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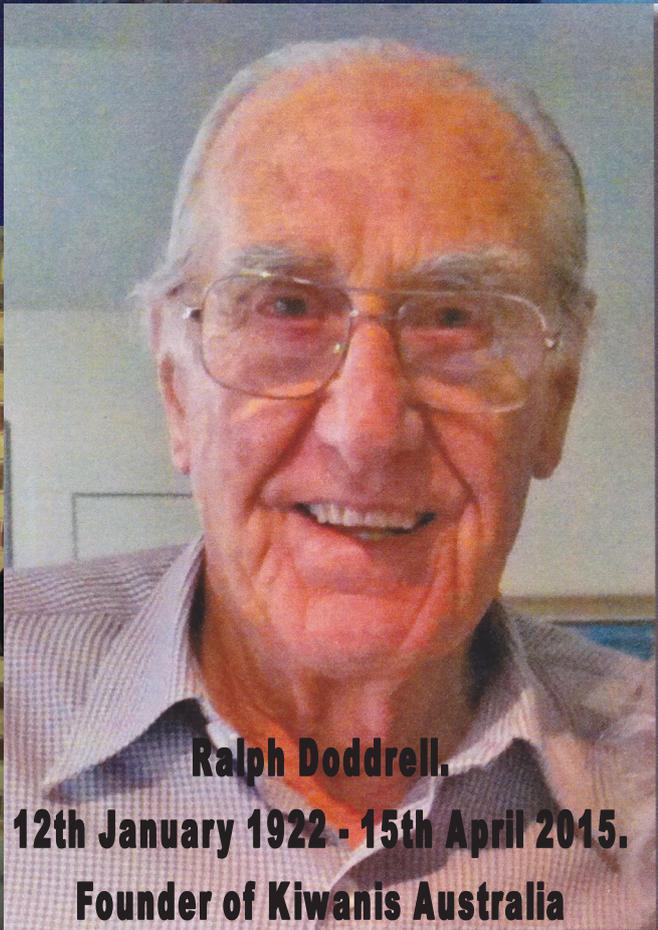


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And then
there
was One!



Ralph Doddrell.
12th January 1922 - 15th April 2015.
Founder of Kiwanis Australia



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I hope you're enjoying reading your Australian Kiwanian. Remember it's here for your enjoyment, but also to provide a chance for you to tell your club's story. Just send me your text and photographs, and I'll publish it. Have your say! You will notice that no-one wanted to say anything this edition. The easiest way to send your story, is to send an email, and attach your photos as image files. I accept any format, but jpg files are the most common. The text can be just part of your email, or an attached document file like a word document. In this our Centennial year, there is a wealth of information coming out from KI, so it's never been more beneficial to read the Kiwanis Magazine. On page 23 each edition, I include download links to the editions that have been published since the previous AK was sent out.

But why not try the electronic application for your portable device? There is now an application for your Android device as well as your iPad. It works very well, and the electronic version contains material additional to the printed (or pdf) version. It's also nice the way you can scroll right or left to read different articles, and then up and down to read the article in detail. The images are brilliant, so give it a try if you haven't already!

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Cover:

After featuring proudly on the cover of the February 2015 edition of the Australian Kiwanian in the act of cutting the Kiwanis Centennial Celebration cake, it is distressing that Ralph Doddrell again features in an entirely different role. At top is Ralph's casket before his funeral service, and below is a group of Kiwanians outside the Church standing behind Goerge Santos the remaining founder of Kiwanis Australia.

Bottom right is Ralph in a recent photograph.



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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK MAY 2015

Every edition it seems that we have a number of Vales, and when we look at the history and the contribution made by these deceased members, one cannot help but be dismayed by the amount of experience that we are losing, and wonder how we can ever make it up.

Then something really significant happens when we lose one of our Founders. The second last of four in fact (see Past Governor Geoff's tribute on [page 13](#)). I thought I knew Ralph very well since I first met him 30 years ago. In fact it was Ralph who finally convinced me to join Kiwanis as I reported in the May Moorabbin Bulletin. However it was not until I heard the eulogy presented by Ralph's long time friend David Buckingham at his funeral that I discovered how little I actually knew about his total involvement in so many areas.

On going through Ralph's history in Kiwanis, one cannot but be impressed. But then when asked by past governor Graham Mould, how is it that Ralph doesn't have any awards, I'm at a loss? It seems that we at Moorabbin have been incredibly slack in this area, so here's my message. Recognise your members who have contributed to your club, whilst you still can.

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"Kiwanis is a global organisation of volunteers dedicated to improving the world, one child and one community at a time."



Governor's Report



Kiwanis Australia District

A quick message now as we head into the eighth month of this Kiwanis Year. It has certainly been a busy one for Yvonne and I, with some

magnificent highlights so far. We as a District have been doing some remarkable things over the past 7 months or so with many activities to be proud of in this the Centenary Year of Kiwanis International.

Firstly many would have read a recent email from Steve Hughes, confirming we have now exceeded our District goal of US\$560,000 for the Eliminate Campaign. This is a significant milestone, more so for the in excess of 312,000 mothers and babies we have helped to save and protect from MNT. I know that there are clubs still actively fund-raising for this cause, with clubs challenging themselves to make their individual goals. The total figure at the end of this calendar year I think will be quite exceptional.

Congratulations to the recent winners in our membership sponsorship draw. Over the last 18 months up to the end of April we have added approximately 175 new members. This is a great result and as a District we will look to continue this initiative and advise the prizes as soon as they are decided at our May Board of Trustees Meeting.

I read with interest the many individual projects that clubs undertake. The ubiquitous BBQ is central to the fund-raising activities for many clubs, but the other activities and projects are many and varied. A small selection include, the

All Ford day and food relief packages by the Geelong Club, the Beachside bags provided to women and children in refuges by the Beachside Club, the work with Sturt Street School by the Adelaide Club, the many Terrific Kids awards to various schools by the Victoria Park Club in WA, the continued support of the Kevin Heinz Grow project by the Manningham Club, providing marshals for various community events by the Shepparton Sunrisers Club, a cocktail party with auctions by the Glenelg Club, work with NT Autism by the Palmerston Rural Club, financial support to the Women's & Children's Hospital Paediatric Palliative Care Unit by the Athelstone Club and the fantastic water purification project by Kiwanis in Sri Lanka. All these activities and the many others that our clubs do, need to be shared with our community so that our Kiwanis brand is better known and more readily recognised.

