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Welcome to the first edition of the Australian Kiwanis for 2011.

The new year is well under way, and I hope everyone has recovered from the Christmas and new years festivities.

A challenging first few months for many Australian's with floods and fires in the news.

I have been reading many stories of fellow Kiwanian's helping in these troubled times, and it is always great to see our quick response in times like these, to offer our help to those who need it.

Don't forget, if you have any good news or other news stories you would like included in the next edition, email or snail mail me, especially if you club does not have it's own magazine, you can share you stories with fellow Kiwanian's

About Kiwanis

Our Purpose:

To improve the quality of life for children and families worldwide.

Our Mission:

As a thriving organization of men, women and youth, we are dedicated to serving the children of the world and improving the quality of life worldwide.

Our Vision:

We will be the world's leading organization engaging adult and youth volunteers.

Dave C Vickery
Editor





General News

SYLVESTER "SYL" NEAL KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT 2010-2011

Light your inner fire

It's no secret that I have a vision of a Kiwanis that is stronger than it is today. I see a Kiwanis family that is stronger in membership, stronger in leadership and, most importantly, stronger in service. And I'm here to tell you that my pledge as president is to give my all, to do what I can to lead this organization in the right direction-toward strength, stability and success.

And I have ideas on how to get it done.

Being a former fire chief, I know about fires. In the past, I trained, studied and worked hard to extinguish those flames.

Today, you and I set out to light the fire for Kiwanis.

I've given this year a theme, the "Kiwanis Year of the Fire." As chief, I'm going to help you build your own fire, and together, we'll ignite the flame for others until we have a raging bonfire. We have what it takes-that burning passion within each of us to make a difference.

We need that passion more than ever as we face an amazing opportunity to make a difference with The Eliminate Project. Kiwanis, with help from our partner UNICEF, can eliminate maternal/neonatal tetanus from the face of the earth. We changed the world one time. We can-and we will-change the world again.

All I ask of each of you is a personal commitment to help improve your club and grow Kiwanis to meet our goals.

Thanks for fuelling the fire.



Tim Vine with his District Trainer's hat on, travelled to Shepparton with Trainer Peter Kimberley to conduct Club leadership training for Division 7 on Sunday 16th January. Unfortunately Echuca Moama & Bendigo Clubs could not get through the flood waters to attend.

Kiwanis Club of Coastal Warrnambool

This new club has it's Charter Night on the 19th March 2011. All the best to our newest Kiwanis club.



One day each year, all members of the Kiwanis family around the world join together for one day of global community service.

There are no boundaries. And there's no limit to what you and your club can do for children, for your community, for the world.



Our Achievers....

EAST MAITLAND BESTOW LEGION OF HONOUR

At its meeting on Monday 21st Feb, President Noel Masters presented 2 of our members with Legion of Honour certificates and lapel pins. The Legion of Honour is an official recognition by Kiwanis International, Australia District and your own club for 25 years of service to Kiwanis.

The first recipient was Derek Mitchell, being somewhat belated as Derek joined the East Maitland club in May 1984 thereby servicing our local community for 27 years. Derek has been a stalwart of this club, has encouraged and inspired newer members and continues to serve our community as we hope he will for many years to come.

Ted Scarfe, our second recipient, first joined Kiwanis in 1985 in Victoria and upon moving to NSW was instrumental in formation of the Lake Macquarie Club. When that club folded in 1997, Ted transferred his membership to East Maitland. Ted has served the Australia District at board level over many years and continues to support East Maitland in its community service work.

Members congratulated both Derek and Ted this well deserved recognition.



PHOTO: President Noel (centre) with Ted Scarfe (left) and Derek Mitchell (right) receiving their Legion of Honour certificates.



The Eliminate Project

The Kiwanis global campaign for children, The Eliminate Project: Kiwanis eliminating maternal/neonatal tetanus, aims to save the lives of a 129 million mothers and newborns. In partnership with UNICEF, Kiwanis is eliminating a disease that kills one baby every nine minutes.

