

## OCTOBER WAS A VERY BUSY MONTH

October shaped up as a fairly busy month and it did turn out to be.

The club had a healthy representation at the 201W2 District Convention hosted by the Lions Club of Australind.

Those members in attendance witnessed the election of our member, Lion John Osborne, as a director of the Lions Cancer Institute.

Prior to World Sight Day, brochures, bookmarks and posters describing the Lions Eye Health Programme promoting the importance of early eye checks for children were provided to the Mandurah and Lakelands libraries.

We are also distributing these at some of our barbeque events.

I will leave reporting on the various barbeques held during October to the First VP Paul. However, I will remind members of the effort put in by members and especially Lions Paul and Wendy for their organization of the following bbq events:

**Peel Job Fair October 11**

**Wally's Walk October 21**

**Relay for Life October 28**

Then there was the Camp Quality dinner on October 20 with Lion Joyce Covell in charge aided by, believe it or not, the Ripleys and the recently returned Clive and Lynne Cartledge.

With only this small group available to host the children and their carers, they were put under considerable pressure. However these members were up to the task and performed admirably.

Hopefully future years will see more members available to help out with this event.

On behalf of the club, thank you to all those who participated in the above events.

It would be remiss of me if I did not provide my personal thanks to First VP Paul for taking the chair for the October board meeting and the second dinner meeting of the month dur-

ing the time that I was isolating myself whilst having a virus. All reports were that Paul handled the meetings with distinction. Thank you First VP Paul.

With our hall being shut down due to the burst water main and subsequent electrical issues, Paul and Wendy hosted the board meeting at their home.

I do believe that the board members were spoiled by being provided with coffee and cake.

In an earlier Bulletin, I sought a member who felt that they would be prepared to take on the role of Safety Officer for the club.

I am pleased to announce that Brook Arlette has agreed to take on that role. Please offer your assistance to Brook in the performance of his role.

The next roles I would like to fill are understudies for both the Secretary

and Treasurer.

With both the current Secretary and Treasurer having fulfilled these roles several times and understandably wishing to move on to other interests we need to plan for the future.

By taking the opportunity to learn from the knowledge and experience of the present incumbents any members prepared to take on these roles in the future would find the transition considerably easier.

We look forward to November without the disruptions to our activities endured during the past month.

Now for a quote from a lady who once threw a challenge to our organization: "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much" – Helen Keller

Graham Bateman, President.



*Lion Brook Arlette had the privilege of meeting the president of the USA.*

# RECYCLING: THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE UGLY

**THE GOOD: RECYCLING** Not much action in this activity this month. Cans and newspapers were collected again and are now ready to be converted into cash. Collection of spectacles from various sources are growing, and now need to be constantly sifted so they can be distributed to the needy.

**MINTS:** Mints are continuing to be supplied to the normal sites throughout Mandurah and are providing a steady income. We still have not looked at other locations within our Mandurah boundaries.

## **CHRISTMAS CAKES/PUDDINGS**

The cakes/puddings have arrived and are now being distributed throughout Mandurah. Today I visited the retirement villages where I previously dropped off an order form, and the response was amazing, close to 100 cakes have been ordered by these villages. Order forms were also left with all the groups that hire out our hall, resulting in several orders for a cake or two, alongside the small bite-sized pieces of Christmas cake being consumed at their tea break.

Those have become very popular and with careful marketing can be a huge success next year. Car yards and real estate agents have not been approached yet, so this may need some assistance.

**SANTA HIRE:** We have already received several acceptances for Santa Hire this year. Peter Lamb is continuing to look for other possible venues.

## **CHRISTMAS EVE DELIVERIES**

100 forms were delivered to each of the following drop zones for this project; Toyworld in central Mandurah, NewsXpress at Hall's Head Shopping Centre, Mandurah Discount Drug Store in Greenfields, and now we welcome aboard LakersNews at Lakelands Shopping Centre. We now have outlets covering the entire Mandurah shire.

