

PICNIC IN THE PARK 2005

This year's annual Picnic in the Park for disabled and disadvantaged children and their carers on Sunday 23th October at Bonython Park was a rewarding day for the guests who braved the less than ideal wet, wintry weather.

This year 367 guests were invited but the bad weather helped contribute to us hosting 238 who tackled the rain. We happily welcomed 151 children and 87 parents & carers.

This was a creditable 68% turnout compared to the typical fair weather 75-80% results, considering the inhospitable circumstances.

On this occasion 13 Kiwanis clubs, 80 personnel plus event operators provided supervision in somewhat trying circumstances. All but one of the planned activities were able to attend. The miniature ponies became unavailable due to heavy rain on their home range and accessibility issues.

Initially there were some difficulties experienced with the gusty nature of the northerly breeze during canopy erection. This was soon replaced by rain invading the front shelter area of the kiosk interfering with balloon filling activities.

Subsequently the next round of squalls forced an activity break for our guests but the barbecue cooks soldiered on without protection. Face painting was however uninterrupted (thanks to a handy sized tent) although a little crowded.

This year the changing 'face' of Australia was reflected in our guest list by the presence of some people who have been displaced from their Sudan homeland. Their appreciation for inclusion within the event was self evident in the level of energy, participation and personal expression. The presence of these Sudanese and their almost enthusiastic reaction to the rain reminds us that for the desert fringe regions without infrastructure, rain is the giver of life and should be celebrated.



The attendance of special guests – City of Adelaide Mayor Michael Harbison (Patron of Adelaide Kiwanis Club), Kath Jones (Secretary/coordinator of the Mordialta Trust), and Anne Marsh (President of Children's Week Committee) was welcomed.

The project ran well in spite of the most adverse conditions which were the worst in its history. Rain risk was at 60%, increasing throughout the day. The call judgement was of steadily deteriorating conditions based on the available satellite information. However the main period of heavy rain coincided with midday which ultimately led to an early winding up of activities and by the time of complete pack up (about an hour and a half ahead of schedule) blue sunny skies with puffy clouds had returned. Truly ironic.

Funding for the project was provided by Children's Week of SA Inc (\$500), Mordialta Trust (\$1000), and the balance of about \$5000 will be met by participating Kiwanis Clubs.

J.L. CURTIS
Chair of KPIP Coordinating Committee



Dinner Meetings
held 2nd & 4th
Tuesdays at
Naval Military &
Air Force Club

Board Meetings
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MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE:

Where possible, bring along to dinner meetings a non-perishable item for our food box which is distributed periodically to needy people and/or organisations.

Contact email-
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Above: One of our young guests comforting a "bunny rabbit" during our wet Picnic in the Park. More PIP pictures appear inside this issue of KAN



EARLY NOVEMBER several of our Club members again supported the Film Evening at the Chelsea Cinema. Capably organised by Athelstone and Campbelltown/Rostrevor Clubs, the movie Elizabethtown was followed by another great chicken / champagne supper. Our Club was represented by Krystyna, Colin Brookes, Elisabeth, Ron & Shirley, Janine & Simon, plus Kerry and David plus the McNabb children. The movie? Well it was rather weird, to say the least. (But the Kiwanis Club doesn't get to choose which movie is shown at these evenings). However Elisabeth went home with something when she won one of the lucky seat prizes. All Adelaide Club members lucked out on the raffle prizes. There's always next time....

A PRE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE from The Magdalene Centre - "As Christmas approaches we commence work on hampers to provide families not only with food but also with gifts and Christmas spirit from The Magdalene Centre. We need donations of Christmas wrapping paper, toys, gifts for all ages and of course food. We especially look for festive foods and brand name groceries. we need volunteers to help pack and distribute the hampers in November and December and would love to have your company. We also have gift cards available with menus to meet specific household needs for hampers. If you'd like some of these to inspire you to create Christmas hampers (also great for groups and schools) please contact Chris Cassells on 8305 9382." [Magdalene Centre - 26 Moore Street, Adelaide]

THOSE CLUB MEMBERS who attended our Tuesday meeting on November 8 included Alan Forrester, Don Millard, Colin Brookes, Janine Powell, Lindsay Curtis, David McNabb, Alan Williams, Barb Rowe, Garry Meggison, Kevin Reich, Irena Dalidowicz, Ray Packer, Ken Foggo (welcome back) and President Krystyna. The raffle was won by Garry.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: Our Dinner meeting venue has an alternative menu available, as well as the usual choice on offer each week. The alternative is a set menu for \$27 and includes soup, main course, dessert, coffee or tea, plus a glass of wine. Just ask at the bar when ordering your meal.

