



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The last few months have been so enjoyable for me as President. We've been so busy as a club achieving so much, we all seemed so busy personally, and having Easter and Anzac day falling almost on top of each other made it all rather crazy. What I loved most was regardless of how busy we all are, we always turn up to take on any task, with the best attitude. On ANZAC day I noticed a few people watching us, putting myself in their shoes, they would have noticed our comradery, smiling faces, great attitude, and how we get things done.

Expanding on the above thought I have to mention a younger ex-service man who I served. He was there with his wife and small children, and came over for some a few sausages. I recognised him from the prior year. Mentioning it to him he said "maybe not last year, but I was there at Movies in The Park". I suddenly realised he knew us (Kiwanis) from another function. We do get noticed, and people do remember us. Sometimes our service and attitude is our best advertisement.

As you will see in the following pages we have assisted the community in a number of ways, made some new friends, and had some great speakers.

Being able to assist Oncology Pillows for Kids with \$1000 of vouchers so they could purchase material to continue their great work was really something. Una and Judy are special ladies and their organisation is amazing. Certainly an organisation we can partner with into the future.

Laury from DanDaLion Friends impacted on us all. It isn't just about what DanDaLion Friends achieve, but the concepts they shared with us. Who had ever heard of the "difference gene", or of "diffability", let alone "depth perception"?

We, Kiwanians, have definitely unlocked the "make a difference gene". The desire to embrace community, and uplift others in such a way to be an impactful positive experience that unlocks the joy of selfless contribution.

To finish I must thank everyone for their efforts, and our project leaders for their leadership. Great results don't just happen.

*Ruthven*

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## Club Meetings

### March 2019:

**Guest: Caroline Hamilton**  
- Centenary Suburbs Historical Society

Caroline took us back to our January cruise up the Brisbane River to the junction with the Bremer River.

Using photos and maps she concentrated on the Centenary section of the river. The aerial photo of Jindalee and Sinnamon Park in the late 1970's clearly showed how much the area has changed in last 50 years!

She also highlighted the memorials in the area that are dedicated to some amazing locals such as Thomas Macleod who was a pioneering aviator.

It was interesting to find out the history behind some local areas and as they say, a picture is worth a thousand words.



### April 2019:

**Guest: Laury Bray**  
- DandaLion Friends

Laury is the founder and chairman of DanDaLion Friends which is a NFP organisation that believes everybody has unique gifts and can make a valuable contribution to community with our different abilities aka diffability. Through engagement in interactive community events, they offer understanding and celebration around inclusiveness and diversity. DanDaLion seek to nurture the inclusive mindset in future generations and redefine the value of those with 'diffability' in our community.

From the DanDaLion Dictionary of words and phrases:

*Unlocking the make a difference gene* – The desire to embrace community, uplift others and make a difference is in our genes.

In some, that desire may never be awakened. In others it could be one impactful, positive experience, singularly or collectively that unlocks the joy of selfless contribution

*Possability* – This aspirational noun audits the limits we perceive in our own ability as well as those around us. It instructs us to back our ability, stretch our perception of what's possible and create and new "possAbility. As you are now aware of this aspirational noun you are encouraged to motivate others to explore their #possAbilities

*Diffability* – A word that asks us to consider that as humans we all have flaws, across a broad spectrum. At the same time it challenges us to reflect and focus on the different abilities and strengths we all possess

*Depth perception* – We possess many layers as human beings. When we choose to view those with "difference" in 2D we dismiss the prospect of deeper exploration, revealing traits worthy of acknowledgement and celebration. #depthperception asks us to conduct a deeper examination of self and our perspective of diffability.

Laury told us about an event that is planned for Sunday 21 July – A Walk to Charleville. Charleville Qld 4470 is a sister city to the Centenary Suburbs Qld 4074. The 733 kilometers will equate to 1466 laps of a special course at Rocks Riverside Park and will raise money for a special care unit in Charleville and a local cricket team heading to the Special Olympics. Participants will also be invited to bring their old joggers which will be given a second life in a underprivillged community. This event will highlight the DanDaLion values and showcase them in action.



### Coming Up:

#### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019:

Guest Speaker: Inala Youth Service

#### Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2019:

Guest Speaker: Barrett Adolescent Centre  
Special School

If anyone has any ideas or contacts for Guest Speakers, please contact Ray Behn, [ray.behn@gmail.com](mailto:ray.behn@gmail.com)



## Bunnings BBQ

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

Easter Monday was a winner selling over 50kg of sausages and takings in excess of \$2,000.

