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Serving the Children of the World

Australia



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October 10th & 11th 2008, January 30th & 31st 2009
May 1st & 2nd 2009, August District Convention 2009

**Kiwanis International****President Don Canaday's Message****Is your club great?**

- Is your club friendly to all its members? When people join Kiwanis, they expect to make a lot of new friends. Remind your current membership that a friendly club is a must if you want to attract and retain new members.
- Is your club fun? Fun doesn't just happen; you need to plan fun meetings and events.
- Does your club have really good fellowship? One shared trait among all great clubs is good fellowship. Kiwanians care about one another.
- Does your club have consistently strong programs at its regular meetings? Engaging presentations enhance attendance and retention. And when members get in the habit of regularly attending, you have a much greater opportunity to get them involved in your club's service and fundraising projects. Remember: Member involvement equals member retention.
- Does your club enhance networking opportunities? There's nothing wrong with making sure everyone knows what each of your members does for a living.
- Does your club provide new-member orientation? Does your club have a plan for new-member involvement? New members need to feel the warm fuzzies, to be proud of their club and their membership. Does your Kiwanis club provide all the benefits your members are entitled to?

If you answered yes to all of these questions, congratulations! You belong to a great club.

If you answered no to some of these questions, sit down with your club board and come up with a plan to correct what needs correcting. Send representatives to other clubs to observe how they inject fun into their meetings. Use icebreakers to extend friendships beyond your club's usual groups. Assign a committee to schedule speakers. Use "happy dollars" or two-minute interviews to allow members to talk about their careers. Find orientation materials and advice at www.KiwanisOne.org. Click the "Grow" button.

Then you'll be ready to take your club from good to great!

CORRECTIONS to two statements in the last issue of the AK, October 2008



Firstly on page 2 the Kiwanis motto was referred to as "Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world on child and one community at a time." **NUP this ain't the motto!** The above is a succinct 'defining statement' of what Kiwanis is about. Bill van Diemen made contact to rectify this. *Thanks Bill.* On the latest KI website 'motto' is no longer to be found, but there is reference to the Kiwanis 'mission' as "**Serving the Children of the World.**" See back page of this issue for the up to date info from the KI website.

Secondly on page 14 re the **Robert P. Connelly Award**. The information received by the editor stated that it 'was awarded for the first time in the Australia District.' Ivan Bell made contact to notify the District that it is the **second time**. The Robert P. Connelly Medal was awarded to Ian Frappell who risked his life saving a mother and daughter. This Medal was applied for by The Mooroopna Club and granted. It was presented to the recipient during the 1991-92 Kiwanis Year. *Thanks Ivan* *(Editor Jan Hyde)*

Governor Spencer's Message

Growth

Equals

Service

Just Add One

Greetings All,

Hope that you all had an enjoyable Christmas and a great New Year holiday and you are all ready to go for the rest of this year.

You should all realise that the next eight months are the most important in the history of the Kiwanis Australia District.

Why? This is all we have left to build three new clubs and increase your club membership by ONE or more to be able to have 1000 members by 31st September 2009. The membership of Australia District at December 2008 was 950.

We need 50+ more new members. That's ONE new member per club, if no one leaves the club. A net gain of ONE.

If we can build 3 new clubs we would make sure the District would make the 1000 members. I am asking the members of all clubs for a concerted effort to introduce a new Kiwanis member to your club.

My congratulations to the clubs that have added new members. As your reward I



have a Kiwanis Heart pin for all members who introduce a new member to their club.

CLUB SUPPORT PLEASE!

KIF Annual Gift Campaign

Kiwanis International Foundation Club "Annual Gift Campaign" Donation \$5.00 per member due by the 30th March 2009. Please send your donation to Bill Craig, Australia District Secretary. See p13→

Club Monthly Reports

A few clubs seem to have difficulties in sending the new monthly club report, if you are one of the clubs that have not sent a report, please contact me or Bill Craig and we will find a way around your problem. Bill Craig, & your Lt Governor need your report for the Board of Trustees meetings so that we have an overall picture of how Australia's Kiwanis Clubs are faring.

Membership Records

Bill Craig recently sent all clubs the Kiwanis International club membership records of Australia District as at 1st October 2008, it is most important that these records be returned. Could the club President and Secretary please review the records of your club members and make the necessary correction to birthdates, address, adds or deletes to the 1st October 08. If you have no corrections please return and state no corrections and send to Bill Craig, if you have not already done so.

'HeartKids'

Australia District has to fulfil their commitment of \$25,000 to the HeartKids Project Gecho by September 09.

I would be most grateful if each club could once again give some of their hard earned funds to this 'HeartKids' project. This will finalize the District commitment to this project.

Please send your HeartKids' donation to *Kiwanis District Charitable Trust*
C/- Bryan Williams
4 Atherton Close,
Aspendale Gardens Vic 3195

Australia District Convention

This year's Convention will be held in Geelong commencing Thursday 20th August to Sunday 23rd August at the Geelong West Town Hall. See page15→ The Geelong Club will be hosting it and a great convention is planned at a reasonable cost. Please review your calendars to see if you can be there. The more the merrier.

If you require any assistance in building your club membership please call me or your Lt Governor and we will do our best to provide that assistance.

Spencer Harding,

Governor 2008-2009



BOT bits

Bits taken from the latest reports to the Board of Trustees January 30th 2009

Club Monthly Reports

I thank those Club Secretaries who choose to have their reports in on time, with only two clubs not reporting. It is interesting that the 3 clubs reporting by snail mail can be on time, 10th of the Month. There is a small problem with the Monthly report sheets, some clubs still having difficulty in regards to the input of dates & data although instructions & advice for the November input were distributed.