I have been fortunate to make a number of trips in my capacity as Governor and have always been impressed by the generosity shown towards myself and Yvonne when she has been able to be with me. No matter where I have travelled, Kiwanians have always been welcoming and willing to share their stories, both in Australia and overseas. The trip to Detroit in January to attend the International Board Council Meeting was a unique experience that allowed me to share in the 100th birthday celebration of the very first Kiwanis Club. The Division 2 mini-convention in February, held in Tea Gardens north of Newcastle was a fabulous weekend with



Governor's Report cont.

a good mixture of serious matters and lots of fun. The trip to Pamanga in the Philippines to attend the Asia/Pacific Regional Training and Convention was a tiny window into the incredible growth of membership in our part of the Kiwanis world, but more so the resilience of members who go out of their way to help others, even when their own circumstances have been challenged by natural disasters.

A flying visit in April to join the Brisbane Club at a Lord Mayor's Civic Reception, celebrating the 100th anniversary of Kiwanis and the achievements of the Brisbane Club was a blast.

Congratulations to Ann Earle who was honoured by her club with a Walter Zeller Award for her individual efforts to raise over \$2000 for the Eliminate Campaign. The look of surprise and joy on her face at the presentation was a special moment.

Another highlight for some of us will be attending the International Convention in Indianapolis at the end of June. It promises to be a special occasion and I expect the Australia District's efforts in recent times will be duly recognised and celebrated in this special Centenary year. We have a great opportunity to come together at this year's convention in Melbourne in August to have a party to celebrate our 100th international anniversary. Significantly in 2017, which is not really that far away, we will be celebrating 50 years of service by Kiwanis International in Australia, which will be a special event for us to focus towards.

Sadly we have lost a number of our

colleagues and friends over the last 8 months as well, including a couple of our Past Governors. We should all take a moment to reflect on the great service each of these individuals provided, helping members of their community in many significant ways. We as an organisation owe so much to the movers and shakers from years past that may no longer be with us, especially the stalwarts from the late 1960's who set the wheels in motion to build the Australia District. Their legacy is living on today, through the clubs contributing in their own special way no matter where they reside.

Over the last 4 months of this Kiwanis year, let us all concentrate on pulling together, sharing our stories whenever we can, growing our Kiwanis Communities to enable us to make a huge difference to our community, the groups we support, but especially the children that are all a part of our future.

Peter Zander
Governor



KIWANIS ONE DAY



Eliminate Update

The Eliminate Project



Kiwanis Australia Progress

Our Australian clubs and donors have now contributed or pledged over \$578,000. Great work!

We have 27 clubs out of 48 that have committed to a goal such as Model, 100K, Bronze or Silver.

Recently Kiwanis Club of Reedbeds-Lockleys and Kiwanis Club of Deniliquin pledged to Model Club giving level of US\$750 per member. Brighton SA, Gawler and Australia Online also pledged to Silver or Bronze levels. Thanks to these clubs for being leaders for Eliminate.

Glenelg club was honoured at the ASPAC Convention for contributing \$8,500 in this Kiwanis year. They also lead Australian clubs having contributed \$33,845 to date. Thankyou to Glenelg.

To encourage **new** clubs to commit to a Silver (\$500 per member) or higher district will match the next donation of \$500 from the pledging club. Any club wanting to take up the challenge should contact me eliminate@kiwanis.org.au and they will still have 5 years to contribute the balance of the funds.

The Eliminate Project Campaign Timeline

The overall Eliminate Project has now achieved **over US\$80 million** against our target of US\$110 million. KIF has firmed the end date to make pledges as 31st December 2015 to allow districts to sign-up more pledges at their District Conventions. Clubs who make pledges will still have up to 5 years to contribute the funds. Kiwanis wants to have reached the US\$110 million in pledges by the end of 2015 to give UNICEF the surety to plan to complete the vaccination programs.

UNICEF in the Field

The project is working!! The number of babies dying each year from MNT has reduced by 15% since Kiwanis partnered with UNICEF. However, 49,000 babies still die each year or 1 baby every 11 minutes in the 23 countries that remain at risk.

Side benefits of the project are that countries are now using the vaccination cards, education and logistics route to vaccinate mothers against other diseases. President John Button reported also that more girls are attending school as the death rate of mothers reduces.

In April 2015 the World Health Organisation has validated Mauritania as having eliminated maternal and neonatal tetanus! Thanks to the generosity of Kiwanians worldwide, UNICEF and all the partners, 36 countries have now officially declared victory over the pain and suffering of MNT. **We are changing the world.**

In the coming year, validation surveys will take place in the Philippines, Cambodia and

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Eliminate Update



Equatorial Guinea to determine if MNT has been successfully eliminated. Our goal—a world where women and babies are not threatened by this preventable disease—is in sight. To get there, we need support from the entire Kiwanis family, including members of your club, in 2015. Help families in countries like Chad and Papua New Guinea by pledging to **save a baby a day** for a year.

Save a Baby a Day theme is ideally suited to personal pledging.

What if you woke up every morning knowing you had helped save a baby from a painful, deadly disease? The Eliminate Project gives everyone a chance to be a hero -by saving lives from maternal and neonatal tetanus.

Here's how: With one gift, you can be that hero. Just \$2.00 can save a baby from maternal and neonatal tetanus. Think of what you buy every day—a cup of coffee or a snack—and think of what would happen if you committed instead to saving a life every day.

Save a baby a day involves a pledge of \$60 per month. If the pledge is for two years then a Zeller can be presented. We all know that there are people who, if asked, can afford to make a pledge of this amount for a cause which they embrace. We can arrange a monthly deduction or a once off payment and you will receive a tax receipt.

A variation on the idea is to ask people to get a group together to make the pledge -4 people in a group and the ask is only \$15 per month.

Centennial Award

Kiwanis International is celebrating its 100th anniversary. It's a rich history, and you're a part of it. Now you can honour our past—while extending your impact into the future.

When you give US\$1,500 between 1st October 2014, and 30th June 2015, you will save or protect more than 833 women and babies from maternal and neonatal tetanus. You will also be honoured with a Centennial Award—complete with a lapel pin as well as a medallion and certificate framed together.

Mothers Day Project

This year the public and members contributed \$906 through the Mothers Day Project and gave their loved ones the precious gift of saving over 400 mothers and their future babies from MNT.

Since 2012 the MDP has raised over \$29,000 for The Eliminate Project.

Tax Deductions

Now is a great time to give to Eliminate through KADCF (Kiwanis Australia District Charitable Foundation) and receive a tax receipt. You will also be helping mothers and babies be protected from MNT.

Steve Hughes

President Kiwanis Sydney

The Eliminate Project Coordinator – Kiwanis District of Australia



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ASPAC Report

ASPAC Regional Training Conference and 40th Convention 2015

As Governor of the Australia District, I led group of 9 members to the ASPAC Regional Training Conference and Convention held at the Fontana Resort in Pampanga, Philippines 3-7 March 2015.

