

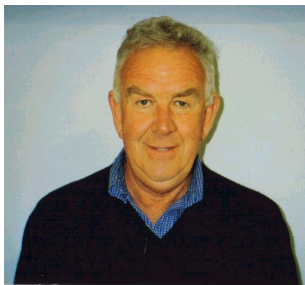
## THE AUSTRALIAN KIWANIAN

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*"Kiwanis is a Global organisation of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one*



Dear fellow Kiwanians,

Without a doubt the most enjoyable part of my year as Governor has been visiting all Divisions and many of the Clubs. It has been a wonderful experience and I have met so many great and dedicated Kiwanians.

The amount of work being carried out by Clubs is truly amazing and I say a very sincere 'Thank you'.

It will give me great pleasure to present a very significant cheque to a representative from Heartkids Research at our Newcastle Convention. Over 30 Clubs have contributed to this most worthwhile cause, as well as financial and practical hands-on work with children and families at a local level.

Over 60 new members have joined us this year. I have had the pleasure of inducting some and meeting most of them. I am very excited by the contribution they are making to our organisation.

I am delighted to have International President Steve Siemens and his wife Barb attending our District Convention. They have had a big influence on Kiwanis worldwide and I am sure those attending the Convention will benefit greatly by their presence.

As Governor of Australia District I have had a wonderful opportunity to build International friendships during my travel to North America, Canada, Hawaii and Asia. I have so many fond memories of these times that I know will last a lifetime. While partner Kay Giles could not join me for many of my trips away due to her business commitments, I have certainly appreciated her support.

To District Secretary Brian Emery, Treasurer Bill Avallone, Past Governor Frank Fotiades, Governor Elect Geoff Hill, each Lt Governor and District Chair, Club office bearers and members, and their partners – to all of you, thank you for the work you have done and will continue to do; thank you for making me welcome when I visited your Clubs and various functions, and please continue to enjoy and promote Kiwanis.

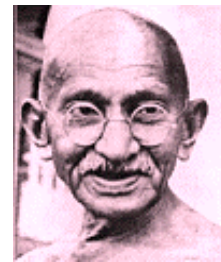
As this is the final edition of the Australian Kiwanian during my term as Governor I would like to take the opportunity to thank Owen Donaghey and Janine Powell for bringing you the bulletin for the past 12 months. I have very much appreciated their efforts in keeping you up to date with what is happening in the Australia District.

**Geoff Holmes, Governor 05-06**

Governor Geoff's motto: *"Think big, start small, go quickly!"*

Geoff is enthusiastic about the opportunities to serve the District, the Clubs, the Members and the wider Kiwanis world, with an emphasis on membership growth.

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## GREAT LEADERS

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What makes great leaders great? Is it the number of people following them? Or could it be something else? What do you think a good leader does? Run the show? Tell others what to do? The Superintendent of Police Services in Edmonton, Canada, Chris Braiden, has some interesting ideas about leadership.

He believes, and I agree, that great leaders are really servants. Their function is not to command, but rather to remove barriers so that those around them can do their jobs better. Leaders don't start out leading. They start out serving others, and because of their character and effectiveness, others push them forward to lead.

Something I've noticed as I've studied leadership over the years is that great leaders naturally develop those around them and teach them to be leaders too. They do it all the time, because competition or the new generation coming up behind them does not threaten them.

Great leaders earn the trust of those who follow them. It wouldn't occur to a great leader to think of the people he or she leads as subordinates or in any way inferior. They respect the unique talents and worth of every individual, and can step aside and allow someone more qualified to lead when the situation calls for it.

A part of our strategic plan is to develop leaders. We have worked hard this year to help develop the kind of leader Kiwanis needs. That kind of leader who will make things happen to benefit the organization. And if you have been watching this year, you have seen the fruits of several "leaders", volunteers and paid, who have gotten it.

Great leaders are not in a quest for personal power. They are, though, passionate about their purpose and can inspire others to feel strongly as well. What do you think? Who qualifies as a great leader in your book? Why don't you send them a note of thanks for blessing your life and moving Kiwanis forward? And why don't all of us recommit ourselves to the kind of leadership that motivates...not de-motivates? As I shared at the International Convention, "If you have to tell people who you are or wear a gold name badge to prove it, you're not!"

May great leaders continue to rise to the top and lead us to greatness because they have learned how to lead through serving others. Just my thoughts on a Monday morning!

**Steve Siemens, CSP**

International President

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## ABOUT KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL

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Founded in 1915, Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time. Kiwanis International and its service leadership programs for young people, including Circle K, Key Club, Key Leader, Builders Club, K-Kids, Kiwanis Junior and Aktion Club dedicate more than 19 million volunteer hours and invest US\$100 million to strengthen communities and serve children annually. The Kiwanis International family comprises 600,000 adult and youth members and 15,000 clubs in over 90 countries and geographic areas. Kiwanis members make their mark by responding to the needs of their communities and pooling their resources to address worldwide issues. Globally, Kiwanis International has focused humanitarian efforts on eliminating iodine deficiency disorders (IDD), through the Worldwide Service Project, a US\$75 million campaign in partnership with UNICEF, which began in 1994.

For more information about Kiwanis International, please visit [www.kiwanis.org](http://www.kiwanis.org).

# PROFILE ON OUR GOVERNOR-ELECT GEOFF HILL

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I have been asked by the editor Owen to submit my profile as Governor Elect. I will start right at the beginning then you will know where I'm coming from.