PHONE FINE: Almost too painful to recant, but your "honourable editor" had his editorial camera at the ready, to take pictures of Picnic in the Park but, apart from being distracted by the most inhospitable weather, was sidetracked by the total misplacement of his "editorial" mobile phone during PIP. David recalled having his phone when partaking a ride on the Little Blue Train (which is definitely only built for small children) but was missing his phone shortly afterwards (it had slipped out of his trousers due to having his knees around his chin). David had searched the top of the train seat for the missing mobile, but omitted to look under the seats. On returning home (dejected) your editor dialled up his own phone, hoping that whoever had picked up the errant object, would respond appropriately. Luckily the train owner heard the phone ringing (it was under the seat) and eventually David was reunited with the sorely missed object (cost him double sergeant's fine at our next meeting, but was worth it).

SHOWER POWER - Our Patron, Michael Harbison's arrival at Picnic in the Park was an unfortunate case of bad timing. Just as the Lord Mayor alighted from the passenger seat of his limo, another very heavy afternoon downpour had him (and everyone else) scurrying for shelter. Luckily the mayoral umbrella was handy.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Victor Hugo (turning 87)	December 3rd
David McNabb	December 8th
Margaret Millard	December 9th
Margaret Williams	December 11th
Colin Waterman	December 15th

THOUGHT FOR THIS MONTH

Middle age is when broadness of the mind and narrowness of the waist trade places.....



Above: Notice "our" totem pole in the background



Many thanks to Penny and Lindsay Curtis who provided a huge collection of photos from 2005 Picnic in the Park. This is just a very small selection, and our next KAN, the Christmas Edition, will feature a much bigger array of PIP snapshots.



FROM THE BOARD ROOM



Main points from the latest Board meeting, held on November 1.

Kiosk security was discussed at length following the robbery whilst Colin Brookes was on duty last month. The Board now recommends that two members should be on duty on Saturdays as well as Sundays. We don't have the personnel available to have two people on duty during the school holidays. New procedures regarding security (cashbox, etc) have been outlined and are to be implemented straight away.

Format for the Club's Christmas dinner meeting was discussed. Hopefully a capella group will sing for us again, as per previous years. Agreed that two teachers from Sturt Street School be invited.

Colin Brookes attended the Service Clubs Award Dinner at the Strathmore, and also Services Awards reception at the Town Hall. He also attended Children's Week launch at the Art Gallery on October 21 and presentations of Awards at Government House on October 24.

Possibilities for future fundraising events include a Dinner at Garry Meggison's home, participation at Polish Festival in 2006, and continue to attend Town Hall Concerts.

Membership Fees - it has been resolved at the AGM that Fees for this year continue at the current rate, \$80 p.a.; \$60 for life members and \$54 for a second family member.

Lindsay reported that Picnic in the Park was affected by bad weather, with constant rain showers all day, dropping our crowd to about 50% of normal attendance - disappointing but understandable under difficult wintry conditions.

Our Club has agreed to join with Brighton and Mitcham Clubs in installing playground rubber undercover for safety at Autistic Children's Association.

Proposed project for Girl Guides at Douglas Scrub (McLaren Flat) is estimated to cost \$300.

Mary Magdalene Centre - Christmas Hamper packing on Friday, Dec 16; delivery of hampers Dec 19-21.

Nine members have volunteered to help with the barbecue at City South Precinct.

Initial draft of the Pole Position in Bonython Park brochure, helping advertise our Club, has been presented by David.

Smile Awhile!

After having their 11th child, an Irish couple decided that was enough, as they could not afford a larger bed. So the husband, Sean, went to his doctor and told him that he and his wife didn't want to have any more children.

The doctor told me there was a procedure called a vasectomy that would fix the problem but it was expensive. A less costly alternative was to go home, get a firework, put it in a beer can, then hold up the can to his ear and count to 10.

The husband said to the doctor, "B'jazyus, I may not be t'smartest guy in the world, but oi don't see how putting a firework in a beer can next to my ear is going to help me."