Kiwanis and UNICEF are targeting the poorest, most underserved women and children on Earth, and paving the way for other interventions that will boost maternal health and child survival. Hand-in-hand, Kiwanis and UNICEF are changing the world. Visit





In Our Community

Kiwanis Internet Bayside helps with flood appeal

Popular social "Charity Do." fundraiser raised a total of \$500, the best one so far from all the film-luncheons I have hosted in Brighton these past three years. This recent rise of support for our Club's worthy causes, and especially this one benefiting QLD Floods Victims, was clearly demonstrated by the regulars who spread the word about it and invited their friends along. Local Businesses, mainly restaurants, sponsor these fundraisers by donating meal vouchers which I raffle for free as Door Prizes. These promote not only their business but also Kiwanis and our Club. They are also much appreciated by all our guests.



Some of the many supporters on the night.

Glenelg helps local Playgroup

"THE CORNER PLAYGROUP"

an outreach of The Corner Uniting Church

Late in 2010 our Club received a letter from a Playgroup 'Mum' in response to a suggestion Glenelg Kiwanis may be able to assist financially, following excess damage by vandals to the children's play equipment.

In November Members visited this Playgroup and were given a detailed costing report where some \$17,160 was needed, consisting of \$7,700 to replace equipment and \$9,460 for Safety Surfacing. With a small Council grant, plus their own fundraising efforts, they were close to half way there.

This is a genuine and enthusiastic community Playgroup well run and Presented by their Coordinator, Robyn Trudinger who attended our Meeting to accept our Donation to this cause. There are over 300 children, 0 to 5 years spread over four sessions a week involved in the Playgroup with a Parent, Grandparent or Care person.

After consideration, our Board agreed to an initial donation of \$4,500 and the cheque is accepted by Robyn from President Peter.





In Our Community

Tea Tree Gully continues local work

The Tea Tree Gully club continues it's ongoing local project in the backyard of the family at Parafield Gardens near Adelaide. As you can see the results and produce from the garden beds that were installed have been great, and both the 2 children and family have benefited from the crop of summer vegetables. More work is being undertaken by the club.



Moorabbin club helps local retirement village

Saturday 19th Feb saw many local Kiwanians assist with gardening at the local nursing home





Convention News



Geneva Convention

www.KiwanisOne.org/convention

Never experienced Kiwanis International Convention?

Here's your chance!

This year's annual convention is to be held from the 7th -10th July at Geneva: Your Gateway to Europe. Join fellow Kiwanians on a trip of a lifetime!

Start planning now to experience the amazing scenery and breathtaking beauty of Geneva, Switzerland. Take in the sights and sounds of your gateway to Europe, and reconnect with your closest Kiwanis friends while making new ones as well.

Why go to convention?

The Kiwanis International Convention will provide you with important education, training and information. During convention, you shall take part in exciting workshops, be entertained with special events, participate in business sessions, and find out more about the MNT Kiwanis World-wide Project.



Closing Ceremony Keynote Speaker: Jamie Lee Curtis

American actress and activist Jamie Lee Curtis is also an AIDS activist and has a deep and active connection to many children's charities.



Club News

Moorabbin Kiwanians face a challenge

Bunning's Mentone 2nd December.

The day started out raining, and didn't show a lot of promise, but after a couple of hours as can be seen at left, the sun came out, and it was very pleasant, with no indication of what was to follow.

By about 2:30 pm, very black clouds appeared to the west, shortly followed by lightning. We decided to start packing up, and sell what remaining sausages we had already cooked. We almost made it, but before we could finish we were hit by massive winds and driving rain.



The marquee was blown over, the securing bolts ripped out of the concrete, and the frame broken into several pieces. The store flooded, and lost all power. Bunning's staff helped us secure all our remaining goods, and get the BBQ inside. All that remained of the marquee is shown at right after the worst had passed. Notice that the roadway is still under water, and the gentleman on the right is stepping on the submerged speed humps to get across the road.

Brighton Vic Kiwanian's recently assisted a sausage sizzle in support of the end-of-year celebration for Foundation House in Dandenong on 20th December was also a great success.

Unfortunately inclement weather forced a relocation of the event to the Foundation House offices which meant that we set up in the garage below the building and the sausages were served upstairs. Nevertheless we all were able to spend some time upstairs and can attest to the enthusiasm of the guests.

On the BBQ front we managed to cook sausages, halal sausages and vegi burgers – all of which had to be cooked on separate hotplates (yes, we had three BBQs). Our thanks go to the Foundation House people who went out of their way to assist us and make us feel welcome.