Our current Membership is around the 952, given that there will be always adds & deletes to be processed.

Congratulation to the clubs, who have gained new members some by a considerable number. Keep up the good work.

District Secretary Bill Craig

HeartKids Progress

Project Gecho is now well under way. The project team visited Galiwinku (a small community about 520 kms east of Darwin) in November and screened 154 children. 23 of these children required comprehensive echocardiograms and the team is still in the process of reading the echocardiograms and getting these children onto LA Bicillin if required. This is an example of the project leading to immediate health benefits to children in remote communities.

Screening in Central Australia will commence in March. At present Yipirinya school and Santa Teresa will be the first two schools to be screened and other schools and communities which would like to participate are Braitland, Bradshaw and Saddeen schools in Alice Springs and the Paunya, Yuendumu and Yuelumu communities.

I urge all clubs to support project Gecho so that we can easily meet our commitment of \$25,000. **HeartKids Chair, Phil Riggio**



Membership & Growth

New Clubs The first meeting for 2009 of core members of the club to be named 'Folland' in Adelaide took place on Wednesday 28 January 2009. see p. 14. → No other new club developments have been reported.

New K Kids Club

On Tuesday 28 October 2008, Governor Spencer, District Secretary Bill Craig and I travelled to Shepparton to attend the Charter of the new K-Kids Club. see p. 12 →

Growth

It has been particularly difficult to ascertain actual numbers mainly due to some clubs not putting in monthly reports. The best estimate is that allowing for all deletes we show that we have added 22 additional members to our total between, 1 Oct and 31 Dec 2008.

Club Membership & Growth, Graham Mould



Division 10 Lieutenant Governor Chris Brown

Profile Profile



I was born in Birmingham, UK, but call myself a true Aussie as I came to Australia not long after my birth. Both my

parents were studying in Birmingham at the time.

We settled into a home in the eastern suburbs of Adelaide. At that time it was a home beyond its years for the 1950's. The family became larger five years later with the addition of my sister Judy, and ten years later with the addition of my sister Virginia (who changed her name by deed poll to Suzanne later on in life).

I spent my primary years at Burnside Primary School, then went on to attend Girton Girls School (which is now called Pembroke School). I enjoyed playing the piano, and was also a member of the Pembroke Girls Choir and had the opportunity of singing at the Sydney Opera House.

I would never call myself sporty, but did enjoy riding a bike I also learnt to swim whilst at primary school, but couldn't ever jump straight into the pool! One day, I did jump in and turned around to grab onto the edge of the pool, and gashed my chin I now sport a scar under the chin to prove it!

Unfortunately I didn't do well in Year 12, so repeated it at Saltash College. That led me to commence work in the South Australian Public Service, where I still work now as an Office Manager.

After leaving school, I became a member of the St Peters Rotaract Club, then went on and joined Junior Chamber. Junior Chamber provided me with many opportunities to travel interstate to attend National Conventions. I also took on the role of State President within SA. Once I reached the age of 40, I was "kicked out" of Junior Chamber, and decided to have a year's break. Whilst in Junior Chamber, I was extremely lucky to be awarded the highest honour, a Senator's award.

After a year, I had a yearning to join another organisation, and this was when I made the decision to join Kiwanis. I was very lucky at that time as Dave Allen was the President of the Kiwanis Club of Tea Tree Gully, and he made me feel most welcome as a guest. This of course made it very easy for me to want to join! I did bring along one of my friends, but she decided Kiwanis wasn't for her.

Kiwanis has provided me with many opportunities to take on a number of board positions. I have also been President twice. One of the roles I enjoyed the most was the Aktion Club Coordinator. Prior to taking on the role of Lt Governor, I was Secretary for two years in a row. It is so good now to be able to read monthly reports instead of preparing them! I was also awarded Distinguished Secretary for the first year of Secretary. As most of the readers are aware, I took on the role of Registrations Chairman for the 2008 Australia District Convention. The role was very time consuming but most enjoyable.

Over the years, my sisters have provided me with three nieces and two nephews, all of whom I love to spoil as much as I am able.

I have two brother-in-laws who are both called Ian! My younger sister Suzanne provided the first set of twins for the family, and actually carried them full-term! They also have a sister aged six. The twins turned two at the beginning of November 2008, and are just so noisy but enjoyable! Unfortunately they live in Sydney so I don't see them as much as I would like. Both Suzanne and her

husband Ian are journalists. Ian is the deputy editor for the magazine Men's Health, and Suzanne is currently studying her Masters in Creative Writing.

My middle sister Judy has two daughters who are thirteen and sixteen. They live in Monash in the Riverland and are very busy in the community up there, so I don't see them much either. Judy works part time in the Monash Primary School assisting students who have learning difficulties.

The years 2006 – 2008 have been difficult for the family. Dad passed away in April 2006. He had been suffering from Parkinson's disease for 17 years. Unfortunately Mum was sick at the time of his passing away, and spent most of 2006 and 2007 in hospital battling severe depression. At the end of 2007, we had to make to make the hard decision to find a nursing home for Mum. Consequently in March 2008, we sold the family home, but were very pleased with the result obtained from the auction.

All sisters now have a number of items from the house in their respective homes. Mum is now living in Masonic Homes not far from where I live, and comes to spend each Sunday afternoon with me and reads the Weekend Australian. She also has a sister who lives in Adelaide, and visits her weekly, despite having to catch two buses!



