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...and much more

What an apt description for our great organization - and our new magazine!!

This is one legacy to Kiwanis from our International President Bob and First Lady Jan, as they travel the world challenging Kiwanis everywhere to grow Kiwanis and to be proud of what we do - to make lots of new friends and have fun doing it.

Serving the Children of the World is an equally noble aspiration - one which we know most Australians empathise with and support. Annually, we undertake over 3,000 individual Club projects and provide close to 50,000 hrs of voluntary service. We contribute \$200,000 of club funds to these worthy causes, in addition to the funds we help other community networks to achieve for their cause.

Milk for the children of Timor Leste providing to - date, well over \$ 500,000 in direct support and self help and fresh milk to 1,000 children daily is a good example. It has now earned the major grant for 2003 from our Kiwanis International

Foundation of Us \$35,000 to complete stage two next year - daily milk to 5,000 children in need - and a viable industry and training format for young Timorese.



Kiwaniis - A Family United in Service

Ann and I wish to extend to Kiwanians and friends everywhere a message of peace, joy and friendship as the Christmas season approaches.

May our love of, and within, our own families reach out to those less fortunate as we celebrate this festive occasion

Let us remember that, as the New Year dawns, we are committed to sharing our Australian Kiwanis Spirit and Friendship with as many new Communities and friends as possible.

Serving the Children of the World Governor Kevin and First Lady Ann.

This is an enviable service record. We are however, an ageing network. We must renew and grow our clubs if we are to improve our Kiwanis profile. Following Convention, we now have a raft of exciting new major projects which can make Kiwanis a visible brand in our Australian communities.

Apart from our 3,000 Club projects, we also have Heartkids, the Australian Children's Heart Research Centre, Kiwanis Curbing Hunger and our First Lady project - Reading is Fundamental - as new initiatives to involve our communities in Kiwanis Service. If we market these well, we can expect a better Kiwanis Profile in the Australian landscape in the lead in to Asia Pacific Convention in Perth - March 2005.

Our World Service Project - IDD, where Australia scored a second in world contributions and now our success with Kiwanis Foundation and Milk for the Children in Timor Leste, leaves us very well placed to reach our growth targets.

The "Black and White" Convention in Adelaide in August - our best for a decade - left our International visitors, Jan and Bob with aching sides from spontaneous laughter. The ripple effect went all the way to International Council in October as President Bob declared Australia to be "in good shape but needing to grow." "I am astonished just what can be produced with only two colours." added President Bob.

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International President Bob Moore and First Lady Jan with Governor Kevin and Ann Wood

Convention Report

2003

Big congratulations to Janine, the Adelaide Club and Convention team for a GREAT Convention effort.

Amongst the outstanding speakers and presentations included Tim Fischer who enthused all and was truly able to engage with Kiwanis through his attendance over a couple of days.

Close to 300 people took part in some or all of the program or social events. It was an excellent convention

and was enjoyed by many including International President Bob Moore and First Lady Jan (Moore.)



Tim Fischer

Membership Growth -

Can we do it? Listen up...

The answer is quite simple. Yes! Peter Aebersold, secretary of the Alice Springs Club convinced everyone that with the right approach ANY CLUB can grow and attract new members - and can afford the dues increase for that matter. Peter is based in Alice Springs is wheelchair bound; has one arm and one leg; AND he received the award for membership Growth for 2003 and the Secretary's Award 2003.

Peter has attracted a staggering 30 plus new members.



Asia Pacific Convention (ASPAC) - Perth 2005

Following various negotiations at Board and Convention, a decision was taken to confirm Perth as the venue for 2005 and for the Board to take full control of the Convention administration. Graham Mould was appointed as Convention Chairman and has quickly put in place a management team and business plan for this important Kiwanis event in 2005. Graham will provide regular updates to all Kiwanis.



October Board - Governor Kevin congratulates Past Governor Janine on her successful year as Governor.

The Convention Workshops

The Convention Workshops were all very lively, well attended and highlighted the major progress that is being made in many project options and key developmental areas. Highlights and photographs follow:

The Timor Report

The highlights of this session were the attendance of Fuiloro College Rector, Fr Jojo San Juan, Farm workers Celestino and Igildo and Consul General to Australia, Mr Abel Guterres. Celestino and Igildo are both studying at Christian College Farm in Ballarat on a Rotary Fellowship. They surprised everyone by taking the microphone and thanking Kiwanis for help to establish the first dairy in Timor- a superb effort considering they only began English lessons earlier in the year.

HeartKids / Aust Childrens Heart Research Centre (ACHRC)

The Presentation by Professor Dan Penny and HeartKids President, Alison Byrne was everything we expected and then some. International President Bob was so impressed that he asked Professor Penny for the actual video tape to take to International. He also urged the District to nominate HeartKids for a KIF World Service Medal. This has been done.

Read around the World

International First Lady Jan and Ann Wood presented the first Lady project, Reading is Fundamental Australia. This is an exciting option for any Club to undertake at whatever level they choose within their communities to nurture and develop the reading and early learning skills for young children. Posters and information have been distributed to each Club.

Kiwanis Curbing Hunger

On behalf of Mark Sims, Bill Avallone from Brighton Vic. Club and District Treasurer presented Kiwanis Curbing Hunger - a new project option for any Club in Australia to make a real difference to families in need within their municipalities.



Port Philip Club launched their program on 16/11/03.

Sponsored Youth / Aktion Clubs

Congratulations to Peter Zander and his team for the excellent presentation involving the Sponsored Youth and Aktion Clubs mini convention and workshop. This was a great success. Well done to all concerned.

