



News from President Des

How quickly meeting nights come around, and we can enjoy being with friends.

We've had a busy schedule, so no wonder March was a bumper month!

Firstly, Cars Coffee Barossa was cancelled due to predicted RAIN that didn't happen.

2 days by 2 hours of Driver Reviver, then there was Nuriootpa High School Sports Day - the wind didn't stop all day. We have helped several groups to fundraise lately by manning the food stall and generating profits for these groups. There was Little Athletics on Nuriootpa High Oval and the Small Schools

Sports Day - hosted by Light Pass Primary, who appreciated our fundraising for them.

Next was the Tanunda Tennis Club Presentation BBQ.

Trust you were all counting! That was seven days of involvement. Many thanks to all the volunteers, who gave of their time. I was invited to a Youth Barossa Morning Tea at the Vine Inn following the visit from Scarlet Secomb. As Active Citizen for 2026, Lorna was invited to the Barossa Citizenship Ceremony during Harmony Week, so seven more people are true Aussies here in the Barossa. April looks a little quieter!

Cheers

Des



Recent Meetings

It's always a great time to celebrate when we have a new member join the club so our first meeting for March was a special time as President Des, ably assisted by Mary and Lyn, welcomed our newest member Carole Kolcas to the club. Of course, Carole and Bill have been helping us out for quite some time already but a celebration was still in order. Mike provided the fun element for the night by taking us through a Kiwanian version of Family Feud. This was also the night when we could acknowledge the massive help we have received from Friend of Kiwanis, Louise. She has been a great help to Lorna, especially with the Emergency Meals program. This night was also a chance for members to bring along produce which might be useful for Emergency meals. A great night was had by all. The photos below tell the story of the night.



Our meeting on March 26 was a chance for the President of Youth Barossa, 19-year-old Scarlet Secomb, to share about their work with young people across the

region, particularly through the "Drive my Future" program which helps teenagers to get their licence by providing a vehicle and an adult volunteer to guide learner drivers. As happened back in February with Sadie Aird, Scarlet stunned the group with her confident and wide-ranging presentation. Scarlet thanked the Club for its \$1000 donation towards insurance for the vehicle. The Board has since increased the donation to cover the full insurance cost of \$1800.



Lorna's Fundraising Report

What a mad month March has been, but it has been such a buzz to be able to support so many children's activities!!

March 1 - CARS COFFEE BAROSSA - cancelled due to impending rain

March 7/9 - DRIVER REVIVER - Rob / Lyn & Chris /Emeile enjoyed serving the weary travellers.

March 13 - NURI HIGH SPORTS DAY - Geoff, Lyn, Amanda, Mike, Des, Lorna. As a follow up, we have been invited to their End of Term Assembly to acknowledge our donation of \$1000 to the SRC for their ongoing fundraising for the benefit of their students.

March 18 - LITTLE ATHLETICS - David H, Carole, Bill, Mike, Marianne, Mary, Amanda, Lorna. We all admire the energy, enthusiasm of the little ones involved. A \$500 donation was sent.

March 20 - LIGHT PASS hosted the SMALL SCHOOLS SPORTS DAY on Nuri High Oval. It was perfect weather with Cambrai, Keyneton, Light Pass, Robertstown, Sandy Creek and Truro participating. It's absolutely fantastic to witness the camaraderie between the schools. Deb and Louise kept sales going in the Canteen, while Geoff, Lyn and Mike had the Egg/bacon and sausage sales moving. \$1500 was donated back to Light Pass School.

March 21 - TANUNDA TENNIS CLUB BBQ - David H, Bill, Carole, Sherryl, Marianne, Lorna. This was their season finale with a donation of \$500 being sent.

Looking forward, bookings have slowed for a bit, but

May 3 - CARS COFFEE BAROSSA - Rob v, Rory ~~~~~ Lorna

May 3 - RECHNER REUNION - Strait Gate , Light Pass – Morning Tea and Lunch.

