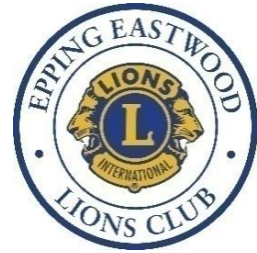




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President's Report - Rosemary Sheather

Welcome Everyone to the New Year.

Changeover Dinner Meeting

What a wonderful Changeover Dinner Marilyn organised to end 2020-2021. A big thankyou also to Eric Lim the Manager of the Ranch, who is a member of Blacktown Ponds Lions Club for providing the Club with a bottle of wine for each table.

Our special guests included Yve Allen and DG Jon Copson who conducted our New Board's Induction ceremony.

Due to our club's community support \$23,514.00 was distributed to various charities in 2020-2021. On the night presentations were made to;

- Australian Lions Children's Mobility Foundation - \$6,000.00
- Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research - \$2,096.00
- Christian Community Aid (CCA) - \$1,000

There were a number of special awards presented to:

1. Mike Bills - Bob Allen Award this is our Club's special award presented to our most outstanding member's contribution to our club for the year.
2. Laraine Winter from Mundipharma Company - Australian Lions Foundation Award, Laraine on behalf of the Mundipharma Company donated and helped our Club distribute an enormous number of pharmaceutical products within Australia and internationally to those less fortunate.
3. PCC Warren Latham - Ken Lentfer Award for his contribution to the Global Services Team
4. Lynn Campbell & Jessica Siviz - President Appreciation Award in recognition for YOTY and Monthly Roar
5. Lesley McFarlane - President Appreciation Award in recognition for the Food Collection Project
6. Dale Campbell, Charles Webster, David Doring, Mike Barnett, Mike Bills - President Appreciation Award for their contribution to the BBQ Committee.

BBQs

Sadly, as I am writing this, we are again back in Lockdown due to Covid and have had to postpone our ERNA BBQs until further notice, along with Parramatta Council's Boronia Grove opening. Hopefully, we will get another opportunity to set up our BBQs for ERNA before the season concludes.



CCA

Many people in our community are suffering again the effects of the Covid Lockdown. Lynn received an SOS email from CCA appealing for groceries to support those families in need. As a Club, I thank our Board and members for agreeing to donate \$300 from our Administration Account to purchase much needed groceries for distribution. Thank you to Lynn for organising this.

Even though we are unable to meet each other at the moment, please remember to take care of yourselves and loved ones. Our special thoughts are still with Dale & Lynn through Dale's medical journey.

Rosemary Sheather

President



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Lions Club of Epping Eastwood Inc.

Upcoming Events

ERNA Netball Season BBQ
(On hold till further notice)

July Dinner Meeting
Wednesday 21st July
(via Zoom)

Meals on Wheels Roster

Please pick up the meals no later than 11 am

July 24	Mo Chamanpara
July 31	Jessica Siviz
Aug 7	Marco Sigismondi
Aug 14	Kerry Ferguson
Aug 21	Ian Partington
Aug 28	Mike Bills

Please swap your day if you cannot do your roster. Let Charles know who is taking your place.

Why I Became a Lion?

Lion Marilyn Latham (Member Since 5th October 2011)

It is actually over thirty years that Warren and I were introduced to Lions and it was because our youngest son was a participant in the very wonderful Lions Youth of the Year Program.

We know that Warren accepted the invitation to join the Lions Family but I was very proud to be addressed as Lions Lady Marilyn.

I was very in other areas of the community at the time but really enjoyed the Lions social functions that I was able to attend and meeting people in Lions at all different levels in the Association.



A little over 10 years ago we made the big decision for Warren to stand as District Governor and the bonus year she was elected Council Chairperson. I have travelled with him, attended meetings and I have to say read, listened and learnt so much about the different Programs and Foundations from Lions in our own District, the other 18 Districts in Australia and from the International visitors we have had the great pleasure of meeting.

Simply... the strength of this organisation encouraged me to become a Lion and experience the challenges of being an active member of this club.

I have always been involved in the community through Church, Schools and Sport but Lions has given me the opportunity to make an even bigger contribution to my community and to help people in need. The emotion that you experience every time you see a child fitted with a walking aid and standing upright for the first time in their lives stays with you forever.

I am a Lion and truly proud to wear my lapel pin and know that I am part of the big team promoting the great work of Lions Club International. Thank you, Lions.

Lion Mohammad (Mo) Chamanpara (Member Since 5th August 2020)



On a magical day in November 2019, I was fortunate enough to come across the Lions Christmas stalls in Macquarie Shopping Centre. I had a pleasant time in the few minutes that I got to converse with a few people there:

First, was a well-mannered gentleman who patiently explained the project to me.

Second, was a kind-hearted lady whose heart was overflowing with love, who told me about Lions.

Third, was a little angel helping her mom sell jams. She told me about the strawberry jams that weren't as sweet as her voice.

Later to find out that they were Mike Bills, Marilyn Latham and Tracy's Daughter.

I joined as a guest to a few dinner meetings and I fell in love with every member of the club. I was touched by their kindness and eagerly drawn to the Lion's mission. So I joined.

Joining the club was a perfect opportunity that presented itself at a time when I was looking for a chance to give back to a community that has been kind and generous to us.

Editor's Note: Thank you to Lion Marilyn and Lion Mo for contributing to the 'Why I Became Lion section' this month. Which Club members will we be hearing from next month?