The Memorial Service

The finale came with a very moving tribute to honour those Kiwanians who have deceased during the year led by Spiritual Aims director, David Obst. Combined with the inspection of the landscaping project in the Women's and Children's Hospital courtyard, followed by a tasty BBQ lunch.

Next Year 2004 Cobram Barooga

CONVENTION ROUNDUP

There were many highlight from this 35th Annual Australia District Convention and in the absence of a formal report, here are some pointers which should help give an insight into what was a fabulous four-day event.

There were 265 people in attendance overall, with more than 140 registrations; around 200 people were at the Friday and Saturday night functions, with 113 entered to attend Sunday morning's closing ceremonies.

Outgoing New Zealand District Secretary (NZ/South Pacific) Michael Boyd spoke during Saturday's luncheon and made a presentation.

Bob Moore and wife Jan were our guests from USA, Bob takes over next month from Ito Torres as International President. A former attorney, Bob is an eloquent speaker with some interesting goals for his year in office. He also has a 34 year record of perfect attendance which is worth noting.

During the business sessions, Bill Avollino was elected District Treasurer for the new year, while Brian Emery scored the position of District Secretary to incoming Governor Kevin Wood.

Many thanks to the quite-achieving Dalidowicz family (Irene, Tony & Andrew) who helped out on Saturday afternoon to decorate the room used for the Black & White Dinner. They would have loved to join us for the dinner but were obliged to attend a birthday function.



Kevin's & Ann's extended family



Adelaide Convention - Business Session

Saturday's Black & White do was very enjoyable and at times extremely hilarious when people strutted their stuff, dressed as Michael Jackson, cows, minstrels, gangsters, nuns, clergy, Phantom of the Opera, etc etc. A highlight came when the "Reverend" Bill Van Diemen conducted an impromptu "wedding" complete with an ungodly hymn sung by "the nuns."

For many attending Saturday evening's B&W function, there was a moment of drama when the Convention lottery was about to be drawn. President Alan led Jan Moore to the barrel and asked Jan to draw out 1st prize. Shock, horror, the barrel was empty (Who's stolen the tickets!?!), but decorum was restored when a larger barrel (the real one) was wheeled out, containing the ticket butts and the draw proceeded.

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The Black and White troupe sing up a storm.

Convention Report Continued

Possibly one of the Convention highlights occurred as early as Thursday's opening ceremony where drinks and tasty finger food were provided, followed by Lord Mayor Michael Harbison's address. Next came a fashion parade and some family fun & games organized by the energetic

ladies from East Adelaide Club. Their People Bingo was a great ice-breaker and a fun way to meet other Conventoners.

Looking forward now to next year's Convention to be hosted by Cobram-Barooga.



Bob and Jan with Abel and the Timor milkers.



Jocelyn Thomson, Fay Russell and Flo Thomson

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A Family in Service article

President - Elect Case van Kleef was left contemplating what he might face next year downunder at Cobram Barooga when the " Reverend Mother " takes over.

President Bob urged the District Board to develop and grow; to share with our fellow Australians what we do well - our community service, and to have lots of fun.

The Board have accepted Bob's challenge. We have a confirmed growth plan of 11 new clubs and a net 350 new members by September 2004.

The message is simple. If you do not ask the question the answer is ALWAYS NO.

Let each of us pick up President Bob's Challenge. When we have read our new look magazine, make it work for us and for Kiwanis. Offer it on to a friend, work colleague or new neighbour. Make very sure that a firm invitation to your Kiwanis Club is enclosed. If you eyeball people they understand and want to share our good news.

Ann and I wish all of our Kiwanis friends the very best for the festive Season of Christmas, a restful and safe holiday break and followed by a great Kiwanis year in 2004.

AUSTRALIAN DISTRICT 36TH ANNUAL CONVENTION 2004

COBRAM - BAROOGA UPDATE NO.1.

The first "Country" Convention is well underway. Bookings are coming in quickly and the Golf Club Motel is already over half full or is it half empty? Please book in early for an easy stroll to the Convention Venue.

Remember, the "Early Bird" registration enables you to go into a draw to win a Colour TV. Guest speakers and Artists have already been engaged.

Don't forget your Golf Sticks (36 magnificent grass greens) and your fishing rods (Murray Cod are abundant in this stretch of the water) as both sports await your leisure time. Stay longer and enjoy.

Full details of the Convention program in respect to the various functions, themes and workshops are still being formulated and we will be forwarding onto each and every Club as soon as available.

A pre-conventional raffle is on the way to enable each Australian Club to enter with the opportunity to win a Plasma TV & other prizes .

MORE INFORMATION NEXT UPDATE.

Nepal an opportunity for Kiwanis

By Ann Alsworth

I have had the recent life changing experience of being in Nepal for 11 days.

I had the pleasure of meeting our sponsored child, his school and family, and seen with my own eyes the difference that sponsoring has made in their lives.

However they still live in a 3-roomed flat and have running water every other day and boys and girls sleep in the lounge room that is also their bedroom.

I was taken to visit other schools, orphanages and hospitals and they all have a huge need. I have seen levels of poverty dirt and pollution that had, staggered me at times.

This is the least developed country that I have visited.

I am proud to say that I am the first westerner to help the Shramsheel Vidyapith Nepal school, which has 78 young students and only was established 3 months ago.

My club, Athelstone, have supplied money to buy chairs for the children who were sitting on the ground before, we have sponsored a mute child and she now has started speech therapy with an Australian volunteer that I met up with. There are only 9 speech therapists for a population of over 22 million in Nepal.

