

THE AUSTRALIAN KIWANIAN

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Greetings from Governor Geoff Holmes

I wrote this greeting from Orlando, Florida where I attended the Council Meeting, which included Governors from 80 countries around the world.

What a wonderful experience it was!

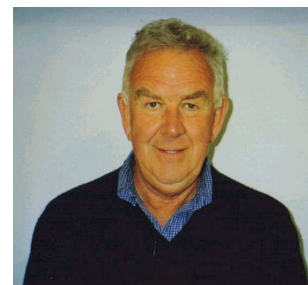
I learned so much about Kiwanis worldwide, became so much more aware of the work being done by so many dedicated Kiwanians and met many interesting people from all parts of the world.

- I am now firmly convinced that we ARE a global organization and that, although we are at present small, we certainly can make a difference.
- Our own East Timor cow project was spotlighted as a Kiwanis Success Story- "GOT MILK?"
- One Kiwanis member at the meeting amazed me by donating one million dollars to the Foundation.
- Our "Heart Kids" Project fits well with the new motto " Serving the Children of the World".
- The commitment and dedication from International President Steve, the Trustees and the staff was absolutely overwhelming.

Since returning to Australia, I have enjoyed attending meetings, the very successful Mini Convention at Tea Gardens for Division 2, Division 4 in Perth, and now look forward to the Board of Trustees gathering in Adelaide where a special guest will be Rex Keys, recent Trustee and now in charge of the Asia Pacific Regional office.

Best wishes for a successful year.

Governor Geoff Holmes
Governor 2005-06



KIWANIS IS WHERE A NEED IS SEEN

The Kiwanis Club of Melbourne ran a BBQ to raise funds to help the South Melbourne Youth Outreach to send kids from the housing estate to a week long summer camp during the school holidays.

The BBQ was a fun fellowship event, raising over \$500 to help subsidise the camp.

On most weekends there are Kiwanians getting their hands dirty, helping others and having fun. Thank you.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN AKTION CLUBS



Several of the Aktion Clubs in the Adelaide area participated in a morning of fun and games on Sunday the 27th of November 2005.

It was a very hot morning but about 40 members from **the Adelaide Achievers, The Hills, the Brighton Busy Beavers** and the **Gully Go-getters** Aktion Clubs got together at Bonython Park to compete in **the Annual Aktion Club Sports and Fun Day**. The event has been going for 5 years now and is a fantastic way to get clubs together for some fun. The event is organised by each of the Aktion Clubs on a rotating basis with this year's event conducted by the Gully Go-getters. In attendance were another 20 or so supporting members from the sponsoring Kiwanis Clubs, family as well as representatives from the Intellectual Disabilities Service Council (IDSC).

Both individual and teams events were held. Some of the games this year included "Ball in the Bucket", Bocce, longest kick and an annual favourite the egg and spoon race. Lots of fun was had by all in attendance gauging by the laughter and smiles.

Club team members are awarded points for competing and individual results are added to find the recipient team of the perpetual trophy, who hold it for the following twelve months. After all the points were tallied (and unfortunately no bribes paid!), the winners for 2005 were the Adelaide Achievers who narrowly pipped the Gully Go-getters. The challenge is out already for next year.

A small cover charge enables everyone to enjoy a delicious BBQ at the conclusion of the games along with a refreshing drink and ice cream from the Bonython Park kiosk. Fortunately the Kiwanis Club of Adelaide manages the kiosk at Bonython Park so Aktion Club members are well looked after. As a sidelight the Kiwanis Bus (joint project of the Kiwanis Clubs of Division 3, 8 and 10) was used to transport several of the participants on the day.

Aktion Clubs have now been in operation for 13 years, with clubs in SA, VIC and WA. Mental health has been featured heavily in the media of late and a spokesperson for the IDSC said, "Aktion Clubs are of immense benefit both in providing activities for their clients as well as providing opportunities for personal growth and undertaking community service. It would be great if more Aktion Clubs could be set up as many clients miss out in areas where clubs currently do not exist."

Clubs interested in more information on Aktion Clubs can contact Peter Zander the District Administrator for Aktion Clubs or by looking on the internet at www.aktionclub.org

Peter Zander, District Administrator Aktion Clubs

NEWCASTLE CHRISTMAS TREES

Newcastle Club's major project is the collection and selling of Christmas Trees purchased from a Christmas Tree Plantation. The project's gross sales were \$10,050 with a net profit of \$6,100.