All we need now are enough Santas on Christmas Eve to put a smile on the children in Mandurah.

**BBQ'S:** The following BBQ's were held during October/Early November and were accomplished successfully despite a few headaches (see THE UGLY)

a) The Makers Peel Job's Fair @ Mandurah Aquatic Centre Thursday October 11. b) Camp Quality @ Mandurah Netball Hall Saturday 20th October. c) Wally's Walk @ Keith Holmes Park Sunday 21st October. d) Relay For Life @ Meadow Springs Sporting Complex Page 2

Sunday 28th October. d) MADSAR @ Hall's Head Shopping Centre Sunday 4th November. A big thank-you to all that helped in the above projects.

## **THE BAD: CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**

The raffle has had several hiccups this year attempting to get it ready for the public to purchase. A procedure for the sale of raffle tickets needs to be meticulously documented so future raffles avoid misdemeanours. Several Lions members will be required to help sell these tickets over the next five weeks to make this a success for this project before the winners are drawn at Bunnings on December 16.

## **THE UGLY: THE DEN**

On October 12 the Den had a burst water main which gushed into our meter box. For the next 5 days our site had no water and for a further 5 days, no power. This culminated in a loss of income from hall hire, but more importantly we had an obligation to hold a function at our den for Camp Quality.

Throughout the next week, Lion Wendy and Neil obtained an alternate venue via the Mandurah Council for this event to continue.

However, several Lions were ill or not available. With the help of Joyce, Lynne, Clive, Wendy, Gavin (Wendy's son) and myself we managed to cook and entertain 30 people at the Mandurah Netball Hall. Great effort. The board meeting had to be held at the Ripley Residence where business carried on as usual along with a few humorous incidents.

Later that week we realised that our cool-drink refrigerator in the shed would not cool down as the compressor ceased to function.

The compressor and radiator had more pin pricks than a dartboard. Another refrigerator had to be bought, which eventuated first week in November. Hopefully the following weeks are much kinder as we lead into Christmas, our busiest time of the year. So keep yourselves available. Bye for now, Paul Ripley, 1st Vice President.

## **DRESS SHIRTS WITH EMBROIDERED LOGOS,**

*Hello members, If you ordered a shirt, polo or just a logo on a shirt, I now have them.*

*The prices are as follows: Logo only \$8.80 Mens Short Sleeve Dress Shirt with Logo \$36.30 Mens Long Sleeve Dress Shirt with Logo \$39.60 Ladies Short Sleeve Dress Shirt with Logo \$42.90 Polo Shirts with Logo \$26.40*

*If you want your shirt you can pick it up from me or you can wait until the*

## **Christmas is nearly here**

3rd Vice President's Report – Margaret Halford

Another month gone already and we have only 50 days left until Christmas. Great to see Lynne and Clive back from their sojourn around the country and welcome to my team. Lynne has agreed to look after Club Welfare, therefore if you know of anyone who is sick or has lost a member of their family, please let Lynne know. Clive has agreed to look after the Den Maintenance, so if you see anything that needs looking at, please let Clive know.

PDG Neil has requested we print the small version of our brochure for insertion into the Christmas Cakes. Bob has got this in hand, therefore we will be putting a leaflet into the side of all Christmas Cakes sold at our outlets.

Bob, President Graham, PCC Ian, Evelyn, Dianne Mew and Seline and myself attended the Opening of the Foster Share Shed on Pinjarra Road on Sunday, 28 October. We spent a couple of hours there, talking with Mandy and Leanne (guest speakers for November), having a BBQ and generally enjoying the sunshine. Mandy and Leanne cut a cake and officially opened their Shed. Lovely to see so many foster carers and the children. It was a family affair, with 5 generations of Mandy's family all in attendance.

Thelma will be looking after the purchases for the Den, if you notice that we need toilet rolls etc, please write it in the book, kept on the bench in the kitchen. Our Lions Christmas Dinner will be held on 11 December, please mark your calendars.

