

Looking forward to the month ahead

THE first month of the new Lions year is already behind us as we look forward to the month ahead.

The first meeting in July we were well down on members in attendance mainly due to the number of people away travelling and also quite a few unable to attend for health reasons.

At that first business meeting, prior to the Vice Presidents Reports, the members split into groups according to the VP team to which each member belongs.

These groups then discussed any activities either ongoing or proposed falling within their particular VP's portfolio.

The VPs gathered any new information that they were not previously aware of from their group and were then able to provide an up to date report to the membership.

It was a trial of a format that has been used by quite a few clubs for many years and appears to have some merit.

I am sure as members become more familiar with the process, we can make efficient use of our time by dealing with the bulk of our business at the first dinner meeting of the month and the Board meetings.

This will leave the second dinner meeting of the month for the more social aspects of our activities including guest speakers, educational programmes etc.

At our second meeting of the month, our guest speaker, John Wass, provided an informative presentation on a

Lions sign turns to rags . . . do we need to spend some money and upgrade?



The wind damage from last Thursdays storm all but destroyed our re-cycling sign at the Den. Some very helpful person picked up the sign on Friday morning and attached it back to whence it came. Ta muchly. The question is it time for us to give the sign a makeover?

program known as "Cycling Without Age" where special tricycles set up with an electrically assisted cycle pedalled by a fit volunteer is used to provide two aged people at a time, seated in front of the volunteer, with the opportunity to enjoy a cycle ride without any effort on their part.

John is talking with various groups to seek support for the introduction of such a program for Mandurah.

The presentation was well received and a number of members have since spoken with me with the view that this should be investigated further as a potential project for the club.

At our second dinner meeting in August, we will have the President of the Lions Club of Australind, Ann Knapp, as our guest speaker.

She will be providing us with information on the upcoming District 201W2 Convention and will be promoting the attractions of her club's home town.

It is time for members to give serious consideration to attending this Convention.

Those who regularly attend District Conventions will be aware of the knowledge that is gained from such



events and the opportunity to meet up with members from different clubs which can often provide fresh ideas.

To those who have never attended a District Convention, I encourage you to give it your consideration as you will be guaranteed to learn about Lions outside the sphere of your own club.

One area of our club's activities that needs to be addressed is the appointment of a club safety officer. I would appreciate hearing from anyone who feels that they may be able to fulfil this role.

To finish, a quote from one of the great philosophers for members to ponder. "Real knowledge is to know the extent of one's ignorance" – Confucius.

I look forward to seeing you at the dinner meeting on August 14.

Graham Bateman.
President.

Chyanne accepts a bike and gives her old treadly to a needy person

SECOND VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT

July went out with a bang. President Graham had a problem with our fridge trailer which was becoming unserviceable . . . so we had the tow hitch replaced along with the hydraulic brake master cylinder.

And now it is road worthy again.

A quick session with Lion Wendy and we have the fridges and the battery sorted.

Not everything we do as Lions comes before the members.

I had a lady named Loxy who had just bought a new home and had new or near new items she no longer needed.

She rang me and we organised four tubs of new soft toys to be delivered to Wanslea for Foster Children.

She also had a beautiful lady's bicycle to give away.

Wanslea sent me to a lovely lady named Leana who has fostered over 20 young people.

Her latest is a nine year old named Chyanne.

I took the bike to her and she was overwhelmed. Then she quietly said to me my bike only need the brake fixing. I would like to give it to our six year old neighbour.

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Her Dad can't afford a bike for her.

How very wonderful that a nine year old should think of someone else.

I had the brake fixed and there

are now two very happy young people as a result. Sometimes Lions can do nice things just by following our code and purposes.

Des McLean.



Successful and enjoyable BBQ

We had a successful and enjoyable day at the Mandurah Eastern Foreshore on Sunday, August 5 for Wescarpade, a car rally organised by Camp Quality. Fourteen Lions members turned up from 5.30 am to 10.30 am to cook and serve breakfast for more than 50 people.

This Sunday, August 12 we will have another BBQ at the MADSAR SWAP MEET at Hall's Head Shopping Centre from 5.30 am.

The roster is presently being circulated to those who are willing to help. The remaining MADSAR BBQ's for this year are the September 30, November 4 and December 9. There is nothing else to report in my portfolio. PAUL

Firstly and thanks

Firstly, a big thank you to those who attended the WesCarpade Breakfast at the Rotunda yesterday.

I think the morning was a great success so well done to all.

Now,

The next of the MADSAR BBQ's is Sunday 12th August in the car park at Halls Head Central.

(Turn right after BP Service Station on the corner).

If those who are towing trailers to the event want to stay on to cook we will need less people but we would like 2 rosters with a half to one hour overlap.

To Enter your name you will need to select reply (Not Reply all) and then enter your name in the area you want to work. Once you have done that send the email.

Alternatively, we are happy for people to email a reply, ring or text. Paul.

Recommendations

Treasurer J.Osborne, in his absence from the July 10 dinner meeting, makes the following recommendations:.. That Club Dues for 2018/2019 be;

Ordinary Member: \$115

Life Member : \$ 65

Family Member: 1st member \$115- and \$ 85 2nd member.

