

# The Lions Roar



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# LIONS CLUB OF JERVIS BAY

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## Wot's On

<b>September</b>	
Mon 31 <sup>st</sup> Aug to Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	Legacy Week
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dinner Meeting- Club Jervis Bay
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	St Georges Basin Scholl Fete
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup>	BBCR BBQ Breakfast
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Markets- Huskisson Sportsgrounds
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Leadership Seminar- Batemans Bay
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Lioness Luncheon- Butter Factory
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup>	BBCR Soup Dinner – Community Projects
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Dinner with Nowra Lions
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Board Meeting- Club House
<b>OCTOBER</b>	
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Dinner Meeting
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Visit to Motor Museum with Nowra Lions
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Markets
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Lions Social
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> to Sun 18 <sup>th</sup>	Wollongong Convention
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Youth of the Year Final – Club Jervis Bay
Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Bayswood BBQ
Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Spring into Sanctuary Point
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Car & Bike Show

## Birthdays

### AGE SHALL NOT WEARY THEM

1 September – Carl Lowles

29 September – Tom McKenzie

## Wedding Anniversaries

10 September – Warren & Kirsty Evans

# Homelessness Seminar Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2015

Lion Bob Hanlon and Lion Marie-Anne Watson attended a Homelessness Seminar held at the Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre on behalf of J.B. Lions.

This was the first gathering of its kind for the area where Support Centres got together with Business owners



and the concerned public to address the issue of Homelessness in a practical way. About 200 people were in attendance- Politicians, Councillors, Business owners, Support Groups, Charitable organizations and Members of the Public. The portrait of the Homeless person was identified not necessarily as a dirty hobo but as anyone in dire straits in need of a place to live. People are living in cars, tents, park benches and such. With the recent extreme weather, their already meagre possessions were ruined. Support Centres were stressed to cope with the extra demand. They need help.

The Support Organizations put forward projects and asked for volunteers to help out. Some had a price tag, others not. The projects put forward were many and varied, and can be seen below:

1. An educational group asked for premises to hold classes- they had the mentors/teachers, willing students, tools & equipment but nowhere to put these together. In response, someone offered a disused warehouse they owned.
2. A group home asked for a raised garden bed so that mobility impaired people could grow their own food. The response was that someone donated 6 corrugated iron troughs, someone else donated the soil and another donated the plants.
3. Drop in Centres, which offer a hot meal, shower and washing facilities, asked for "Survival Kits"- toiletries or bedding and such. Response - Great.
4. Some organizations offer food vouchers and they accompany the receiver on their shopping trip to ensure that the money is spent on necessities not junk food, booze or cigarettes. A wonderful idea.

Some people - CEO's & business owners could volunteer their services straight away but members of groups, such as Bob & I, agreed to take suggestions back to their Clubs for consideration. As a result of this Marie-Anne raised the matter at this month's Board Meeting. In addition to his Bob Hanlon generously donated \$250 on behalf of the Club but we both felt that, as a Club, we could do more.

It was agreed to take on the project. Therefore the Club will be holding a collection of clothes, books and games for all ages, toys and baby things and non-perishable food items for distribution to those organizations in need.

Spring is fast approaching, it is the perfect time to sort through cupboards to see what can be spared, keeping in mind that items need to be in good order and clean.

If you wish to donate to the project, please bring your donation along to the next Board meeting at the Club House or you can contact Marie-Anne to make a rendezvous at the Club House anytime.

## Membership Development Seminar-Saturday 8 August

Lion Maryanne, Lion Carol and Lion Steve recently attended a Leadership Seminar organised by DG Sally Wilton. The presenter for the day was PDG John Muller OAM who has a wealth of experience in all matters related to Lions Club management and leadership. The organisers expected an



attendance of approximately 30 members but the enthusiasm to learn more about making our clubs successful was evident when nearly twice this number turned up. The format for the day included the seminar attendees sharing their ideas and concerns with each other, as well as group leaders such as John Muller providing a wealth of ideas on how to make our clubs successful. Some of

the issues that were raised and the suggestions made, were relevant to all clubs whilst other issues were the concern of individual clubs. Some of the points mentioned below are relevant to the Jervis Bay Lions Club but others have been recorded just so our members can see the issues that face a diversity of clubs.

