



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As you will be aware we are now in July, and excitingly restrictions are being lifted.

We have had our first Management Committee meeting and are starting our dinner meetings.

I am looking forward to our dinner meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> of July. It will be the first time in a while we have seen each other, and, like all of you, will be very keen to see how we went during lock down. Don't mention it, but I have added a little extra around my middle!

Our first meeting will be a quick meeting followed by dinner so we can maximise our time together.

While I don't have a lot to report, I can tell you that we already have a number of gigs in the offering in the second half, no doubt there will be more. I'm sure we are all ready to get back into it.

As you all will be well aware while lock down was on and Australia went quiet, the needs of children didn't evaporate. There is always more to do!

Look forward to seeing you.

Ruthven

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### Committee for 2019/2020:

<b>President:</b>	Ruthven Underhill
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<b>Secretary:</b>	Kelli Schuh
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Sharon Baldwinson
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## Bunnings BBQ

Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 restrictions, Bunnings BBQs continue to be a non-event. Bunnings will inform the Club once the decision is made to resume.



Bunnings provided a \$500 gift voucher to compensate the loss of monthly fundraiser BBQs.

We have recently purchased a shed with this voucher to store all our Kiwanis Club items. This is currently located at the Behn's.

## Annual General Meeting

We are holding our AGM on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> August for the Kiwanis year commencing 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020.

Many of our Executive/Committee are stepping down after many years of service.

We thank each one of these members and welcome nominations for positions for the 2020 / 2021.

Please consider this great opportunity to become more involved and more hands make light work.

Feel free to discuss with any of the current Executive / Committee members prior to the AGM.

## Thank you to the Federal Government

The Club recently applied for the Federal Government Volunteer Grant and received advice from Milton Dick MP, Federal Member for Oxley, that he was able to secure \$2,370 of funding through the Australian Government's Volunteer Grant 2019-20 Program for accounting / computer software.

This funding is in recognition of the valuable role volunteers play in building more resilient and cohesive communities.

We are most grateful to Milton for his support of our Club in securing this funding to assist our Club members especially the Treasurer.



