

## News from President Des

As President of Kiwanis Barossa, I am very happy to see the involvement of so many of our members in the events we attend, to support the community when they have a need. You just need to read the Fundraising Report to see something is always happening.

I just love the attendance, the banter and the camaraderie at our meetings.

We can't do without you all.

It has been great to receive donations from various Barossa Churches with fresh produce for our Emergency Meals.

See you all next meeting as we welcome Carole as our newest member (and there's more)

Cheers

Des

## Recent Meetings

Our February 12 meeting provided plenty of opportunity for chat and fellowship as a club. No guest speaker was scheduled, but several members shared interesting stories from their past. Mary shared her multicultural experiences in Africa, David and Margaret shared about a visit to Government House in Melbourne and meeting up with David Suchet and Jeffrey Archer, while Tom and Rob rounded off the evening. The photos below illustrate the night. It has encouraged others to share a story or two for subsequent meetings. Glen has booked in to tell the story of his Schulz family, one of the Barossa's original families.



*Tom's footy team with coach Alan Tate on the right*



February 26 had a completely different tone. 2026 Young Citizen of the Year in the Barossa, Sadie Aird, presented an inspirational talk about coping with a diagnosis of Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia at the age of 7. Sadie and her parents Damien and Mel shared some of the low points in this tough journey, but also focussed on the wonderful support she received from *Make A Wish* in the Barossa who provided her with her greatest wish: A lifetime supply of books to read. This is the same group who supported Archie Schiller by getting him named captain of the Australian cricket team some years back. Sadie is now in



remission and doing well, studying in Year 11 at Faith Lutheran College. She is determined to give back to *Make A Wish* in any way she can. Kiwanis Barossa responded to her story by donating \$1000 to *Make A Wish Barossa*.

## Other Activities



### Declaration of Vintage:

Setting up for the Declaration of Vintage is one of our tried-and-true traditional fundraisers for our club. The work is manageable and it's a great opportunity for us to get some recognition in the wider community.

This year again went smoothly apart from Mark discovering the gates to AP John's were locked so he wasn't able to deliver the equipment at the end as normal. Thanks to all those who helped out on the day, especially Mark and Lorna for collecting chairs etc.



### Carole's induction:

At our next meeting on Thursday, the Club gets to celebrate Carole Kolcas' induction. It's always a thrill to add to our membership but especially this time, as Carole and Bill have both contributed enormously to the Club in the short time that they have joined us.

**Congratulations Narelle:** Recently, Narelle and Jason celebrated Narelle's confirmation in the Catholic Church at Nuriootpa. Father My Tran conducted the service and friends of Kiwanis, Geoff and Chris Redden, were on hand to support Narelle. Father My is a refugee and we are hoping he might be able to speak about his experiences when Refugee Week comes around later in the year.





**Community barbecue at Faith:** Another community service we have done recently was to cook the sausages and onions for the annual community sausage sizzle at Faith Lutheran College. The College generously acknowledged our work by donating four dozen Mengler View wines. They are very good value and will keep us in gifts for our regular guests for a long while. See Ev if you want to order any.



## Lorna's Fundraising Report

2026 is marching along very quickly, with a need to check the diary to see what's happening next! Our Kiwanis Club is being recognised for helping at many events with our love and respect for children, and their appreciation is shown with many smiles and thankyou on the day.

In **February** we had -

Feb 1st - CARS COFFEE BAROSSA

8th - SEEDS OF HOPE - Plant the Barossa Yellow

15th - DECLARATION OF VINTAGE What a well-oiled machine our Club is in the set-up, marshalling, and pack up for the Barossa Barons. Huge thanks to the efficient team!!

17th- FAITH COLLEGE FAMILY BBQ

Now it's already **March** - with the long-awaited rains, and yes there was plenty in some areas!

March 1st - CARS COFFEE BAROSSA was cancelled on Friday, but - you guessed it - Sunday turned out to be a perfect morning in the Barossa. Oh well!!