Rosstrevor-Campbeltown Heartkids Ambassador visit

We had Lucy Cornes who is an Ambassador for Heart Kids. What a heart wrenching story about her own son and then Lucy went on to tell us about the work the Heart Kids Foundation does. I know you all, like me, could never do enough for these children.





Club News

Rostrevor-Campbeltown helps with Local community pageant

The Campbelltown Pageant was held on Stradbroke Road, on December 12, 2010. Kiwanians acted as marshals to assist council employees with closure of roads accessing Stradbroke Road and assisting the public along the route.



Our ladies proudly paraded the Kiwanis banner. From left, Marlene Rodway, Fay Ward, Pam Qualmann and Jill Griffiths – the girl on the scooter is Alicia, one of Chris and Fay Ward’s grandchildren

Twenty-two members, partners and family members manned 3 entry gates at the 2010 Carols by Candlelight. We assisted the Campbelltown Council with the barbeque for the Australia Day Celebrations, on January 26. The council appreciated the Kiwanis assistance and gave us the remaining sausages which were used for the barbeque at the Bunning’s barbeque the following weekend.



Brighton Vic & Kiwanis Internet Bayside clubs helps local sailing group

On 6 February, Brighton members Bill, Angela and Ian, and imminent member Shaynee, manned a sausage sizzle at the ‘Come ‘n’ Try’ sailing day at Albert Park Lake put on annually by the Albert Sailing Club and Kiwanis Bayside Internet Club. Bill and Beni are members of ASC. The day is held annually for Interchange Southern, specifically for children with autism. Beni has advised me that there were 50 guests in total, including 39 from IS. I have received a big thank you from Lou Braim at Interchange Southern for the Kiwanis involvement.



Picturesque Albert Park Lake



Bill, Angela and Ian, and imminent member Shaynee,



Club News

Kiwanis Club of Shepparton Sunrisers

FAMILY CARE CHRISTMAS PARTY. A fine team of Sunrisers helped out on Saturday 4th December at the MacIntosh Centre for the Family Care Christmas Party for the clients who use their services.

How lucky we all were with the weather, especially our Bar B Q boys and for the few outdoor activities.

We would all agree the Centre is a very good location for our part of the day, with a built in cool room, commercial kitchen and plenty of room. But it does not come cheap for Family Care.

We had 27 people participate in one way or another, supply food/salads, come and help to cook, serve and clean up. So a BIG thank you to everyone for helping and hope you enjoy yourselves as well.



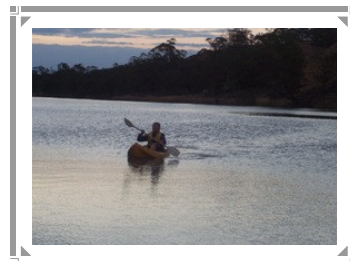
MURRAY BRIDGE CLUB WELCOMES 5 NEW MEMBERS

The beginning of every year is always a lot of fun and excitement for the Kiwanis Club of Murray Bridge when the Adelaide Hills Club arrives by bus for a social night at the home of Neville and Marie Mueller. The beginning of 2011 was even more exciting when we were privileged to welcome into our midst 5 new members. They've all 'tested the waters' by mixing with the club a few times, and fortunately for us were convinced it's a place they can become a permanent part of.

Ann Briggs has already lent a hand with some of our fundraising ventures. John & Jenny Fox transferred from the Adelaide Hills Club, so as members there they have had much interaction with us. Perrin and Annmarie Kuchel are seasoned service club members, and have already been assisting with some of our fundraising.