The majority of us left Australia on the 2nd of March so we would be ready to start the ASPAC Regional Training Conference on Tuesday the 3rd of March. Our group, apart from me comprised District Secretary Tony Gunn, Governor-elect Bill Skully and his wife Julie, District Treasurer Ken Archer and partner Annette Holmes, District Chairman Formula Norm McLennan, District Chairman KIF Bob Funnell and later we were joined for the Convention by Sydney member Jeff Hudson.

The Fontana Resort comprises a hotel, a casino and over 500 villas set out over quite a large area. Electric golf carts or mini-vans were required to get to them. Several of us were put together in villas and a few were allocated hotel rooms. The hotel rooms were interesting in that most did not have a window or at least an external window. The villas were quite spacious but many had issues when trying to open the doors (until you got the knack of it).

The training conference was held in the Convention Centre located a short distance off-site, which is also where the ASPAC Convention was held. We were welcomed by International President-elect Sue Petrisin and we got straight into the work. The ASPAC region comprises the Australia, Malaysia, Japan, Philippine Luzon, Philippine South and Taiwan Districts as well as the New Zealand/South Pacific and Korean Districts in Formation. Also in attendance were representatives from Kiwanis International headquarters. Sessions were held together for general segments and at other times we were split into groups depending on the role the individual would hold in 2015/2016 (KIF, SLP, District Administrators, Master Instructors and Governors/Governor-elects).

A number of items were stolen from the NZ/SP and KI Officers during one of these sessions, which was a bit of a concern considering we were told this was a secured environment.

On the Tuesday evening, Bill Skully, his wife Julie and I were invited to attend a reception of governors and governor-elects and other invited guests with the Governor of the Pampanga region. What started as a group of 35-40 somehow managed to end up as a group of 65-70. The Governor was not upset and welcomed us all to the region and wished us well in all that we were doing.

Wednesday morning we had breakfast in the hotel and caught up with many other colleagues arriving for the convention proper. After breakfast we were all back to the conference centre to carry on from where we left off Tuesday afternoon. Most of Wednesday was spent putting a District Strategic Plan together using the template that we had developed the previous day. After lunch we spent time sharing information between districts and were provided updates on The Formula, KIF, SLP and the Eliminate Campaign.

After dinner, several of us adjourned to the bar with the KI HQ staff, as some were leaving early the following day. Afterwards most of us went back to the villa (nominated as

Australia House) shared by Bill and Julie with Norm McLennan and enjoyed some time talking about the day's events while enjoying a couple of glasses of wine that we brought from Australia and some local beer purchased by Bob. Thursday was a rest day for some but some of us also had to attend the ASPAC Executive Board Meeting. Overnight International President John Button and wife Debbie arrived and had an interesting time making their way to Pampanga. I and the other governors had a private early meeting with John before the Executive Board Meeting. We were updated with current membership numbers and some planning and details about the International Convention in Indianapolis at the end of June.

The Executive Board Meeting was an interesting meeting in that a proposal Australia District raised several years previously was on the agenda as a motion, which I thought rather odd as I know I hadn't requested it and nor had my immediate predecessor. The motion was to bring funds held at KI HQ on behalf of ASPAC be transferred and managed within the ASPAC region to earn better than the minimal interest that it currently had been getting. The short version of this was that most regions talked against it and as a board it was not supported. It would however be presented to the ASPAC Convention for a vote.

For many of the Australian contingent Thursday was a day to go into town, take in some of the sights or go shopping. Thursday night I, along with Bill and Julie were invited to attend an ASPAC Executive Board Dinner that was hosted by the governor from Philippine Luzon District. This was a lot of fun and was held outdoors where we were entertained with a cultural display by a local school group. At the conclusion of the evening we all managed to make it to Australia House to continue the festivities.

Friday morning, those that wanted to could attend an Eliminate walk to raise some additional funds for the campaign, which was followed by breakfast at the Convention Centre. We all arrived over an hour or so, but the interesting thing from my point of view was watching a young chef cook omelettes, which somehow always ended up looking like scrambled eggs! Try as he might the omelettes just fell apart when he tried to turn them over.

After breakfast I had some free time to set up a display of Australia District Projects made up of primarily photographs. Other Districts, especially the Philippine Luzon and Philippine South Districts went to a great deal of effort, not being confined to what you could carry in a suitcase from Australia. On the whole the displays were a fabulous array of projects conducted throughout the Asia Pacific region.

The opening ceremony involved each of the governors and distinguished members of the past and present walking in behind their national flag carried by a member of the Philippine dance troupe that would perform later during the entertainment. Each of us was also wearing a necklace of jasper buds. All very special except that the necklace had been kept in water to keep the buds fresh. If you turned around quickly you sprayed those around you.

The opening ceremony went off well, with only a handful of speeches and it was quite spectacular to see the entertainment that was provided. Interestingly as we were heading out in preparation for the opening luncheon, all of us wearing the jasper necklaces were in great demand for a photograph. Not



ASPAC Report cont.

just one photograph, but many and the term “Just One More” seemed to be the catch phrase for the day. Although the afternoon had a slot for Kiwanis Education, it didn’t seem anything specific had been organised, so we pretty much able to take a break. Some of us once again headed to the bar as it was quite a warm day. As the day went along my jasmine buds started to dry out and open up, so I was able to give it to the barmaid as a thank you for the way she ensured we were well looked after. A welcome Dinner was held back at the Convention Centre Friday evening. Prior to the dinner we were treated to band music put on by a military band, which was followed by a special light show “Fiesta Capampangan”. Delays in testing the many thousands of light globes had a few people wondering what was going on but the end result was well worth the wait. At the conclusion of the night’s activities the Aussies once again adjourned to Australia House where we continued to enjoy ourselves and entertained a few invited guests. Saturday is the day of business, involving voting for the executive positions on the ASPAC Executive Board as well as resolutions and choosing the site for future conventions. Each District also has to make a report on their District, allowed only 5 minutes to do so. Unfortunately technical issues by the IT staff abbreviated my report to about 4 minutes, so not everything was reported. This could have been an omen as the resolution “submitted” by the Australia District brought about quite a bit of discussion and in the end was defeated as expected, but not without a bit of angst at the way a point of order was handled (or more to the point not handled).