I was born 26-7-38 in Camperdown Victoria. I grew up on the farm at Colbinabbin, Vic. I ran the farm with my parents and brother. We were producing fat lambs wool plus cereal cropping, oats, barley and wheat.

I met my wife Bev in 1957 and we married in 1961. We have 3 children all married and 9 grand children, all great children ages ranging from 2 to 19.

In 1973 we went into the field of pig producing, growing our own grains and processing and feeding up to porkers.

In the meantime, I became involved in the Scouting movement as cub leader, acting group leader going onto scout leader. I was also involved in the local school committee as a member finishing as President, as my children moved into their secondary education.

I played football for the local team although at times I thought I was the only supporter on the field. My main hobby was movie making. We had a small business called 'Australian Widescreen Centre'. We were selling special lenses for producing cinemascope format movie making. We were also manufacturing cinemascope screens on special orders. We had good times, and very tough times. Being on the land is not always kind.

At 39, a life change and one I don't regret, I went to work as a manager of a photo processing business this was to last for 9 months. Bev and I decided to start out own photo processing business in Shepparton, the second Mini Lab in Australia.

We were driving from the farm to Shepparton some 75km. morning and night, feeding stock, cleaning pens, milling feed at weekends. It got to the stage that we were not coping so the pigs had to go. We then had our neighbour share farm the property. We rented a house in Shepparton and returned to the farm at weekends. In 1981 we sold the farm and bought 10 acres and built a house where we live to this day.

In 1987 while at work I had a visit from Stewart Russell asking if I would like to come along to a breakfast meeting in the hope of forming a Kiwanis Club. In October 1987 I became a Kiwanian as a charter member of Shepparton Sunrises. We now take Stewart to our breakfast meetings so Stewart can take the blame for where I am at this time.

In Kiwanis I have been actively involved

- Bulletin Editor for four years,
- President 1990-91,
- Lt Gov 1993-94-1994-95,
- Secretary 1996-97, 1997-98,
- Club board Y.C.P.O,
- Dist Chair Y.C.P.O 1995, 1996, 1997
- Attended 15 District and 3 ASPAC Conventions,
- Life Member 1994,
- Hixson Fellow 1998,
- Governor Elect 2005.

I would like to conclude that I have reached where I am now because of my greatest asset, my wife Bev. For 45 years we have been a working team (not always in agreement) and my family have given me their full support at all times.

And to all my great friends in and out of Kiwanis, thankyou for this privilege and great honour to serve.

**Geoff Hill, Gov Elect 05-06.**



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## VALE

It is with sadness that we report the passing of Kiwanians and partners: Governor 1978-79 Phillip Hatchard (Melbourne Club), Keith Truman (Berwick), Ross Geytenbeek (Tea Tree Gully Aktion Club), Ray Murphy (Shepparton), Terry Pottier (Canning River), Rod Oliver (Alice Springs) and Ruth Bottruff (Adelaide).

Another sadness to report is the closure of the Kiwanis Club of Alice Springs.

## KI APPOINTS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ROB PARKER

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**INDIANAPOLIS—August 1, 2006**—Kiwaniis International, an organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time, announced today the appointment of Rob Parker as the organization's new CEO / Executive Director.

Effective immediately, Parker will further Kiwanis' growth as a premier service organization by implementing new strategies to communicate the vision and goals of the organization to members and the public. Parker will also be responsible for maintaining a strong financial foundation for the organization and leading the integration of the strategic plan as Kiwanis works towards its goal of one million members by 2015.

"We welcome Rob to the Kiwanis International team and are confident that he will further ignite the energy that has been growing within this organization," said Steve Siemens, Kiwanis International President. "He brings a track record of leading organizations through significant membership growth. His new thinking and exceptional experience will be valuable in driving membership and organization goals, as we continue to adapt to the changing needs of our members and the changing needs of the world."

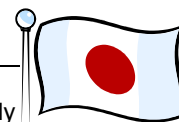
Parker brings nearly 25 years of non-profit experience to Kiwanis International. Most recently, he served as president for the Atlanta-based IMPACT Group, which provides executive coaching and organizational development services to both for-profit and non-profit organizations. Parker was also previously a key member of the senior management team for the Boys & Girls Club of America, where he helped raise millions in private-sector support for the organization.

An accomplished speaker and trainer, Parker has extensive experience presenting in the U.S. and abroad. He and his wife Stephanie have two grown children, Andrea and A.J., and a grandson Nicholas. Rob enjoys boating, basketball, racquetball and camping in his spare time.

Throughout his career, Parker has worked directly with some of America's most dynamic business leaders, CEO's, and nonprofit leaders. These experiences offer tremendous opportunities for Kiwanis, which recently announced its goal of reaching one million members by 2015. With a dedicated staff and volunteers, and Parker at the helm, Kiwanis will continue to develop future generations of leaders and to change the world one child and one community at a time.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO MITSUAKI SATO

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Mitsuaki Sato, Past International Trustee and 2001-02 Governor of the Japan District, was recently honored by the Japanese government with "The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon" for the tremendous contribution he has made to his country as a public official. Kiwanis International congratulates him on his achievement and the honor bestowed on him by his government. Congratulatory notes or cards may be sent to him at the following address:

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## THANKS LIBBY

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At the Board of Trustees meeting, held in Adelaide in May, Governor Geoff paid tribute to the outstanding support given to Kiwanis by Libby Emery and presented her with an arrangement of flowers.

A particularly gracious hostess, Libby has provided billets and catered for many Kiwanians during the time Brian has been District Secretary.

Congratulations Libby and Brian on becoming Grandparents!