Chris Brown
January
2009

*With every rising of the sun,
think of your life as just begun.*

Profile Profile

District Treasurer

John Bromilow

Born in Geelong, brought up in Geelong, still living in Geelong, so I suppose Geelong true blue. Not really. A bit has gone on over the last 50 odd years but we now live 3 km from where I was brought up.

Baxter House was the only "hatching ground" in Geelong in the early 1950's so that's where I arrived. We lived in the Geelong suburb of Belmont, a 15 minute tram ride from the centre of town. The trams went in the early 70's but my mother still lives in that same house.

I attended the local Belmont Primary School and then went to Geelong Technical School, an all boys' school, with a trade basis. For 5 years I rode the bike there and back each day regardless of the weather. It kept me fit.

Academically I wasn't too keen on the trades but found interest in computers and chemistry, a strange mix. I chose chemistry but in doing so was committed to another 4 years of school with little income. The holiday employment of working for the local Council picking up garbage bins would only pay for so much. There had to be another way. There was..... teaching.

The Government of the day was willing to pay you for 4 years to complete your tertiary training. All you had to do was to get 2 year's industrial experience working in industry, complete a Diploma of Education and agree to teach for 5 years after that. That didn't seem too hard a task.

Completing the chemistry diploma wasn't too difficult but obtaining a job as an industrial chemist became a challenge. Eventually I got a job in Traralgon, 260 km from Geelong working for the Environment Protection Authority monitoring air discharge licenses for industry in the Latrobe Valley.

Turning the clock back a bit, one of the yearly "highlights" at Geelong Tech was the annual school social. The boys from

Geelong Tech would get together with the girls of Matthew Flinders (the neighbouring all girl's school) for an annual gathering. I decided to go along as a 16 year old and met this girl Jenny. Things went OK for a while until she decided her goal to go to University was number one. After 12 months we parted company for 2 years but then got back together again.

For the first 12 months in Traralgon, which happened to be Jenny's last year at University we would meet half way most Wednesday nights at the Warragul pub for a meal and then return. Finally we got sick of this travel and got married the following February (1976). For the first 12 months we lived in an old farm house, (which is now at the bottom of the Loy Yang power station settling pond) where we enjoyed country life and hospitality. We then shifted back to Melbourne the following year, Jenny teaching and me doing a Dip Ed. This teaching wasn't such a bad thing after all.

Four years teaching in the hustle and bustle of Melbourne was enough. We had had enough. It was time to head back to the surf coast. Luckily enough we were able to transfer back to Geelong in 1981 and obtain positions in Geelong schools. Number one daughter Jodie had arrived the previous September and there were two sets of grandparents eager to pamper her. The family support enabled Jenny to return part time to teaching for another 2 years until daughter number two Tracy came on the scene.

For the next 10 years I was involved in student road safety programs. In those days there was funding in schools to develop, promote and implement student road safety programs in schools. Geelong was at the forefront in this field. Eventually however, due to the demise created by the Cain, Kirner and Kennett Governments these programs were forced into obscurity. Working with kids and working with cars had been ingrained in my nature.

So how did I get involved in KIWANIS?

The answer was simple. The Geelong Club's major fund raiser The ALL FORD DAY. Cars on display enabling a Club to raise funds that could be used to improve the outcomes of youth within society seemed a good idea to me. In July 1993 I joined the Geelong Club after turning

down many previous invitations from my nominator and seconder. They refused to accept no as an answer and persisted until I signed up.

There are many other hands-on projects the Geelong Club is associated with but the most challenging are the Ford disabled children's Christmas party where we have to cook over 1000 sausages in just over an hour, and the Queenscliff Seafood Feast where we attempt to raise \$100,000.00, for the Melbourne Royal Children's Hospital, in 48 hours on Good Friday each year. We have mastered the challenge of the sausages, RCH is next.

Kiwanis has been good to our family. Jodie and Tracy have never joined as members but are always there supporting projects. Jenny is also there working in the background supporting the club. It has shown us that those, less fortunate, appreciate the work done by others to support and assist them.

Personally Kiwanis has allowed me to work with other like minded people to achieve a common goal..... to work towards improving the living conditions of the youth of the world. I was fortunate enough to be a Lieutenant Governor for 2 years and work as a District Trainer for another four. As a Lt Governor I was able to work within Division 1 passing on ideas for others to pick up and run with or taking them back to the Geelong Club. Working as a District Trainer with a team of enthusiastic devoted members was eye opening.

Currently I am working as the District Treasurer for Governor Spencer Harding and am enjoying the challenge.

What can be the next challenge for the second oldest, third largest service organization in the world?

Can we work with others?

Will it be working with the Multiple Sclerosis and their 24 hour marathon swim programs or will it be with another recognized charity. Time will tell. Regardless, we cannot change the "second oldest" but we are all in a position to improve on "the third largest".

John Bromilow

January 2009

*Every footstep in life trembles
with possibilities; every mile is
big with destiny.*

EAST MAITLAND Annual Gift Giving



The Kiwanis Club of East Maitland had a surplus of funds in its project account and came up with a unique proposition to the members to nominate a charity of their choice and speak of the benefits of that

organisation. Other members then voted on the proposed recipients and as a result several groups have had an unexpected windfall.

