



Newsletter of the Lions Club of Torquay Inc.

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This is my third 'occasional' newsletter. And I can't believe my year as President has less than 3 months to go! Let's have terrific last quarter.

As always - our Newsletter is intended for members and friends . . . please circulate it to anyone who may be interested. Enquiries about Lions, including about joining as a member, can be directed to/through any of the above contacts/addresses.

We need Friends. But we need Lions even more. I would really like to see our club expand to above 40 active Lions. This week – please think about who you might invite to a meeting or activity, or how you can 'spread the Lions word.' Lions' service isn't a secret in Torquay and surrounds – so let's share.

Welcome Armstrong Creek!

The hot news this month is that we have a group of new Lions who will form an Armstrong Creek Branch of our Club. What does that mean? To be honest – we are not entirely sure! But it has to be great.

The aim is to see a chartered Lions Club in Armstrong Creek. A 'branch' is a bit of a half-way house to provide new Lions something concrete to be part of (Torquay Lions Club), and a structure in which to grow and attract the 20 members required for a new Club. We currently have 6 people interested in Lions, which will grow!

Most importantly – it means we are helping the developing community in and around Armstrong Creek to be supported by a local Lions presence and to focus on building 'community.' As they say – *where there's a need there's a Lion.*

We will be inviting our new branch members to our activities and showing them a little about what (and how) Lions 'do'; and at the same time supporting them as they 'do Lions' a little differently. The 6 new Lions are a bit younger and a bit newer – and their focus will almost certainly develop in a slightly different direction. And that's Lions Clubs International today! Please introduce yourselves, and make them welcome.



Welcome Richard!

At our February dinner meeting we inducted Lion Richard Kelly (and partner Deb) into our club. Welcome Richard and Deb. We look forward to getting to know you both.

Welfare, Health and Safety

We have had a few people on the 'not so well' list over recent months – so it's been good to hear that members are 'on the mend.' Some recent conversations have highlighted to me how important support from other club members is. If you are not well or are having surgery, please let us know (and also let us know what information you are comfortable to share). And if you think a Lion might be in need of some 'TLC', let's keep in touch. It's something many of you do really well.

Lions' five global causes

Lions Clubs International (LCI) has five global causes. We aim to have a number of activities this year that involve the community and highlight these global causes.

- **Diabetes** - We serve to reduce the prevalence of diabetes and improve quality of life for those diagnosed.
- **Vision** - We serve to prevent avoidable blindness and improve quality of life for people who are blind and visually impaired.
- **Hunger** - We serve to ensure all community members have access to nutritious foods.
- **Environment** - We serve to sustainably protect and restore our environment to improve the well-being of all communities.
- **Childhood Cancer** - Lions and Leos provide support for the needs of children and families affected by childhood cancer through impactful service activities.

The April Cowrie market proceeds will go to the Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation, and we will use the opportunity to highlight childhood cancer as one of Lions' global causes.

Well done to Deb and Allen (Lions) and Will (FoL) who took part in Clean Up Australia Day on 5 March – joined by some scouts and others. Although small in number, this group highlighted our concern for the Environment. Some in the community joined in *because* Lions committed to the event. That's also leadership.



A Lions project (or 2)

Who knows the deal with the Skate Park in Beach Road? Love to know the history of this project!

It's something for teenagers – would it be good to find something else for our local teenage youth?

Back in February we also catered for the District Cabinet Meeting held at Lions Village Torquay. Thanks again to those who assisted – especially Ross for making arrangements with Feed Me Surf Coast – which catered using 'rescued' food. I have no doubt the quality of the food made a significant impression on Lions from across western Victoria, and the connection between FMSC and our priority areas of 'hunger' and 'environment' was also clear.

Advertising who we are

We are going to get a couple of Display signs made up, which can be easily used whenever we are 'out and about.' But what should they say? Here are two lists: 'What we have done' and 'What we DO'. Let me know what you think – we will invite feedback at the April business meeting too, and then get them done professionally over winter (like the canvas tops of the train carriages!).

