

# *The Australian Kiwanian*

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## **Governor's Message**

Hello to you all. At last we are at the District Convention in Brisbane, we are enjoying the climate, the Brisbane hospitality and the company of those of you that made the journey here, for we are to have the opportunities for training, networking, socializing, meeting new friends, as well as renewing friendships. This happening is an opportunity for each of us to learn more about Kiwanis and have fun while doing just that.

As I said in the last issue of the Australian Kiwanian, Heather and I have finished our visits to all Divisions, we thank you all for the generous hospitality, the projects we were shown were tremendous. If we take time to reflect on all your projects, hours worked, monies raised, with so few members, congratulations indeed are in order. Imagine what we could achieve if we had twice the members that we do now.

Our goal for this year were to build 8 new clubs and an increase of 21% in membership and to maintain 85% membership retention with 5% growth in our sponsored youth. With your drive and determination we will come close to succeeding by Sept. 30th. Remembering that success comes when opportunity meets preparation.

My thanks are many for we have many leaders in this District who have made personal sacrifices to make this District grow. Our leaders of our sponsored youth programs are a great example, the clubs that have sponsored the C.Q.U. clubs and W.Y.I club in Adelaide. These clubs are the future of this organization, we must nurture them for with the growth of these clubs we have the chance to grow big time.

Another bit of exciting news for me to pass on to you. Remember International Trustee Case Van Kleef. Case was elected in New Orleans to become International President in 2004-2005. Case and his lovely wife Susan thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Australia last year, Loved this country and its people. Another highlight at the convention was seeing our first lady Governor Janene Powell being presented, Janene was partnered by Past International President Ian Perdriau.

Heather and I have enjoyed our time with you all this year, we thank each and everyone for your help, guidance and your humour.

As Governor I would not have stood the test of time without Secretary Brian Emery and Treasurer Peter Kimberley. Thank you both most sincerely. Also my partner for 43 years Heather, whose encouragement and guidance, has made the year all the more enjoyable.

Thank you all and remember the life we are living is not a rehearsal we are here to enjoy.

Thank you for caring  
**Governor Bill.**

## Bill & Heather Craig with the Timor Display at International Convention - New Orleans



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### *Heather's Happenings.*

My, hasn't this year flown. We have had a most enjoyable year catching up with our Kiwanis friends and making new ones. Have been to New Orleans for the International Convention and caught up with special friends that we have made over the years. Spent some time with Case and Susan Van Kleef - it was wonderful spending time with lovely people. For the past twelve months we, the Governors' partners, have been very busy making 2 quilts. Each district had a boy bear and girl bear to dress in a native costume. Australia's dressed the boy bear in shorts and hat with corks sewn around the brim, girl bear in a bikini with a towel - looked great. Thanks to Gail Thompson of Shepparton, who did a wonderful job of quilting. One quilt was then sold at auction for \$16,000 U.S. a great effort. The other quilt was presented to Brian and Miki Cunat to remember their special year.

This will be my last little bit of news, so before I sign off, I would like to thank Kiwanians for their help, friendship and hospitality. It really makes life so much easier.

To Janine and her team I do hope you have a wonderful year.

**Take care, Heather.**

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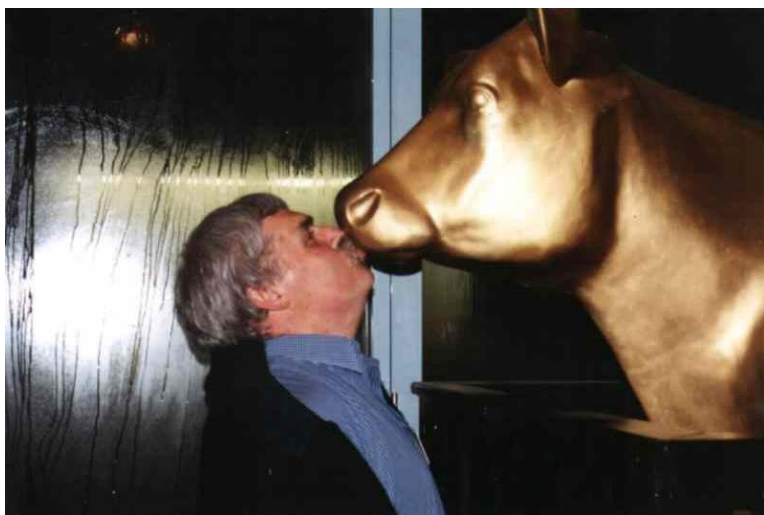
The latest fund raising acquisition of the Kiwanis Club of Darwin. As you can see it is a "proper hot dog cart" and it was launched at the recent Darwin Trade Expo. With the hit tune "who let the dogs out?" booming in the background we raised \$850.00 net profit that was added to the "Jessie Bartolo" travel fund that now exceeds \$10,000.