- Carries Place, the refuge for women in Maitland will use their funds for their annual Xmas party with presents and a jumping castle for the children;
- Canteen will use their funds for ongoing support of young adults suffering the impact of cancer;
- Riding for the Disabled intend to utilise their funds for the ongoing maintenance of their facilities at Raymond Terrace;
- The Hunter Special School will put their monies toward communication technology for their students and the donation to
- the Salvation Army's will go toward additional Christmas cheer hampers for the needy.

Representatives from each organisation attended the Kiwanis meeting on following Monday night to accept their cheque and to talk briefly on the benefits that this additional funding will mean to their group. Additionally Wendy Kingston from the Starlight Foundation attended our final meeting of the year and accepted our donation to their organisation. Wendy thanked Kiwanis and said the funds would go toward granting a wish to a Hunter based child.



Around

The photo right shows Josie (Canteen), Fran (RDA), Kiwanis East Maitland President Anna Swanson, Ian (Hunter Special School), Ray (Salvation Army) and Kelly (Canteen) with Shannon (Carries Place) missing for this photo. 1/12/2008



Christmas Party for the African Refugee families 1/12/20089

NAALA (Newcastle African Australian Learning Activities) has been supported by the Kiwanis Club of East Maitland over the past few years. The program is a Samaritans' initiative and runs each Saturday morning during school term and gives tutoring in English, comprehension and math with some fun craft activities to ensure continued interest.

All age groups are catered for with babies being minded while mums and dads are learning their own language (given that many are illiterate in their own language it is then difficult to learn a second language). School aged children are broken into 2 groups to cover their level of skills.

Early in December the NAALA families celebrated the end of their year with a Christmas party which was funded fully by our club. Internationally renowned entertainer Afro Moses (nicknamed the African James Brown) wowed with his special brand of music, with the audience dancing and playing various musical instruments; presents were given to 120 children; a BBQ and huge cake were all well received. The families had a wonderful time and enjoyed a visit from Santa. Kiwanis was well recognized for their contribution.



Pictured right and on front cover, Kiwian Annette Holmes with children at the party.



Please note that the East Maitland Club now meets at a new venue – The Bank Hotel, Upstairs function room, 72 Melbourne St, East Maitland (still 6pm for 6.30 start first and third Mondays). Our website is continually updated with photos and information: www.eastmaitlandkiwanis.org

Rae Pidgeon, Kiwanis Club of East Maitland



These two need to join Kiwanis!

Found this in the December edition of the KAN: bulletin of the Kiwanis Club of Adelaide.

Now being recycled!

the clubs

KIWANIS CLUB OF TEA TREE GULLY

LEGION OF HONOUR

Alan Meathrel completed 25 year's service for the Kiwanis club of Tea Tree Gully. Alan and his wife Marlene have provided outstanding service to Kiwanis and the local community during those 25 years. Pictured below Marlene and Alan Meathrel. Alan was inducted into the



club in August 1983 by close friends and neighbours Bill and Joylene Haberfield. It was with great pleasure that "Billo" recounted the induction night which was held at Tolleys Winery and "Billo" was introduced to "wild peach", a drink he still enjoys. Needless to say the induction was very entertaining and the noms de plume of "Uncle and Aunty" from that evening continue to be used today.

Below: President Terry Kemp Alan, Marlene, Joylene and Bill.



KIWANIS LEADERSHIP SOCIETY

The date of 1 June 1987 was a significant meeting for the Kiwanis Club of Tea Tree Gully. On that evening Terry



Barry & Terry

Kemp and Barry Burr were inducted. At our Handover Dinner on 29 September 2008 both were awarded the Kiwanis International Foundation "The Kiwanis Leadership Society" Award for over 20 years of outstanding service to Kiwanis and the Community.

Terry Kemp completed his second term as President of the Kiwanis Club of Tea Tree Gully in 07/08 and was an important part of Tea Tree Gully Club co hosting the 2008 District Convention with Rostrevor-Campbelltown Club.

Besides being President twice Terry has fulfilled most portfolios in the club but his greatest achievement has been he and George Hixson member Ken Hanley in forming and continuing to run the Tea Tree Gully Go Getters Aktion Club for the past 13 years.

Barry Burr has been President of the club three times, club auditor and treasurer on many occasions. Having attended every Convention since 1998 in Geelong Barry has performed the position of Lt Governor Division 10 and has just completed the 07/08 year as District Treasurer.



Deputy Mayor TTGully, Jim McLafferty-Barry and Ellen Burr, Brian Emery

Division 7 Clubs celebrate birthdays

The Kiwanis Club of Bendigo twenty-five years



Below the President of Bendigo, Dave Field and Div 7 Lt Governor Ted Kitto cut the cake. 9/11/2008



Shepparton Sunrisers twenty-one years



Sunrisers' Foundation Members, left Stewart Russell and Geoff Hill with long term member, Ross Grenfell 2/10/2008

**The Kiwanis Club
of Glenelg**



Around



One of our club's major annual events is servicing a drink stand in the plus twenty 12km Adelaide to Bay Fun Run.

The 2008 Fundraising Event has 5 sections -12km run (10,023 entrants) 12km walk (2,419) 6km run (8546) 6km walk(3149) and 18 wheelchair participants. Total 24,155 participants.

There were free Powerade drinks at the finish which were welcomed, some participants having two. For nearly 5 hours our members were involved with setting up the stand, filling disposable cups and the clean up.

Great fun and a worthy cause all round.

sent by Glenelg Club Publicity Director Peter Barry



Below: Our last fundraiser for 2008 was marshalling duties for the very successful and spectacular Christmas Pageant Nov 23. This event also involves around 20 members and is enjoyable. Again faultless weather.



