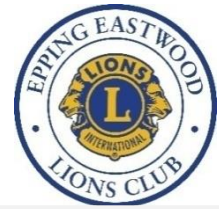




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## President's Report - Rosemary Sheather

Welcome back everyone,

Even though we have not met over the Christmas break, our Club has still been helping and supporting our community and we have lots planned and organised over the next 6 months.

### MEMBERSHIP

Sadly, as we all know we lost a few members to Queensland at the end of last year, but on the positive side we will be inducting new members at our March Dinner Meeting.

### MELVIN JONES AWARD

It was with great pleasure we presented Paul Partington with a "Melvin Jones Award," the highest Lions award at his departure from our Club at our Christmas Party.

Paul has been a member of our Club for over 30 years and over that time has held a number of positions on the Board, including President. Paul has devoted many hours to our Club and ultimately helping the community. It was lovely to thank him for all his Service to Lions.

### MACQUARIE SHOPPING CENTRE

Our Club was again given the opportunity to partake in the Christmas Wrapping, along with 2 weekends selling Lions Christmas Cakes and our Jams & Preserves.

Thank you to Marilyn for organising both fundraisers and to everybody in the Club who helped support the events.

### YOUTH OF THE YEAR (YOTY)

Youth of the Year Public Speaking presentations will be held on Sunday, 27 February at the Ranch from 1:30pm. Afternoon tea will be served at a cost of \$10 per person.

A big thank you to the Epping Community Bank for their generous \$1, 500 sponsorship grant to our Club for in support of this event.

Last Saturday, the student interview were conducted with all the Judges commenting on what a capable and impressive group of students that are taking part this year.

The Area Final will be co-ordinated by Parramatta Lions on Sunday, 13 March at Oatlands Golf Club at a cost of \$25 per person, which includes afternoon tea.

The Student interviews will be conducted in the morning followed by the Public Speaking component from 1:45pm.

### BBQs

Our first BBQ for the year was held at Bunnings Gladesville on Saturday, 22 January with \$1, 000 being raised. Thank you to all those who helped.

Our BBQ Committee has been meeting and discussing going forward with the ERNA BBQ's.

### **EPPING ART FAIR**

The Epping Art Fair will be on the first weekend in April (1st - 3rd) at Epping Boys High School. Our Club has proudly agreed to sponsor one of the Awards at a value of \$500.00.

### **CLUB BOARD ELECTIONS**

Our new Club Board positions need to be finalised by March 2022.

Any member is welcome to nominate to be a member of the Board, so please consider taking on a position. Ann, Jess and Rodney will be contacting members to seek their interest in taking on a Board position.

### **TONGA APPEAL**

As we all know in January of this Tonga was hit by a devastating Tsunami due to a massive volcanic eruption.

I am pleased to report, our Club donated \$500 towards Lions Clubs International disaster relief program.

### **ZONE DINNER MEETING**

Our Club will be hosting our Zone Dinner Meeting next month on 16 March at the Ranch.

Members from Carlingford-Dundas and Ryde Lions Clubs will be joining us for a social get together evening.

More details will follow by email.

### **DISTRICT CONVENTION**

N5 "Convention 21" Part 2 will be held on 26 & 27 February at Castle Hill RSL.

If you are planning to attend, can you please register as soon as possible.

### **LIONS AWARENESS DAY**

Lions Awareness weekend is 5 & 6 March.

### **CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY**

Clean up Australia Day is 6 March. Members are asked to contact their local council for sites to join if they wish to participate.

### **LIONS 75TH ANNIVERSARY UPDATE**

Lions will be celebrating its 75th Anniversary in Australia this September.

Discussions regarding what our Club would like to do will be held amongst members at our Dinner Meeting.

### **COMMEMORATIVE GARDENS**

To celebrate Lions clubs around Australia, Lions are partnering with various Cities and Shire Councils to establish celebratory gardens. A number of gardens are already either planned or are underway in our District.

### **AUSTRALIA POST**

In September 2022, Australia Post will be releasing a Lions Commemorative postage paid Envelope designed by Lions Australia.

### **GALA DINNER**

A Gala Dinner is being organised in September for hopefully about 750 Lions. More details to follow.

## **THINKING OF MEMBERS**

Special thoughts are again with Dale as he manages his illness and for Lynn who is travelling the journey with him.

## **WRIGHTS**

We are honoured to have Marg and Shane join us for our dinner meeting, probably for the last time for a while as they will be re-located to Qld in the near future.

President Rosemary

### **Meals on Wheels Roster**

**Please pick up the meals no later than 11 am**

February 19	Kerry Ferguson
February 26	Leslie McFarlane
March 5	John Sheather
March 12	Marilyn Latham
March 19	Tracy Walker
March 26	Jessica Siviz

**Please remember to wear a mask and check in with the QR code on your rostered day.**

**Please let Charles know if you are unable to do your rostered day asap. Thankyou**

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### **Upcoming Events**

Sunday 27th February 2022 (1:30pm - 4:30pm)

Youth of the Year  
Afternoon Tea Event

Wednesday 2nd March 2022

Next Virtual Board Meeting  
All Members welcome to attend please contact  
President Rosemary Sheather

Sunday 27th March 2022

ERNA BBQ Gala Day - Eastwood Ryde Netball  
Association - Meadowbank Park Adelaide Street,  
Meadowbank, NSW 2114

Saturday 2nd April 2022

ERNA Netball BBQ Season - Eastwood Ryde Netball  
Association - Meadowbank Park Adelaide Street,  
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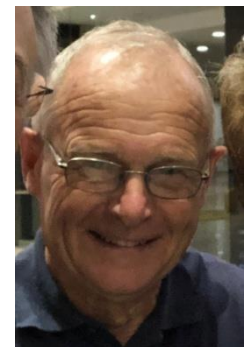
## **Why I Became a Lion?**

Lion Mike Barnett (Member Since 25th June 2011):

I have been in the lions since the 25/06/2011 and enjoy my time with friends and helping the community, both local and International.

