



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The last 3 months has seen our club meetings return to normal (face masks aside).

Some service activity with a large turnout of members for the annual Heart Kids - Girls on the Green event. It was pleasing to receive the thanks from the event organisers for the work we did on the day. Having done this for a few years now, our club members are very efficient in undertaking the various tasks.

Some members continue helping the local Baby Give Back packing days and we had a good turnout at the Goods News Lutheran School Bookfest BBQ (see photo below). Thanks everyone for your great efforts.

As we approach our upcoming AGM, I was really pleased to see members agreeing to nominate for committee roles to enable the club to continue. We'll introduce the new committee in our next newsletter.

I'll take this opportunity to thank the current committee for their support over this past year as well as our members for their efforts in our club activities.

Ray

Committee for 2020/21

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

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Guest Speakers (and thank-you to Pat for organising!)

March 2nd

Sean Dendle from Cymax

Cymax is one of Brisbane's original and leading IT service providers. They deliver award winning business IT solutions to hundreds of clients across a broad range of industries including professional services, hospitality, education, distribution, manufacturing, mining, construction, retail, IT, engineering and not for profit.

Sean believes that corporate social responsibility is more than words on a page or boxes that can be ticked, for Cymax it is in their DNA. They believe that they have a responsibility to give back to the community and are open with their commercial clients that part of the profits that are made from them doing business with Cymax will go back into the community.

A few of the organisations they assist are:

Opportunity International Australia, Help Enterprises, Inala Foundation, Bayley House , RSPCA Aspirations4 Kids in Sport and Volunteer Marine Rescue Brisbane

Our club was previous very involved with The McIntyre Centre Riding for Disabled, which, since the introduction of NDIS has come under the umbrella of Help Enterprises.



Guest Speakers

June 1st Guest Speaker: Lenore Bracey, President of Wolston and Centenary Catchment

Wolston and Centenary Catchment (WaCC) <https://www.wacc.org.au/about-wacc/> is a community-based catchment group driving the community's involvement in appreciating, protecting and enhancing the environmental values in Wolston and Centenary Catchments. WaCC started as a discussion group around 2008, were registered as an unincorporated group in 2010 and became an incorporated group in 2012. Their tag line is:

Our catchment...Our Community...Our Commitment

and their vision is "A catchment where our creeks are in harmony with the natural and built environments, providing a safe and nurturing home for wildlife and a natural asset for the enjoyment of the community."

WaCC's objectives are to involve the community in appreciating, protecting and enhancing the environmental values of our catchments, to foster cooperation among all community sectors, to form collaborative partnerships and develop the capacity of the group.

The group is comprised of passionate members and volunteers with diverse backgrounds, interests, technical expertise and skills. They are responsible for eight parks and reserves; Pooh Corner Bushland Reserve, Wolston Creek Bushland Reserve, Jindalee Recreation Reserve, Wacol Station Road Park, Wacol Bushland Reserve, Spine St Reserve, Wood Park (formerly Naver St Park) and Owen Stanley Park Centenary Village. Their catchment covers 66km² and includes six creeks.

WaCC works closely with partners and volunteers in projects such as creek restoration, biodiversity surveys and nature appreciation walks.



Bunnings BBQs

Bunnings BBQs continue to be more sporadic (a covid thing); however, they remain a useful source of income. Since February, the Brisbane Kiwanis club has been assigned two Saturdays – March 13th and July 10th. Both were very successful – roughly \$900 profit in March and just over \$1000 profit in July.

Many thanks to both Graham and Marie Simpson for their excellent organising and support on the day. And a special thank-you to Chloe Schuh and Sam Behn for their capable assistance and good company.



Heart Kids Girls on the Green

For some years Kiwanis Brisbane has helped out at the annual Heart Kids fundraiser – “Girls on the Green”, held at Victoria Park’s Marquee. Whilst Brisbane ladies are served high tea, Kiwanis does a lot of the support work on the day including selling raffle tickets, organising the fashion clothing donations and sales, and manning the “pick a heart” lucky dip. The photo below shows some of this year’s volunteers enjoying the event which is more fun than hard work.



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. Kiwanians are volunteering their time as able. The photo opposite shows Jennifer and Marie providing assistance in May.



Kiwansians learn about Rum!

All work and no play is not one of the Kiwanis objects. Kelli organised for the team to visit the Beenleigh Rum Distillery (Australia's oldest operating distillery) for a tour, tasting and then lunch nearby at Kiwanda café.