Above: Three of our members were hosted by the Pasadena High School in November 2008. This was a Presentation of Appreciation for our club's on-going financial assistance for the Pasadena Unit Program. This unit provides special education to children in need. One of their services is a bus for the children. We provide assistance with maintenance and registration.

Below: November 2008 saw the induction of a new member. Lois Brice became our 37th member and she extends our lady membership to 10. Lois is pictured with Membership Director, Peter Colbey and Club President, Peter Vine.



the clubs

The Kiwanis Club of Melbourne

The Kiwanis Club of Deniliquin



Face Painting

A day provided by the club for the local Disabled Children to celebrate The Week of the Disabled in December 2008

Six families with a total of 16 children were involved with everyone including the Kiwanis members having a great day. We played old fashioned games that were a hit. Pass the parcel was rigged so that all received some sort of prize and the final prize was a bonus- a soft toy monkey that was won by a young girl who carried it around all day as if it was the only thing she thought was important.

The parents and older siblings had great fun playing musical chairs with the young children cheering on mum and dad or brother or sister. Even three legged races and egg and spoon races were enjoyed by all. The day was held at the Four Post Camp and we had a sausage sizzle for lunch with fruit juices and fresh fruit salad to follow.

Most parents mentioned that it was the first time the whole family had been invited, making no issue of the disabilities, so all siblings were able to enjoy themselves. We hope to make this an annual event.

Janine Lawrence, Deniliquin Kiwanis Club



Kids at the camp



Photos sent by Christine Griffith from the Melbourne Kiwanis Club at a club fundraising sausage sizzle at Bunnings, Port Melbourne. Captions to photos were not included so here goes!

Above, Is that Billy practising low flying again? Below, Double Decker cooking - is that the usual approach by Melbourne?



Below, Taking off with the loot (Bunning's stock!)



Kiwanis Club of Sydney



Around

Robert Gilchrist, President, Kiwanis Sydney, 28th Dec 2008

Dear Robert,

This is the time of year when we all spend time thinking of the ones close to us and give thought also to the difficulties we have helped to collectively overcome in the last year. As you are aware it has been a year of crisis still, for so many people in the world both natural disaster's and man made conflicts.

AFAP has always relied on the generosity and spirit of the Australian people and Service Clubs to assist us in our endeavour to help those in other countries to achieve their potential and to enrich their lives.

Kiwanis Sydney has been one of our regular sponsor's over the years and this year again the objective's we have reached would not have been possible without the support and commitment of your club and its members. The area's of our work where your assistance has been directed are as follows:

Medical Supply Service (MSS)

Your generosity in the last year has made it possible for us to maintain the Medical Supply Service this service is not government funded and fulfil's a desperately needed role in the improvement of medical services in the countries to which the containers are dispatched.

Chikuni Mission Africa

Kiwanis support was also instrumental in sending a much needed Medical shipment to Africa (the Chikuni Mission)

Bairo Pite Clinic Timor Leste

Your support has also allowed us continue to support the Bairo Pite Clinic in Timor Leste, the clinic is now a recognized major part of the TL Health Department and now has nursing and medical staff supported by that dept

Your support also assisted Margaret Agger (a qualified Midwife from the central coast) to conduct a training program not only at BPC but in a number of other district clinic's. We shipped Birthing Kits to TL for Margaret to distribute during her training session. Thanks to this support there are now trained equipped Midwives to assist Timorese village women during this difficult period.

Child Learning Program Andhra Pradesh India

Kiwanis sponsorship in the last year has also made a major difference to the living conditions of the 300 children in the Navajeevan School for the Hearing Impaired in Andhra Pradesh in India. As you know AFAP is conducting a Child Learning Program in partnership with the school. The program has rescued over 140 children from Child Labour in the cotton fields of Kurnool, conducted education bridging classes and successfully allowed 70 of those children so far to reenter mainstream education in their villages.

The health of these CLP children and the 180 Hearing Impaired children at the school has been vastly improved with your support of the Reverse Osmosis (RO) water treatment plant. This plant supplies clean drinking water for all the children and teachers residing at the school and on their behalf I thank you.

They insisted on a formal opening day and have installed a plaque on the entrance to the housing for the plant to remind them (and other visitor's to the school) of the generosity of Australian Kiwanis.

I take this opportunity not only to thank you on behalf of the people and children of the programs you and your members have helped, but to offer my personal thanks for your contributions. I know full well that without the support of Kiwanis not only financially but spiritually my work would be much more difficult.

I have attached photos of the plant and the Kiwanis plaque honouring your support



George Wells, Emergencies, Logistics, \$ MSS Coordinator, India Program Manager,

South Asia Deputy, AFAP

Congratulations, Peter Zander

It was a pleasure to attend the South Australian Service Club Week official dinner on Tuesday evening when The Premier's Awards were presented to clubs in recognition of their commitment to the community through volunteer service.

Nominations were received from Apex, Kiwanis, Lions, Rotary, Soroptimist and Zonta clubs.

Also presented was a Service Club Medal to an individual who has rendered outstanding unpaid service to the South Australian community over a long period of time. The nominee did not have to be a Service Club member.

Peter Zander, our esteemed member, District Trainer, District Chair for Aktion Clubs, Co-ordinator of the Bus Board, etc, etc, and the Charter President of the new Kiwanis Bus Operators' Club, was nominated for the award, whilst the winner was a lady from rural Coober Pedy. Messages of congratulations are sure to be appreciated by Peter, Yvonne and family.