The issue that created the most discussion was “what are the barriers that negate the chance for members to fully enjoy the experience of being a Lion, and, what are the positive features that make for an enjoyable Lion’s Club experience”. Issues raised on this topic included:

- body language eg does the seating arrangement at Dinner Meetings encourage eye contact with all members;
- harassment of members eg are there procedures in place to help resolve differences between members;
- suitability of the venue eg, does the venue allow for the Lion’s Club to undertake club business without being interrupted;
- suitability of the dining arrangement eg does the venue used for meetings allow members to eat together as a group and not be interspersed throughout the venue;
- ability of all members to be actively involved in the club eg are all members encouraged to undertake roles within the club that are of interest to them thereby sharing the workload;
- the importance of the membership committee eg does the membership committee take an active role in welcoming new members and caring for the existing members;
- the need for various forms of advertising eg do clubs use A frames to advertise for new members; are local media outlets utilised for this purpose and do clubs hand out advertising brochures at club activities;
- the importance of being a healthy club eg do clubs use the Healthy Club survey to ensure that their club is a warm and welcoming club for both existing members and new members alike;
- meetings based on consensus positioning eg do clubs resolve issues by talking them through to a consensus or are all decisions simply voted on; and,

- Involvement of guest speakers eg do clubs regularly have guest speakers at their meetings or do they become bogged down in administrivia.

Another issue that was discussed on the day was “identifying district opportunities” where we looked at ideas such as “stopping the drop”, areas for new club growth, replacing clubs that have been closed and transferring existing members who are moving to a new area. The focus in this segment of the seminar was making sure that we did the most to keep the numbers in each individual club as healthy as possible, as well as keeping the number of clubs in the District and Zone at the optimum level.

### Patty Muzzio – Addressing Fellow JB Members on the Issue of Mental Health



Patty addressed the club on the broad issue of mental health, an issue which includes many diverse forms of mental illnesses such as Obsessive Compulsive Disorder Complex (OCDC) and Borderline Personality Disorder. She has worked in the mental health area for many years and is convinced that society needs to have a more open minded view of the problem which would allow for more open discussions of the issue and thereby encourage sufferers to discuss their problem with family and friends, and, to seek help from medical experts as early as possible. She also emphasised that help can come not just from doctors but from a variety of sources, and

a variety of methods. Patty, herself, has supported mental health sufferers by the use of drawing, painting, playing and dancing. It was interesting to hear how the creative arts could be utilised to help mental health sufferers to improve their situation.

### Julie Danser – Addressing the JB Club on Crystalmeth



Julie Danser addressed the members of our club on the very relevant issue of crystalmeth abuse, a drug more commonly known as "Ice". Julie became involved in the fight against this drug after she lost her son to it and has steadily built up an awareness of its horrors within the local community. She has established an association known as the "Crystalmeth Action Group, Shoalhaven" to fight against the dealers of the drug, as well as trying to de-stigmatise the community's view of "ice" users. The Action Group meet on the last Tuesday of the month sharing a Jervis Bay and Nowra venue. Julie can be contacted on 0402569402 or [jools249@gmail.com](mailto:jools249@gmail.com).

# Club Leadership

In an attempt to help members understand the jobs of our elected officials I have decided to include a description of the jobs as recorded in the *Lions Club Team Manual*. I hope this helps people to understand what is involved so that as many members as possible will consider standing for a position in the Club's annual elections. It should be noted that these job descriptions are only to be seen as a guide for your leadership team. The team itself can determine the most effective way to manage your club throughout the year. For the September Bulletin I have started with the job descriptions for the President, Immediate Past Present, Vice-Presidents and Secretary.

