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Well as usual, we all had a great time at the 2015 District Convention.

This year saw quite a few changes with a new short form, one day format..

I've heard some positive comments, suggesting that it makes it easier to make the time to attend as conventioners, and reduces the the workload for clubs hosting it. The traditionalists bemoan the lack of the Flags, the parade of banners. The church service, the Convention candle, the anthems, workshops, and the fancy dress dinner. I guess it's impossible to please everyone, but it goes without saying that a good time was had by all.

To Bill Skully, I wish you and your new team a very successful and productive year, with many new Kiwanis members. I for one will be doing my bit to increase membership.

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Ed.

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## Cover:

Showing highlights from the District Convention, including the opening address from International Trustee Marcel Kreienbuhl (centre), Chair of the Business Session Tony Gunn (bottom right), Governor Designate William Skully (top left), the Centenary Cake organised by Waverley Club (bottom left), Steve Hughes accepting the Distinguished District Award (centre left), and Governor Peter showing the Distinguished Division Plaque to be awarded to Steve Hughes for the 2013-14 Kiwanis Year (top right).



# The Australian Kiwanian

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## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK SEPTEMBER 2015



It is with mixed emotions that I pen this last editorial, as this is my last edition of the Australian Kiwanian. For the last three years, I have enjoyed receiving your contributions, and particularly enjoyed reading the many kind and encouraging comments that you have sent about how you enjoy reading your

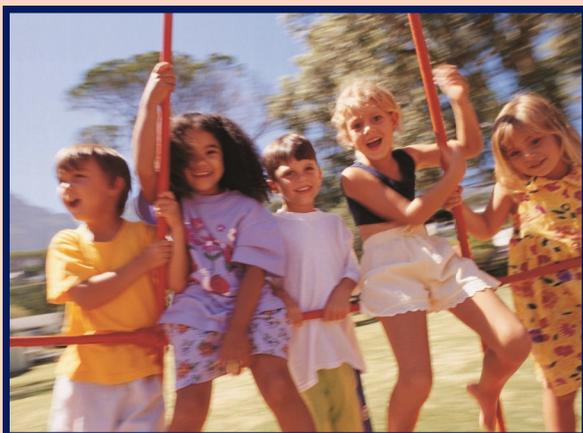
magazine. I will definitely miss this, but not the hours required to put it all together.

The good news is that your new editor will be David McNabb the editor of the award winning KAN (Kiwani Adelaide News) that has now ceased to exist with the closure of the Adelaide Club.

Please support David the way you have supported me. Remember an editor is always happiest when he has too much material, rather than not enough! Also make sure that your club bulletin distribution list has the following two email addresses on it. [ak@kiwanis.org.au](mailto:ak@kiwanis.org.au), and [website@kiwanis.org.au](mailto:website@kiwanis.org.au).

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# Governor's Report



## Kiwanis Australia District

As this Kiwanis year is coming to a close, I would like to pass on my thanks to everyone in the District for their efforts over the past year. Whilst we have been unable to get any new clubs

built this year, the great effort by a few people will see new clubs materialise in the not too distant future. We have been advised the Bamenda Club in the Cameroon is going forward and are under-taking some serious service work in the name of Kiwanis already.

The paperwork to have this club finally chartered is not far away. A new Key Club at the Brighton Secondary School sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Glenelg is being chartered on the 12th of October, which is fabulous news. Additionally the Roma Mitchell Secondary College Key Club celebrated their first birthday in August and is proceeding full steam ahead.

I have travelled quite a bit this past year or so (often accompanied by my wife Yvonne when possible) representing the District at a number of international and national events. Some of these events have included, the Chiba Convention in Tokyo July last year, a visit to Sri Lanka in November to see firsthand and participate in their fabulous clean water project, the International Board Council meeting in Detroit in January, The ASPAC Training and Convention in Pampanga, Philippines and the 100th International Convention in Indianapolis last June. Locally visits have been made to Brisbane, Sydney, Tea Gardens north of Newcastle, Shepparton, Darwin and Melbourne on two occasions including the recent District Convention. On every occasion I have been impressed by the dedication and selflessness of Kiwanians from all walks of life. Whenever possible I have tried to participate in a project or discuss local projects with all the people involved.

We have some challenges over the next few years to keep us moving forward. We also have some great programs with-in our organisation to help grow our clubs and District. Firstly there

is "The Formula", where the critical point I would make being that it is ALL our responsibility to share our



experiences with others, so they can be offered an opportunity to join us. We have a number of Service Leadership Clubs in the District. Each of these is a fabulous opportunity for us to interact and nurture young people to develop a culture of community and service. We have Aktion Clubs for people living with a disability, a personal favourite of mine that offers great community involvement, knowing we make a difference in the member's lives. Clubs all have their special projects that the members get great enjoyment from. These projects are the heart and soul of a club. If we want to stay on mission, and serve the children of the world, we must invite others to come on board to help us achieve our goals.



As a District we have been recognised as a world leader over the 5 years of the Eliminate Campaign. We have until the end of this calendar year to help Kiwanis achieve the US\$110 million target. I know there are several projects still to happen in the next few months.



# Governor's Report cont.

Remember commitments to become Model Clubs or goal oriented clubs can still be made and we have up to another 5 years to attain these. Congratulations to all the clubs that have already achieved their financial goals, many with this being done supplementary to the normal club fund-raising activities.

I take a great deal of pride knowing also that when disaster strikes, our clubs and members answer the call for support, whether it is nationally or internationally. We have done this on many occasions throughout the year, with fire and flood seeming to occur in Australia all too frequently and the Vanuatu typhoons and the Nepal earthquakes still fresh in our minds. Thank you one and all for your generous support and doing this by making use of our own District Foundation. In mentioning the Foundation, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Directors and in particular Bryan Williams, for the incredible amount of work done this year. We announced the next stage of fund-raising for our District Foundation at Convention with 4 recognition programs being developed. I would recommend all clubs seriously consider participating in these so that the Foundation can build some significant funds to enable project grants to be made available in the very near future.

Nationally we continue to support HeartKids and I had a great deal of pleasure handing over another \$30,000 cheque to Erin Cervelli, a lovely HeartKid herself at our Convention in Melbourne. These young people deal with what life has dealt them, with a great deal of resilience and fortitude and are great role models for their fellow peers and inspirations to us all.

As I mentioned at Convention I would like to thank the Lt. Governors and District Chairpersons, who so freely give time over and above their own club commitments to ensure as a District, we can continue to move forward, leading the way ahead, as we enter the second century of Kiwanis International. Please consider making yourselves available for one of these roles in the future. They are a great



opportunity to give Kiwanians a broader view of the Kiwanis World outside their own club environment.