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## **BULLETIN COMPETITION -**

Submit a caption for this photo - the winner will receive a bottle of Hunter Valley Red. Ed.



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## **MILK HAS BEEN INTRODUCED TO THE CHILDREN & FAMILIES OF 11 LOCAL VILLAGES, 1 ORPHANAGE & THE LOS PALOS HOSPITAL.**

As of the 1st August 2002 up to 200 children a day have been tasting fresh milk. We have been amused by the reactions of many children; they are unfamiliar with very cold food, and it takes a bit of convincing that "Cold is good". We've even had to bribe some of them with a buy. With lactose intolerance a concern, we have kept the first taste to just 1/2 a cup, but the kids have caught on quickly and are already developing a taste for Fullero milk.

Cattle. 27 heifers, 2 bulls, 5 heifer calves, 5 bull calves

10 cows have calved, with currently no complications. Metan, who had stepped on a nail, and Moorabbin, who had septicemia, have both calved and continue to recuperate from their respective problems. We have discontinued to milk MisAdventure, as she gives such little milk.(see last report) General herd health is good. Condition scores given by Richard Copland(Uni of Q vet) range from 3- 5, out of 5 (the Qld scale). Brucellosis testing by Richard and follow-up at Dili Uni has given the all- clear to our cattle. The small remnant herd of fresian cattle (from a previous attempt to milk cows) is also brucellosis free, so arrangements are being made to integrate 2 cows into our herd. Inoculations to protect against brucellosis were given to all non-pregnant cattle on the property. Two cows were injured during the brucellosis testing, jamming their hoof between the scale-platform and the crush. They are due to calve in Sept. We treated with antibiotics and one has responded well. One cow, however, has a bad injury, which may take some time to mend.

The licks provided by Ridley are very popular. The first four were eaten rather than licked, but consumption has slowed considerably.

The cattle have received supplement feed in the form of crushed corn (from the farm) and lucerne cubes (from Aust). The corn provides a good source of energy and the cubes give protein. The cubes are very difficult for these cattle to eat, although Ross Ainsworth (Darwin vet) tells us it is standard feed. We now use a feed mixer to shatter the cubes and mix with the corn.

A good milking routine has been established, and all the milking cows have settled well.

A good calf pen has been made that should house up to 15 calves at a time. A second pen will be made for next year. Most of the calves drink well from a bucket, although one needs encouragement. It is intended that the Sept. calves will be fed by teat, to give students and workers experience with both methods A health problem which arose early with the calves was screw worm infestation. The screw worm fly lays its maggots in the umbilicus, they go from there to the gut, etc. We were unaware of the screw worm, but caught on quickly! The calves are now routinely sprayed on birth with Gusanex, and regularly checked. Screw worm can also infest the mother's vulva, so the cows are also monitored.

### **Dairy.**

The dairy machinery is all in place and functional. All of the machines are in very good condition, which makes operation and maintenance much easier. The hot water service is in place and connected through to the vat room and the dairy pit. However, it doesn't seem to be able to service fully the needs of the dairy. As a solar-unit with booster back-up, it needs some power at night to supply hot water in the morning. If Los Palos power does not come on at night, then the water is not much more than luke-warm. Furthermore, if we are to pasteurise the milk, the water temp needed for the heat exchangers is much higher than that allowed by the thermostat. (This is the short version- ring Brendon for more detail!)

This morning's milk totalled more than 50 litres, last night's was 38 litres.

### **Fencing.**

Further interior fencing was done with the assistance of Gavan Dwyer and Dennis Wood. These fences consolidated the night paddocks and lined the "Dad and Dave" laneway (begun by David Wood and finished by his Dad, Dennis)

### **Pasture.**

Dennis and Gavan prepared and sowed 1.5 ha of millet and 5 ha of signal grass and cowpea.

