



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This is the first newsletter since the election of our new committee. I welcome Pat McKinney and Wayne Cole in their roles of secretary and treasurer respectively.

I also welcome Mitz Wang and Kerry Behn as directors. Both ladies are new to the role and their fresh eyes and views will be most welcome.

Trish Madsen has also continued in her expanded role of Newsletter and Social Media Editor. Thanks.

It would be remiss of me to mention the recent assistance from Mitz's sons Pazel and Ophir and Kellie's daughter Chloe. I'm sure we all agree that it is fantastic to see young people getting involved in community service.

I wish all members, their families and our supporters a Merry Christmas and New Year..

Ray



Committee for 2021/22

President:	Ray Behn
Secretary:	Pat McKinney
Treasurer:	Wayne Cole
Directors:	Mitz Wang Kerry Behn
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!)

Oct 5th

Lisa Evans and Rachel Loli

Early October, Kiwanis was delighted to host Lisa Evans and Rachel Loli (pictured here with club president, Ray) to tell the club about the activities of the Hut, a program operated by the IYS Youth Outreach Centre at Inala.

Located in DJ Sherrington Park in Inala, The Hut is IYS' early intervention outreach program that provides a safe and supportive youth-friendly space for young people aged 12-25 years bringing them in off the streets to use the facilities, engage in supported and organised activities facilitated by a specialist youth worker, allows us to informally collaborate with young people through community development and is a soft entry point into a range of specialised youth programs available at Inspire Youth and Family Services.

The HUT is a successful form of early intervention in the local community as it educates local children and young people about socially acceptable behaviours and creates opportunities for them to make more positive life choices.



Guest Speakers

Nov 2nd Guest Speaker: Pat McKinney Children First Foundation

Pat made a very interesting presentation to Kiwanis on the work that the Australian based charity, Children First Foundation, do - enabling children access to life changing and sometimes life saving medical treatment that is not available in the countries where they live.

They provide holistic care to children pre and post surgery for the most complex of surgical procedures. The children are accommodated at The Retreat which is a purpose built facility at Kilmore just outside Melbourne. To date they have changed/improved the lives of more than 400 children from 32 countries.

Most of the surgical and hospital treatment is provide on a pro bono base and the organisation is totally funded by donations, trust foundations and income from events they run. The Retreat has a team of dedicated professional staff supported by many local volunteers.

Kiwanis recognises the organisation as a nominated charity and donations made to it through the Kiwanis District Charitable Trust are tax deductible.

Pat and Maxine recently assisted a young girl (Zenilda) and her Mum (Maria) who were on their way to the Retreat from Timor Leste having spent 14 days in quarantine in Brisbane. Zenilda requires specialised spinal surgery which is not available in her homeland.

The photo below shows Pat and wife, Maxine, helping out a local charity, Baby Give Back. Well done McKinneys!!



Bunnings BBQs

Brisbane Kiwanis has run 2 Bunnings BBQs since mid-year. The first, on Father's Day, sold 25 kgs of snags to give a profit of \$525. The early November BBQ was excellent, with a profit of \$1066 which was donated to The Hut at Inala. We thank the Hut for sending volunteers to help with the BBQ. We also thank Mitz's son Pazel for attending to drink orders and Kelly's daughter Chloe for expert assistance. Thanks also to our regular Kiwanis stalwarts, and especially to Marie and Graham Simpson who managed the day.

Hear and Say

For almost 30 years, Hear and Say has been dedicated to opening worlds for people with hearing loss. Several Club members spent some time helping Hear and Say prepare material for 'Loud Shirt Day' on Oct 22nd, which is their major annual fundraiser. Star volunteer was Chloe Schuh who managed keep three laminating machines going at the same time.



Inala Youth Service

Early December Ray was invited to attend Inala Youth Services (IYS) AGM. Narelle and Trish were also present. Ray gave a short speech outlining some of the work Kiwanis does, both globally and locally. Everyone there knew of Project Love and Care and therefore were made aware that Kiwanis had assisted in their community for a long time. Ray then presented the CEO Lisa Evans with a cheque for just over \$1,000. IYS were extremely grateful.



Baby Give Back

Kiwanis donated 3 car seats to Baby Give Back, a Queensland charity passionate about helping vulnerable babies, children and families in our community. Kiwanis members also volunteer when able to sort clothing, do safety checks on prams and car seats etc. Pictured are Jenn Underhill and Marie Simpson with the 3 seats being donated.