Our club has made a difference already for some of the children in this school.



I would like other clubs in Australia to consider making a difference to a child and their family by sponsoring.

My dream is for this school to be know as the **KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL in Nepal**

Please help me to help them

Yours in Kiwanis

Ann Alsworth

Athelstone Kiwanis Club

South Australia

Tractor Expert Returns From Fuiloro

Retired 'A Grade' motor mechanic John Trevena has returned from Fuiloro where he has been working on the College's eight tractors, all of which were badly in need of repair.

John went as a volunteer as part of the AESOP aid program and we are extremely grateful for what he was able to achieve during his stay. Besides getting the tractors up and running again, John was able to share some of his knowledge with a local mechanic. Unfortunately, a sudden illness cut short John's visit. However by the time he left, three of the tractors were working again and the rest were well on the way to being repaired. John is confident that the local mechanic will be able to finish the job. Having the tractors back in working order means the dairy workers will be able to get more land under pasture and the villagers living near Fuiloro will benefit from having more agricultural equipment.



Fr Jojo and Fuiloro Dairy workers visit

Kiwanis Convention in Adelaide on Australian Tour

Fr Jojo San Juan, Rector of the Don Bosco Agricultural College, Timor Leste recently attended the Kiwanis Australia District Convention in Adelaide to thank the many Kiwanians and supporters who have provided the working dairy at Fuiloro.

Speaking at the Convention Workshop focussing on the Milk for the Children for Timor, Fr Jojo expressed sincere thanks on behalf of the children and families who were now benefiting from this imaginative aid project.

"Our children no longer faint and collapse at assembly now because they have the goodness of the milk to sustain them to walk the two or three hours each morning to attend school" said Fr Jojo. "This has been made possible by the generosity of so many Kiwanians and farmers who prepared the dairy and the cows for us. We only expected a few cows but because of Kiwanis, Kevin and Howard, we received thirty and it has changed the way we manage our farming".

Fr Jojo was joined at the Convention by Celestino and Igildo, two of the Fuiloro farm workers their likeable personalities endeared them to the delegates. Both also took part in the Dairy Project workshop and there was barely a dry eye in the room as they thanked Kiwanis for its assistance in helping establish the dairy and play a vital part in the rebuilding of Timor Leste.

Celestino and Igildo have spent almost three months in Victoria studying dairy farm management under a Rotary Fellowship at Christian College farm campus at Scotsburn, Ballarat, organised by Howard Williams. Here they studied a wide variety of farming techniques and helped care for the herd at Scotsburn during the calving season - a useful opportunity to learn more about animal welfare. With Howard, they were also able to study strip grazing and pasture care, something which will be essential as the size of the herd grows at Fuiloro. Add to this time spent on equipment maintenance, visiting a market garden, and attending the sale yards and it's easy to see that their time in Australia was very well spent.

Other guests at the Convention were Keynote Speaker, Mr Tim Fischer who is also Patron of the Kiwanis Timor Dairy project. Tim was joined by the Consul General to Australia, Mr Abel Guterres.



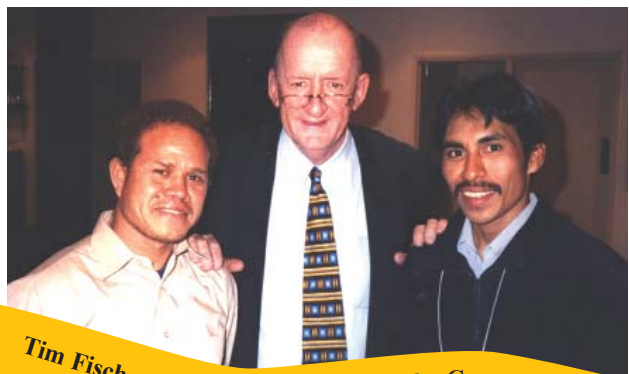
The team from East Timor at Convention.

Abel approached the Brighton Vic. Kiwanis Club to sponsor the Milk project Fr Brendan Murphy from Brooklyn Park parish in Adelaide made the Timor team most welcome during the Convention.

During his visit to Australia Fr Jojo travelled to Geelong Christian College and Farm Campus at Ballarat. He also visited the Goulburn Valley to inspect the second herd being prepared for travel to Fuiloro early next Year. He met many of the farm and volunteer team in the Goulburn Valley who made the project possible Fr Jojo, with Celestino

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and Igildo thanked all Australians for their help and support via television news and media briefings Travelling to Melbourne, Fr Jojo visited St Finbars' Parish East Brighton, met the dairy Project Planning team at Brunswick and visited Rupertswood College and farm at Sunbury operated by the Salesians. He also met with Bishop Hilton Deakin and enjoyed a farewell lunch at Brunswick before departing for Denmark Agricultural College in W.A prior to returning to Fuiloro.



Tim Fischer, Celestino and Igildo at the Convention



Kiwanis Club of Port Phillip

KIWANIS MAKING A NOISE FOR THE NEEDY



The inaugural Kiwanis Curbing Hunger appeal hit the roads with fervour on Sunday 16th November. The Kiwanis Club of Port Phillip with the support of the Port Phillip Council asked residents to place non perishable

food items on their 'curb' sides for collection by teams of Kiwanis volunteers. The food collected on the day was distributed to the Ardoch Youth Foundation, Emerald Hill Mission Foundation, St. Luke's Anglican Church and Sacred Heart Mission. Port Phillip Kiwanis members were delighted by the generosity and thoughtfulness of residents as delectable food items, baby food and even pet food (for hungry pets) were donated.