I would sincerely thank two unsung heroes of our District, our District Secretary Tony Gunn and our District Treasurer Ken Archer. The work they have both done has made my job as Governor this year so much easier. I ask that all clubs get behind and support Governor-designate Bill Skully as he prepares to take on the mantle of Governor in a few short weeks. Bill has a passion and dedication for Kiwanis, second to none, that I hope becomes infectious as he travels around the District during 2015-2016.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to my wife and partner in life, Yvonne, for understanding my need to be involved in Kiwanis, but more so for giving me the support, encouragement and freedom to take on the Governorship of such a fantastic organisation these past couple of years.

Finally I would like to thank all the members of the Australia District, all those like-minded people from all walks of life, who do what they do to improve the lives of children, families and communities all over the world. Your care and compassion IS making the world a better place. Continue to give the outstanding service you do, celebrate the success of a job well done, but above all stay fit and healthy so we can have some fun together as we move into our 101st year of Kiwanis International and 49th year of Kiwanis in Australia.

**Peter Zander Governor**



# International Convention Report

## OUR CENTENARY CELEBRATION CONVENTION

(through the eyes of an “international novice” – David McNabb)



Int. Pres. John Button on screen at the Friday Night Ball Game

**Indianapolis - the Convention City. 2015 – Kiwanis celebrating its centennial.** The combination proved too good to resist, so Kerry and I decided to take Graham Mould’s bucket list advice: you must experience an International Convention to see what all the fuss is about!

Despite an ugly exchange rate where the low Aussie dollar tended to make US travel quite expensive this was well worth the effort, especially for Kerry as this was her first trip to North America.

The organisers had pulled out all stops, and Indy - well set up to host large conventions - proved most welcoming. We arrived four days beforehand to allow time for exploring this lovely city where an attraction like the famed Indianapolis Motor Speedway was a “must”. There were early signs that something “Big” was about to hit town, as the CBD boulevards were lined with large Kiwanis banners, and the main newspaper ran articles about the impending invasion of several thousand Kiwanian enthusiasts.



Peter Norman with the Aussie Contingent.

This year’s Australian contingent comprised Governor Peter Zander OAM & Yvonne, Norm McLennan, Sue & Peter Kimberley, Heather & Bill Craig, Pauline & Peter Norman, Pauline & Tony Gunn, and Kerry Hugo & David McNabb, with most of us staying at the main “motel” – the Marriott Hotel where even the room keys were specially monogrammed with 2015 K logos.

Thursday’s registration at the huge Convention Centre saw the

well-oiled Kiwanis machine click into gear. We ran into several past International Presidents including Alan Penn, Ito Torres, Tom de Julio, Bob Moore, Steve Siemens and Gunter Gasser, while Exec Director Stan Soderstrom was always there, welcoming folk, especially overseas visitors.

Alongside the registration arena was an amazing regalia “supermarket” with an eye-popping array of Kiwanis items, while adjacent to that was a large Expo area – the World Kiwanis Showcase. This was a bazaar, pavilion, entertainment and exhibit area all rolled into one. Centrepiece was a large revolving globe of the world, and for fun there was a Kiwanis Mastermind with rotating teams of three competing - on closed circuit TV – very well engineered.

I learned that the SAA desk was not South Australian—in fact it stands for Sergeants At Arms (duh!) who would later be kept busy as House of Delegates marshals.

We were able to catch Roy Hedeem, Rhonda Vrell and Sue Petrisin plus Malaysia’s Lee Kuan Yong, who have all been out to Australia on Kiwanis business. International President Dr John Button seemed to be everywhere – it was fun experiencing first-hand his jovial Canadian “can-do” attitude. He opined, “Of course, next year’s Convention will be even better – it’s in Toronto!”

Luckily early rain on Thursday cleared in time for the opening “Pancakes on Monument Circle”. This was also an eliMiNaTe fundraiser, lots of yumalicious thick American style pancakes, and based in Indy’s central city square, complete with nice background music and huge, impressive statues! American cities do statues very well.

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# International Convention Report cont.



Balloon release at the Closing Ceremony

Kiwanian “Bill” even drove up from Florida to Monument Circle in his distinctive car, covered entirely in K logos in an eye-catching attention-grabber for our cause.

Thursday evening’s official Welcome & Opening ceremony rivalled the Olympics, with huge video screens and lots of razzmatazz. MC John Button introduced an audio-visual treat: The Global Kiwanis countdown 1915 to 2015, and amongst the identities dressing up to help with the screen scene were “Groovy” Gunter Gasser and a “hairy” Lee Kuan Yong! Key Club International President Maria Palazzolo’s brief address



Revolving Globe at the Expo.

told how Key Clubs were pledging another US\$3 million adding to the \$4m already raised for eliMiNaTe.

Keynote speaker was a really lively “in your face” Tim Harris from Albuquerque, New Mexico. Born with Down Syndrome, Tim has grabbed life, now runs his own restaurant with hugs on the menu (true!) and has even met the US President on TV. A truly inspirational young man. This milestone Convention was run with concurrent SLP activities, and it was great to

welcome hundreds of Circle K, Key Club plus Aktion Kiwanians eagerly participating – in fact there were over 4000 registrants overall in Indianapolis, which is mind-blowing to us in Australasia where around 100+ attendees is good going! And earlier US-based Conventions have had attendances north of 7000 apparently.

The number and variety of Workshops being run was most comprehensive, and for those with a phone that worked in USA, a Convention app could be downloaded that let you diarise the events that appealed.

Friday morning’s Business Session at a packed House of Delegates – similar to our Australian sessions but a thousand times bigger! They’re well organised, with individual DVDs (digital voting devices) allocated as you enter the huge

auditorium. Main advantage is poll results posted almost instantly - counting ballot papers is now passe. There was so much business discussion and voting that the session ran an hour over time. One important vote not carried was for Kiwanians to be allowed pre-voting in elections for Vice-Presidents and similar. If passed, this would have meant one didn’t need to attend Convention to have a say at the ballot box.

