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The President's Report



Hello Everyone. Unfortunately I have to begin with sad news.

Our friend and fellow Lion Alan Grice passed away last week. His friendship and humour will be missed. Alan won our inaugural Joker Award this year and in his honour it will now become the Alan Grice Memorial Jokers Award. We will have a minutes silence for Alan at the start of tonight's meeting.

Also George Melonas is currently in hospital in Sydney and his condition is critical. George is a past member and has been our club's greatest supporter for over 25 years. His wife Joy passed away recently and now it looks as if we are going to lose George as well. George is one of nature's true gentlemen and the world would be a much better place if there were more people like him around.

Some of us recently attended a Nowra Lions dinner meeting and had a very enjoyable night. It was great to meet fellow Lions and see how another club does things a little differently to us. We are going to return the favour and invite Nowra Lions and Bomaderry Lions to a social night at our clubhouse in February. We intend to visit and have as guests Nowra, Bomaderry and Sussex Lions at least once a year in future so we can stay in touch with and share ideas.

Traditionally our club hasn't had a meeting in January. As we live in a tourist area and December & January are a very busy time for us, we have decided in future to have a meeting in January so we can stay on top of rosters and everything that's happening. This won't be on the first Thursday of the month but at a later date to be decided each year.

Our Christmas Carols this year will be at Sanctuary Point on Saturday 5th December and at Vincentia on Thursday 17th December. Lou and Jen have once again generously offered to host our Christmas social at their place and this will be on Friday 18th December.

Everyone appreciated our guest speakers from Men4Life at our last meeting. Their organisation does a great job to help men with problems and does so in a simple, honest, low key manner. We have invited them to have an information booth at the next Husky markets and they have eagerly accepted. I'm sure this is a group we will stay in touch with and form a good working relationship with.

The spring weather is finally getting better and our busy time of year is beginning. There's lots coming up to keep us busy and productive so stay healthy and keep up the good work.

Lion John Brown

President

LIONS CLUB OF JERVIS BAY

DATES TO REMEMBER October & November 2015

OCTOBER	
Thursday 1st	Dinner Meeting
Tuesday 6 th	Visit to Motor Museum with Nowra Lions
Sunday 11th	Markets
Thursday 15th	Lions Social
Fri 16 th to Sun 18th	Wollongong Convention
Thursday 29 th	Youth of the Year Contest
Saturday 31 st	Bayswood BBQ
Saturday 31 st	Spring into Sanctuary Point
NOVEMBER	
Sunday 1st	Car & Bike Show
Tuesday 3rd	Melbourne Cup Day
Thursday 5th	Dinner Meeting
Saturday 7th	Vincentia Public School Food Fair
Sunday 8th	Markets
Thursday 19th	Nowra Lions Visit for Social
Thursday 26th	Board Meeting

Birthdays - October

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5 – Carol Hayes

15 – Jeff Thomas

23 – Wolfgang Mertens

Wedding Anniversaries - October

17 - Leesa & Carl Leesa

The Joker's Corner



It is with great sadness that the Joker's Corner will stay empty this month in remembrance of **Lion Alan who passed away on Tuesday 22 September.**

Alan's funeral service will be held at **Wray Owen Funeral Home and Chapel, 52 North St Nowra on Tuesday 6 October at 1pm.** It will be followed by a wake at **Alan's home at 1 Jervis St Tomerong.**

Club Leadership

This is the second article outlining the roles that are undertaken by members of Lions Clubs. This month I am going to focus on the role of the **Membership Committee.** It is important to remember, however, that these role descriptions are suggestions and ideas, they are not to be seen as jobs that must be done on a regular basis. It is true to say though that undertaking many of the tasks listed below will help to make a club a happy and welcoming club, one where members will want to be involved and where new members will be keen to join. Where possible the **Membership Committee** will be made up of three members – a **Chairperson**, a **Deputy Chairperson** and a **third member.** If at all possible the **third member** should move on to the role of **Deputy Chairperson** in their second year on the Committee, and then become the **Chairperson** in their third year.

