



ROAR



Bob Allen Award

Welcome to the start of our Lions year 2020—2021

As we gather for the first time in many months, we have a great opportunity to celebrate in many ways. To see each other face to face, to catch up with all the news from the past few months and to enjoy dinner that we didn't have to prepare is wonderful.

Tonight is also a celebration with more formal awards being given to club members who have spent many hours working for the benefit of us all.

The most special award given tonight, which is voted by all club members, is the "Bob Allen Award for Excellence in Lionism". We are honoured to have Bob's wife Yvonne with us this evening to present this award.

Background - Robert (Bob) Bruce Allen served the community as a Lion for 54 years until his retirement in 2012. Almost continuously between 1983 and 2012 as a member of the Lions Club of Epping Eastwood, Bob held a wide range of positions on the Board of the Club.

Bob undertook his duties within the Club with exemplary attention to detail and served as an outstanding example of all the attributes that embody the principles espoused by the Lions Organisation.

This award recognises in a very special way the contributions to Lionism made by Bob during his long and distinguished career.



Purpose of the Award

To recognise the outstanding contribution made by an individual member of the Lions Club of Epping Eastwood in the promotion and advancement of the Purposes of the Lions Organisation.

Past Winners are:

2012/13	Lynn Campbell	2013/14	Malcolm Ellis
2014/15	Maheswaran Thillai Nadesan		
2015/16	Charles Webster	2016/17	Tony Jackson
2017/18	Dale Campbell	2018/19	Marilyn Latham

Upcoming Events

To be Confirmed

ERNA Netball Season

Starts July 18th

BBQs starting later

**Melbourne Cup
Lunch**

Sunday 1st Nov

**Trivia Night
October 17th**

Meals on Wheels Roster

**Please arrive promptly at
11 am as meals need to be
delivered while hot**

July 18	Warren Latham
July 25	Rod Dinnell
Aug 1	Shane Wright
Aug 8	Jessica Siviz
Aug 15	Rosemary Sheather
Aug 22	Geoff Pascoe
Aug 29	Mike Barnett
Sept 5	Kerry Ferguson
Sept 12	Sandy McGregor
Sept 19	Ian Partington
Sept 26	Dale Campbell

**Please find your own replacement
if you are unable to do your roster.**

**Do let Charles know if you swap
your roster with anyone else.**



A Year in Review

July saw the installation of the new Board members at our Changeover Dinner, with Marilyn Latham taking the reins as President for 2019-20. Several members attended the Changeovers of City of Ryde and Carlingford Dundas Lions Clubs. The District Changeover at Blacktown was attended by several club members. Epping Eastwood Lions Club (EELC) was the District winner of the Lloyd Morgan Trophy for Public Relations. A silver banner patch was received from the Australian Lions Children's Mobility Foundation for our donations during the year. The District Governor's Advisory meeting was hosted by our Zone 9 Chairman, Marilyn Latham. Warren and Marilyn attended the fitting of a Crocodile Walker our club purchased for Sophia who is a student at Karonga School. The attendance at the Thriving Communities event at Epping Boys High provided us with significant opportunity to engage personally with many community organisations. Our new year has started with the introduction of new business cards, magnets and brochures.



August EELC agreed to join the City/Country Sister Project for District N5 and has become a sister club to the Forbes Lions Club. Jessica instigated a project to get our Eastwood Ryde Netball Association (ERNA) customers involved in choosing where some of our funds are donated. This proved a huge success and got everyone talking about what we do with our funds. Margaret held working bees to cover used spectacle cases for sale. Recycling projects for spectacles, stamps and bottle tops are progressing well. Donations of food for Christian Community Aid (CCA) is continuing.

September The ongoing Meals on Wheels deliveries each Saturday kept the club activities going while everyone had a rest after the end of BBQ season. During the 19 weeks not one BBQ was affected by rain. This year's sales total of \$60,769 was an increase of 4% on last year after adjusting for the three days of State Age Championships in 2018. The increase helped offset the price increases incurred in all inputs. The Lions Biggest BBQ day raised \$2,188 and after costs, the profit to be shared with ERNA is \$38,238. This month was a time of preparation for upcoming activities.

