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Reynella Kiwanis were in action on ANZAC weekend. Read more on p.2



Catch the sad news on Past Governor Spencer Harding's passing - his Vale is on p.18.

Pictured left is Secretary Marilyn Chandler helping the Glenelg Kiwanis Club 'bump in' for their involvement in 2026 Brighton Sand Sculptures Exhibition late January.



Kiwanis

KIWANIS BRANDING UP FRONT



Further to the front page photo, showing Reynella Kiwanis in action, this event was that Club's contribution to the Youth Vigil preceding ANZAC Day service in Adelaide's southern suburbs at Morphett Vale, where our Kiwanis crew provided the barbecue dinner on Friday evening, April 24. Shown here are the servers - Gaynor, Trudy, Lorna and Lorraine. As well as the branded aprons, this club (not a unique feature, but effective) also displayed Kiwanis sandwich boards and teardrop banners. Glenelg Club is another in South Australia that does ditto, and it's always a most worthwhile exercise in promoting our brand in a straightforward, effective manner.



View to the future?
Seems this image was created by Artificial Intelligence, photo taken at a Glenelg Club Bunnings event recently. The effect is quite amazing and can be created by AI from a regular photo! Shown are Kiwanians (L-R) Bob Sitters, Jim Limberis, Tim Looker and Peter Dermody.



Thanks to Howard Humby and Mark for these pix.

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FROM THE GOVERNOR

From Governor Steve Hughes

Cathy and I have now visited all Divisions and the more remote clubs, and thank everybody for welcoming us. It's been great talking to the enthusiastic members and see some of the great work we do in the community. In May, while in Adelaide I will get to a Division 10 meeting.

Kiwanis Australia District has grown from 554 at year start to 570 in 28 clubs. I would love for you to share what you do with people outside of Kiwanis and invite them to join us to take this number higher by year close.

I am pleased that some of our smaller clubs are concentrating on rebuilding their numbers. Perth, Athelstone and Brisbane have taken their numbers above 15 and have embraced new younger members into changing the face of their clubs. They have been able to increase the work they do for the community as a result. I am hearing of new members into Murray Bridge and Prospect also, which will certainly help those clubs.

Two for Two is a great program to make sure a couple of your members are working on growth every month. If you want to know more, then please contact your Lieutenant Governor or myself. Remember #Kids need Kiwanis and Kiwanis Needs You!

It was great to see that Geelong, Newcastle, Warrnambool, Barossa and Glenelg clubs selected, wrote up their Signature Projects and entered the Kiwanis International competition. KI had 592 entries from 45 Districts around the world. Kiwanis Australia had to select two projects to represent us in the finals, and we chose the Newcastle Christmas Trees project and the Barossa Frozen Emergency Meals project. (Check out their entries near the back of this AK). We wish them all the best. A Signature Project allows your members to talk to it, and become better known in your community



Victorian Bush Fire Appeal was initiated to help the Harcourt, Euroa, Lockwood and Ruffy areas. I am pleased that the appeal to clubs has so far raised more than \$18,000 to support children in the fire affected areas. Thanks to LG Division 7 Tim Dawes and the clubs of Division 7 for taking the lead in identifying the best use of our funds. They are talking to principals of various schools in these areas about the needs. Kiwanis Bendigo have held barbeques for the community to provide emotional support and socialising. They intend to support children's school camps, tennis lessons and other ways to help the affected families who are suffering hardship. Recently \$2,000 has gone towards a community luncheon at the Euroa Public School to support the kids and their families. Thank you to all clubs for your support. This work is truly in the spirit of Serving the Children of the World.

Amplify has been revamped with new content and new experts from the business and entrepreneurial worlds. The course has 7 modules, with 5 interactive videos per module. **Amplify** is not just for Kiwanis leadership. It is online through Kiwanis International and is open to all Kiwanis members for US\$50. **Amplify** Alumni mentors for every module are available to you and especially in Australia. Congratulations to Louise Heywood for her selection as a KI mentor for the program. **Amplify** registrations remained open until 30 April.

The course itself began on May 11 and concludes on September 30, 2026. Use this as an advantage for younger persons to join Kiwanis, build their leadership skills, improve their career, their community and themselves.

Convention 2026 will be held in Sydney at the Rydges Sydney Central Hotel right next to Central Railway Station. It will be Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd August 2026. Registrations are out now and the Fun Night theme is "Kruising with Kiwanis on a Hot August Night". Come, have fun and meet other Kiwanians!

Kiwanis International Convention 2026 will be held in Manila, The Philippines on June 24 to 27. There are 8 from Australia District attending this Convention. Look for more information at <https://www.kiwanis.org/members/kiwanis-international-convention-manila/>

Let's all pull together and make 2025-26 a great year for Kiwanis Australia and help the kids who rely on us for a better life.

STEVE HUGHES

Governor Kiwanis Australia District 2025-26



Kiwanis Is Where A Need Is Served



SOME SNIPPETS

As well as Ray Behn from Brisbane joining the Board of Trustees as Lt Governor for Division 2, we also welcome Debra Hynes, currently President of Adelaide Hills Club, who will be coming in as Lt Governor Division 8, following on from the great job done by Louise Heywood.

There's just over a dozen from our District signed up for Amplify 2026 course, which is good news.

And finally, Nathan the Lawnmower Man has signed up as one of the speakers at our Sydney Convention. Nathan featured in the last AK as a HeartKids Ambassador.

FROM THE ACTING EDITOR

Greetings from the chap who's produced the *Australian Kiwanian* since 2015 (with a year-plus breather, thank you, Rose Hepple). Various commitments have seen Editor David realise it's time to hand over the reins for our regular publication - however please be assured, he's definitely continuing as a Kiwanis member - there's plenty left in the tank yet.



But probably a change of style, maybe a fresh new look, could benefit our magazine - that'd be up to whoever takes up the Editorial reins - another advert for AK appears on page 7. All we can really ask is that someone embraces the "challenge".

This May edition should have been out a month ago but an unexpected three week trip to New Zealand threw that idea out the window. However, "better late than never", as they say. I appreciate the chance to have been Editor for such a wonderful group of people, and I can't thank enough, the people who have regularly sent in submissions for the *Australian Kiwanian*. Those contributions have certainly helped make my job easier.

The beaut bloke I inherited that AK editorial role from - the late Tim Vine - would sometimes lament he was having "fun" trying to get enough items to fill the magazine. Maybe times change, but generally (especially noticeable for my 'final' edition) that hasn't really been an issue lately.

