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KIWANIS GLENELG—HELPS KIDS IN NEED

Did you know that this month Glenelg Club has its 54th birthday? And if you knew that, did you remember our Charter member, Colin Nisbet, now a Life Member, joined back then and is still active in our club?! Fantastic effort Colin.

Congratulations Kiwanis Club of Glenelg and Colin Nisbet. We are looking forward to many, many more birthdays for both.

Included in this newsletter are just some of the things happening in and around our Kiwanis club. Keep an eye on Facebook for more and read your emails when they come in if you can. And don't forget our website—our web address is below—last line in blue box.

If you have any thoughts about a good guest speaker, please email our guest speaker director, Peter Symons, to give him all the details so he can contact them.

Thanks to those of you who completed our survey on Monday night regarding your opinions on entertainment for our next Christmas dinner. We are collating these answers for discussion at the next Board meeting and appreciate your thoughts.

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FROM BOARD MEETINGS AND GENERAL MEETINGS

- ⇒ Whilst 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 old tablet has pretty much broken down so we did need to purchase a new one. Thanks to Bob Sitters for making a good purchase and setting it up this time. When and if we receive the Grant, we still have several things that are needed in the way of IT equipment (which were mentioned in the application), so they will need to wait for the decision to be advised to us.

We are very happy with how well the new tablet operated at our recent Bunnings barbecue. It is faster, holds the charge for longer and is very slightly bigger than the prior one.

- ⇒ We are participating in the People First Community Lottery again this year. Trevor Averay has registered our club and we are waiting for confirmation. A reminder that when buying the \$2 lottery tickets, please use your Debit Card.
- ⇒ The Nursery & Garden Trade Event is coming up on Wednesday 26 August. We only needed 3 for this one and have Alan Blakebrough, Bob Sitters and Peter Teagle doing the cook up.
- ⇒ Thanks to Alan Blakebrough for organising to have the Kiwanis Glenelg shed roller door fixed.
- ⇒ We have another fun event coming up—The Italian Long Lunch planned for Sunday 27th September. This is a social event for members and friends, space permitting. More on that at meetings and in the next Gumtree Gossip. Queries to David Meadows.
- ⇒ We will be assisting HeartKids on Sunday 25 October by cooking their barbecue on the day.
- ⇒ 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 also need hands on help with setting up the afternoon before.
- ⇒ Our Treasurer, Peter Teagle, has attended to the self-review required to be done as a Not for Profit body due to our tax exemption.
- ⇒ We have made a payment to The Smith Family for a \$50 birthday voucher for Justin, one of our sponsored students.
- ⇒ The \$500 payment to St Judes for the Brighton Primary School Breakfast Program which was for Term 2 has been made. They allow us to hang our big banner in front of the church twice a year for a month each time.
- ⇒ We have been contacted by Kathryn Casey regarding the Brighton Sculptures event for 2027. This is their 20th year which is remarkable. We have confirmed our club will have a roster of members to take the entry fees to their 2 marquees from 20 to 31 January 2027. We will be meeting with Kathryn to discuss a few requirements from our side.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

to end of 2026

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

2026:		
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
Saturday	7 November	Bunnings barbecue at their Marion store
	?	Possible HeartKids Christmas BBQ at Partridge House
Monday	14 December	Our own club Christmas dinner meeting
Friday	18 December	Bunnings barbecue at their Marion store

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WITHOUT VOLUNTEERS,
WE’D BE A NATION
WITHOUT A SOUL.

– ROSALYNN CARTER

If you attended our dinner meeting on 10 August you would have listened to Tania from Help Ukrainians speak. There is a Facebook post about this visit by Tania. Here is one photo. We donated \$2,000 to assist them with their dire financial situation. We hope to hear back from Tania as to how they have used the funds. We also hope to have more contact and maybe cook a barbecue for them again as well and any other help we might be able to provide.

Photo below: Phil Bradley and President Trevor Averay present the cheque for \$2,000 to Tania of Help Ukrainians Australia.



At the meeting before that, on 27 July Simon Halford from the RAA came to speak to us about EV's—electric vehicles—it was very interesting learning more about electric vehicles and about the charging situation with these cars. The market for electric vehicles is growing extremely quickly. Simon was very interesting to listen to and we had a lot of questions for him after he finished.

Right: Simon Halford speaking to our club members.

Colin Nisbet provided Simon's details to our guest speaker director, Peter Symons, so he could contact Simon and arrange for him to attend to speak to us. Colin has provided many good speakers to us this year.

Thanks Colin.



By the time you receive this newsletter the **District Convention** will be almost ready to go ahead in Sydney—it is being held from **21st August to 23rd August 2026**. We are sure this will be a very successful convention with a lot of fellowship between members from Australia and around the world. Thank you to Sydney club and Division 2 and the organisers. Our own club member Peter Zander will be installed as the new Governor for the 2026-2027 Kiwanis year commencing 1st October 2026.

