



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The best part of January is catching up with everyone for the start of the New Year. I don't know about anyone else, but I'm sure I was a bit rounder than when I saw everyone last year! As always the first few months of the year are slower with activity hotting up as we move towards April and May.

January saw the club take a leisurely cruise down the Brisbane River to the point where the Brisbane River meets the Bremer River. As the river isn't particularly deep the cruise can only be taken at certain times when the tide is at its highest. It was a great day with both members and guests having a wonderful time.

February was a bit busier starting with our first guest speakers for the year. What a great way to start to with Jim & Jessica from Hear & Say providing us with an insight into hearing impairment and the wonderful work they do assisting young people.

The main event for the month though was the Division 2 Mini-conference at Tea Gardens in NSW. More than anything else it's a wonderful opportunity to share with the other clubs in the division. A Lieutenant Governor was elected for next year. Mary Greenwood from the Newcastle club has volunteered for the role and we look forward to seeing her as she takes up the role next year.

A number of members have moved on from the club for a variety of reasons. We thank them for their contributions in and wish them well into the future.

Thank you all for your continued contributions and I look forward to our efforts over the next few months as things "hot up".

Ruthven

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February 2019:

**Guest: Jim Green and Jessica Balfour-Ogilvy
- Hear and Say Centre**

Jim and Jess from Hear and Say Centre joined us for our February Dinner Meeting.

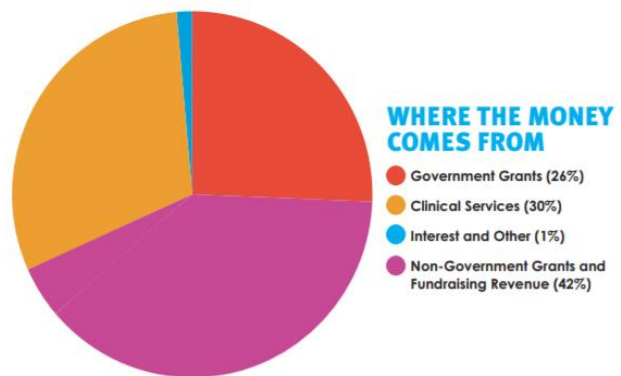
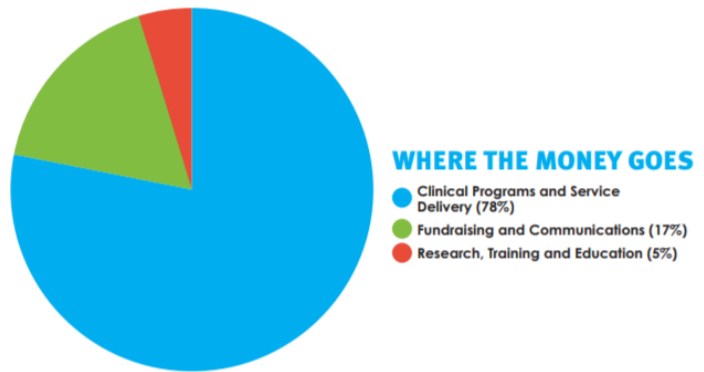
Some of our members knew of Hear and Say, others had not, so it was timely to be reacquainted with the wonderful work this organisation does.

The Centre works with families and other medical professionals to achieve the best outcomes for deaf children through a combination of early diagnosis, the most advanced hearing technology and auditory-verbal therapy, where we teach children to listen and speak.

As part of the presentation we viewed a clip of young beneficiaries who spoke directly to us regarding the value of their association with the Hear and Say Centre.

Hear & Say have 5 centres across Queensland (including rural), with over 60 staff. They support 900+ children with hearing loss across their early intervention and group programs, audiology services, speech and language therapy and occupational therapy. There are 40+ regional and remote children supported via Telepractice.

We were able to hold a cochlear implant, another wonderful Australian invention.