A close vote for Vice-President (ie International President in 2018) went to James Rochford from Illinois. Having had a chance to meet personally with next year’s Int. President Jane Erickson, it’s obvious Kiwanis will be in really good hands. Early morning pouring rain on Friday cleared for the evening’s Kiwanis big ball game (that’s baseball) at an immaculate venue one minute’s walk from the hotel. Prior to the game all Kiwanians could partake of traditional US food with wieners, sauerkraut, ketchup and soda pop on the menu. The game was an interesting spectacle, won by the local Indiana “Indians”, followed by some truly magnificent fireworks. Pyrotechnics had just finished and down came the rain! Top timing, so we dashed back to the sanctuary of the hotel, where us “colonials” plus Japan’s Tadao Oda and Julia & Gary Levine from Ontario met back in Norm’s room for nibbles. He had imported a case of Australian wine which needed attention, rounding out another delightful day “at the office”.



Kerry and David McNabb at the Closing Ceremony

Saturday there were more workshops after which some began packing ready for Sunday’s takeoff. The afternoon Closing Celebration was another two hour extravaganza, leaving us wondering how they could top that.

They did – at the night-time Gala Event which was one Big Party – fun galore with “Sister Sledge” the headline act (including their signature “We Are Family” and “He’s The Greatest Dancer”). Great atmosphere and hundreds of overhead balloons were released later, but the lighting was rather dark and amongst the thousands present, the Aussie Kiwanians couldn’t locate each other for seating at the same table.

An even larger group landed back at Norm’s room afterwards, determined to finish off the last of that wine – we were joined by “Soders”, Gunter Gasser and kiwis Lois & Graham Chick amongst many notables.

So, I’ve managed to get another item off the Bucket List. Memo to future Conventioneers: Pencil in maybe Toronto next year, Paris 2017 or back to Las Vegas in 2018, take your pick!



# International Convention 2015



## Kiwanis Australia District – International Convention 2015

14th August 2015

Wow, we have only a few short weeks remaining for this Kiwanis Year. The year is disappearing at a rapid rate.

The last few months have been very busy for Yvonne and me, with several Divisional, Regional and Club visits, as well as our attendance at the 100th Kiwanis International Convention held in Indianapolis at the end of June.

The June visit to the US was a significant one as apart from the International Convention, Yvonne and I took time out to do a bit of travelling and see a bit more of the US other than just Indianapolis, especially as the time to get to the US is not an insignificant exercise.

The International Convention for us started on Tuesday the 23rd of June, when we travelled from Chicago by bus to Indianapolis. The weather was quite warm and after settling in our hotel (JW Marriott), we decided to go out for a meal and caught up with a number of other Kiwanis colleagues from several countries. Wednesday after catching up with Norm McLennan at breakfast, Yvonne and I went to the Indiana Convention Centre to register. It was here we caught up with my counter-part from Indiana and host Governor Jim Smith and his wife Marilyn. Here too we caught up with other members of the Australian contingent including Peter and Sue Kimberley and Bill and Heather Craig. There were plenty of bargains to be had in the oddment bins at the Kiwanis Store, which had quite a display of items on offer. We were able to visit the World Showcase after lunch and saw some pretty impressive displays, although a lot of it was targeted to US clubs, there was something of interest to everyone. It was here that Peter Norman, who as a regular attendee at International Conventions, was making the day of many young Key Clubbers happy with a small gift of Australian postage stamps.

Back at the hotel I had a quick call from David McNabb, who had made the trip with his partner Kerry Hugo. Having now caught up with the entire Australian contingent, it was a case of looking forward to the rest of the Convention.

Wednesday evening Yvonne and I attended a dinner of fellow governors and their partners with our International President John Button and his wife Debbie. During the evening several presentations were made, of particular note was 2 medals recognising the 100 years of service by Kiwanis International from Colombia and Ecuador.

Thursday morning I attended a breakfast meeting of the Centennial eKiwanis Club of which I am also a member. This club started in January of 2014 and its membership is principally derived from most of the 2014/2015 Governors. Since then several Governor-elects for 2015/2016 have joined the club.

Thursday started out wet and there was some concern that the Monumental Pancake Lunch, open to the residents of Indianapolis and visiting Kiwanians would need to be taken indoors, but fortunately the weather held off and a great time was had by all. The afternoon was taken up by an ASPAC Executive Board Meeting, the last for me this year. Of particular note, four ASPAC Districts (Australia, Malaysia, Japan and Taiwan) were recognised being in a select group that have provided the largest per member funds to the Eliminate Project to date.

Yvonne joined me shortly after the ASPAC meeting so we could be ready for the opening celebrations – The Kiwanis Century, where the official party, including Yvonne and I followed the flags of all the Kiwanis nations. I was expecting quite a large gathering, but was blown away though, when nearly 5000 Kiwanians and partners, along with another 2500 members of Key Club, CKI and Aktion Club were there for the opening.

The opening celebrations were a showcase of Kiwanis and how it developed over the past 100 years. It was quite a spectacle with a number of Kiwanis Leaders past and present making a presentation wearing period outfits representing the decades as they rolled forward from 1915 to 2015. The highlight for me though was to hear a young man Tim Harris born with Downs Syndrome make the keynote welcome. Tim is the owner of a restaurant, Tim's Place, where hugs are dished out free. This young man epitomises the statement "disability" is a state of mind, as he



# International Convention 2015

had us all enthralled and ready to have a ball.

Thursday evening after the opening session was followed by an Eliminate celebration. It was here that Australia was recognised, along with many other nations and individuals for our on-going contribution to the Eliminate Campaign.

Friday morning we started the day off with a Fellowship Breakfast with another excellent guest speaker, who spoke of the importance of grand-mothers in the raising of children in Africa. Many of these children have no parents because of the devastation reeked on many African countries by the aids epidemic.

The business sessions of the Convention were held Friday morning. Several important decisions were made by the international House of Delegates including the election of our International Officers. Sue Petrisin, who is also our current Board Counsellor, was confirmed as International President for 2015/2016. Sue will be joined by International President-elect, another lady, Jane Erickson. Having a lady as our International President is not only a first for Kiwanis, but also for the other traditional international community service organisations. Several important resolutions were proposed, with one on increasing international dues by US\$10 being approved, however a follow up of increases up to 5% annually was defeated. Another resolution on conducting on-line voting for the international House of Delegates was also defeated.

At the conclusion of the business sessions, Peter and Sue Kimberley and I were invited to have a private meeting with Doctor Francois Gasse and representatives from UNICEF and the Kiwanis Eliminate Team. Doctor Gasse is the current head of UNICEF's MNT immunisation program. We heard firsthand how the program is evolving and how there is still much work to be done. An updated vaccination method using a new delivery system called uniject, although a bit more expensive, removes some of the requirements around storage and transportation of the vaccine.

