

## President's Report

What a start to the year with the weather being beautiful one day and extremely hot the next.

As usual the Board are constantly looking for opportunities to help struggling institutions with financial help. The assistance by members in raising funds is truly remarkable and my thanks to all concerned with your efforts.

At our last Dinner Meeting we had an "Australia Day Quiz" with four tables being involved and was quite a success with good scores obtained.



At our last meeting Ann & I were extremely surprised and honoured to receive the "**Morialta Community Award**" for services to our local community which was donated and presented by Hon. John Gardner (Member for Morialta).

*Geoff Thomas*  
*President*

## Human and Spiritual Aims Report

I Hope you all had a lovely Christmas and enjoyed welcoming the New Year through attending festivities or watching the fireworks display on television. What a spectacular display, especially from Sydney.



*Our lovely Kitchen helpers - thank you!*

Since the last bulletin, last year, a few members have been off colour.

Avril Pople continues her spell in Regis Aged Care and we wish her well as she continues her journey on the road to recovery. We are thinking of you and miss you at our meetings. xx

Jim Deering has finished chemo, but unfortunately is not able to attend meetings, yet, as unable to drive. He is using a walker due to a balance problem. Wishing you well Jim.

Bob Trevena has injured his back. Hope not too severe Bob.

Chris and Jack Bourke have had Covid.

Bill and Yvonne Castle have had the flu.

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



*Christmas Dinner Meeting*

**People on the move:**

Janine and Michael Harper have been cruising.

Grace De Palma has been to New Zealand.

Helen Bibbo has been to Geelong (her second home.)

Judy and Peter Brewin have been to Fiji.

Phil Daws off to Qld.

Judy Channing has been on a bus trip to Brisbane to see the Edinburgh military tattoo. Hope you enjoyed it Judy.

Congratulations to Geoff and Ann Thomas on receiving John Gardner's Morialta Community Award. Well deserved.

Congratulations to Judy Brewin on turning 70. Hope your birthday was full of surprises.

Hope you all took extra precautions

during our recent heat wave.

Remember to Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek and Slide.

Take care, protect yourselves and keep cool.

The following appeared in Helen Bibbo's Facebook page:

It is with great sadness that our sister-in-law Evon passed away suddenly this morning (18th January) at the Lyell McEwin Hospital.

Fortunately, we were able to spend most of yesterday with her. So glad we were able to spend time with my brother Geoff and his family at the hospital cafeteria.

Life is so precious and so unpredictable. It has been a difficult time for the Bibbo's with 4 deaths in 8 weeks. Sincere condolences to you and your family during this sad time from us all.

*Chris Ward*  
*Director*



## Fundraising Report

Happy New Year to you all.

We continue with our Barbecues which are vital in us raising money for the many children & carers in need. So in November we raised \$1,420 with thanks to Judy Channing, Gary Tye, Graham Goddard, Rod Cameron, Phil Daws, Judy Brewin, Pam Cooper, Jill Jarvis, Geoff Thomas, Geoff Sibley, Chris Ward, Bill Haberfield, Chris Bourke, Anna & Vince Marotti, Jack Bourke, Bob Rudolph – well done.



*Pam is the grinning winner!*

Then came December – our last one for the year! and on a busy day raised \$2,352 thanking Bruce & Anne Ind, Bert Kampes, Vince Marotti, Joan Tye, Judy Brewin, Pam Cooper, Gary Tye, Jill Jarvis, Geoff Sibley, Judy Channing, Chris Ward, Wendy O’Hagan, Chris Bourke, Rod Cameron, Jack Bourke,

Bob Rudolph & Fraser Pople – a busy day well done.