*next meeting and I will bring your order with me. I have paid for the full order so payment will be directly to me.*

*If anyone missed this order but would like to order one I have a new supplier thanks to Neil Saunders and the minimum order is 1. Amanda is reasonably priced and does a great logo. She is located in Waikiki so I am happy to put in an order for you. Paul, Wendy Ripley 0428 190 354 or 0408 910 446*

# NEW DISTRICT CAKE CHAIRMAN

Message to all Cakes and Mints  
Chairman and other interested  
parties, from the acting Secretary  
Mandurah Lions Club

Subject:

## CHRISTMAS CAKES AND MINT CHAIRMAN

For those of you who attended the  
District Convention you would know  
that we now have a new Cakes and  
Mint Chairman.

Please pass on to your members that  
the new Chairman is:

PDG Dave Molcher (Karen)

Phone 0413 548 661

Email: Lion.Dave.Molcher@gmail.com

Address: 12 Cadd Avenue Byford  
6122



Paul Ripley was the host for the Melbourne Cup  
Luncheon and he did a fantastic job well done Paul.

# THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE RELAY FOR LIFE

Hello all,

Thanks to everyone that got up early and  
came down to The Meadow Springs Sports  
Facility this morning to assist with the Relay  
For Life.

The was a huge success and we served at  
least 450 bacon and egg burgers to the walk-  
ers from 7am to 8am. Well done.

We received a great compliment from  
Councillor Ron Wortley who was the organiser  
of the event.

He was impressed not only with the service  
we provided but noted that the club all got on  
well and seemed to be having a great time  
doing it. Again a huge thanks we cannot do it  
without everyone pitching in. Kind regards.

Paul & Wendy Ripley

Hello members,

Thanks to Clive and Des for assisting with  
the towing of trailers.

They are now locked up and in place ready  
for tomorrow morning. Wendy and I will arrive  
about 5.45am and as we have the keys to

everything there in no point in anyone arriving  
before then. There is not much setting up to do as  
we will be serving right next to the BBQ trailers and  
we are all under cover.

5.45am - Cookers arrive: John Osborne, Gordon  
Nunn, Clive Cartledge, Graham Bateman, Brook  
Arelette, Wendy Ripley.

6.45am - Prep & Serving arrive: Margaret Halford,  
Denice Knight, Lynne Cartledge, Wendy Ripley.

7.00am - Runners arrive: Bob Halford, Des  
McLean, Ian Kelly.

We would like to begin cooking at 6.00am so that  
we have half of the food ready for serving at  
7.00am and continue cooking to complete service  
at 8.00am.

All bacon and eggs will go into hot pots and all  
toasted buns will go into big tubs lined with tea  
towels and table cloths.

If you have any questions please feel free to ring  
either of us or email us.

Kind regards Paul & Wendy Ripley



Melbourne Cup Luncheon at the Ripleys. Wendy holding court with Lynne and Carol and below Lynne makes a point to Clive and Helen.



# BUSY BUSY BUSY

2nd Vice president Des McLean.

Busy busy busy. What a year this has been. Between Lions Paul and Wendy and myself we have now put together our Christmas raffle. Tickets are ordered, permits issued (thanks Lion Bob H) sponsors organized and to quote my wife Margaret "ALLs is Gute" that is German for you beauty

Meanwhile at our last board meeting Lion Wendy advised that an elderly neighbor who rides to work each day had finally broken his bike. You will remember that lovely young lass with the lady's bike well the fellow who repaired her small bike was the BIKEMAN(Kim) in Pinjarra road.

A quick visit and that Gents problem was solved... But wait there's more.

A call from Wanslea with a need for 5 bikes for a foster family was met with equal success by Kim. We as lions have a great rapport with our community and by engaging with them we find so many are very willing to help if asked. This is a wonderful part of living in the PEEL region of the best country in the world.