



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This is our first newsletter for the year and how time has flown.

Our members have been busy both in club matters and of course social activities post the Christmas break.

One project of note was the pencil case initiative by Kelli where everyone was involved. The donations were well received by the various schools with children in need and I am sure this project will continue and grow over the coming years.

This year promises to be another of continued good work in the community by our members.

Thankyou. Ray



Committee for 2022/23

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Guest Speakers

Feb 7th Kylie Rowan

Our first meeting for February included a very interesting talk by guest speaker Kylie Rowan. Kylie is the founding director of the Styling Station. It is a Not for Profit business she began two years ago to deliver a sustainable use of fashion garments and help women in the Community. It is located in Milton and staffed by volunteers.

The basic concept is to procure fashion garments that would otherwise be sent to landfill and use these to generate revenue to help 'women in need' get access to good quality clothing and styling for free. Referral of clients come from various Organisations dealing with women in stressful situations and part of the process is to help build/reinforce self esteem for those involved.

A lot of interest in the concept was expressed at the meeting and no doubt some members may take up the offer of a Styling Station visit - by appointment only at a cost of \$110. Kylie is photographed below with Kellie who orchestrated getting Kylie to come and speak and President Ray.



Guest Speakers

April 4th: Bridgette Breddin – Moore’s Chartered Accountants

At our recent Tuesday meeting (April 4th) we had a very inspiring guest speaker, Bridgette Breddin, who is a colleague of Rays at Moore’s Chartered Accountants. Bridgette has a strong focus on developing a working environment where staff are supported and motivated to participate in helping others in the community beyond the workplace.

She initiated a wellness program for staff in the Brisbane Office under the banner of Body and Soul. This has been so successful it has morphed into a program at their International level called Moore’s Social Ambition. It seeks to develop a culture where:

- Community care is an important element of the workforce
- Quality processes are developed with supply chain suppliers
- Offsetting their carbon footprint by planting trees – a whole forest
- Seeking practical initiatives to support organisations helping others - currently helping 52 clubs who support their communities.

Bridgette liked some of our Club initiatives such as the ‘Pencil Case Project’ and Let’s Give to kids and expressed the view that they may be able to provide ‘hands on’ support for some similar projects in the future. Thank-you very much Bridgette for finding the time to come and speak with us. The photo shows club president Ray with Bridgette and if you look very closely you will see our ever-capable Kelli improvising as a banner stand.



Pencil Case Project

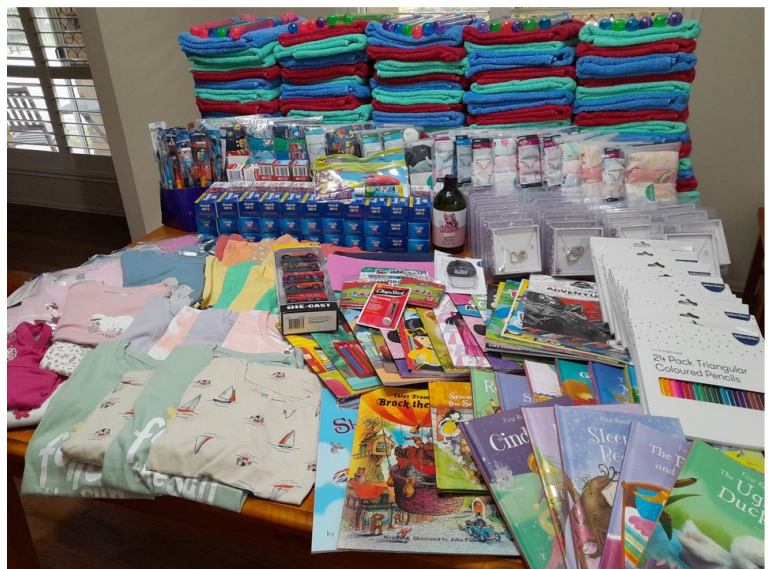
The first meeting for 2023 was a hive of activity - as well as meeting formalities, members took part in a working bee to pack 80 pencil cases to distribute to schools in the region for children in need. The brains and organiser behind the project, Kelli, then delivered the filled pencil cases to 8 schools along with a letter inviting their feedback. The photo below shows the production line in action!

