



# THE KIWANIS CLUB OF GLENELG

## GUMTREE GOSSIP

Editor: Val Symons

Welcome to the new format for our Glenelg Club newsletter. Over the past 15 years the Gumtree Gossip has grown in both size and scope. Our Editor has been putting this newsletter out to club members and friends for over 15 years now. The hunt to find someone new to take on the Editor role with different ideas and thoughts has been fruitless. It's time to bring the Gossip back to its original size.

Behind this reasoning as well is that most of our events are also put onto our club's Facebook page. Our photos and stories can be seen there, so it is in doubling up to be doing this in our newsletter too. For all our photos and stories now just head to Facebook and type in Kiwanis Club of Glenelg to see us. If you are a Facebook follower already you can put comments, however if you aren't, you can only view the posts.

The newsletter will always contain a Calendar of Events at least for the upcoming 3 month period, and now will contain some bits and pieces you might like to know. We will continue sending emails about anything you need to RSVP to or know about our meetings and events. And of course President Trevor will talk more about these things at dinner meetings.

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So..... starting with the month of April—our next meeting is this **Monday 13th April** at the usual time and place. Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month unless there is a public holiday when we will probably hold it on the Tuesday night instead. An email always comes out from our Secretary Marilyn to advise of this and let us know who the guest speaker will be, or what we will do instead of a speaker. Look out for it before every meeting.

A reminder that it is our President's Lunch on **Sunday 19th April** and this is going to be held at Kingston House under the big trees in the garden. A lovely spot and the weatherman has told me that it will be a coolish, partly cloudy day, but perfect for this get together. Please bring everything you will need, including any friends who might like to come along.

Our Board meeting was held this Tuesday and here are some things you might like to know from that meeting:

- ◇ Secretary Marilyn was an apology for that meeting as she hasn't been home long from hospital after tripping and managing to do a great job of breaking her left hip. She has had a total hip replacement, but then got pneumonia while in hospital. She is recovering very well and should be back soon. Marilyn Mitchell, our Membership Support Director, sent flowers to M1 in hospital and M1 also received lots of lovely messages and cards etc. Thank you all.

- ◇ We are in a good financial position and Treasurer Peter Teagle presents his report to the club annually but feel free to ask.
- ◇ After a request from Ronald McDonald House's Alexa, we have agreed to donate \$1,000 to them for Pantry Products for the trolley in the House.
- ◇ Very soon we will be welcoming Harry and his parents to one of our get togethers. Harry has received a frame runner that we donated late last year and we will see it, plus his wheel art with the Kiwanis signage on them.
- ◇ After that we will meet Millie, who is receiving a sports wheelchair from our club. This was an expensive piece of equipment and you'll hear more about that. The very amazing thing to know also about this is that our **Corporate Member, Matt Smith** who is the Manager of **Seacliff Paint & Panel**, has paid \$6,500 towards the cost of this machine. We wish to sincerely thank Matt for his amazing generosity. More from President Trevor at the meeting on Monday night.
- ◇ Our AGM will be held on **Monday 11 May** and we are calling for nominations to the Board from our members. An email will go out about this. So far we know that all current Board members are continuing on but we would LOVE another Director. Please consider! You would come in as a Director in no particular role, to learn more about Kiwanis and our club and then can decide further down the track if you wish to take a particular role.
- ◇ While our President Trevor will stand again next Kiwanis year (from 1 October) which will be his 3rd year, it will be his last (2026-2027). We are looking for a President-Elect to replace Trevor after that. Please consider. The absolute best part about that role is that you get to work with an amazing crew on the Board. Lucky eh!
- ◇ We are looking at holding another **Musical Bingo** night this year. At this stage it is down for Friday 19th June and we hope to get Lindi Jane to do the music and that side of things. Please put this into your diary but just in pencil because we might have to change it. It was a great, fun night last year.
- ◇ And we are thinking about having another Italian Night. Stay tuned for more on that but it might be in August or around that time.
- ◇ Our District team are looking for a new Lt Governor, Division 8, which is a rewarding role to have. Ask Louise if you are interested. They are also looking for the next Governor-Elect to follow on from Peter Zander who will by then be Governor. Please think about this. Ask Peter Z.
- ◇ The District Bushfire Appeal has raised around \$15,000—we have donated towards this appeal.
- ◇ Alan Blakebrough has taken on the management of our Kiwanis Glenelg shed while Owen is having a break.
- ◇ We believe Club Marion will be putting a bigger screen into Room 4 for our meetings, soon.
- ◇ We have sent a Certificate of Thanks (and thanks to Christine for designing this), chocolates and a thank you card (via Val) to the Brighton Croquet Club for our thanks for a good night when we sort of learnt to play Croquet. Thanks so much to Peter Dermody for organising this night. It was a fun evening (for the most part) and croquet is a good game to play if anyone is interested.
- ◇ We have just made our \$500 donation to St Judes Church for the Brighton Breakfast Program which is something we do each school term.