Intermittent light rain and nightly very heavy dews have allowed the seed to germinate. There was no creeping vigna sent in the container from Aust, but it will be needed, along with more cowpea, if we are to establish a wet-season pasture.

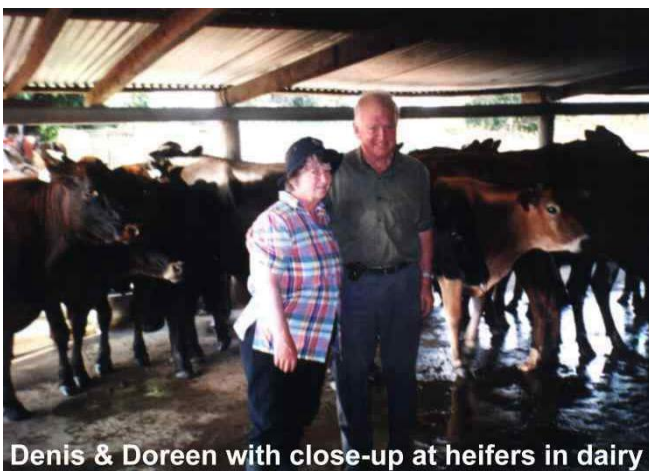
The dam has been closed, but too late to catch any water. The gravel weirs planned along the creek are still to be done, but currently there is no water to collect. There has been a very poor wet-season this year; this along with slow action on the dam and weirs means that water is a concern at the moment. We are having discussions towards the drilling of a water-bore for irrigation.

The AVI horticulturalist has not yet visited.

### **Training and Education.**

The three farm workers are very keen and capable. They are able to milk independently, and are aware of the safety issues, etc involved. The cattle are monitored by the workers overnight, and they keep records of supplement fed, calving dates, etc.

The school year is over, but a small group of students will stay over the holiday period, to learn the day-to-day operation of the farm.



Denis & Doreen with close-up at heifers in dairy



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## **PINK AND BALL**

A "White Sports Coat and a Pink Carnation" was the theme for a debutante ball for a group of young adults with intellectual disabilities. The Kiwanis Club of Lake Macquarie had committed to this project prior to disbanding in late 2001. The Kiwanis Club of East Maitland took up the challenge and with the assistance of the former club's members, raised money to sponsor the project to the tune of approx. \$1,800 by selling Xmas trees in December 2001.

In April of this year, 32 very special young people were presented to the Mayor of Lake Macquarie, John Kilpatrick, the State Member for Swansea, Mrs Hoare and the President of the Kiwanis Club of East Maitland Mr Andrew Swanson and their respective partners. The Matron of Honour was Mrs Noleen Milburn, President of the former Kiwanis Club of Lake Macquarie.

Kiwanis members assisted with the decoration of the venue and during the presentation of the debs, and

then joined in the dancing to share this memorable night with the young adults, their parents, carers and family members.

The beaming faces of the participants and their emotional, but happy families reminded each of us the true value of what being a Kiwanian is all about.

Picture: Mrs Noleen Milburn, Matron of Honour and President of Kiwanis Club of Lake Macquarie, with the participants of the Pink and White Ball.



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Photo taken at Lt Governors 2002-03 Training held in Adelaide May 31 - June 2<sup>nd</sup>



**Back Row:** Trainers Greg Anderson, Mark Sims, Peter Zander

**L-R** Michelle Henderson (Div 9), Geoff Rundle (Assistant to Lt Gov Div 3), Rod Taylor (Div 5), Barry Bun (Div 10), Brian Lantz (Div 6,) Phill Hessling (Div 8), Ken Foggo (Div 3) *standing*

**Front L-R** Kevin Wood (*standing for Governor-elect 2002-03*), Janine Powell (*standing for Governor 2002-03*), Liz Ward (Div 2), Peter Cownley (Div 1), Tony Breedon (Div 7).

**Absent:** Fame Gilbride (Div 4) and Trainers: Geoff Peirce and Geoff Holmes.

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**Gov Elect Janine, Past District Secretary John,  
Susan and Case Van Kleeef**



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**The Kiwanis Club of Brighton (Vic) Inc. is proud to present Kevin Wood  
Nominee for Governor Elect 2002 – 2003 District of Australia  
Brisbane Convention 5-8 Sept 2002**



### My Goals for Australia District

Should I be elected, my goals will focus on three broad objectives. These are:

- To continue and accelerate our membership growth and new club development program, using smarter marketing and community service initiatives to highlight the benefits and rewards of Kiwanis participation and service to our communities.
- To achieve a much higher profile for Kiwanis in Australia, at District, at Division and at each Club Level as a means to create a greater community awareness of Kiwanis and participation in our programs.
- To achieve visible and significant District and Divisional projects which can and will attract greater community participation with increased corporate sponsorship and financial support e.g. the East Timor Project.