Regardless, I hope you enjoy reading this May magazine, and may we all continue to gain satisfaction from knowing that our efforts in Kiwanis are helping Serve the Children of the World. Best Kiwanis wishes,

IMMEDIATE PAST GOVERNOR DAVID (Retiring Editor)

With thanks to Governor Steve for his support



Please do keep in mind the Kiwanis Australia District Charitable Foundation (KADCF)

Kiwanis Australia welcomes grant funding for the following current programmes in Australia for improving children's health and wellbeing:

- HeartKids Australia 'Primary Years' and 'Teen Transition' programs
- Childhood Cancer Research – into Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia
- Children First Foundation – supporting life-changing operations in Australia for disadvantaged children

These ongoing Grant programs are the key focus for our Charitable Foundation fundraising, in a combination of sources using a Kiwanis Club & their members, family & friends, public & corporate sectors.

Tax-Deductible Donations are received for these programmes by Kiwanis Australia District Charitable Foundation either by 'Direct Deposit' or the 'GiveNow' online 'Donate Now' facility. Check out our District website.

<https://k34.site.kiwanis.org>



Kids Need Kiwanis

ASPAC VICE-CHAIR CANDIDATES 2026-2027

Tirtha Kumar Singh – 2023-24 Nepal Governor

Glenda Hufano – Governor of Philippine Luzon 2023-24

Khushwinder Kathpalia - India Governor 2024-25



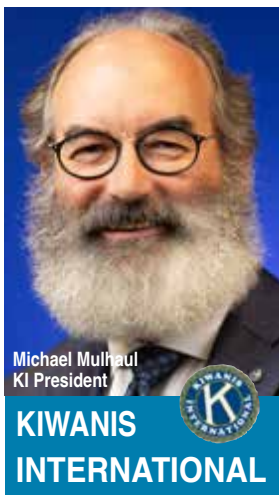
TIRTHA



GLENDA



KHUSHWINDER



The combined ASPAC and Kiwanis International Conventions will be held in Manila, Philippines, June 24-27. There are three candidates for KI Vice-President, and the vote will be taken in Manila. Here's a snapshot of those candidates, all of whom are known to Australian Kiwanians, this trio having been here on Kiwanis business in the past.

TRINIDAD P. "TOTO" GONZALES of Magalang, Pampanga, Philippines, was elected to a three-year term as a KI Trustee during the 2022 Asia-Pacific District Convention. He represents the Asia-Pacific region of Kiwanis International.

A member of Kiwanis International since 1988, Trinidad has served as Asia-Pacific Chair and as Governor of the Philippine Luzon District. He has also been President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Kiwanis Club of Angeles City. He belongs to the Baguio City Dominican Kiwanis Club, along with Angeles City. He has been recognised as a Distinguished Governor and Distinguished Club President, and has been honored through

the Kiwanis Children's Fund with a George F. Hixson Fellow, Diamond-level 1, and charter Walter Zeller Fellow. Toto holds a Bachelor of Science (civil engineering) and is active in the trucking and trading industry in the Philippines. He and wife Elizabeth have three children and four grandchildren. He enjoys following sports, particularly basketball.



MOHAN LAMSAL is a Past Governor (2020-21) of Nepal District and currently serves as a Kiwanis International Board of Trustee. For more than 36 years he has operated as a successful tourism entrepreneur in Nepal. A seven-year Kiwanian, he has been recognised by KI with a Distinguished Governor Award and a 100 Members Growth Award

Mohan is a true social motivator and committed leader who over the years has actively supported and inspired thousands of leaders, children and underprivileged communities across Nepal, India, Bangladesh and beyond.

Belonging to the Kiwanis clubs of Kathmandu and Peace (Nepal), he has consistently worked for child welfare, community development and strong Kiwanis values. In his year as District Governor 36 new Clubs opened in Nepal, along with member growth in existing Clubs.

Mohan's leadership is built on action, compassion and long-term service based on Build-Nurture-Retain. He subscribes to the adage: "Great leaders do not seek power; they create positive change for humanity". He and his wife Shila (a Kiwanian) have two sons, and Mohan is currently General Secretary of the Nepal Mountaineering Association.

MICHEL FONGUE was a KI Trustee from 2020 to 2023. Born in Tahiti, he is a member of the Kiwanis Club of Mont-Dore in Noumea, New Caledonia, in the NZ-South Pacific District. He was on the Kiwanis Children's Fund Board of Trustees 2002-05, is an Ambassador for the Children's Fund Australia & NZSP Districts and was ASPAC Chair 2002-03.

Michel liked the way Kiwanians served others, leading him to join in his first fundraiser, Christmas For Children. He then became a Kiwanian in July 1978. Now a Kiwanis member of 42 years, Michel has served as President, Secretary and Treasurer. His past roles include Governor, Lt Governor, Chairman and Master Trainer. Awards include a Hixson (Diamond Level), and Walter Zeller Fellowship. Michel also is a Hixson Ambassador and holds a John Griffen Award at District level.

Michel helped open the first Kiwanis Club in French Polynesia with friends from Tahiti and has built clubs in New Caledonia. He plans on building more clubs in the ASPAC region.

Formerly an engineer with IBM, Michel holds a degree in computer science and now owns a sports & surfwear business. He's the current President of the Chinese Community Association and is the Secretary of the Polynesian Committee for Solidarity in New Caledonia. He's also Deputy Mayor of Noumea since May 2020.

Michel has two daughters (one is a Kiwanian) and four grandchildren. His hobbies include soccer, mahjong, Sudoku, crosswords and music, including playing the ukulele. Another important post Michel holds for 2025-26 is that he's current ASPAC Secretary/Treasurer.





HeartKids Teen Transition Program - Funded by Kiwanis

Thanks to the generous support of Kiwanis, HeartKids continues to strengthen their Teen Transition Program supporting young people aged 12-18 living with childhood-onset heart disease (CoHD) to prepare for the move from paediatric to adult healthcare.

This transition is a major milestone and a significant step for young people and their families. The focus is on making sure young people feel informed, confident and supported as they take greater ownership of their lifelong care.



Perth and Melbourne Fundraisers

HeartKids are hosting their 18th annual WA Ball in Perth on May 23. Another most worthwhile Fundraiser to keep in mind in Melbourne is the second Big Heart Lunch scheduled for May 29. (see the flyer below). Not forgetting the Hero For HeartKids being held May-June 2026. More details on the HK website www.heartkids.org.au

HERO for HeartKids
HEROES...IT'S TIME
DUST OFF YOUR
CAPE!
HeartKids

**Hero for HeartKids
May-June 2026**

Start planning now for your "Hero for Heartkids" fundraiser. Get involved with your workplace, school or community and help make this year's campaign bigger than ever. Cape up this May-June to make a difference for heart kids!



