



Kiwaniis
CLUB OF SYDNEY

Newsletter

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#Kids need Kiwanis#

Kids are curious, lovable and hilarious. They are also wild, impatient and vulnerable. Kiwanis is looking out for kids in every corner of the globe with more than 400,000 volunteers who serve their communities through local clubs.

"Kindness costs nothing yet enriches everyone." - Shivaji

Comfort Care Cases – Alex runs for the kids!



This year a friend of Belinda's offered to support our Comfort Care Cases project. Aleksandrs (from Latvia) completed a 163 km run through the Blue Mountains with 7,000 metres elevation gain in the Ultra Trail Australia. This gruelling course demanded elite endurance, and he completed the course in 36.5 hours. Several people sponsored Alex and he raised \$1,369 towards the Comfort Care Cases. A huge thanks to Alex for his support.

Other donors have given to the cause, and Kiwanis Sydney will supplement these amounts to sponsor the Comfort Care Cases at the Sydney Children's Hospital Randwick for the 13th year. Kiwanis Sydney has given \$37,000 over the past years.

The cases provide items in the oncology, emergency and palliative care wards to children in an end-of-life situation. The items

try to make their time in hospital less sterile and let them create memories with their families. There are books to read with their siblings to talk about passing and what it means. The cases are also used at the morgue, and where children choose to stay at home.

It is great that Kirsty from SCHR will be a guest speaker at the Kiwanis District Convention in Sydney in August.



Mother's Day at Nursing Homes

Thanks to Angelique and Anthony for making the day for all the ladies at Caroline Chisholm Nursing Home on Saturday 9th May. They all got a 3D card, a pair of gloves and some got beanies. Unfortunately, the home was in Covid lockdown, but all the gifts were given to the staff to distribute to the ladies.





Monu's daughter Anvita and her friend Michelle organised to treat 35 ladies at Twilight Nursing Home in Dural. They delivered a small plant and a handmade card to all the ladies. It is great to have these young ladies organise and do the event on their own volition. Kiwanis Sydney was pleased to be able to support this project, and I am sure the ladies in the home were all pleased to have a special treat and visit on Mother's Day. Thankyou Anvita and Michelle!



HeartKids Barbeque

HeartKids reached out for Kiwanis Sydney to run a barbeque at the Parramatta Race Run in Sydney as a fundraiser for them.

Our team of Belinda, Jeff, Cathy and Steve begun the day at 6am setting up in the dark to cook sausage sandwiches for the runners and spectators. Unfortunately, the organisers had located us well away from the main action so sales were slow. However, we made \$500 of valuable funds for HeartKids to continue their valuable work of supporting kids with childhood onset heart disease and their families.



Terrific Kids Awards

At the end of Term 1, Kiwanis Sydney presented awards at all three of our Terrific Kids Schools.

Warrah – Sony, Paul and Angelique presented two children, Matthew and Adhish with their Terrific Kids certificates, cash cards and other goodies.

Broderick Gillawarna – Jeff and Angelique presented three children with their awards.

Sir Eric Woodward - Cathy and Steve presented two children with their awards.

Thanks to Paul, Sony, Angelique, Jeff, Steve and Cathy for making the Terrific Kids presentations.



Sony at Warrah



Cathy Steve at SEWS



Paul at Warrah

Victorian Bushfires Appeal

After the Longwood and Harcourt bushfires in Victoria in January, our Kiwanis Clubs in Division 7 banded together to assist affected kids and their families. The local clubs of Bendigo, Echuca Moama, Shepparton Sunrisers and Mooroopna have talked to school principals to see how best they can help. Several Kiwanis clubs around Australia including Kiwanis Sydney donated approximately \$25,000 to fund the efforts.

So far, they have conducted community barbeques where affected families have come together to talk about their losses, learn where they might get assistance and create a community healing process. They have funded a Family Fun Day at a Primary School and buses for school camps and excursions, and sporting fee charges for the kids so they don't miss out.

Well done to the clubs of Division 7 and to all the clubs who have donated. This response truly reflects the spirit of *Serving the Children of the World*.

Bondi Beach Tragedy

At our December barbeque the public donated \$849 to the Bondi Beach Tragedy. Our Board investigated who best to donate these funds to. After contacting the Bondi Surf Club, they suggested Jewish House Bondi. Jewish House offers crisis care, safe accommodation and compassionate support. Their mission is simple: to be here for anyone in need, at any time.

As a result, \$1,000 was donated to Jewish House to help them support the community and victims of the tragedy.