A team of members travel 150k north, and load 400 trees onto a semi-trailer the Friday afternoon prior to the sale. We sell on the Saturday from three sites and customers arrive from 6.00am, often before members have untarped the trailer.

Members are rostered at each of the sites and sales continue at the main site until approximately 4.00pm. Unsold trees are then taken to the site at the business location of Bryen Smith and are sold on "Auto Pilot". A sign indicates that the site is unattended and gives instructions for the selection of a tree and the inclusion of payment in an envelope to be left under the door. This site sells "unattended" based on the honour system over the weekend, and well into the following week, and contributes approximately \$1,000 towards the total sales.

A new member was in attendance at our main site alongside a busy exit road from the city, and indicated the she had a Santa available to help sell trees. Santa (Son) duly arrived and assisted in sales, much to the delight of the children.



'Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.' Martin Luther King Jr.

NEWS FROM THE KIWANIS CLUB OF SWAN RIVER

The Kiwanis Club of Swan River recently went shopping for items needed by the Balga Child Care Centre.



The Centre is attached to Balga Senior High School and caters for high school girls who have become mothers but wish to continue their education. The Centre cares for the children during school time and also helps the girls with many aspects of how to care for their babies. Girls from across the metro area attend Balga High School and Child Care Centre, which is the only WA school to offer such facilities.

The Child Care Centre relies on volunteer support for many items they need and also for help with busy bee type projects.

In photo: Norma Skinner, President of Kiwanis Club of Swan River with Carol Lyons the Balga Child Care Manager.

SUBJECT : ANNUAL CLUB GIFT (FORMERLY THE ANNUAL BIRTHDAY APPEAL)

The Annual Club Gift is held each year from October 1 to May 31 and during this time clubs are asked to give a donation to the Foundation. The Kiwanis International birthday is January 21. It would be also good if you could also have a special KIF program in February as this is when the Kiwanis International Foundation Birthday is. I hope that you have a fundraiser already in place for this important program.

These donations are honoured by a banner patch that signifies the amount given by each club. If your Club/s received a Banner Patch last year at the District Convention you will have noticed a new type of Patch has been made which is quite a nice type of Banner Patch. If your Clubs did not get a Patch last year, now it is your chance to have one. The amount suggested is at least \$5(Aus) per member but can be more if your clubs wishes.

Some suggestions how to raise the money are :- A loose change tin to collect the change as members leave the meeting, a fundraising dinner to celebrate Foundation week in March or a fundraising project. There are many ways to raise this money. This money is important because it goes towards financing the "Grants" program which provides funds for world-wide projects (including our own District), so please let us give it our best support this year.

When your clubs are sending in their donation please ask them to fill out the brochure given to them as it will make it easier for the District Secretary when he receives the gift.

With your support we will have a good year this year. Yours in Kiwanis, Ted Scarfe.

HEART KIDS IN THE HUNTER

The Hunter clubs of East Maitland and Newcastle provided a Christmas Bar-B-Que for the families of Hunter Heart Kids. The Heart Kids Organisation provided a Clown and face painting and Kiwanis supplied and prepared lunch and purchased a gift for all children, which was personally handed out by the Kiwanis Santa.

We have committed to paying the joining fees for all new families to the Heart Kids Organisation and subsequent membership fees on a needs basis. In addition to supporting the District Project for Heart Kids we have set up a fund to help the families in the Hunter. A number of our members attend Heart Kids meetings to provide support and to become aware of any needs of the group in which we can offer assistance.

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

We look forward to receiving articles for the *Australian Kiwanian*. The next issue will be prepared after the Board of Trustees meeting at the end of February and will include items from that meeting, news from the clubs, etc. Please email donaghey@adam.com.au or post to me at Unit 1/9 Rotorua Court, Noarlunga Downs SA 5168 or my assistant at janine.powell3@bigpond.com 112 Woodland Way, Teringie SA 5072

Owen Donaghey, Bulletin Editor 05-06

HEART KIDS RESEARCH AND THE KIWANIS CLUB OF MITCHAM



Heart Kids Research is the District Governor's chosen charity for 2005-2006. The Mitcham Club has decided to stand behind the charity with a substantial financial donation towards the Heart Kids research programs. Our meeting on the 28th November was addressed by Rowena Morgan of Heart Kids regarding the formation of Heart Kids and its development since formation. Rowena touched on many aspects of the organisation, the kids themselves from the past and present, and the research needed to support affected children so that they are able have problems rectified and lead normal lives.

