



Charter members David Obst, Jim Ellis, Aub Kaesler and Mike Nicholls being congratulated by mayor Bim Lange and local member Ashton Hurn

40th anniversary celebrations a big success

Our 40th anniversary dinner was a great night of fellowship, music and recognition of our four charter members, David Obst, Jim Ellis, Aub Kaesler and Mike Nicholls. Thanks go to Tom and Des for taking the lead and to year 11 student Jackson Yeend for his piano performance. Thanks also to Amanda for all the work she put into creating and then presenting Kiwanis necklaces for all the women present. Thanks must also go to those who supported the raffle either by buying tickets or providing prizes. It was a great success. It was encouraging to have so much support from other Kiwanis clubs and local service clubs. We especially appreciated the words of mayor Bim Lange and Leader of the Opposition Ashton Hurn who attended on the night. The photos below give a feel of the night's festivities.







The President's Report

After months of planning, our Club's 40th Birthday Anniversary was held on August 27th, meeting 843, with our 4 Charter members, David Obst, Jim Ellis, Aub Kaesler and Mike Nicholls all presented with Certificates. Ashton Hurn MP, Mayor Bim Lange, our Kiwanis Barossa members and partners were there, plus other Division 10 and Division 8 members. Angaston Lions members were also there to enjoy our celebrations. I sent a note of thanks to Amanda Schmidt at the Vine Inn. Her reply was:

It was an absolute pleasure to host the Kiwanis Barossa event, and I am delighted to hear that everyone enjoyed the evening. Your comments about the room set-up, roving microphone, meals and service will mean a great deal to our chefs, kitchen team, Jason, wait staff and bar staff. I will be sure to pass on your compliments to everyone involved. Thank you also for very kind words about my role. It was a pleasure working with your Club, and looking forward to working with you again.

Kind regards

Amanda Functions Coordinator.

Thanks to Amanda Fry for managing the Barossa District Football Gates. She was there many long hours to make sure we all understood the system. Thank you, Amanda! The season disappeared quickly. Now it's Mike and David's turn managing the Barossa Light Gawler Football Finals. Thanks to them and all who have helped this year.

Emergency Frozen Meals Report

Howdy,

We have done approx. 100 enjoyable hours of volunteering for Aug 2026.

Thanks to everyone who donated produce to EFM including the I See Church (Foodbank), Lyn Luke, Maggie Beer, Cos We Care, Mike Nicholls, Light Country Community Centre.

We also received a donation of \$1000 from Barossa Community Kitchen.

Blessings

Geoff & Lyn Hansen

Emergency Frozen Meals Coordinators.

Something New

Our last meeting on September 10 was a bit of an IT experiment but with some help from the Vine Inn it worked a treat. It was great to have friends of the Barossa Club, Lynda and Henry Kutek, come along and present the story of their talented athletic granddaughter Akon Baak, and her efforts to qualify for Australia's Olympic team in her chosen sport of Taekwondo. Akon was unwell but prepared a brilliant presentation for us via YouTube. A huge amount of work went into her story and she was even able to come on line at the end and answer questions. A big thank you to Lynda, Henry and Akon for presenting to us so powerfully. It is certainly an amazing multi-cultural story which involved crossing the world multiple times. All the best Akon in your quest to make the Olympic team. We are right behind you.



Lynda and Henry receive their gift from Marianne with Akon on screen above.

Convention News

The Club was well represented by four delegates: Tom, Anne, Chris L and Ev. Sydney turned on fine weather for us and the Rydges Hotel provided a comfortable venue for the Australia District's proceedings. District Governor Steve Hughes completed a strong year with four clubs rebuilding their numbers substantially: Mooroopna, East Maitland, Perth and Athelstone. Murray Bridge added three new members. Peter Zander, well known to our Club, was elected the new Governor for 2026/2027. There was lots of positive feedback from the announcement that our Club would host the next Convention at the Vine Inn, August 18-23, 2027. Having Peter close by will be a benefit for the Club as we help organise the event.



Several powerful guest speakers presented on the Friday and Saturday: Rev Bill Crews talked about the Exodus foundation he set up through his Ashfield Uniting Church in Sydney. It feeds 400 homeless every day in Sydney, also providing dental and medical services for the homeless and needy. He also has



Rev Bill Crews

a Sydney radio show. Next was Kirsty Leah Goymour from the Sydney Children's Hospital which makes use of the Sydney Club's Comfort Care Cases, to support families when



Kirsty Leah Goymour receives a cheque for \$5,000 for Sydney Children's Hospital

preparing for the death of a child in palliative care. The next day, Nathan Strafford, known as the Lawn Mower Man, talked about how his life turned around and he started helping out the needy with garden maintenance, by sharing his clean up jobs on You Tube. He now has 5 million followers around the world! As well as elections, cheques were presented to SAMHRI in SA, which

runs the Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia research into childhood cancer, HeartKids and the Sydney Children's Hospital. Of course, there was plenty of socialising, especially during the two dinners on Friday and Saturday night. This is always a highlight of the Convention. Now it's our turn to prepare a fun and interesting event for other Kiwanians around the country.

