



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This is my first report as the newly elected president.

Firstly, I would like to thank the previous committee for their input over the last year in what has been a trying time.

Just as importantly, I would like to thank the new committee for putting up their hand to be elected, allowing the club to continue.

Club meetings with guest speakers have commenced with Ian Brain of Angel Flight and Carly Lovell of Baby Give Back presenting.

We have been fortunate to run 2 Bunnings Barbeques in recent months and many thanks to the project leaders and volunteers on those days to allow us to raise funds for the charities we support. Hopefully things will return to normal with our regular monthly BBQ.

To the committee and all members I am looking forward to an exciting year assisting the children not only in our local community but throughout the state and country through HeartKids.

Ray



### Committee for 2020/21

<b>President:</b>	Ray Behn
<b>Secretary:</b>	Kelli Schuh
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Graham Simpson
<b>Directors:</b>	Stephen Earle Trish Madsen
<b>Projects Team Leader:</b>	Ann Earle
<b>Newsletter Editor:</b>	Trish Madsen
<b>Guest Speaker Coordinator:</b>	Pat McKinney

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## Guest Speakers

Oct 6<sup>th</sup>

### Ian Brain from Angel Flight

Angel Flight is a Brisbane based, Australia wide charity which coordinates non-emergency flights to assist country people to access specialist medical treatment that would otherwise be unavailable to them because of vast distance and high travel costs. Angel flight was officially launched on April 8<sup>th</sup> 2003 and is the initiative of Bill Bristow AM a successful businessman and experienced pilot.

All flights are free and assist passengers who are medically and financially disadvantaged; families who have been financially devastated by medical bills due to illness, accidents or other chronic conditions travelling to or from medical facilities almost anywhere in Australia.

Passengers must be able to enter and exit a light aircraft without assistance and be able to sit upright and communicate with the pilot. Passengers must not require medical care during the flight. A companion is welcome to travel with the passenger for support. Angel Flight volunteer pilots are not medically trained and do not carry aero-medical staff or medical equipment so do not act as an alternative to the Royal Flying Doctor Service nor Air Ambulance.

Volunteer pilots come from all walks of life and are required to have more than 250 hours as a 'Pilot in Command'; a current medical clearance and all relevant experience and endorsements for the type of aircraft they will be flying. The flight credentials of volunteer pilots and aircraft owners exceed the minimum requirements of CASA for private flight in Australia and the aircraft meet specified regulatory and insurance minimums.

Angel Flight volunteer pilots donate their time, their skills and the majority of their aircraft costs for each flight. To help offset the pilots' operating costs Angel Flight Australia subsidises fuel used on flights, negotiates the waiver of landing fees at many supporting airports around the country, and arranges the credit of any air navigation charges thanks to the support of Airservices Australia. Donations to Angel Flight are used to subsidise fuel costs.

Since its inception Angel Flight has flown more than 100,000 missions and helped more than 60,000 passengers receive non urgent medical treatment.



## Guest Speakers

Nov 17<sup>th</sup>

### Carly Lovell from Baby Give Back

Carly Lovell outlined the history and purpose of the charity, Baby Give Back. The groups started on the Gold Coast nearly four years ago and was based on a similar scheme already underway at St Kilda in Melbourne. In a nutshell, Baby Give Back organizes essential baby items to ensure every baby has a safe start in life. Volunteers collect and safety check essential baby items for families who are referred via social service agencies.

The Brisbane group's statistics for Jan – Oct 2020 include 167 families helped and 29 safe sleep places provided. Kiwanis helped the group in early October and looks forward to providing ongoing assistance to this growing project.



### Bunnings BBQ Sep 18th

September 18th saw the club sizzling sausages once again at Bunnings Oxley. With Marie and Graham away, Sharon and Garry ably lead the Kiwanis team. Sharon reports that 32 kg of sausages were sold whilst financially we did a bit better than we thought with a net profit of \$1,125. Covid precautions remained in place and the new location, some distance from the entrance to Bunnings, does deter a few of the Bunnings clientele.

Thank you to the Greeters who took their post at the exit door to direct people to the BBQ.



### Baby Give Back – Oct 1st

A number of the Kiwanis Team recently helped a locally located charity, Baby Give Back. Baby Give Back believes that every baby deserves an equal start to life, a safe start. They collect and safety check essential baby items for families who are referred via social service agencies.

