

# The Lions Roar



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## The President's Report



Hello everyone

I'm very happy to be able to begin this report with some good news about the New Years Eve Fireworks at Huskisson. It's finally sorted and we don't have to do traffic control! The Huskisson Chamber of Commerce was able to source a traffic control company from Sydney who can do the job for a workable price. We had to cut the fireworks budget from \$7,500 down to \$5,000, and the chamber is putting some money in to help pay for the traffic control. All we have to do on the night is set up the van and gazebo and put up the exclusion zone barrier. Thanks to Jeff Thomas for his help in getting this all sorted and putting in all the relevant paperwork to council.

All the arrangements are in place for the Christmas Carols at Sanctuary Point this Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup> December and at Vincentia Mall on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec.

And don't forget our **Lions Christmas Party** on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December at Lou and Jen's place at Tomerong.

And we have our last Husky Markets for the year on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

As usual there is no monthly meeting or social night in January but we have a number of events on. As usual we have the **Husky Markets** on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January. Every January **Market Day Joyland Carnival** is on during the day from 10am – 2pm. We man the ticket booth, they run the carnival, and at the end of the day they very generously donate the day's taking to our Club. Last year it was \$8,500! This year we are also running a **Twilight Market** in conjunction with the Carnival on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January from 4 – 9pm. Andy will hand out flyers at the December Husky Market inviting stallholders to attend. The Development Application to council will be an \$96 ( I think ) addition to the carnival's DA – all handled as usual by our expert ( ? - Ed ) council liaison Jeff Thomas. Andy and I will mark out the stall sites and collect the money. No food van, no powered sites, and hopefully no hassles. Joyland Carnival suggested this event and will include it in all their advertising and promotion. They are also giving us a site at the carnival to run our chocolate wheel every night the Carnival is on.

We have a long history with George Melonas and his Joyland Carnival. We are very lucky indeed to have their backing and support. George and his family and workers are kind generous people who go out of their way to do everything they can for us. We are very grateful indeed to have them on our side.

Tonight's meeting is our **AGM** and we have to do the rosters for December and January! It's at the Clubhouse because Husky RSL is booked out with a Navy function. Luckily we found out in time to make other arrangements and once again we are so lucky to have our Clubhouse to use when needed.

That's all for now but I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all for all your hard work and friendship during the year. It's the members who make a Lion's Club what it is, and our's is a great club because of all of you, your efforts, and great attitude. I don't think I'm wrong in saying that other clubs are a bit envious of what we have and what we achieve. Great work guys and all the very best to you and your families for the Festive Season and the New Year.

Thank You.

*Lion John Brown*

*President*



*While we are at it, have a very Merry and Peaceful Festive Season and a very Happy and Properous New Year to all our special friends from Jeff and Joan - Ed*



## *Out and about with Lions - Swag Presentation*

On Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2014, members of the Lions Club of Jervis Bay, Lions Bob Hanlon, Wendy Roberts and Jeff Thomas gathered at the St Vincent de Paul store at Sanctuary Point NSW to present fifteen "Street Swags" to their representative, Brian Ritchie. Absent from the presentation were Lions Carol Hayes, Lance Stewart and Debbie Stewart who were also an important part of the team responsible for raising the money .



*The picture above shows the presentation on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2014 and includes (from left to right) Lion Bob Hanlon, St Vincent de Paul's Brian Ritchie, Lion Wendy Roberts, and Lion Jeff Thomas all holding Street Swags*

Brian will pass on the Street Swags to the St Vinnie's Food Truck that completes a regular run from Wollongong down the South Coast of NSW, distributing food to the homeless, the needy, and those many who are "sleeping rough" in the area. With the donation from Jervis Bay Lions, the Food Truck can now also distribute Street Swags to those in most need in this area.