Big Heart Lunch Melbourne Secure your seat or table!

Melbourne's Big Heart Lunch returns for an unforgettable afternoon at Michelin-awarded HYDE Melbourne Place. Join HeartKids supporters, donors, partners and community members for exceptional food, premium wines, MC'd by Gyton Grantley and with a special comedy set from Dave Thornton, and a room full of generous hearts, all supporting families impacted by childhood-onset heart disease.

Tickets: Visit HeartKids website
www.heartkids.org.au

While HeartKids Teen Day Out was in fact held late last year, the photos provide some idea of how the HeartKids "family" looks out for each other, and despite a sometimes challenging start, these youngsters are more than capable of living a healthy life, with support network.



HK VICTORIA

Held at Archie Brothers Cirque Electriq at the Docklands on Oct 3, 2025, aimed at HK aged 13-17 years, the kids were able to enjoy arcade games, bowling and food. Sounds like a lot of fun happening.

HK SOUTH AUSTRALIA

A similar event was held on Dec. 15 at Paradigm Zone Game Arcade in the city (Adelaide). On offer were a Matrix Session, \$25 Arcade credit, 40 mins of Timeplay, 500 tickets, squish toy plus food and drink.

HEARTKIDS ACT

Held at Kingpin in Canberra.





CHILDREN FIRST
Jessica Redwood



Kiwanis impact across global health

Thanks to the support of donors, including Kiwanis, 154 children were able to receive life-changing or life-saving surgery in 2025!

Thank you for your extraordinary care and compassion!

These surgeries have transformed lives across multiple countries, uplifting families and communities. Children such as Sidath from Bhutan, right, who underwent life-saving surgery removing a facial tumour caused by Neurofibromatosis Type 1; Masel from Vanuatu, born with only one leg, who received knee stump surgery to be fitted for a prosthetic leg and walk for the first time; and Marcio from Timor-Leste, one of the first to receive paediatric surgery in his home country, thanks to local capacity-building efforts.



Your support has helped create hope and brighter futures. We now look forward to all the children who will be able to receive surgical care in 2026 thanks to your support. This includes little Jelome (below) from Papua New Guinea, born with multiple congenital anomalies, including a bilateral cleft palate, a severe form of spina bifida and fused fingers.

Helping save lives in Samoa

Imagine having only two surgeons in your whole country. Now imagine that your child is in desperate need of surgery and neither of these surgeons specialises in paediatric surgery. This is exactly the situation for families in Samoa.

The Today Tomorrow Project brings Australian-qualified surgeons in-country to deliver urgent care to children and train local surgeons to strengthen paediatric surgical capacity. With support from Kiwanis, and in partnership with the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons and Tupua Tamasese Meaole Hospital in Samoa, annual trips have been conducted for the last two years.

Each year this project provides essential surgery for over 20 children and trains local clinicians. Launched in 2024 with support from Kiwanis member, the late Norm McLennan, the project builds sustainable skills to reduce preventable child mortality. It costs \$22,500 annually, with \$15,000 to be raised from donors. We need support again this year. Please support this vital work as we return to Samoa in June 2026.

Contact me directly at jessica@childrenfirstfoundation.org.au if you would like more information on how you and your Kiwanis club can help save children's lives in Samoa.

JESSICA REDWOOD *Chief Executive Officer - Children First Foundation*



Jessica Redwood, CEO of Children First Foundation, received Timor-Leste's highest honour – the Order of Timor-Leste – recognising her two decades of work improving healthcare for women and children across the Asia Pacific Region. Her leadership continues to deliver tangible hope and healing to children and families. Jessica is grateful for the support of Kiwanis at every step and looks forward to continuing to work together to reach more children in need.

Left: Jessica Redwood and His Excellency President Jose Ramos-Horta

AUSTRALIAN KIWANIAN EDITOR STILL NEEDED

Our District needs a new Editor to produce this quarterly magazine (4 issues p.a.).

The magazine has been around 24 pages in recent times, but its size and format can be varied by whoever takes up this position. Tech support will be happily provided by the current, retiring Editor. Please contact either Governor Steve or Immediate Past Governor David - dmcnabb689@gmail.com





LITERACY with IAN RANDALL

Below: A book recycling / collection bin as used in some supermarkets and Bunnings stores.



LITERACY AND 123READ2ME UPDATE

The distribution of free children's books nationally is a great opportunity for Kiwanis Australia District and the Kiwanis clubs. It is a significant help for children learning to read, provides flexible activities for members to be involved and helps promote the name Kiwanis and the sort of work we do.

In Victoria the boxes of books can be distributed free to any address other than a residential property (transport company rule) either on a pallet, or as individual boxes, ready for distribution. Interstate deliveries are to a DHL Transport Company depot in that State, ready for Kiwanis arrangements or pickup for delivery. Books (as new) and the transport are free. The book warehouse is in Moorabbin.

During December and January approx. 100,000 were donated to 123Read2Me, ready for checking, grading and distribution. They currently have almost 1 million books ready to go (distribution). The books are graded into four categories: Baby; Kinder & Prep; Primary Picture; and Primary Reader. Usually baby books are mostly graphics/picture, very simple text and laminated. Kinder and Prep books are graphic/picture with some text. Primary picture books have graphics/pictures and paragraphs of text (usually larger). Primary readers are usually all text, mostly fiction, and the traditional "book". Some of the books are like a themed encyclopedia with a mixture of pictures/text and words.



Moorabbin Kiwanis (who have literacy and book distribution as their Signature Project) distribute one box of Kinder/Prep and one box of Primary Readers books to their book cases in each of three supermarkets every week (300 books weekly, nearly 16,000 books p.a., as well as distribution to others like schools & HeartKids activities (approx 5000 books last year).

Kiwanis contact for ordering book distribution is Ian Randall, phone 0419 334 850 Email ian.randall@bigpond.com listing the delivery contact name and ph/mobile number, the delivery address, and the number of boxes needed of 50 books in each category (Baby, PreSchool/Kinder, Primary Picture & Primary Reader).



Above: Ian Randall, Jack, Jeff Shelley (CEO), and Melinda Shelley (founder) helping coordinate the collection and sorting of thousands of donated books at the Moorabbin warehouse. Left: Enjoying a well-deserved morning tea break for the volunteer team.