During our March BBQ we had a very astute Bunnings Staffer requesting to see a copy of our Cooking Licence from one of our members, not mentioning any names, Sharon 😊.

After much discussion and some frustration as she was asked to stop cooking, it was determined that he was pulling her leg. Never a dull moment!

Well done to everyone who volunteers at these BBQs especially Graham and Marie Simpson the Project Leaders.



## Pillows 4 Oncology Kids

There are so many amazing community groups in our midst with volunteers working tirelessly to help others.

Tonight we donated \$1000 towards fabric for Pillows for Oncology Kids (P4OK).

Every child admitted to the Cancer Ward at Lady Cilento Children's Hospital is given a pillowcase of their own. The children then take the pillowcase with them when they go home and their young siblings can also choose a pillowcase.

A team of volunteers purchase fabric which must be washed, ironed and then cut into the appropriate size for sewing.

Una and Judy are part of this team of volunteers who endeavour to brighten a traumatic hospital stay for children. They estimate that over 3,000 pillowcases have been made to date.

Well done to this team of volunteers in the Forest Lake area.





## Anzac Day – RSL Centenary Branch

Great effort, Kiwanis members! Some starting out in the darkness but a beautiful Queensland morning to honour our past and current serviceman.

The RSL Centenary Branch extended the Mount Ommaney Memorial Gardens this year and it was located about 100 metres along the parkland to try to ensure the attendees were safe as the numbers have increased each year.

Thousands of locals celebrated and enjoyed the Anzac Day service at the new extension and the new location seemed to work to ensure members of our community were off the roads and protected from traffic.



Trish Madsen,  
Ruthven Underhill,  
Kerry Behn, Dianne  
Dawson, Graham  
Simpson and  
Pam Wallace



Ivan Bell,  
Wayne Cole  
and Ray



Ivan Bell, Wayne Cole and Liam



Jennifer Sorrenson and Trish Madsen



## Sanya's New Life, Thanks to Lily and John

Life was not going to be easy for 21 year old Sanya Kosaphat of Khon Kaen, Thailand. He was born HIV positive, both of his parents passed away very early in his life, he is blind in one eye from a virus he got when he was 3 years old and lived in an orphanage until he was 16.

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March, against all odds, Sanya graduated with an Advanced Diploma in Retail Trade Management at the Khon Kaen Vocational College.

Much of his success, must be attributed to Lily Simpson and her late husband John , the former Ipswich residents spent many years working with people who have disabilities and assisted them to achieve independent life skills.

They had been travelling to Thailand volunteering with disadvantaged children in various orphanages for many years and during these visits noticed that there were many youth and young adults in the most disadvantaged and at risk categories who were not receiving training and assistance in the life skills necessary to survive and thrive

Lily and John moved to Thailand in 2012 and in that time co-founded the Chii wi mai, which means "new life" in Thai. It was the aim of this service to provide an individual approach in assisting youth and young adults to access the vocational and learning opportunities of their choice to achieve their dreams and goals in life.

In 2013 Chii wi mai received official registration in Thailand.

Sanya is one of the young people who has benefited from Lily and John's generosity,

Lily said, " Sanya had a dream and he is well on his way to achieving it, it is unfortunate that my late husband John who was so proud of Sanya, is not here for his graduation."

" Sanya may not have been able to continue with his education without the financial support of the Kiwanis Club of Brisbane and some of it's members over the past eight years." she said

Bev and Mal Lancaster, one of Sanya's sponsors, from Middle Park, Brisbane, flew to Khon Kean to attended Sanya's graduation.



Pictured are Lily Simpson from Chiang Mai, and Bev Lancaster from Middle Park, with Sanya Kosaphat at the vocational college in Khon Kean after his graduation on the 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

Sanya , dressed in a Kiwanis Club of Brisbane tee shirt, is pictured proudly displaying his graduation certificate and a compendium, given to him by the Brisbane Club.



# Kiwanis in the Community

## Brisbane City Council Movies in the Park

Friday night in the Jamboree Ward featured a family night viewing of Incredibles 2 with dinner provided by the Kiwanis Club of Brisbane.

It was a beautiful Autumn evening at Rocks Riverside Park and a team of enthusiastic Kiwanis members were ready to serve the movie goers with a smile.

Great way to finish off the week and the school term.



Kerry Behn, Jennifer Sorrenson, Ann Earle, Sharon Baldwinson and Marie Simpson

## Mount Ommaney Memorial Extension

The Centenary Suburbs RSL Sub Branch welcomed officials, members and residents to the Dedication of the Centenary War Memorial Extension at Mt Ommaney.