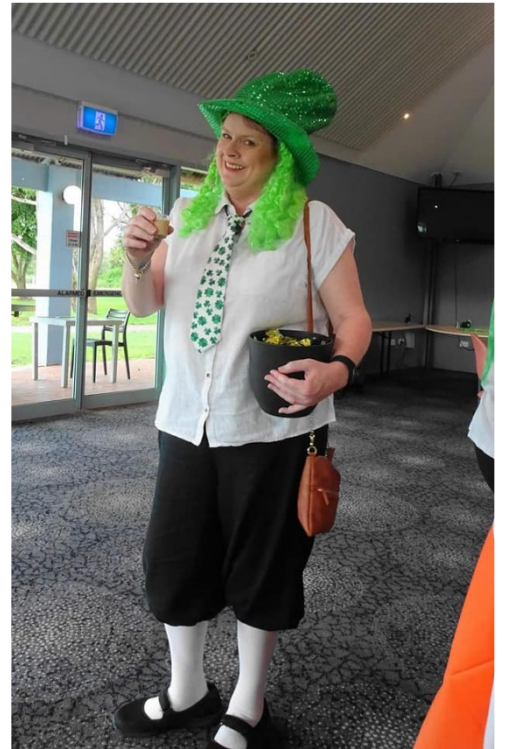
Kiwanis members felt it was very appropriate to be photographed under the distillery logo of "aging gracefully".



Tea Gardens – Feb 26 to 28th.

Ray, Pat, Kelli, Graham and Marie Simpson headed to the annual Tea Gardens Mini Conference in late February. The conference is a time for Kiwanians to unite, share information and develop solutions. The conference theme...the photos will hopefully give a clue...“the luck of the Irish”. A common issue raised by all clubs was succession of management committee roles along with fundraising during Covid.

Members also compete for something called the sunshine cup. And our very own Kelli Schuh was the proud winner this year. Well done Kelli!



AN INTERESTING INITIATIVE FROM FLORIDA....

KIWANIS CLUB TO SUPPORT, INSPIRE KIDS IN FOSTER CARE

JENNIFER MORLAN | MAY 14, 2021

Children in foster care face almost unfathomable challenges: trauma from having lived in neglectful, abusive or volatile homes, the loss of friends and family relationships, unpredictable living arrangements.

All this leaves emotional scars on children, but it has an additional effect — children who are in foster care are almost always behind their peers educationally.

The Kiwanis Club of Longboat Key in Florida has received a [grant from the Kiwanis Children's Fund](#) to help reverse the academic slide children in foster care experience. With the grant and fundraising, the club raised enough money for the [Children's Guardian Fund](#) to provide professional tutoring to more than 40 students.

Svetlana Ivashchenko, executive director of the Children's Guardian Fund, said Kiwanis' assistance comes at a critical time and will allow tutoring to continue through the summer. Without the club's help, the organization, which is based in Sarasota, Florida, would have had to pause summer services due to loss of income and stress of greater need during the pandemic.

"Now that we've had so much support, we may be able to continue tutoring ongoing through the summer months, which is really exciting," Ivashchenko said.

The professional tutors work one-on-one weekly for six months with kids in first grade through GED prep, Ivashchenko said. The tutors identify the students' educational gaps, make sure they get their homework done and teach them how to ask questions.

- [Watch a video about the Children's Guardian Fund tutoring program.](#)

Ivashchenko said tutoring is so important because children in foster care might move two to three times during a school year.

"A child might be learning multiplication in one school, but a teacher in the next school is working on division. They feel stupid, in addition to worry about things most kids don't have to deal with. Tutoring gives them their academic future back. Without it, they fall farther and farther behind," said Ivashchenko, who joined the Longboat Key Kiwanis Club last year.



While the Kiwanians won't be working directly with the children, they are creating a service component to the project. The club is recording members talking about their careers to create a database for students to browse so they can see different paths to success, said club President Lynn Larson.

Larson said she hopes kids can see that it's "not always a straight line to get to where you want to be, and sometimes you may not even know where you want to be, but opportunities open up."

What's Coming Up



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

August	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Kelli 	2	3 Dinner Meeting	4	5 MGM Ray's Place	6	7 Pat 
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	15	16 Graham 	17 AGM & Dinner Meeting	18	19	20	21
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	29	30	31				

September	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 Marie 	17	18
	19	20	21 Dinner Meeting	22	23	24	25
	26	27	28	29 Trish 	30		

For the 12 months to end June 2021, the Brisbane Kiwanis Club Members have volunteered 1,103 hours and raised \$2,540.

Causes the Brisbane Club Supports

2019/2021

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	✓