GET ONLINE WITH AUSTRALIA ONLINE



AUSTRALIA ONLINE is probably the District's easiest Kiwanis Club for 'attending' meetings. Kiwanians who maybe can't go outside, are possibly away travelling around the countryside, or if their regular Kiwanis Club has gone into recess, then this could be for you.

For those Kiwanians who are "Grey Nomading", this club can enable them to maintain contact while travelling. We welcome any existing Kiwanians who are interested in developing new friendships with fellow members from other parts of the country, and potentially worldwide. Kiwanis AOL Club meetings often have a guest speaker, with interesting topics.

Kiwanis Online meets monthly on the **second Thursday** at 7pm Australian Eastern Time (9.30pm New Zealand time) using the following information:

Please join our meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone by clicking this link <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/173825077> You don't really need a computer, as you can dial in using your phone. Australia: +61 2 9087 3604 Access Code: 173-825-077

Inquire direct to Club President Ash Gore at 1agorekiwanis@gmail.com



Ph: 0499 848 414
Or simply log in using the info at left, on the next meeting date.
Look forward to "seeing you" at a meeting soon!



Adelaide Hills AKtion Update



THE aKTION pLEDGE

We pledge to be loyal members of our AKtion Club, to form new friendships, and to serve our communities.



Adelaide Hills AKtion members with helpers (shown above) were finally able to perform their annual Clean Up Australia Day working bee on Sunday, March 22. A rescheduled date was needed due to bad weather on the original Sunday. The large crew that helped is shown, shortly before they enjoyed a barbecue lunch at Past Governor Ash Gore's house at Hahndorf. This Aktion Club held a Fun Bingo Night on May 5.

Newcastle AKtion Update



Newcastle Aktioneers under the capable guidance of Ken Archer, and others, enjoyed a pizza supper, after collating Mothers Day cards and chocolates, ready for distribution on Saturday May 9.

DIVISION 2 MINI CONVENTION = MAXI FUN !

Division 2 Mini Conventions had their beginnings in 1983 at Morpeth when Ian Perdriau was District Governor .

There was a gap after 1983 and the Conventions began again in the late 80s, moving over the next few years to Nambucca, The Entrance, Toukley, Port Macquarie, Terrigal and Hawks Nest.

These Kiwanis get-togethers became regular at Hawks Nest Lodge (where ex Prime Minister John Howard used to holiday) for a number of years and then moved to the Tea Gardens Hotel, about 55km north of Newcastle..

It became an annual event, however the format was very different with some arriving Thursday for golf on Friday morning. The bulk of attendees arrived Friday and that evening would be a formal dinner.

Saturday morning was taken up with Kiwanis business and the afternoon was open for sightseeing or just socialising. Saturday night was a fun themed night,

Later formalities were reduced to Saturday morning while Friday evening was a Crazy Whist card night, then trivia as the socialising became a great way for clubs to learn from each other and meet Kiwanians who over the years have built strong personal friendships.

These have since morphed into the current format, as much less formality except for Saturday morning, where a Division 2 Council is conducted with each club having a chance to explain what they are doing and to share information on fund raising and projects, etc. The current District Governor always attended this meeting and delivered a report.

In later years the Saturday afternoon socialising began incorporating a wide game or disk throwing competition, with pairs of players contesting the Sunshine Cup - now a much sought-after trophy. The competitive juices were really flowing when those disks came out!

On reflection, the Mini Convention of 2018 was amongst the stand-outs, apart from there being a really strong attendance, 2018 was notable for being the only Mini Convention to have Kiwanians attending from every Kiwanis State / Territory in mainland Australia.

A theme night was brought in by Gaile and Bryen Smith who had been doing the organising up until then, and as costs were rising Bryen decided it could be made more cost effective by self-catering. Mini Conventions would usually round out nicely Sunday morning when bacon & egg rolls were served, before folk started off on their journeys back home.

See if you remember some of these nights: 2008 Myall River Cruise • 2009 Beach Party (Surf Club)

- 2010 Valentines (Surf Club) • 2011 American Night (Surf Club) • 2012 Asian Night (Surf Club)
- 2013. Greek Night (Surf Club) • 2014. French Night (Surf Club) • 2015 Arabian Night (Community Hall)
- 2016 All Things British (Surf Club) • 2017 Indian Affair (Surf Club) • 2018 Russian Night (Community Hall)
- 2019 Carribean Adventure (Community Hall) • 2020 Old School Days (Community Hall)
- 2021 Irish Night (Golf Club - covid) • 2022 Korean Night (Golf Club) • 2023 Kings & Queens (Golf Club)
- 2024 Wild West (Golf Club) • 2025 Rumble in the Jungle (Masonic Hall) • 2026 LOVE (Masonic Hall).

Many interstate Kiwanians attended over the years.. Margaret and Graham Mould (12 times); Bev and Bryan Saunders (he was our designated driver on many occasions); Jenny and John Bromilow (Jenny still attends sometimes).

Through all of this since 1998 Bryen and Gaile have enjoyed help from many Kiwanians, especially from Brisbane's Maxine McKinney who is decorator extraordinaire.



Bryen was the instigator of those Mini Conventions (Div 2) and Gaile became his 'partner in crime' when they became a couple in 1998.

*Back to School
2020*

We've so many top memories which really far outweigh some problems like the stoves blowing up mid-meal, covid, and dealing with different managers of venues and accommodation. Plus a power outage on Friday night in 2025.

We thank everyone who attended and made each Convention a success.

We hope our new Div 2 Lt Gov 2026/27 Ray Behn and Kerry get the support we did for the next Mini Convention, as it would be a shame to see something so informative and enjoyable not be continued.



Wild West 2024



Kings & Queens 2023



Wild West 2024



Korean Night 2022

Many thanks to Bryen Smith for the comprehensive background report on the history of those Division 2 Mini Conventions that he and Gaile have arranged for many years.. Over the page are some photos from this year's Convention, where the theme was L-O-V-E (spells Love)

To register, visit <https://register.kiwanissydney.org>



2026 AUSTRALIA DISTRICT ANNUAL CONVENTION

REGISTER NOW

Venue is Rydges Central Sydney, 28 Albion Street, Surry Hills - a 5 min walk from Central Railway Station.

**FRIDAY AUGUST 21 and SATURDAY AUGUST 22
with Farewell Breakfast on SUNDAY AUGUST 23**

Registration is open, so do keep an eye on the District website for further details. In 2015 Australia District ran a condensed Convention (Melbourne) and the same style applies in 2026. This should help with costs for those attending. Make sure you're there!!

