



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As with prior months, September and October continued to be busy, meaning we once again achieved so much. The run down to Christmas will be no different, especially the beginning of December.

Once again, we assisted several of our good friends being the Good New Lutheran School bookfair and the 4074 Family Fun Day. They both always appreciate our help. I must also thank everyone that assisted at the Bookfest given the week was marked by the dust and smoke caused by the fires and the dryness in Queensland.

Our change over dinner was a special event with 2 new members joining our club. A big welcome to Sue and Pam. It's also wonderful to be joined by our Governor, Ash Gore, and Lieutenant Governor Mary Greenwood. It's a rare treat for us to have 1 on 1 time with the Governor, who provides us that "bigger picture" feel. We appreciate their attendance. I also appreciate that our 3 elected representatives, Milton Dick (Federal), Jess Pugh (State), Matthew Bourke (Local) reserve time from their busy schedules to join us.

We were out in strength for the Care Kits for Kids high tea. Let's face it, who doesn't enjoy tea, bubbles, and cake! It really is wonderful to be made to feel so welcome and appreciated by this great organisation, thank you Chris.

Movies in the park was different to normal as we also used the occasion to promote Hear and Say by wearing loud shirts for Loud Shirt Day. How good was it to be in our crazy shirts? Nice to do something a bit different and out of the box.

The Club continues to support A Touch of Compassion each month with providing food for the children and serving the meals to the community in Ellen Grove.

The next newsletter is out in the New Year. I would like to thank everyone for our success in 2019, wish you all a happy, safe Christmas and New Year with friends and family.

Ruthven

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Club Meetings

October 2019:

Kelli Schuh

In early September I travelled to Fiji to help with a maintenance visit at Nausori Village. The kindergarten was built by Habitat for Humanity Fiji with funding from the Rotary Club of Brisbane Centenary following the devastation of Cyclone Winston in 2016.

Nausori Village is located in the mountains, around a 45 minute drive from our base in Rakiraki. The village is small with around 75 families (approximately 400 people). Since the cyclone they have been without power. Their main source of income is from farming.



The purpose of the visit was to complete works which were unable to be financed when the building was built. Our jobs included painting the interior of the kindergarten, painting the interior and exterior shutters and windows, painting the exterior rails and stairs, building shelves in the storage area so items can be put above flood level, painting and assembling a blackboard and notice boards.



The people in the village were so welcoming. Each day the women provided an amazing spread of local foods and we were constantly told to "eat, eat" – there was no chance of going hungry! Our first day at the Village was a public holiday in Fiji so there was no school. I spent some time with the children, reading stories, singing songs and playing games. They don't see many white people and kept rubbing my skin. They were also fascinated with my tattoos and kept rubbing over them and looking at their fingers to see if the colour had rubbed onto them. My tongue piercing was the other thing that had them fascinated with Simon saying to poke out your tongue having them in hysterics.



The highlight of the trip would have to be a special dinner that they held in our honour. We were given gorgeous floral garlands that smelt beautiful. The local minister lead the prayer and blessing. We were welcomed with a traditional karva ceremony and gave the kindly the donations from Middle Park State School and we showed everyone some things we had brought to be shared amongst the families. You should have heard the cheer when I brought out the football's...by far the most popular! They then presented us with a hand woven fan with our names woven into it and I accepted a thank you mat on behalf of MPSS that will be presented to the school on assembly.

The children sang us some songs and the whole village joined together to sing the farewell song. Small gifts from the donations were handed to each of the children...you have never seen a child so happy to receive a book and some toothpaste...our kids could learn a few things from these Fijian kids.



If anyone has any ideas or contacts for Guest Speakers, please contact Ray Behn, ray.behn@gmail.com

Kiwanis Changeover Evening

What a brilliant night the Kiwanis Club of Brisbane members and representatives from the community groups we support celebrating 2018/2019 and 31 years of service at the Indooroopilly Hotel.

We welcomed, Kiwanis Australia Governor Designate, Ashleigh Gore who enlightened us with his Kiwanis journey and our Divisions Lt Governor, Mary Greenwood who officiated our changeover formalities for the evening.

The following new Executive team for 2019/2020 term were inducted:

President: Ruthven Underhill
Vice President: Ray Behn
Secretary: Kelli Schuh
Treasurer: Sharon Baldwinson
Directors: Jennifer Sorrenson
Marie Simpson
Trish Madsen



In addition, the following appointments have been made for other roles on the Club's Committee:

Projects Team Leader: Ann Earle
Guest speaker Coordinator: Ray Behn
Newsletter Editor: Trish Madsen



Kiwanis Brisbane Welcome New Members

At our Changeover we welcomed into the Club, Sue Englishby and Pam Wallace as members.

It is wonderful to start the New Year with two new members.

Both Sue and Pam have already volunteered at Club projects and we look forward to working together into the future.