The demands for food on welfare agencies at this time of the year are enormous. Members from seven Kiwanis Clubs participated, volunteers from community organizations, friends of Kiwanians all

assisted on the day. We had lots of nice stories of on the day and the food and donations kept coming in after the official event.

The club learned heaps about the project and its community. It did created enormous awareness about Kiwanis and hunger in the City of Port Phillip. Importantly it fulfilled its mission to help

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alleviate hunger in the community and its vision to hold the biggest food drive in the City of Port Phillip.

The model has been developed and we would encourage clubs to get involved with a Kiwanis Curbing Hunger Easter Appeal.

A project brief is being developed and it will be available from Mark Sims marksims@mira.net

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29th ASPAC Convention 2004 NAGOYA, JAPAN March 11 - 13

Hosted by the Japan District, Kiwanis International the 29th Annual ASPAC Convention will be held in the beautiful city of Nagoya, located in central Japan.

With the theme "Children's Dreams Create the Future" Kiwanis from around the world will share in a range of workshops, general sessions and social functions at the Convention Hotel the Nagoya Marriott Associa. With APSPAC 2005 to be hosted in Perth Australia all Australian Kiwanis are encouraged to attend and be part of a global 'family united in service'.

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I Name This Cow....

If you have had a statue erected in your honour or your star is cemented in to a Hollywood boulevard you know you have made it! In Kiwanis, honour comes by way of Life Membership, Tablets of Honour or Hixsons, But wait, there's more. Not too many Kiwanians have had a cow named after them - until now!

Clubs donating \$ 500.00 or more were invited to name 'their' cows in Herd No 2 and some very inventive names have come in from around Australia and New Zealand. From across the Tasman, the Kiwanis Club of Takapuna has named its cow 'Taka' Takapuna is Maori for 'gathering of people by the spring'. We are not too sure whether Taka is the people or spring bit but 'Taka' has a nice ring about it and we are pleased to name their cow 'Taka'. Also from New Zealand we have 'Matata' from the Kiwanis Club of Matata. Thank you both for your support. The people from Alice Springs have chosen 'Alice' as the name for their cow whilst the Tea Tree Gully club have named their's 'Gully Girl'. Also from South Australia we have 'Shiraz' named by the Barossa club after that very fine variety of grape and 'Shiraz' is a name we can all drink to. Cheers, Barossa, thank you for your help.

Our colleagues from Newcastle had double the work to do as they have sponsored two cows. Please make welcome 'Matilda' and 'Clara' A variation on Matilda is 'Maitilda' which is the name given by the Kiwanis Club of Maitland for their little beauty. Up north our colleagues from the Darwin club have named their cows 'Claire' and 'Annette'. The people who they have named them after may not be aware that they have received this dubious honour and, in the interests of not getting this magazine sued, we should maybe leave it that way.

When you come from Mooroopna, and want your cows named after the area you come from, a 'Moo' and a 'Roopna' seems a great idea. So, Moo and Roopna it is.

Speaking of names based on where you come from, the children attending the Mount Barker South Primary School in South Australia are known as

"Southies". There were a number of nominations for their cow's name but, when it came to the vote, Southie was the clear cut winner.

Little did they know at the time that the club would honour them for their bravery

And so to people who have received the ultimate recognition by not only having a cow named after them but also KNOWING that they have been so honoured. The Kiwanis Club of Victoria Park have named their cow 'Annie' in honour of one of their members whilst 'JoKay' and 'Flo' have also come in to the world, thanks to the Kiwanis Club of Canning River. Jocelyn Thomson, (secretary at Canning River), sister Kay and mother Florence were the ladies who dressed up as our 'Milk For Timor' cows at the District Convention. Little did they know at the time that the club would honour them for their bravery but it has and we are pleased to have these two fine additions to the herd.

Every proud parent likes to show photos of their children and it truly is hard to say which is the prettiest cow in Herd No 2. Unlike some organisations, it is also difficult to send you each a letter outlining how your particular cow is getting on at cow school or whether, indeed, it has started to talk yet. What we can tell you is that all of the cows enjoy dining out, would like to travel one day and want to make a difference by helping people. Just as well because they are dining out right now, will soon be travelling to Timor Leste and, in the not too distant future, will be helping people!

Clubs that have not yet sent names for their cows are still welcome to do so and will be recognised in future editions.

**For more information about the Timor Dairy project contact john@netspace.net.au
Publicity Kiwanis Timor Leste Dairy Project**

Herd No. 2

Herd No 2 is being well looked after and all is on schedule to get it over to Timor Leste as soon as is practical. The herd is currently being cared for on Bryan and Micelle Maunder's property near Echuca in Victoria. Numbers will, of course, double as the 31 heifers give birth. Our second herd comprises of Jersey - Friesian crosses as well as some Jerseys which have been crossed with Friesian / AFSs. AFS cattle are tropical tolerant and, whilst they do not produce as much milk as the straight Jersey - Friesian

crosses, they are better equipped to stand up to tropical conditions. We are indebted to the Maunder daughters, Peta and Eden, who are also helping to rear the calves which started to arrive during September. In recognition of their help two of the calves have been named 'Peta' and 'Eden'.



IDD-The Australian Connection

Kiwianians can be proud of the role we are playing in eliminating Iodine Deficiency Disorders worldwide. Since our IDD campaign began in 1995 there has been a 69% increase in the number of people who, around the world, now have access to iodised salt. In East Asia and Latin America the figure is as high as 80% and the number of children being born free of mental retardation each year runs in to the millions.