The money was raised by a number of our members led and encouraged by our expert money-extractor, Lion Bob Hanlon after he saw a reference to the Street Swags in the media. These members placed themselves at strategic locations around our Jervis Bay area encouraging public donations towards the project. Some \$1300 was raised in a matter of days to enable the acquisition of the fifteen Street Swags, and these were purchased by the Jervis Bay Lions from Street Swags in Brisbane before being donated through our friends at St Vincent de Paul.

As background, Jean Madden, the designer behind the Street Swag concept, won the INDEX Award 2009: People's Choice Award, part of the largest design Award competition in the world. A carry bag by day and a basic bed and shelter by night, the Street Swag was designed to be discrete so as not to identify people as homeless. This is particularly important for the women and children living on the streets, who need to be 'invisible'.

The Street Swag was designed so there are two layers of canvas under a person's feet but no foam. This allows the Street Swag to have a thicker mattress under one's body, with extra room for belongings when the swag is rolled.

The cover sheet can be used as a blanket or strung up like a lean-to style tent. Street Swags can be made into 'double beds' by placing two side by side with one upside-down, so that both cover sheets come together. This is particularly helpful for mothers with small children.

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All canvas for the product is purchased through Queensland Wholesale Canvas, and it is made by Wax Converters in NSW, the leading outdoor fabric manufacturers in Australia. The special, light weight canvas 'Coolabah' is often used for tenting and making campervans. The foam comes from Dyman Foams in QLD, who manufacture household mattresses, furniture and car seats.

The Street Swags that are distributed across Australia are manufactured at both Woodford Correctional Centre in Queensland and Grafton Correctional Centre in New South Wales. This gives the prisoners work readiness skills along with tertiary qualifications, whilst being involved in meaningful work.

The swags are then transported to Nudgee College in Brisbane where, as part of the schools social justice program, the students insert the foam mattress, roll the swag and package them ready for dispatch.

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An atheist was seated next to a little girl on an airplane and he turned to her and said, "Do you want to talk? Flights go quicker if you strike up a conversation with your fellow passenger."

The little girl, who had just started to read her book, replied to the total stranger, "What would you want to talk about?"

"Oh, I don't know," said the atheist. "How about why there is no God, or no Heaven or Hell, or no life after death?" as he smiled smugly.

"Okay," she said. "Those could be interesting topics but let me ask you a question first. A horse, a cow, and a deer all eat the same stuff - grass. Yet a deer excretes little pellets, while a cow turns out a flat patty, but a horse produces clumps. Why do you suppose that is?"

The atheist, visibly surprised by the little girl's intelligence, thinks about it and says, "Hmmm, I have no idea." To which the little girl replies, "Do you really feel qualified to discuss God, Heaven and Hell, or life after death, when you don't know sh\*t?"

And then she went back to reading her book.

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A priest dies and is waiting in line at the Pearly Gates.

Ahead of him is a bloke who's dressed in sunglasses, a loud shirt, leather jacket, and jeans.

Saint Peter addresses this cool bloke, "Who are you, so that I may know whether or not to admit you to the Kingdom of Heaven?"

The bloke replies, "I'm Jim, retired Jetstar pilot from Melbourne."

Saint Peter consults his list. He smiles and says to the pilot, "Take this silken robe and golden staff and enter the Kingdom."

So Captain Jim goes into Heaven with his robe and staff.

Next, it's the priest's turn. He stands erect and booms out, "I am Father Bob, pastor of Saint Mary's for the last 43 years."

Saint Peter consults his list. He says to the priest, "Take this cotton robe and wooden staff and enter the Kingdom."

"Just a minute," says the good father. "That man was a pilot and he gets a silken robe and golden staff and I get only cotton and wood. How can this be?"

"Up here - we go by results," says Saint Peter. "When you preached - people slept. When he flew, people prayed ...."