Coming Up:

Tuesday 19th March 2019:

**Guest Speaker: Caroline Hamilton
- Historical Society**

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

Bunnings BBQ

We have had a couple a great months with our Bunnings BBQ.

In the midst of the Queensland Summer on Christmas Eve and then Australia Day the sausages were walking out the door in droves.

Our gross proceeds from the 2 days totalled \$3,950. Great effort for all the members who assisted on these days.



Miraa House

Over 100 ladies enjoyed a High Tea at Boulevard Gardens to fundraise and celebrate the great work Miraa House do for young ladies.

A team of Kiwanis ladies volunteered at the event with raffles and games.

Miraa House is a learning life skills centre for women aged 17 and over with an intellectual disability.

Situated in the Western Suburbs of Brisbane, Miraa House is a learning life skills centre for women aged 17 and over with an intellectual disability. Miraa House works in small groups of women only, to learn essential life skills and to help our ladies to become more independent while building their self-confidence, establishing relationships and connecting with the community.

Our program is delivered through our dedicated and highly qualified team including a special education teacher, social worker and support workers. Our goal is to help our ladies to become more independent by building on their existing skills and introducing new experiences in a caring and supportive environment.



Brisbane and Bremer River Cruise

What better way to spend a Sunday than cruising the Brisbane River in the company of Kiwanis members. 25 Members and guests ventured on a infrequently travelled part of the Brisbane River.

Blue skies and Queensland sun was our backdrop for this relaxing day out.

The cruise only operates a few times a year, depending on tides. We sailed past Indooroopilly, Centenary Suburbs, Wolston passed the Moggill Car Ferry to the junction of the Bremer River and return.



Kiwanis Supports Drought Affected Children in Western Queensland

On a hot Thursday in January Kiwanis' members, Ann and Stephen Earle, visited the town of Miles, 340km west of Brisbane. Miles is a small community of approximately 1700 people, which for most of its life, was a sleepy service centre surrounded by the rich soils of the Darling Downs. Recently it became central to the development of coal seam gas in the Surat Basin. By and large the coal seam gas resources have been developed and pipelines laid and the town now continues to rely on its agricultural base.

However, the mining boom's passing and the continued drought have had made life in Miles an even greater challenge. There has been an influx of public housing tenants moving to Miles because of the many vacant houses that have become available following the boom. These families add another burden to the small community due to lack of work and other resources.

The Kiwanis Club of Brisbane has sought to assist families doing it tough with a donation of \$1000. Our contact in the community is Cecily Brockhurst, the Centre Manager from Murilla Community Centre. The Murilla Community Centre Inc. is a government and community funded multi-service organisation which works with families and communities.

The visit gave the Earles the opportunity to explain more about the Kiwanis Club, internationally and locally, and our aim to assist children and communities.

A Murilla Community Centre aim is to keep money circulating in the local community to keep the community functioning in a viable way. Cecily advised that along with other sources the Primary School Principal will advise them of families in need of resources such as books and uniforms. The School issues a book list to parents at the end of the year and families are encouraged and expected to place their orders with the local newsagent. Uniforms are purchased through the local drapery.

Cecily will make sure our donation assists the maximum number of children.

As the drought continues to impact large parts of our State it is pleasing to know that the Kiwanis Club of Brisbane is able to help out children and families that are being impacted.



L to R: Cecily, Murilla Community Centre staff, Ann

Kiwanis Division 2 Conference (22nd February – 24th February)

Each February Clubs in Division 2 hold a Mini Conference in Tea Gardens. This year we had 37 Kiwanians and guests attend.

Saturday morning a business meeting is held and each Club presents a report of the year. It is a great opportunity to share ideas and provide an understanding of the running of each Club in the Division.

Mary Greenwood from Newcastle club was elected Lt Governor for the 2018/2019 year. We look forward to welcoming her to our Club during the year.



The Sunshine Cup Challenge was fiercely competed for on the Saturday afternoon and was taken by Steve and Cathy Hughes. Well done!