What we do

- *Provide more than \$40,000 a year of funding for our local community and other charitable causes, including money raised from -*
 - *Bill Ryan Charity Bowls Day*
 - *Cowrie Markets – Lions BBQ and Children's Train*
 - *Our Community BBQ trailer and Children's train – supporting local groups and events*
 - *Bunnings BBQs*
 - *Some work at Bellbrae Cemetery*
- *Support for Feed Me Surf Coast – which rescues food from landfill, and feeds those who need a hand*
- *Environmental activities – including an annual beach clean-up on New Year's Day*
- *Support for various Community events – volunteers (such as the Cadel Evans Road Race)*
- *Sponsorship of camps for local children (Lions Wilderness Village, Licola)*
- *Social activities including monthly dinner meetings (we are a members' Club!)*
- *Occasional working bees – for those needing a helping hand*
- *Recycling of used spectacles*
- *'One-offs' to support communities (e.g. tools to Mallacoota after the fires)*
- *Looking out for retired and infirm Lions and partners*

What we have supported since 1969 – more significant projects

- *Building the Torquay Lions Village (retirement community) – and ongoing support*
- *Lions Sundial and Analemmatic clock (1995-1996)*
- *Elephant Walk Children's Playground (1985-1989)*
- *Deep Creek Walking Track (1990/91)*
- *Support for the Torquay Community Health Service (founding member) (1974-75)*
- *\$50,000+ over recent years to Foundation 61 (addiction rehabilitation)*
- *Torquay Roller Skating Park (Beach Rd)*
- *Youth Pod (currently placed at Winchelsea)*
- *Great Ocean Views Park – contribution to its completion in 2022*
- *Yarning Circle at Getjawil Indigenous garden*
- *Citizenship awards for our local schools each year*

*[there has to be at least
20 other things to add!]*



An Englishman, a Frenchman and a Russian were admiring a painting of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. The discussion turned to the nationality of the painter.

Said the Englishman – 'Well it's obviously English – you can tell by the light. So English.' Replied the Frenchman – 'Non! Look – they have no clothes; it is about LOVE! So very French!'

'Nyet' said the Russian! 'No shelter. No clothes. Only an apple to eat, and they are told they live in Paradise? It must be RUUUSSSSIAN!'

Vintage! (Brian, Libby and Teddy). Retired Lion Brian Fuller told of his experiences during WWII at our March dinner meeting. Born in London, Brian survived the worst of the bombing of London in 1940 when he was only 5 years old. His family often slept in their neighbour's air raid shelter, which was a frightening (and cramped) situation. During all of this madness, he had his toy Teddy Bear for comfort. He was then sent north, away from the bombs . . . but also from his parents. Three years after the war, he and his family emigrated to Australia. His memories of the war years have stayed with him, as has his Teddy Bear. Brian was President of the Lions Club of Torquay and has given 25 years of service to our community.



Vintage! (left) - from deep in Tom Harding's archives – a photo of Tom, Brian Fuller and Denis McGuiffe manufacturing a component in the process of building Train System No 1.

And **Vintage!** (right) Barry Mackie and Pam Ryan at the Bunnings BBQ on 25 March.

(vintage – “denoting something of high quality, especially something representing the best of its kind”)



Some recent clippings from our Facebook Page (and please get family and friends to like/follow our page, and 'share' where appropriate) and the Surf Coast Times

Relay raises \$16,000 at cancer fundraiser

BY NATHAN RIVALLAND

FOUR Surf Coast Secondary College students have led the charge in raising more than \$16,000 for the Cancer Council through a community Relay for Life fundraiser.

Surf Coast Secondary College students Nash Cox, Riley Cotter, Shinay Grobler and Lily Jarman laced up their runners for the weekend's fundraiser, which is back for the first time since the pandemic, to continue helping cancer victims and their families Australia-wide.

The 20 hours of movement kicked off on Friday evening with a special opening ceremony and thank you, which was followed by a cancer survivors lap before the official marathon began.

While originally setting out to achieve a goal of \$3,000, the quartet were absolutely shocked to raise five times more than their goal thanks to the support of event sponsors and locals in the community.

"It was definitely a lot of work, but we are very proud of ourselves, considering the amount of effort and time we put into it," Year 10 student Nash Cox said.

"We got over five times our original goal and it really showed the community's support of young kids... it gives us a lot of hope of what we can do in the future."