Mary, Marianne ~~~ , ~~~, ~~~, ~~~ Lorna

More details to follow

May 17 - ROB'S BONFIRE

JUNE 7 - CARS COFFEE BAROSSA - Rob v, Anne /Tom, Lorna

How blest we all are to be involved and active in KIWANIS BAROSSA

Cheers Lorna

Volunteer Hours for March

March 13 - NURIOOTPA H S SPORTS DAY	42:5 h	6p	\$467.70
18 - LITTLE ATHLETICS	25	8	\$316
20 - LIGHT PASS SPORTS DAY	34:5	6	\$871
21 - TANUNDA TENNIS CLUB	14:5	6	\$297.20
7+9 - DRIVER REVIVER	4	4	
-EM MEALS - Louise/Lorna	53	8	

Emergency Frozen Meals Report

Howdy,

We have done approx. 60 enjoyable hours of volunteering for March 2026

Mary Mattner did 7 hours of volunteer cooking.

We have received donations from Harvest thanksgivings, Barossa Kiwanis at meetings, St Petri's Shed Happens and various drop offs.

Thanks to Deb for giving us a shopping bag and others for cash donations.

Rowland Flat Lutheran Church also donated \$350, plus some produce.

Sad News- Louise Hickinbotham has resigned from Lutheran Care. She helped EFM heaps during her time at LC. She also was an instigator of the Active Citizenship award for both us and for Lorna.

738 meals were produced this month.

Blessings

Geoff and Lyn Hansen

EFM Coordinators.

From the Board

- The Board has spent time discussing our 40th anniversary celebrations on August 27, our bank accounts, insurance of the bbq trailer. Tom is looking for volunteers to stand on the new board.
- Many of you will remember Alexa Schiller talking to us last year about Ronald MacDonald House. Alexa suggested we might be interested in funding another of their \$1000 pantries for families staying there during a child's treatment at the WCH. The Board approved this donation and Alexa will drop in at one of our meetings to update us.
- \$1000 has been approved to support athlete Akon Baak, the daughter of Prospect Club Members. She will be competing at Junior World Taekwondo Championships in Tashkent, Uzbekistan and at the Youth Olympics at Dakar, Senegal. This helps to pay her massive travel costs this year.
- \$1000 has been donated to Nuriootpa High SRC to go towards a shelter shed or a companion dog.
- \$1500 has been donated to Light Pass School for hosting Small School Sports days. This amount includes \$871 from our Sales with catering.
- \$500 has also been raised for the Tanunda Tennis Club



Other News

Our hearts go out to the family of Judy Heuzenroeder who passed away recently. She is pictured with Rory and her late husband David, a long-standing member of the club. Judy supported our work and continued to receive the newsletter. We also feel deeply for Kiwanis friends Neil and Karen Lambert who both have been guests at our meetings. Neil sang for us last year and Karen's quilting group Cottage Quilters



presented us with a substantial cheque for our emergency meals program. Their daughter Jess lost her husband in a recent road crash and her two young children are in the WCH with serious injuries.



We congratulate James Agness for winning the seat of Light in the recent state election. Last year, James committed to sponsoring Terrific Kids awards, (previously supported by former member Tony Piccolo) if he won the seat. James (left) is pictured with Chris L and Tony Piccolo at last year's Gawler p-12 College Terrific Kids award ceremony.



Sherryl's Caring Corner for April

Special events for February are:

Birthdays

- April 1 Lyn Albrecht
- April 4 Des Schiller The big 80!
- April 5 Anne Stone, Lyn Hansen
- April 12 Graham Shilton
- April 13 Lorna Schiller
- April 18 Rob van der Wijngaart
- April 26 David Obst and Tom Stone

Anniversaries of membership

- April 4 Chris and Ev Leske Membership 2005.
- April 5 Mike Nicholls Membership 2018
- April 10 Amanda Fry Membership 2025

Congratulations Des on the big 80!



What's coming up?

Thursday April 9	CFS guest speaker Bindi Hawkey
Thursday April 23	Glen Schulz – The story of the Schulz family followed by an ANZAC ceremony conducted by Robert N.
Thursday May 14	Aub and Darrell Kaesler – Caring for clocks
Sunday May 17	Bonfire at Robert's block
Thursday May 28	Another storytelling session

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 or mobile for calls and texts 0428337132. This helps our hosts, the Vine Inn, with their catering.

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