Urgent Donations Needed - CCA (Christian Community Aid)

CCA (Christian Community Aid) is an organisation which our Lions Club assists in many different ways through meals on wheels, general repairs, etc.

They have sent an urgent call out for Non-perishable items and personal hygiene items for people that are in need of help during these tough times.

If you would like to help and support them please contact our Club President Rosemary Sheather on 0412 475 392 for more information.



URGENT DONATIONS NEEDED

- Long Life Milk
- Personal Hygiene Items – Soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, razor, sanitary pads, toilet paper
- Non-perishable foods with long shelf life, such as canned goods and dried fruit
- Breakfast Cereal
- Instant Noodles Cup / Packet
- Rice / Pasta
- Vegemite / Peanut Butter / Jam
- Tea Bags / Small Jars of Coffee

The Club Board Members approved \$300 to be spent on behalf of the Club Members and some of our members have been making individual food donations to CCA. Thankyou to all Club Members.

Epping-Eastwood Lions Club ERNA BBQ Update

Prior to the current lockdown we have had 10 ERNA BBQ's in season 2021. We had a slow start with sales for the first 4 averaging \$2,650, but then the next 6 sales averaged \$3,400. I think it took a few weeks for players and families to know that we were there, especially those who had not previously played at Meadowbank. However, probably the biggest impact was the introduction of the Square Reader, to allow EFTPOS payments. It took several weeks for customers to understand that we now had this facility. The numbers are quite telling. In the first 2 BBQ's, card sales averaged 31% of total sales, the next 4 averaged 44% and the last 4 averaged 50%.

I want to thank everyone for helping make sure we had enough people rostered on. This includes the ERNA Rep Team helpers and the school kids doing their community service hours.

Let's hope we get to have a few more BBQ's before the season is over.

Mike Bills
BBQ Committee

Shopping Trolley



The second Community Food Drive held on 12 June, proved to be as successful as the first. Many thanks to the Management, Staff and Customers of Midway IGA Xpress, Denistone East.



Jess, Charles, Warren, and I were in attendance for 4 hours, Lynn and Dale came down for a while and we had help from our three young schoolgirls, Tamara, Eve and Harshnee from 10:30am.

The IGA customers were extremely generous and goods of non-perishable food and trolley products to the value of almost \$1000 were delivered to Eastwood Christian Community Aid.

Well Done Everyone!
Marilyn Latham



Twinnies Pelican and Seabird Rescue Service Update

The Epping Eastwood Lions Club board recently authorised a donation to be made to the Twinnies Pelican and Seabird Recue Service. If you have not seen the ABC "Australian Story" program on the Twinnies, I recommend you do. I have checked that it is still available on iView (see details below). When contacting them to get their banking details, I got more than I bargained for. The young lady who answered the phone was not able to provide the details and forwarded my call to "Helen." When telling Helen about our club's wish to donate to the bird rescue service, I soon found out that she was the mother of the Twinnies and it was one of the Twinnies that had answered the phone. Helen proceeded to tell me about a particular rescue the Twinnies were working on. They had found a pelican egg in a deserted nest and fearing it would be survive, brought it home and kept it in an environment similar to a nest and the chick ultimately was born and is surviving with the care being provided. Apparently, both parents care for the unhatched egg and they are usually never left unattended.



It was a treat to hear this story and feel that there was a real benefit the Twinnies were making to the survival of these beautiful birds.

To watch the Twinnies Australian Story program on iView, you can't put "Australian Story" into their search engine (magnifying glass) to find it. That didn't work. What I did was click on "Programs A-Z" on the top search line and then select programs starting with the letter "A." You then need to scroll through (move cursor to the right) until you get to Australian Story. It will take a minute or so. Click on the 2021 series and you'll find the Twinnies episode in that folder. A bit of an effort, but well worth it. Then again, I am an unabashed fan of Australian Story.

Mike Bills
Club Treasurer

Editor's Note: This program is definitely one to check out and for more information you can go to their website, <https://www.twinnies.com.au>

Surprise Mail for Lion Kerry and the Club

I checked my mailbox today only to find attached envelope addressed to me from 'The Commander of Police, Riverstone Station.' I instantly felt guilty - what had I done or my P plate drivers?



On opening the envelope... it contained another envelope... Full of Stamps!! I had been emailing a few people regards stamps and this was the only return address of the envelope so I don't know who it was from.

From the Guilty One, Kerry

Jams For Sale

Would you like a new taste for breakfast? Why not try the tasty Tangelo Marmalade or Seville Orange Marmalade which is more tart than the store bought marmalade. Lemon butter can also be made when an order is placed.

The cooks are taking a short break at present due to the lack of sales outlets while we are in lockdown.

If you drive down Eastwood Avenue, orders can be left near Lynn's letterbox to be collected once payment has been received.

Ring Lynn on 0402 089 415 if you would like to place an order.



We Earned Another Banner Patch! Congratulations Epping Eastwood!

Lots of jams, preserves, and decor boxes - all made with Love helped raise the funds to donate to the Australian Lions Children's Mobility Foundation.

Here is a letter from Lion Greg English - District ALCMF Chair



A Note from Lion Warren and Lion Marilyn Latham

Warren and I would like to personally thank all Epping Eastwood Members for your support in donating this year to the Trilog Foundation who are involved with the wonderful care and support of our grandson, Henry.

Through our son, we have received a copy of one of their new monthly newsletters and we would like to share it with our Club Members.

Please follow the link below to the Trilog website if you would like to know more about Trilog Disability Services:

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