October The Granny Smith Festival allowed us to spread the good work of Lions in our community from our stall and the parade. Christmas Cake Chair Lion Mike was busy with orders ready for the sales season. The Club welcomed its newest member, Tracy Walker. Orientation Development Day was held at Bankstown on Sunday 27 October and was attended by Kerry, Karen, Marilyn and Warren. It was good to hear that the morning session gave everyone further understanding about the Lions Clubs International Organisation.



November saw us living it up at The Melbourne Cup Lunch hosted by the Wrights. Members were very generous with donations for the Christmas Hamper Wish List from CCA. Epping Eastwood had five members attend the 62nd N5 Convention with District Governor Jennifer welcoming all to 'The Family Convention'. An important part of the Convention was the Remembrance Ceremony and we placed a candle for both long serving Lions members Ron Young and Bob Allen. Our club presented 200 First Aid Starter Kits for attendees at the District Convention. Another 4500 were sent to Gollan for distribution to the farmers at the hay bale distribution. Forbes Lions Club purchased 5 pallettes of dry dog food, (160 bags altogether) with our donation of \$4560. Jams and preserves were cooked ready for sale with Christmas Cakes at Macquarie Centre.



December Invitations were received to attend Karonga School, Epping Boys High School and Cheltenham Girls High School where we presented Community Service awards to students at their end of year celebrations. John and Rosemary Sheather opened their home to club members for a Hawaiian Christmas celebration. Christmas cake sales continued with sales at Macquarie Centre being a great success.

February The Club Final of Youth of the Year was held at Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club. Six students from local schools competed for the title by presenting speeches to those attending the dinner. Maeve Patchell was the overall winner of the Club final but due to the Covid 19 crisis, she did not compete at the Area Final.

March Lesley McFarlane was accepted as the newest member of our Lions Family. Due to Covid 19 she decided to wait for our next meeting all together to be formally inducted. The Membership Committee decided it was their role to keep up the spirits of members during the crisis. One decision was to provide a weekly newsletter to enable communication to be maintained.

April The Membership Committee talked to all members regarding new positions on the Board for 2020-21. The Club started to hold online meetings and many members learned new computer skills while attending these meetings. Our first monthly dinner meeting was held online. The Club held its first online Mother's Day Raffle with great success. Members continued to donate food products to CCA to stock their shop which continues to assist those needing help in our community. Many members attended ANZAC driveway ceremonies with candles and local musicians. President Marilyn kept the club ticking over behind the scenes, organizing online meetings and keeping in touch with online District events. CCA thanked club members who have formed a band of volunteers making phone calls to those in the social support program, thus helping them to deliver a vital service to the most vulnerable members of our community.

May Past member Chris Geraghty suggested we make cloth shopping bags as a way to raise funds. Margaret took this one step further with the investigation of other products that could be made to include all members. Woodworking projects, sewn products and many others have been made as prototypes. We welcomed a new addition to our Lions family, with Michael and Maja having a second daughter. Club members donated furniture, china, warm jackets and blankets to a refugee family in Epping referred to us by CCA.

June Margaret advertised the Lions Homemade jams and preserves on the North Epping facebook page which resulted in more sales in two days than in the entire previous year. A workshop was held to teach members how to make marmalade and lemon butter. Dale and Mike Barnett continued making bird nesting boxes and planter boxes out of used palings. More help has been given to the family at Epping, with Margaret donating books from the Reading Action Project and Ann donating a blender so the family can make their own style of food. They are very thankful for all the assistance we have given and we look forward to meeting them at future netball events. Lion Peter Touzel, has transferred from our club into the reformed Toongabbie, Seven Hills Lions Club. Warren has undertaken several Changeover ceremonies in his role as a Past Council Chairman.



Thank you all for the work that has been completed during 2019-20.