From left to right, Murray Bridge President Glen Dorsey with recently inducted new members Ann Briggs, John & Jenny Fox, Annmarie & Perrin Kuchel



Enjoying the river is our aim each year, but doesn't eventuated too often – too cold, too many flies, too windy, river too low, river too high so we often simply view the river from the back lawn



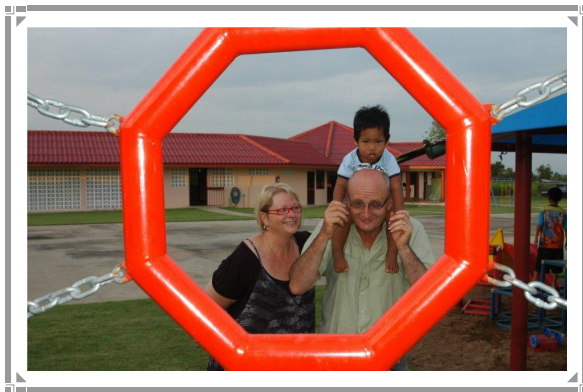
Readers Articles

From Kiwanis Brisbane Club

Impressions by Mal Lancaster

The Kiwanis Mission statement "Helping one Child at a Time" was the motivating force that guided a group of Brisbane Kiwanis Members to Thailand to assist in an orphanage in **Khon Kaen**, home to 40 HIV+ children and teenagers.

The Brisbane Club has been sponsoring the orphanage through Mercy International for the past four years; where the children have found provision, support and acceptance in a loving caring environment. They now have hope for a long and healthy future because of this program. The five members and two friends of Kiwanis departed Australia on the 14th October for Chiang Mai for a four day stopover before their visit to the three orphanages managed by Mercy International.



Our tour guides, Lily & John Simpson, both Kiwanis members, have been involved with Mercy International for several years in the orphanages in Thailand.. They assimilated the team into the ways of Thai living, with visits to the markets, cooking lessons and fine dining was the theme of our four day visit to Chiang Mai.

With all the sightseeing and tourist ventures behind us it was off to Phrae, a beautiful city in the north of Thailand. We depart Chiang Mia by mini bus for a three hour drive passing through very fertile country which produces two rice crops per year.

Unfortunately that is not all that is produced in this province, the epidemic of HIV/AIDS is a major problem leaving many children orphaned by this disease. We arrived late in the afternoon at the children's village built on 15 acres of land, 17 Km from the city centre.

There are four children's homes, dining room and kitchen, laundry facilities, first aid centre, volunteer accommodation and four units for teams and a swimming pool. Prae is managed by John Scholten and Sharon Dunk who met the team on their arrival late in the afternoon and we were shown to our quarters. In true Thai style, the women shared a dormitory and the men were in another and apart from the hard mattresses, we all enjoyed the experience.

Dinner was self serve in an open building, which also served as a place to relax and for the children to play under cover. After our meal John & Sharon outlined work that we could assist with during our stay. The following morning we were given a tour of the complex and the men set about their work while the women were busy sewing for the children and assisting with a community programme working with adults who have HIV and no family support.

On our last night in Phrae, the ladies took over the kitchen and presented a meal with a difference, a rather large container of spaghetti bolognaise was consumed by the children 5 and staff, followed by Pavlova. Both dishes were a hit, as some of the staff were seen to refill their plates several times throughout the evening.

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Readers Articles

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After two nights and one day with the children, some of the barriers experienced between the team began to evaporate, nearly all the team had developed an association with the children and staff, and everyone had broken through the language barrier and was enjoying the challenge and cultural experience. Many photographs were taken to ensure the memories of our stay at Phrae were not to be forgotten



*Wayne Cole & John Simpson
Taking the boys fishing*



Tonite's tea

Trampoline Project—Moorabbin Kiwanis

A little over a week ago, the Kiwanis Club of Moorabbin was approached by the MacKillop Family Services to see if we would be able to assemble a trampoline for one of their foster carers. At our last dinner meeting, chairman Ian asked if any of us had any experience in assembling trampolines, and after an uncertain response, decided to investigate and see exactly what was involved.

Accordingly, last Saturday Ian visited the carer, a Beverley Thornton, and discovered that she had two teenage children, and in addition has taken on the care of two young foster children, one of whom is to put it mildly quite a handful. It was felt that the trampoline would enable him to release some of his excessive energy.

On investigating the trampoline, and hearing the story, Ian took his toolkit and began assembling it on the spot. The result is seen above with a very happy Beverley Thornton standing next to it. Thank you Ian.





Kiwaniis International

KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION



Kiwaniis International Foundation

Firstly Happy New Year to all Kiwanian's from the Foundation, and also a timely reminder that the halfway point of the Kiwanis year is approaching.