Saturday night is always an event not to be missed. Bryan and Gaile Smith and his crew organised it and cooked the food whilst Maxine McKinney and her minions prepared the room with Caribbean themed decorations.



Dianne Dawson is collecting bottles and cans for the Containers for Change program. She is donating all proceeds to children in need in Ipswich on behalf of the Club.

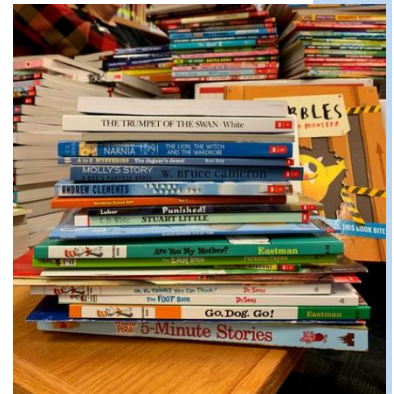
If you would like to collect your cans and bottles and pass them to Dianne it all counts.



Kiwanis brings a world of imagination to kids at children's hospital in Indiana

Nibbles the Monster, Ellie the Elephant and Paddington the Bear are among the latest characters to inspire the imaginations of young patients at Riley Hospital for Children, thanks to a donation of more than 800 books from Kiwanis and its partner Scholastic.

Daniel Vigneron, Kiwanis International president-elect from Howald, Luxembourg, joined Indiana District Governor-elect Kevin Rowland and Patrick Cucci, director of literacy initiatives at Scholastic, Inc., to donate the books at the Indianapolis hospital's Edward A. Block Library. In addition to Scholastic's donation, Vigneron provided books selected by the 2018-19 class of Kiwanis governors-elect, given from countries across the globe to bring the world to the hospital's young patients.

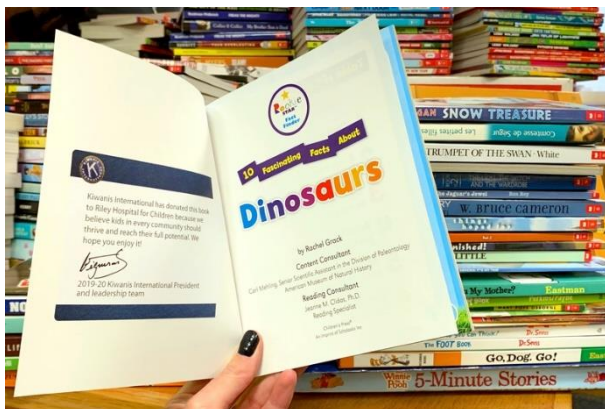


Riley Hospital for Children, a Children's Miracle Network hospital which sees 300,000 visits per year, has given away an average of 28,000 books a year to its patients in the past. That number – and need – is growing.

"Reading is an important way for parents to connect with their child when they're here," says Tracy Miller, director of Riley patient experience. The library offers a sense of calm in chaos too, says hospital librarian Dena Vincent, referring to studies about the effects of reading in times of stress.

"It's been shown that, more than music therapy, reading helps calm a child, and their parents too," Vincent says. That's why Scholastic and Kiwanis partnered for the book donation. "We've got to make reading enjoyable. We've got to make it accessible. And that's a passion for us," says Cucci.

Kiwanis and Riley Hospital have a long history. In the 100 years since Kiwanis members raised money to help build the hospital in 1919, the Indiana District of Kiwanis has funded multiple initiatives, most recently training more doctors and nurses in autism evaluations. Before the "Three Wishes: Early Action for Autism" initiative, it could take a year before a child was seen by a specialist. Now, that wait is six to eight weeks, says Amber Miller, associations and Radiothon coordinator for Riley Children's Foundation. And that shorter timeframe could mean a dramatic increase in quality of life for the child.