Those who were able to help out reported that it was an enjoyable morning during which Wayne and Ray dry cleaned car seats and Sue and Sharon sorted and packed clothes. Baby Give Back were very grateful for the help and have welcomed the club's assistance in future.



## Hear and Say Centre



November 17<sup>th</sup> saw a team of willing workers from Kiwanis lend a hand at the Hear and Say Centre (see photo below of happy Kiwanians working). The work involved laminating hundreds of flyers for Hear and Say and Heartkids ready for their Christmas fundraiser through Drake Supermarkets.

This centre is a world-leading Paediatric Auditory-Verbal and cochlear implant centre.



## Blue Card changes – Please read!!

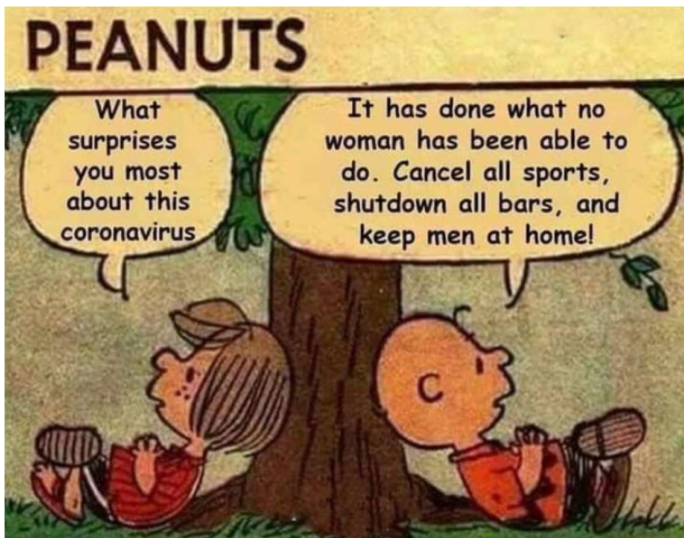
As reported last newsletter, there have been changes to the Blue Card from end of August. Members will have to ensure their Blue Card does not expire as they will not be able to volunteer until the new one is received. If you have a paid blue card application in progress when the new laws start (that's now!) you can continue working while your application is assessed.

Kelli also advises that due to changes for renewing blue cards you now had to have a certified copy of your ID (in most cases your licence). She advised that Jennifer is a JP or you were welcome to get it certified by any JP or Police Officer.

Jennifer has advised that she is happy to witness /certify any documents for members, not just Blue Card Applications.



## And for something a little light hearted...



KIWANIS CLUB MEMBERS AROUND THE WORLD GATHER ON THE FOURTH SATURDAY IN OCTOBER — A DAY SET ASIDE FOR CLUBS TO WORK TOGETHER TO BETTER THEIR COMMUNITIES. IT'S ALSO BEEN A DAY WHEN CLUB MEMBERS INVITE FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO JOIN THEM IN A PROJECT THAT CAN IMPROVE A COMMUNITY.

Below is an outline of what some clubs undertook on Kiwanis One Day 2020.....



In the United States, the Kiwanis Club of Scott in the Louisiana-Mississippi-Tennessee District provided disaster relief.

“We are a very brand new club, with initial startup just last month,” said Troy Bergeron. “We cleaned up after two hurricanes in south Louisiana to assist our community children in their upcoming baseball tournaments. We had 15 members show up to work the event.”

Also, in the Louisiana-Mississippi-Tennessee District, the Kiwanis Club of Vancleave worked with the local school district to paint pawprints on a school’s bus lane and sidewalk. While the painting project added school pride, it also will help traffic flow for bus drivers, parents and children during drop-off and pick-up times.



In the Philippine South District, the Kiwanis Club of Kalibo talked to kids about why dental hygiene is important. Club members also taught handwashing and gave away hygiene kits, food and coloring books. Also, in the Philippine South District, the Kiwanis Club of Golden Salakot Aklan hosted an infant care program for young mothers.

The Kiwanis Club of Stuart in the Florida District observed One Day by working with a local nonprofit. Member Cher Fisher said 10 Kiwanians, three family members and eight Key Club members worked at the House of Hope community garden and food pantry. They were assisted by the Kiwanis Club of Martin County.