The weather was another hindrance late in the afternoon as we headed to the local baseball stadium, where we enjoyed a typical "ballpark" meal of hotdogs and soda before a baseball game between the Indianapolis Chiefs and the Seattle Indians. It was a fun night, with the Chiefs winning the game easily. The weather held until the postgame fireworks display had almost completed, and then it started to drizzle rain.

Saturday morning along with District Secretary Tony Gunn, Pauline Gunn and I along with other District representatives met our 2105/2016 Board Counsellor, Marcel Kreienbuhl and his wife Heidi, who will be visiting Australia during August before attending the District Convention in Melbourne. Following this meeting I dropped into an Aktion Club Training and Leadership Conference (TLC) Meeting. Here I heard of the many wonderful projects Aktion Clubs in various parts of the world have been doing. Some clubs had raised significant funds for Eliminate as well as many other local projects. I was fortunate to meet the lady that manages a lot of the Aktion Club activities world-wide, Katie Griffin.

It was soon time to change for the Closing Ceremony, which again was a bit of a spectacular showcase of Kiwanis looking forward to the next century, with the keynote speaker being Sue Petrisin. We were given a taste of the Gala Celebration planned for later in the evening with the group Sister Sledge performing their signature song "We are Family".

A nice meal enjoyed with Tony and Pauline Gunn and it was time to take a bit of a break before we finished the Convention at the Gala Concert. Sister Sledge put on another performance, along with a young group known as Up With People. The night concluded with a massive drop of balloons from the ceiling and an opportunity to say farewell to many friends both old and new.

In typical Aussie style the Australians gathered in Norm McLennan's room to share a drink or two, with many guests dropping by to say goodbye.

Sunday morning Yvonne and I had a lazy breakfast with our friends Jim and Marilyn Smith, the Indiana District Governor and his wife. The beauty of Kiwanis is we can form enduring friendships and that is what I have done with Jim, from the day we met in Indianapolis back in November 2013. With our goodbyes done, Yvonne and I had a last look around Indianapolis looking at the American Indian Museum and attending an American Indian Festival. A short relax before heading to the airport for our long flight home.

Looking forward to attending other International Conventions in the future.

Peter Zander

Governor



# 47th Annual Convention

## 2015 DISTRICT CONVENTION ("Pressing on at Preston")

"This year's Convention's coming up. Are we going?"

"Probably not. I hear it's only a short format this time. Hardly worth travelling."

"Maybe, but it's our best chance to see fellow Kiwanians from interstate. I reckon we should do it!"

That was possibly a regular conversation amongst our brethren nationwide, leading up to the annual Convention, but for the nearly 100 people and partners who did decide on trekking to Kiwanis spiritual birthplace – Melbourne – it turned out to be well worth the effort.

Based at Preston, an inner "outer" suburb of the city where Kiwanis first began in this nation, the 47th Convention was put together at short notice by Port Phillip members after another Club dropped the ball. For that, we owe a huge "thanks" to Deb Cownley and her team that included Peter Cownley, Jenny & Sam Neumann plus Pauline & Tony Gunn – they did it well. The major change this year was condensing the show into just over one day – rather like NZ Kiwanis Conventions, and while some mourned the lack of fancy dress theme for Saturday evening and not being able to run workshops, overall this truncated format actually worked well.



An Eliminate recognition for Cathy Hughes.

Our distinguished guests for 2015 were International Trustee Marcel Kreienbuhl & Heidi from Switzerland – Marcel is multi-lingual and this charming couple proved very approachable and knowledgeable on matters Kiwanian. Marcel was able to take part in Friday afternoon's Board of Trustees meeting held at the Bell City Complex at Preston, where the whole show was based.

Following this, we were all invited to a Welcome Reception at the sports bar where everyone but everyone seemed to be there, including Ian Perdriau AM, and a



International Trustee Marcel Kreienbuhl

multitude of other past Governors who later walked to the nearby RSL for the traditional Past Governor Dinner. The Happy Hour bar worked well, where a great range of finger food was provided – and if you had room, there was a chance for dinner afterwards with more fellowship. This is always a great way to start any Convention, but we needed to be mindful of an early start Saturday morning.



Governor Designate Bill and Julie Skully

Yes, 8am saw everyone seated at round tables for a great breakfast served while the opening Speaker George Halkias kicked off with a most interesting talk on Street Soccer. George's role at the Dept of Justice in 2004 morphed into working with some of Melbourne's disadvantaged folk, eventually moulding the more sports-minded into a soccer team worthy of going overseas to compete in the World Homeless Cup, where Australia has competed at World level for several years. The whole deal with its interesting challenges sounded truly inspirational and in many ways cognisant with our Kiwanis ideals of caring for people less fortunate than us. George is "on the ball" and told how these homeless folk transitioned into team players, just as we Kiwanians are also Team Players!

Due to the local Mayor being unfortunately detained, Councillor Oliver Walsh from Darebin City Council performed the ceremonials, officially declaring this event "open for business".

Following this were addresses by Governor Peter Zander OAM, Secretary Tony Gunn and Treasurer Ken Archer, the latter two reporting on their respective portfolios. Bryan Williams followed with an enlightening update on the Charitable Foundation, and then we had the all-important election of main officers for 2015/16. These fine gentlemen were elected and will lead the District in the coming year – Governor: Bill Skully; Governor-Elect: Tony Gunn; Treasurer/Secretary: Ken Archer. Tony will function as Administrative Secretary until a replacement can be found. In Tony's acceptance speech, he mentioned the doctrine of promoting Fun, Fellowship & Friendship, but implored us not to use the other "F"



# 47th Annual Convention cont.

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word – Failure - as regards matters Kiwanian!

After morning tea another interesting speaker regaled us – Erin Cervelli, a young lady who spoke from the heart about HeartKids. She knew her subject, having been hatched as a HeartKid – one of nearly 3000 born in Australia annually. Her talk concluded with a professional video about the subject, following which our Governor presented Erin a cheque for A\$30,000 on behalf of HeartKids. Next up was Steve Hughes with a much anticipated eliMiNaTe update and his report was preceded by another video presentation. Our District has done extremely well on this project with our pledge to raise US\$560K being achieved in under five years. When we linked up with UNICEF in 2010, the dollar bore no resemblance to today’s awful exchange rate, which has impacted on how we send the funds over to America.

Our fair nation is one of just a handful of Kiwanis countries where 100 per cent of Clubs are supporting the move to eradicate MNT. Sydney Club’s Cathy Hughes and Waverley Club’s Stephen Greene were presented awards for their efforts in supporting eliMiNaTe. The Governor then had the nice task of presenting a couple of Legion of Honours – to Sydney’s Robert Gilchrist (25 years) and a rare 40 years of service to Peter Cownley of Port Phillip Club.