Lord Mayor, Cllr Graham Quirk officiated for one of his final formal engagements before his retirement from office today.

Members of the RSL, Federal Member Milton Dick MP, State Member Jess Pugh MP and Jamboree Ward Councillor Matthew Bourke joined with members of the public to enjoy morning tea after the Dedication with the Kiwanis Club of Brisbane.

This event marked the christening of our new marquees which were purchased with a grant from the Lord Mayor's Suburban Initiative Fund and supported by our local councillor, Cr Matthew Bourke.



Wayne Cole



Ruthven Underhill, Lord Mayor Graham Quirk, Cr Matthew Bourke, Jennifer Sorrenson, Ivan Bell and Pat McKinney



Ray Behn, Garry Baldwinson, Graham Simpson and Stephen Earle



Graham Simpson, Maxine McKinney, Pam Wallace, Ivan Bell, Kerry Behn, Ray Behn, Jess Pugh MP, Jennifer Sorrenson, Ruthven Underhill and Milton Dick MP



## Laundry and Literacy

### Kiwanians in Philadelphia run a free reading program for a captive audience – kids at the laundromat

Story by Nicholas Drake

Photos by Sarah Puleo

Round and round they spin. Wash. Rinse. Dry. Fold. For children, laundry can bleach the fun out of everything. There must be a way to make it fun.

Books! Are books the answer?

"They love it," says Gretchen Dlugolecki, past president of the Kiwanis Club of South Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She's talking about a club project that sets up book corners in area laundromats, where parents can read to their children. It's supported by ReadyNation, a U.S. council that prepares children for success in education, work and life.

The council worked with Kiwanis International's 2017-18 Young Children: Priority One Committee to spread the word about a Coin Laundry Association campaign titled Wash Time Is Talk Time. ReadyNation funds provided rugs, shelves and books for the South Philadelphia program.

"It benefits children ages three through 12 and parents of all ages," Dlugolecki says. "We collect used books from libraries and schools, and through our Kiwanis partnership, Scholastic provides books to us when we ask." The project also is building a strong bond within the young, two-year-old club.

"We have definitely been brought closer together because of this project," Dlugolecki says. "It also helps draw more interest from others to join us."



## New York Club Creates Bowling League for Children with Disabilities

Story by Steve Hadt

The loud crashes of bowling balls hitting pins filled a New York bowling alley. But the clapping and cheers that followed were not the same as those from the usual league nights. This bowling contest was different. Hundreds of Special Olympics athletes were rolling the balls down the lane. They were the ones cheering, laughing, high-fiving and competing. All brought together by a mom and her Kiwanis club.



Kristy Evans, a teacher, joined Kiwanis in 2015 as a way to give back and make a difference in her community. When she learned her community school district was trying to integrate students with learning and developmental disabilities back into the school buildings, she invited a speaker to the Kiwanis Club of the Islips, Bay Shore to talk about the process. Kate O’Callaghan, director of Student Support Services for the Islip School District, told members about some of the challenges the students were facing because the district didn’t have all the tools and materials to help the students cope in their new learning location.

The club immediately set out to organize a bowling fundraiser. In 2017, members quickly raised US\$2,000 to equip the classrooms with special sensory equipment. In 2018, the event raised an additional \$3,000 for more equipment. Many families of the students who benefited from the equipment attended the bowling fundraiser and had a great time. That gave Evans and the club an idea: Create a bowling league for students with special needs.

“We saw how much fun the kids were having,” said Evans. “We applied and received a grant from the [Kiwanis Children’s Fund](#) and raised money from other sources. This past January, our Kiwanis club was able to create and fund a bowling league for 17 athletes.”

Every Saturday for 10 weeks, the students came to the bowling alley to practice their skills. They improved each week and soon were ready for the Special Olympics bowling match on March 23. Teams from nearby communities arrived. Each team — wearing matching shirts — had their game faces on, which quickly turned to smiles as the athletes paraded throughout the bowling alley carrying a torch to replicate the opening ceremony of the Olympics.

The athletes took their spot on the lanes and started rolling the bowling balls. Some got strikes. Others got gutter balls. It didn’t matter. Everyone was having fun and cheering for their new friends. Among the athletes on the lane, Evans’ eight-year-old daughter with neurofibromatosis, a genetic disorder that causes tumors to grow on nerves.