NEW ZEALAND SOUTH PACIFIC 2026 CONVENTION - Napier, NZ • August 29 & 30

Registration Forms are on the NZSP website. Registration final payment needed by July 31

KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL 2027 CONVENTION - Dallas, Texas June 17-19 (save the date)

DIVISION 2 MINI CONVENTION 2026



From February 12 to 15, the Tea Gardens / Hawks Nest area of NSW reverberated to the sounds of many East Coast Kiwanians gathered for yet another fun weekend when the annual Division 2 Mini Convention was held.

There was the usual business session Saturday morning where Brisbane's Ray Behn was elected as the new Lt Governor for Division 2 - welcome aboard, Ray.

The games afternoon where serious competition ensued, saw several couples battle for bragging rights. The grand final came down to a contest of the "top brass" - Governor Steve and LG2 Ray versus their respective spouses Cathy and Kerry. Following a tense struggle, the ladies were declared winners for 2026, taking honours for the coveted Sunshine Cup.

Hopefully, "see you next year".

(Thanks Bryen for the pix!)



The Brisbane bunch wore their hearts on their sleeves. And just about everywhere else!



Above: Patrick, Bob and Jeff led the 'cheer' squad during the games afternoon. Left: Newcastle Kiwanians were "all loved up" and ready to go! Below: East Maitlanders were there!



In Melbourne, two Kiwanis Clubs have been involved in a joint venture at the Bayside Special Development School.

Their worthwhile efforts are going into a new vegetable garden at the school. Our Kiwanians have been helping put in place beneficial bugs homes, along with some improvements to finish the garden. The Bayside garden has raised beds and is fully wheelchair accessible. It's been adjudged an outstanding activity by any locals who have seen it.

Ian Randall took these shots showing (from left) Bhash (teacher), Justin Walsh (Principal) and Fiona Campbell Hicks (Brighton Bayside Kiwanis)



KIWANIS GOES TO THE DOGS



KIWANIS CLUB OF WAVERLEY has recently updated its name to the Kiwanis Club of Monash Waverley. The Waverley (Vic) club was subsumed into the City of Monash several decades ago.

Waverley's Story Dog, Maia, and her handler Jenny, met with Story Dogs coordinator Maureen at a recent Kiwanis Club gathering. Maia is a very sweet little Yorkshire Terrier.

Story Dogs is a volunteer-based reading programme in participating ordinary schools whose mission is to

create a safe, fun, supportive, non-judgemental environment for primary school aged children needing assistance with literacy.

Kiwanis Monash Waverley sponsors their attendance at Waverley Meadows Primary School in Mulgrave where Jenny takes Maia to listen to young readers. As you can see, Maia is wearing her Story Dogs school jacket promoting Kiwanis. For more information about Story Dogs, visit www.storydogs.org.au

Thanks to Past District Secretary Sue for submitting this uplifting item.



What can happen when Eye Of The Tiger club members reach beyond Zoom to meet in person? They go to dinner and celebrate! Earlier this year Mary Jo and Dan Brubaker were over from USA visiting Melbourne and met up with Angela and Ian Randall. Venue chosen was Angela's brother-in-law's Greek restaurant – Gracie Greco, in Camberwell. The Kiwanian quartet spent the evening catching up on family news and sharing the latest Kiwanis ideas from their home clubs and Districts. Hailing from North Carolina, Dan Brubaker is currently an Eye Of Tiger Director while Mary Jo is President-Elect, and a Past Governor..



Thanks to Past Governor Ian Randall for these snaps from the funeral service for PG Spencer Harding, held the day before ANZAC Day. Shown here are Spencer's main Kiwanis awards, and the gent speaking in the lower photo is another Past Governor Graham Mould. A full Vale for Spencer appears on p.18.

Spencer Harding's funeral



KIWANIS HISTORY IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA



Some real “ancient history” here, regarding the first Kiwanis project in South Australia. The Kiwanis Club of Adelaide, a groundbreaking introduction for Kiwanis into the South Australian capital, was chartered in 1969, behind Melbourne, Sydney, Springvale (Vic), and just before Perth. So Adelaide was the fourth Club to be built in Australia, back in the late sixties - as verified in the bible - compiled by 1990-91 District Governor Ed Maskiell.

An Adelaide charter member Graham Shevlin ran his own photographic business at the original Marion shopping centre and became the main SA Kiwanis lensman, taking plenty of snapshots like the one above, that were often used in early editions of their local *Kiwanis Adelaide News* (KAN) magazine, as well as for promotional purposes.

This historic working bee includes Maui Wild, Ken Farmer and Clair Bottroff relaxing after a full day’s effort at that working bee where they cleaned, painted, labelled and transformed dozens of 44 gallon drums into rubbish bins for KESAB (Keep SA Beautiful) that would be used at various public events. These days open rubbish bins tend not to be used, in favour of closed, segregated bins designated for recyclables, rubbish and “returns” - times change.

KIWI KIWANIANS



District Immediate Past Governor David had a rush trip to NZ, arranged at very short notice, spending April back in his home town of Christchurch. However he found time to attend a meeting of North-West Christchurch Kiwanis where he filled in a spot as Speaker, updating our NZSP brethren on Kiwanian activities “over the Ditch”. David dipped out on the raffle prize (bottle of wine) which was won by fellow kiwi Graham Chick (seen on left of pic above). A few days earlier both Graham and David had attended the Australia Online Club meeting. It’s not very often our Kiwi Kiwanian regulars both dial in from the same city!





AROUND THE CLUBS

GLENELG KIWANIS



There were a few significant presentations at Glenelg Club's meeting on May 11. Left: Immed. Past President Alan Blakeborough was surprised and delighted to be presented with a well deserved Hixson. Below: Governor-Elect Peter Zander helped award Past Governor Bob Sitters with a Legion of Honour. Below left: The generous support of Glenelg Kiwanis Corporate member (he runs Seacliff Paint & Panel) Matt Smith was recognised, along with Club member Agnes Chong.



**KIWANIS AUSTRALIA
DISTRICT CONVENTION**
SYDNEY 21 - 23 AUGUST 2026



SYDNEY KIWANIS CLUB have adopted a stylish new logo for our 2026 District Convention in Sydney. Cleverly it shows the iconic Opera House with a stylised kangaroo "hopping to it". Well done!