I pledge to serve Kiwanis honestly, to the best of my ability and in a spirit of friendship and pride in what we represent and what we can collectively achieve.

**Kevin Wood**

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## Y.C.P.O. - HEARTKIDS

Clubs of Division 5 & 7 have been keen supporters over the past four years of "Heartkids Victoria" This is a voluntary group of parents of children born diagnosed with a congenital or acquired heart defect. This group of parents has committed themselves to offer non-medical support and understanding to other families whose children are diagnosed with similar complaints. They are also trying to raise money and create public awareness about this disease The term Congenital Heart Defect refers to an abnormality of the heart, which is present at birth. Heart abnormalities are present 1 in every 10 babies born and is the most common type of birth defect, the severity of which can range from a hole in the heart to a highly complex and serious individual combination of conditions. Up to 20% of heart defects are gene linked but the remaining 80% are usually unknown. Of these more than 60% of conditions are serious enough to require heart treatment in some form, either through medication or surgery. Some cannot be repaired. Records show that 650 heart operations are performed at the Royal Children's Hospital in Melbourne each year. Dr. J.R. Wilkinson, Director of the Paediatric Cardiology Department said that because of this it is very important to increase the knowledge and research about the causes of heart defects at birth and improve the understanding of the mechanisms by which people may develop the seeds of heart disease in childhood which may lead to heart problems later in life.

"Heartkids Victoria inc" has organizations in every State of Australia and other countries of the World and they are all working towards creating public awareness of Congenital and Acquired Heart defects in children, at the same time raising

monies for research that will ease the suffering of cardiac children, so ensuring that more children with heart defects survive and lead an improved quality of life. Research will go a long way to achieving this goal.

The hardworking committees and groups of parents are striving very hard to fulfill all of the above, but they urgently need HELP. They need the support of Kiwanis Australia wide. The Kiwanis theme is to "Serve the Children of the World", well, here's a chance right on our doorstep. There is a branch of Heartkids in every state, not just Victoria, and these special parents would be glad of any help. They offer great support to new parents, visit children in hospital (not just their own), have fundraising activities towards research, co-ordinate coffee mornings for parents to meet and discuss its problems

together. Believe me they are very special people and nothing is too much for them. In Division 5 and 7 Echuca Moama and Shepparton have, through the Heartkids Committee, invited specific families to their areas and treated them to a weekend away from their own environment at the Clubs' expense. To date Echuca/Moama have had 3 families and Shepparton 1, and other clubs are getting interested. It gives these families a well-earned break from their normal routine. If any club requires any more information on these Getaway Weekends or other information, please contact me.

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Each year the Mayor of the City of Monash presents the Sir John Monash Community Award to the person in the City that has given the most outstanding service to the Community. The recipient is selected by the Mayor's Community Award Advisory Committee and any resident or community organisation can nominate a person for the Award.

The Kiwanis Club of Waverley is delighted that their nomination of Life member Ray Segal and his wife Yvonne were announced joint winners of the Award for 2002. Despite both suffering considerable ill health for a number of years their attitude towards serving their community is truly inspiring. A few weeks ago Yvonne came out of hospital during the day and was at a partners meeting that night. That is typical of the Segal s. Both are tireless workers for our Kiwanis Club. A large percentage of their efforts have been in assisting to raise money for the Bethlehem Hospital.

In 1984 Yvonne's mother died in Bethlehem Hospital and she was impressed with their love and kindness. It was mentioned that Bethlehem was starting a Home Care Programme so that terminally ill patients could die at home with dignity but that its funds for this were fairly short. Ray and Yvonne decided to do something about it. Yvonne became a volunteer at the hospital and Ray and Yvonne started raising funds.

Projects that they have run over the years include Art Shows, grape picking, Eggstravaganzas and cork collections. Some of these are ongoing projects. Over the last 17 years a total of approximately \$50,000 has been raised by their tireless efforts for Bethlehem Hospital.

Waverley Club congratulates Ray and Yvonne as worthy winners of the Sir John Monash Community Award.