Janine Keulen Division 3 Lieutenant Governor

the clubs

The Kiwanis Club of Brighton, Vic



30/10/2008

Photo: Barbara Minto, Unit Manager and Beverley Allan, Mothers and Babies Maternal Health Care Nurse receiving toys from the Kiwanis Club of Brighton, Community Service Coordinator, Lynda Farrar (Photo by Ian Randall) **Monash**

Medical Centre Toys

The Kiwanis Club of Brighton, has donated \$500 worth of toys to Southern Health, Monash Medical Centre, Psychiatric Specialty Unit (for mothers and babies). The toys were carefully selected in consultation with the unit, for use in themed programs to teach mothers how to play with their children (typically babies and young children).

The toys were chosen to provide a range of play options, with selections based on size, shape, colour, texture and material, and involving touch, sight and hearing. The toys will have a major impact on their program, adding to their wall charts and floor mats. They were absolutely delighted with the donation, and how it will improve the quality of their outcomes.

They also very positively commented on the use of the donated outdoors table and chairs (shown under the toys), and how it has changed the dynamics of the unit – effectively giving them another area (and a very pleasant area).



Acting unit manager Carmen receiving the table and chairs (Photo by Stuart Randall)

The Kiwanis club of Brighton, recently donated an outdoors table and chairs to the **Southern Health, Monash Medical Centre, Psychiatric Specialty Unit** (for mothers and babies) for their BBQ area. The club worked with the unit to meet their needs – outdoors, armrests on chairs to help mothers support their babies, table able to be used with writing pads for training purposes (for mothering and for nutrition classes), and to comply with health and safety requirements.

The unit had been trying unsuccessfully to gain funding for this for several years, and were very appreciative of the donation (which initially required substantial oiling and assembly, and now will be maintained by the club).

This has opened up a new area for daily activity – training classes, individual time-out, socializing and for BBQ's, etc



Gordon Care Market Day

The Kiwanis Club of Brighton assisted Gordon Care in planning and conducting their Market Day (stalls for children's clothing and toys). With nearly 60 stall-holders, the day was seen as very successful. The key objective was publicity for the community service provided by Gordon Care (accommodation for children).

Ian Randall, Secretary, Brighton Kiwanis Club



Busy with sizzling sausages and preparing egg & bacon rolls. The Kiwanis Club of Brighton, Robert Knights (Finance & Fundraising Coordinator) and Angela Randall (President), with their "best" customer, Gordon Care CEO Milan Poropat. (Photo by Ian Randall)





a new K-Kids Club in Shepparton

On the 28th October 2008 forty Bouchier St. Primary School students became founding members of a K Kids Club sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Shepparton. This is the first Kiwanis K Kids to be established in Victoria. Officiating at the induction were Governor Spencer Harding, District Secretary Bill Craig, District Chair Membership & Growth, Graham Mould, Div 7 Lt Governor Ted Kitto and President and Secretary of Shepparton Kiwanis Club, Norm Mitchelmore & Lex Neville.

The kids meet fortnightly during lunch break, elect their own leadership group, run their own meetings, take minutes, raise money and balance the books. The school principal and a Kiwanis faculty officer sit in on the meetings. Shepparton Kiwanis Club members also are there for support.



President Brooke Gribben, 12, with K-Kids at Bouchier St



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Thoughtful Enthusiastic Respectful
Responsible Inclusive Friendly
Inquisitive Capable

About 30 of Australia's Kiwanis Clubs have a Terrific Kids Program operating in their local school(s)



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MOOROOPNA Above left, Mooroopna Kiwanians Ted Davis and Jim Douglass with Terrific Kids Declan & Ashia at Toolamba Primary School

Above Right, Principal Jenny Banister on the left with Mooroopna Kiwanian Gabrielle Poustie and Terrific Kid Bradley at Dhurringile Primary School

From the Mooroopna Kiwanis Club

DENILIQVIN Left, Deniliquin Kiwanian Pauline Edwards with her grand-daughter who was awarded the Terrific Kids award by the school, for the last term of 2008, Deniliquin Primary School. *Janine Lawrence, Deni Club*



26/9/2008

CASUARINA : "Kiwanis Club of Casuarina has been attempting to get a Terrific Kids Program up and running for a number of months and at last we have succeeded. Malak Primary School is now the first Terrific Kids School for our club and to date has been a huge success. The teachers, students and parents are all very excited about the program and how it works. The first presentation of certificates was undertaken by Jim Williamson, President 08/09. Jim has put a lot of hours and effort into making sure this program is a success which he has certainly excelled in doing along with other members of our club who have ably assisted him." Photo: The first award *Michelle Henderson, Casuarina Kiwanis Club, NT*



Kiwanis International Foundation



KIF is asking for a donation that equals the cost of only a couple of cups of coffee or a glass of wine per member per Kiwanis Club.



On behalf of the Foundation I would like to wish you all a safe and prosperous New Year

I would also like to remind the Lt/Governors and Club Presidents that **“You can make a difference”** by getting all the Clubs to support the **Annual Club Gift Campaign**.

Clubs should have all received their Contribution Forms by now and if you want your Contributions recognised at the International Convention they need to be into Secretary Bill Craig by the **30th of March 2009**.

Contributions after this date will still be accepted and Clubs will still get their banner patches but these will come direct from America and not handed out at our District Convention. Despite worldwide advances in technology, medicine,

and infrastructure, some children continue to go to sleep each night without basic physiological needs being met. Children throughout the world suffer from hunger, abuse, neglect and improper or substandard medical care.