District Governor Geoff Holmes and Kay Giles and Lieutenant Governor Division 8, Bill Van Dieman attended the meeting. Lieutenant Governor Division 3 was unable to attend due to ill health. Rowena and her husband

Lee became involved with Heart Kids as a result of their child having been born with a heart problem and are now involved nationally. The need for such an organisation continues to grow together with the need for research to determine causes and cures for childhood heart problems.

The talk led to an increased awareness of childhood heart problems among the members of our club and also the need for further research.

At the conclusion of the talk and questions Mitcham Club President, John Lundy, presented a cheque for \$1500.00 for Heart Kids Research to Rowena Morgan. The members of the Mitcham Kiwanis Club encourage all Kiwanis clubs in Australia to support the Kiwanis charity for 2005-2006 and raise the \$60000.00 needed to help the research programs.

HEARTKIDS DONATIONS AND SUPPORT

In January, District Chair for Heartkids Ted Kitto reported that the response to Governor Geoff's and the Board of Trustees target of \$60,000 for this year is progressing. The fund to date is \$7,899 with donations from the following clubs:

McLennan	Div 7	\$860	Brighton (Vic)	Div 6	\$2,500
Sunrisers	Div 7	\$1,039	Mitcham	Div 3	\$1,500
East Maitland	Div 2	\$1,000	Casuarina	Div 9	\$1,000

I would like to offer my personal thanks, and the thanks from Heartkids Australia to the clubs listed for their kind donations and support of this worthwhile appeal. You may not realise how much hope this gives to the children and the parents and other members of the family. People don't realise what these children have to go through to be able to make a start in their life. You have to see them to believe it.

Please try and see your way to giving your support to this worthwhile cause and at the same time helping Governor Geoff to fulfill one of his aims and achieve his target of \$60,000 by the District Convention to be held in Newcastle in August.

Heartkids parents value the dedicated support of a great organisation like Kiwanis whose main aim is SERVING THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD.

All donations are to be sent to Ian Perdriau, District Chair Australian District Charitable Trust, and all cheques made payable to this Trust. All donations will be acknowledged in future AK issues.

ONE WAY TO RECOGNISE SERVICE – A LEADERSHIP SOCIETY AWARD

District Chair Ted Scarfe advises that there is a new and better award called The Kiwanis Leadership Society award which is a practical and sensible way to recognise the accomplishments and service of family, friends and fellow Kiwanians. A very nice personalised plaque is presented at a cost of (US) \$100. The funds go to help improve the lives of the children of the world, which is part of the Young Children Priority One program.

This distinguished group assists the Kiwanis International Foundation with its charitable work, supporting projects and programs that are beyond the financial capability of a Club, Division or District.

Many Kiwanis Clubs, Divisions and Districts utilize the Kiwanis Leadership Society recognition to honour charter members, outgoing Club Presidents or officers, Lieutenant Governors, Governors and other deserving individuals, and supersedes the previous Kiwanis Fellow/Lady award.

KIWANIS CLUB OF ROSTREVOR-CAMPBELLTOWN PROJECT COMPLETED – MISSION AUSTRALIA – HINDMARSH CENTRE.

We recently had a guest speaker from Mission Australia talk about this centre in Adelaide.

Mission Australia Hindmarsh Centre is a sobering up unit for young people aged 12-24 years who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and are affected by alcohol and/or drugs. Their seven bed Sobering Up Unit provides safe, overnight accommodation and support for young men and women whilst they sober up. This provides a window of opportunity for them to break out of the cycle of alcohol or drug related problems and the professional team offers specialised assessment of needs, counselling and referral to Outreach Program.

The centre provides a safe and caring place at a critical time in a young person's life. It often saves that life.

