



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I have been heartened by our club meetings with members contributing to the decision-making processes. A change from the traditional method where the elected board made decisions and communicated this to members. I trust this transparency and member involvement will assist the club into the future.

The recent floods in Queensland and Northern NSW was something at the front of all our minds. With our local Bunnings impacted, it has impacted on our ability to raise funds to support those in need. I'm sure our donations to Kiwanis in Newcastle and Baby Give Back will assist flood victims.

As highlighted in this Newsletter we continue to build our relationship with Inspire Youth Services through the Hut. The Kiwanis Toast dedicated to helping Children is always something we think about as we build our partnerships with our community.

Ray

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Guest Speakers

Apr 5th

Bernie McMullen, Chaplain at Centenary High School

Bernie McMullen provided a great insight into the role of School Chaplains, the challenges they face and the personal satisfaction derived from their work with the school community. Bernie is photographed below with president Ray.

His presentation covered many aspects of his work including:

What a School Chaplain does

What impact they have

Who do they talk to i.e students, school staff and parents/carers

He also spoke about the programs he runs in school and made particular reference to a once a week breakfast program that Rotary have supported in the past.

The big 'take out' from his presentation is that school chaplains are very busy people and perform a very positive role in helping kids (and families) through sometimes challenging times in their lives.



Guest Speakers

Mar 1st Rachel Mullard - 4074 Community Care Connection

Rachel spoke about the birth of their initiative being the desire to help the people and families of Stanthorpe a few years ago when they were experiencing a crippling drought that affected all aspects of their lives. 4074Care Connection undertook a campaign in local (Centenary) shopping centres to encourage people to buy something extra when they shopped and donate it to their collection bin for subsequent delivery to charities in Stanthorpe.

The delivery method involved the dignity of inviting those in desperate need to take what they needed and it worked very well. Since then, they have continued to collect consumables and distribute them to local charities. They make it easy for people to donate vital items by delivering from collection points outside shops (e.g. outside Coles at Middle Park).

Their very well intentioned efforts may overlap to some extent with other charities but their commitment is local, strong and has a focus on families and children.. Kiwanis may be able to help with the physical distribution of donations or in other promotional ways and Kelli Schuh has offered to liaise with Rachel and keep us informed about future opportunities to support the work they do.

The photos below shows some of the items collected from a recent collection at Middle Park. Let's Give made these gifts into beautiful packs to distribute to needy kids through ParentsNext - to ensure a child has the means to clean their teeth, a book to read, and their own comfy pyjamas.



Bunnings BBQs

Early January (8th) Kiwanis ran their first BBQ for 2022. Being a Saturday there was steady buying and 33 kgs of sausages were sold. The day's profit was around \$1045. This early January BBQ was quickly followed by a second BBQ just 2 weeks later on the 22nd due to a late cancellation. Again, another successful event.

Thankyou to Marie and Graham Simpson for their tireless efforts and to all those who helped including our young Kiwanian helpers, Chloe and Ophir who are photographed below along with Nam-Chi and Pazel – they have received certificates of appreciation for all that they do.



Baby Give Back

Kiwanis recently donated to Baby Give Back, a Queensland charity passionate about helping vulnerable babies, children and families in our community. The \$750 donation was to assist the children of local families affected by recent floods.

In addition, Kiwanians are encouraged to volunteer with the packing, sorting and checking of items as they are able.

Inspire Youth & Family Service

Kiwanis has been building a relationship with Inspire Youth and Family Service, an organisation that aims to enhance the lives of vulnerable and disadvantaged children. In early March, Ray, Narelle and Trish met with Lisa Evans and Megan Lavell to explore ways in which Kiwanis could assist IYS. As a first step, Kiwanis ran the BBQ at an April 6th basketball competition run in conjunction with PCYC Inala as part of their youth week activities. The photo below was taken at the event and shows Kiwanian Narelle Herzig presenting Megan Lavell from IYS with a cheque for \$750 as financial assistance.



As the photos below indicate, Kiwanians very much enjoyed this year's Tea Gardens Convention. Graham Simpson has kindly provided a summary of his experience of the golf event.....