Then our first one for the New year in January – thanks Rod Cameron, Gary Tye, Bert Kampes, Judy Channing (a double shifter) , Graham Goddard, Pam Cooper, Anne Reuter, Geoff Sibley, Anne & Bruce Ind, Chris Ward, Phil Daws, Ann Thomas, Jack Bourke, Bob Rudolph & Fraser Pople – another great day and we appreciate you all adding your names to the list as helpers for all of the fundraising activities that we do. Coming up in the next few months are Barbecue on Friday 20th February, our Annual Brunch on Sunday 1st March, Bunnings Saturday 28th March then the Grange Golf clean up on Monday 30th March, Saturday 20th June – Phew and of course we will advise the Bunnings Barbecues in between and the marshalling around May for the Northern Districts Athletics Club.



As we are writing this, and not a fundraiser, but what an massive effort and dedication by Chris Bourke & Rod Cameron and all of their ‘willing’

workers in 45 degree heat at the Campbelltown Council Australia Day Function – well organised and so welcomed by the many recipients at this event – well done to you all on a challenging day with the heat.

Don't forget if you hear of anything we can add to our Fundraising activities please let us know.

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*Australia Day volunteering*

## House and Reception Report

Our Christmas dinner held on the 15th of December was celebrated with great joy and friendship.

Many members dressed in festive colours & there were some brilliantly decorated hats, competition was fierce,

but Pam Jones was definitely a worthy winner.

Father Christmas surprised us with a visit, handing out sweet treats to all.

The tables were delightfully decorated with handmade serviettes & bon bons.

Our 3-course meal was truly delicious.



Congratulations and sincere thanks to the catering team for outdoing themselves, yet again & to the serving staff for their attention to detail.

Christmas bingo and pass the parcel was well received. Raffles and fines raised a few dollars for the Kiwanis coffers.

19th of January was our first dinner meeting for 2026 and saw President Geoff put on his quiz master cap.

Everyone enjoyed the Australiana themed quiz. The questions were trickier than expected but we all came away a little more knowledgeable. Yummy chicken pies, made by Joan and choc coated ice creams were enjoyed by all.



As we continue to arrange our program of guest speakers for our dinner meetings, we invite members to share their ideas to enable us to have a wide variety of topics.

Australia Day 2026 saw the Rostrevor-Campbelltown Kiwanians enthusiasm & energy lift as high as the temperature.

A dedicated band of merry men & women, overseen by Chris and Jack Bourke, cheerfully served the new Australian citizens.

Aussie spirit at its best.

Yours in Kiwanis,

*Judy Brewin & Anne Ind*

## Community Welfare Report

Australia Day:

The Campbelltown Council's Australia Day Event was held on the morning of Monday 26th January 2026. The location for both events, firstly Citizenship

and later Australia Day Honors and awards, were both held on the verandah of the Council's community hall.

The first event is the Citizenship event; it is expected that this will be the larger of the two events with approx. 300 people catered for. Firstly, the Club Catered cakes and slices with tea and coffee, soft drinks and fruit juices, and then later sausage sizzle, veggie slices and vegan muffins.

The second event was the Australia Day Honor's and Awards event; 150 People were expected. The Club catered tea and coffee, soft drinks and fruit juices and sausage sizzle with veggie slices and vegan muffins.

On behalf of the Community Welfare Directors, we say: Thank you, thank you!

What an amazing group we have! The temperature for the day reached 44C. Thank you for turning up in the heat! Thank you for sticking it out!

Thank you for going with the flow and taking on whatever the need was at the time! You are all gold medal material!!

The BBQ boys get an extra plus for enduring the heat and bringing in the nice firemen for the ladies at the event



A special thanks go to Joan Tye for the 25 trays of vegetarian slice the Council requested as well as eggless vegetarian muffins.

Gary Tye, President Geoff Thomas, Geoff Sibley, Phil Daws, and Rod Cameron did the barbeque work. Judy Channing heated the veggie slices and muffins. Judy Brewin, Jack Bourke and Bob Rudolph were the food runners, Bruce and Anne Ind served tea and coffee; Chris Bourke Captained the serving team of Jill Jarvis, who did the cakes and slices, Bob Rudolph, Ray Broadbent, Ann Reuter, Ann Thomas and Pam Cooper the sausages and Slices. Thanks also to Wendy O'Hagen and Yvonne Castle for volunteering to help at the event but had to withdraw due to the hot conditions

A mammoth and amazing club effort especially with the extreme heat conditions.