We wondered how we could help at Christmas and decided a basket of goodies with such things as Christmas gifts of underwear / toiletries / bus tickets / phone cards / and a Christmas food hamper.

One of our members donated \$180 from monies collected for a dutiful charity from collecting \$1 week for Casual Fridays. The Board matched this and two members put together a great Hamper that was presented to the Centre who were very grateful and overwhelmed by this donation. What a special Christmas for these unfortunate children.

NEWS FROM LT GOV DIV 6: BENI AVALLONE

Membership is the focus this 2005-2006 year right through the Kiwanis International Organisation. It is also District Governor Geoff Holmes's top priority. We all need to concentrate on Membership. This includes both Retention of current Members and Recruiting new Members. Personal contact/phone calls to absentee Club Members letting them know what we do so well in our Clubs and what opportunities, fun and satisfaction they are missing is a very positive step, as well as Pastoral Care among those who are unwell or on Sick Leave

Inclusiveness of current Members in Community Service activities, social interaction among our Members and between other Clubs, and orientation of both New and Prospective Members are all of vital importance. Supporting the Club's Sponsored Youth Clubs and Programs in our schools can attract even more Members.

Our Division 6 Council, which includes all the Club Presidents and Secretaries in the eight Clubs are in the process of formulating a divisional membership "Growth Plan". Every single member in our eight Clubs is encouraged to bring in Prospective Members to our meetings. It is up to each individual Club Member to publicise Kiwanis and attract new Prospects. Inviting those who are interested to accompany you to a Club Dinner Meeting is the best way to go about it. They may include Neighbours, Friends, Relatives, Work Colleagues, Health and Welfare Officers, City Councillors, School Parents Associations, Shop-keepers, Bank Employees, etc. A Prospects List can be quite long IF we all try. So what are we waiting for? It is all up to us.

The majority of prospective members join mainly for two reasons.

1. Community Service.
2. Social Interaction.

Let's build on these two and reap the rewards... a happier, more co-operative Membership.

Article copied from the Brighton Kiwanian Bulletin of Kiwanis Club of Brighton (Vic)

SOME OTHER NEWS AND VIEWS

The Kiwanis Club of Adelaide is hosting the Annual Bowls Night for Divisions 3, 8 & 10 on March 2nd. A great night of fun and fellowship is guaranteed as the teams play on the lawn greens, usually with a beautiful sunset at Glenelg, and look forward to the supper of hot pies and pasties, winning the raffle prizes, and cheering the winners of the Ken Farmer Trophy.

To those attending the ASPAC Convention in Taiwan and the Past Governors Weekend in Portland – enjoy.

Many Kiwanis, Key, Aktion and K-Kids clubs will be participating in the KESAB clean up. Thank you.

Do you like challenges? Invite a potential member to your next meeting and memorise the Objects of Kiwanis International.

We send our best wishes for a speedy and safe recovery to those on the sick list.

DONCASTER-TEMPLESTOWE CLUB NEWS

To the members of the Doncaster-Templestowe Kiwanis,
I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the 2005 Kiwanis Citizenship Award. It was a total shock and a very fantastic experience. I am very grateful to every member for making this award a possibility and I appreciate being chosen for it. I look forward to continuing to work with the Whitefriars Key club and perhaps even the Kiwanis once I finish year 12. Once again thank you for the award I still find it hard to believe that I received this award and I will always be grateful for it.

Joseph Romeo

11E4 Whitefriars College Key Club Secretary.



John McQuillan explains: The citizenship award mentioned in the letter from Joseph Romeo is a book award made available to all the secondary Colleges in the City of Manningham for a year 10 student who has performed outstanding community service. This service can be within the College or in the wider community. The selection is made by the College and the presentations to the students is either by the College or by one of the Doncaster-Templestowe Club members.

Please amend your Kiwanis International Australia District Inc. Club Directory 2005-06: The Key Club of Glenunga International High School is now sponsored by Adelaide.

THOUGHTS FOR KIWANIANIS

Let serenity be your constant companion during your daily routine.

Keep the need for idealism ever present in your mind. People are not islands. Wonderful people abound in many places, certainly not exclusively among the fit and the well.

In the often stormy passages of living, shun the odiousness of comparison. We are all gifted in one way or another, no matter how humble or disadvantaged.