13th - NURI HIGH SPORTS DAY 7.45 Geoff, Lyn, Lorna 10.30 Mike, Des, Rob N

18th - LITTLE ATHLETICS 4.30pm David H, Mike, Bill, Mary, Carole, Marianne, Amanda, Lorna

20th - LIGHT PASS SPORTS DAY

21st -TANUNDA TENNIS CLUB FINAL BBQ

**April 5th** - CARS COFFEE BAROSSA - Easter Sunday Amanda, Bill, Carole, Lorna many thanks!

Here's to another exciting month.

Cheers

Lorna

### KIWANIS EMERGENCY MEALS SERVICE

The cooks are putting out a plea for support. We are in need of PASTA , RICE, MEAT, FRESH VEGETABLES. How about when planting up your gardens, put in a few extras. Every bit helps!!

We will have a container at our meetings or contact Geoff/Lyn on 0422 246 036 or Lorna at 0438 844 116 - We love to stir the pots!!

Thanks, in anticipation.

# Volunteer Hours for February

Feb 1st - CARS COFFEE BAROSSA	4p	9:5 hr	\$453.60
8th - SEEDS OF HOPE	3	10	\$305.35
15th - DECLARATION OF VINTAGE	11	28	billed
17th - FAITH COLLEGE FAMILY BBQ	6	9	Wine
Emergency meals - Louise/Lorna	2	31	

## Emergency Meals Report

Howdy,

We have done approx. 60 enjoyable hours of volunteering this February.

We have received donations from Lutheran Care, I See Church and Harvest Thanksgiving produce from Moculta and Angaston churches.

We have had to buy Pasta, Rice and a few other bits and pieces to make meals.

Blessings

Geoff and Lyn Hansen

EFM Coordinators.

If anyone has any Barossa Fresh LARGE hessian cooler bags,

We would appreciate them as they are perfect size for meal deliveries.

We can't get them anymore.

PS: 723 meals were produced this past month.

## From the Board

Geoff is investigating our Club's insurance cover which seems to have slipped under the radar. For the upcoming ASPAC Convention in the Philippines, organisers are looking for short punchy video clips on different aspects of Kiwanis Clubs across Asia and the Pacific. The Board resolved to prepare a film about our Signature project. If you have skills in this area and would like to help, please let Ev know.

## Sherryl's Caring Corner for March

### Special events for February are:

#### Birthdays

- March 3 Margaret Ellis
- March 9 Rory Ellendon
- March 22 Robert Nitschke
- March 22 Amanda Fry
- March 24 Chris Ulstrup

#### Anniversaries of membership

- Lyn and Geoff Hansen membership 2020
- Deb/ Peter Atyeo membership 2020
- Robert Albecht m/ship 2020
- Belinda Anderson membership 2017
- Sarah Schiller membership 2017

#### Wedding anniversaries

- March 14 - Jason and Narelle Balk wedding anniversary 2020

# Gomersal Road Rest Area

Thanks to whoever spread the piles of mulch at Gomersal Road. Hopefully it will suppress some of the weeds and keep the place tidy.



## What's coming up?

Thursday March 12	Mike's Family Feud
Thursday March 26	Scarlett Secomb from Youth Barossa
Tuesday March 31	Board meeting at Schillers
Thursday April 9	CFS guest speaker Bindi Hawkey
Thursday April 23	Glen Schulz – The story of the Schulz family
Sunday May 17	Bonfire at Robert's block

Just a reminder that regular dinner meetings are held every second and fourth Thursday of each month - 6.30 for 7.00 pm at the Vine Inn, Murray St, Nuriootpa. If you can't attend a dinner meeting, please let Chris and Ev know, either by email – [ejleske@internode.on.net](mailto:ejleske@internode.on.net) or mobile for calls and texts 0428337132. This helps our hosts, the Vine Inn, with their catering.

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