A nicely presented Memorial segment then followed, where we honored nearly 20 Kiwanians and family members who have passed on during the past year. This led into lunchbreak, and the chance for more fellowship.

Post lunch speaker was a 2014-15 UNICEF Young Ambassador, Jay Gajera who talked at length on his life journey since moving to Australia from India and his



Jay Gajera UNICEF Australia Young Ambassador

work at Sunshine Hospital. Afterwards Peter Zander revealed how an unintended consequence from the MNT Project has been various nations asking “If you can work on eradicating MNT, can’t you also do the same for polio and other communicable diseases in our Third World countries?!!”

International guest Marcel Kreienbuhl followed by Peter Zander were next to grace the microphone, with Peter’s words centering on the Formula (for Growth) and our Strategic Plan. Bill Skully talked about Terrific Kids strategic planning.

Space won’t allow a full list of the all important Awards winners which were announced next, but the following main honours for 2014/15 should be acknowledged. Sid Curry Award (Best Secretary) – John Lundy, Mitcham Club Div 3; Ralph Doddrell Award (new member adds) – Glenelg Div 8; Ian Perdriau Award for Premier Club – Glenelg; Kooka Awards – Chris Ward (Ros-Cam Div 10) and Peter Zander (Bus Operators Club Div 8); Best Club Bulletin – KAN, Adelaide Div 3, runnerup Rostrevor-Campbelltown Div 10, Most Improved: Athelstone (Div 10).



Saturday Evening Dinner attendees.

Traditional retiring and installation of the old and new Boards was the final official business enacted for the afternoon, allowing everyone time to prepare for the evening’s formal dinner and celebrations. The organisers went to a lot of trouble transforming into a 100 Year themed venue which was a credit to all involved. The only real “official” stuff was a brief presentation for next year’s Convention to be held in Adelaide (by Roseworthy-Hewett Club) which is returning to the traditional two-day-plus format. Oh yes, a magnificent Centenary Cake was cut for all to enjoy, shortly before the Raffle was drawn. This had been organised by Waverley Club (thanks Kimberleys et al) and raised over \$1000 for eliMiNaTe. For the record Darwin legend Frank Fotiades won first prize while Heidi managed to include her Marcel’s ticket amongst the winners!

A minority may have lamented this year’s lack of fancy dress Dinner, and no Convention Candle, but I reckon most Kiwanians were okay running with a shortened format for a change – it all added up to an incredibly enjoyable 47th Convention and we again thank Port Phillip for a well-run event. See you in Adelaide August 2016.

**David McNabb**



# Cyclone Pam Update

## Kiwanis Australia Supports Cyclone Pam Relief

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2015 Cyclone Pam hit Vanuatu and 16 people were killed. Wind gusts reached as high as 320 km/h, and thousands of homes, schools and buildings were damaged or destroyed, with an estimated 3,300 people displaced as a result.



Kiwanis Australia asked clubs and individuals to support the relief efforts through donations to Kiwanis Australia District Charitable Foundation (KADCF) or through Kiwanis New Zealand South Pacific (KNZSP). Thank-you to the clubs and individuals who gave so freely to this worthy cause. A total of \$23,834 was raised in Australia with \$8,700 going through UNICEF and the balance of \$15,134 going to KNZSP.

**KNZSP** used their Kiwanis Vanuatu School Project as the basis to provide relief. Since the cyclone they have sent 2 x 12m containers with all sorts of items as aid to assist with the

rebuilding of Vanuatu & they are planning another one about August.

Over the years they have sent 27 containers to Vanuatu mostly filled with school needs, books, desks, chairs, sports equipment, filing cabinets, clothes and school uniforms. Each container they send is valued at \$120,000 to \$150,000 but is cleared by their customs at \$1,000 and they do not have to pay any duty.

The last container included a large amount of gardening and builders tools [many new] and more will be sent in the next container.

For a very poor country prior to the cyclone the devastation is near unbelievable but they battle on and our help will help greatly.

### **UNICEF – from their Relief and Recovery Situation Report**

- 166,600 people on 22 islands affected, including 82,000 children
- 4,373 children have received micronutrient supplements and 41 cases of severe acute malnutrition have been treated
- Nation-wide measles and rubella vaccination campaign planning, including communications, is underway
- 6,113 child caregivers of children aged 0-23 months have been counselled on good infant and young child feeding practices
- The WASH cluster reached 135,999 people with hygiene and sanitation promotion messages; UNICEF used mass media campaigns, brochures, radio, SMS and newspapers to reach 74,660 of these people
- 150 children have been provided with psychosocial support and messaging on disaster risk reduction in Shefa (Eratap and North Efate) and Tafea (Aneityum) Provinces
- 255 service providers have been trained in child protection in emergencies
- 21,995 people, of which 5,682 are children, have been issued with birth certificates
- Government of Vanuatu and humanitarian partners completed lessons learned exercises for Clusters, and launched new process for submission and approval of projects for the Resilience and Recovery Plan.



# Cyclone Pam Update cont.

## Learning to smile again after Cyclone Pam

Posted by UNICEF Pacific

11 June 2015

*We first met three-year-old Rachel just a day after Category 5 Tropical Cyclone Pam devastated Vanuatu. Three months on, we go back to check in on her.*

Rachel's world was turned upside down when Cyclone Pam slammed into Vanuatu late on Friday 13 March. At just three years of age she watched her house, and seven others, washed away by thousands of litres of water from the ruptured water tank at the top of the hill her house once sat on.

When we went to visit her and her family the next day we met a child who was fearful and withdrawn. She wasn't communicating, instead sweeping the bare concrete pad where her house had been, perhaps a child's attempt to put things back the way they were before the cyclone.

It was clear that Rachel wasn't ok, and that full recovery was a long way away. When her father disappeared from sight for even a few seconds she immediately became profoundly distressed. We saw her again a week later and she was still withdrawn, refusing to talk or have her photo taken, a child's choice that we will always respect.

Her stress was a normal reaction to an abnormal event, one that generally passes with time for most children – but three months on, we nonetheless went to find Rachel again with some trepidation, what if she was still badly affected?

The difference could not have been greater. A completely different Rachel greeted us: a ball of energy, smiling, playing and happy to be photographed. A little shy at first like any toddler, she quickly started interacting with everyone. It was a relief to see her happy.

Her small community on the outskirts of Port Vila is working hard to recover. Rachel's father and other men have managed to build basic shelters for all seven families, using salvaged materials, scrap timber and metal sheets donated by a local NGO. It will be a long time before life is back to normal for Rachel's community but it's clear that they are determined to recover together.