Kiwanis Brisbane Website

Hooray! Our website is active. Make sure you visit it and any comments are most welcome. We will keep it updated as frequently as possible.

A big thank you to Jane Earle (Stephen and Ann's daughter) for all her assistance with this structure of this site. I would not have been able to achieve this on my own and keeping it updated is a relatively easy process.



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One child and one community at a time

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What can we do to help? We're always looking for opportunities to help children in need in our community - and beyond. Let us know where we can help - and join us!

A banner with a background image of two hands, one larger and one smaller, holding each other. The text 'Improving the world' is in a large, bold font, followed by 'One child and one community at a time'. Below this is a blue button with the text 'JOIN US NOW'. At the bottom, there is a dark blue box with the text 'What can we do to help?' and a smaller line of text: 'We're always looking for opportunities to help children in need in our community - and beyond. Let us know where we can help - and join us!'

Kiwanis One Day

Each year, Kiwanis clubs around the world join in a day of service. Kiwanis One Day currently is held on the fourth Saturday of October.

Kiwanis One Day for 2019 was Saturday, 26th October.

Kiwanis One Day is a great opportunity to bring together the Kiwanis family of clubs to focus on local community service.



Bunnings BBQ

Another successful Bunnings BBQ in September thanks to our Project Leaders, Graham and Marie Simpson.

School holidays seems to encourage the families to Bunnings and it was a great day with takings of \$885.

Jemma did a taste test for us with the leftovers and happy to be engaged in future for this volunteer job!



A Touch of Compassion

A team of Kiwanis members, lead by Kelli Schuh were privileged to assist with serving dinner at Carole Park State School Hall in October.

A Touch of Compassion organisers, Chris and Angela have a vision to see united communities coming together in support of one another, for the well being of every individual. For families to receive care, be valued, be encouraged, loved and receive necessary help and support to create a healthy, loving, empowered, prosperous and thriving community.

Chris and Angela, provide meals on Monday nights from produce sourced from Foodbank and other community service providers in addition to boxes of groceries, clothing, blankets etc. With the assistance of volunteers they provide so much more to the community than just a meal.



Kiwanis in the Community

Good News BookFest

Good News Lutheran School is celebrating its 35th anniversary this year and Kiwanis again assisted with their annual Bookfest.

The team worked hard on the barbecue cooking our famous sausages and also steak burgers.

Whilst a little quieter than previous years, all funds raised will go towards improving the needs of the students of the school. The BBQ raised funds totalling \$1,100 assisting the schools fundraising efforts of \$13,100.

School Council expressed their appreciation to Kiwanis who have now been involved in this annual event for a number of years.



Movies in the Park



This event was becoming a myth after many rained out planned movie evenings. Lady Luck smiled on us and we were given a beautiful Spring evening in Brisbane.

Families gathered on the lawn at Rocks Riverside Park to watch Lego 2.

Amazing faces bounced around on the jumping castle with facepainting done by Kylie Lovejoy and provided by Councillor Matthew Bourke, Jamboree Ward.

The Kiwanis team cooked the BBQ dinner while wearing loud shirts to support the Hear and Say Loud Shirt fundraiser.

Loud Shirt Day is organised to raise money to help give the gift of sound and speech to deaf children. Kiwanis members were happy to support Hear and Say and will make a donation with some of the funds raised from the Movies in the Park BBQ.

4074 Family Fun Day

Held at Rocks Riverside Park which is located in Counihan Road, Seventeen Mile Rocks Qld 4073, there is plenty of room for young and old to stretch out and relax or run around and play some sports.

This annual event is primarily for families and the community to come together and enjoy a day filled with old-fashioned fun and entertainment. Over the past years we have seen many smiles, heard copious amounts of laughter and delighted in the wonderful community spirit this event evokes in people.

Secondly this event, which is sponsored entirely by the generosity of businesses, local Council and government, raises funds for charitable organisations.

Of course the Kiwanis Member with the BBQ were there to feed the attendees with smiles and assist in the fundraising for the event.

Each year two charities who have been nominated by members of our community receive the proceeds of the day equally.



The two chosen charities for 2019 were:

Empowered Futures

Empowered Futures Pty Ltd challenges the way disability services are currently delivered. For over twenty years the founders have watched the commercialisation and commodification of disability care. They have experienced firsthand the frustration of service limitations and provider's support driven solely by funding. They believe there must be a better way. Empowered Futures is committed to finding a better way. They are committed to travelling with families to find creative solutions to everyday struggles. They are committed to empowering families to triumph over the 'disability system' which rather than provide the necessary supports more often appears to be a blockage or source of frustration.



SEQ K9 Rescue Inc are working to help dogs from rural areas find new homes. These dogs do not get the chance of being re-homed like in the larger cities. We also help with private re-homing of dogs needing to find a forever home.

SEQ K9 Rescue Inc aims to help decrease the number of unwanted dogs in our pounds, by desexing which in turn, helps with breaking the breeding cycle. A lot of these dogs would otherwise be faced with many unwanted litters. We also ensure all of our dogs are vaccinated while in our care as the scare of parvo is real and deadly.



