



News from President Des

How great have been our last few meeting nights!! Our Club photo shoot, Darrell and Aub Kaesler keeping the world on time, Glen Schulz with his family history, and the interesting life of father My Tran

On Monday 25th, Ann/Tom, Rob N, Lorna and I went to Rostrevor/Campbelltown meeting to hear Australia District Governor, Steve Hughes speak. His motto is - KIDS NEED KIWANIS - KIWANIS NEEDS YOU.

Steve touched on 5 points:

- 1 - What is the average age of your Club? (I wonder what ours is.)**
- 2 - Providing value to members - have interesting meetings, activities, fun nights.**
- 3 - Have a Service Project. Our Emergency Meals program is a start but we need another new one.**
- 4 - Encourage new members to the Board - it helps grow your personality and confidence.**
- 5 - How well is our Barossa Club known in the community?**

We can all work on that by inviting friends and prospective members to a meeting or function.

It all proved to be an interesting night with many Division 10 members present.

The Board is well into planning our 40th Birthday Anniversary on Thursday, August 27. You will receive your invite soon. Keep a watch out for it.

Secretary Chris, Huge thanks to you for your excellent work.

Cheers Des



Recent Meetings



May and June meetings had a different feel this year. In May we had long standing Barossans Aub and Glen presenting their work and family stories, while in June we have featured newcomers to the Valley and their stories. Glen told the story of the Schulz family who were amongst the first religious refugees to arrive in South Australia in 1838. His ancestors came with Pastor Kavel from Prussia and first settled at Klemzig in Adelaide.

He took us right through his family tree ending with his childhood in the Barossa.



The first meeting in June was a chance for us to meet Father My Tran, who last year, took up the post of Catholic priest serving a wide area around Kapunda and Nuriootpa. His story of

escape from Vietnam after the Vietnam war by boat was powerful. 12 years in a refugee camp in the Philippines on the island of Palawan was a difficult time, especially after his mother was forced

to stay behind for some time in Vietnam. His energy and positivity were infectious. We were also joined by local members of the parish Narelle and Jason, Geoff and Chris Redden, left, (who regularly help us with deliveries of emergency meals) and John Hayes, rear, from Kapunda.

Our most recent meeting - another story telling session - also featured a Barossa newbie, Amanda, plus charter member Mike and oldie Chris. Each had something different to share. Amanda's story was full of mystery and





intrigue amongst the rich and famous. She shared about an old friend and neighbour in Jersey, the wealthy Lynda Swarbrick, friend of Marilyn Monroe and John Wayne, and the mystery surrounding her suspicious death.

Mike told the story of Peter Norman the Olympic 200 m silver medallist who supported black sprinters at the Olympics in Mexico City in 1968. He also ran the 200 metres in 20.06 seconds, an Oceania record for 56 years. Mike met him at a disabled games meet many years later and noticed what a good bloke he was, in spite of the mistreatment he experienced from the authorities. Chris described a unique experience she had back in 2005, when with a

group of German language teachers in Bremen, Germany. At low tide, she walked at least 10 kms into the Wattenmeer in the North Sea, to an island as the tide was coming in. She then had a boat ride back to shore. We thank them all for sharing these stories about interesting people and places they experienced in their lives.



Recent Thank Yous

From Akon Baak:

Hi Des, Lorna, and the Barossa Kiwanis Club, Earlier this year your Kiwanis Club of Barossa made an extremely generous donation to support my travels as part of the Australian national taekwondo team. Since then, I have competed in the Dutch and Belgium Open where I secured a gold medal in my division at the Belgium Open. I have also competed at the

World Championships in Uzbekistan, while I didn't get the results I was hoping for, it was an extremely valuable experience and I have gained a lot from it. I wanted to say a huge thankyou to the Barossa Kiwanis club for your contribution and I would love to come in and talk about my taekwondo journey sometime if your club would be interested in hearing more about my taekwondo journey. I have a busy few months with another taekwondo trip to Korea to compete in the Korea Open in July, and then to China to compete in the Women's Open in August. Perhaps September may be a suitable time, if that fits with your club calendar. I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you again for your support,
Akon

From Odette Haley (We sent \$1000 to help her sons compete in interstate gymnastics)

Thank you very much, Geoff. We as a family appreciate the support.

Samual competed as part of the Special Olympics State Team in Victoria a few weeks ago, and managed 1st overall and was a great role model for some of the lower-level boys. He is headed off to Border Challenge in QLD next week to compete as part of the mainstream level 6 team, and in two weeks Mitchell is off to Sydney to compete at the level 7 Australian National Gymnastics

Championships. Once we return, I will send through photos and let you know how they both went.