- ◇ Bob Sitters is applying for a Grant—this is via Louise Miller-Frost MP—there is a category this time for IT equipment and payment devices and we are in need of some new equipment after some glitches recently. More on that later.
- ◇ Peter Symons arranges our guest speakers. He has received some good suggestions from club members, especially Colin, so if you know of anyone who we could consider, please let P1 know.
- ◇ Because there were no photos, this next one didn't get into our Facebook posts—thank you to Mike Parsons, Tony Saunders and Peter Symons for cooking a barbecue lunch at Henley Beach Primary School Sports Day on 2nd April. One of our Terrific Kids schools. They cooked up a storm and for this one no cashier or servers were required. It was what we call Community Service.
- ◇ Our District Convention is to be held in Sydney from **21-23 August 2026**. It's always a good time with fellow Kiwanians with both a formal and also a fun dinner to attend, plus hearing some good speakers.
- ◇ See next page for our Calendar of Events.

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Our soul birthday in April is **JUDY COOK** on the 14th. Have a great day Judy.

In case our next edition of this newsletter is later in May, we also have David Meadows (6th) and Yvette Smith (11th) getting ready to celebrate.

We have milestones this month: They are -

**BOB SITTERS** who celebrates 35 years as a Kiwanis member this month. **CONGRATULATIONS BOB.**

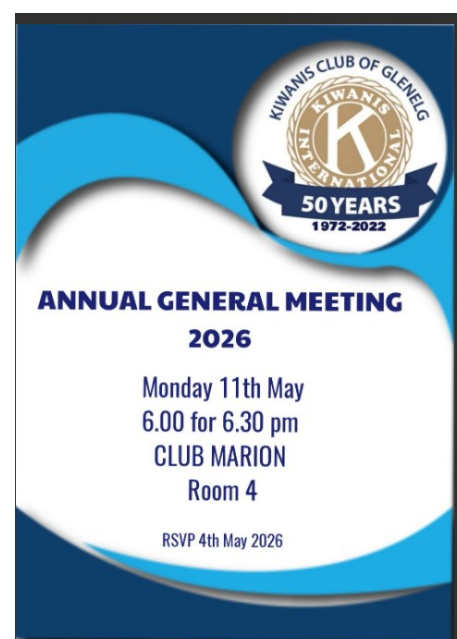
**VAL SYMONS** who has been a member for 15 years, and

**DEB BENNETT**, Corporate Member, has been a Kiwanian for 15 years as well.

Val and Deb were inducted on the same night.



**YOU'RE  
INVITED**



# CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

to end of June 2026

2026:		
Monday	13 April	<b>Regular Dinner Meeting at Club Marion</b> —guest speaker will be Peter Symons re P1's Memories of Cyclone Tracy' - some amusing, some not but worth seeing!
Sunday	19 April	President's Lunch—at Kingston House gardens.
Monday	27 April	<b>Regular Dinner Meeting at Club Marion</b> —guest speaker Dr Brad Martin from OzFish, SA Branch, about revitalising water systems and helping to restore fish habitats after our algal bloom crisis.
Saturday	2 May	<b>Bunnings barbecue day—Bunnings Marion</b>
Monday	11 May	<b>Dinner Meeting and AGM</b> —nominations for our next Board will be called for soon—we require at least one more Board member—please consider.
Monday	25 May	<b>Regular Dinner Meeting at Club Marion</b>
Tuesday	9 June	<b>Regular Dinner Meeting at Club Marion</b> —the Monday is a Public Holiday
Friday	19 June	<b>Possible Musical Bingo night</b>
Monday	22 June	<b>Regular Dinner Meeting at Club Marion</b> 
Friday	22 June	<b>Bunnings barbecue day—Bunnings Marion</b>
<b>Heads up:</b>		The next Australia District Convention will be held in Sydney on 21 <sup>st</sup> and 22 <sup>nd</sup> August 2026—a shortened convention.

When you're over 40 and they say just put a BandAid where it hurts...



Did you see this photo on the right on the District Facebook page? Editor Val thinks she's so clever!!