Of course there is still work to be done but steady progress is being made as our project partners, UNICEF, establish programs in various parts of the world.

In some countries, such as Vietnam, the greatest changes have been made by governments making mandatory the addition of iodine to all salt that is sold for human consumption. With UNICEF Australia, the Australia District is heavily involved in Vietnam where we are overseeing a program to ensure that the salt which is being sold as 'iodised' does actually contain iodine. This has been done by setting up a number of salt testing laboratories and training the laboratory staff. Unscrupulous salt dealers are on notice!

Australia has also played a major role in eliminating IDD in Sri Lanka where our funds have been used to build salt iodisation factories as well as mount a public awareness campaign.

Eliminating IDD was never going to take place overnight. Before we could put programs into place, we needed to raise the funds and during the early years of the campaign there wasn't a great deal of news. "We could never find out what was going on" is a comment I have often heard. In reality a lot was going on as we gathered funds and studies were taking place to identify areas most in need of assistance. We needed to raise \$US 75 million and, by their very nature, the studies had to be carried out over a period of time.

The good news is that programs are now coming on line on a regular basis and the initial programs, which began in the late 1990s, are starting to show great results. As I said at the beginning 'Kiwianians can be proud of the role we are playing to eliminate Iodine Deficiency Disorders Worldwide'.

But, we have a concern on our own doorstep and it is that IDD is remerging in Australia. One theory is that iodine found its way in to the food chain when cleaning solutions used by the dairy industry contained iodine. The move away from those solutions has led to a fall in our daily iodine intake. A study is currently underway in NSW to see how serious the problem is in Australia. Once that study is complete we will be in a better position to assess what needs to be done. It might be that there will need to be an Australian public awareness campaign and Kiwanis will, no doubt, be able to play some part in that campaign. It remains to be

seen whether we will reach the stage where the call comes for the mandatory addition of iodine to all salt sold for human consumption in Australia. Such a call could possibly meet resistance from the anti salt lobby, overlooking the fact that in cases where people elect to use salt they would be well advised to use iodised salt. Of course, iodised salt is available now on supermarket shelves along with ordinary salt.

Finally, those who attended the 2003 District Convention were pleased to hear patron of the Australia District IDD campaign, Dr Basil Hetzel speak on the Friday evening. Dr. Hetzel is a world authority on IDD and praised Kiwanis for its leadership in helping eliminate IDD. He was able to spend some time with International President Bob Moore who, along with past International President Ian Perdriau, was on the original Kiwanis International Board which selected IDD as a Kiwanis international project.

More information about IDD can be found on the Kiwanis web site, www.kiwanis.org

John Fife
WSP District Chairman

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Dr Hetzel and Bob Moore

TOLL Assists

Kiwanis Timor Dairy Project

The Kiwanis Timor Dairy Project has received a major boost as a result of a chance meeting, some hard work and an enormous gesture of generosity from the Ford Motor Company of Australia and Toll Logistics.

Kiwanis is a worldwide service organization of men and woman and is the second oldest and third largest in the world. Members of Kiwanis clubs in Australia have purchased, reared and transported a herd of milk cattle that have resistance to tropical conditions to East Timor to provide milk for children.

The project has involved sending a complete dairy and all the supporting equipment to Fulgoro Agricultural College. Only the college buildings survived so together with the cattle it was necessary to send a complete Herinbone milking machine, fencing, tools, farm equipment, pasture seeds, and an Australian dairy farmer and his wife to oversee the project.

"Could you use a F350 up there...."

A casual conversation between past Governor Graham Mould of Kiwanis Australia District and a member of the Kiwanis Club of Geelong to Ford Australia's General Manager Communications, Louise Teesdale, led to Ford making available a F350 which has been used in Australia as part of Ford's vehicle testing and evaluation program.

Graham has a background in management with Ford Australia and the chance meeting took place at the 2003 Toll / All Ford Day Dinner in February which was being held as part of the Geelong Club's highly successful 'All Ford Day' project. Geelong is the home of Ford Australia.

Graham was outlining the benefits the community receives from funds raised at events such as the Kiwanis All Ford Day and the work done by Kiwanis in Australia and overseas. The discussion moved to the dairy project through Christian College (where the club has established a Builders Club) and how the college's school farm helped rear the Timor herd of cattle. Impressed by the amount of detail that has gone into the Timor

project, Louise asked, "Could you use a F350 up there...."

Ford donated the Ford F350 XLT (4x2) crew cab truck with a 3m x 2m drop-side tray which has now been shipped to Timor and has become the main distribution vehicle for the milk which is produced at the college.

Toll Logistics had already provided transport from the southern states to Darwin for some of the 26 containers shipped to Timor as part of the Kiwanis project. As Ford Australia's vehicle transport supplier, Toll generously joined the project committed to transporting the truck to Darwin from the Laverton depot.

Meanwhile, Kiwanis began to successfully seek sponsors for the supply and installation of a refrigerated compartment to be attached to the front half of the tray. This now stores milk in a safe condition for distribution to villages near the college and points as far a field as Dili and Baucau.

This vital equipment was complete and operational when the truck was shipped with 90% provided by donors.

A reasonable commercial cost of a similar refrigerated unit would be in order of \$12,000. The Kiwanis Club of Geelong provided the vehicle signage.

The fully fitted F350 made its first public appearance at the 2003 Toll / All Ford Day Dinner held on 14 February 2003, when Wayne Hunt, General Manager of Toll AutoLogisitics Management Team received sincere thanks from the Kiwanis Organization.