Several awards were made during the luncheon break on behalf of ASPAC. I collected 2 certificates for the Glenelg Club for their commitment to the Eliminate Campaign and also for new member additions during 2014/2015. The other main points from the business sessions is that the next Chairman of the ASPAC Executive will be from Taiwan (Chin Hsiang LU), the Chairman-elect will be Lee Kuan Yong from Malaysia, and the Vice Chairman will be Toto Gonzales from the Philippine Luzon District. The convention for 2016 will be held in Taichung, Taiwan March 10-12 and the convention in 2017 will be held in Jeju Island, South Korea. Attendance at the joint ASPAC Executive Board Meeting was required by me and Bill, which basically is just a session thanking everyone for their attendance and confirmation of the items voted on during the business sessions. The farewell dinner was another spectacular affair with entertainment provided by each District, presenting a cultural display of their country. The Aussies did a credible job singing “Home among the Gumtrees”. We also collected a couple of certificates for our participation in the Club Photographic Display and National Cultural performance. Once the band started to play some great 50/60/70 music we were all able to let our hair down a bit and have some fun. The highlight was the “trendy” Aussies dancing with the waitresses, lead on by Sydney Kiwanian Jeff Hudson. At the conclusion of the dinner a few of us were invited back to share a late evening dim-sum with the Taiwanese contingent. This was a special highlight as the Taiwanese are very generous wanting to share their own cuisine. Many of the items they bring with them from Taiwan to share with their

guests along with a number of bottles of imported spirits. At the conclusion of dim-sum we made our way to Australia House to host International President John with some Commonwealth hospitality. The resort was humming that night with heaps of parties going on around the villas. Bob and I along with the other occupants of the villas were thoroughly impressed in that a security guard was stationed 24 hours a day in each of the main streets. They logged every coming and going of vehicles and hotel couriers. We found them to be courteous, friendly and efficient in helping open the villa door, when we could not. Sunday morning was an early awakening by a knock on the door for me, by one of the Philippine South members seeking an Australia District pin promised the night before. Similarly the group in the villa next to Bob and I were also after the illusive Australia District pins, promised Saturday (they were impressed we honoured our promise.) Bob and I were the only 2 occupants of our villa, but it would appear 13 or so shared this villa next door! Tony had left us during Saturday afternoon and Bill and Julie travelled to Manilla to continue their holiday on Sunday morning and Jeff had organised his transport to travel onto a project he was involved in early Sunday too. This left the rest of us to visit Clark Field on Sunday. A trip into town by the hotel courier to the large shopping mall was organised with lunch at a local café. We followed this up with another trip Sunday evening to “Walking Street”, the red light district of the city. Well it was an experience to be offered all manner of things including prostitutes (boys and girls), viagra, cigarettes and other hot bargains. We decided to have a meal and ably lead by Bob Funnell, conversant with the local custom found an open bar, bought a few drinks and pizza for tea. Ken even had his shoes shined by an industrious self-employed entrepreneur and bought himself a new mobile phone at a bargain price! We didn’t inspect any of the “girlie bars” but had many offers along the way and could have got Annette a new job as a madam at a number of establishments! Having difficulty locating a taxi near where we were originally dropped off, we walked until we eventually caught a taxi at the large shopping complex we had visited earlier that day. One last trip to Australia House for our final evening in Pampanga. We met up for breakfast and adjourned to pack our suitcases, making arrangement to be collected at the hotel lobby for our drive back to Manilla to catch our Qantas flight home. A final interesting experience navigating through busy Manilla traffic only took us 2 ½ hours to travel the 100km from Pampanga to Manilla. At the airport we were shuffled to the front of the Qantas Club queue, and from there made our way to the Qantas Club lounge to relax prior to our flight’s departure late afternoon to arrive in Sydney early Tuesday morning. Farewells at the baggage carousel to Bob, Ken and Annette, whilst Norm and I took the bus to the domestic terminal to catch our respective flights to Adelaide and Melbourne. Another ASPAC Convention over, memories stored and looking forward to another in 12 months.

Peter Zander OAM
Governor



The Formula



Bring Kiwanis to a new community. Open a club.

You love your club and your community. That's why you're a Kiwanian, right? You do service. You enjoy fellowship.

Well, there's another important part of club membership: sharing what you love with others. Spread the word about all the wonderful things you and your club have done for your community. And consider giving the experience to other communities. Share what you love so you can live what you love. This year, share Kiwanis with people in your community. Invite them to celebrate...and inspire them to serve.

- **Make it relevant.** “Talk to the mayor, the principals of the schools in your district, other leaders in the community and find out what it is that's really missing in the community for, in particular, children. Consider doing a community analysis
- **Make it personal.** “They need to see that you're speaking from the heart”. “If they know you're being sincere and you talk about something you love and you're trying to explain to them why you love it and what benefit it will bring to the community, people will listen.”
- **Make it inspiring (to you and others).** Arrange a public meeting, and talk about some of the projects that your club has been successfully involved in. Show off your achievements, with photos and any other material you may have, and get one or more of the recipients of your project to tell of the benefits that have flowed from your project

For more information and inspiration, visit kiwanis.org/newcommunities.



47th Annual Convention



Kiwaniis Australia District
47th Annual Convention
28th/29th August 2015

Let's make History

There are many details of the Convention to be finalised but the essential elements are that it will take place on Friday 28th and Saturday 29th August at Bell City in Preston, Melbourne. Bell City is a complex of two hotels (Mantra and BreakFree) and Convention Centre and is ideal for Kiwanis.

The Programme will start with a Welcome to Convention Cocktail Party on Friday evening after the BOT meeting. The Saturday programme will include the opening ceremony at a plated breakfast, followed by the House of Delegates business and elections, lunch and an afternoon of activities /



Bell City Complex Preston

entertainment focussing on the past 100 years of Kiwanis and the future generations. There will be a sit down dinner on Saturday evening with appropriate entertainment to complete the Convention.

To Register for the 2015 Australia District Convention, Click on the link below, and download the editable registration form

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2015 Convention



2015 convention | June 25–28

If ever there was a Kiwanis convention not to miss, this is it! Kiwanians from around the world will celebrate our 100th anniversary in Indianapolis this June. And we won't be alone: Members of [Circle K](#), [Key Club](#) and [Aktion Club](#) will all join us. Engage and exchange with fellow Kiwanians and other members of the Kiwanis family. Gather tools to use once you're back with your club. Come make history. And years from now, you'll be able to say: I was there!



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Kiwanis International CENTENNIAL NEWS

Amendments and resolutions update

The Kiwanis International Board recently determined three important updates regarding the amendments and resolutions to be considered at the 100th Annual Kiwanis International Convention.

- A new administrative resolution on company-based clubs
- The Board's position on Proposed Amendment 6 about web-based voting
- A second report from the Task Force on Online Voting

A revised copy of the amendments and resolutions has now been posted at www.kiwanis.org/amendments. Clubs and delegates should consider this new information.



A Tribute to Ralph Doddrell

Forty Eight years on.....and then there was One

At 5.30pm on Monday May 1st 1967 at the Victoria Club in Melbourne a meeting was held the result of which was the forming of the Kiwanis Club of Melbourne and thereby Kiwanis in Australia.