Lorna's Fundraising Report

In August we raised:

August 2nd CCB - \$423.90

August 19th Nuri High Careers Expo - \$258.90

August 27th Nuri Luth Care Opening - \$49.35

We gave away sausages, as we gain lots of food for emergency meals.

Sept 6th - CCB - Anne, Tom, Marianne, Lorna \$613.75

Sept 17th - Great Escape Oz Car Rally - Barossa Bush Gardens 10:45 am – 2.30pm

BBQ trailer: 2 Mike 3 Louise 4 Lorna

Sept 27th - Mitre 10 BBQ - Geoff, Lyn, Chris, Emeile



Oct 3rd Bayside Harley Group - Tanunda Oval 10.45 -3.30
 BBQ trailer 2 Marianne 3 Lorna 4
 Oct 4th - CCB - 1 Rory 2 3 4 Lorna
 Oct 11th - Barossa Bonfire @ Rob Nitschke's
 BBQ Trailer Mark, Peter,
 Oct 13th - Probus Lunch - Barossa Bush Gardens - 11.45am
 BBQ trailer 2 3 Lorna
 Nov 1st - CCB - Aussie Muscle Car Run
 BBQ trailer - Mike, Mary, Lorna
 Nov 8th - Ford Club at Nuriootpa
 Nov 18th - Little Athletics Grandparents Day
 Nov 27th - Angaston Christmas Parade - trailer -
 David/Margaret Mike,
 Dec 5th - Good Start Early Learning Centre Nuriootpa
 Dec 9th - Little Athletics Christmas Party



Volunteer hours:

August 2nd – CC Barossa -	9 hrs	5p	\$423.90
August 19th - Careers Expo Nuri High	11	5	\$ 258.90
August 22nd – BD Footy Gates	25	7	
August 27th - Luth Care Nuri Opening	8	3	
August 30th - Mitre 10 BBQ	22	4	\$530.00
August - Gomersal Rest Area	8hrs		
- Emergency Meals	39hrs		

Des's Caring Corner for September

No birthdays in September

Wedding anniversaries:

Colleen and Rob Van Sept 3

Margaret and Jim Ellis September 10

Sherryl and Peter Whitehead September 29

Membership:

Dennis Noack 2002

Marianne Noack 2003

Sherryl Whitehead 2023

Gomersal Road





BONFIRE BBQ

A "PARTY WITH A PURPOSE"

11th
OCTOBER



12
PM



The Barossa Kiwanis Club invites you to attend a social fund raising get-together & BBQ lunch around the bonfire.

All funds to go to the Lymphoblastic Leukemia Project of the Kiwanis Children's Fund

The Event will be held at Robert Nitschke's Property.
Access is via Stone Chimney Creek Road, Flaxman Valley, and involves a drive through a paddock. (see further details on next page)

\$20 pp for a main course of meat and salads

BYO: Family, drinks, nibbles and anything else you may wish to eat. Also bring warm clothing, suitable footwear, chairs and a small table if you wish

RSVP - Names/numbers by Monday, 5th October to

Secretary Chris at barossakiwanis@gmail.com

or phone 0450471234

If the weather is inclement, please call Lorna on 0438844116
by 8am to find out whether the event is cancelled.

Other events to note

1. A musical afternoon to enjoy: **The Barossa Konzert**
Sunday September 20 at 2 pm Nuriootpa Institute \$35. Tickets at the door
Featuring The Barossa Trio and Kadence Choir
An enjoyable mix of showtunes and light classics
Wine and cheese provided after the concert
2. Please note a change of day for our first dinner meeting in November: We are venturing to the Kegel alley in Tanunda for a Bowling night. This meeting will be on a Wednesday night, **Wednesday November 11 with a 6 pm start.** (Thursday nights are not available.)
Please bring \$15 for cost of hire, pizza and ice creams BYO drinks and glasses

What's coming up?

Thurs Sept 17	Great Escape Oz Car rally Barossa Bush Gardens lunch
Sat Sept 19	BLGFA grand final footy gates at Willaston
Thursday Sept 24	Handover Dinner Vine Inn
Sunday Sept 27	Mitre 10 BBQ
Saturday October 3	Bayside Harley group Tanunda Oval
Sunday October 4	Cars Coffee Barossa
Sunday October 11	Robert's Barossa Bonfire 12 noon
Tuesday October 13	Probus lunch
Saturday November 1	Aussie Muscle Car Run
Saturday November 8	Ford car Club
Wednesday November 11	Kegel Club bowling night 6 pm
Wednesday November 18	Little Athletics Grandparents Day
Friday November 27	Angaston Christmas Parade

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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