BGS Food Processor

Broderick Gillawarna School reached out to Kiwanis Sydney with a need. They wanted a food processor to use in teaching young students how to

prepare meals for themselves to make them more independent.

Kiwanis Sydney purchased the food processor and the photos show Jeff delivering it to the students at the school.



KI Convention in Manila

Kiwanis Sydney is well represented at the upcoming KI Convention to be held in Manila in late June. We have Belinda, Steve, Cathy, Jeff and Dave all attending. We are all looking forward to catching up with friends from all round the world, sharing ideas and meeting and electing the new leadership teams for ASPAC and Kiwanis International.

Bunnings Barbeques

Our March, April and May Bunnings barbeques were all successful with over \$7,200 being raised. We thank all our valuable helpers who made each day a success. It has been great to have friends of Kiwanis come along eager to help. The donations “pots” at these barbeques were for Dr Luc Feeding Program in the Congo and the Comfort Care Cases at Sydney Children’s Hospital Randwick.



Kiwanis Sydney District Convention

Planned for Friday 21st to Sunday 23rd August 2026 at Rydges Central Sydney, 28 Albion St, Surry Hills.
Register at register.kiwanissydney.org

Saturday Fun Night is

“Kruising with Kiwanis on a Hot August Night”

Guest Speakers are Nathan the Lawnmower Man, UNICEF and Kirsty from Sydney Children’s Hospital.



Members

Emily celebrated a big “0” birthday recently with a holiday to the Philippines. Her family there had arranged a lavish party for “Queen Emily”.

Happy Birthday Emily! It’s great to have you back as cook extraordinaire on the morning shift at our Bunnings barbeques.



Angelique took the ultimate sacrifice and let Anthony shave all her hair off to raise monies for Cancer Council at the Relay for Life. She raised over \$1,500! Well done Angelique and a great cause.



#Kids need Kiwanis!

#Kiwanis needs You!

Aktion Club – looking for members! www.aktionclub.org

Kiwanis Sydney would like to sponsor a new Aktion Club, and we are looking for potential members. Members with a disability will be part of their own club to fundraise and perform work in the community to help others in need. The Aktion Club will also organise their own social activities to get to know other members and have fun. Kiwanis Sydney members will support the club.

**"WHERE
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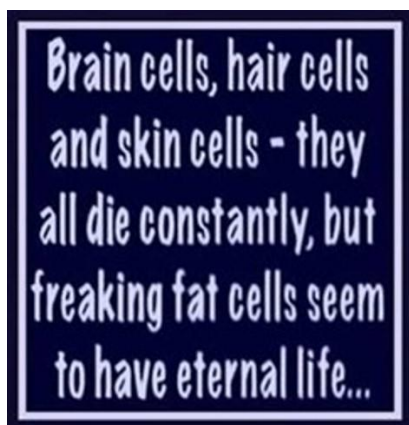
If you know of someone with an intellectual disability who might like to be part of, or benefit from this club, then please contact us at sydney@kiwanis.org.au.

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Do you want to help kids? Kiwanis Sydney needs your help to continue our work in the local, Australian and world communities. Come along, obligation free, to one of our monthly meetings, or a Bunnings barbeque to meet the team, or simply meet with one of our members over a coffee and hear about what we do and how you can help. You will meet new friends and get that warm feeling from helping kids in Sydney Children's Hospital, HeartKids, Sir Eric Woodward School, Nepal or others. Contact us at sydney@kiwanis.org.au or see www.kiwanissydney.org

Hope you enjoyed the newsletter. If you have an article to include in future newsletters, please forward to sydney@kiwanis.org.au

Joke Corner



Events Coming Up: 2026

Tues 9th Jun 2026 - Kiwanis Sydney Meeting 7pm – Pennant Hills Library

Sat 13th Jun 2026 – Bunnings BBQ at Artarmon, Reserve Rd, Artarmon – 3 shifts 8am, 11am and 1.30pm

24th to 27th Jun 2026 – Kiwanis International Convention in Manila, Philippines

15th, 18th & 19th Jun 2026 – Terrific Kids Presentations at SEWS, BGS and Warrah

Tues 14th Jul 2026 - Kiwanis Sydney Meeting 7pm – North Ryde RSL Club (*note the change of venue*)

Fri 17th Jul 2026 – Trivia Charity Night for Water Wells in Cambodia – Castle Hill RSL – contact Tara

Sat 25th Jul 2026 – Bunnings BBQ at Artarmon, Reserve Rd, Artarmon – 3 shifts 8am, 11am and 1.30pm