The four (4) men who had been so active in preparing for this meeting became the Founding Fathers of Kiwanis in Australia. They were :- Bill Lees, Dudley Peck, Ralph Doddrell and George Santos. Three (3) Aussies and an American (George Santos).

During the morning of Thursday April 15th 2015 at his home in Beaumaris, a south eastern suburb of Melbourne, the last of the Aussie Founding Fathers Ralph Doddrell passed away at the ripe old age of 93.

George Santos, our fourth Founding Father lives half of the year here in Melbourne and the other half in the US. He has done this for many many years and will continue to do so. George, now in his 89th year, has retained active membership of the Kiwanis Club of Melbourne since it's inception.

George is the "One". He and wife Pat along with many other Kiwanians attended Ralph's funeral on Wednesday April 22nd 2015 at Ralph & Hilda's church in Brighton, Melbourne.

As so often is the case you learn so much more about a person at their funeral than ever you knew during their lifetime and so it was with Ralph. Whilst my association with Ralph was mainly Kiwanis oriented spanning 37 years I learned that he had been:-

- Been a Spitfire pilot during the second world war
- A keen fisherman, mainly salt water, achieving many fish size records
- A very active member of his church
- A 60 year member of his lodge
- A talented artist – he had provided me with a sketch for my President's column in our club bulletin, along with many other interests not the least of which was a large family.

The church was packed, a fitting tribute to a wonderful and very productive man who had touched and enriched the lives of all with whom he came in contact.

As far as we are concerned Ralph's other major achievement was the building of our club the Kiwanis Club of Moorabbin, another south eastern suburb of Melbourne.

Ralph was instrumental in spearheading a group of dedicated "soon to be kiwanians" and on July 20th 1970 our club was Organised (the organisation date being the birthdate of each club). Ralph served as our Charter President and for many years thereafter gave freely of his considerable skills and experience the result of which is that today, 45 years later, our club still thrives with one Charter member still active and another helping at projects. Ralph & Hilda attended both our 99th and 100th anniversary celebrations of Kiwanis International.

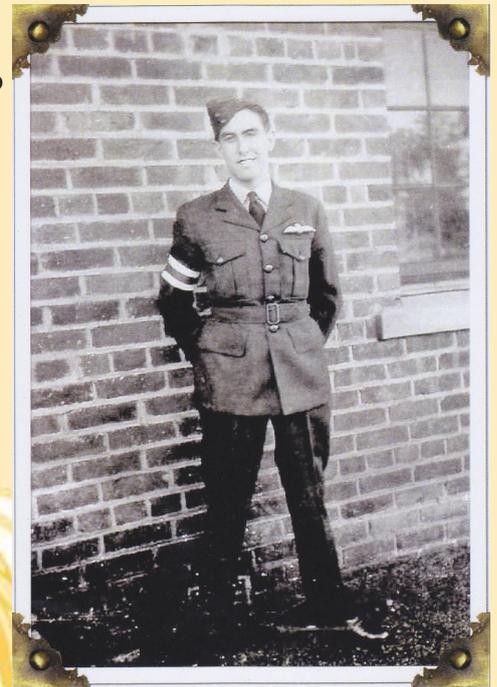
Ralph went on to be Governor of the District of Australia in 1973/74.

Throughout his long and fruitful life Ralph was ably and enthusiastically supported by wife Hilda who thankfully is still with us today and keen to participate wherever possible.

So, with only 2 years to go to our half century of Kiwanis in Australia we look forward to a bright future of service to our communities made possible by our hard working and long serving Founding Fathers.

Geoff Hergt

Past Governor 1988/89 Australia District – Kiwanis International





Club News

Brisbane Club Civic Reception.



Lord Mayor, the Right Honourable, Councillor Graham Quirk, presented Kiwanian, Ann Earle of Sinnamon Park, with a Walter Zeller Award at the civic reception after the President of the Brisbane Kiwanis Club Mal Lancaster spoke to the guests about Ann's achievement of raising funds for the Eliminate Project

Wow! What a way to celebrate a 100th birthday. On 27th April 2015 the Lord Mayor of Brisbane hosted a civic reception for the Kiwanis Club of Brisbane in recognition of their support to the community.

On January 21st 1915, the day the state of Michigan granted the charter to the Detroit No 1 Kiwanis Club USA, the world changed. One hundred years on thirteen thousand three hundred clubs with over six hundred thousand Kiwanis members around the globe work together to make it a better place in which to live.

About seventy Kiwanis members and guests gathered in the Balmoral Room at city hall where the Lord Mayor spoke about the good work voluntary groups such as Kiwanis do within our community. He also presented a Walter Zeller Award to Mrs Ann Earle, of Sinnamon Park, a member of the Brisbane Club for her individual effort in fund raising for The Eliminate Project.

Kiwanis working in conjunction with UNICEF on The Eliminate Project will raise \$110 million to eradicate maternal and neonatal tetanus by vaccinating 60,000,000 women and their children in third world countries. Ann has raised almost \$2,000 through making and selling preserves and jams, this money has saved the lives of 1,000 mothers and their future children.

The Governor of Kiwanis Australia District, Mr Peter Zander flew in from Adelaide to attend the birthday celebration and addressed the gathering.

Mal Lancaster, President of the Brisbane Club said "It was a

unique acknowledgement of our service to the community. Our members are a like minded group of people, who unselfishly give of their time to community service. The Lord Mayor and his staff made them feel very 'special' their contribution to society does not go unnoticed"

The evening concluded with a video from the President of the Kiwanis International Foundation, Robert A Parton Jr, who congratulated all members for their contribution in supporting children and communities for the past 100 years.

Mal Lancaster
President
Kiwanis Club of Brisbane.

Growth Promotion – Sponsor's Draw!!

As part of the Campaign for Growth our target is to build Kiwanis Australia to 1,100 members by May 2015. We are well on the way having added 84 in the first 6 months of this Kiwanis year to take us to 972 members.

To encourage members to invite and sponsor new members Kiwanis Australia have set-up a growth promotion.

Members who sponsor a new* member to Kiwanis Australia between 1st October 2013 and 25th April 2015 will take part in a draw for 3 prizes as long as the new member and sponsor are both fully paid up members as at 25th April 2015.

1st Prize is registration, travel and part accommodation to 2015 KI Indianapolis Convention to a maximum value of \$2,500,

2nd prize is registration, travel and part accommodation to 2016 ASPAC Convention to maximum value of \$1,500,

3rd prize is registration and travel to 2015 District Convention to a maximum value of \$800.

Why not share the great work and fellowship with others. New members will bring new ideas and also give Kiwanis more resources to better meet the community service needs.