## *Out and about with Lions - the BBCR 92.7 FM Music Trivia Night*

The night at Vincentia Golf Club was arranged in tables of eight, Jervis Bay Lions had enough there to make up two tables. Somehow the music aficionados gravitated towards Table 14 (maybe this was pre-arranged???) while "the others" (including muggins - who by no means could be considered a modern music aficionado!) wound up on Table 17.

The night got off to an auspicious start with Table 17 coming last in the first round, while Table 14 did themselves (sort of) proud by starting off somewhere near the top of the pile.

Just to prove a point, in the second round of the event with questions based on local knowledge, Table 17 distinguished themselves by getting a perfect score! (No, not zero you changelings!) The only one all night, by any table! A genuine claim to fame! They were still last in the score sheet, but there was a moment of brilliance there for an instant, a perfect score, the only one all night - the ONLY one all night!

As the night wore on, Table 14 started to slip back in the score sheet, but Table 17 maintained their position without slipping back at all! The dazzling brilliance was a sight to behold.

At the end of the night, Table 14 came out about sixth down the list while Table 17 maintained their position they had held all night - there were no challengers!

The only problem was that there wasn't a "wooden spoon" prize or award - shame really, but then again there was that perfect score, AND the only table to achieve such all night!

We of Table 17 exited with our heads held proud!

## *Out and about with Lions - Youth of the Year*

What a night it was - as always!

Although we ended up with two contestants (two others pulled out for various reasons), the calibre was excellent and once again we thank Vincentia High for putting forward some fine contestants for our judges to consider.

The contestants were Josh Print and Sarah Kennedy who handled themselves very well, both in the interview process and in the Public Speaking section.

How would you like to get up and answer: "My biggest concern for the future is...." or discuss "Real learning does not occur in the classroom", and all this while trying to talk for two minutes on each topic from a dead start!

While perhaps not going for the full two minutes each on the topics, the answers and discussions were mature and well founded in each case. As always these young people never cease to astound and impress all that witness these events.

Josh went on to take out the Public Speaking award while Sarah, by taking out the Overall Winner prize will be our candidate to go forward and represent Jervis Bay Lions in the Regional Section of the Quest at St Georges Basin Country Club in March next year. Keep the 15th March 2015 free to go and support Sarah as she competes against the other Club Winners from the Region to see who goes on to compete in the District section of the Youth of the Year.

We should thank our judges, Gemma Hart from BBCRI, and Gayle Simpson and Tanya Bennett from the Nowra Correctional Centre - a hard job well done.

And Lion Steve Hayes, his first Youth of the Year, did us all proud, well done Steve!



*Out and about with Lions  
- New Clubhouse Opening - more pictures*



*Crowd scenes from  
Wendy's camera*



*CP Jeff (incognito) patiently  
explaining the finer points of  
digital camera operation to Robyn  
(and any other interested party)*



# What's On?

## DECEMBER

Thursday 4th	Lions Dinner Meeting (Lions Clubhouse)
Saturday 6th	Carols at Paradise Beach Sanctuary Point - 7.00 pm
Thursday 11th	Lions Christmas Party at Lou & Jen's - 20 Torbin Place, Tomerong-7.00 pm
Saturday 13th	"Soup" at BBCR Sanctuary Point 5.00 - 8.00 pm
Sunday 14th	Markets
Thursday 18th	Carols at Vincentia Mall - 6.00 pm
Friday 19th	School Holidays begin!
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas
Wednesday 31st	New Years Eve Fireworks - Voyager Park (no Traffic Control!)

## JANUARY

Sunday 11th	Markets - also.....
Sunday 11th	Joylands Carnival Fundraiser- Huskisson Oval -10.00 am to 2.00 pm
Saturday 17th	Twilight Markets at Joylands Carnival 4.00 - 9.00 pm
Sunday 18th	Nowra Lions Kids Day Out- Nowra Showgrounds
Monday 26th	Australia Day Duck Derby at Moona Moona Creek

## FEBRUARY

Thursday 5th	Lions Dinner Meeting
Sunday 8th	Markets

## MARCH

Sunday 15th	Youth of the Year Regional Finals at St Georges Basin Country Club
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Note: There will be a Chocolate Wheel run every night of the Joylands Carnival

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A blonde pushes her BMW into a gas station. She tells the mechanic it died. After he works on it for a few minutes, it is idling smoothly. She says, 'What's the story?'

