



ROAR



President's Report - Marilyn Latham

What a great start to our new Lions year!

With the many new ideas being suggested, it must mean we are passionate about helping our community (and beyond) in not only raising funds to assist where needed but to raise awareness of just what Epping Eastwood Lions Club is all about!

You will find reported in this great issue of the ROAR, some of the initiatives that are underway, some that are still in the early planning stage and of course news of our great ongoing projects. I invite and encourage all members to get involved in as many projects as your time allows.

I am pleased to announce that the Board, on your behalf, has agreed to participate in the City/Country Sistering Project for District N5 and will be advised by PCC Warren very soon as to which Club in District N4 we will have as our Sister Club.

Next month we have a very special Dinner Meeting with our guest being District Governor Jennifer Touzel and her DGH Lion Peter (explanation to follow).

I would like to make it a very special meeting to showcase our club and that means that as many members and their partners who are able to attend, the more successful it will be. The Dinner is to be held at the Ranch Hotel (invitation being prepared) and if you have any potential new members, we would love them to come as well.

We are still to present a cheque to Ryde Hospital from the funds raised from the Trivia Night and I am at present organising this with the Kolling Foundation which is soon to be renamed the **North Foundation** in mid-September this year.

Yours in Lionism, Marilyn

It's Up To You - Jessica Siviz

Jessica instigated a project to get our ERNA customers involved in choosing where some of our funds are donated. Each customer was given a pebble with their sandwich and asked to vote for their favourite Lions Foundation. This proved a huge success and got everyone talking about what we do with our funds.

The voting was very close between the three chosen Foundations: Alzheimer's, Hearing Dogs and Prostate Cancer.

The winner, Prostate Cancer Research received \$300 with \$100 being donated to the other two Foundations.

Customers enjoyed having input into the way we donate funds. Well done, Jess.



Upcoming Events

ERNA Grand Final

31st August

Come and celebrate the
end of the season

Granny Smith Festival

Stall & Parade

Sat 19th October

Contact: Margaret



Meals on Wheels Roster

24 Aug	Kerry Ferguson
31 Aug	Mike Bills
7 Sep	John Sheather
14 Sep	TBA
21 Sep	Warren Latham
28 Sep	TBA
5 Oct	Charles Webster
12 Oct	Rosemary Sheather
19 Oct	Lynn Campbell

Please let Charles know any swaps or changes you make with other members.



Granny Smith Festival—Margaret Wright



It's on again!

Our premier community engagement event is happening on Saturday 19th Oct. Please block out this date in your diaries as we will need your support walking in the Grand Parade &/or serving on our Stall.

It's a fun day out, just ask anyone who has been before. Let Lynn know if you will be walking in the Parade 9am - 11am. Let Margaret know if you can help out on the stall for a couple of hours from 6.30am - 5pm.

Margaret has working bees underway to cover used spectacle cases for sale. This is a great way to reuse the cases that are usually discarded when sending glasses for recycling.

What is for sale?

Good quality, popular novels and children's books will be for sale as well as Christmas cakes, jams preserves and lucky dips for the children. Second hand costume jewellery has also been donated for sale.

If anyone wishes to assist cooking marmalade, tomato relish or pickles, please let Margaret know.

Tell all your friends and family to come and visit us near the Eastwood Post Office.



Upcycling spectacle cases

Christmas Cake Sales



Marilyn and Mike Barnett have recently discussed, with Centre Management staff, the opportunity to sell our cakes and preserves at Macquarie Shopping Centre. We have been given permission to do so and just await dates to be confirmed for November/December.

Meanwhile, Mike has contacted both Officeworks and Ryde Council about selling our wares at the North Ryde Officeworks branch. Approval has been given.

Please let Margaret know if you can assist by cooking marmalade, tomato relish or pickles. With two venues this year, sales should be good so we need plenty of stock available. Lots of Lions will be needed to take turns on these stalls. Keep watching for more updates as we get closer to November.