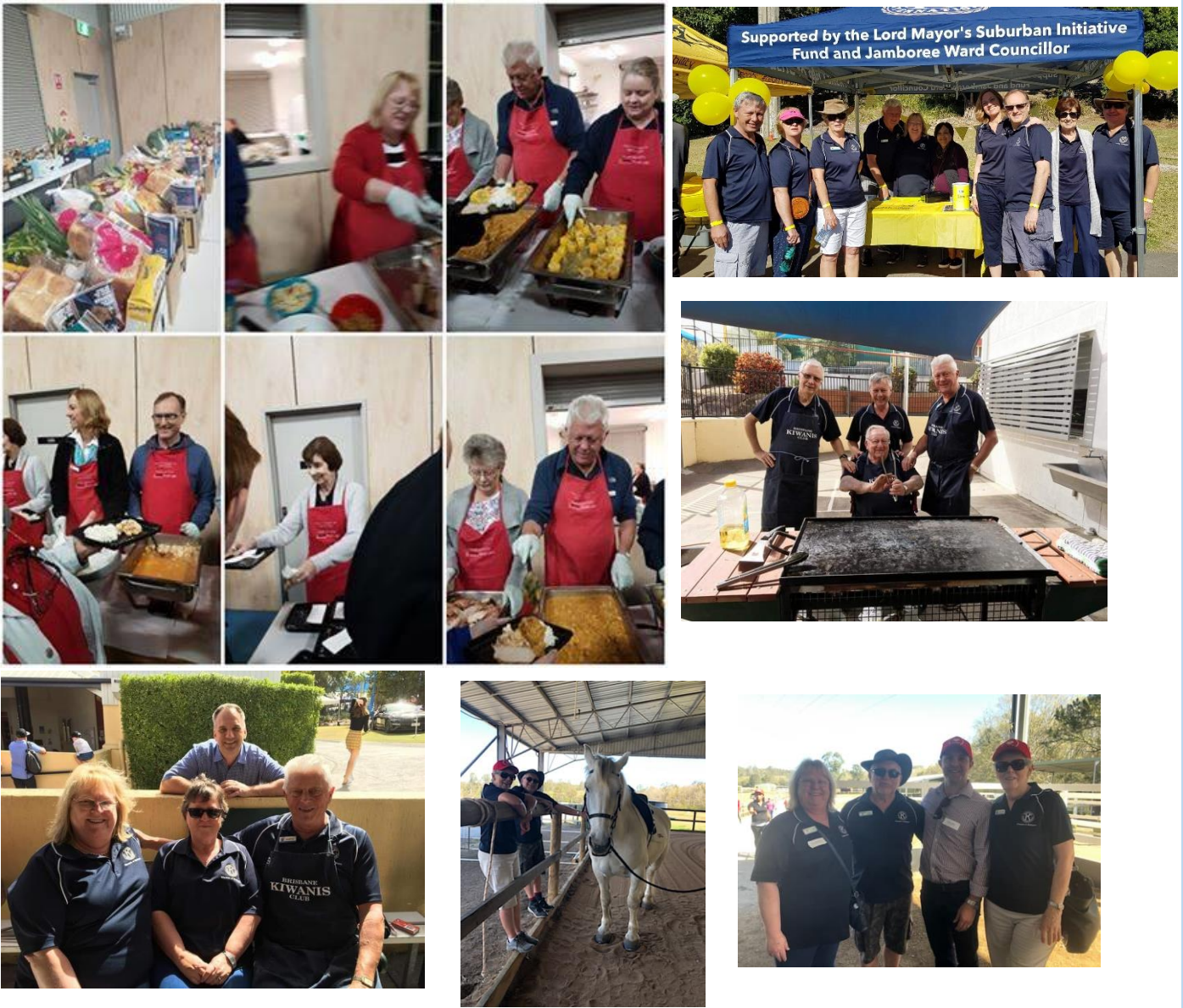
**THANK YOU TO ALL  
OUR HARDWORKING  
OXLEY COMMUNITY  
VOLUNTEERS**

**NATIONAL** 18-24 MAY 2020  
**VOLUNTEER**  
CHANGING COMMUNITIES.  
CHANGING LIVES. **WEEK**

# Kiwanis Brisbane Review of 2019 / 2020

Well done to all the Brisbane Club members. We have volunteered 1642 hours and raised \$10,600.





## Kiwanis in the Broader Community

Whilst many events have been cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions, the club continues to be notified of how Kiwanis continues to make a significant contribution in the broader community.

### **Kiwanis Bush Fire Appeal:**

Our Governor, Ashleigh Gore, has advised that, *"as a result of the devastating bushfires all around Australia, we launched our Kiwanis Bushfire Relief Appeal on the 5th of January in support of UNICEF Australia, who is focusing on the recovery and rehabilitation phases particularly in support of children impacted by this disaster. It is extremely pleasing to hear that the Kiwanis Australia District Charitable Foundation received donations from overseas and around Australia, with the total now approaching \$60,000, which includes \$30,377 from the Japan District and \$10,000 from the Geelong Kiwanis Club"*.

### **Heart Kids Australia:**

HeartKids is the compass to help navigate the lifetime journey of the 64,000 Australian children, teens and adults affected by congenital heart disease. HeartKids aim is to help them -and their families - to lead the most fulfilling life possible and to reach their personal goals. Kiwanis has long been a supporter of HeartKids Australia and despite this year's restricted fund-raising activities, is organizing to present their annual donation, albeit of a reduced amount, to the organization later this year.

## NEWBORN DEATHS FROM TETANUS CONTINUE TO FALL

JENNIFER MORLAN | JUN 18, 2020



The number of babies needlessly dying from neonatal tetanus continues to fall, thanks, in part, to the commitment of Kiwanis International. The world has seen an 85% reduction in newborn deaths from tetanus during the past 18 years, including a 57% drop since Kiwanis joined [UNICEF](#) in the fight against maternal and neonatal tetanus in 2010, according to a new report by the World Health Organization.