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Extract from Toll Magazine With Thanks!**



Breakfast with the Commissioner

The Brighton Club of Victoria recently hosted a breakfast with the Victorian Commissioner of Police, Christine Nixon. Over 270 guests including local members of Parliament and former Olympians attended to hear Commissioner C Nixon talk about her career and the challenges of modern day law enforcement. The Commissioner inspired many in the room with her conversational manner, great sense of humour and quick wit whilst discussing ways to tackle challenges and overcoming obstacles. The breakfast raised over \$4500 with several auction items being hotly contested including a rare set of first day stamps. The funds raised were presented to HeartKids.



Police Commissioner Christine Nixon with Brighton Club President Adrian Wood



The Commissioner inspired many in the room with her conversational manner, great sense of humour and quick wit.

SOON TO BE FAMOUS FOOD VENDING VAN!



VICTORIA PARK WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Victoria Park Western Australia has just spent over 350hrs of volunteer labour and over \$4000.00 refurbishing a 1971 caravan into a Food Vending unit. The Town of Victoria Park, with whom the Club has a very close relationship (Our member Jan Mason is a Councilor) has given the van the opportunity to attend many Fairs, Fetes and Family days that it sponsors each year.

However this was dependant on preparing the unit to the now stringent Health Department regulations.

The unit was donated by the Minerals and Resources Dept. who had used it in the Kalgoorlie area for research and exploration. It was completely red outside and had about 2 inches of red dirt

inside. First the team gutted it, and then one of the members, Ken Marshall, had his staff re-line it with Vinyl and install stainless steel benches and sinks along with a fridge. A water tank was placed on the roof for hot water and two BBQ'S installed on a pull out slide (so the crew can cook from the outside.)

After polishing the outside aluminium skin the unit looks near new. The Club had their first official run recently with the Town of Victoria Park's Family.

Fun day. We wish the Club every success with this venture and look forward to many more sizzling snags and loads of cold drinks being sold.



Tick of Approval For Heartkids Projects

Support for Heartkids has received a significant boost, with the Kiwanis Australia District Board agreeing to encourage clubs to become involved with Heartkids families and programs in each State.

Whilst the level of involvement will be left to individual clubs, the Board hopes that clubs will assist in whatever way they can.

Heartkids Victoria Patron, Ted Kitto, explained that one way of helping a family could be by way of providing respite or organising activities for Heartkids. Helping a local Heartkids committee by providing manpower at a fund raising activity or by helping increase public awareness would also be ways in which Kiwanis can assist. "The beauty of this project is that clubs can tailor their support, depending on their manpower and resources, but there are endless ways in which we can help, big and small" Ted said. "Through Heartkids, we can help children, we can help families and we can make their world a better place. Isn't that what Kiwanis is all about?" Ted added.

The work of the Heartkids organisation featured prominently at the 2003 Australia District Convention, held in Adelaide. A special Sunday morning session, attended by over 250 people, heard from Professor Dan Penny of the Royal Children's Hospital in Melbourne. Professor Penny outlined the advances that had been made in research but said there was still much work to be done, including early detection of heart defects and research in to their cause, which is not always hereditary. Professor Penny co-ordinates the research programme which is carried out at a number of hospitals across Australia.

The Heartkids project was also endorsed by

Kiwanis International President, Bob Moore, who - along with the delegates - was deeply touched by the Heartkids 'Butterflies' video. Speaking afterwards International President Bob said that he would like to see support for the Heartkids program spread internationally as childhood heart disease knows no borders. President Bob commended Australia for taking the lead and adopting the Heartkids as a major project.

More information about how your club can help with Heartkids can be obtained from Ted Kitto on 035831 5571 or tkitto@gotafe.vic.edu.au

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Heartkids at Convention. Alison Byrne Heartkids President and Professor Dan Penny, Founder of the Australian Children's Heart Research Centre

AK Smile on Your Dial



One soggy monsoon day, our Marine unit was on patrol in a rice paddy near Da Nang, South Vietnam. We were sloggng through a booby trapped packed area full of waist deep water, and there was a lot of complaining. One die hard NCO bellowed out, "What's the matter? Aren't you guys still Marines?" A drenched private yelled back "marines, yes - submarines, no!"

Extract Kiwanis Club of Waverley Bulletin, Vic

Whilst I was paying for my items in a local shop, the man behind me laid his purchases on the counter, among them was a large, flowery birthday card which read "To My Wonderful Wife". The shop owner said, "You've chosen our biggest, most expensive card." The man nodded sadly and replied, "One day late...."

"Too often we under estimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around"- Leo Buscaglia - Author 1924 - 1998

A Kiwanis International / Australia District Profile

FACTS & FIGURES

The International Family of Kiwanis

- Kiwanis International is the second oldest and third largest Service Network in the world
- Kiwanis International was formed in Detroit in 1915. It now spans 89 Countries with over 600,000 adult and sponsored youth members in over 13,000 Clubs worldwide
- Kiwanis has the largest Sponsored Youth Network in the World
- The Kiwanis core program is **"Serving the Children of the World"**
- Kiwanis International has just raised US \$75 Million to fund the largest Worldwide Service project ever to virtually eliminate Iodine Deficiency Disorders (IDD) throughout the World - the leading cause of preventable mental retardation in over 1.5 billion children
- The International Focus for this year is: **"Kiwanis - A Family United in Service"**

Kiwanis Australia District

- Australia District comprises nine Divisions with 64 Clubs and close to 1200 Members
- Our growth plan is for 11 new Clubs and net 350 new members by October 2004
- The majority of our 3,000 plus projects undertaken annually are in partnership with other community organizations, Local Government or similar who are separately insured
- Australia District has already achieved the Champion Service Project for Asia Pacific Region 2003 - Milk for the Children of Timor Leste
- The District has now also embraced several core District Service projects such as HeartKids, The Australian Children's heart Research Centre: Kiwanis Curbing Hunger and Reading is Fundamental Australia. Trauma Dolls is now a World project which commenced in Nunawading Vic. Club.