ROSTREVOR-CAMPBELLTOWN



The annual Brunch for Rostrevor Campbelltown Kiwanians (shown above) was another successful fundraiser. Combined with a keenly supported Auction held during the afternoon, over \$700 was raised. The other photo shows Club President Geoff Thomas (right) during a presentation earlier this year. This was a somewhat unusual event, as it involved the Kiwanis Club making a sizeable donation to Campbelltown Rotary Club in support of Rotary's "Say No to Domestic Violence" on Mothers Day. Kiwanis provided A\$500 plus some bags of ladies' toiletries, which the Rotary Club was very grateful for. Good to see Inter-Service Club cooperation.

SHEP SUNRISERS – 900th MEETING

From its charter meeting (October 3 1987) to Meeting #900 on March 2, 2026, our Shepparton Sunrisers is about the sole remaining breakfast club left in the Kiwanis family. It was great seeing so many Sunrisers show up to that 900th meeting early March, including many past Presidents, along with Lt Gov Div 7 Tim Dawes.

Among the memories was Spring Car Nats - 1 tonne of hot chips and 100 kg of sausages in 1 weekend, plus ancillaries. The then treasurer had to keep the takings (\$25,000 cash) at his house and being unable to sleep that night. Storing takings in Margaret's motorised wheelchair during the day!

Murray to Moyne - from members who were cyclists to the back-up crew; cooking creamed rice at 11pm in the main street of Stawell for cyclists before they stopped at Hamilton; Paul Neal had a first aid kit for the crew including DumbAss toilet paper (each leaf had a saying) to syringes of Glenfiddich (all in an old-style school case)

Congratulations to Julie Dainton & Judi Hanlon who were the main organisers. Past Governor Jan Hyde was among the attendees.



BENDIGO KIWANIS

Over recent months, the Kiwanis Club of Bendigo has been involved in running Friday night meat raffles. Held at the One Tree Hotel, Spring Gully, Bendigo, this has evolved into a very successful fundraiser, which also brings plenty of patrons into the pub, much to the pleasure of proprietor Damien. He has shown his appreciation for Kiwanis support by recently presenting the Club with a mammoth cheque for nearly A\$5400 - a sizeable amount! Great work.

AUSTRALIA DISTRICT FACEBOOK PAGE

A reminder about KAD's facebook page. If your Club already has a facebook page and has 'liked' the Kiwanis Australia District, let me (Val Symons) know what you are up to. If you haven't "liked" our page, please do so.

If your Club doesn't have a facebook presence, no worries, just send in any articles, photos and items about your Club by emailing it to this address, and I can post it on your behalf. Please send to val.symons@outlook.com





SPENCER HARDING (Geelong) THE MAKING OF A LEGEND

Born in Geelong on May 11, 1941 and raised in country Victoria (Barwon Downs), one of 8 children, Spencer grew up knowing the value of family. He moved back to Geelong at age 6 and left school at 16, working in various retail jobs before meeting the love of his life, Bev, at the Colac swimming pool. They married and after a short stint in Sydney, Spencer and Bev settled in Geelong to raise their own family; two boys, Warren and Gavin.

During the week, Spencer worked as a pay-clerk for Pivot Geelong, but weekends were spent taking his boys to their sporting events and watching his beloved Geelong Football Club.

Volunteering began early for Spencer. He was regularly involved with the Colac CFA as a teen, and at his boys' sports he was a volunteer timekeeper, scorer, whatever was needed.

In 1984, Spencer was introduced to the thriving Kiwanis Club of Geelong. Spencer and his family became involved in all activities and projects the Club had on offer. His first stint at leadership came in 1987-88 when Spencer took on the role of Club Secretary. In 1992-93 he was Club Treasurer and in 1994-95 he became Club President. Every position he held, he did so with dignity and precision. Spencer worked hard for the Club, making sure things were done exactly right and that everyone had a role to play.

In 2003, Spencer became Lieutenant Governor of Division 1, fulfilling a 2-year stint (2003-2005) before becoming District Governor of Australia in 2008-09. As District Governor, he attended International Conventions (in 2007-08 and 2008-09), District Conventions, and State Conventions. He was also an Asia-Pacific Board Member. In 2009, while Australia Governor, he was prominent at that year's District Convention in Geelong, a particularly successful event with a theme of 1935-1945 era, where KI Vice-President Alan Penn (and Jerri) from USA, along with Governor-Elect Ken Archer were present.

In 2002-03, Spencer did his second stint as Club Secretary, and in 2013 he took on the role again; a role he would hold for 21 years. As Club Secretary, Spencer took meticulous club records. He was a mentor and sounding board for his Club President and Treasurer. Spencer led through word and example, being a man of few words, but when he talked, he spoke truth and kindness.

Past Governor Spencer was a decorated Kiwanian, receiving the Legion of Honour for 25 years of service to KI, and, in 2025, the Legion of Honour for 40 years of service. He was also a proud recipient of the George F Hixson Fellowship.

Whatever Spencer was involved in, be it family, work, volunteering, he did it with gusto – nothing was a chore. He smiled through everything and made everyone feel included. Everyone has their own unique memories of their time with Spencer, but everyone will agree that he was a true gentleman.

Sadly, it became known at the Kiwanis Online Club meeting in April that Spencer had been admitted to University Hospital, Geelong, where he passed away on April 14th. The funeral on April 24 was well attended by several Kiwanians, with Miriam Hart as the celebrant. His loving wife Bev had pre-deceased him in June 2023



Above: Spencer was always willing to help at Terrific Kids ceremonies.



Right: Spencer and Bev, shown with past Lt Gov Div 1 Bob Chapman

FE PANTEL (Roseworthy-Hewett Kiwanis)

Fe Pantel was a popular member of the Filipino community in Adelaide since migrating to Australia with two of her three daughters over 30 years ago. She joined Kiwanis as a Charter member of Roseworthy-Hewett in 2012 and was prominent at Club meetings and fundraising events, particularly in the Club's early years.

Fe loved to cook, bringing along delicious dishes to Kiwanis meetings, and regularly being the main cook at Bunnings barbecues where it wasn't unusual for her to do a full day's shift.

She was a fun-loving lady who knew how to enjoy herself, and loved to see others having a good time too. Fe sadly passed away on New Year's Eve as a result of injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident early that morning.

Fe, 71, was a generous person and will certainly be missed by all who knew her. She is survived by her three daughters, and grandchildren.



WARREN SHARPE (Glenelg Kiwanis)



Warren John Sharpe passed away at Laurel Hospice, Flinders Medical Centre on January 3 after a period of illness. A valued Kiwanian, Warren joined the Glenelg Club in 2011 and was active and dedicated to Kiwanis activities, volunteering generously and making a significant contribution to Club activities, always willing to assist wherever help was needed.