Rachel's story is one of many. At least 82,000 children like her were affected by Cyclone Pam, which impacted homes, lives and livelihoods for more than half the country's population. Even in the face of incredible stress and disruption, most children show incredible strength and resilience. Her community is still recovering from the cyclone, but Rachel's smile is just one sign among many that things are on track.

UNICEF is working with the Government of Vanuatu to support children and communities as they recover from Cyclone Pam. UNICEF has worked in partnership with the Government of Vanuatu for many years and is supporting affected children and communities to recover from the cyclone, also helping them to prepare for future challenges in one of the world's most disaster-prone countries.

In the three months since the cyclone, UNICEF has supplied safe drinking water to more than 46,000 people, and sanitation and hygiene supplies for nearly 70,000 people. Around 17,700 kindergarten and school-aged children have received learning materials and school supplies and more than 300 young children have received micro-nutrient powders to support their growth. More than 4,300 mothers of young children have been supported to ensure that their children receive healthy and nutritious food, and another 4,100 children have had damaged birth certificates reissued, or had their births registered for the first time.



Three-year-old Rachel just a day after Category 5 Tropical Cyclone Pam devastated Vanuatu.

Three months on

Three-year-old Rachel just a day after Category 5 Tropical Cyclone Pam devastated Vanuatu, and three months on. © UNICEF PACIFIC/2015/McGarry



# Heartkids National Project



## Grants in Aid is a Joint Heartkids/Kiwanis Australia Partnership

A strong and productive relationship has been developed between Kiwanis and HeartKids Australia. Together, the organisations have succeeded in providing funding for research into childhood heart disease, through the HeartKids Grants in Aid program which awarded its first project grants in February 2012.

The \$140,000 in funding which Kiwanis Australia has contributed to the Grants in Aid program since 2011 has facilitated the development and growth of the program which has in turn funded 23 projects to the total value of \$1,023,167 in its first four years.

Kiwanis has been a valued supporter of the HeartKids Federation since 2006 and prior to involvement with the Grants in Aid program, generously provided \$155,000 of funding towards the ongoing fight against childhood heart disease.

### Project Outcomes – Highlights

The GIA funding has resulted in a wide range of outcomes including findings, publications, presentations and additional grant funding. Specifically:

- It has facilitated the establishment of one of the largest Fontan Registries in the world and helped improve the knowledge and expectations of those patients with the aim of improving the care they receive. The knowledge gained from the evolution of the registry has allowed clinicians to make informed decisions in the care of Fontan patients as well as the long term expectations of this growing population.
- It has funded the acquisition of specialist equipment to measure the fetal blood flow and pressure (in animals) to assess the success of new fetal treatment for hypoplastic left heart syndrome, and, to assess other new therapies for congenital heart disease.
- As a result of a study of the use of iP cells to study the molecular basis of hypoplastic left heart, inexpensive, repeatable and robust Protocols have been established within the Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute to examine the structural and functional characteristics of cardiomyocytes derived from iP cells. These include the examination of the electrophysiological and calcium handling properties of live cardiomyocytes and will help in the understanding of how known genetic variants can affect function.
- It has demonstrated the challenges of providing physiotherapy based early intervention programmes for heart kids who have undergone early cardiac surgery and informed the development of more appropriate interventions.
- It has provided for the trial of Pulse Oximetry screening in WA as evidence to have the screening adopted as part of a routine discharge assessment on newborn babies in WA.
- It has identified the enablers and potential barriers to the uptake of treatment for acute rheumatic heart disease by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in northern Australia.
- It has supported one of the first studies aiming to determine the exercise capacity of children who have had major heart repair, and the kinds of exercise that is of most benefit.
- It has supported a study related to sudden unexplained death in children which demonstrated growing evidence of the role of gene mutations in cardiac ion channels leading to sudden death in SIDS.



Erin Cerevelli (Heartkids Victoria) accepts a cheque for \$30,000 for The Grants in Aid project for 2015-16.

[A copy of the Heartkids Grants in Aid report will be available from all club secretaries and BOT members.](#)



# Heartkids Golf Day

## 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, a fact that is greatly appreciated by Leon and Jackie and who 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 Waverley 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 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".



**The following item appeared in the Heartkids Quarterly Magazine for Victoria and Tasmania.**

## Makayla Cook's Charity Golf Day



It was another successful day at Makayla Cook's Charity Golf Day held on Good Friday at the Drouin Golf & Country Club.

The three person Ambrose event followed by a raffle, auction and live music is held in memory of Makayla Sue Cook who was born on 18 June 2012

with Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome. Makayla very sadly passed away at 33 days old.

This year, \$19,500 was raised which brings the total over the past three years to \$82,500. Jackie and Leon Cook are very appreciative of all the support provided by family, friends and the local community.





# Eliminate Report

## The Eliminate Project Report

### Items to note:

- Save a Baby a Day is a way to encourage members to continue to support the Eliminate project.
- The Centennial Award to celebrate 100 years of Kiwanis is a special award for US\$1,500 that is only available for donations between 1<sup>st</sup> Oct 2014 and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015
- Clubs can honour one of their members or community leaders with a Walter Zeller, Presidential Walter Zeller, Centennial Award, Hixson or Tablet of Honour. If they contribute to Eliminate from their Projects account they can claim one of these awards through myself.

### Kiwanis Australia Progress

Note that this table is all in AUD\$. Our commitments to

Total Monies Receive to Date		
all in \$Aus		11/08/2015
Received from	\$ Rec'd	\$ Pledged
<b>Clubs</b>	\$ 391,270.90	\$80,047.88
<b>Personal</b>	\$73,335.75	\$0.00
<b>SLP</b>	\$3,654.80	
<b>Corporates</b>	\$17,350.85	
<b>Direct to UNICEF</b>	\$21,651.77	
<b>Other</b>	\$1,175.28	
<b>Totals</b>	\$ 508,439.35	\$80,047.88
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>\$588,487.23</b>
	per Member	\$620.77

Eliminate are in US\$.

We have 28 clubs out of 48 that have committed to a goal such as 100K, Platinum, Gold, Model, Bronze or Silver. Only 12 of these clubs have yet to achieve their goals although they have a further 5 years.

### The Eliminate Project Campaign Timeline

The overall Eliminate Project has now achieved **over US\$95 million** against our target of \$110 million. KIF has firmed the end date to make pledges as 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015. 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, 51,000 babies still die each year or 1 baby every 11 minutes in the 22 countries that remain at risk. A side benefit of the project is that countries are now using the

vaccination cards, education and logistics route to vaccinate mothers against other diseases.