Geoff Peters, Secretary.

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# New Convention

# Orleans

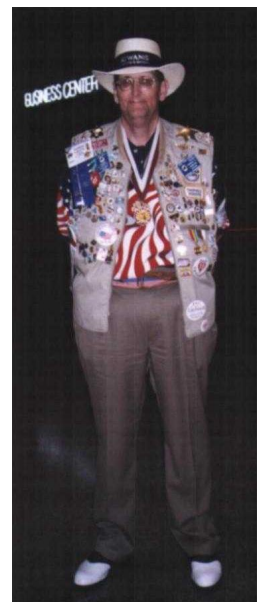
**As promised some snaps from the "BIG EASY".**

President designate Ito Torres and his wife, Alice, greet Kiwanis-supporter Roger Moore and his wife, Kristina, at the "Salute to Kiwanis" reception sponsored by the US Fund for UNICEF to celebrate the achievements of the Kiwanis family's Worldwide Service Project to virtually eliminate iodine deficiency disorders (IDD)



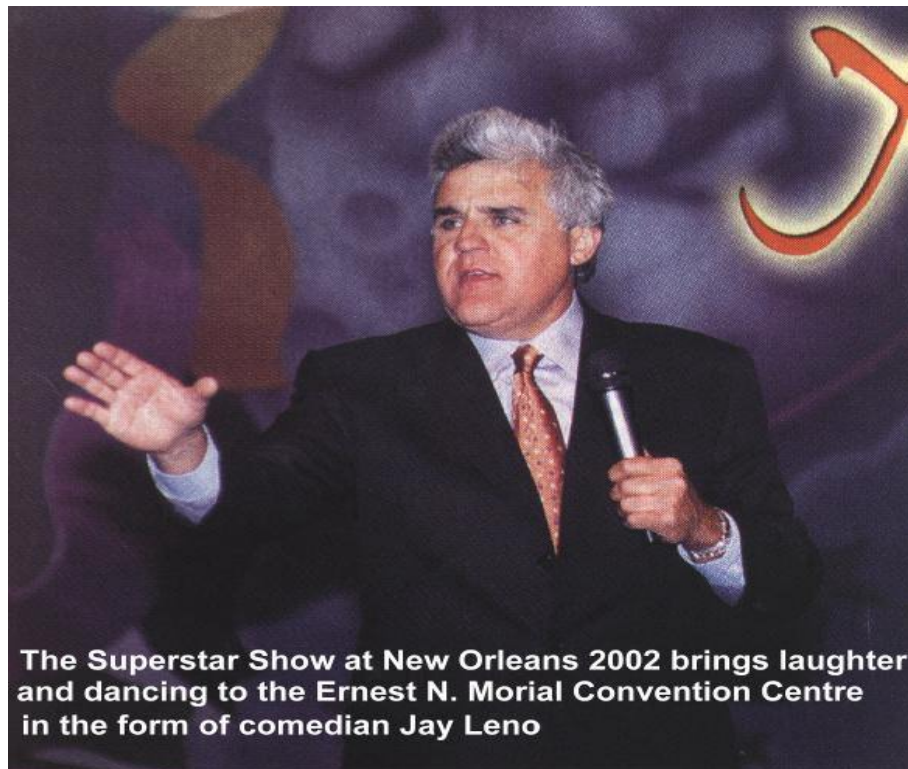
President-designate Ito Torre's family serenades at the closing session

Pin collecting is a serious business to some North American Kiwanians



Two service projects during the convention leave the Kiwanis mark in New Orleans: a playground's construction at the Kingsley House youth centre and a trip to the Aquarium of the Americas for underprivileged children and their Kiwanian chaperones





The Superstar Show at New Orleans 2002 brings laughter and dancing to the Ernest N. Morial Convention Centre in the form of comedian Jay Leno



New Orleans culture was a feature of the last night of Convention



The Kiwanis shop was a popular spot in Convention Hall

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## ADRIAN CLIVE NICHOLS

24/2/1923 - 8/1/2002

Adrian was the second son of Herbert and Emma Nichols, on February 24 1923, and had an elder brother Selwyn, and younger sister Ruth and brother John. He was educated at many schools — in Gravel Hill, Bendigo, Kerang and Echuca for his primary years, and later at Ballarat Grammar. His Father was an Anglican Rector, and this had a great influence on his life. He married Dorothy Green on 10 April 1949, and they had two children, a daughter Adrienne, and a son David, who both grew up in a loving caring family. Later they had six grandchildren, Jonathan, Kate, David, Hannah, Madelaine, and Jack. Since their marriage they have lived in Kyabram, East Preston, Kilmore and then Shepparton,

the last for 38 years.