Many will remember Warren for his long-standing role as the Club's much appreciated "Bunnings man", where he reliably managed the ordering, collection, delivery and associated paperwork for the Club's barbecue supplies. His commitment, reliability and attention to detail were greatly valued.

Above all, Warren will be remembered for his friendly nature, warm personality and gentlemanly manner. He will be sadly missed by his fellow Kiwanians and all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

He and wife Lyn (also a Kiwanian) had two sons - Glen (m. Ashlee) and Martin (m. Emma), and were blessed with four grandchildren - Willow, Byron, Elliot and Rory.

The funeral service for Warren (born September 22, 1945) was held at Partridge house, Glenelg under the care of Embrace Funerals. Several Kiwanians were able to attend this service.

DENIS JEFFREY (Bendigo Kiwanis)

A long-serving member of Bendigo Kiwanis Club, Denis James Jeffrey, 75, passed away on Sunday January 31 following a short illness. Denis joined Kiwanis on July 29, 1987, serving faithfully for over 38 years. He held the roles of President on four occasions and Treasurer for one term.

His leadership, dedication and enthusiasm for Kiwanis service were exemplary, and left a lasting mark on the Club and wider community. Apart from Kiwanis, he was also heavily involved with the local golf club and was also a past Chairman of the Axedale Recreation Reserve.

Denis (who had two brothers Stephen and Daryl) is survived by his wife Geraldine, a long-time supporter and friend of Kiwanis, plus their three daughters, Seona, Renee and Eilisher. The Jeffreys were blessed with five grandchildren.

Those Kiwanians who knew Denis will remember his warmth, friendship, generosity of spirit and wonderful sense of humour. He will be deeply missed by all.

His funeral was on Thursday, February 12 at St Kilian's Catholic Church, Bendigo. Many thanks to Bendigo Secretary Tom Wills for helping with the above information.





IAN CURWOOD (Monash Waverley)

Monash Waverley Kiwanis Club was shocked and saddened to learn of Ian's passing on February 27. Born on September 25, 1950, he was not only a valued colleague but also a dear friend who was compassionate, caring and empathetic.

Ian Graham Curwood joined the Kiwanis Club of Waverley in August 2005. He was a multi-talented and committed volunteer. He participated in most Club activities and enjoyed the social aspects of the Club. On the family front, Ian had an older brother Neil (married to Gai)



He held the position of Treasurer for four years and Club President for another four years. Ian was President during the Covid years when the Club shifted to online meetings, thus maintaining engagement with our members over this challenging time, and ensuring we survived. Ian coordinated numerous Club projects and fundraisers over the years.

He was most passionate about our Hearing and Vision Screenings for Preschoolers, which he organised twice a year in partnership with Melbourne University's Audiology and Optometry departments, Monash Council's Family and Children's Services and Glenallen School (venue for the screening sessions). When Ian took over leading the project from his predecessor, Bruce Haycraft, he set up the project's online registration system and coordinated a band of equally keen volunteers on the day. Ian had many an anecdote about how the day had gone when reporting back to his Kiwanis Club. He especially enjoyed engaging with the children and their parents.

Whenever he was available to do so at the end of term, Ian presented the Kiwanis Terrific Kids Awards at Glen Waverley Primary School.

He never missed the opportunity to help on the barbecue at Monash Carols for performers and volunteers. Ian and Dalia volunteered for this activity every year, and Ian loved exchanging banter with the performers.

The Club also benefited greatly from Ian's creative skills. He designed the Club brochure and Club banners. He also set up the best window displays on Kiwanis days at the old Lions Op Shop at Murrumbidgee. Ian's funeral service was held on March 11 at Boyd Chapel, Springvale Botanical Cemetery, Clayton. What Ian brought to his Kiwanis Club has been very aptly expressed by a leading Kiwanis member.

"Our volunteers are not replaceable, one for another, because each person brings their particular talents, skills and personality. Ian Curwood brought his passion for Kiwanis projects. He brought his creative spirit. He enjoyed cooking the barbecue behind the stage at Christmas Carols, close to the action, near the performers. Ian believed that children should be respected and honoured, and he loved presenting Terrific Kids Awards, especially at Glen Waverley PS. And Ian's personality? Big, open and generous." Ian is irreplaceable. His legacy of service to Kiwanis and the community is significant. He will be greatly missed by everyone at Kiwanis Monash Waverley. Our thoughts are with Dalia and all the family."



COLETTE WILTSHIRE (Victoria Park & Districts)

Kiwanis lost one of the "best from the west" on February 21, when Colette Wiltshire passed away, aged 91. She was born in 1934 in Burma of Irish descent and remained proud of her Catholic upbringing. Colette lived in India and UK before emigrating to Perth WA in 1956. She had a career in the WA Public Service and was involved in Parliamentary circles under the Government of Sir Charles Court. She was a member of the Liberal Party Swan Division for over 50 years, and also a member of WA State Council.

Possessing a jovial nature, our ever community-minded Colette joined Kiwanis Club of Victoria Park & Districts (WA) on March 23, 1998. She was an active Kiwanian for 23 years, only really stepping back when that Club went into recess, late 2021.

Colette held the position of Lt Governor Division 4 for two consecutive terms, from 2008-2010, and journeyed to Victoria in August 2009 for the District Convention in Geelong. As regards 'flying around', she was quite a keen traveller, having been to many parts of the globe.

Kiwanis Is Where A Need Is Served *More than Ever!*

GRAEME MUNRO (Geelong Kiwanis)

Valued Kiwanian Graeme Philip Munro, Treasurer of Kiwanis Club of Geelong, passed away on Saturday, March 14 after a long battle with cancer.

Graeme joined Geelong Kiwanis on January 12, 1999 and dedicated more than 25 years of service to Kiwanis and the community. He served as Chairman of the famed All Ford Day committee from 2009 to 2019 and continued to support that committee until its closure in 2025. He held the position of Geelong Club Treasurer from 2017 to 2026.

Graeme was the driving force behind the Club's Signature Project, the SPC Food Run, and played a key role in supporting many community initiative through his dedication and leadership.

In recognising his outstanding service, he received a Hixson Award in October 2011 for his work as All Ford Day Chairman, and in 2025 he was awarded a Legion of Honour for 25 years of service to the Kiwanis Club of Geelong. Graeme was proud to have helped oversee AFD last more than 24 years, growing from its first show with 250 cars, rising to about 1100 cars with around 7000 people.