Our progress continues to give hope to families around the globe. Immunization activities reached more than **3.9 million** women last month in countries like Nigeria and Chad. In April 2015 the World Health Organization has validated Mauritania as having eliminated maternal and neonatal tetanus! Thanks to the generosity of Kiwanians worldwide, UNICEF and all of 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 Equatorial Guinea to determine if MNT has successfully been 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.

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2014, and 31<sup>st</sup> December, 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.

The “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.

Think about using this in your club.

Extracted from report to BOT by Steve Hughes – District Coordinator Eliminate 11<sup>th</sup> August 2015. Ed.



# Club News

## Kiwanis supporting Project Love and Care.



Mrs. Ann George of Inala (left) and Mrs Bev Lancaster of Middle Park sorting through the toiletry items for distribution

A local charity called Project Love and Care will benefit from a \$2,000 donation from the disbanded Jindalee Swimming Club. Mr Phil Moore of the Jindalee Swimming Pool presented the cheque to the Kiwanis Club of Brisbane to administer the funds for the nominated charity.

Mrs Ann George, Director of the charity needed to resupply the organizations depleted stock of toiletry items required for inclusion in care kits for foster children throughout Queensland.

Project Love and Care is one of the many charities supported by the Kiwanis Club.

Mrs Bev Lancaster of Kiwanis said, " Items such as. 400 toothbrushes, 800 tubes of tooth paste, 200 baby wipes, 400 bars of soap, 800 face washers and 400 baby feeding bottles were purchased for inclusion in the care kits.

Additional item included in the care kits are clothing, stationary supplies, books, school equipment and toys all tailored to the age and gender of a child.

Mrs George and her band of volunteers have spent the past ten years helping children in need and once a month her Inala home is transformed into a warehouse and production line packing donated items to benefit foster children from six months of age through to seventeen years. Five thousand care kits are distributed to children in need throughout Queensland each year.

" Where ever there is a child in need or in crisis, we do what we can to change their tears to smiles." Mrs George said.

## Brisbane—Barefoot Bowls & HOGS Day.



Fifty local families and friends joined Kiwanis Club of Brisbane members at a Barefoot Bowls day held at the Jindalee Bowls Club. Under a perfect June sky it was a great way to enjoy a very social Sunday. What started out as a social outing for Kiwanis and friends resulted in a profitable outing. It was decided to hand over the profits, around \$500 to the newly formed Naval Cadet Squadron in our suburb.



The Brisbane Club were at the BBQ very early in May cooking breakfast for about 130 HOGS, no not the four legged kind, these were the Harley Owners Group who are in their 21 year of raising funds for Muscular Dystrophy. Every year the HOGS give their time and their bikes to take paying passengers on a days ride through South East Queensland. Kiwanis has been providing a breakfast for the event for the past 14 years

Kylie Lobo one of our newest members was up at 6am to help supply breakfast to 130 HOGS and their pillion riders. The funds raised was donated to Queensland Muscular Dystrophy.

### Mal Lancaster Brisbane Club.





# HeartKids Update

## A letter from the new CEO of Heartkids Australia.

You may be aware that HeartKids Australia has had a few changes recently with Jann Kingston, their CEO having decided to move on from HeartKids. Jann's involvement in HeartKids and in Kiwanis has been great for us to strengthen the relationship between the 2 organisations. I hope Kiwanis will continue to support HeartKids in the future as we look for opportunities together. Jayne Blake, previously Chair, will act in a Caretaker role as CEO, over the short-medium term. By way of introduction, Jayne has provided the following brief update on herself and the vision for HeartKids going forwards.

I have been Chair of HeartKids Australia for 9 months and HeartKids NSW for 5 years now .... The Board has been refining a business plan and vision for the next 3 - 5 years and has taken the view that it would be smoother to have these plans well progressed prior to the permanent appointment of the next CEO. We have therefore agreed that I will act in the Caretaker role as CEO, as we agreed that my experience and intimate knowledge of HeartKids at State and National level will be of enormous benefit to all stakeholders and will ensure our current initiatives are delivered smoothly to plan.

During the time I am the Caretaker CEO, I have stood down as Chair, Dr Lisa Selbie, Chair of the Research Advisory Committee, has assumed this role.

I'd like to share a little about our vision for the future and a few of the very exciting plans we are working on at HeartKids. In looking to the next 3-5 years, The HKA Board has agreed 6 key strategic goals - HKA will be:

1. A trusted source of information on CHD
2. A leader into research into the treatment and management of CHD
3. An effective advocate for CHD
4. A financially sustainable organisation
5. A recognised and trusted brand
6. A well governed organisation

### A few examples of the initiatives we will be delivering to achieve these goals include:

- Continue to fund world-class research programs, including the Grants-in-Aid which Kiwanis has generously supported over the years.
- Partner with specialists to develop a Childhood Heart Disease (CHD) Registry as no such registry currently exists in Australia or New Zealand. The Registry is essential to monitor the number of patients with CHD, to assist in tracking clinical outcomes and providing vital data for planning of future needs. The object of the Registry is ultimately to improve the quality of life and services available.
- Launch a dedicated website to support Teens and Young Adults as they navigate the additional complexities of transitioning to adult-hood with the added concerns of CHD.
- Deliver a series of webinars to provide valuable information from clinicians, researchers and even from other families to support each other with vital peer-to-peer experience.

I very much look forward to continuing to build on the great relationship Jann has developed with Kiwanis over the years.

**Jayne Blake**

**HeartKids**

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[www.heartkids.org.au](http://www.heartkids.org.au)



**“8 babies were born with heart disease today in Australia”**



## Of Interest



An interesting Plaque in Iceland, submitted by friends of Steve and Cathy Hughes. The inscription in Icelandic and English reads:

**“18 Meters below this stone the house of the Kiwanis Club of Helgafell was situated. It was the first Clubhouse belonging to a Kiwanis-Club in Europe. The House was built in the year 1924 and rebuilt by Kiwanis in 1969. The house was buried under a lava flow in March 27th 1973”.**

### District Supply House

You all use our District Supply House when you need to purchase required items for say a Club Changeover, but why not support it more between these times? Perhaps a thankyou gift for a member, or a personal “K” item for yourself, or even a Kiwanis Pen to present to a guest speaker. Check out some of the items available from the [Australia Supplies](#), (click the link), or else look in the [US Supply House](#), (click the link) and mention to Peter that you saw it here, and perhaps he can obtain the item for you, or an alternative. In future editions we plan to include specials, so watch this space! Remember profits support your district!