"Trust me, it will do the job", said the doctor.

So Sean returned home, lit a banger and put it in a beer can. He held the can up to his ear and began to count, "1, 2, 3, 4, 5," at which point he paused, placed the beer can between his legs so he could continue counting on his other hand.....

This medical procedure also apparently works in some third world countries.



SPEAKER SPOT

Our "Guest Speaker" on October 20th is well known to us all. None other than Past District Governor Janine Powell provided an interesting and fascinating account of her recent travels overseas on Kiwanis business.

Earlier this year Simon and Janine attended the European Convention in Holland which proved to be an entertaining event - mainly as there were no resolutions to pass and the whole Convention was mainly a social event. One of the functions was held in a huge cavern apparently excavated by the Romans around the year 38AD.

From Europe it was off to the Hawaiian Convention where around 5000 people gathered in a huge auditorium. This was the convention where Janine nominated and was an advocate for Lennie Simmons Jnr who wanted to run for District Governor.

This International Convention (like others) could be quite daunting as there were so many attendees. When some motions are proposed, it can be a battlefield with the for and against arguments raging quite strongly.

In June next year, the next Convention will be held in Montreal. Janine was able to meet with a "Class" of Governors who had been in office the same year as Janine,

We have been fortunate to have Janine travel the globe in recent times as our "ambassador" - she has been to four or five Conventions within a year including ASPAC in Melbourne, and the Australia District Convention in Darwin.





KIWANIS CLUB OF ADELAIDE



All I want for Christmas is....

to see you and your partner at our

CHRISTMAS DINNER MEETING

at The Imperial Room, Naval Military & Air Force Club of SA
111 Hutt Street, Adelaide

6.30 for 7pm

TUESDAY 13th DECEMBER 2005

\$27 :: 3 Course Meal with Coffee

Entertainment by the a capella singers HEAVEN KNOWS

RSVP Friday 9th December

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Have a Merry, Merry Christmas!



SMILE AWHILE! Polish Divorce

A Polish man (Antoni) moved to Australia and married an Australian girl. Although his English was far from perfect, they got along very well until one day he rushed into a lawyer's office and asked him if he could arrange a divorce for him - "very quick."

The lawyer said that the speed for getting a divorce would depend on the circumstances, and asked him the following questions:

LAWYER: "Have you any grounds?"

ANTONI: "Ja, ja, acre and half, and nice little home."

LAWYER: "No, I mean what is the foundation of this case?"

ANTONI: "It made of concrete."

LAWYER: "Does either of you have a real grudge?"

ANTONI: "No, we have carport, and not need one."

LAWYER: "I mean, What are your relations like?"

ANTONI: "All my relations still in Poland."

LAWYER: "Is there any infidelity in your marriage?"

ANTONI: "Ja, we have hi-fidelity stereo set and good DVD player."

LAWYER: "Does your wife beat you up?"

ANTONI: "No, I always up before her."

LAWYER: "Is your wife a nagger?"

ANTONI: "No, she white."

LAWYER: "Why do you want this divorce?"

ANTONI: "She going to kill me."

LAWYER: "What makes you think that?"

ANTONI: "I got proof."

LAWYER: "What kind of proof?"

ANTONI: "She going to poison me. She buy a bottle at chemist and put on shelf in bathroom. I can read. Ha. And it say, Polish Remover."

SOME MORE DEFINITIONS

Control: A short, ugly inmate
 Eclipse: What an English barber does for a living
 Eyedropper: A clumsy ophthalmologist
 Heroes: What a guy in a boat does
 Misty: How golfers create divots
 Paradox: Two physicists
 Parasites: The view from the top of Eiffel Tower

Pharmacist: A helper on the farm
 Polarize: What penguins see with
 Relief: What trees do at springtime
 Rubberneck: What you do to relax your spouse
 Selfish: What the owner of a seafood store does
 Sudafed: Brought litigation against a government official

HANDOVER HANGOVERS (not really!)

These pix arrived too late to make the last edition of KAN but have made it for this issue. The bottom photo shows three of our lovely ladies: (President) Krystyna, Elisabeth and Barbara.



Thank you to Janine for these further pix from Handover Night where your Board members were invested for 2005-2006 per District Governor Geoff Holmes. These photos show Barb Rowe (top), Irena and Lindsay receiving their badges.

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