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CLUB OF SYDNEY

Newsletter

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#Kids need Kiwanis#

Kids are curious, lovable and hilarious. They are also wild, impatient and vulnerable. Kiwanis is looking out for kids in every corner of the globe with more than 550,000 volunteers who serve their communities through local clubs.

Terrific Kids

Kiwanis Sydney members attended presentation ceremonies at our 3 Terrific Kids schools at the end of Term 4 2023. We presented 2 children at each school with a framed Terrific Kids certificate plus a bag of goodies including a cash card, pencil, TK stickers, etc. *Sree presenting one of the children >>>*

Thanks to Jeff and Angelique for presenting at Broderick Gillawarna, to Sree and Naz for presenting at Warrah Specialist and to Cathy and Steve for presenting at Sir Eric Woodward Schools.

Understandably we have little opportunity to post pictures of these presentations.

The schools, children and parents really appreciate the Terrific Kids program as it sees recognition for the students from outside the school.



Broderick Gillawarna School Fun Day and Year 12 Formal

In December our club supported BGS in 2 additional events.



Sree and Naz went to the Year 12 Formal Ball to help the students celebrate their finishing at the school. By all accounts it was a great night. Thanks to Sree and Naz.

Jeff, Belinda, Cathy and Steve went to the BGS Fun Day to provide the barbeque. All parents and children could have a free sausage sandwich courtesy of Kiwanis Sydney.

The children were spoilt with choice on the day with a petting zoo, jumping castle, ice-creams, fairy floss, face painting, meet the local fire brigade and their truck and meet the local police and their car.



Naz and Principal Jo at BGS Formal



Belinda, Steve, Cathy and Jeff at BGS Fun Day barbeque



One of the kids with the Furies



One of the kids with the Police



Enjoying the jumping castle

Hawkesbury Social Get Together

As has been the case for several years Kiwanis Sydney organised a Sunday lunch at the King Tide Café at Hawkesbury in lieu of our January club meeting.

It is a great venue with our tables on the covered wharf front, great food and a railway station within 200 metres.

We invited the other Kiwanis clubs from Newcastle and East Maitland and were pleased that eight Kiwanians from East Maitland, Newcastle and Newcastle Beachside could join us. Thanks to Rae, Alan, Bryen, Gaile, Gladys, Derek, Colin and Vivienne for joining us. It was great to catch-up. Including Kiwanis Sydney 23 people enjoyed the day.



December Christmas Meeting

Our December meeting was a great event where we not only celebrated the coming of Christmas but also the birthdays of Cathy and Sid.

It was good to see so many members in attendance and dressed for the occasion. Jeff's dress sense excelled with the "coat of many colours". All the ladies were keen to be photographed in said coat. Great to see Beryl able to attend the meeting.

Well received was a short video of some previous lady recipients of "It's in the bag". They all were touched, that someone thought enough of them to put together a special bag of personal items for Christmas. This was great feedback to the members on where their Share the Dignity bags had gone, and what it meant to the recipients. One learning was to include a personal note in next year's bags.

Sid and Cathy cut their respective birthday cakes and then endured the usual singing of Happy Birthday.

It was a fun meeting all around. *Photos – Beryl, Katherine and Naz; Cathy and Sid cutting their birthday cakes with Rajni and carer.*





Dreaded Square!!

Our January Bunnings barbeque was all planned for Saturday 20th January after a two month hiatus. All looked on track for a big day of about 720 sausage sandwiches.

In the initial hour we received the call that our Square was not working. Apparently Square keeps insisting that we need an ABN to qualify for charitable status. Unbeknown to us they had disconnected the square from our bank account once again.

After giving out “free” merchandise while we brainstormed a solution, Vikki eventually got a system working where customers used Pay ID to her bank account. On the second shift we used Pay ID to pay a mobile number. Needless to say we had to prewarn all customers of the alternative arrangements and some walked away being uncomfortable with, or not having Pay ID. For the third shift Angelique loaned us one of her Squares and things got back to almost normal.

Anyway, our day didn't end up all bad with us selling 680 sausage sandwiches and 200 drinks. It looks like we will be forced to get an ABN to prevent a future occurrence or an alternative card reader.

Our donations “pot” at the barbeque was for Exodus Foundation and raised \$53 for this cause. This was well down due to problems with the Square.

Board Meeting

Kiwanis Sydney held it's first Board Meeting for 2024 in recent weeks.

Causes that will benefit from \$7,500 of cash donations are:- Children First Foundation, HeartKids Grants in Aid, Rainbow Childrens Home in Nepal, Gunasekara Girls Home in Sri Lanka, Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia and Operation Rainbow (cleft palate operations in Cebu, Philippines).