"We had around \$8,000 donated from our sponsors... and amazingly another \$8,500 was from people signing up and connecting with their friends and family."

Surf Coast Secondary College principal Erin Wright lauded her students for their tireless work and commitment to "giving



Year 7 students wore tutus and red socks for their shift of the Relay for Life. INSET: From left, Nash Cox, Lily Jarman, Shinay Grobler and Riley Cotter. Photos: NATHAN RIVALLAND



back to the community".
"These four students are amazing leaders for our future... it really warms my heart that we are in such wonderful hands with the young people we have in our community."

Nash and the Surf Coast Secondary College team expressed that everyone is touched by cancer in many different ways and cited that as a contributing factor to the success of the fundraiser.

"It's definitely something that has touched the four of us... when we brainstormed it... everyone knew someone that had been diagnosed or affected by cancer."

"It worked out that this cause was something that could benefit the whole community."

The Year 10 students hope to mentor and inspire younger kids to do what they

have done in the future, suggesting it could be something that could be passed down to students.

"It was a really great project to make us learn how to work in teams, how to work with the community and how to branch out and sound more professional overall."

"To hand this out to some Year 9 or Year 6 students would be beneficial to the community and the school."

The Year 10 student team thanks the Liuzzi family (\$5,000 donation) Torquay Community Enterprise, Quiksilver, Rip Curl, Surf Coast Times, MCG Signs, McCartney Estate, Torquay Lions Club and the Rotary Club of Torquay for their support.

They also extend their gratitude to teacher George Sheens, Peter Rardine and principal Erin Wright for their commitment to assisting with the cause.

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NEWS

Jan Juc kinder toasts successful welcome event

BY NATHAN RIVALLAND

MORE than 200 kinder families and friends turned out at Bob Pettit Reserve for the Jan Juc Preschool Welcome Picnic, kicking off another year of education in the local community.

Held last Wednesday (March 15), the event included a Lions Club of Torquay sausage sizzle, popcorn, a disco for the children and a welcome to country from Jan Juc Preschool educator Sue Gout.

Surf Coast Shire Mayor Liz Pattison also spoke at the event and shared her excitement for the year ahead.

Jan Juc Preschool Parent Advisory Group

president Paul O'Reilly said the social event provided a fantastic way for old and new families to mingle.

"The event was really well attended by new preschool students and their families and those returning," O'Reilly said.

"It was a fantastic networking event for people so they could get a feel for the kinder community... kinder is one of the first points of call for parents to connect with others in that more formal learning space."

"Jan Juc is focused on a lot of play-based activities and what kids are attracted to... really harnessing and being guided by their play." "We will have four classes of four year kinder and three classes of three year kinder

for 2023 which is great numbers."

Mr O'Reilly said that government funding across both three and four-year-old kinder has certainly assisted with the continual growth of the institution.

Moving forward, O'Reilly said that they hope to keep that growth going in the kinder to continue to make Jan Juc the vibrant community that it is.

With the official open day for the kinder approaching on April 29, Mr O'Reilly encouraged local families to come down and check out the facilities for 2024 enrolment.

For more, head to www.janjucpreschool.com/



Children enjoyed a disco, popcorn and plenty of time to play.



More than 200 new and old Jan Juc preschool families turned out to the event. Photos: SUPPLIED



Surf Coast Shire Council Mayor Liz Pattison and Jan Juc Preschool Parent Advisory Group president Paul O'Reilly.



The Lions Club of Torquay provided a sausage sizzle.



Torquay Lions Club
 Posted by Bill Ferguson
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Local Torquay Lions recognised. Mr. John McCarthy and Mrs. Jean Young were awarded the Order of Australia today. John is a member of the Torquay RSL and is a member of the Lions Club of Torquay. He has volunteered for a range of Lions projects over many years. He was awarded the Alan J Holding award in 2006, one of the highest awards in Lions. Jean is the wife of Lion Alan Young. Jean was recognised for her work at St L... See more



Torquay Lions Club
 Posted by Bill Ferguson
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Bunnings Warehouse, Torquay have generously donated gifts for the Billy Ryan Lions Charity Bowls Day. The competition will be on March 31st at the Torquay Bowls Club and will raise money for the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. There are a lot of prizes donated by many generous local businesses. You have to be in it to win it! Anyone who is interested in playing bowls on the Billy Ryan Charity Bowls Day should contact Lion Robe... See more



Rosters – a reminder:

Please make sure you keep track of your roster commitments. We understand if you can't come sometimes – but please arrange for someone to take your place, and let the team captain/leadership Chair know the (re)arrangements please. This will assist the smooth running of activities.