Caroline Moeller the Council Organiser for the Australia Day Event sent the following message the day after the event:

Good morning Chris: Please pass on my sincere thanks to everyone for the work and effort they put in yesterday. Even through the heat all the volunteers did what they needed to do to make the day a super success. I am so proud of all of them. Thank you again as I couldn't have done it without you all.

Paige Duffy: Below is a text received from Kim Duffy with an update of Paige Duffy's recent Swimming Progress. The Club recently had a talk from Paige Duffy's Father, Kim, about Paige and

her progress. The Club has made Donations towards Paige's fees and costs to help her progress, hopefully, towards the Para Olympic Swimming Competitions. It is planned to make further donations as the need arise. Queensland Nationals are coming up.

Kim Duffy: Last weekend Paige competed in the South Australian open state championships over 3 days. With heats and finals she ended up with 13 swims placing top 2 in every event. PB's in events she swam in December and inching closer to the goal times she has set. A new state record the week after she set a new National record for 13 and unders that stood for 8 years by a para-Olympian legend Ruby Storm. Can't be prouder of her. Unfortunately she and Luke were set to leave for the world para series at the end of Feb but we found out she has been withdrawn due to her clearances not being finalised in time. Something that was completely out of our control and many other S14 athletes were in the same boat as us. While we are so disappointed Paige handled it like the star she is and is now focused on nationals in April with the hope of being recognised for national pathways. Something we didn't think she would be close to 'til years to come.

-  200 free 3.49 sec pb
-  50 breast pb
-  100 breast 1.09 sec pb
-  50 back
-  50 free
-  100 free 2.97 sec PB
-  100 back pb
-  50 fly

### **Rochelleyne's Story:**

Our Loan \$25 of \$850.



Rochelleyne is 53 years old and a widow with two children. Rochelleyne has a general store business in the Philippines. She requested a PHP 50,000.00 loan to buy additional items like canned goods, chips, personal care products, etc. to sell in her store. Rochelleyne aspires to save money to expand her business.

### **Oyparcha's Story:**

Our Loan \$25 of \$3800.



Oyparcha is a resident of the Khuroson district Tajikistan, born in 1981. She is a widow; her husband passed away, and

since then she has been solely responsible for providing for her family.

Oyparcha has five children, all of whom are still attending school and depend on her care and support. For more than 12 years, Oyparcha has been engaged in livestock farming.

Despite the hardships she has faced, she has continued to run her livestock business, which remains the main source of income for her family. Over the years, she has gained valuable experience in animal care and farm management.

Oyparcha hopes to purchase a pair of young bulls to increase her livestock herd and expand her farm. This would help her generate higher income, meet her children's needs, and create a more stable financial foundation for their education and future.

### **Zulfiya's Story:**

Our Loan \$25 of \$3500.



This woman's name is Zulfiya of Tajikistan. She is divorced and a caring mother of two children. She raises her children alone. Zulfiya is engaged in selling dried fruits and nuts. Zulfiya

wants to develop her business, so she is asking for a loan to buy more dried fruits and nuts.

**Fitria's Story:**

Our Loan \$25 of \$750.



Meet Fitria Ramdini. She is 29 years old and widowed with one daughter living in Tajikistan. Fitria Ramdini runs a business selling cosmetics to earn money for her family. She has been running this business for more than three years, and it has been a great contribution to the life of her family, not only for their daily needs, but also for her child's educational needs. She has applied for a loan of 12,200,000 Indonesian rupiahs (IDR) from KBMI to get additional capital to buy more cosmetics to sell to expand her business. Her income is not sufficient to make this happen, but she will be able to repay the loan received.

Fitria Ramdini is a very hardworking mother who always strives for the best for her child, to improve their living conditions and create a happy life. She is very grateful for the opportunity and wants to thank all lenders.