Aktion Club – looking for members! www.aktionclub.org

Now that COVID restrictions have settled, Kiwanis Sydney wants to support a new Aktion Club and we are looking for potential members. Members with a disability will be part of their own club to fundraise and perform work in the community to help others in need. The Aktion Club will also organise their own social activities to get to know other members and have fun.

"WHERE
DEVELOPMENT
KNOWS NO
DISABILITY "



If you know of someone who might like to be part of, or benefit from this club, then please contact us at sydney@kiwanis.org.au.

#Kids need Kiwanis!

Do you want to help kids? Kiwanis Sydney needs your help to continue our work in the local, Australian and world communities. Come along, obligation free, to one of our monthly meetings, or a Bunnings barbeque to meet the team, or simply meet with one of our members over a coffee and hear about what we do and how you can help. You will meet new friends and get that warm feeling from helping kids in Sydney Children's Hospital, HeartKids, Sir Eric Woodward School, Nepal or others. Contact us at sydney@kiwanis.org.au

Hope you enjoyed the newsletter. If you have an article to include in future newsletters, please forward to sydney@kiwanis.org.au

Joke Corner



Clock for
retired people



Events Coming Up: 2023/24

Tues 13th Feb 2024 – Kiwanis Sydney Meeting 7pm – The Roseville Club

Fri 16th to 18th Feb 2024 – Division 2 Mini Convention at Tea Gardens

Sat 24th Feb 2024 - Bunnings BBQ Artarmon - 8.30am to 4.00pm – Reserve Rd Artarmon

Sun 3rd Mar 2024 – Clean Up Australia Day – venue to be advised

7th to 9th Mar 2024 – **Kiwanis ASPAC Convention** – Adelaide Convention Centre

Tues 12th Mar 2024 – Kiwanis Sydney Meeting 7pm – The Roseville Club

Sat 23rd Mar 2024 - Bunnings BBQ Artarmon - 8.30am to 4.00pm – Reserve Rd Artarmon

Fri 12th Apr 2024 - **BGS** Terrific Kids Presentation Day for end of Term 1 - TBC

Fri 12th Apr 2024 - **SEWS** Terrific Kids Presentation Day for end of Term 1 - TBC

Sat 20th Apr 2024 - Bunnings BBQ Artarmon - 8.30am to 4.00pm – Reserve Rd Artarmon

Sat 11th May 2024 – Mother's Day flowers and cards Caroline Chisholm Nursing Home

Sun ??th May 2024 - Mother's Day Cake Stall at Cherrybrook Shopping Centre - TBA

20th to 26th May – National Volunteers Week

Sat 25th May 2024 - Bunnings BBQ Artarmon - 8.30am to 4.00pm – Reserve Rd Artarmon

Sat 22nd Jun 2024 - Bunnings BBQ Artarmon - 8.30am to 4.00pm – Reserve Rd Artarmon

Sun 14th Aug 2024 – City to Surf manning drink station #2

Deserving Causes we have helped

Causes	2022-23	2023-24
Sydney Children's Hospital Randwick - Comfort Care Cases	✓	
Sir Eric Woodward School - Terrific Kids and gardening	✓	✓
Broderick Gillawarna School – Terrific Kids, Fun Day and Formal	✓	✓
Warrah Specialist School – Terrific Kids, loom support and sensory equipment	✓	✓
Children First Foundation - life changing medical help for children (District Project thru'KADCF)	✓	✓
HeartKids Australia - research into children's heart disease (District Project thru' KADCF)	✓	✓
HeartKids Two Feet and a HeartBeat, Sweethearts Day, Super Heroes Day and local respite	✓	✓
Aussie Helpers – assisting farmers and their children in need		✓
Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia in Children (District Project thru' KADCF)	✓	✓
Share the Dignity Bags – for women and children in refuges or doing it tough at Christmas	✓	✓
Rainbow Children's Home Nepal - house and educate orphans	✓	✓
Harding Miller Foundation – part sponsorship of a Year 9 girl for High School studies	✓	✓
Exodus Foundation Rev Bill Crews - helping the homeless	✓	✓
Father Chris Riley's Youth off the Street		✓
Kiwanis Children's Fund - various worldwide projects – annual club gift	✓	✓
Kiwanis Australia District Charitable Foundation – annual club gift	✓	✓
Caroline Chisholm Nursing Home – Mother's day cards and flowers	✓	
Street Care for Homeless Newcastle – provide clothing and food to homeless	✓	✓
Gunasekara Child Development Centre Sri Lanka	✓	

The Objects of Kiwanis International

1. To give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life.
2. To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.
3. To promote the adoption and the application of higher social, business and professional standards.
4. To develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive and serviceable citizenship.
5. To provide, through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service and to build better communities.
6. To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism and good will.



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