Adrian's occupation was in the Real Estate business starting in Kilmore, later receiving promotion to Young husbands in Shepparton. After 9 years, he left Younghusbands and opened his own business known as Nichols Estate Ltd., later becoming Nichols Blake Real Estate. His partner later also became a member of the Kiwanis', although in a different club.

Sportwise in his early years swimming and tennis were his favourites, but later he turned to football and was a member of the Kyabram Premiership team. More recently he was a part-time golfer and spent many hours fishing.

Adrian was a "Charter Member" of the Kiwanis' Club of Shepparton, joining in September 1971, prior to organization. His history shows that he served as

President (Distinguished) in 1977/78

Lt. Governor 1984/85

Lt. Governor 1985/86 (Distinguished)

Life Member (sponsored by Dawnbusters U.S.A.)

Legion of Honour 1997

Fellow of Kiwanis International Foundation

Board of Directors for many years.

Perfect Attendance (27 Years)

He was a happy and dedicated Kiwanian, always working for the good of the community, the elderly, youth, etc. He also helped as a Grade One reader at the local primary school and a literacy tutor at the Adult and Community Centre. He was always on the lookout for new members, and introduced many to our club over the years. He made friends easily and would always make sure to introduce himself and talk to any visitors to the club. A great member who will be sadly missed.

He joined the army on 1 December, 1941, at the age of 18 yrs and travelled Australia in troop trains with the 38 Battalion, but could never get to go overseas, being stationed at Darwin for 18 months, and was there at the bombing of Darwin. He received an Honourable Discharge from the army on the 20 September, 1946, with the rank of Corporal. Adrian became a member of the Darwin Defenders, and was their current Secretary. Also a member of 55 years standing of the R.S.L.

Another great achievement was his 15 years as Branch Governor of the Church of England Boys Society (C.E.B.S.) from 1965 to 1980, and was a very active supporter of Church activities, and a main instigator in the building of a C.E.B.S. campsite at "Lima". Adrian was also the current President of the Heartbeat Club, which works exclusively for the Intensive Care Unit at the Base Hospital.

Adrian will be sadly missed by all members, partners, and families of current and past members of the Kiwanis Club of Shepparton and we salute a life well lived.

Submitted by Ted Kitto.

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**Arthur William ROY COWNLEY** joined his son Peter and became a member of the Kiwanis Club of Keilor on 3 August 1981.

Living in West Essendon Roy transferred to and became a Charter member of the new Essendon Club that was formed by Keilor in late 1981.

After serving 3 years as Treasurer for the Essendon Club from 1982 to 1985, Roy rejoined Keilor when the Essendon Club folded in 1985.

Over the years Roy continued his strong involvement in service work, and in particular the "Boomerang" Club which was an organisation assisting the rehabilitation of severely handicapped persons.

Roy became Secretary of Keilor in 1989-90 supporting his son's as President. This proved to be a successful combination as District recognised their efforts with a "Distinguished Officers" award.

In recognition of his dedication and his then 18 years perfect attendance, the Keilor Club presented Roy with an A.G. Hixson Fellowship in 1998.

Even with health problems that would have deterred most people, Roy continued to participate and

attend meetings of the Keilor Club until it ceased to meet in February 2001.

Roy and his wife Beryl were keen convention attendees and made many friends throughout Australia. Maintaining his interest, Roy keenly followed the formation of the new Kiwanis Club of CQU Melbourne, which chartered on the 22 February 2002.

Vale Roy Cownley, a true Kiwanian and friend to many, he sadly passed away 25 February 2002.

Arthur William **ROY COWNLEY**

**10-1-1922 to 25-2-2002**

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## NEW MEMBER

Lt. Governor Peter Cownley was very pleased to induct the 13th member to the re-vitalised Port Phillip Club recently.

The new member was none other than **Deborah Cownley**, Peter's 23 yo daughter which makes it the third generation of the Cownley Clan to be part of our great organisation.

Peter Cownley

Lt. Governor Division One

Kiwanis International District of Australia

Oriole Park

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