



THE KIWANIS CLUB OF GLENELG

GUMTREE GOSSIP

Editor: Val Symons

Welcome to the June 2026 edition of the shorter Gumtree Gossip—the newsletter for Kiwanis Glenelg.

Please don't forget that most of our events are put onto our club's Facebook page. Our photos and stories can be seen there. For our photos and stories now just head to Facebook and type in Kiwanis Club of Glenelg to see us.

****See the final page for a great offer from Tim Looker. Thank you so much Tim.**

Here are some points from our June Board Meeting held on Monday 1 June and chaired by President Trevor Averay.

- ◇ Welcome back to Secretary Marilyn from her hip surgery. She still worked behind the scenes, as you know, but it was also good to see her back at meetings, with her jokes!
- ◇ We made donations through the month of May to Treasure Boxes (\$2,000), and we paid our annual fee to The Smith Family for the 2 students we support, being Jackson and Justin. Christine Teagle keeps in touch on our behalf with The Smith Family and sends birthday and Christmas vouchers, via the organisation. We are also about to make a \$500 donation to OzFish—you should remember Dr Brad Martin who came as a guest speaker to our club recently. Let's save the ocean for our kids' future.
- ◇ As advised by President Trevor at our last meeting (Tuesday 9 June) our Board has agreed that to attract possible new members we will now give those new members free membership for a year. This may be a great incentive and it is hoped that new members will love the experience of being able to help children in need, and enjoy our company so much, that they will stay on following their first year. Let's see how it goes. And please have a think about who you could invite to our club.
- ◇ We have said 'yes' to assisting at the next Nursery & Garden Industry Trade Day to be held on Wednesday 26 August from 8am-11am.
- ◇ At our AGM held on Monday 11 May 2026 we presented a Hixson Award to Immediate Past President Alan Blakebrough in recognition of his 4 years as Club President and his innovative ideas. We also recognised Alan's continual involvement in all events and now also looking after our Kiwanis Shed with all that entails.
- ◇ We also presented a Legion of Honour to Board Member Bob Sitters, Past Governor and Lt Governor. Bob has now been a Glenelg Club member for 35 years and a Kiwanian for 43 years.
- ◇ We welcome Martin Percy to our Board from 1 October 2026.
- ◇ Alan, Bob and P1 have put up our Big Banner in front of St Jude's Church for the next month.

- ◇ We presented a racing wheelchair to Amelia (Millie) and Millie and her mum Debbie came to our club meeting on 25 May to thank us for this gesture. The racing wheelchair was half funded from club accounts and half from the generosity of our Corporate Member Matt Smith, assisted by wife Agnes, which was wonderful. The racing chair is fantastic, streamlined and Millie told us she has been able to break her own record using it, as it is so light and fast. She has already used it at the Ballarat Half Marathon. See photos on facebook.
- ◇ Things are coming along really well for our **MUSICAL BINGO** night which is to be held on **Saturday 20th June**. We are now booked out—thank you everyone and also for all the non-members who are attending. It should be a very good night. **Any further donations gratefully received.**
- ◇ In fact, we are on a roll—we are also planning an Italian long lunch. This is a slightly different concept and should be really good, so stay tuned. It may be held in August or September.
- ◇ The **21st August to 23rd August 2026** are the dates for our Kiwanis Australia District Convention, this year being held in Sydney. We have a group attending from our club and extend this invitation to you all to consider heading over and joining in. This convention is of a slightly shorter duration. You can head to [Conventions – Australia District](#) for further information and to fill out the Registration form. Any queries can go to our own Bob Sitters, who is the representative on our District Board of Trustees who assists any club or division in organising the convention. I'm hoping you are able to click on the link and visit the site [control click], if not, go to: <https://k34.site.kiwanis.org/conventions/> or as shown below on their flyer. This convention is to be held at Rydges Sydney Central, Surry Hills.