- The District is preparing to embrace core risk management programs in our key areas of projects such as establishing a Child Safety and Protection Program - Child Wise

Kiwanis History

The first Kiwanis club was organized in Detroit, Michigan. The group received a charter from the state of Michigan on January 21, 1915, and this is regarded as the birth date of Kiwanis.

The first clubs were organized to promote the exchange of business amongst the members. However, even before the Detroit club received its state charter, the members were distributing Christmas baskets to the poor. A lively debate ensued between those who supported community service as the Kiwanis mission and those who supported the exchange of business. By 1919, the service advocates won the debate.

Kiwanis became international with the organization of the Kiwanis club of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, in 1916. Kiwanis limited its membership to the United States and Canada until 1962, when worldwide expansion was approved. Since then, Kiwanis has spread to all inhabited continents of the globe.

Kiwanis was defined as "an organization for men" in the constitution and adopted in 1924. However in 1987, after several years of debate and growing support, women's membership received overwhelming approval.

Six Canadians have served as Kiwanis International President. The first International President elected from outside the two founding nations of the US and Canada was Ian Perdriau from Australia, who served in 1994-95. Eyjolfur Sigurosson (Eddie) of Iceland was the 1995-96 International President, and Juan F Torres Jr., MD of the Phillipines, was president in 2002-03. Eddie is now Executive Director of Kiwanis International.

More than 600,000 Kiwanis-family members in 89 countries make their mark by responding to the needs of their communities and pooling their resources to address worldwide issues. Through these efforts, Kiwanis International truly is "Serving the Children of the World."

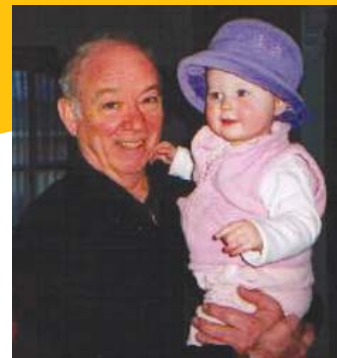
Kiwanis came to Australia in 1967 with the formation of Kiwanis Club of Melbourne. The Adelaide Kiwanis Club was formed in 1969.



Kiwanis Hall of Fame

Graham Mould

Kiwanis Australia District Governor 1997 - 98



Graham Mould with Olive

In the early 80's I was part of the management team at Ford Motor Company's Geelong Stamping Plant and needed a new outlet in life. Thought of joining some other community organisations were eliminated when a friend and neighbor said, "Why don't you join Kiwanis", and so in 1985 I joined the Kiwanis Club of Geelong.

In a very short time I became part of the club's Board and served as President and Treasurer. I spent 16 happy years on the Board of that club, where I served as Chairman of several committees and member of most.

I began my Kiwanis District experience in 1993 when given the job of Division 1, K.I.A.R and later in 1995/96 became Lt. Governor for Division 1 at which I achieved a Distinguished status. The following year I was elected as Governor Elect and followed in 1997/98 as District Governor.

While Governor and with a tremendous amount of help I instigated the original Strategic Plan for the Australia District. That plan and revisions produced in recent years remains the most significant organisational tool we use as a District to plan our future.

In 1999/2000 at the request of Chairman Rex Keys of the New Zealand-South Pacific District, I became the Asia Pacific Executive Board, Secretary/Treasurer and followed on to become Vice Chairman of the ASPAC Executive Board in 2000/01. While in that position; the unfortunate death of International Trustee David Henderson elevated Rex Keys to the International Board and I moved on to become ASPAC Chairman.

It was during that period as ASPAC Chairman that two significant highlights occurred in my Kiwanis

experience. The International Convention was scheduled that year to be held in Taipei; the Republic of China's capitol. It's location within the Asia-Pacific region meant that in addition to addressing the House of Delegates the ASPAC Chairman would be the opening speaker at the convention. The honour of being introduced by then International President Bo Shafer and then speaking to around 7000 Kiwanians was an experience to remember. Later on in the convention an event that remains even more deeply etched in my memory was to address the entire International Board. Although due to a lack of understanding of what was expected of me I was not well prepared I spoke for my allotted time, and more. Some who read this may not be surprised!

I believe that Kiwanis future as the world's leading service organisation was cemented in place when the International Board decided to make 'Serving the Children of the World' our long term Goal and Objective.

During almost twenty years of membership I have on many, many occasions felt great satisfaction and joy from the projects I have seen and those I have been involved in. My recent work making therapy supports for children suffering from Cerebral Palsy has been a heart rendering experience.

I hope that my recent move to the Kiwanis Club of Melbourne and my new role as Chairman of the 30th ASPAC Convention to be held in Perth in 2005 will enable me to continue contributing to the future of Kiwanis in Australia and elsewhere.

Graham Mould

ASPAC Perth 2005 Chairman

The Objects Of Kiwanis International

- To give primacy to the human and spiritual, rather than to the material values of life.
- To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule* in all human relationships.
- To promote the adoption and application of higher social, business and professional standards.
- To develop by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive and serviceable citizenship.
- To provide through Kiwanis Clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service and to build better communities.
- To co-operate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which makes possible the increase of, righteousness, justice, patriotism and good will.