In the Rocky Mountain District, the Kiwanis Club of Rock Springs designed a project to help families most impacted by COVID-19 by assembling most-needed items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, masks, antibiotic cream, bandages, dish and laundry soap, deodorant and shampoo, as well as glow stick for kids.

“The Kiwanis Club of Rock Springs worked with Sweetwater School District No. 1 to determine which families could most benefit from the supplies. The club project was compiled by club members and delivered to Superintendent Kelley McGovern for delivery to the students,” said Karla Leach, club representative. The club received help from students in the school district.

In Barbados in the Eastern Canada and Caribbean District, about 50 members of six clubs met to build desks for children in need. The clubs will identify children who most need the desks for doing their schoolwork online.

Community cleanup was the project of the Kiwanis Club of El Dorado in the Missouri-Arkansas District. Club members worked at the South Arkansas Arts Center to spruce up the grounds. The club works with the center throughout the year, sponsoring a play for children.

Also in the Louisiana-Mississippi-Tennessee District, Kiwanians from St. Bernard, Louisiana, helped local groups prepare 1,000 meals for residents affected by the recent hurricanes



# What's Coming Up



Dec 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Community Christmas  
Carols



<b>November</b>	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	8	9	10	11	12 MGM Rays	13	14
	15	16	17 Dinner Meeting & Assist Hear & Say	18	19	20	21
	22	23	24 Jenn 	25	26	27	28
	29	30					

Feb 26 - 28, 2021 – Tea Gardens



<b>December</b>	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Dinner Meeting	2	3	4	5
	6 Xmas Carols (Pat)	7	8 Assist Baby Give Back 9.30 to 12 pm	9	10 MGM Trish's Assist BGB	11	12 BBB Packing Weekend
	13	14 Assist Baby Give Back 9.30 to 12 pm	15 Xmas Dinner Lions Club	16 Assist Baby Give Back 9.30 to 12 pm	17	18	19
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	27	28	29	30	31		

## Brisbane Club Achievements

For the 12 months ending October 2020, the Brisbane Kiwanis Club Members have volunteered 1205 hours and raised \$7,444.

### Causes the Brisbane Club Supports

2019/2020

<b>4074 Community and Beyond</b> - local community run group holding events to benefit charitable organisations.	✓
<b>A Touch of Compassion</b> – Provides meals and groceries for families in the Community in need.	✓
<b>Brisbane Basket Brigade</b> – providing food and gift packages at Christmas time to disadvantaged families	✓
<b>Care Kids for Kids Queensland</b> - distributing Care Kits for children in crisis or care, from new or handcrafted donations by various sewing and craft groups and the general public.	✓
<b>DanDaLions</b> - seek to nurture the inclusive mindset in future generations and redefine the value of those with 'diffability' in our community	✓
<b>Eliminate</b> – Kiwanis / UNIEF Program to stop newborns and mothers dying from tetanus	✓
<b>Good News BookFest</b> - supporting a local primary school to raise funds for the P&C to assist providing additional learning opportunities for students.	✓
<b>Heartkids Australia</b> - research into Children's heart disease	✓
<b>Heartkids Queensland</b> – supporting families with children affected by heart disease	✓
<b>Kiwanis Australia District Charitable Foundation</b> – provides grant funding for projects, initiatives and programs focussed on improving community health and wellbeing for those most in need and for improved life outcomes for the disadvantaged.	✓
<b>Kiwanis Childrens Fund</b> – various worldwide projects	✓
<b>McIntyre Centre</b> - equestrian programs for people with a disability for the purpose of education, enjoyment, recreation, sport, and therapy.	✓
<b>MD Queensland</b> -dedicated to people who live with muscular dystrophy and similar conditions and their families, throughout all of their lives.	✓
<b>Miraa House</b> - a learning life skills centre for women aged 17 and over with an intellectual disability.	✓
<b>Mt Ommaney Special School</b> - providing engaging, relevant curriculum and innovative, specialised teaching in partnership with families and the community in a safe, supportive environment.	✓
<b>Pillows 4 Oncology Kids</b> - producing and providing children's pillowcases to hospital wards to brighten the stay of the patients and their siblings.	✓
<b>Project Linus</b> - provide homemade quilts to children in need. Support children in hospitals, special schools, refuges and other organisations	✓
<b>RSL Centenary Branch</b> - offering advice and support to all current and former Australian Defence Force members and their families.	✓
<b>Salvation Army</b> - provides social services without discrimination to members of the community	✓