“It’s such an awesome feeling to see all the kids having fun,” Evans said. “Everyone has big smiles on their faces. It’s such a nice feeling.”

The local chapter of the Special Olympics has a plan to fund the bowling league and contest for 2020.

“We have organizations like Kiwanis that will raise money for them. We won’t let it go away.”







Where did those 6 months go? We are already halfway through our year; our challenge has not changed we MUST increase our membership.

***INSPIRATION: To build, retain and support a growing Kiwanis membership***

**Great News.** We have organised our first new club this year the Kiwanis Bendigo Family Hub thanks to the great efforts of Lt. Governor Brian Padretti and Eye of the Tiger Tony Gunn. Welcome to our newest Club and its members. We look forward to the Charter celebrations in the very near future.

It is pleasing that as of the 31st of March 2019 we have inducted 31 new members and I have welcomed those members. There have been 27 members who have left Kiwanis for one or another reason unfortunately.

We attended the Division 2 Mini Convention over the weekend of 23rd -24th February. This was our first time attending this fantastic event. We will return next year. The chance to meet and chat with the many members who attended was enlightening. The thing that I took away was that we all are sharing the same desires and goals.

We also attended the Athelstone clubs 35th Anniversary on the 25th February. We travelled to Melbourne for a meeting with Division 1&6 clubs at Milanos Tavern in Brighton on Monday 8th April. Then on to Shepparton and meeting with Division 7 Clubs at The Royal Mail Hotel, Mooropna Tuesday 9th April. Thankyou Lt. Governors Ian Randell, Coral Kilvington and Brian Padretti for organising these meetings. Then on to Bendigo to meet with members of the NEW club formed in Bendigo and visits to some "Book Box" sights in the area. We also visited the "Bunbunbarik Children's Hub" in Heathcote who are also heavily involved with "Book Box" project. This to acknowledge Bendigo Club winning our Australian District Signature Project, which is now in the top 10 projects submitted to Kiwanis International for judging for international recognition. The winner of the Signature Project to be announced at the International Convention in Disney World, Florida in late June. Good luck to Bendigo Club.

With regards to the Governors challenge set at the beginning of the year I can report that only two (2) club have as of today achieved minimum 20% nett growth thus far. Well done to Pacific Pines and Australia Online. With 5 months still to go until September deadline you all are still in with a chance. District membership stands at 820 at the end of March up 5 for the year to date .

Reminder "**The Challenge**" is this: Each club should grow its NETT membership by 20%, 30% or 50% during the year (based upon the numbers reported by Kiwanis International as at the start of October 2018). Each club that achieves the stated growth will be awarded a Trophy and certificate of achievement for either of the 3 categories mentioned.

It would seem a task that I believe to be possible for all clubs a minimum increase of 20% on end of September figure would be equivalent of 7 new clubs. We have not been able to add any new clubs in the past 2 years. I believe that strengthening existing clubs MUST be our priority.

### **MEMBERSHIP STRENGTH = KIWANIS STRENGTH**

Our strategic plan for this Kiwanis year includes a minimum nett growth in the district of 20% with 3 New Clubs to be added (we must set goals). There are currently 16 clubs with 20 or more members. 11 clubs between 15 and 20 members. 14 clubs with less than 15 members. These last 25 clubs are those most vulnerable and need to be revitalised and grow or they are under threat of closure. These clubs would not qualify for charter yet if they were new club building to charter today!!

Building of new clubs is paramount to our Districts long term future. New clubs introduce new hands to service under the Kiwanis banner, but also hopefully introduce new blood for future leadership. So, the Challenge is GROW or perish. Our strategic plan for this Kiwanis year includes a minimum nett growth in the district of 20% with 3 New Clubs to be added (we must set achievable goals).

**What would the world be like without KIWANIS?**

## 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:** Ivan John Bell

**Where are you from?** Born in the Wodonga Private Hospital in 1939. Lived there (Wodonga) until moving to Brisbane in 2005

**Family?** Both Parents deceased and I am an only Child. Married Gillian on 19<sup>th</sup> December 1959, three children, Peter, Christine and Arlene. Six grandchildren, four living in Brisbane and two living in England plus one great granddaughter living in Brisbane.



**Where did you go to School?** Primary schooling at Mitta Junction ( this school was built to educate the children of workers in the construction of the "Hume Dam")

Then travelled on a school bus to Wodonga and attended the Wodonga Higher Elementary School for four years and this is where I met Gill. I then did a five year trade course in Albury.

