



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

"Green Shoots on the Horizon"

2020 was a year that introduced terms like lockdown, social distancing and self-quarantine.

All of these impacted on not only the lives of people throughout the world but the ability of our club to do what we love, helping children in need.

This year is showing some promise with things returning to normal. We have contacted all charities that we have assisted in the past and they are looking at recommending activities this year. Already we have assisted Heart Kids in Queensland as well as implementing a weekly packing day for Baby Give Back.

I will shortly be meeting with the CEA of Act for Kids to explore ways in how we may be able to assist them.

So let us all look forward to a positive year where our endeavours can make a difference to the kids in our community.

Ray



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Guest Speakers

Dec 1st

Guest Speaker Ivan Bell

Our very own Ivan Bell was our guest speaker. Ivan's interest in photography started aged 10 when he received a box brownie camera for Christmas. He is a life member of the Albury Wodonga Camera Club and spent many years as a wedding photographer. He has won many awards and accolades including the Australian Photography medal and has judged at both national and international competitions. Ivan showed us some photos and talked us through the finer points of photography and how to make your photo pop.

Thank you for sharing your passion for photography with us Ivan!



Guest Speakers

Feb 2nd Guest Speaker Anomi Bruynius – Ambassador for Act for Kids and founder of ANT Foundation

As a child growing up in Sri Lanka Anomi's father would give her all the coins from his pocket for her to give to the beggars on the street. Though themselves not rich, this act of generosity had a lasting impact on Anomi and a firm belief in giving back was born. Anomi was born in Sri Lanka, attended high school in Fiji and the University of New England in Australia. She is a successful entrepreneur, company owner and mother of three adult children. As her company and success grew, she simultaneously developed an interest in philanthropy and charitable work.

Using her company's success as a vehicle to generate capital for important charitable work, Anomi founded the **ANT Foundation** in 2002. The ANT Foundation is a private ancillary fund set up to manage personal funds, business profits, donations and any fundraising efforts in order to support charities that help those in need. Why is it called the ANT Foundation? Ants are one of the smallest creatures; yet they are powerful, strong willed and can teach us so much.

Act for Kids was founded in 1988 as the Abused Child Trust and went by this name until 2008 when it became Act for Kids. Anomi became an ambassador for Act for Kids in 2018.

Act for Kids is an Australian charity providing free therapy and support services to children and families who have experienced or are at risk of child abuse and neglect. The figures are sobering. In the 2020 financial year over 450,000 reports of child abuse and neglect were made to Australian authorities, over 45,000 children were confirmed to have suffered abuse and neglect, 24,597 adults were provided with support, 138 children received refuge in Act for Kids safe houses and 11,544 children were educated across Australia through the protective behaviours program. Remember these are the reported cases, a lot more go unreported. Act for Kids focus on preventative behaviour and believe that protecting children is everyone's business.



Brisbane Basket Brigade

The Basket Brigade is a non-profit organisation that provides food and gifts for people that need a hand - children, the elderly, hungry & homeless - during the Christmas season each year. Kiwanis has volunteered at their annual packing weekend for several years. Dec 12th saw Kiwanis once again supporting the annual packing weekend, providing parking attendants for the day.



Centenary Christmas Carols

Centenary Christmas Carols were held on December 7th with Kiwanis helping out and once again manning the BBQ. Kiwanis has been a part of this for as long as any of us can remember. It's always a pleasure to spend time volunteering in our local community at this time of year. New restrictions and the extreme Queensland heat did not discourage over 2,000 enjoying the evening. The phot below seems to capture the spirit of the evening.



Baby Give Back

Dec 14th and 16th saw Kiwanis continue its volunteering for 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.

The photo opposite shows Pat and Maxine becoming experts in pram construction.

The club is currently organising to provide ongoing assistance through 2021. Baby Give Back have been very grateful for the help received so far.



Heart Kids - Sweet Hearts Day

Kiwanis volunteered on Feb 12th by packing roses and preparing them for sale for Sweet Heart's Day. The day aims to raising awareness and funds to support the 8 babies every day born with a heart defect. The photo shows president Ray being ably assisted by Dianne, Wayne and Gillian.



Certificate of Appreciation

Late in 2020 Nam-Chi Dang (Mitz's daughter) was presented with a certificate of appreciation to acknowledge and say thank-you for her willing assistance at numerous Kiwanis events throughout 2020. The photo shows Nam-Chi accepting her award.