N.B. This has already been passed by the Board meeting of July 3.

i i. That Donations be made to the following organisations;

Lions Clubs International (Towards MJF Award)	\$2 200
Australian Lions Foundation	\$2 700
Lions Hearing Foundation (Hearing Dogs)	\$ 900
Lions Children Mobility	\$ 900
Lions Save Sight Foundation	\$1 200
Lions Cancer Institute	\$1 200
Lions Hearing Foundation	\$1 200
Lions Alzheimers Foundation	\$1 200

Preamble

The club has received \$613.35 from Multiple district for Fares Equalisation. This money is to assist members attend the Multiple District Convention. In line with previous distributions this money is to be shared equally with the attending members.

Members who receive assistance to attend from District or Multiple district will not receive a share of club funds.

iii. That the Fares Equalisation money received be allocated to the following Lions;

Helen Lamb Ian Kelly, Evelyne Kelly and Ambrose Depiazzi. Each share is \$153.33.

Margaret Halford report

AT THE time of going to Press, I do not have a report on our status with the Council, what with holidays and other commitments.

As part of the refurbishment of the Lions Den, I would like to make mention that we now have a newly painted Den with new vertical blinds. Doesn't it look clean and airy.

New crockery is awaiting to be used, but first we have to get it from Paul and Wendy's house to the Den.

Carpet tiles have been ordered and another Working Bee will be held in the near future so that we can pull up the existing carpet and decide what we need to put back up on the walls.

Barry Mitting has kindly stepped into the breach and taken on the Purchasing Role for the Den, as both Helen Lamb and Thelma Murphy are both away.

Please remember we have a book now where you can write in what we require for both cleaning purposes and dinner meetings. If we don't know we need it, we can't purchase it.

Barry also looks after the Bar. Please remember Barry works full-time, therefore be patient regarding Opening Time.

Lions Foundations:

We are extremely fortunate in the Lions Club of Mandurah to have so many people involved with our Foundations and I would like to say a large Thank You to those people for the extra time and effort you put in to help not only at Club level but to District and Multi District level as well. For those of you in the Club who do not know who these people are, I will list them here:

Lions Cancer Institute Inc –

PDG Neil Saunders (Treasurer and Screener) – Dot Saunders (Screener)

John Osborne (Bus Driver and Screening Rosters) Paul Ripley (Bus Driver) Wendy Ripley (recently passed her Screening Training – congratulations)

Des McLean (part-time Driver)

PDG Garry Irvine (Screener)

Lions Hearing Foundation –

Bob and Margaret Halford (Board Members)

Lions Myalup Pines Cottages –

PDG Peter and Helen Lamb (Board Members)

Lions Save Sight Foundation of (WA) inc –

PCC Ambrose Depiazzi (Chairperson)

Graham Bateman (Board Member)

Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation –

PDG Peter Lamb (Trustee)

Australian Lions Children's Mobility Foundation –

Margaret Halford (District Chairman)

Cord Blood & Stem Cell Research –

Margaret Halford (District Chairman)

Lions Hearing Dogs –

Bob Halford (WA Trustee and District Chairman) Bob is also the District Publications Officer

WA Lions Hall of Fame –

PDG Wally Barrett (Chair of Meetings)

PDG Wally also organises the Club's "Walk for Sight"

Not forgetting we have a Zone Chairman, Robert Kelly, in our midst.

I would also like to say a Thank You to PCC Ian Kelly for all his hard work and dedication over many years with the Australian Lions Foundation and Evelyn Kelly for her work over the years with the Lions Clubs International Foundation. They have certainly put years into other Foundations as well.

I am just mentioning all this, as I would like to bring to the Club and its Members' attention, that some people do not just work for the Club but also Lions International and their time is precious. They may not always be available for club activities because of these other commitments, but do what they can, when they can.

I would also like to remind all members that the AGM's for each Foundation will be upcoming and any Lion can attend, whether they are on the Board or not:

The Lions Hearing Foundation of WA AGM is on Monday, October 29, 2018

If you are interested in furthering your journey within the great organisation of Lions, please remember that positions will be available and nominations will be published before the Convention at Australind. Please let someone know if you are interested in putting your name forward.

Youth of the Year

PCC Ian and Evelyn Kelly, together with Bob and I attended the YOTY Workshop at Padbury on August 4. It was well attended and we learned a lot. Evelyn and I are now working on a plan of action to approach High Schools and Colleges in the area and will keep all informed of our progress.

Guest Speakers

Evelyn Kelly has agreed to take this on. There will be no Guest Speaker for our meeting on August 28 as we are having a visit from the President of the Lions Club of Australind telling us more about the Convention to be held on October 5,6,7.

Social Activities

President Graham has a few ideas up his sleeve, but due to ill-health and the weather, these will be put forward at a later date. We look forward to having a good old time during this current fiscal year. Watch this space!!



Lamb lands a big fish and Helen helps our Peetee to celebrate. Eat your heart out.

