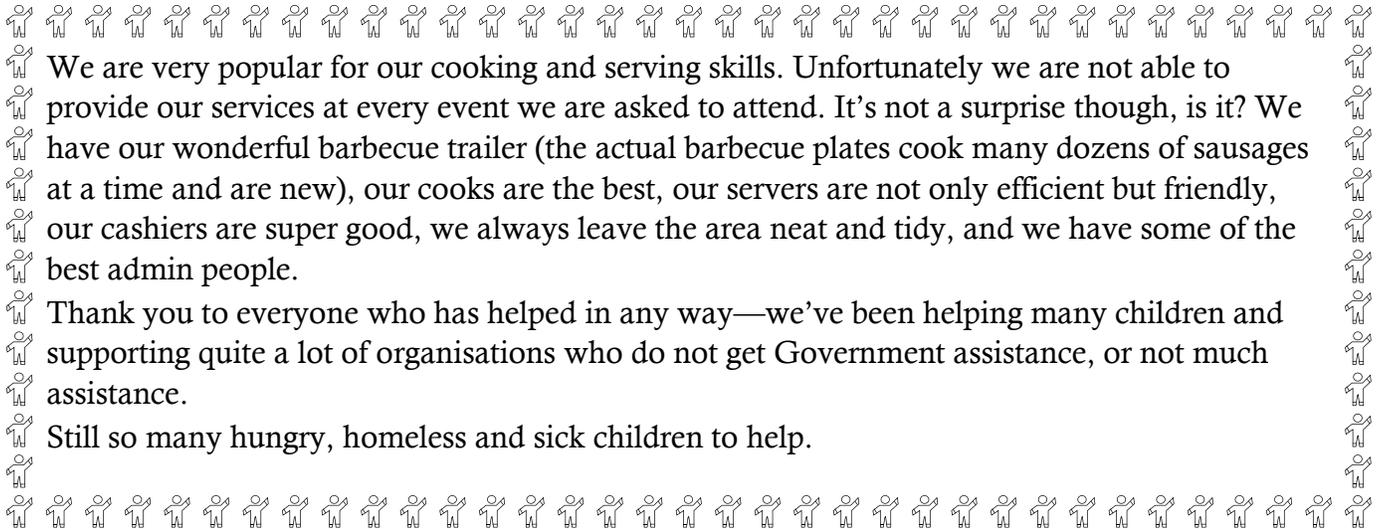
Far right: boys being boys !



A couple more of the about 300 sculptures on display and for sale at Brighton Beach, South Australia

Our next cook up is at Wigley Reserve, Glenelg when we cook egg and bacon rolls and also sausage and onion sizzles. We now have a full roster—thanks to you all. Any further enquiries can go to Marilyn Chandler, who as always, has her finger on the pulse.

This day is the Corvette Car Club day. Some fabulous cars on show too.

 We are very popular for our cooking and serving skills. Unfortunately we are not able to provide our services at every event we are asked to attend. It's not a surprise though, is it? We have our wonderful barbecue trailer (the actual barbecue plates cook many dozens of sausages at a time and are new), our cooks are the best, our servers are not only efficient but friendly, our cashiers are super good, we always leave the area neat and tidy, and we have some of the best admin people.

Thank you to everyone who has helped in any way—we've been helping many children and supporting quite a lot of organisations who do not get Government assistance, or not much assistance.

Still so many hungry, homeless and sick children to help.

So, when is our first meeting for 2026? It is this Monday 9 February 2026 at Club Marion, 262 Sturt Road, Marion, in Room 4. We arrive around 6pm which gives us time to order a meal and drink before the meeting starts at 6.30pm. President Trevor chairs the meeting.

There was a club Board meeting on Tuesday 3 February also at Club Marion. There was already a full Agenda of things to discuss, including requests for assistance and upcoming events to be organised and catered for. We have to be careful not to take on too many of these requests and have had to say no to some of them in the past few months.

Trevor chairs the board meetings, Marilyn has already prepared the Agenda, Treasurer Peter Teagle has prepared his financial reports for the month, Val takes the Minutes and all Directors have Actions to work on following the meeting. Next K year (2026-2027) starting on 1 October, we hope to be able to add at least 1 new board member. Please consider if you might like to take on a leadership position in our club. In your first year you would be a general Director and learn about Kiwanis in general and our club in particular. There is a lot of admin that goes on. Then the following year you might like to choose what you are most interested in assisting us with.

Let President Trevor know if you are interested.

PRESIDENT'S LUNCH

 At the recent February Board Meeting, President Trevor set the date for the President's lunch as **Sunday 19th April** (unless we find a clash that we hadn't factored in). Please save this date and more information will be advised in the coming month or so.