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- ◇ The Bay to Birdwood big breakfast is to be held this year on Sunday 18 October so please put this date in your diary. We will need a big team for this. More later and at meetings.
- ◇ The following week, Sunday 25 October we have said yes to assisting HeartKids with their Two Feet & A Heartbeat walk. We will be cooking the barbecue and it will be held in the city at Park 12 near Jolly's Boathouse. More later on this one too.
- ◇ We've had a few people 'in the wars' recently—Marilyn Mitchell has sent get well messages on behalf of the club and we wish all a good and quick recovery.
- ◇ Others are travelling—half your luck. Have a wonderful time.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

June	1	Adrienne Rennie
	2	Mike Parsons
	14	Yvonne Schilling
	17	Helen Blakebrough
	18	Martin Percy
	20	Pamela Smith
	23	Louise Heywood

On the right is Millie's racing wheel-chair. Isn't she a beauty!

Below left: Rebecca Mattinson, Agnes Chong and Millie. Rebecca was instrumental in organising this and Agnes and Matt half funded it while our club funded the other half.



Above: President Trevor presented Matt Smith & Agnes Chong with a Certificate of Appreciation and a framed thank you for his office.



Above: President Trevor with Alan Blakebrough after Lt Gov Louise Heywood's presentation to him.



Above: Governor-Elect Peter Zander presented the Legion of Honour to Bob Sitters, with President Trevor on the right.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

to end of August 2026

2026:		
Saturday	20 June	Musical Bingo night by Lindi Jane—how's your British music knowledge—never mind, there's always Shazam! A wine wall, silent auction items and raffle prizes. Music, fun, prizes, dress in your British outfit. Let's see lots of red, white and blue.
		
Monday	22 June	Regular Dinner Meeting at Club Marion
Friday	26 June	Bunnings barbecue day—Bunnings Marion –slightly later start for a Friday
Monday	13 July	Regular Dinner Meeting at Club Marion
Saturday	18 July	Bunnings barbecue day—Bunnings Marion
Monday	27 July	Regular Dinner Meeting at Club Marion
Friday	7 August	Bunnings BBQ
Monday	10 August	Regular Dinner Meeting at Club Marion
Saturday	22 August	Bunnings BBQ
	21—23 August	The next Australia District Convention will be held in Sydney on 21 st - 23 rd August 2026—a shortened convention. Have you registered yet?
Monday	24 August	Regular Dinner Meeting at Club Marion
Wednesday	26 August	The Nursery & Garden Industry Trade Day—cook a bbq
Upcoming:		Long Lunch—Italian style—date to be advised soon



At left is a photo of Harry with his frame runner. Our club funded this frame runner last October but we have only recently been able to get a photo of him using it. And...he loves it. Go Harry.

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Below is a really terrific offer from our club member and lawyer Tim Looker.

Tim advises this is an ongoing offer. Thank you so much Tim.

Advanced Care Directives and Enduring Power of Attorney - a reminder

In my role as Lawyer and JP I have been assisting people with preparing 'Advanced care Directives'

An advanced care directive is a legal document that outlines your healthcare preferences in case you become unable to make decisions for yourself due to illness or incapacity. It can include instructions about medical treatments you want or do not want, and it allows you to appoint someone to make decisions on your behalf. Its sometimes called a 'Living will'.

I had a case recently where the dad had a major stroke and an urgent operation was required. The surgery could have left the dad in a vegetative state.

The wife, not wanting, or able, to be a long term carer told the doctors if the choice comes, do not resuscitate.

The children, who wanted their dad to live no matter what, strongly objected. There was no Advanced Care directive in place to determine the Dad's wishes.

Fortunately he recovered, diminished, but not requiring 24 hour care but there was some family conflict at the time.

We should all have these in place so our loved ones know our wishes and no family rifts are caused by different opinions of who thinks what about what we may want.

If any Kiwanis member would like help to prepare one please contact me. I'm happy to help.

There is no charge and I have all the documentation here at home as well as suggestions of wording to include so your wishes are clear.

At the same time I can help you prepare 'power of attorney' documents which are also essential if should you lose capacity.

Regards

Tim Looker