The first time CADDIE

The Kiwanis Division 2 Mini Convention was held as usual in February this year. One of the purposes for arriving on Thursday is to take part in a round of golf at the Hawks Nest Golf Club on Friday. The group of golfers were Kathy and Steve Hughes (Sydney Club), Bryen Smith (Newcastle), Bob Funnell (East Maitland) and Pat McKinney. I inquired if I could walk the golf course with these players? All the players happily agreed to this. On arrival at the golf course I noticed that Kathy, Steve and Bryen each had a battery powered golf bag carrier. Bob and Pat hired a golf buggy. For the first couple of holes I simply walked along watching the players. Then we were amazed to see a dingo sunning himself of the green. He/she/it appeared to ignore our approach. Suddenly I saw it racing away tail between its legs. Apparently it had spied a large dog far away but I was amazed that it was so scared. Next thing I know Kathy asked me to operate her golf bag carrier and follow her. I soon learned how to move and stop it. This was great with no effort at all. Soon Kathy was saying, "Caddie", and then, "Please give me theGolf Club". But my knowledge of golf was limited. You need a driver to tee off and a putter on the green. Luckily they are numbered!! It was also my duty to track the course of the ball especially off the Tee and locate it on the fairway or often in the trees. This duty was not my strong point. I did locate a couple of balls not those of our group - so I picked these up after checking this was OK. I learned a lot about golf and was amazed the self-control of the players. I suspect there was gritting of teeth but I know the honor to the Kiwanis Club which wins on the day is at stake. Tallying up the score card was new to me too. The scoring method depended on the player's golf handicap with extra strokes allocated somehow. Kathy had a smart watch with one function counting the number of steps - over 9000! Thank goodness for the early start and plenty of shade trees so it was not that hot. At the 19th hole we were met by the girls, Maxine, Dianne, Gail and Marie for lunch. What an interesting and fun day I had and learned a lot about golf too. Hopefully I may be able to do this again but as a better Caddie.



Kiwanians Out and About

Early March saw Kiwanians pull up the anchor and set sail across Moreton Bay on the Cat O'Nine Tails. Kelli Schuh has provided a summary of the day's adventure....& thanks Kelli for organising!

8 members and 2 friends of Kiwanis ventured to St Helena Island on a hot and humid Sunday in March aboard the Cat O'Nine Tails 55 foot catamaran. Accompanied by a guard and two prisoners who regaled us with stories and antidotes we commenced a walking tour of the Island.

St Helena was a high-security colonial prison from 1867. Prison labour was used for all activities on the island, from the construction of buildings and roadways to growing, processing and cooking of food. In 1869, the lime kiln and sugar mill were added. Sugar cane growing and processing kept the prisoners busy until the workshops were well enough established to take over as the main source of work on the Island. These trades included boot-making, sail-making, tailoring, saddle making, tinsmithing, candle making, bookbinding and carpentry. The long termers were occupied in these workshops inside the prison stockade and the trustees engaged in animal husbandry and agriculture. For most of the prison's 65 years self-sufficiency was a necessity and profit was the product of that efficiency. The St Helena Island Penal Establishment, at one stage of its operation, was considered to be the best prison of its kind in the world.

Our picnic lunch at the top of the hill provided us all with a chance to have a cold drink and a rest while we heard about the punishments handed out – the lash, dark underground solitary confinement cells, the gag, and the shot drill were common consequences. St Helena gained a reputation as the "hell hole of the Pacific" and "Queensland's inferno"

Despite the heavy nature of the information given, the actors provided lots of jokes to make the entire day interesting and enjoyable. After lunch we walked back down the hill learning more about the prison and the history of the Island before boarding the catamaran for our return trip to Manly. It was around 15,000 steps for the day, so at least 30,000 for Pat and Maxine's grandson Fox who was a champion and didn't complain about the heat, the walking or the mosquitos... like the rest of us did! A really great, informative day that you should do at least once...just maybe in Winter!



AN INTERESTING IDEA FOR FUNDRAISING FROM NEW CALEDONIA....

FUNDRAISING THROUGH RELAXATION

JULIEN LE RAY / KIWANIS CLUB OF TIARE PAITA, NEW CALEDONIA | MAR 28, 2022

For the third consecutive year, the Kiwanis Club of Tiare Païta in New Caledonia — a French island in the New Zealand-South Pacific District — offered a “wellness” day to raise funds for future service.

The president of the club, Ophelia Dermal, is a physiotherapist who opens her practice in Noumea to members of the club who conduct well-being and energy care sessions. Daniel does energetic body treatments. Julien offers sessions of access consciousness bars. Alain practices reiki. Orphélia relaxes with muscle massages.

Meanwhile, other members manage the reception, appointments and the waiting area — all while evoking Kiwanis “serving the children of the world.”

At the end of the day, the club takes a well-deserved break over a cold drink — and counts the funds raised. This year, more than US\$1,000 for the benefit of the children of the world.



What's Coming Up



May	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Dinner Meeting	4	5	6	7
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	15 Hog Ride	16	17 Dinner Meeting,	18	19	20	21
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	29	30	31				

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



Christmas in July – date and venue to be advised!

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

Brisbane Club Achievements

For the 12 months to end November 2021, the Brisbane Kiwanis Club Members have volunteered 868 hours and raised \$4,974.

Causes the Brisbane Club Supports	2020/2022
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	✓
Baby Give Back - helping families in crisis give babies the best possible start in life.	✓
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.	✓
Miles Community – assistance to drought affected families in conjunction with QCWA through provision of essential school resources.	
Miraa House - a learning life skills centre for women aged 17 and over with an intellectual disability.	
MS Queensland – To help people living with MS to get the best out of life; to advocate for change and to search for a cure.	
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	✓
The Hut, Inala: Inspire Youth and Family Services – providing a safe place for kids, bringing them in off the streets.	✓