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KIWANIS GLENELG—HELPS KIDS IN NEED

Welcome to the middle of winter! We have experienced a very cold snap for sure.

Some of our members even travelled to Mt Barker on Saturday 11th July to attend the Division 8 meeting held there. We encountered a lot of fog and low dark cloud on the way there in the hills. Once there we met with members from Reynella, Adelaide Hills and Murray Bridge clubs and our Lt Governor for Division 8, Louise Heywood, chaired the meeting. We discussed several issues, one being that we have been looking for a suitable divisional project for all Division 8 clubs to support and which we can focus on for publicity as well.

More news will come from this in the near future.

Also discussed was the initiative of Kiwanis International to adopt Voices clubs which are clubs for 18-26 year olds. I am sure Louise will speak on this in due course.

And don't forget, as mentioned in our last Gumtree Gossip, that our own Glenelg Club is offering **free** first year membership to new members now, whilst advising at that time that discounted fees are required in the following years, the same as all members.

Please read on for some points of interest from our club Board meeting in early July.

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- ⇒ During the month of June, our club made a \$500 donation to Oz Fish—those of you who made it to our meeting on 27th April will remember Dr Brad Martin coming to talk to us about the oceans and river-ways and the work being done to create the proper environments for fish to thrive. Brad's sharing of his knowledge was extensive and very interesting. We thought it a good donation while thinking about our kids' futures.
- ⇒ Did you see our Facebook post about Millie? She has been to the Gold Coast marathon event and came away with a first and a personal best. She said she wouldn't have been able to achieve that without the wonderful donation by our club including Corporate Member, Matt Smith, from Seacliff Paint & Panel, of her new racing wheelchair. Check out the Facebook post, and on Page 3 there is a photo of Millie using it.
- ⇒ We are keenly waiting to hear if we have been awarded a Grant from the government via Louise Miller-Frost MP which will enable us to purchase updated hardware for our Square payment system. The system at present is working for the most part but causing all sorts of angst when it just suddenly 'drops out' or decides it doesn't want to start at all. We will also purchase a stand alone hard drive which we can then put all our important documents on. At the moment documents are held on a number of different members' PC's at their homes so it is important to save it all over to the one place.
- ⇒ We are participating in the People First Community Lottery again this year. Trevor Averay will join our club up and advise when it is ready. A reminder that when buying the lottery tickets, please use your Debit Card.
- ⇒ Wasn't our Musical Bingo night a wonderful, fun night! We posted photos and videos to Facebook and also shared some around. In the end we made over \$3,000 profit. This will be donated to Operation Flinders. More on that when it happens. Thanks to **everyone** who helped in any way including donations, but in particular Marilyn Chandler for all the work she did in keeping records of attendees, payments, donations and the run sheet. Our sub-committee of Alan, Marilyn, Val and Peter worked quite hard for this one.
- ⇒ And then we have another event coming up—The Italian Long Lunch planned for Sunday 27th September. More on that at meetings and in the next Gumtree Gossip. Queries to David Meadows.
- ⇒ Thanks to Alan Blakebrough for organising to have the Kiwanis Glenelg shed roller door fixed.
- ⇒ On Sunday 18 October we will cook up the Big Breakfast at the Bay to Birdwood, which is our annual event that we have been doing for years. We will need many of you to help in some way, more later.
- ⇒ We will be assisting HeartKids on Sunday 25 October by cooking their barbecue on the day.
- ⇒ We have continued our sponsorship payment to Coast FM who occasionally mention us.
- ⇒ Terrific Kids—Term 2 has enabled our club members to attend 2 primary schools so far to make the Terrific Kids awards. Bob Sitters attended Fulham North PS and Wendy Percy attended West Beach PS. Thanks so much and a couple of photos follow. Running into Term 3 but actually for Term 2 there are also going to be presentations by Annette Lenon at Henley Beach PS and Glenelg PS.



Bob Sitters and Wendy Percy who attended Fulham North PS and West Beach PS to make Terrific Kids presentations—the bags contained book vouchers and pen sets too.