The main source of revenue to support the Children around the world comes from the **Foundations Annual Gift Campaign** and this is continuing, if you do not have Gift form please contact your Lt/Governor or me directly.

With what has been transpiring in Australia lately we tend to forget about our obligations to serve the **Children of the World**. Clubs are asked to gift \$5US per member each year and yes you can gift more if you so desire.

Another way is to reward a long serving Club Member with an award, and the money goes to the Foundation so you could say you have a win-win situation for the one outlay.

Kiwanis clubs around the world already provide almost \$1 million annually to the "Kiwaniis International Foundation" for operating support and grants that return to clubs and districts. In just the last year your gifts have allowed the Foundation to furnish backpacks laden with food for hungry children, teach parenting skills and facilitate dental checkups to those who otherwise would go without. When you give to the foundation you continue the tradition of caring.

Do you know someone who would be a worthy recipient of "**The Robert Connelly Medal**", the nominees don't have to be a Kiwanis member. To date there have been three Connelly Medals awarded for acts of bravery in Australia, I am sure if we gave it some thought we could find a lot more

Robert P. Connelly, 34, a member of the Kiwanis Club of Lisle Illinois, lost his life September 23, 1966, in an attempt to rescue a disabled woman who had fallen in the path of an on-rushing passenger train. Both were Killed. The first Robert P. Connelly Medal of Heroism was awarded posthumously to Robert P. Connelly at the 52nd Annual Kiwanis International Convention in Houston, Texas in 1967. The Following statement was read out.

"By his unselfish action he put tremendous and dramatic meaning into the phrase "personal involvement" which is so much a part of Kiwanis philosophy. This man was the epitome of all Kiwanis strives to be"

Contact me for more information regarding how to nominate a candidate

Ivan Bell





HeartKids



February is HeartKids Awareness Month with the 14th of Feb (Valentine's Day) being International Childhood Heart Disease Awareness Day and HeartKids National Awareness Day.

Apologies to our Heartkids team, the publication was a little late this month

At HeartKids we strive to offer support, encouragement and hope to families of children with Heart Disease, while raising awareness and vital funding into the causes of this chronic disease. While for many families of these children the future is clouded with uncertainty, our goal is to secure the futures of our very special kids. We are also seeking to gain greater public awareness and support for our cause so that we can make a real difference. We have recently partnered with leading cardiologists and researchers with the aim of providing them with financial support to assist them with research and management of children with heart disease.



Terrific Kids

Kiwanis Internet Bayside

The most recent presentation of Terrific Kids Program awards at Amsleigh Park Primary School in Melbourne's eastern suburbs was held on Friday 17th. December.

So far fourteen students at the School, have been awarded TK certificates and badges, and each also received a \$25 gift voucher purchased from The Bentleigh Club's yearly grant.

The two recipients, both from the Prep Grade Level, deserved their awards, as according to Sally Davies, the School Principal: "Both of these students show wonderful school spirit – are kind, caring, thoughtful and always behave in a positive manner. They treat all students with respect and make others feel valued and supported. Just absolute delights both of them" Each scholastic term, two students from either the Senior or Junior school sections have a chance in earning the TK awards, simply by accomplishing some of the TK program criteria goals.

Beni Avallone



- Thoughtful**
- Enthusiastic**
- Respectful**
- Responsible**
- Inclusive**
- Friendly**
- Inquisitive**
- Capable**



Murray Bridge SA club



2010 Term 4 Murray Bridge North School

And K-Kids

Tee Tree Gully SA



The K-Kids visited the BUPA Nursing Home prior to Christmas, where they performed a Christmas concert.





The Last Page

Vale

Graham Shevlin, a Charter Member and Past President of the Kiwanis Club of Adelaide. A Kiwanian for 40 years, an active community worker.

On behalf of Australia District Governor David Allen , the Board of Trustees and the many Kiwanians that knew Graham, we offer our sincere condolences to their immediate families and respective clubs.



THE OBJECTS OF KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL.

1. TO GIVE primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life.
2. TO ENCOURAGE the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human Relationships
3. TO PROMOTE the adoption and the application of higher social, business and professional standards.
4. TO DEVELOP, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive and serviceable citizenship.
5. TO PROVIDE, through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service and to build better communities.
6. TO COOPERATE in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism and good will.

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