District Changeover Dinner

Epping Eastwood Lions Club was the District winner of the Lloyd Morgan Trophy for Public Relations. A silver banner patch was received from ALCMF for our donations during the year.

Goodbye to Derek Margerison and welcome to Jennifer Touzel was the theme of the evening with the colour scheme being orange and grey. Dale made a good effort.

Jennifer's theme for the year is:
"To Serve With Love and Pride"



Recycling Projects

Stamps

Over 400 kgs were sorted and sold last year. The proceeds are turned into walkers for Cerebral Palsy sufferers.



Bottle Tops

Envision Hands, in conjunction with Coca Cola, collect bottle tops which are melted down and 3D printed into prosthetic hands for children. Bottle tops with the recycled number 2 or 4 are suitable.

Spectacles

Over the 26 years that the Australian program has operated, the program, has delivered over 7 million pair of refurbished quality spectacles to men, women and children in need in Africa, Europe, Middle East, Indian Sub-Continent, East Asia, and the Far East, China, the countries of the Pacific Rim and Southern Asia and



Oceania. In the past 10 years several members of our Marine Branch have been able to use their oceangoing yachts to reach and test villagers, in the remotest areas for eyesight and deliver spectacles to them.

Toiletries and Personal Items

All new items are sorted into pamper packs for women's refuges, hospital packs, homeless shelters and children's homes.

Help Please

Please help by taking a few minutes to put aside your recyclable items.

Kerry Ferguson is the Coordinator for stamps and spectacles.

Lynn Campbell takes care of toiletries and Jessica Siviz is collecting the bottle tops.

Food for CCA

We also need to continue our assistance to CCA Eastwood by donating food and bathroom items on an ongoing basis. Buy an extra item next time you shop to assist those less fortunate than ourselves. Bring items to each dinner meeting.





BBQ Report - Dale Campbell

A very windy day, "strong enough to blow a dog off it's chain" greeted those on duty on 10th August. Customers were not fazed by the wind and we sold out of all produce. A slight mishap with the tent as you can see by the photo was quickly rectified by tying down all the tents.

We are now into the finals stage where set-up is from 8.30 am. The finish time for clean-up will be later, as we will need to serve customers after the second game which doesn't start until 12 noon. If you are able to help, a few more hands will enable everyone to have a good break.

Projected margin for the season will be lower than previous years due to price increases in all commodities.

Grand Final Day on 31st August, will be the biggest day of the season. It is always great to celebrate with a drink together at the end of the season with ERNA's hospitality. Come along and enjoy the atmosphere.

We have been endeavouring to engage with our ERNA helpers more directly in the hope that they will volunteer to assist for extra duty. Positive results are encouraging and we will develop this further from the beginning of next season.

Membership Report - Lynn Campbell

Our new year has started with the introduction of new business cards, magnets and brochures.

The attendance at the Thriving Communities event provided us with significant opportunity to engage personally with many community organisations.

A big push to engage the helpers from ERNA has been initiated with small flyers asking for assistance and business cards being given to those interested in assisting. Two mums are taking the bottle top recycling project to their schools, which they felt would be easy to implement as a classroom project.

Engaging everyone we meet and getting them to become part of the Lions network on a small level, may hopefully encourage new members.

There seems to be no end to the amount of projects our club can undertake. The more members we attract, the more these projects can have a realistic outcome. Please talk to friends or neighbours who may have some spare time to assist with a project. If you prefer, I will happily contact them on your behalf.

When people understand what we do, they are much more interested in assisting.



Member Welfare

Dale is recovering slowly from his latest heart procedure but will be up and away in a week or two. Most members have recovered from the flu and colds of the season. Robyn Barnett is back to chemotherapy sessions. Jeanette is still suffering from shingles but we hope she is better in time for their overseas trip.

Shane is walking much better now and has encouraged Marilyn to proceed with getting her knee sorted soon.

Best wishes to all for good recoveries.