The Kiwanis International Foundation yearns to unite the members of the Kiwanis family so that, together, these issues can be addressed and the suffering of the world’s children can be extinguished.

The Foundation is the driving force raising funds to advance programs developed by Kiwanis International. The Foundation receives no portion of the monetary support Kiwanis International incurs from dues, magazine subscriptions, or material purchases. The Foundation’s only means to perpetually serve children worldwide, is by contributions from

membership.

The last Kiwanis Year 2007-08 saw an increase of over 10% from the Australia District Clubs and the Foundation congratulates and thanks all who supported the Campaign. This Kiwanis Year sees a big increase in Contributions from overseas Clubs, lets us show the world that we care and **“Australia Can Make a Difference”**

Kiwanis International Foundations, literature is available from your Lt/Governors or directly from me.

Want to learn more about the Foundation? Log on to: kif.kiwanis.org

Ivan Bell, District Chair
Kiwanis International Foundation

Kiwanian rides for children



New Year's Eve, Ezra near Bathurst (photo from Western Advocate)

Meet Kiwanian Ezra Cooley, a 29 year old cowboy from Chico, California. **He has just finished a three month ride in Australia from Melbourne to Tamworth raising funds for HeartKids.** He now sails to New Zealand then on to Europe to complete his journey around the world to reach his goal of raising a million dollars for children.

He arrived in Melbourne on November 10th, 2008. While in Australia he used two quarter horses named, Jess, a four year old mare and Jim, a 6 year gelding. (Named after horses in The Man From Snowy River.)

He commenced his Australian leg from Yarra Glen on Nov. 25th. He arrived in Beechworth on Dec 10, Yackandandah Dec 11 and in Albury on the 12th. On Jan 4 he reached Mudgee. It had cost a lot to get his

two horses together for the ride to Tamworth where he arrived on January 16, covering 30km-40km per day.

“I arrived with only with my riding boots,” Mr Cooley said. “This is a ride where you have to think of the horses first.” he said. “So far I’ve slept in more beds than in my tent, been through more rain than expected, got used to the flies and seen heaps of snakes.”

Ezra’s Expedition started back on April 5th 2006. He set out to ride his horses around the world to help raise money for children’s charities. Ezra alone with no support team following him on the road, has managed to ride and survive over extreme temperatures in the deserts of the Great Basin, to below freezing temperatures in Oklahoma’s biggest ice storm in history and rode through the streets of Manhattan. During his journey across the USA he raised over \$10,000.00 for the National Children’s Cancer Society and Children’s Miracle Network. While in Washington DC, he got to stay as a guest in the White House, and was formally commended in a letter by Vice President, Dick Cheney.



Ezra with Cam Smith & Tracy Stanley of HeartKids Vic, at the Royal Children’s Hospital the day before commencing his journey (photo from Brighton Vic, Kiwanis Club Bulletin)

a new club in the making

Div 3 Lt Gov Janine Keulen is shown holding the application form and dues for a new Kiwanis member. The team pictured, recruited for three days, following Don Canaday's Growth Summit Seminar at the Australia Convention held last August.

The photo was taken at the home of Adelaide's John Rowell after Janine and Steve Page, a Past Governor (USA) who was at the Adelaide Convention, had returned from signing up Sharon Bray as a member of a Kiwanis Club in the formation.

The club's formation has since been followed up by Immediate Past Governor Bill van Diemen and Lt. Governor Janine Keulen. The first meeting for 2009 of core members of the new club to be named 'Folland' in Adelaide took place on Wednesday 28 January 2009.

Pictured are Steve Page, Graham Mould (Growth Chairman of Australia District), International President Don Canaday, Past Governor and current Lt Gov Div 3 Janine Keulen, Bill Van Diemen (Immediate Past Governor Australia District), John Rowell (Past Governor Australia District), and Spencer Harding (current Governor Australia District)



a conversation in the air



My wife recently bought me a global positioning system (GPS) for my

vehicle. I never knew how much I depended on her for directions and reading maps. I think she understood I needed help without her navigation and direction. Clubs trying to grow may be well served by using the GPS concept.

This concept was not mine. I was giving a program at the Kiwanis Club of Steilacoom, Washington recently on Diversity and Growth. On the weekly program was this term, "GPS- Growth Powers Service." I could not think of a better term to use for our reason to grow.

Growth does power our service. Like any good Kiwanian, I am a thief. I give credit where I get an idea from, but sharing is a Kiwanis way of life. I am now using the GPS term on my email signature page.

I would like to share one of my most recent experiences. On a flight from Indianapolis to Seattle at 35,000 feet, I had a conversation with a young gentleman next to me about Kiwanis.

I advocate the "three foot rule." If you are within three feet of me, you are very likely to hear something about my passion—Kiwanis.

This really works well on airplanes when you have a captive audience. I found the young man knew a lot about Kiwanis. His father was a former Kiwanian and he seemed very proud of that. I simply gave him my Kiwanis story. I shared what Kiwanis meant to me and why I am so passionate about serving others, especially children. I gave him my card and invited him to check out our KI webpage. I asked him to give me a call if he was interested, and I would help find him a club near his home.

About a week later, he sent me an email and invited me to meet him for lunch so he could learn about clubs in his area. He works in Bellevue, Washington, about 30 miles from me. I took along a former Lt. Governor from that division who knew the clubs well in this area.