If you would like to be considered for the next Governor of Australia District, please contact current Governor Steve Hughes. We look forward to receiving feedback and photos after this Convention.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

AUGUST	13	Tony Heath
	18	Tim Looker
	21	Peter Zander
	22	Peter Teagle
	27	Angela Heath
	29	Peter Dermody

Wishing you all a fabulous birthday and a wonderful year to follow

An FYI—Kiwanis Club of Reynella is holding a **FAMILY FUN DAY** on **Sunday 20 September**.

If any club members would be available to help them out on this day it would be very much appreciated.

If you zoom into the flyer on the right, there is more detail.

Please contact Bob Koster on 0408 838 875 for more information.

Thank You.

Proceeds helping Brain Tumour Research



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[Here is a further article by Tim Looker which you may find a worthwhile read and great advice.](#)

“A couple of months back I offered to help members prepare an Advanced Care Directive and stressed that it was important to let your loved ones know your wishes, should you be incapable. This is to avoid stress in the family if different family members have different ideas about your care and you have not been clear.

I am still happy to help any member with this but you can do it yourself and then find an authorised witness to sign it with you. A quick Google search will lead you to the SA Health website where the form can be downloaded, with instructions.

I have listed below some sample phrases to help you think about what you want. These won't help if you want to be cryogenically frozen and revived in 1000 years, but will help if you want different. Having your ashes shot into outer space, or buried in the grounds of Buckingham Palace, is a matter for your will not this document as an Advance Care Directive only applies while you are alive.

These possible phrases follow the wording in the document.

What is important to me: I only want those treatments that make me comfortable, relieve pain and preserve my dignity according to prevailing standards of palliative care even though these treatments may have the effect of shortening my life.

If I am in a terminal phase of a terminal illness I do not want to be kept alive attached to a machine to undergo the indignity of being nourished via nasogastric tube.

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If I am in a terminal phase of a terminal illness I do not want to be kept alive attached to a machine to undergo the indignity of being nourished via nasogastric tube.

Health care I prefer: Should it be necessary for me to be placed in any support care facility I desire it be in an individual room

Where I wish to live: I wish to live in my present place of residence or any other principle place of residence in which I may reside for so long as I am able until I can no longer manage unaided. I do not wish to be a burden to my friends and family

Other things I would like known are: My organs and tissue are to be donated for transplantation purpose in the event of my death if suitable for that purpose.

If I am nearing death the following things are important to me: If at some time, I am in the terminal phase of a terminal illness, or in a persistent vegetative state, and incapable of making decisions about my own medical treatment, I do not wish to be subjected to any life sustaining measures procedures or apparatus prolonging my life without any prospect of recovery Subject to the above, I want only those treatments that make me comfortable, relieve pain and preserve my dignity according to the prevailing standards of palliative care even though these treatments may have the effect of shortening my life.

I refuse the following health care: If at some time, I am in the terminal phase of a terminal illness, or in a persistent vegetative state, I direct that I do not want

* to be attached to or connected to or have the use of any apparatus and equipment in or by any medical intensive care facility for the purpose of extending my life.

* any treatment that may delay the dying process

* to be placed on a machine (respirator) to help me breathe

* to be fed by a tube into a vein or in my stomach whether or not I am able to take food by mouth.

My advice is to think through what instructions you want to give and make sure the person who you nominate as your decision maker has a certified copy of the signed document and you keep an original in a place that is known to family.

Tim Looker ”

And here's a good news story-
It's about our club member **Yvette Smith**, who lives in Hawaii
with husband **Todd**, also a Kiwanis member (in the USA)

Yvette's dad, Peter Smith, our own club member, reports that
Todd has now retired from the army with the rank of Colonel and has gained
a job with Matson, the biggest import company in Hawaii.

This is fantastic for them as they have decided to stay there
and they have bought a house in Honolulu.

Here they are out the front of their new home.

I wonder which bedroom Kaye and Peter have chosen to use when they stay there !!



We're always pleased to post any news like this, so don't forget to let Editor Val know and send any photos to her for inclusion.

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**Felt
uncomfortable
driving into the
cemetery. The
gps blurted out
you have reached
your final
destination.**

**I WENT TO THE
PAINT STORE TO
GET THINNER...
IT DIDN'T WORK.**

**I SCARED THE POSTMAN BY
OPENING THE DOOR NAKED,
COMPLETELY NAKED, TODAY.**

**WAS HE SHOCKED BY
THE SIGHT OF YOU?**

**I THINK HE WAS
MORE SURPRISED I
KNEW HIS ADDRESS**

**I JUST ORDERED A
LIFE ALERT
BRACELET SO IF I
EVER GET A LIFE,
I'LL BE NOTIFIED
IMMEDIATELY.**



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