



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I hope this finds everyone well and in good cheer. Like everyone else (including the other 188,954 Kiwanis members around the world) I'm looking forward to being able to get back into a normal life, including, especially including, all our club's activities.

From what I'm seeing it looks like we'll see a further relaxing of the current restrictions meaning we can catch up and spend some time together. I am certainly missing all your smiling faces, and our many activities. I am also looking forward to a nice red over dinner with everyone.

There's been some great "stuff" in the Australian Kiwanian and the email articles we receive from Kiwanis International. Some good articles to read, not to mention some of our members being front page models!

Stay safe and I look forward to seeing you all soon. As they say stay tuned for updates and hope you all remember how a BBQ works!

Cheers
Ruthven Underhill



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Bunnings BBQ

Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 restrictions, Bunnings BBQs for March and April were both cancelled. We hope project leaders Graham and Marie Simpson, along with their regular team of helpers, are enjoying a well-earned rest and we look forward to Bunnings BBQs resuming later this year.



Miraa House High Tea

On March 14th Kiwanis supported a beautiful High Tea at La Bonne Saigon. The event was a fund-raiser for Miraa House, a learning life skills centre for women aged 17 and over with an intellectual disability.

Kiwanis helped with registrations, sold raffle tickets and manned the games to help Miraa House raise over \$9,000.



Book Boxes

Another project to be put on hold due to Covid-19 restrictions was the Book boxes project. The boxes are currently with the girl guides being painted and decorated. The boxes will provide children with books to read, hopefully later in 2020.

When safe to do so we will ask on the 4074 Community face book page for businesses / locations that are willing to host our book boxes.

A Touch of Compassion

A Touch of Compassion have had to stop their Monday night dinners at Carole Park and Inala. Everything is on hold for rosters etc until they decide to go back fully. Chris and Angela are currently distributing food parcels each Monday night at Carole Park school on a drive through basis. They are also providing food packages for families at other times.

They have taken on a new role making up 40-50 meals per week that are picked up by The Education Department and distributed to Tafe students who are unable to cope, as they have lost their income, due to the loss of their part time jobs in the restaurant industry. They had to close their coffee shop, op shop and Amazing Grace café at Carole Park which are the major sources of funds for the project. Bob will let us know as soon as the project goes back to normal.

Whilst many local events have been cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions, the club received a number of letters during March and April, which illustrate how Kiwanis continues to make a significant contribution in the broader community.

Kiwanis Bush Fire Appeal:

Our Governor, Ashleigh Gore, has advised that the initial Kiwanis donations to the Kiwanis Bushfire appeal supporting UNICEF for the March 2020 quarter totalled \$43,433 *(Includes \$30,376.90 from the Kiwanis Clubs in Japan)*.

Many thanks to all who responded, and the appeal is still accepting further donations.

Children First Foundation:

A thank you letter was sent to Bryan Williams, Secretary of the Kiwanis Australia District Charitable Foundation outlining some of the benefits that Kiwanis has achieved for overseas children requiring medical treatment in Australia. Some excerpts from the thank-you letter are copied below;-

“Robinson and Serah both returned home to PNG in early Jan. Once both Serah and the doctors feel she's ready for more treatment a final surgery to lengthen her leg will be an option. Robinson we sadly won't need to see again. Originally referred to us with severe cleft lip and palate Robinson has undergone 2 surgeries and intensive speech therapy in his 7-month stay with us. If you can I suggest you have a look at our on social media @childrenfirstfoundation to see their amazing transformations”.

“We also welcomed and farewelled 7-year-old Chien from Vietnam whose club feet were treated at St John of God in Beruvick. Chien amazed everyone by taking his first ever steps just weeks after corrective surgery. His doctor originally estimated it would be 5-12 months before he would be able to walk - it was really a Christmas Miracle to send him home standing tall”.

As the letter explains, all of these children have headed home with a brighter future thanks to the support of Kiwanis.

In Canada, a decades old music festival, will take place with the help of technology...

CANADIAN KIWANIANs KEEP THE MUSIC PLAYING

JULIE SAETRE | MAR 19, 2020



For the past 61 years, the Orillia Kiwanis Club in Ontario, Canada, has sponsored the Orillia Kiwanis Music Festival for student and community musicians and vocal artists. More than a dozen solo and group categories range from piano, brass, woodwinds and strings to solo vocalists, group choirs and drama and speech arts.

Participants compete for grants, scholarships and trophies while providing memorable performances for the community. The Kiwanis club hoped to continue its tradition with the 62nd festival set for April 14-27, but as the world scrambles to contain the new coronavirus, COVID-19, members knew safety and health come first.

Still, they weren't ready to disappoint the young artists who depend on the festival for college opportunities and professional exposure. So the club got creative and turned to technology. The 2020 festival will take place using a virtual format. Performances can be recorded on smart phones and reviewed remotely by judges. Special arrangements will be made for group entries.

The live-performance aspect might be missing in 2020, but thanks to the Orillia Kiwanians' adaptability, the music will play on.



Unfortunately, No Definite Events

BUT

Members will be notified as soon as that changes



Brisbane Club Achievements

For the 12 months ending April 2020, the Brisbane Kiwanis Club Members have volunteered 1884 hours and raised \$12,376.

During the last 2 months, due to Covid-19 restrictions, we have not made any financial donations.

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	✓