## **President**

He/she is the Chief Executive Officer of the club who presides at all meetings of the Board of Directors and the club. The President issues the call for regular meetings and special meetings of the Board of Directors and the club, and appoints the standing and special committees of the club while cooperating with chairpersons to ensure regular functioning and reporting of such committees. He/she sees that officers are elected as provided for by the constitution and by-laws, and cooperates as an active member of the District Governor's Advisory Committee of the Zone in which this club is located.

The club President has no absolute authority. The President's authority to act must come from directives from the Board of Directors, the club as a whole, the club's constitution and by-laws, or the Standard Form Lions Club Constitution and By-Laws (LA-2).

## **Immediate Past President**

He/she with the other past presidents officially greet members and their guests at club meetings and represent the club in welcoming all new service-minded people in the community served by the club.

## **Vice President(s)**

If the President is unable to perform the duties of his/her office for any reason, the Vice President next in rank shall occupy his/her position and perform his/her duties with the same authority as the President. Each Vice President shall, under the direction of the President, oversee the functioning of such committees of the club as the President designates.

## **Secretary**

He/she is under the supervision and direction of the President and the Board of Directors, and is the liaison officer between the club and the district (single or sub and multiple) in which the club is located, and the association.

The Secretary:

- Submits regular monthly membership reports, service activity reports and other reports specified by the association
- Submits reports upon request to the District Governor's cabinet
- Cooperates with and serves as an active member of the District Governor's Advisory Committee of the Zone in which the club is located
- Has custody of and maintains general records of the club, including minutes of Club and Board meetings; attendance; committee appointments; elections; member information, addresses and telephone numbers of members; members club accounts
- Arranges for issuance, in cooperation with the Treasurer, of quarterly or semi-annual statements to each member for dues and other financial obligations owed to the club, collects and turns dues over to the club Treasurer and obtains a receipt
- Gives bond for the faithful discharge of his/her office in the sum and with surety as determined by the Board of Directors
- Delivers in a timely manner, at the end of his/her term, the general records of the club to his/her successor.

## Travelling Nomads

Our club meetings have been a little smaller in number these last few months with members of travelling either around the world or around our vast country. I thought you might like to hear where some of the caravan travellers are up to. The following is an email I received recently from Lion Jeff Thomas:

*At the moment (Monday 31st August) we are in a Caravan Park at Northampton, up in the north-west of WA and I am slurping on a dry ginger ale, suitably laced with a modicum of Dr Johnny's famous Red Label (after all. Red Label is for mixing, Black and above is for sipping direct!).*

*Yesterday we drove down to Northampton from Carnarvon where we had a look at the NASA Earth Station used for the Apollo space flights (now decommissioned - but still with a fair bit of stuff intact). This site is the main feature of Carnarvon and the large 43 metre dish is the most prominent landmark in town. While there, we also drove about 75 km up to a set of blowholes that would make Kiama the poor second relative! With only moderate waves, the gush of spray went 20 metres into the air from a hole about 1 metre in diameter! Like all these towns on the West Coast, once you get into the place it is surprising how much there is to see and do around the town - most of them have well produced glossy brochures that outline all the local attractions complete with maps - maybe something Huskisson should think about to encourage tourists to stay around and have a proper look at the place.*

*Today after a five minute tour of the town, we set off for Hutt River Province and actually met (and shook the hand of) Prince Leonard of the Hutt River Province! He is a 90 year old sprightly bloke who sits on about 10,000 acres of land which is not actually part of Australia - and he has the paperwork to prove it! It is an interesting story of how he achieved the succession - it included declaring war on Australia and then conceding defeat - now he is protected under the Geneva Convention! He does have some "interesting" theories concerning the relationship between mathematics and nature, but he does have his own Country, so who am I to doubt his theories!*