Each sponsor will be automatically included in the draw to be conducted by the 2014-15 District Governor.

New* - means not already a member of another club or a transfer.

Prizes are non transferrable, non-redeemable for cash and are for one person only.

Approved: Kiwanis Australia District Board 8th February 2014

And the winners are:

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| 1. International convention | George Wells (Sydney) |
| 2. ASPAC convention | Glenys Burdekin
(Shepparton Sunrisers) |
| 3. District convention | Beth Hounslow
(Warrnambool) |

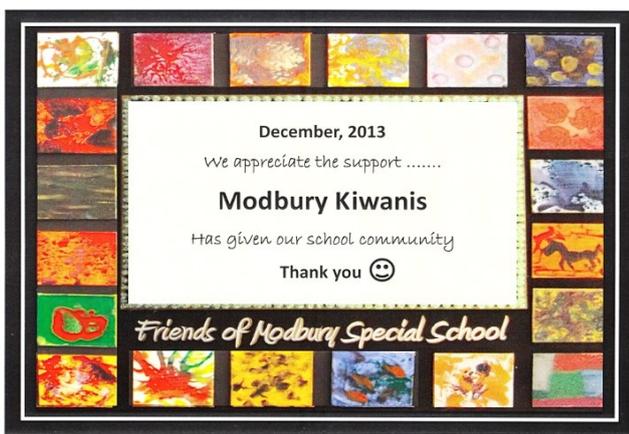
Congratulations to you all.



Club News

Modbury Kiwanis - Bike Maintenance at the Modbury Special School

The Kiwanis Club of Modbury has been providing in kind as well as financial support for the Modbury Special School (MSS) over the last three years by maintaining bikes used by the children at the School in good condition. This has become and will continue to be a hallmark project for the Club.



The School is very pleased with the work done by the Club and at a School Graduation Ceremony the School Principal, Cam Wright, announced the creation of a new award for the School, "Friends of the Modbury Special School". Cam then proceeded to thank the Kiwanis Club of Modbury in a most praiseworthy manner, expressing deep appreciation by the School for the support that the Club has provided. Cam also commented that the work of the Club, in taking complete control of the upkeep and replacement of bikes at the School, is forming a benchmark for interstate special schools.

The School has 158 intellectually disabled students in 22 classes from primary section, to secondary section. Three of these classes are held in the adjacent Modbury Primary and High Schools, for youngsters who can progress to complete their South Australian Certificate of Education. The children at the School have a variety of intellectual disabilities including Autism, Down's syndrome and a number have non-verbal skills.

The youngsters must have regular exercise to help develop motive skills. Bike riding during lunch and recess breaks is an important part of their daily exercise; it is a popular form of exercise for them.

However, the School has limited resources to maintain the bikes in a serviceable condition. Therefore some of the boys from the Kiwanis Club of Modbury have taken on the task of regular repairs of the fleet of bikes at the School Bike Shed and the acquiring of new bikes when necessary. Maintenance generally comprises replacement of punctured or damaged tyres and tubes, adjustment of brakes and chains, lubrication and a general clean up of the bikes. However, the more popular bikes get quite a hammering and these bikes often



need repair. Club Secretary, Bob Culshaw, has good fitting skills and he is constantly required to manufacture parts to keep these bikes going. As he said one day "some of these bikes are like grandpa's axe – on to their third handle and second head!"



This is a most satisfying project for Modbury Kiwanis. There is significant saving to the school by deferring the cost to replace or repair these bikes.

The work is well appreciated by the School Principal, the staff and, of course, the children too – who can daily enjoy the pleasures of their bike riding.

Martyn Pearce
Director Community & Youth Kiwanis Club of Modbury



Club News

Comfort Care Cases at Sydney Childrens Hospital

Kiwaniis Sydney has adopted as its signature project the Comfort Care Cases at Sydney Childrens Hospital. The project requires a commitment of \$2,500 per year over 3 years to provide and maintain the cases.

The staff are thrilled the cases are available for children in Intensive Care and the Palliative Care wards of the hospital. They contain resources to help comfort the child and family during the difficult terminal phase of the child's life, and to assist the families to build on their memories of their child.

The cases were officially launched to the wards in May 2015 after a year of feedback and fine-tuning of the contents. Items include a digital camera, USB memory card, art and drawing materials, materials to take hand and foot prints of infants, satchels for locks of hair and books for the patient and their siblings trying to explain what is happening. One book 'The Invisible String' talks about how we are always connected to the special people in our lives with an invisible string. This book helps with separation whether that be a hospital admission or end of life. Also included are body wash and a face washer to wash the body after death

rather than using hospital disposable wipes and soap. Coffee cups and satchels of coffee also respect the needs of parents who spend long spells at the bedside.

The project is now being shared with the Child Life Therapist from John Hunter Hospital as Kiwanis Newcastle has approached them to run the project at their site. The Child Life Therapist at Sydney Childrens Hospital is excited to be able to share the project and has made the offer to share with any hospital or Kiwanis Club. Her hope is the project can spread far and wide to reach as many children and their families as possible. If your club is

interested then contact sydney@kiwanis.org.au





Club News

The Bay-City Fun Run.

Again this year the Glenelg Club participated in the Sunday Mail Bay-City



(or is it City-Bay) run, by handing out Powerade to the participants. It's a good fundraiser for the club, and it seems that the members have a great time doing it.

Community Mosaic.

Last year Casuarina Kiwanis partnered with Bendigo Bank (Nightcliff Community Bank) & NT Govt to create this standout mosaic mural adjacent to our museum. Kids went to Tactile Arts workshops & created this work of art.



Disabled children were also involved in a safe and nurturing environment. This encouraged connection and self esteem as well as gaining skills in ceramic tile making. A permanent plaque commemorates this important community celebration.



Photo above: District Governor Peter Zander awarding a Certificate of Appreciation to the Glenelg Club for the Greatest Fundraising Increase in Australia District 2014/2015 (for the Eliminate Project). Coordinator of the Eliminate Project, David Meadows, accepting the award on behalf of the club.



Noel Land Casuarina.



Club News

HEARTKIDS GOLF DAY FUND RAISER



For three years running now Drouin Golf club has availed the club facilities on Good Friday to Leon and Jackie Cook to raise funds for HeartKids Vic/Tas. The Charity day is held in memory of Makayla Cook daughter of Leon and Jackie who passed away after her very short life of 33 days from HPLS, and is organised by them with all proceeds going to HeartKids. Leon is a long time member of the club and



son in law of Steve Howison, member of Berwick Kiwanis. Berwick Kiwanis members help out by running BBQs strategically placed around the course. This is the second year that Kiwanis has been involved which is and is greatly appreciated by Leon and Jackie and look forward to the

future support of Kiwanis. Steve gives special thanks to Kiwanis for their ongoing support to his family for this worthy cause. This year, as a result of entry fees from around 140 golfers, several raffles, and the BBQs, a total of \$19,500 was raised for HeartKids.