* The golden Rule: "Treat others as you would like them to treat you"

Kiwanis Hall of Fame

Ian Perdriau A.M.

Kiwanis International President 1994 - 95

Ian Perdriau is the only Australian Kiwanian to have ever been elected to the Kiwanis organisation's highest office. As the 78th International President for the year 1994/1995, Ian was also the first President to be chosen from outside North America, from the South Pacific Region.

In 1995 Ian was awarded a Member of the Order of Australia for his noble services to the community.

Ian's recreational activities include membership of the Melbourne Cricket Club, the Victoria Golf Club, the RACV (Royal Automobile Club of Victoria), the Victoria Racing Club, and was an all year round early morning swimmer at Brighton for many years, up until the mid nineties.

Ian Perdriau was introduced to Kiwanis by Trish's employer, a member of the then 'all male' Kiwanis Club of Melbourne. Ian was inducted as member of the Melbourne Kiwanis Club in July 1973, six years after the same Club was established as the first Kiwanis International Club in Australia. In years to follow, Ian served as Distinguished President of the Kiwanis Club of Melbourne, Distinguished Lieutenant Governor and in 1982-1983 as Distinguished Governor. Twelve years later in 1994, Ian became Kiwanis International President presiding over 8,600 clubs around the world.

He literally put Australia on the map for Kiwanis.

The Kiwanis Club of Brighton Vic was the inspiration of Ian Perdriau and Peter Cameron. Peter was a member of the Kiwanis Club of Moorabbin. Both Ian and Peter were, and still are, residing in Brighton. The Kiwanis Club of Brighton was organised on 28 July and chartered on 7 November 1987. Ian stayed on as Melbourne Club Member and was recognised as Honorary Member of the Brighton Club, whereas Peter became a Charter Member and Board Director at Brighton. Trish joined the Kiwanis Club of Brighton in 1994.

Ian is a highly motivated and influential Kiwanian. Many Kiwanis Clubs in Australia District have received the coveted 'Ian Perdriau Award', which is presented at the National Conventions held in August each year". Ian's message to Kiwanians worldwide: "As we serve others, serve one another" and his work ethic: "Friendship over Politics, Service over Business" thoroughly promote proven networking success. This year 2003-2004, Ian Perdriau AM is chairman of the 'Kiwanis Australia District Charitable Trust'.



Ian & Trish Perdriau

Australian District Charitable Trust

Most Kiwanis Districts operate their own Foundation or Trust to fund worthwhile District and Club projects. Australia's Charitable Trust was established in 1994 to support the Worldwide Service Program - IDD via a side agreement with UNICEF. This function of the Trust remains operative as the WSP - IDD continues.

The District Board has updated the Trust to establish a second Trust Fund - The Eligible Projects Fund - which has been approved by the ATO as an Eligible Donor Gift Recipient (DGR) Fund from 1st October 2003.

District Projects such as HeartKids, Kiwanis Curbing Hunger and Reading is Fundamental can be supported by public and Club donations which can receive a tax receipt. Larger Club Projects may also access the Trust to seek funds from the Public. The only requirement is that such projects must also qualify with the ATO as a DGR. This is a two page application.

General funds can be solicited by the Trustees from the public, through corporate supporters and via direct bequests or from other charitable sources. These funds will be allocated annually by the Trustees to eligible projects endorsed by Australia District Board.

Ian Perdriau heads the enlarged trustee team as Chairman with Past Governors Peter Cecil, Peter

Kimberley, Bill Craig, and two initial Trustees Norman Ford and Peter Mann. Two Trustees will retire annually and may seek re - appointment at the District Board meeting held at Convention each year. The first task for the Trustees is to find a new office or shopfront to give the Trust a permanent home. Peter Mann has provided this service since 1994 and his efforts are gratefully acknowledged.

An information Brochure will be provided to all Clubs shortly. All queries can be sent to District Secretary, Brian Emery.

Your Editor would like

- Your comments on your new look Kiwanis magazine
- Letters to the Editor - 150 words or less - by mail or email
- News on Club Projects with clear pics - jpeg images ideal
- Expressions of Interest - Sponsorship for future issues
- Really good Family Jokes or cartoons
- Closing date for next issue - 15th Feb 2004

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The Kiwanis Code of Ethics

IDEALS

Kiwanis International, dedicated to the promotion of higher social, business and professional standard and to the development, by precept and example, of a more intelligent, aggressive and serviceable citizenship, recognizes the Golden Rule as a guide for everyday life.

APPILCATION

In the application of its principles it is my obligation ~

To recognize God as the supreme Ruler and to abide by His immutable laws.

To endeavor to perfect myself in my chosen occupation and to use it to the best of my ability as an opportunity to serve others.

To conduct my business or profession on a high ethical plane, so that others emulating my example will help to raise the standards of vocation in which I am engaged.

To maintain the spirit of fairness in competition , and help eradicate all forms of deception that violate the spirit of the law.

To exert my influence to provide equal opportunity for the well-being of mankind.

To promote harmony in everyday contacts, realizing that happiness is one of the major objections of life, and that happiness depends more on the way we meet the events of life than on the events themselves.

To improve relations between employer and employee, recognizing that tolerance, intelligence, and justice are the common ground on which all disputes should be settled.

To exemplify good citizenship in appreciation of the fact that the strength of the nation depends upon the caliber of its individual citizens

"There is an honor in business that is the fine gold of it; that reckons with every man justly; that loves light; that regards kindness and fairness more highly than goods or prices or profit."



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