But it's more than just money. Kiwanis members volunteer to read to children at the hospital and run the "Kiwanis Komfort Kart," a dresser-turned-cart filled with essentials for parents staying with their children: blankets, neck pillows, toothpaste, snacks, slipper socks and journals.

In the News.....



National Strategic Action Plan for National Strategic Action Plan for Childhood Heart Disease Childhood Heart Disease

The announcement of the National Strategic Action Plan for Childhood Heart Disease (Action Plan) will help save lives and improve care for tens of thousands of Australians.

Minister for Health, The Hon Greg Hunt, launched the Action Plan with a total funding commitment of \$26 million \$26 million saying, "The Australian Government is committed to supporting the Action Plan by providing funding towards seven key focus areas. This includes a significant amount towards research so that we can better identify the factors that cause congenital heart disease (CHD). It is important to recognise the burden of CHD and the acute mental health and socio-economic implications. I believe the HeartKids Project will be an enduring contribution towards saving and protecting the lives of these beautiful children with congenital heart disease."

Eight babies are born with CHD in Australia every day. It is a lifelong condition that will affect almost 6,000 new parents in Australia this year alone. It is one of the leading causes of death and hospitalisation in infants, affecting one in every 100 births according to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare.

The Federal Government will provide \$20 million for medical research into the genetic causes of CHD, prevention and treatment options. A further \$6 million will help HeartKids implement the recommendations of the National Strategic Action Plan for Childhood Heart Disease.

Getting to know our Members.....

Do you know the person who sits next to you at our meetings? Each Newsletter we will provide a small insight into each of our members and perhaps a conversation starter to find out more.....

Full Name: Jennifer Anne Sorrenson

Where are you from? Brisbane. Have lived here all my life except for 12 months in Canberra in 1984.

Family? My partner, Ruthven. I have two children, Chris (21) and Erin (18)

Where did you go to School? Indooroopilly State School and St Aidan's Anglican Girls School, Brisbane

What has been your main job during your working life? Paraplanning
(Financial Planning)

When did you start volunteering? Charter Member of Interact at St Aidan's 1986

Why did you start? Both my parents have been involved in volunteering for different organisations. I loved the idea of helping others while working with my friends on projects.

What would you do if you won lotto? Retire of course! Share and Enjoy.

Favourite Type of Food? Love most foods but always head for Vietnamese and Thai

Favourite Animal? Dog

Do you speak any other languages? No but I have been known to speak gibberish quite fluently at times

Do you play any musical instruments? No

If you had to describe yourself as an animal what would it be? Monkey. Always on the go and preferably up to no good.



What's Coming Up



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

April	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Dinner Meeting	3	4	5 Movies in the Park	6
	7	8	9	10	11	12 Wayne	13
	14	15	16 Dinner Meeting	17	18	19	20
	21	22 Bunnings BBQ	23	24	25 Anzac Day	26	27
	28	29	30 Ray				



**Australian District
Conference**
Glenelg
22nd – 25th August

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

Brisbane Club Achievements

For the year ending February 2019, the Brisbane Kiwanis Club Members have volunteered 1,763 hours and raised \$17,691.

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

❖ McIntyre Centre	\$1,000	❖ Brisbane Basket Brigade	\$1,260
❖ Miles Community	\$1,000	❖ Salvation Army (Christmas Carols)	\$500

Causes the Brisbane Club Supports	2018/2019
4074 Community and Beyond - local community run group holding events to benefit charitable organisations.	✓
Amani Soccer Club - offering immigrant children the opportunity to play soccer while assisting integration into our community.	✓
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.	✓
Eliminate – Kiwanis / UNIEF Program to stop newborns and mothers dying from tetanus	✓
Giving Grannies - to help struggling families in need, particularly when a new baby is on the way.	✓
Good News BookFest - supporting a local primary school to raise funds for the P&C to assist providing additional learning opportunities for students.	✓
Goodna Street Life Helping Hands - an organisation set up to build and maintain a Center for the homeless and needy people of our area.	✓
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.	✓
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	✓