The previous year when; Berwick, Moorabbin and Waverly Kiwanis members helped out the heavens opened up on the day and Kiwanis tents became shelters also for the drenched golfers but it didn't dampen the charity spirit and around \$25,000 was raised. This year the weather was glorious.



Volunteers on golf carts kept the BBQs stocked up as the two of them were 9 holes apart.

As well as sponsorships, many friends and family also donate to the cause by raising funds even before the day.

Photos show both BBQs being manned by: Norman McLennan, Michael Legg, Leanne Bowman and friend, Doug Scurr and friend, Steve Howison. Kiwanis look forward to helping out each year as HeartKids is one of their principal charity recipients and supports the concept of "Serving the Children of the World".

Steve Howison
Berwick Club.



Club News & Vale

Visit to Victorian Parliament

On 16th March, members of Melbourne accompanied by guests from Geelong, Manningham and Moorabbin visited the Victorian Parliament and stayed for lunch afterwards.

The visit was organised by Graham



Rod Mackenzie, sitting in the President's Chair in the Legislative Council Chamber, surrounded by the visiting Kiwanians. (Missing Graham Mould taking the photo).

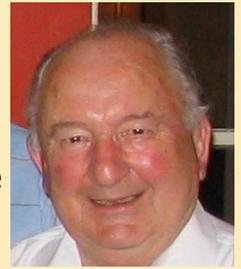
Mould, and included an extensive and very informative tour of this wonderful building, followed by lunch in a beautiful wood paneled dining room.



The host for the visit was the Hon Rod Mackenzie, former President of the Legislative Council (upper house).

VALE Len Winnell

Club Secretary Bryan Williams advised that our much loved and revered Club Treasurer Len Winnell passed away in the early hours of Thursday March 5th.



Not only had Len been a much valued member of our club but he was a pivotal member of the Mordialloc/Aspendale club in past years.

But Len was a lot more than just a member of our Kiwanis club he was well known and respected throughout Kiwanis in Australia and the head office in America.

Len and I had known each other for more than thirty years however my personal involvement with both Len & Joy was never closer than during 1988/89 when I had the pleasure of leading the Australia District for our great organization. You see Len was our District Secretary.

For many years Len had worked with WD & HO Wills rising up the ranks to head their administration in Victoria. The skills he developed there suited him perfectly as District Secretary making him absolutely critical to the success we enjoyed that year. In fact we won an award for administration which was a fitting testament to Len's skill as an administrator.

Although not enjoying good health recently whenever Len was able to be with us at a meeting or project he always had a humorous slant on what would otherwise have been the more mundane matters of life.

There will be many people, not just Kiwanians, who will miss this wonderful man in fact the world will be the poorer for his loss.

I am sure I speak for all our club members when I express our sincere condolences to Joy and the family at this very difficult time.

He may be gone but he will never be forgotten.

Geoff Hergt

Past Governor 1988/89 Australia District



Vale

VALE KEN FOGGO

Kiwanis Club of Adelaide has lost another stalwart – long-serving member Ken Foggo. We awoke to the news on April 1 that a few hours earlier Ken had passed away, hoping this was a cruel April 1 stunt, but sadly he had not responded to treatment in Royal Adelaide Hospital after a massive stroke a few days earlier.



A former three-time Lt Gov. for Division 3, Ken became well-known nationally in Kiwanis since joining our organization early 1972, and was extensively decorated, having served twice as Club President, been awarded Life Membership, had his service Legion of Honour, was many times Club secretary or treasurer, and was also a member of the George F. Hixson Fellowship. Ken had recently been nominated for an OAM in the next Australia Day Honours, and is a strong chance for such a distinction.

Kenneth George Foggo began his lifetime of putting others first, by first joining Jaycees as a youthful 21-year-old. After ageing out in that organization he became involved in Masonic Lodge and also his local Rotary Club, before being introduced to Kiwanis over 43 years ago, setting him on a journey of serving others above self.

A regular at District Conventions in Australia, Ken also attended some overseas events, most recently having travelled five years ago to International Convention in Las Vegas accompanied by past Governor Janine Keulen. Ken's cousin Rhonda Batt pre-deceased him but prior to that, Rhonda had helped him on many occasions with catering and other tasks for Kiwanis.

His professional life had seen Ken serve many years as a Company Secretary, being highly regarded at such iconic companies such as Hills Industries. He also joined a syndicate involved in running Waninga Winery in the Clare Valley north of Adelaide, where annual events such as the Waninga Wine & Dine Day were Kiwanis functions not to miss!

One of his specialities over the years was cooking and "Ken's Kitchen" became renowned around Adelaide for the dishes he served up for needy organisations. His enthusiasm for catering ensured that Kiwanis working bees at his place were well attended, partly due to the magnificent afternoon teas that rounded out the day.

Adelaide Club's major fundraiser many years ago were the Kiwanis Art Shows where Ken played a large organisational role and these ran successfully at a large local shopping mall until extensions made the venue unavailable. He then became part of the Management Committee for the Club's replacement – running a central city Kiosk which involved personnel serving food and drinks to the public on weekends whereby Kiwanis was able to generate substantial funds for deserving causes.

In recent years health issues had dealt Ken a cruel hand but this ever stoic bloke continued to lend a hand without complaining until his 84-year-old body declared "enough".

Farewell Ken, Kiwanis is the poorer for your passing but richer for having known you.

David McNabb, Lt Gov Division 3

VALE Ralph Doddrell

On the 15th April, we lost a truly valuable part of the essence of the Moorabbin Club, Ralph Doddrell. It is hard to come to grips with the reality that we will never again share any of our triumphs or achievements with our Father, because that's what Ralph was to us. After co-founding Kiwanis in Australia, Ralph was instrumental in forming the Moorabbin Club, and was our Charter President. He was just always there serving and giving advice when asked. There would be very few individuals, who managed to excel in as many areas as Ralph.



As the son of a Sawmiller, he went to Collingwood Technical College, was school boxing champion during his three years there, was a prefect, & won a scholarship to study for his Diploma of Engineering. In 1939 he joined the RAAF, trained as a pilot in the RAF, and served in England, North Africa, Italy, Corsica, France and Sudan. As Flight Lieutenant he served in 111 RAF fighter squadron, and may well have been one of the last surviving Spitfire pilots from WWII. He became a Test Pilot for the RAF, before returning home to manage, and eventually setup his own building company.

To quote his daughter Ros.

Ralph loved Hilda and his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Ralph loved Jazz music. His mother was a great pianist and instilled a life-long love of music!