Mitz has recently advised that the student council at Nam-Chi's school has raised money as part of Valentine's Day and contacted Kiwanis re where to direct these funds. As part of this the Kiwanis club has been spoken about on assembly and posters and flyers have been displayed around the school (great PR work Mitz and Nam-Chi!) Kiwanis has put the school's fundraisers in touch with Miraa House - a learning life skills centre for women aged 17 and over with an intellectual disability.



AN INTERESTING STORY ON WHAT THE BELGIANS ARE UP TO IN COVID TIMES (A MUST READ FOR DOG LOVERS!).

DOGS WORK TO DETECT COVID-19

A Kiwanian in Belgium has been working hard for the past several months to bring together experts in an effort to train dogs to sniff out COVID-19.

Miguel Stevens, vice governor of the Belgium-Luxembourg District and member of the Kiwanis Club of Roeselare Rodenbach in Belgium, is a military veterinarian. For 15 years, he was chief of the Belgian Military Veterinary Service and for the past three years has served as chairman of the NATO Veterinarians. A colleague of his in France got him thinking about the possibility of using dogs to detect COVID-19 in patients.

“Dr. Dominique Grandjean from the National Veterinary School in Maisons-Alfort, France, had this idea and tested it with encouraging results with a few dogs of the Firebrigade from Paris,” Stevens says. “Since I teach at both veterinary faculties in Belgium (in Ghent and Liège), and I still know a lot of people worldwide in the area of working dogs, I wanted to bring together all the people in Belgium who could be interested, in order to avoid spreading the efforts and everyone working independently.”

And that’s exactly what he did.



Stevens was successful in bringing together universities, the Belgium Ministry of Defense, the National Police and Civil Protection to work on this initiative. Working dogs already trained in various skills, including how to sniff out explosives, are being used for the COVID-19 testing project.

Having Kiwanis members help with the project was a win-win, Stevens says. “If this is successful, the government will be presented with the results,” Stevens says. “And then it will decide if dogs can be used for that purpose at an airport or before an event. There is no guarantee this will be successful.

“All clubs in Belgium are having a difficult time right now, not many projects, no visibility,” Stevens says. “I thought if we could associate Kiwanis to this project, we would have a link with the government, the police and universities, which lends us legitimacy. It costs nothing to the clubs. We only needed to find a building, a couple of people who could direct traffic and for members to come spend 30 minutes to get a test and keep wool or cotton under their armpits.” The project also allowed Kiwanians and volunteers to sign up to receive the results of their test — whether they were detected to have the virus or not. Another big win: The Ministry of Public Health in Belgium gave them a budget of EUR60,000 in mid-November for the project which is still in its early stages.

Stevens was also able to recruit hundreds of Kiwanians to volunteer as test subjects. And what does it mean to be a test subject? The Kiwanians each get a piece of wool or cotton to place under their armpit, where their sweat and scent is captured. Each wool or cotton sample is then placed into a glass jar for the dogs to sniff. All participants are also tested for COVID-19, and the result is kept with their sample to identify which are positive or negative.

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This story will be updated as results of the project become available.

What's Coming Up



Feb 26th, 2021

Tea Gardens

February	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Dinner Meeting	3	4	5	6
	7	8	9	10	11 MGM	12 Heart Kids	13
	14	15	16 Dinner Meeting	17 Stephen 	18	19 Kerry 	20
	21	22	23	24 Baby Give Back Induction	25	26 Tea Gardens	27 Tea Gardens
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March	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Dinner Meeting	3 Ann 	4	5	6
	7 Dianne 	8	9	10	11 MGM Ray's Place	12	13 Bunnings BBQ
	14	15	16 Dinner Meeting	17	18	19	20
	21	22	23	24	25	26 Garry 	27
	28	29	30 Gill 	31			



March 13th – Bunnings BBQ



April	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2	3
	4	5	6 Dinner Meeting	7	8 Mitz 	9	10
	11	12 Wayne 	13	14	15 MGM	16	17
	18	19	20 Dinner Meeting	21	22	23	24
	25	26	27	28	29	30 Ray 	

For the 12 months to end January 2020, the Brisbane Kiwanis Club Members have volunteered 947 hours and raised \$1,977.

Causes the Brisbane Club Supports

2020/2021

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