

THE MANDURAH LIONS CLUB BULLETIN

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TAKING STOCK FROM THE PAST MONTH

Firstly, I must congratulate all those members who were elected to serve on the 2019-2020 Board.

I think that I actually caught our Treasurer smiling following the returns from the Suzuki, Bunnings (Lions Awareness Day) and MADSAR bbq's held in March.

Our annual input to the Compassionate Friends bbq was also much appreciated by that group.

We are always acknowledged in the local press for involvement in that project.

My sincere apologies to Ruth and Joyce and those members who helped out with the Camp Quality Lunch on the 24th March for omitting to recognise their efforts at the dinner meeting on the 26th March. The efforts of all those involved deserved the club's applause the organisation and implementation of a very successful event.

The presentation from the Peel Chamber of Commerce and Industry created a substantial amount of interest from the members present at the social meeting of March 26.

An invitation was extended by the Chamber for two of our members to attend their March "Business After Hours " which was attended by Past District Governors Garry Irvine and Neil Saunders.

I am sure that we will hear more about their impressions gained by their attendance at that meeting.

Whilst First Vice President Paul was negotiating the heights in Nepal, PDG Peter Lamb volunteered to organise and control the MADSAR bbq on 31st March. The project was well run and PDG Peter slipped seamlessly into the role.

I am sure that on their return from Nepal, First VP Paul and Second VP Des will have many tales to tell. I suspect that they will have left

behind some lasting memories for the residents of Nepal.

PLANNING AHEAD

I have circulated a questionnaire seeking ideas from members to assist with planning for our club's future. Initially, I had considered that suggestions put forward during that process could be put to the April business meeting for discussion. However, it appears that members need more time to consider their response. We will therefore defer discussion on the ideas put forward until the May business meeting

I have appointed a committee to deal with arrangements for the Changeover and a number of venues have provided quotations for our Changeover Dinner.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- With the withdrawal of "People Who Care" from the collection of newspapers for recycling, we have been presented with an opportunity to substantially increase our income from that source.

- Incoming Officers Forum Church Hall, I encourage incoming officers, in particular those taking up the roles of President, Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Chairperson to attend.

- 23rd April, we will be hosting the Lions Club of Waroona at our second dinner meeting of the month.

- 25th April – Gunfire Breakfast

PONDERINGS

"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world." - Anne Frank

Graham Bateman
President

THIRD VP REPORTS

Guest Speakers

The two Chamber of Commerce attended with a supporting Power Point Presentation and the content was both interesting and enjoyable, the Chamber has much to be considered as far as networking within Mandurah is concerned. We as a Committee will discuss a proposal that our Club should become a member.

Draft Club Brochure

Thanks to Bob Halford again our Committee will discuss the final content at our business meeting and with the small budget approved by the Board and to be ratified by the members we will proceed to getting 50 copies made

up. Thereafter we will propose the method by which all members can participate in the placement of our "Invitation" folders in targeted locations. I have been able to order 50 copies of the Australian Lion at \$1 each so we will have a current copy in the folder.

Block Management

The carpet has been shampooed and a friendly note to users requesting they take care not to cause spillage was left following completion of the job last Wed.

Membership/Memb. Welfare

PDG Neil will have his slot to report on his portfolio and Lion Lyn has been keeping contact with members and she will report if necessary.

SECOND VP REPORTS

During our visit to Nepal, Paul and I spent a day with families staff and young people of Muscular Dystrophy Nepal.

Paul was overwhelmed at the massive impact this condition has on families.

Paul was with the volunteer nurse from the Netherlands who was teaching the boys to breathe deeply and to cough.. in WA we have over 125 cough assist machines which help MD sufferers who contract a cold or Flu.

This machine literally vacuums the phlegm from their lungs enabling them to breathe. In Nepal there is ONE such machine which is old and in poor condition. Your donation will help MD Nepal keep helping these families .

WELCOME AUTUMN

RECYCLING:

Several bales of aluminium cans were despatched to a scrap metal merchant and converted into cash. Also, large amounts of newspapers were strapped up and placed onto wooden pallets. We now have more avenues for the collection of newspapers, but the question remains, "Will the club be remunerated for its stockpile?". Each week, we continue to acquire spectacles from two ophthalmologists in the forum. This has now grown profusely.

MINTS:

Mints are a continuous supply of income from the normal sites throughout Mandurah. With us becoming a member of the Peel Chamber of Commerce it might give us other locations within our Mandurah boundaries.

BBQ'S:

Two BBQ's were held during March one for Camp Quality at Amaze Miniature Park on Husband Road and the other for MADSAR at Hall's Head Shopping Centre. The former was run by Ruth Norwell and the latter by Peter Lamb. Their crews ensured both events were run successfully. A magnificent achievement from all involved.

In April we have confirmation from the RSL Club regarding their Gunfire Breakfast at the Mandurah Bowling Club on Anzac Day, 25th April. A meeting has been arranged early in April with their organiser, thus allowing me to pass on more details.

On Sunday October 27th, we have again agreed to participate in the Annual "Cancer Council Relay for Life" at Meadow Springs Sport Oval

Thank you to all that helped in the above projects while I was overseas in Nepal with Des McLean. Details of our venture are in the 2nd Vice President's Report.

Bye for now,

Paul Ripley 1st Vice President.