Tues 11th Aug 2026 - Kiwanis Sydney Meeting 7pm – North Ryde RSL Club (*note the change of venue*)

Fri 21st to Sun 23rd Aug – Kiwanis Australia Convention – Rydges Central Sydney 28 Albion St, Surry Hills

Tues 8th Sep 2026 - Kiwanis Sydney Meeting 7pm – North Ryde RSL Club (*note the change of venue*)

Sat 19th Sep 2026 – Bunnings BBQ at Artarmon, Reserve Rd, Artarmon – 3 shifts 8am, 11am and 1.30pm

Tues 13th Oct 2026 - Kiwanis Sydney Meeting 7pm – venue to be advised – Changeover tba

Sat 17th Oct 2026 – Bunnings BBQ at Artarmon, Reserve Rd, Artarmon – 3 shifts 8am, 11am and 1.30pm

Tues 10th Nov 2026 - Kiwanis Sydney Meeting 7pm – North Ryde RSL Club

Sat 21st Nov 2026 – Bunnings BBQ at Artarmon, Reserve Rd, Artarmon – 3 shifts 8am, 11am and 1.30pm

Tues 8th Dec 2026 - Kiwanis Sydney Meeting 7pm – North Ryde RSL Club (*note the change of venue*)

Sat 19th Dec 2026 – Bunnings BBQ at Artarmon, Reserve Rd, Artarmon – 3 shifts 8am, 11am and 1.30pm

Deserving Causes Kiwanis Sydney has helped	2025-26	2024-25
Sydney Children's Hospital Randwick - Comfort Care Cases		✓
Sir Eric Woodward School - Terrific Kids and vege pods for gardening	✓	✓
Broderick Gillawarna School – Terrific Kids, Fun Day and Formal, Food processor	✓	✓
Warrah Specialist School – Terrific Kids, weaving loom, sensory equipment and defibrillator	✓	✓
Lidcombe Public School - Back to school packs & sensory toys. Vege Pods for growing vegetables		✓
Children First Foundation - life changing medical help for children (District Project thru' KADCF)	✓	✓
HeartKids Australia - Primary years and Teens transition programs (District Project thru' KADCF)	✓	✓
HeartKids Two Feet and a HeartBeat, Sweethearts Day, Super Heroes Day and local respite	✓	✓
Aussie Helpers – assisting farmers and their children in need		✓
Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia in Children (District Project thru' KADCF)	✓	✓
Share the Dignity Bags – for women and children in refuges or doing it tough at Christmas	✓	✓
Rainbow Children's Home Nepal - house and educate orphans	✓	✓
Harding Miller Foundation – part sponsorship of a Yr 9-11 girl for High School studies	✓	✓
Exodus Foundation Rev Bill Crews - helping the homeless	✓	✓
Father Chris Riley's Youth off the Street	✓	✓
Kiwanis Children's Fund - various worldwide projects –The Possibility Project	✓	✓
Kiwanis Australia District Charitable Foundation – annual club gift	✓	✓
Caroline Chisholm Nursing Home – Mother's day cards, flowers, gloves and beanies	✓	✓
Caroline Chisholm Nursing Home – Fathers day gifts	✓	✓
Twilight Nursing Home Dural - Mother's Day cards, flowers	✓	
Street Care for Homeless Newcastle – provide clothing and food to homeless	✓	✓
Gunasekara Child Development Centre Sri Lanka		✓
Mission in Health Care and Development - school and hospital equipment in DR Congo		✓
Arunoday India Children with Blindness		✓
Kiwanis Pakistan - food for kids and flood appeal	✓	✓
Motor Neurone Disease (MND) research fundraiser	✓	
Victorian Bush Fires Appeal through Kiwanis Div 7 clubs	✓	
Dr Val Smith Orr - Triple B Care Projects caring for children with burns in Philippines	✓	
Dr Luc School Feeding Program in DRC (Congo)	✓	
Bondi Beach Tragedy - donation to Jewish House Bondi	✓	
Operation Rainbow Cleft Palate operations by WA Drs in Cebu	✓	✓

The Objects of Kiwanis International

1. To give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life.
2. To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.
3. To promote the adoption and the application of higher social, business and professional standards.
4. To develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive and serviceable citizenship.
5. To provide, through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service and to build better communities.
6. To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism and good will.

These Objects were adopted by the House of Delegates at 1924 KI Convention in Denver, Colorado



Kiwanis Club of Sydney Australia

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