A number of the schools responded positively with a note of thanks and for 1 school, a request for additional help for funding for uniforms which Kiwanis has since followed up on, supplying funding for 10 shirts.



Let's Give

When club members met up in February near Newcastle, the East Maitland Club challenged other clubs to equal or better their donation to the "We Care Connect" Project. Our rather competitive club president Ray encouraged all Brisbane members to generously donate items for local charity "Let's Give". The photo shows the results and Ray is probably losing sleep while he waits to see if Brisbane has outshone East Maitland. Huge thankyou to Kelli who did the bulk of the work in collecting, purchasing and photographing the items collected.



Muscular Dystrophy Hog Ride

Late last year (Sunday 16th October) the Kiwanis team fed the troops before they departed for Muscular Dystrophies annual HOG (Harley Owners Group) ride. Every year since 1995, more than 100 Brisbane HOG members along with their Harley Davidson motorcycles assemble at Morgan & Wacker to take Pillion riders for the ride of their lives. The charity ride is a highlight on the Muscular Dystrophy Queensland calendar. Pillion riders take their seat on the back of a Harley, joining more than 100 members of the Brisbane HOG for a day long event. Kiwanis runs the breakfast BBQ. Although numbers were down this year, MD Qld was very appreciative of our support and young Pazel (Mitz's son) yet again displayed his entrepreneurial skills by canvassing the crowd to come and get a sausage.



Salvation Army Christmas Carols

Sunday 4th was the traditional Carols in the Park, hosted by the Salvation Army, at Peter Lightfoot Oval. The rain held off and Kiwanis provided sizzling sausages for the large crowd. The photos show our first customer of the day (note the ever industrious young Pazel in the background perfecting his BBQing skills) and then the Kiwanis crew, including Kiwanis Elf Kelli, busy feeding the customers. Thank-you to all who helped on the day, including our other industrious young helper, Chloe. Special thanks to Graham Simpson and his helpers who did the pack up at the end.



Kiwanis in the Local Community

Bunnings BBQs

Bunnings BBQs have continued with Kiwanis snaring a number of gigs at the Rocklea store (Our local Oxley store is being built a meter or 2 higher after flooding in Feb 2022).

Kiwanis ran their last Bunnings BBQ for 2022 on Dec 10th - a busy day that was an excellent fundraiser. Many thanks to Marie and Graham for leading the team, to cooks Ray, Graham and Garry for their BBQing expertise, and to the many helpers. We very much appreciated the assistance of our regular young helpers, Chloe and Pazel, and special thanks to our new young helper Angus.

Then on Saturday March 5th, Brisbane Kiwanis were back at the BBQ. It was a busy day and expertly organised (as always) by Graham and Marie Simpson. Many thanks to all those who helped. Special thanks to our teenage helpers - Angus, Ophir and Chloe.



Kiwanis Out & About – Xmas Party & Boat Cruise

Social organizer extraordinaire, Kelli, organized an excellent Christmas dinner at a local restaurant. Mitz narrated a very entertaining secret Santa.

Then, early in 2023, Kelli felt it was important to point out that It's not all work and no play here at Kiwanis Club of Brisbane! And so late March members and guests boarded the Lady Brisbane to enjoy a day cruise from Brisbane to the Gold Coast. It was a great day as the boat weaved through the many Islands in Moreton Bay, finishing near Sea World on the Spit.



Pat reported that the Conference organised by Lt Governor, Anna Swanson, was stimulating, interactive .and relevant to Clubs' needs.

Forty Four (44) people attended the business session and all Clubs in Div 2 were represented. Eight (8) members from Brisbane were in attendance.

Kiwanis Governor of Australia, Robert Gambell and his wife Ofelia participated in the conference and social activities later in the day.

