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What's Coming Up

Club Meeting's April 10th & 24th

Update – Choice Cambodia

Guest Speaker from February 28th meeting Ross Wright returned to Cambodia on March 14th carrying with him the clothes donated by the club through our Sew & So group and with the knowledge that our club had approved a donation of \$500.00 to the charity he represents. Information can be found on their website; Photo's of the kids and their surroundings in next newsletter.
See more at:- www.choice-cambodia.org

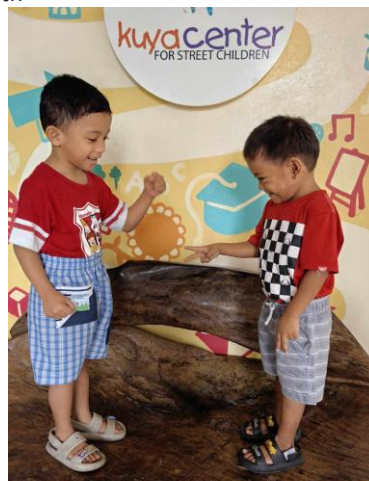


Our dear and valuable Club Treasurer Graeme Munro is recovering from surgery and at the Alfred Hospital in Melbourne and will require further treatment. Everyone sends their very best wishes for a successful outcome and look forward to his return to club meetings.

Update – Kuya Center , Philippines

Message received by recent Guest Speaker David Lunn.

Hi Sir David, I hope this email finds you well.
Please be informed that we received the parcel. Ohh my goshhhh our small children were so happy with their new clothes. Please extend our gratitude to the ladies who sewed it. The small clothes for girls will be given to other children on March 28 since we have a family day. I will send you more photos soon.
Attached are the photos of the two small boys who don't want to change their shorts since they love wearing them.
Kind regards, Faith



Sew & So



Carmen and Margaret delivered a further batch of 13 Chemo hats to the oncology ward of the Saint John of God hospital on the 3rd of March. Those items were much appreciated and there is a need for more. Also delivered were drain bag carriers and pockets of hope. This was the first time we have handed over in the oncology ward.

During the delivery to St, John of God (see this page) further Cancer hats were requested in plain colours and in smaller sizes. Margaret and Graham have purchased cut the fabric to patterns and Anna is now doing the sewing of the sixteen hats. Carmen will provide delivery plans at next meeting.

Spence Harding and Graham Mould attended the 49th Kiwanis Asia Pacific Convention in Adelaide between March 7th and 9th, 2024, staying at the Oval Hotel that is part of the Adelaide Oval building. Normally it would be pleasant 10 minute walk across a bridge to the Convention Centre but they found the 40+ degrees heat made it something of an ordeal. Past Lt Governor Coral Kilvington provided much appreciated lifts back to the hotel on three occasions as she passed on her way back to her own accommodation.



ASPAC Chair, Sujan Shrestha from Nepal (on right) with ASPAC Secretary/Treasurer Stewart Labrooy from Malaysia.



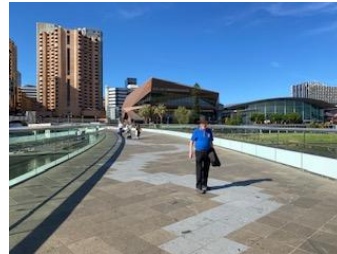
Kiwanis International President Katrina Baranko opening the ASPAC Convention.



Home for five nights The Oval Hotel



View from hotel dining room / bar



Spencer on Foot Bridge from meetings



View to North Adelaide from hotel



Convention Report

The 49th ASPAC Convention in Adelaide will go down as a huge success with a role up of 497 Kiwanians from all around the Pacific together with our International President Katrina Barenco, Executive Director Paul Palazzolo and KI Chief Operating Officer Jeff Oatess from the USA. Also present was Lee Kuan Yong from Malaysia who is International President elect and Josy Glatigny Kiwanis Europe President.. Among the responsibilities of the House of Delegates was the approval of changes to the ASPAC Bylaws and election of the 2024-25 Officers. Our own Past Governor Graham Mould was Chairman of Elections. A vote was necessary for the position of 2024-25 Chair Elect between Michelle Cordioli from New Zealand South Pacific District and Glenda Hufano of Philippines Luzon District. The position was won by Michelle. (see more next page)



Convention Report (continued)

The Adelaide Convention Centre was an excellent venue with high quality facilities for the Board meeting and Plenary Sessions. One room was dedicated to registrations and as a place to meet up with other Kiwanians. Another room was set aside for the displays of all districts with a competition for the best display. Both dinners were held in the Panorama Ballroom with a theme of 'Welcome to the Outback' on Friday and a party night Farewell Dinner on the Saturday. 47 tables of 10 were set for both dinners and the food served was both plentiful and delicious, provided by a skill serving staff. At each occasion various awards were presented with future officers installed. As is traditional at ASPAC each district presents a cultural show at the Closing Dinner with all the Pacific districts going to great deal of effort dressing in national costumes together with all manner of flags and banners. Also traditional the Australians wandered onto the stage like a mob of sheep dressed in their regular gear without any rehearsal of the song (Waltzing Matilda again after the original song got dumped at the last minute!). As expected Australia did not win the cultural presentation prize but we all wandered off into the hot South Australian night having enjoyed it all.



Past 2017/18 Australia District Governor Jan Hyde and John, with Graham at the Outback themed night.



Part of the Japan District group ready for their cultural display and musical presentation on Saturday night. We could not understand their lead singer but he had a great voice and the costumes were spectacular.



Welcome Vera Lloyd

Our new member Vera was inducted into the club by president Greg Puls on March 13th with her sponsor Carmen Chapman assisting.



Secretary Chrissie Puls reported that our Past Member and current Honorary Member David Butler has great difficulty while sitting and requires a special cushion and support straps which are not available under his care provisions. At the meeting on 13th March members approve the expenditure of \$500 to assist with the purchase of the items.

The City of Greater Geelong has approved our Doll, Teddy and Craft day for publication in the Geelong Events Calendar. You can view it at <https://www.geelongaustralia.com.au/events/calendar/item/8d913c8ed8d0404.a.spx>

Wisdom of the COACHES

"If you're going to make a mistake, make sure it's a good one."

Ron Barassi

"You need a backbone, not a wishbone"

Guy McKenna

"An Essendon supporter is a Collingwood supporter who read and write."

Jack Dyer

"I think our guys can be bad enough if they put their minds to it."

Neil Daniher

"Nobody in football should be called a genius. A genius is a guy like Norman Einstein."

Mick Malthouse



Carman Chapman has delivered 24 Terrific Kids certificates to Ashby Primary School ready for presentation on 29 March 2024.



Proving Ground Family Day

A team consisting of Spencer, Greg, Chrissie, George, Graham, Peter and Jennifer travelled to the Ford Proving Ground on Saturday 24th March to cook and serve the BBQ at a fundraiser for Ford's Christmas Kids Day. 632 members of the Ford family were counted through the security gate keeping the cooks and servers very busy.



Kiwanis connects people around the world with opportunities to passionately pursue club volunteerism, service, & fundraising that make a positive lasting impact on the lives of children.