Graeme's commitment, generosity and service to Kiwanis will be fondly remembered by all who had the privilege of working with him. His stoic demeanour in later years following his cancer diagnosis spoke volumes about the man. His memorial service was held on Tuesday March 24 under the care of Tuckers Funerals at Tuckers Chapel, Province Blvd, Highton.

Our sincere condolences go to Graeme's family, friends and fellow members of Geelong Kiwanis during this difficult time.



BRYAN SAUNDERS (Doncaster-Templestowe)



Long-standing Kiwanian Bryan Saunders passed away in the evening of March 16 - he had been in palliative care at Caritas Christi, Kew. Bryan joined Kiwanis on July 17, 1984 and served for 37 years with Kiwanis Club of Doncaster-Templestowe (later known as Manningham) until the Club went into recess in 2021.

He served as Lieutenant Governor Division 6 for 2003-04 and 2004-05, and was awarded a George F. Hixson for his service to our organisation. He also received his Legions of Honour for 25, 30 and 35 Years service.

Bryan was a driving force behind rebuilding of the Rotunda in the park at Marysville after the devastating Black Saturday fires of February 2009, and was instrumental in unearthing an unusual item at Marysville during the cleanup operations. This was an unexpected time capsule where items had been rolled up into a drainage tube, probably by the local school and then buried. Despite some of the contents being water damaged, Bryan rightly labelled this a "significant find" and his efforts were reported in the local media.

Bryan and Bev attended a few overseas Kiwanis Conventions, in USA as well as New Zealand. where he always received quite a reception! His latter years he would often be found at NZ Conventions, being an Honorary Member of Matamata Kiwans Club.

He also helped with the Australia District Convention in 1989/90 organised by Doncaster-Templestowe. For several years Bryan attended the Division 2 Mini Conventions at Tea Gardens, NSW, where (being teetotal) he would invariably volunteer to drive the mini bus that ferried non-teetotal attendees to the Saturday evening social.

MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP

It's a Way to Say: "We'll Always Remember..."

Ideal for a Kiwanis Club or family, friends, Club members or business associates to honour a deceased Kiwanian. Club donors will receive a "Memorial Fellowship" certificate in honour of the Kiwanian who's passed on, with an option of presenting this to the family. Other donations of Memorial Gifts in memory of the deceased are most welcome.

Donations: Club donors for Memorial Fellowship - Minimum of A\$250.

Other donors of Memorial Gifts - Discretionary amount.

Further details are included in the brochure available online from:

kiwanis.org.au/foundation or by email to: kadcf@kiwanis.org.au



THE LAST LAUGH



Ive got 50 litres of diesel, looking to swap for a waterfront 4 bedroom property, dont low ball me i know what ive got 😏😏😏



There might be a slight problem with drink surfacing. My husband asked me to toast him some bread this morning for breakfast.

So I raised my wine glass and said, "Here's to bread!"



Remember, when one door closes, another one opens. Apart from that, it's a pretty good car !



Was approached by a homeless man in the street who asked me for a dollar. Told him I only carry big bills. In a down-and-out voice he asked for one of those. Okay, so I gave him my electricity bill.



All us older folk know about living on the edge. We always had to answer the phone (a land line) without knowing who was on the other end!



BAROSSA KIWANIS SIGNATURE PROJECT



This Project has prepared and distributed 14,732 wholesome, simple meals over the last three years. The need is increasing with 5,858 prepared in 2025 and continuing into 2026.

Kiwanis Barossa has worked in partnership with 21 local schools and seven church and service groups to identify needy local families affected by the cost-of-living crisis, high housing and rent costs, rural drought, downturn in the wine industry and homelessness in the Barossa and environs. Only those families identified by pastoral care workers as needy are assisted and the recipients are kept anonymous. They have found that children's "pride and energy to keep going" at school has been sustained.

Up to a dozen Kiwanians and friends are involved in preparing the meals.

Barbecues have been held in the community to raise the \$3,500 for funding the project each year including the purchase of two large freezers. They also receive donations from several community organisations.



SIGNATURE PROJECT ENTRIES

Kiwanis Clubs of Warrnambool, Glenelg and Geelong, along with Barossa and Newcastle, submitted entries to represent Australia District in the Kiwanis International Signature Project competition. Barossa's entry appears above, and overleaf is Newcastle's successful application, along with mention of Glenelg Club.

KIWANIS WARRNAMBOOL - Forget-Me-Not Memory Boxes - these are special Boxes to support children up to 18 years old and their families. They gift a Memory Box to those who have suffered the loss of a sibling or a friend and feature special themes that can be used by recipients to keep special items, written messages, photos and other memories. A really worthwhile, poignant gesture.

KIWANIS GEELONG - Encouragement School Awards Project - This project began 26 years ago to honour the life of a young Country Fire Authority volunteer Jason Thomas who perished while helping fight a wildfire in Victoria. The Award is presented annually to a student from his Alma Mater to assist in further education. This was extended to include 11 other high schools in Geelong. The annual Awards are presented to a Yr 11 student who would benefit from financial assistance and displays academic potential, personal character and good relations with peers. The Awards include a personal trophy, recognition on a school honour board and a \$400 support grant which covers schoolbooks, uniforms, school materials, costs, excursions and school fees.' (more overleaf)



Kiwaniis Newcastle Signature Project

Charity Christmas Trees

Our major fundraiser for over 35 years - selling real Christmas trees to families in Newcastle and Lake Macquarie.

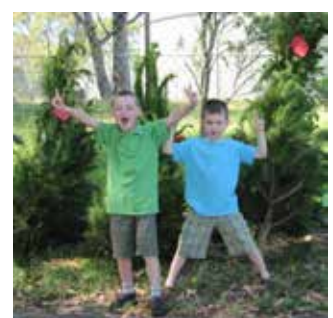
We now sell 500+ trees each year and raise approx \$15K. Many of our customers have been supporting us for over 10 years.

Kiwaniis is well known for this service via local Radio, Gumtree and our Website.

We also hand out a Kiwanis card with every tree, listing the projects and charities we support.



Our Aktion Club members get involved too!



Signature Projects *(continued from previous page)*



GLENELG KIWANIS - Glenelg partners with the annual Brighton Jetty Sculptures Event and funds are raised to support children experiencing hardship. Brighton Jetty Sculptures is the primary partner and Kiwanis Glenelg helps with the setup, puts staff on the entry gate and later assists dismantling. There is a showcase of over 230 stunning indoor sculptures on display by local artists.

Thousands of people visit daily over a 12-day period to multiple events in the area, providing a great publicity vehicle for Kiwanis.

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