Rest In Peace Warren Sharpe

Sadly, Glenelg club member Warren Sharpe passed away on 3 January 2026 after a long illness.

We send our sincere condolences to Lyn, and his family—his sons Glenn and Martin, also Ashlee and Emma—his daughters-in-law.

Warren was the adored grandad of Willow, Byron, Elliot and Rory, all of whom will miss him terribly.

Warren will be missed by all at our club.



At right is a thank you from Kiwanis International for our annual donation to the Children's Fund, which was received on 2 February 2026



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CHILDREN'S FUND

December 31, 2025

Kiwanis Club of Glenelg
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Dear Friends,

I would like to thank you for your gift of US\$661.00 to the Kiwanis Children's Fund. Your generous support will help advance the Kiwanis mission to serve children around the world.

When you support the Children's Fund and the Kiwanis Possibility Project, you are helping us meet our goal to serve 10 million children through Kiwanis club initiatives. Your impact will reach kids — not only in your community but around the world — through grants that support the Kiwanis causes: health and nutrition, education and literacy, and youth leadership development.

Again, thank you for all you do to change children's lives. Kids need Kiwanis. Your gift to the Kiwanis Children's Fund helps us reach even more children, all over the world.

Yours in Kiwanis service,

Michael Malik
Director of Development
Kiwanis Children's Fund

Your gift is tax-deductible as provided by U.S. law. We verify no goods or services were provided to you in consideration for your gift. Please keep this letter as your receipt for tax purposes.

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Sheridans Accountants & Financial Planners was our very first Corporate Member.

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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.

Did you know there is an OnLine Kiwanis club within Australia District? If you are interested, here is a way to gain more information



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!

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AUSTRALIAN KIWANIAN - DECEMBER 2025



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

Save
the
Date





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.

January & February Birthdays

January	2	Bob Sitters
	29	Val Symons
	31	Brett Day
February	4	Christine Teagle
	6	Jim Limberis
	6	Marie Dorsey
	13	David Cook
	18	Kaye Smith
	24	Margaret LaVanda
	28	Lynne Sharpe
	28	Mary Sitters

Happy Birthday to you all



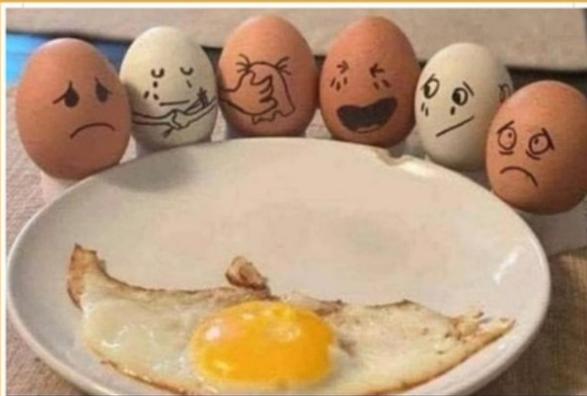
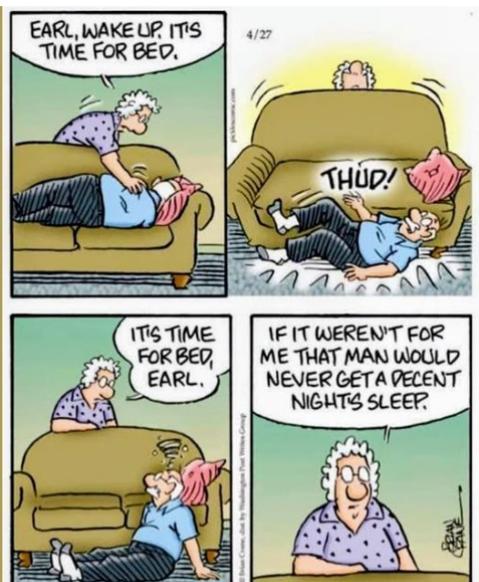
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JUST FOR A LAUGH



He died last fry day. Thank God he wasn't beaten. Don't worry, he went over easy. He's now on the sunny side. He's definitely in a better plate.



A young executive was leaving the office at 6 pm when he found the CEO standing in front of a shredder with a piece of paper in his hand.

'Listen', said the CEO, 'this is important. My secretary has left. Can you make this thing work?'

'Certainly', said the young executive (feeling his career igniting beneath him as his heartbeat wildly).

He turned the machine on, inserted the paper, and pressed the start button.

'Excellent, excellent!' said the CEO as his paper disappeared inside the machine. 'I just need one copy.'

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