The responsibilities for this committee include:

- creating a plan for club membership growth and presenting the plan to the club's Board of Directors for approval and support;
- understanding the different membership types and programs offered by LCI;
- creating a plan for membership satisfaction and presenting it to the Board of Directors for approval and support;

- understanding and incorporating membership satisfaction programs into membership growth initiatives;
- encouraging the recruitment of new members and promoting award programs to the club members;
- ensuring new members receive New Member Orientation and participating in the Lions Mentoring Program;
- serving as a member of the zone level Membership Committee, if one exists;
- submitting Membership Chairperson Recruiting Reports and the Club Membership Satisfaction Report to club officers once per month;
- coordinating with other club committees to fulfil position responsibilities;
- assisting club officers in organising a Club Excellence Process workshop to examine your community's needs, assess your current membership satisfaction and develop action plans; and,
- conducting exit surveys with members who leave the club.

Club and Member Activities

Amanda Doyle Disaster Relief Project

From Sunday 24th to Tuesday 26^h August, the Bay & Basin area was affected by torrential rainfall that caused serious flooding.

On Wednesday morning, DG Sally Wilton was contacted by Australian Lions Foundation to offer their help. DG Sally contacted me. Following enquiries to several support services, we were recommended Amanda Doyle from Sanctuary Point. Her place was affected by sewerage contaminated waters, she had recently undergone a shoulder operation, she had a disabled son and was not insured. I made an appointment to see her



immediately. As I arrived to her place, I met a very distraught Amanda. The water level inside her two bedroom place was knee high, about 45cms and basically everything inside was ruined- beds, lounge, cupboards and appliances. Because she did not think the waters would come inside, let alone reach knee high overnight, she did not take precautions and then it was too late.

The pump Amanda had borrowed that morning blew up. The SES, who had arrived on the scene just prior to me, set up their pump. There were problems- the electricity supply kept interrupting, the land sloped backwards towards the house, both Amanda's hose and the SES' were not long enough to reach the gutter, the water was returning to the yard as fast as it was being pumped out. A sandbag barrier was erected but soon the SES pump also blew up. The Fire Brigade was called for the next day. Their more powerful pump with a longer hose accomplished the task more efficiently.

I advised and encouraged Amanda to register with the Disaster Centre at the St Georges Basin Country Club as her place was inhabitable. They provided food vouchers and placed her in a motel for two days; it was the first time she had showered since Sunday night. We tried several times to contact the Disaster Relief Organization as recommended by the SES. Eventually we succeeded but were informed that due to Amanda not being insured, there was not much that could be done.



In the meantime, DG Sally had contacted Jervis Bay Lions President John Brown and recommended he apply for an ALF Grant which was granted within 48 hours. Upon this news, we then went in a different direction. Council had waved all tip fees until the following Wednesday. I offered assistance to take the damaged furniture and appliances to the tip and to organize a clean-up working bee. However, Amanda's husband, from whom she had separated, arrived on the scene and arranged to borrow a Ute for Saturday and a friend to take

everything to the tip. He also organized an industrial blower and a heat lamp to dry the inside walls.

Cabinet Secretary and President of Ulladulla Milton Lions, Allan McDonald, offered his assistance. He, President John and I met at the house to discuss the refitting and refurbishment of the place. We have already purchased a fridge, washing machine, lounge, two mattresses and a buffet. The measurements were taken for the refitting of the kitchen; the cabinets should be ready for installation in about 10 days. This should allow the place time to dry completely, then enabling painting, fitting of cupboards and doors. A working bee will be arranged for these works.

Amanda's brain injured son, who has been staying with his sister, has had difficulty adjusting to the situation and accepting the fact that he cannot stay at his house for the moment. He has since developed a growth on his neck. Scans and a biopsy were done; they are now awaiting the diagnosis.

The past month has been very intense, with several phone calls, visits and cuppas with Amanda, reassuring her that her place and life will return to normal soon; we are hoping for the end of October.

Lion Marie-Anne

Men4Life Support Group

At our Dinner Meeting on Thursday, 3 September we were fortunate enough to be addressed by two representatives of the Men4Life organisation. Our guests for the evening were David Cook. I have included the information they members of our club, needs to be members of our

The Men4Life commenced in and the demand for increased, as services Recent changes in changing technology and the the roles of women, big changes in the each other and the



Simister and Rob below a summary of passed on to the information that understood by all community

Support Group Nowra in 2004 its service has for Men are limited. society, including communications, continued focus on have brought about way men relate to world.

