

THE MANDURAH LIONS CLUB

BULLETIN

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MONTHS OF THE YEAR

Each year in the months leading up to Christmas, like most Lions Clubs, we find ourselves trying to do our best to raise funds from the hiring of Santas at various functions, selling Christmas cakes and puddings, attending schools for the Book Awards program and responding to requests for BBQs from businesses and organizations. Of course we have continuing mint sales as well as some members having commitments to District and Multi-District Foundations and Institutes in both November and December.

November's program was a busy one and during that month we struggled at times for numbers to help out with some of the events listed below.

- November 3, Recycling Day
- November 4, MADSAR BBQ
- 13, Dinner Meeting and AGM
- 15, Christmas Cakes and Puddings Sales at Meadow Springs Shopping Centre and at Bunnings
- 15, Furniture Arrangement at Senior Citizens Centre.
- 16, Christmas Cakes and Puddings Sales at Meadow Springs Shopping Centre and at Bunnings
- 17, Christmas Cakes and Puddings Sales at Meadow Springs Shopping Centre and at Bunnings.
- 18, Christmas Cakes and Puddings Sales at Meadow Springs Shopping Centre and at Bunnings
- 20, Board Meeting and Book Awards John Tonkin College
- 22, Christmas Cakes and Puddings Sales at Bunnings
- 22, Rotary Golf BBQ and Santa at Chipmunks
- 23, Christmas Cakes and Puddings Sales at Lakelands Shopping Centre and at Bunnings
- 24, Christmas Cakes and Puddings Sales at Lakelands Shopping Centre and at Bunnings
- 24, Santa at Meadow Springs Early Learning Centre
- 25, Christmas Cakes and Puddings Sales at Lakelands Shopping Centre and at Bunnings

- 27, Dinner Meeting and Book Awards Mandurah Catholic College
- 29, Christmas Pageant Preparation
- 29, Christmas Cakes and Puddings

- Sales at Bunnings
- 30, Christmas Pageant
- More see page 2 as we move into December with the run up to Xmas..**



Mandurah City businesses provided vouchers for our raffle to raise funds for a camp for disadvantaged children. Pictured above is Des with staff from the Bendigo Bank at their presentation, and (top) Bunnings.

Nov, Dec kept all Lions extremely busy

DECEMBER 1, Recycling Day and Christmas Cakes at Bunnings and Lakelands (with Santa)

2, Clean up after Christmas Pageant and Christmas Cakes at Bunnings

3, Christmas Cakes at the Forum

4, Christmas Cakes at the Forum

4, Book Awards - Foundation Christian College and Frederick Irwin Anglican School

5, Christmas Cakes at the Forum and Santa at Chipmunks

5, Book Awards – Meadow Springs Primary School, Meadow Springs ESC and Singleton Primary School

6, Christmas Cakes at the Forum

6, Book Awards – Assumption Catholic College

7, Christmas Cakes at the Forum and Lakelands Shopping Centre

7, Book Awards – John Tonkin ESC and Lakelands Primary School

8, Christmas Cakes at the Forum and Lakelands Shopping Centre

8, Santa at Great Beginnings Halls Head

8, LazyBoy BBQ

9, Christmas Cakes at Lakeland Shopping Centre

10, Book Awards – North Mandurah Primary School, Riverside Primary School and Riverside ESC

11, Book Awards – Dudley Park Primary School

11, Dinner Meeting – Christmas Meeting with Santa

12, Book Awards – Mandurah Primary School and Santa at Mandurah Seniors and at Mandurah Discount Drug Store

13, Christmas Cakes at Bunnings

14, Christmas Cakes at Bunnings - Santa at Play's School, Goodstart Early Learning and Chipmunks

15, Christmas Cakes at Bunnings – Santa at Donna Home Child Care

15, Perry's Breakfast BBQ at Madora Bay

16, Christmas Cakes at Bunnings

17th Santa at Jack and Jill Child Care Centre

18th Board Meeting

20th Santa at Goodstart Early Learning Centre – Plus BBQ

21, Santa at Play's Kool Halls Head

24, Santa visits Mandurah Family Resort and Santa Visits many homes in the Mandurah area

The length of that list is the reason some of you are feeling a bit frazzled.

The above events produce substantial funds that allow us to do the things we do to make the world a better place. However, it is evident that a lot of work is required to accommodate all these events. Of course the effort is not limited to the day of these events. There is a lot of organization and administrative tasks to manage which are mostly being undertaken by a small group of members. I think we all know who they are and I can only ask that members provide as much support as they possibly can.

A huge thank you to all those members who have contributed their time to the above events.

Hopefully, once Christmas is behind us we will be able to relax for a while before the next major event beckons on the 26th January.

The first six months of our Lions year has slipped by without any real social activity. This is something I will be attempting to see rectified in the second half.

During that little window between Christmas and our first dinner meeting in January, it is my wish that you all enjoy a happy and safe festive season with your families and friends.

"With the new day comes new strength and new thoughts" –

Eleanor Roosevelt

Graham Bateman

President



Mandurah's Bikeman (left) receives a thanks for his generosity in donating bicycles for two needy people.

Top, Des offers a firm handshake to Farmer Jacks Foodworks for their generosity.

FESTIVE SEASON

RECYCLING

We have a full shed of cans that are ready to be converted into cash and our newspapers are stacked to the hilt that need to be collected. Collection of spectacles from various sources has grown immensely, thus requiring a busy bee after the festive season to sort and then distribute to the penurious.

MINTS

Mints are a continuous supply of income from the normal sites throughout Mandurah. We still have not looked at other locations within our Mandurah boundaries.

CHRISTMAS CAKES/PUDDINGS

What a month. By the first week of December we have nearly run out of cakes but have no more puddings and cakes in tins. I have had several people requesting the tins and puddings but alas we cannot deliver. The retirement villages proved to be a huge success and should be continued in future years. They appreciated the Lions coming to them instead of vice-versa.

SANTA HIRE

Wow. We have received several acceptances for Santa Hire this year and it's still increasing. A big thankyou to the few Santas that are helping this project.

CHRISTMAS EVE DELIVERIES

Presents are now accumulating in my theatre room from the four drop off sites. This will go ballistic in the days leading to Christmas. Hope we have enough Santas on Christmas Eve to put a smile on the children in Mandurah.

BBQ'S

The following BBQ's were held during November and were accomplished successfully;

- Rotary Golf Club Day on 22nd November.
- Christmas Pageant on 30th November.

The latter was entirely sponsored by Woolworths (a great thankyou from the 5 Woolworth Stores within Mandurah). We recorded a huge profit which will enable us to flow on that net gain onto the local community.

A big thankyou to all that helped in the above projects.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The raffle, alongside other raffles run in Mandurah, is not as successful as previous years. Times are tough these days. If it's not a car or a holiday many people are not interested. We should make a substantial profit to provide enough funds for the Wanslea camp. However, raffle ticket sales could become extinct as several members detest raffles.

Bye for now and Merry Christmas,
Paul Ripley 1st Vice President.



Des was at his best with handshakes especially to Footprints (top). Rumps (bottom) and Gilberts (centre).