Remember that we are all equal in the sight of God, for we are merely mortal.

Embrace the beauty of silence – in its presence resides both wisdom and peace.

Exercise the wholesomeness of self discipline and surrender gracefully to the inevitability of aging in our journey through life, and in our passing, pass on to those following the only two things of real value which all of us will ever possess – knowledge and love for each other.

Remember that truth is the only absolute argument; speak it clearly and quietly for truth has never needed shouting, abuse has never been an argument.

Never denigrate the immense power of love. It is the most powerful influence for good in the world today. May we – as Kiwanians – demonstrate to the world the gentle power of this wonderful force.

Let us – Kiwanians all – steadfastly maintain the grace of humility and shun the onset of elitism in our midst.

Being all children of the universe, we have an equal right, together with all other living creatures and natural creations, to be here. Let us not abuse this privilege, but respect its wonder and preserve it from harm.

Be at peace with God, whoever or whatever you may perceive God to be, so that our souls may continue to grow in peace and oneness with our God.

Remember that we are yesterday's children and that today's children will be 'we' of tomorrow. Let us with vigour and determination, keep untarnished that wonderful world that they will inherit from us.

PS: Never forget that ALTRUISM, the core of our existence, is the guiding thought behind our second Object "Do unto others, ..." but do it because of the love you bear for them all.

This article was re-printed from the Seaside Soliloquy" Feb, 06, Kiwanis Club of Brighton SA.

ASSOCIATION OF COMBINED SERVICE CLUBS – SA



ACSO, a cooperative team effort by representatives from Kiwanis, Rotary, Lions, Soroptimists, Zonta and Apex administer the Premier's Awards each year as part of Service Club Week in South Australia.

In October Kiwanis received recognition for some of their projects with District Secretary Brian Emery (Tea Tree Gully) and AK Editor Owen Donaghey (Brighton SA) accepting certificates for their Clubs.

Colleen Doran of Burnside-East Adelaide Club was recognised for her years of service to ACSO.

PG Janine Powell is our current rep.

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AIRLINES HEAR ABOUT AUSTRALIA DISTRICT ANNUAL CONVENTION IN NEWCASTLE AND REDUCE AIRFARES!!!

The first Australia District Annual Convention to be held in the beautiful harbour city of Newcastle is happening 24-27 August 2006.



Walk along the Newcastle harbour foreshore



Dine at one of the foreshore restaurants

Many Kiwanians have already made the decision and booked their accommodation at the convention venue Noahs on the Beach. If you haven't made your decision to attend yet or are still tossing up which way to get to Newcastle it just became more attractive to do so!

Jetstar, in particular, and Virgin Blue have released very reasonable fares that will allow many Kiwanians to fly into the fastest growing regional airport in Australia, Newcastle.

A direct flight **from Melbourne** to Newcastle early on Thursday 24 August (6.00 am departure) arriving Newcastle at 7.10 am will cost **only \$39**. A return flight on Sunday 27 August departing Newcastle at 2.50 pm arriving in Melbourne 3.55 pm costs **only \$59!** *Prices include taxes & charges!* Similar prices apply to Brisbane. **From Brisbane** to Newcastle a **\$39** is available with the return flight costing **\$59**. **From Adelaide** to Newcastle via Melbourne flights can be booked on Virgin Blue for a return cost of **\$330**.

The prices will go up as the time gets closer so make your decision now and fly into what will be a great convention. We promise to have a friendly local Kiwanian at the airport to meet any flight arriving the week of the convention.



The views of Newcastle beach from Noah's on the Beach



Our Convention Venue - Noahs on the Beach

The main convention venue Noahs on the Beach has a newly revamped dining and function area and is positioned in a stunning location overlooking Newcastle beach. The convention committee is striving for a "good value" convention with many of the events sponsored and costs kept to a minimum. All the registration details can be found on the Australian Kiwanis website or if you are not on the internet please contact Bryen Smith on 0412308251 and to obtain a hard copy Convention brochure including the Registration Form. For Bookings at [Noah's On the Beach](#) please quote the **Booking Number 175459**.



The convict built Bogey Hole



Vessel entering the harbour

Newcastle is the world's biggest coal port and we can promise you plenty of sights of the huge carriers entering and departing Newcastle harbour.

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