Care Kits for Kids High Tea

Bulimba Community Centre was overflowing with cheer to celebrate yet another successful year for Care Kits for Kids Qld.

10 members of the Kiwanis Club enjoyed the afternoon of champagne, tea and treats and Sharon was fortunate enough to win one of the raffles prizes. Some has to do the tough gigs!

The project has seen a lot of growth in the last 12 months and since commencing 18 months ago has provided care kits for thousands children in need.

Di Farmer MP, Minister for Child Safety, Youth, Women and the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence spoke about why it really matters that Care Kits for Kids Qld help to meet a very real need for some of the 10,000 Qld children in care or crisis, some in absolutely horrendous situations. She outlined some of the cases her department comes across each week and the real value of projects such as this.

Local Councillor Kara Cook, who has assisted Care Kits for Kids Qld since the very beginning, even finding them the Community Centre as a home, underlined the connected community networks we are building throughout Queensland as people of all stages in life join us to create or donate for our Care Kits.

Again we were entertained by Elyssa Hinrichs-Nelson as she sang some beautiful songs themed for the event and reminding us that we need not walk alone and how we are strong together in making a difference.

The President, Chris on behalf of her team of volunteers thanked everyone for their commitment and hard work and were excited to announce they are now registered and an incorporated charity.

Another terrific event and well done to everyone involved in this grass roots project we are proud to support.



Demographic Republic of the Congo Eliminates MNT

Here is some wonderful news for moms and babies! The Democratic Republic of the Congo has become the 27th country to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus since Kiwanis International's members dedicated themselves to fighting this horrible but preventable disease.

The World Health Organization (WHO) presented the official report validating elimination to Democratic Republic of the Congo's minister of health earlier this month in recognition of the country's efforts.

The news is especially rewarding to [Kiwanis International President Daniel Vigneron](#).

"I am very pleased that through the efforts of Kiwanis and UNICEF, my childhood home country of the Democratic Republic of the Congo has been removed from the MNT list.



I am all the more pleased, because I know this country very well, and it is dear to me. It is one of the poorest in the world and really needed our help to eliminate MNT," Vigneron said. "Kiwanis International and the Kiwanis Children's Fund will continue to target countries in need of vaccines, which will result in healthier mothers and babies. We must continue to focus on fulfilling our commitment to eliminate MNT."

UNICEF and health workers faced incredible challenges in achieving this milestone. The Democratic Republic of the Congo is among the poorest countries in the world: one in 10 children there die before age 5, and 6 million children suffer from chronic malnutrition. Armed conflicts have created a humanitarian crisis, and the country is enduring the second-worst Ebola outbreak ever recorded.

Despite all these difficulties, families in the DRC now have one less major obstacle to raising healthy children. "This remarkable public health breakthrough could not have been reached without the dedicated support of partners such as Kiwanis International," said Barron Segar, chief development officer and executive vice president of UNICEF USA. MNT predominantly occurs in the poorest and most inaccessible areas of the world. The disease remains a threat in 12 countries: Afghanistan, Angola, the Central African Republic, Guinea, Mali, Nigeria, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Somalia, Sudan, South Sudan and Yemen.

Once MNT is contracted, the fatality rate can be as high as 100 percent without hospital care. In fact, the disease causes infants to die in excruciating pain within days of delivery.

However, the disease is surprisingly easy to prevent through immunization and hygienic birth practices. In fact, a series of three shots provides immunity to a woman and all her future children. UNICEF has a goal of immunizing women of reproductive age in age in high-risk areas of the 12 remaining countries by the end of 2020.



What's Coming Up



November	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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	3	4	5 Guest Speaker Dinner Meeting	6	7 MCM Meeting	8	9
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	17	18 Touch Of Compass- ion	19 Dinner Meeting	20	21	22	23
	24  Jennifer	25 Bunnings BBQ	26	27	28	29	30

December	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Dinner Meeting	4	5 MCM Meeting	6	7
	8 Salvos Xmas Carols	9	10	11	12	13	14
	15 Brisbane Basket Brigade	16 Touch of Compass- ion	17 Xmas Dinner	18	19	20	21
	22	23 Bunnings BBQ	24	25 	26	27	28
	29	30	31				



Christmas Dinner
Tuesday, 17th
December

January	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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	5	6	7	8	9	10 Sharon	11 Ivan
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	19	20	21 Club Dinner Meeting	22	23	24	25
	26	27 Bunnings BBQ	28	29	30	31	

Brisbane Club Achievements

For the year ending October 2019, the Brisbane Kiwanis Club Members have volunteered 2,079 hours and raised \$18,496.

During the last 3 months, we have financial donations as follows:

- ❖ Project Linus \$1,000 ❖ Barrett School \$500

Causes the Brisbane Club Supports	2018/2019
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	✓