Sadly, it seems many men have become disconnected from the world, and from each other and particularly their own families. In the work we do, we see the end results of this on a daily basis.

We feel the best way to tackle the situation is to start with helping men reconnect with each other, in a neutral setting where they can talk, share their stories, and hopefully learn from other men in the group.

2015 has been a very productive year for the Men4Life Support Group Incorporated, and we have now also been approved by the Attorney Generals Department to be a sponsor of Work Development Orders. Which means men who actively participate with the Men4Life peer support meetings for at least a month, can decrease the amount of fines they have with this State Debt Recovery. This will decrease the financial burden men may be enduring, and in turn will give them a weekly peer support and case management.

Now that we are incorporated as a Non-Government Organisation we can now look at applying for funding. Applying for and gaining funding will be crucial for the men for life Support Group to reach its objectives and goals. Our future objective is to have a drop in referral centre for men in the Shoalhaven, aid with temporary accommodation for men who are all of a sudden homeless due to relationship and family breakdown. We also endeavour to grow and strengthen our weekly support group and Reconnect camps, so as to support more men in the Shoalhaven region.

I and all the Men4Life Board Members and facilitators are passionate volunteers. We all share the same vision of decreasing the horrible statistic of male suicide, because let's face it five men every day in Australia take their own lives by suicide. And this is not acceptable!

Contact can be made with the Men4Life group by emailing David Simister on men4life@gmail.com

BBQ Breakfast – A Youth Week Activity



Lions Noel, Patty, Jaime and Marie-Anne helped support the Bay & Basin Community Resources centre with one of their numerous community activities. They cooked the BBQ Breakfast for one of the BBCR's Youth Week Activities.

Another Jervis Bay Lions Club fundraiser



The moment the rainy weather turned into flooding, members of the Jervis Bay Lions Club set about raising money for the locals who were always going to suffer from such a dreadful event. Lion Bob Hanlon immediately got a crew together to sell raffle tickets and raise money that was going to be needed as a matter of urgency. Lion Bob was supported in this endeavour by Lions Lance, Pat and Wendy who sold tickets at the Vincentia, Sanctuary Point and St George's Basin Shopping Centres and raised over \$2100.

The Nomads continue on their journey

At the moment we are at Pemberton - still in WA, but "sort of" heading towards the East.

The last few days we were at Margaret River and went on a Wine Tour organised by my kids as a Father's Day present. We did four wineries out of the 140 (!!) on offer around the joint and also a brewery plus a chocolate and cheese place for the women - well, the non-drinking one at least. It was a good day and the fantastic plastic took a bit of a bashing, however the actual prices per bottle were quite low - it's surprising what a lot of competition will do to drive down prices!!

Today (Tuesday), as I said, we are at Pemberton in the middle of the "tall timbers" - tall indeed, when you stand at the base of some of the bigger trees you have to stop yourself from falling backwards as you stretch to look at the top of the tree! We did a self-guided tour around the forests today and saw many tall karrri trees and gave the Jeep a chance to drive on some dirt for a change. So far we have klicked up about 24,000 km and the Jeep needs to go in for its fourth service, which will probably happen in Albany which is the next "big town" stop.

From Albany we will head to Esperance, (approximately) north to Kalgoorlie to see and experience the "big hole" and then down to Norseman and turn left towards the "Nulla" and points east.

We're not too sure what happens after that, but we will be somewhat closer to the East Coast than we are at present.

We spoke to the Hunts the other day and they are heading east again and were at Mataranka, heading towards (eventually) Cooktown and the Cape. The fish score is still zero, but they are hoping the East Coast will be kinder to them. They do have SOME fish in the freezer, but that was a donation from a bloke who actually did catch some fish and took pity on CPJeff when he fell over at the launching ramp! I suspect Dave might have actually pushed him over just to get the required sympathy!!

The trip end-point is still set as "sometime in October", we'll see how we go as time moves on.

Regards

RBJeff (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.