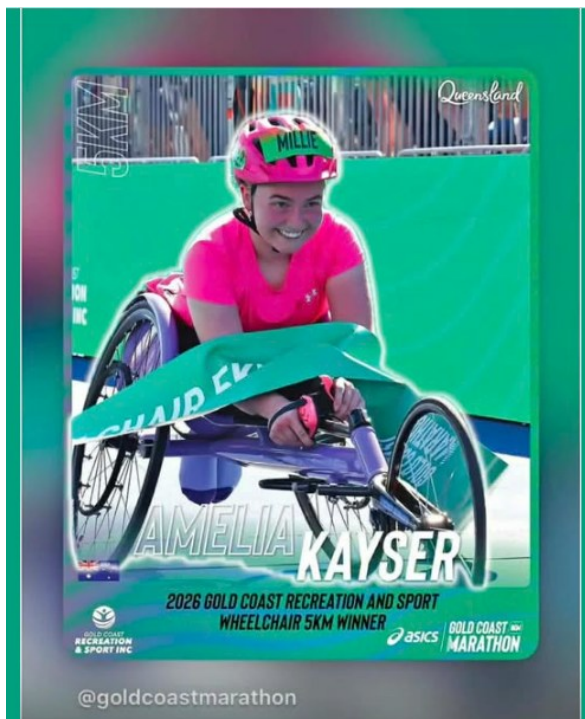
A final reminder that the **District Convention** this year is being held in Sydney from **21st August to 23rd August 2026**—for any enquiries please speak to Bob Sitters who is the District Convention Support Leader.



We have only the one July birthday within our Glenelg Club and it is our Corporate Member—

MATT SMITH

Have a fabulous day on the 15th Matt



At left is a lovely photo of Amelia Kayser (aka Millie) after her first place at the Gold Coast marathon.

Millie is using the racing wheelchair donated by The Kiwanis Club of Glenelg at our 25th May 2026 meeting.

- ⇒ On the 9th June we welcomed Louise Miller-Frost MP to our dinner meeting. Louise spoke to us about homelessness in our area and surrounds.
- ⇒ And on 22nd June Rod Hunter from the Cruising Yacht Club came and told us about his adventures whilst participating with his crews at various Sydney to Hobart yacht races. Wow, interesting stories. Rod also got Pam Smith and Trevor Averay to model some safety gear from then and now. He had some interesting photos to show.

To follow these stories go to our Facebook Page.

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

to end of October 2026

(not including our regular dinner meetings which are held on the second and fourth Monday evenings)

2026:		
Saturday	18 July	Bunnings barbecue at their Marion store
Friday	7 August	Bunnings barbecue at their Marion store
Saturday	22 August	Bunnings barbecue at their Marion store
Friday – Sunday	21–23 August	District Convention in Sydney
Wednesday	26 August	The Nursery & Garden Industry Trade Day @ Morphettville Racecourse
Thursday	3 Sept	Bunnings Father’s Day bbq—evening only
Saturday	12 Sept	Bunnings barbecue at their Marion store
Sunday	27 Sept	The Italian Long Lunch
Fri	9 October	Bunnings barbecue at their Marion store
Sunday	18 October	Bay to Birdwood big breakfast—and set up on the 17th
Sunday	25 October	Two Feet & A Heartbeat Walk—barbecue

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.

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Late post before sending—our dinner meeting last night—13th July - was a bit of fun—first business by President Trevor and then dinner, followed by some fun with the chocolate wheel presented by Peter Symons and Alan Blakebrough with Treasurer Peter Teagle handling the money. Some were more excited than others to win a few bucks.

At right: David Meadows with his winnings



The Vagaries of the English Language—

- Wonder why the word funeral starts with FUN?
- Why isn't a Fireman called a Water-man?
- How come Lipstick doesn't do what it says?
- If money doesn't grow on trees, how come Banks have Branches?
- If a Vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a Humanitarian eat?
- How do you get off a non-stop Flight?
- Why are goods sent by ship called CARGO and those sent by truck SHIPMENT?
- Why do we put cups in the dishwasher and the dishes in the cupboard?
- Why do doctors 'practice' medicine? Are they having practice at the cost of the patients?
- Why is it called 'Rush Hour' when traffic moves at its slowest then?
- How come Noses run and Feet smell?
- Why do they call it a TV 'set' when there is only one?
- What are you vacating when you go on a vacation?

1. If poison expires, is it more poisonous or is it no longer poisonous?
2. Which letter is silent in the word "Scent," the S or the C?
3. Do twins ever realize that one of them is unplanned?
4. Why is the letter W, in English, called double U? Shouldn't it be called double V?
5. Maybe oxygen is slowly killing you and it just takes 75-100 years to fully work.
6. Every time you clean something, you just make something else dirty.
7. The word "swims" upside-down is still "swims"
8. 100 years ago everyone owned a horse and only the rich had cars. Today everyone has cars and only the rich own horses!

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