*The Hunts (and the Partons) at the moment should be up at Cape Leveeque camping in a tent - Robyn expressed some dismay at this situation when we last spoke to her a few days ago, but it's only for a week, we will ring again next week and see how it all went! When we last spoke, the (legal) fish count was still below one for Jeff, but I was told his sister, Jan, did actually catch a "keeper" some time back just to teach her brother a lesson! Jeff did fall over (again!) on a boat ramp damaging a leg, but that is now healing up and the grumbling had finally declined somewhat I believe.*

*We parted company with the Hunts et al a couple of weeks back at Exmouth (well, actually at Yardey Homestead, near Exmouth) as previously arranged and we have continued south (sort of) as they are heading (sort of) north and then (sort of) east up towards Cape York. We should all still be back home around October sometime (no year specified).*

*When we parted company in Exmouth, we actually headed east (sort of) and visited Mount Tom Price, Newman and Mount Magnet to see the big holes they have dug in the ground out there - if you intend seeing WA any time soon, I would make it pretty quick while the State is actually still above ground - these holes are so big that the whole State will be disappearing down them before too long - and we haven't even arrived at Kalgoorlie yet - now they have a hole! At Mount Tom Price, there is no "mountain" any more, it is just a hole in the ground, with the rest of it shipped to China!!*

*Because of the "incident" with our awning and the necessary waiting around before a new one turned up, we and the Hunts sort of got out of synch in our travels and we didn't actually catch up until Exmouth, so we haven't really been together since Darwin and now we have parted again, but that's fine, it made the good times together even more special.*

*So tomorrow we are off south(ish) again, heading towards Perth and in general points around the south-east corner of the Country before turning back east towards home. Still a bit to go, we have just clicked over 20,000 km and still have probably 15,000 km to go, so October to be home sounds about right at the moment - might even be this year!*

*We heard about the bit of a wet you had over there last week and felt for you (no, we really did) as we basked, sorry suffered, in the standard 25C days we are experiencing over here! But fear not we have been following the weather in Perth and environs and suspect we may not be as dry as we have been in the not-too-distant future. Well at least the van and the car will get a much-deserved wash perhaps - get rid of some of that red dirt - over the red dirt!*

*Trust all is well with you lot and best wishes.*

*Jeff (and Joan)*

# LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL

## LIONS CLUB PURPOSES

**To organise**, charter and supervise services clubs to be known as Lions Club.

**To coordinate** the activities and standardise the administration of Lions Clubs.

**To create** and foster a spirit of understanding among the people of the world.

**To promote** the principles of good government and good citizenship.

**To fund** and otherwise serve the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community.

**To assist** financially, culturally, socially, and morally the disabled, disadvantaged and infirm of the community both directly and also indirectly.

**To unite** the clubs in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding.

**To provide** a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest; provided, however, that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by club members.

**To encourage** service-minded people to serve their community without personal, financial reward, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavours.

## LIONS CLUB CODE OF ETHICS

**To show** my faith in the worthiness of my vocation by industrious application to the end that I may merit a reputation for quality of service.

**To seek** success and demand all fair remuneration or profit as my just due, but do accept no profit or success at the price of my own self-respect lost because of unfair advantage taken or because of questionable acts on my part.

**To remember** that in building up my own business it is not necessary to tear down another's; to be loyal to my clients or customers and true to myself.

**Whenever** a doubt arises as to the rights or ethics of my position or action towards others, to resolve such doubt against myself.

**To hold** friendship as an end and not a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on account of the service performed by one to another, but that true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit in which it is given.

**Always** to bear in mind my obligations as a citizen to my nation, my state and my community, and to give them my unswerving loyalty in word, act and deed. To give them freely of my time, labour and means.

**To aid** others by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak, and my substance to the needy.

**To be careful** with my criticism and liberal with my praise, to build up and not destroy.