# All Ford Day

## 2016 – Our 25<sup>th</sup> birthday- the Kiwanis All Ford Day



February 21<sup>st</sup> 2016 marks the 25<sup>th</sup> running of the Kiwanis All Ford Day.

The event concept was developed over a cup of coffee by Kiwanian Darryl Madex and his mate Greg Cox. Both were car enthusiasts and, with Geelong being the home of Ford Australia, a proposal of a car show was put to members.

The early events were held at the Geelong Show Grounds where there was a capacity for 450 cars. Within 6 years the event moved

next door to the Geelong Racecourse due to overcrowding. The 750 vehicle limit was reached within 5 years and another site needed to be sourced.

Deakin University, Waurn Ponds, campus offered its ovals and the event moved there in 2004. Over 1200 display cars could be exhibited on the ovals which catered for the vehicles and the thousands of spectators with ease. The event has remained on Deakin's ovals up until now. Throughout 2015 the grass ovals have been transformed into a synthetic soccer pitch and an 8 lane running track. Therefore we are on the move again.

The problem we faced was finding a site large enough to hold 1200 display vehicles, cater for 50 plus trade displays and feed 200 workers and over 100 sponsors. After several meetings with Deakin's Administration and Ground staff alternative sites were offered around the campus. The lush green grass of the ovals may be a thing of the past but the Kiwanis All Ford Day remains at Deakin

University.

The concept of the event has never changed. Set up as an affordable family day, it has become a significant event in the calendar of all Ford enthusiasts with more than 1200 Ford vehicles of all models and types on display. Thousands of Geelong residents flock to the event to view these magnificent vehicles in the idyllic setting of the Deakin University at its Waurn Ponds Campus.

2016 will be a significant year. There is a distinct possibility that the 1200 vehicles on





## All Ford Day cont.

display will be exceeded.

The logistics of planning the event, effectively from scratch, are daunting but hopefully we will be able to make a substantial addition to the \$800,000.00 already raised.

Hopefully we will see many Kiwanians visiting on the day..... the invitation is open to all.



### New Kiwanis partner: Junior Chamber International Aug 10, 2015



Kiwanis International and Junior Chamber International (JCI) has entered into a new partnership that will provide service to more than 80 nations and extend their reach to communities around the world, with the purpose of uniting civil society and engaging global active citizens to create sustainable impact.

The partnership will allow both organizations more opportunities to reach the next generation of leaders, perform service projects that engage communities and provide lasting impact and give

opportunities for leadership development. JCI focuses efforts on young adults ages 18 to 40 years of age, addressing local challenges and collaborating with community partners to effect positive change.

“This partnership will benefit Kiwanis and JCI,” said Stan Soderstrom, executive director of Kiwanis International. “Our missions are parallel as we both work hard to improve communities around the world. Kiwanis’ focus is on addressing the needs of children and JCI focuses on providing development opportunities that empower young people to create positive change.”

JCI’s members, who age out of the organization when they turn 40, can look to Kiwanis for similar service and leadership opportunities, Soderstrom said. Both groups will have a network of JCI alumni who remain engaged in their communities, offering guidance, help and support.

***Point of Interest: During his address to the house of delegates at the 2015 District Convention, Trustee Marcel Kreienbuhl advised that over one third of his club,s membership, “Gossau-Flawill” had come from JCI. Ed.***



## Australia District Charitable Foundation

### Annual Club Gifts – Kiwanis Australia Foundation

#### *Ask your Club President a Question*

A year ago at the Shepparton Convention, delegates unanimously endorsed a proposal *‘for Clubs to make an optional annual gift to the Kiwanis Australia Foundation (based on Club membership at \$10 per member) to allow an accumulation of funds for investment and grant purposes’*.

So far this year only 12 out of 47 Clubs across Australia have contributed, providing just over \$5000 (with one Club alone donating \$2500).

*What can members do?*

*Perhaps they could start by asking their Club President ‘Are we one of the 12 Clubs who have made an annual gift to the Kiwanis Australia Foundation; if not are we going to?’*

The Foundation can be a support resource for Clubs for the expansion of Kiwanis activities in Australia by new membership, new Clubs and increased community awareness and projects.

Your Club’s annual gifts to the Foundation will be retained in perpetuity and invested. Eventually it is expected that income earned will be available for grants for Club projects.

Before this can happen Clubs, need to start making their annual gifts to the Kiwanis Australia Foundation.

The Australian annual gift program is similar to the current annual support given to Kiwanis International Foundation; both programs are complementary in that they provide benefits to the Kiwanis brand.

*Are you prepared to help by talking about this Australian program with your Club President and with other members within your own Club?*

By supporting this program, you are helping expand the reach of Kiwanis activities in Australia.

For further information contact Kiwanis Australia Foundation, Secretary (Bryan Williams) at [kadcf@kiwanis.org.au](mailto:kadcf@kiwanis.org.au) or call 0419 209 734.





# Kiwanis Magazine

A new copy of the *Kiwanis Magazine*, has been published since the May AK.

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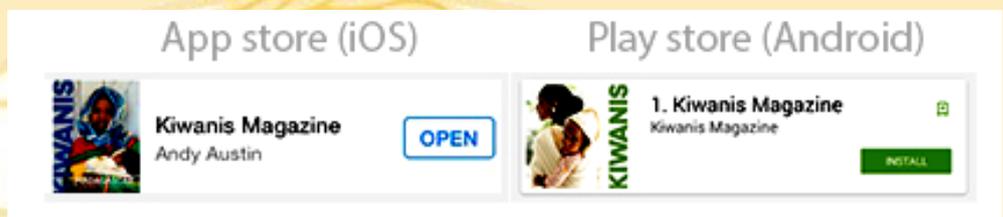
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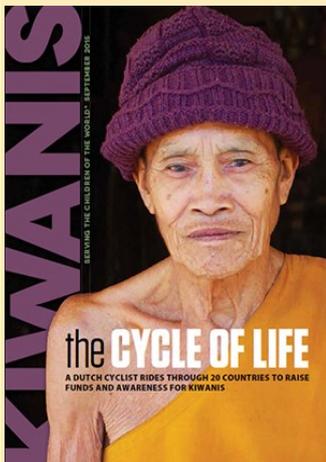
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*Have you visited your new Australia District Website yet? Click the link below.*

<http://aus.kiwanisone.org/>

*It's a great new look, and you can register for even more features.*

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## 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.