Salvation Army Christmas Carols

Sunday (Dec 5th) Kiwanis ran a BBQ for Centenary Community Carols. Huge crowd and the humble sausage on a piece of bread proved very popular. In fact we sold out a little earlier than expected. Many thanks to the Kiwanis crew - Ray and Garry on the BBQ, Kerry taking orders and payments, Narelle, Mitz, Dianne and Chloe serving, Kelli and Trish the bread on serviette preparers and Pat for keeping a watchful eye on happenings and helping where needed. Special thanks to our young volunteers, the ever capable and reliable Chloe and young entrepreneur Pazel, who brought his own chair, organised the eskies to be in reach and served drinks until his fingers were freezing.



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 this year ran the BBQ keeping the many volunteers fed and watered on their "packing day". The photo shows just some of the packs ready to distribute half way through Saturday. The Kiwanis team did an excellent job. Special mention to new member Narelle for expert assistance and to Mitz's son Ophir for his excellent volunteering for Kiwanis. And many thanks to Kelli Schuh who project managed the day.



AN OUTSTANDING MILESTONE WAS REACHED IN 2021 WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE ELIMINATE PROJECT. THE ELIMINATE PROJECT SAW KIWANIS PARTNER WITH UNICEF FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELIMINATING MATERNAL AND NEONATAL TETANUS FROM THE REMAINING 39 COUNTRIES AT RISK. BELOW IS A SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT AND ITS OUTCOMES.

How The Eliminate Project Started

Maternal and neonatal tetanus had long been identified as a deadly disease for millions of mothers and their babies. But MNT is preventable! In 2010 Kiwanis partnered with UNICEF to “eliminate” MNT from the remaining 39 countries at risk. Kiwanis would raise the remaining funds needed of US\$110m to allow UNICEF to continue to supply, transport and administer the vaccines, educate mothers and communities on safe birthing and advocate to governments the benefits of continuing the MNT program.

Kiwanis and UNICEF already had a history of success when in 1994 they partnered to reduce the prevalence of iodine deficiency disorders (IDD). KI’s first Global Service Project has raised more than US\$105m to prevent IDD through the addition of iodine to salt supplies. Millions of kids have not only survived, but thrived through the prevention of mental and development disabilities. Kiwanis continues to support the IDD project.

Our Impact

To fight MNT, Kiwanis galvanised its worldwide network of clubs and volunteers to raise monies and educate communities. The whole Kiwanis family from K-Kids to long term Kiwanians and everyone in between rose to the challenge. Funds came from club gifts, personal donations and fundraising events.

By facilitating the education and training of safe birthing practices The Eliminate Project enabled the sustainability of elimination of MNT. Over the past decade, countries have transformed the culture around childbirth, helping societies empower women to take greater control of their children’s well being - and their own. In 2010 an estimated 58,000 newborns were dying from MNT and at last assessment in 2018 this number had reduced to 25,000 newborns, a 57% reduction. 27 countries have been validated by WHO as having eliminated MNT. None of these countries have regressed.

By supporting the project, Kiwanians helped save and protect generations of lives through:-

- Healthcare workers and skilled attendants – 81% of women in 2018 had access to deliveries by skilled birth attendants, up from 56% in 2000.
- Prenatal healthcare and education – in addition to immunization, we helped facilitate routine healthcare visits for pregnant women and practical knowledge of clean delivery and umbilical cord care.
- Transportation – in many places vehicles now bring women and health workers to each other for prenatal care, rather than the miles of walking that many pregnant women had to undertake previously.
- Other advances – progress has helped bring about other advances. For example the tetanus vaccine now includes diphtheria vaccine. Also fewer mothers are dying from MNT which allows the family unit to be maintained.

Today, 12 countries remain at risk of MNT. They are Afghanistan, Angola, Central African Republic, Guinea, Mali, Nigeria, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan and Yemen and COVID-19 has forced a pause.

Fundraising Original Target was US\$110m

Kiwanis and Kiwanis Children’s Fund (KCF) - US\$68.8m

US Government - US\$27.2m

Canadian Government - US\$1.8m

UNICEF - US\$21.2m

Total - US\$119.0m

Kiwanis Australia’s contribution AUD\$665,419 The Eliminate Project is fully subscribed at this point in time!

Thank you to all Kiwanians and supporters for your donations over the last 10 years. Kiwanis is truly changing the world for the better! Summary by Steve Hughes 11th August 2021



January	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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	2	3	4 Ivan's BDAY 	5	6	7	8 Bunning's BBQ
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	16	17	18 Dinner Meeting	19	20	21	22
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29



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

Brisbane Club Achievements

For the 12 months to end November 2021, the Brisbane Kiwanis Club Members have volunteered 1,141 hours and raised \$3,620.

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.	✓
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.	✓