**What has been your main job during your working life?** My main job was a plumber with a large firm employing 80 men. I also did 15yrs as a relieving Plumbing Inspector at Albury City Council. On weekends in my younger years I did Wedding Photography

**When did you start volunteering?** I started in 1966

**Why did you start?** To help my kids during their scouting years (Two of them are Queen Scouts) and have been volunteering ever since

**What would you do if you won lotto?** That would be for me to Know and you to find out. At my age some would go to favourite charities and I do have 11 close family members

**Favourite Type of Food?** I like most foods but Steak and Bacon stand out

**Favourite Animal?** Dog, because of their loyalty, followed closely by a horse

**Do you speak any other languages?** No

**Do you play any musical instruments?** No

**If you had to describe yourself as an animal what would it be?** A Koala (Cute and Cuddly)



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.





# What's Coming Up



<b>June</b>	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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	2	3	4 Guest Speaker Dinner Meeting	5	6 MCM Meeting	7	8
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	16	17	18 Club Dinner Meeting	19	20	21	22
	23	24 Bunnings BBQ	25 Ruthven	26	27	28	29

<b>July</b>	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Guest Speaker Dinner Meeting	3	4 MCM Meeting	5	6
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	14	15	16 Club Dinner Meeting	17	18	19	20
	21 DanDa Lion Friends Walk	22 Bunnings BBQ	23	24	25	26	27
	28	29	30	31			



**Australian District Conference**  
**Glenelg**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> August**

<b>August</b>	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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	4	5	6 Dinner Meeting	7 Pat	8 MCM Meeting	9	10
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	18	19	20 AGM Dinner Meeting	21 Over 50s Expo	22 Australia District Convention	23 Australia District Convention	24 Australia District Convention
	25	26 Bunnings BBQ	27 Graham	28	29	30	31

## Brisbane Club Achievements

For the year ending April 2019, the Brisbane Kiwanis Club Members have volunteered 1,757 hours and raised \$20,220.

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

❖ Miles Community \$1,000      ❖ Pillows 4 Oncology Kids \$1,000

Causes the Brisbane Club Supports	2018/2019
<b>4074 Community and Beyond</b> - local community run group holding events to benefit charitable organisations.	✓
<b>Amani Soccer Club</b> - offering immigrant children the opportunity to play soccer while assisting integration into our community.	✓
<b>Brisbane Basket Brigade</b> – providing food and gift packages at Christmas time to disadvantaged families.	✓
<b>Care Kids for Kids Queensland</b> - distributing Care Kits for children in crisis or care, from new or handcrafted donations by various sewing and craft groups and the general public.	✓
<b>Eliminate</b> – Kiwanis / UNIEF Program to stop newborns and mothers dying from tetanus	✓
<b>Giving Grannies</b> - to help struggling families in need, particularly when a new baby is on the way.	✓
<b>Good News BookFest</b> - supporting a local primary school to raise funds for the P&C to assist providing additional learning opportunities for students.	✓
<b>Goodna Street Life Helping Hands</b> - an organisation set up to build and maintain a Center for the homeless and needy people of our area.	✓
<b>Heartkids Australia</b> - research into Children’s heart disease	✓
<b>Heartkids Queensland</b> – supporting families with children affected by heart disease	✓
<b>Kiwanis Australia District Charitable Foundation</b> – 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.	✓
<b>Kiwanis Childrens Fund</b> – various worldwide projects	✓
<b>McIntyre Centre</b> - equestrian programs for people with a disability for the purpose of education, enjoyment, recreation, sport, and therapy.	✓
<b>MD Queensland</b> -dedicated to people who live with muscular dystrophy and similar conditions and their families, throughout all of their lives.	✓
<b>Miles Community</b> – assistance to drought affected families in conjunction with QCWA through provision of essential school resources.	✓
<b>Miraa House</b> - a learning life skills centre for women aged 17 and over with an intellectual disability.	✓
<b>MS Queensland</b> – To help people living with MS to get the best out of life; to advocate for change and to search for a cure.	✓
<b>Mt Ommaney Special School</b> - providing engaging, relevant curriculum and innovative, specialised teaching in partnership with families and the community in a safe, supportive environment.	✓
<b>Pillows 4 Oncology Kids</b> - producing and providing children’s pillowcases to hospital wards to brighten the stay of the patients and their siblings.	✓
<b>RSL Centenary Branch</b> - offering advice and support to all current and former Australian Defence Force members and their families.	✓
<b>Salvation Army</b> - provides social services without discrimination to members of the community	✓