*Chris Bourke & Rod Cameron*

## Membership Report

Rostrevor-Campbelltown Kiwanis has welcomed new members in recent months. They have added to the positive feeling that is present throughout the club, and we are all grateful that they have taken the step to join us in our various activities.

To provide a resource for members, who might think that their family or friends might be inclined to start their journey with Kiwanis and make a difference to the children of the world while having a good time, an information sheet about Kiwanis and an invitational voucher offering a free meal to people who would like to find out a little more has been prepared and is available to any member. Please see me if you would like one.

The Brunch is coming up quickly. We have been pleased to welcome friends and family to this relaxed activity in the past. If you have any members of your family or, friends who are looking for a way to give back to the community please invite them to this event.

In the meantime, if you have any questions about membership, please see me.

Yours in Kiwanis,

*Bruce Ind*

*Acting Membership Director.*

## YCPO Youth Services Report

There is virtually nothing occurring for my Youth Services report as school holidays were on since mid-December and just returned this week.

Regarding Terrific Kids, these presentations are ongoing and generally occur on the last day of the term, the next presentations probable on April 10, when Geoff Sibley, Chris Ward and I get busy with the school TK presentations.

*Phil Daws*  
*Director - Youth Services*

## Birthdays

Bob Rudolph	February 4
Geoff Holmes	February 5
Avril Pople	February 6
Rod Cameron	February 14
Anne Ind	February 19
Pauline Norman	February 21
Janine Harper	March 3
Jill Norman	April 1
Phil Daws	April 6
Bruce Ind	April 9
Peter Norman	April 15 ( <i>milestone</i> )

## Guest Speakers

**9 Feb** – Tony Ey - RAA - Now and Then (history)

**23 Feb** – Greg Mickan – Biohacking

**1 Mar** – Brunch

**9 Mar** – Gina Notley - Treasure Boxes Partners Night

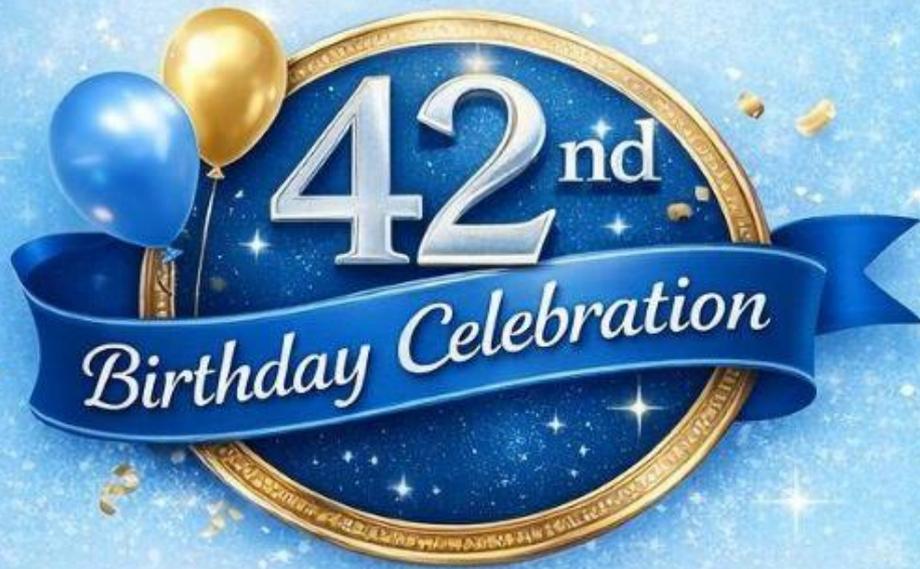
**23 Mar** – Nadia Berginetti Reily Foundation



*Australia Day Volunteering*

**SAVE THE DATE**

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**Kiwanis Club of Athelstone**  
*Birthday Dinner Meeting*

**Monday, 9th February 2026**

**6:30 PM for a 7 PM start**

*Celebrating 42nd Birthday of the Club!*



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