A group of scientists, statisticians and experts recently analyzed data that showed an estimated 25,000 babies died of tetanus in 2018, almost 6,000 fewer than reported in 2017. In 2011, 159 babies died every day from tetanus.

“It’s encouraging to see that the work we started with UNICEF a decade ago keeps moving us toward the day when no baby dies of tetanus,” says Stan Soderstrom, executive director of Kiwanis International and the Kiwanis Children’s Fund. “These are more than just numbers — they are lives saved. The Kiwanis family should be proud of its international impact.”

Kiwanis’ partnership with UNICEF supports health care workers and volunteers who face conflict and other health priorities, such as polio and Ebola, in some of the world’s most forbidding areas. They have vaccinated more than 161 million women of childbearing age, freeing them from the fear that their babies could die from this excruciating disease.

If a mother has not been vaccinated, neonatal infections can occur when childbirth takes place without proper hygienic care — for example, on a dirt floor or without sterilized tools. Newborns who contract tetanus suffer repeated and painful convulsions and extreme sensitivity to light and touch. Without hospitalization, there is little hope of survival.

But in addition to providing vaccinations, the effort to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus (MNT) has led to more births being overseen by doctors, nurses or midwives — leading to better outcomes for moms and babies. And Kiwanis’ involvement has motivated other large membership-based organizations to join the fight.

But Kiwanis’ life-changing work will continue, says Soderstrom. Kiwanis International continues to raise money to pay for vaccinations, transportation, training, monitoring and supervision — so that mothers give birth in clean, safe environments.

Some news from Panama where clubs have helped those impacted by Covid-19....



Hunger has become a side effect of the COVID-19 pandemic. With businesses closed and people unable to work, it's impossible for some people to earn a living. In some places, healthcare workers struggle to obtain necessary supplies.

That's when Kiwanis steps in.

In Panama, several clubs have rallied to help deliver food to people in their communities. Other clubs have delivered medical supplies to help healthcare workers treat the sick while protecting themselves.

Moises J. Casas, president of the Kiwanis Club of Chitré, said his club took bags of food to families that had yet to receive any aid. The club reached 10 homes one day and another 13 the following week. Casas said help was given to the neediest families.



The Kiwanis Club of Panama raised money to purchase supplies for health centers and vulnerable residents. The club received support from the Kiwanis American Football League and shared it with the Ministry of Health and the Social Security Fund, an account that safeguards healthcare workers. More than 1,600 players, 150 coaches, sponsors and parents are part of the Kiwanis Football League.

Also in Panama, the Kiwanis Club of El Águila de Panama manages the 20Mealsx10Days program for security workers and their families. The club said it had dedicated itself to supporting vulnerable people who faced COVID-19, including security guards and their families and children, all with limited resources.



The Kiwanis Club of Penonomé distributed cleaning supplies, paper goods and canned food essentials — including rice, beans, pasta, tun and cooking oil — to vulnerable families.

# What's Coming Up



July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Picnic – Details to follow



21<sup>st</sup> March 2021

Movies in the Park!!

July	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	20	21 Guest Speaker Dinner Meeting	22	23	24	25
	26 Club Picnic	27	28	29	30	31	



August	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	30	31					1  Kelli
	2	3	4 Guest Speaker Dinner Meeting	5	6 MCM	7  Pat	8
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	16  Graham	17	18 AGM	19	20	21	22
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29

## Brisbane Club Achievements

For the 12 months ending June 2020, the Brisbane Kiwanis Club Members have volunteered 1642 hours and raised \$10,591.

During the last 2 months, we have donated to HeartKids Australia (\$1000), Kiwanis International Children's Fund (\$180) and Kiwanis Australian Charitable Foundation (\$180).

Causes the Brisbane Club Supports	2019/2020
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" within 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.	✓
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.	✓
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	✓