He replies, 'Just crap in the carburetor'

She asks, 'How often do I have to do that?'





## *On the Lighter Side*



A nun gets up in the morning and starts off down the corridor of the convent, she passes another nun who says to her

“You got out of the wrong side of the bed this morning.”

The nun is a bit puzzled but carries on. A bit further on another nun says to her

“You got out of the wrong side of the bed this morning.”

This happens twelve times. Eventually she sees the Mother Superior who is just about to say something when the nun screams

“Don’t you tell me I got out of the wrong side of the bed this morning!”

“No my child, I wasn’t going to tell you that, I was just wondering why you were wearing the bishops shoes.

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An attorney arrived home late, after a very tough day trying to get a stay of execution for his client.

His last minute plea for clemency to the governor had failed and he was feeling worn out and depressed.

As soon as he walked through the door at home, his wife started on him about, ‘What time of night to be getting home is this? Where have you been? Dinner is cold and I’m not reheating it’. And on and on and on it went.

Too shattered to play his usual role in this familiar ritual, he poured himself a shot of whiskey and headed off for a long hot soak in the bathtub, pursued by the predictable sarcastic remarks as he dragged himself up the stairs.

While he was in the bath, the phone rang. The wife answered and was told that her husband’s client, James Wright, had been granted a stay of execution after all. Wright would not be hanged tonight.

Finally realizing what a terrible day he must have had, she decided to go upstairs and give him the good news.

As she opened the bathroom door, she was greeted by the sight of her husband, bent over naked, drying his legs and feet.

‘They’re not hanging Wright tonight,’ she said.

He whirled around and screamed, ‘FOR THE LOVE OF GOD WOMAN, DON’T YOU EVER STOP?!’

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Murphy dropped dead the moment he arrived home from a vacation in the tropics.

He was laid out in the coffin for friends and neighbours to pay their last respects.

“He’s got a great tan,” Mrs Doolan from next door mused. “The holiday did him the world of good.”

“And he looks so calm and serene,” said Mrs McGuinness.

“That’s because he died in his sleep.” explained Mrs Murphy, “and he doesn’t know he’s dead yet, but when he wakes up, the shock will kill him!”



## Birthdays

Age shall not weary them :

<b>Lions Partner Deborah Hanlon</b>	<b>3rd Dec.</b>
<b>Lion Noel Toovey</b>	<b>25th December</b>
<b>Lion Jeff Hunt</b>	<b>17th January</b>
<b>Lion Pat Sebo</b>	<b>25th January</b>
<b>Lion Wolfgang Mertens</b>	<b>23rd October</b>

*(sorry, I missed Wolfgang's back in October)*

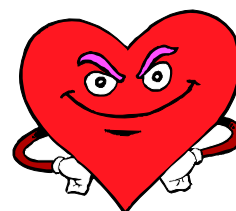
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## Anniversaries

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<b>Lions Steve and Carol Hayes</b>	<b>13th December</b>
<b>Lions Lou and Jen Smetkowsky</b>	<b>21st January</b>



## Lion's Anniversaries of Joining JB Club

<b>Lion Joan Thomas</b>	<b>1st December</b>	<b>8 years a Lion</b>
<b>Lion Lou Smetkowsky</b>	<b>5th December</b>	<b>2 years a Lion</b>
<b>Lion Jen Smetkowsky</b>	<b>5th December</b>	<b>2 years a Lion</b>



# LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL

## LIONS CLUB PURPOSES

**TO ORGANIZE**, charter and supervise service clubs to be known as Lions Clubs.

**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 to 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 right 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.