Thank you again for your support.

Regards

Odette Haley



From Neil Lambert

Dear members of the Barossa
Kiwanis Club,

Thank you so very much for your
kind monetary donation to the
Morrison family. It is a very
practical gift, which will assist the
family in many ways.

This significant donation will help pay a
mortgage, assist in schooling and help
towards the mundane everyday costs.

It will also provide a 'breathing space'
for Jessica and the family, before she
needs to return to work.

Our sincere thanks once again.

Kind regards,
Neil & Karen Lambert
on behalf of our daughter, Jessica
Morrison and her family.

Emergency Frozen Meals Report

Howdy,

We have done approx. 80 enjoyable hours of volunteering for May. We thank the Kiwanis members who donate towards the program. We also thank Lorna & Louise for preparing meals which lightens our load as well, and Geoff and Chris Redden who do alternate weeks' deliveries.

Donations also came from the I See Church, Barossa Fresh and Louise Hickinbotham.

Total meals delivered for May: 710. Total meals delivered since June 2023: 18,022

Blessings

Geoff & Lyn Hansen

(Photos of the Hansen's spare room are below.)



Lorna's Fundraising Report

Winter has arrived with rainy days. YAY!! but of course the cold wind has come too!! How beautiful were the autumn leaves that have all but disappeared, we are so lucky to have so much beauty around us, as we fundraise for children. We are light on with functions at the moment, so we must all do some thinking of what can be next(!!) but thanks to Cars Coffee Barossa and Barossa District Football Gates at the moment.

June 7 - Cars Coffee Barossa - Rob van, Anne, Tom, Mike

June 6 - Driver Reviver - Marg & David

June 8 - Driver Reviver - Deb & Amanda

July 5 - Cars Coffee Barossa - Lyn / Rob A, ~~~~~ Lorna

Plus Football Gates - YOU KNOW YOUR SPOT - thanks to Amanda for co - ordination.

Cheers Lorna



Volunteer Hours for May

May 1 - Funeral Wake Greenock	18hrs	3p	\$717.14
May 3 - Cars Coffee Barossa	10:5	4	\$251.40
May 3 - Rechner Cottage Réunion	24:5	7	\$632.55
Football Gates × 2	64	13	\$875.00
Emergency Meals	35	5	

Other News

- We learnt recently of the passing of the late Dr Frank Altmann's wife Pam. Our thoughts and prayers are with Pam's family. Pam struggled with her mobility but was always a keen supporter of Kiwanis and Frank's enthusiastic involvement in our Club.
- The Board has been investigating Mitre 10 barbecues as an alternative fundraiser. Lions are sponsoring FREE SKIN CANCER SCREENINGS AVAILABLE ON Saturday 11. 7. 26 and Sunday 12. 7. 26 at Nuriootpa Soldiers Memorial Hall Car Park. BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL COMMENCING 29th June, Phone: 0475 868 307
- Sherryl has offered to organise an application for An Australia Post grant to support our emergency meals program. Thanks Sherryl

Sherryl's Caring Corner for June

Special events for June are:

Birthdays

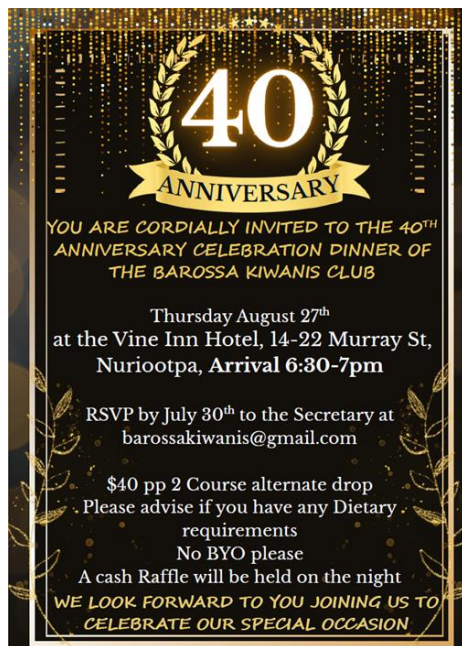
- **June 11** Colleen Van Der Wijngaart
- **June 15** Mike Nichols
- **June 27** Mark Mattner
- **June 30** Rob Albrecht

Membership

- **June 7** Rory Ellendon



Barossa Scenes



What's coming up?

Monday July 6	Board Meeting 1.30 pm at Sherryl's 10 Jane Place Tanunda
Thursday July 9	Update from Alexa Schiller about Ronald McDonald House
Thursday July 23	Tim Kroehn and Father's Farm

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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