Two days later, we attended a club in Issaquah Washington where his wife teaches school. I just read the club's weekly newsletter and found he returned and picked up an application.

On his second visit. I told the club president that I would come and induct him when he joins.

Many of you have memorized the defining statement, know Kiwanis in and out, and have seen the power point presentation on the elevator speech, but still find it difficult to address strangers.

Let me give you two of my favourite openings...

1. What service organization do you belong to? (This presumes that everyone is service-minded.)
2. Have you ever heard about Kiwanis?

This young man wanted to get involved and make a difference in his community. He would never have done this unless someone had asked.

On your next flight, try this out. Most people will respond, even if it is to shut you up and let them go to sleep! You will never know unless you ask.

Sylvester Neal

Kiwanis International Vice President



Kiwanis International Australia District

41st Annual District Convention GEELONG, VICTORIA



Convention Dates 20 August - 23 August 2009

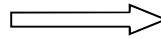
Convention Venue West Town Hall, Pakington Street, West Geelong

Hosted by Kiwanis Club of Geelong

Convention Theme **Come Discover The Difference**

A snapshot of the Convention experience:

- The Committee's objective is to keep all costs to a minimum and retain the quality, standard and value of the Convention
- Registration will be streamlined for more manageable options.
- Bus Tours available
- Saturday night theme: 1935-1945 era (Bring your family and friends)
- Information Forums/Workshop
- Fun and Fellowship
- Quality catering
- Information sharing
- Emphasis on Kiwanis protocols and traditions – Bring your club banner
- Thanksgiving Service
- Sightseeing
- Courtesy bus from designated accommodation points to and from convention venue



Convention prices will be posted January 2009 on the Aust. Kiwanis web page.

There are Club incentives for attending convention – register 5 to 10 members and the club earns a 10% rebate of the registration fees paid by your members. Register 11 or more members your rebate increases to 20% of fees paid by your members (up to 20 members).

These funds are a donation to your club for supporting convention 09.

Registration Forms.

All Registrations received by 31st March 2009 will qualify for the special early bird prize draw. Value in excess of \$250.00. A detailed Registration Form is now available and copies have been sent to all Club Secretary's. The form will be available on line at Kiwanis Australia web site www.kiwanis.org.au late January or email us at neumannsn@optusnet.com.au and we will email you a copy



Kiwanis

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time.

Mission

"To serve children of the world"

From the Kiwanis International website www.kiwanis.org

History

Kiwanis was founded in Detroit, Michigan, on January 21, 1915. In the early years, Kiwanis clubs focused on business networking, but even then, members were serving the needs of the poor.

By 1919, the organization had changed its focus from business to **service**. Kiwanis became an international organization in 1916 with the organization of the Kiwanis Club of Hamilton, Ontario.

Kiwanis limited its membership to the United States and Canada until 1962 when worldwide expansion was approved. Until 1987, Kiwanis was a male-only organization. But after years of debate and growing support, **women's membership was received overwhelmingly.**

The name "Kiwanis" means "we trade" or "we share our talents." It was coined from an American Indian expression, Nunc Kee-wanis.

Kiwanians are volunteers changing the world through service to **children and communities**. Kiwanis members help shelter the homeless, feed the hungry, mentor the disadvantaged, and care for the sick. They develop youth as leaders, build playgrounds, raise funds for pediatric research, and much more.

No problem is too big or too small. Why? Because working together, members achieve what one person cannot accomplish alone. When you give a child a chance to learn, experience, dream, and succeed, great things happen! As Kiwanis clubs and members, we see it everyday!

Membership

About 8,000 clubs in 96 countries More than 260,000 adult members and approximately 320,000 youth in 70 countries

Global Results

Members and clubs have contributed more than \$80 million toward the global elimination of iodine deficiency disorders (IDD), the leading preventable cause of mental retardation.

Objects of Kiwanis

The six permanent *Objects of Kiwanis International* were approved by Kiwanis club delegates at the 1924 Convention in Denver, Colorado. Through the succeeding decades, they have remained unchanged.

To give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life.

To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.

To promote the adoption and the application of higher social, business, and professional standards.

To develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive, and serviceable citizenship.

To provide, through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service, and to build better communities.

To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism, and goodwill.

Kiwanis Australia



It wasn't until 1967 that Australia became the 22nd country in the world to take up Kiwanis. The club that first introduced Kiwanis to **Australia** was the Kiwanis Club of Melbourne. Forty-six men were listed as members at the time of Charter on October 2nd 1967 at the Southern Cross Hotel, Melbourne. This is recognised as the official birthday of Kiwanis in Australia.



Members of Kiwanis International celebrated the organization's 94th birthday on Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2009 in Indianapolis.

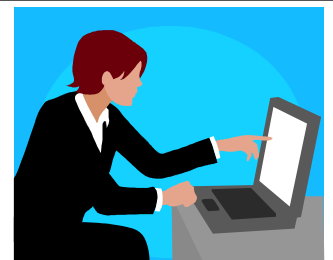
In 2008, Kiwanis clubs worldwide donated more than six million volunteer hours and raised more than US\$100 million for community service, with a special emphasis on helping young children.

Note from the editor: This and previous editions are available to view or download at www.kiwanis.org.au Thank you to the members who contributed to this edition. I look forward to receiving news and articles for the following editions.

The next issue of the Australian Kiwanian will be prepared in time for the Board of Trustees Meeting at the beginning of May 2009.

DEADLINE is Friday 24th April 2009

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Jan Hyde