Be Square!

Can you operate our Square reader? We now do more sales electronically than cash. Next time you are rostered on for a BBQ, or arrive early for a dinner meeting – ask to learn. It's not that hard – we will train you.

Club Calendar – to June 2023

March

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
13 Labour Day holiday PFFF - Assisting McArthur Lions	14	15 BBQ at Jan Juc Pre-school	16	17 *Pub Raffle *SCSC relay4Life	18 *RCH appeal – AM *SCSC relay4Life	19 Cowrie Market - BBQ and Train
20	21	22	23 Dinner Meeting (B Fuller - guest)	24 Pub Raffle	25 *Bunnings BBQ *RCH appeal (AM)	26
27	28	29	30	31 *Bowls Day *Pub Raffle		

April

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
					1 RCH appeal (AM)	2 Bunnings BBQ (RCH)
3 RCH appeal	4 RCH appeal	5 RCH appeal	6 RCH Appeal	7 Good Friday *RCHA collecting *Pub Raffle	8	9
10 Easter Monday	11	12	13 Business Meeting	14 Pub Raffle	15	16 Cowrie Market - BBQ (Childhood Cancer and Train)
17	18	19	20	21 Pub Raffle	22 Earth Day Bunnings BBQ	23
24 [not a public holiday but . . .]	25 ANZAC Day *Lions marshalling for RSL	26	27 Dinner Meeting	28 Pub Raffle	29 Great Ocean Bike Ride – marshalling and BBQ	30

May

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	2	3	4	5 Pub raffle	6	7 Bunnings BBQ
8	9	10	11 Business Meeting	12 Pub raffle	13 Surf Coast Trek - BBQ	14 Mothers' Day
15	16	17	18	19 Pub raffle	20	21
22	23	24	25 Dinner Meeting	26 Pub raffle	27	28
29	30	31				

June

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			1	2	3	4 Bunnings BBQ (requested)
5	6	7	8 Business meeting	9	10	11
12 King's BD	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Changeover Dinner	23	24	25

26	27	28	29	30		
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Future dates/bookings for 2023

Bunnings BBQs – requested but not confirmed – 6/8, 2/9, 1/10, 5/11 (RCH), 26/11, 3/12 (RCH) and 24/12

Cowrie Market dates (TBC) – 17/9, 15/10, 19/11 and 17/12

Youth of the Year – Club Final – August dinner meeting (24/8/23)

11/11/2023 – train booking for private party

And we have received a couple of invitations that individual Lions might wish to take up:

Bunnings Family Night – 30 March (the night before the Bowls Day!)



A Men's Health night on 19 April -



MEN'S HEALTH NIGHT

The Inverleigh Leigh Valley Lions Club invites
Lions, Partners, and Members of the Community
to attend a Men's Health Night

Date: Wednesday 19th April, 2023

Venue: Inverleigh Bowls Club,
20 Railway Street, Inverleigh

Time: 6:00pm

Sausage sizzle provided. Drinks at bar prices

Men's Health Presentation to start at 7:00pm

Guest Presenters:

Dr Cameron Proffitt

MBBS, FRACGP

Dr John Henderson

MBBS, FRACGP, FARGP

For enquiries, please contact John Crowe Ph: 0414 674 156
or John MacPherson Ph: 0417 031 463

And a Rock'n'Roll night on 20 May -



LIONS CLUBS OF LARA & POINT COOK



ROCK 'N' ROLL NIGHT SATURDAY 20TH MAY 2023



JOIN US TO BOOGIE, JIVE & SHOUT.

VENUE: LARA HALL 1A FLINDERS AVE LARA

TIME: 6.30PM 'TIL LATE

COST: \$20pp – INCLUDES SUPPER.

BYO ALCOHOL. SOFT DRINKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

BOOKING FORM ATTACHED.

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