Ralph loved Hilda's cooking - and, boy, was she a good cook!

Ralph loved Australian native trees.

Ralph loved fishing and sailing.

Ralph loved family.

Ralph loved going to Lodge.

Ralph loved his friends.

Ralph loved God.

Ralph loved fixing things and helping people.

Ralph loved driving round to see Bud.

Ralph loved fishing trips and competitions.

Ralph loved the Bay.

Ralph loved life.

And we loved Ralph.

Ralph eventually started to slow down when he reached ninety.

Ralph was an avid sailor, and champion angler. (Still holds the black bream record for the Sandringham anglers club). He was a member of the Masonic Order for over 60 yrs, and held Grand Lodge rank. He was also the property convenor for the Trinity Uniting Church, and supervised the restoration of the church property.

Many of us saw the results of these efforts on Wed 22nd April at his funeral.

He was a dedicated husband and father, and still managed to find time all his other activities. He will be sadly missed, and as one fellow member at his funeral was heard to mention, "it's unusual to see so many people at the funeral of a 93 year old." Farewell Ralph, and to Hilda, all of Kiwanis recognises the contribution that you made to us as well.

Tim Vine. Editor AK.



Australia District Charitable Foundation

RECOGNITION

The AK always includes good-news stories about the many and varied community service projects being performed by Australian Kiwanis clubs. It is equally pleasing to read about the *Recognition* made to individual Kiwanians who have given that 'little extra' of themselves as community volunteers.

Kiwanis International provide many forms of *Recognition* for Clubs and individuals at District, Club, Club Officer, and individual member levels. The Kiwanis international Foundation provides a number of special *Recognition* programs that raise funds for use in its supporting role of Kiwanis International programs including the Tablet of Honor; the George F. Hixson Fellowship; and the MNT program's Walter Zeller Fellowship.

We are all aware that in our day-to-day life, public *Recognition* across Australia takes on many forms at Federal, State and Local government levels where vast and significant contributions made by over 6 million volunteers in the name of community service are rightly recognised.

This is as equally important as the many other *Recognition* programs provided for instance to our sporting heroes; popular entertainers; special events involving public participation in worthwhile fund raising events (including the Kiwanis MNT Mother's Day Appeal; Walkathons) and ... You get the picture!

So why should there not be any opportunity for an Australian *Recognition* program of Kiwanis volunteers – our members and their families; the Friends of Kiwanis; public and corporate supporters; and perhaps an opportunity to make a Memorial Gift in the name of a deceased past Kiwanis member.

Kiwanis Australia District Board asked the Kiwanis Australia District Charitable Foundation to look at the potential for developing Australian *Recognition* programs that would be:

- an affordable option within the Australia District for *Recognition* of Australian Kiwanians and/or members of the wider community and 'business sector' for their services and or contributions to the Kiwanis organisation
- initial and ongoing funding to the Foundation to create investment capital where the interest earnings can eventually be used for future grant making purposes
- assistance to the Foundation to meet its obligations 'that the public must be invited to contribute to the fund'

The May 2015 District Board meeting has now approved the following Australian *Recognition* programs (in principle) with the Foundation to further develop the criteria and conditions:

- Kiwanis Australia Foundation Fellowship - \$500
- Friend of Kiwanis Australia Foundation - \$500
- Kiwanis Australia Foundation Memorial Gift – Minimum \$250
- Kiwanis Australia Foundation *Special Recognition* (proposed name to be confirmed) - \$500

All Australian Kiwanis clubs and members will be asked for their input to the further development of these four *Recognition* programs prior to final approval.

The accumulated capital funds from these four alternative Australian *Recognition* programs will be invested and the interest used for grants for Australian community projects. This is expected to increase public awareness of Kiwanis in Australia; assist new club building and member growth; and expand our community service levels.

Watch this space for further developments.

For further information about the Foundation, please call Bryan Williams on 0419 209 734 or email bwil2077@bigpond.net.au

Did you know:

- Across Australia there are more than 6 million volunteers
- There are nearly 60,000 charities registered the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profit Commission of which 44% rely only on volunteers
- The combined total income of these charities is nearly \$100billion



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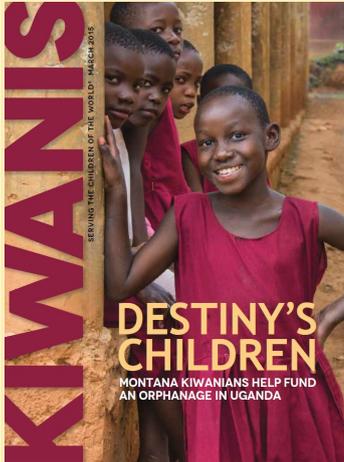
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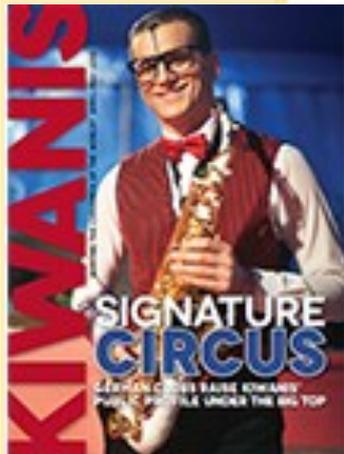
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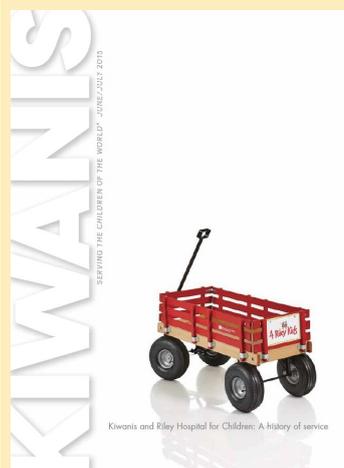
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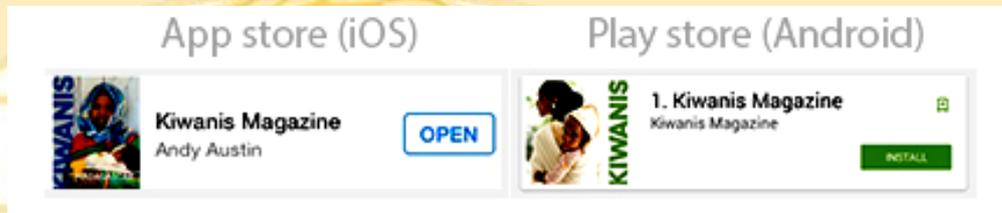
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1. TO GIVE primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life.
2. TO ENCOURAGE the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships
3. TO PROMOTE the adoption and the application of higher social, business and professional 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.