Robert addressed those present and urged us continue the good work in our clubs and to invite new members. Ideas to achieve this were canvassed and 'word of mouth and personal approach are seen as most effective with other opportunities such as use of social media, marketing and collaboration with project participants as useful opportunities for attracting new members.

In relation to building new clubs a short workshop was held and copies of the worksheets made available to those present.

As always, the social interaction between Clubs was a highlight. The great disc bowls challenge for the Sunshine Cup was hotly contested by reps from all Clubs and the winners were our own Kerry Behn and Suzanne from East Maitland. Also last year's winner, Kelli deserves special mention as halfway through the contest she had to deal with a slowly collapsing chair. She did so with aplomb and didn't spill a drop from her wine glass.

For the evening dress up, dinner and dancing, the theme was Kings and Queens but Maxine thought outside the box and decorated the tables with great images and bits and bobs associated with :

The Queen of Hearts, the King - Elvis, Queen – think Freddie Mercury, Priscilla – Queen of the dessert and Queen – Cleopatra. The photos tell the story, with King Wally especially impressive!



AN INTERESTING READ ON KIWANIS EFFORTS TO HELP UKRAINIANS....

KIWANIS UNITES TO SUPPORT UKRAINIANS STRUCK BY WAR

BERNARD ALTMANN. - KIWANIS CHILDREN'S FUND AMBASSADOR, EUROPE 1 REGION | FEB 08, 2023

Right at the beginning of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, we Kiwanians in Europe concluded that we had a duty to help — because this immeasurable suffering was taking place “on our doorstep.”

For example, our Romanian clubs had taken immediate measures to provide accommodations and food to refugees. But most local clubs lacked the necessary financial resources for direct support to people inside Ukraine, so the Kiwanis Children's Fund-Europe has helped financially. We have also bought blankets, food and other necessary materials, including new shoes and diapers for the refugee children.

But I want to be clear: Our support for Ukraine is a success for all the Kiwanis clubs in Europe and beyond — not just for a single district or group of people.

An inspiring sign

At the beginning of our relief effort, we made an appeal for financial support to European districts. They were immediately willing to participate, and other districts and their clubs in all parts of the world joined the action.

Isn't this a clear, inspiring sign of the unity of all Kiwanians?

Most of our donations have been food and ingredients for meals: flour, oil, soup powder, rice, milk and water. But we have also been able to provide shawls, laundry powder, hygiene products and more. And because the needs are so great, we have made recent donations of heaters and large generators.

In cooperation with the governor of Austria and with a financial contribution from Kiwanis Children's Fund-Europe, seven fully loaded trucks with relief supplies drove from Austria via Slovakia to Ukraine. Another 13 have left from Luxembourg so far — three of them directly to Kiev and two to Slovakia for further distribution in Ukraine. The other eight have transported goods to our interim storage facility at a shoe factory in Vicovu de Sus, Romania. From there, volunteers drive smaller trucks or private cars into the interior of Ukraine and also to the front.

I estimate the total value of these delivered relief supplies at over €1 million!

More to do

At this point, we will analyze the situation and discuss our course of action. For example, we should think of the many refugee children in Romania and try to support their social integration and their education.

We still have a great deal of work ahead of us. But we are Kiwanians. We will not give up as long as our help is needed in Ukraine and neighboring countries.

Bernard Altmann has been a member of the Mersch Uelzechtall Kiwanis Club in Luxembourg for nearly 30 years. He is currently also president of the social commission of the Belgium-Luxembourg District.



**Rocks Riverside
Family Fun Day
April 23rd**

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

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

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

Brisbane Club Achievements

For the 12 months to end September 2022, the Brisbane Kiwanis Club Members have volunteered 628 hours and raised \$8,482.

Causes the Brisbane Club Supports

2022/2023

4074 Community and Beyond - local community run group holding events to benefit charitable organisations.	✓
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	✓
Let's Give - supplies packs containing essential items to children in need.	✓
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.	✓
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.	✓