My wife Robyn was diagnosed with a form of cancer in 2006 and from then on, we spent a lot of time going to hospitals and medical centres. After a while I started to notice the amount of volunteer work that was carried out within the system. For example, one day we were told that one of the Dr's was not in because he was on a Pacific Island with a medical team for a week giving inoculations to the local people, on his holidays. One of the cleaning ladies at Concord used to donate blood once a month. She told me it made her feel good, giving back, Everywhere you looked there were signs of people giving.

The big clincher for me was when I went back to Vietnam with a group of veterans, A vet's son was found unconscious in the streets of Saigon, and taken to hospital. It just so happened that a group of Doctors and Nurses from Australia were staying in the same hotel as we were. When they were made aware of the



situation, they took the young bloke under their wing, helped him get back to Australia. The group were all volunteers and they used to go to Vietnam regularly to help out. Not long after this I was talking to the husband of a friend of Robyn's, Warren Latham, and telling him how I was in awe of all volunteers and the work they did. He proceeded to tell all about the Lions Club and in particular Epping Eastwood and suggested I join. So I did.

**Editor's Note:** Thank you to Lion Mike for sharing your story in the "Why I Became Lion section' this month. Which of our members will share their story with us next month?

## A New Melvin Jones Fellow



This year the members of Epping Eastwood Lions Club were proud to recognise Lion Paul Partington as a Melvin Jones Fellow. The fellowship is the foundations highest honour and is recognition of a commitment to humanitarian work.

Lion Paul joined Epping Eastwood LC in August 1991 and has proudly and selflessly served his club and community for 30 years.

Congratulations Lion Paul Partington MJF, from all of your fellow club members.



## Christmas Gift Wrapping at Macquarie Centre



Our Club provided Gift Wrapping services from Friday, 10 December to Sunday, 12 December for a gold coin donation at the Charity Gift Wrapping Stand at Macquarie Centre. **What fun! AND...** we raised \$881.00 to assist those in our community less fortunate than ourselves.

Thank you to those who helped - Lions Rosemary, Jess, Ann, Lynn, Marilyn and Warren. Special thanks to Nicole Lawson and Karen Roden (friends of Lions) who joined is for this fun project. The set up by Macquarie Management was great and we surprised ourselves - we were highly praised of our wrapping techniques by our many 'customers.' Let's do it again next year!



## Our February Donation to Christmas Community Aid (CCA)

It was a big shop this month - covering the December and January months as well. Our donations of non-perishable food and toiletries to the value of \$300.00.

We also have a great supply of toothpaste collected from John Fernandes (Kings Langley Lions Club), plus 7 large boxes of sanitising products collected from A.Royale & Cowith thanks to Ian Field (Winston Hills Lions Club) to be included in our donation.



The Christmas decorated shopping trolley that was set up in the IGA store at Denistone East for 3 weeks prior to Christmas to assist our Christmas Appeal for CCA was most successful and 4-6 bags of groceries per week were delivered. The Management and staff at IGA have been extremely supportive and customers very generous with their donations. Other Christmas Hamper donations given to CCA in December were 12 boxes of drinks (60 x Bfit 473ml bottles), 4 boxes of 60ml hand sanitizer (576 units) and 4 boxes of personal anti-bacterial wipes (288 units).

Two Food Collection days have been organised for Saturday 19 February and Saturday 19 March. Midway IGA Xpress, Denistone East 8:20am - 12:30pm. Come and lend a hand and fly the flag for Lions!

## What a Wonderful Gift!



Cheltenham Memorial Kindergarten celebrated their 125th birthday last year. The staff and children celebrated with a wonderful generous GIVING GIFT. The parents donated 125 suitable children's Christmas gifts; the children created the Christmas wrapping paper; and 'assisted'



the staff with the wrapping. The gifts were collected by our Club members and delivered to CCA in time for their Annual Christmas Appeal. It was a very special event for all involved and photos were taken to be SHARED to the pre-schoolers. The staff at CCA were extremely impressed by the wonderful efforts of the Cheltenham Memorial Kindergarten - and so were the members of Epping Eastwood Lions Club.



## Jam and Preserves Project

This project has been on hold over the summer as it has been too hot to stand for hours over boiling jam. However, it is now time to plan our produce for this year.

Strawberries were not cheap enough over summer to make jam worthwhile so we will have to wait until the citrus fruit start to ripen. Most produce comes from our wonderful gardeners who donate their crops.

Our honey suppliers, Michael from Beecroft has honey available for sale now so we will sell that at ERNA for the time being. Ann has kindly offered to make tomato relish and we thank her for her time.

If anyone would like to assist with cooking jams or pickles, please let me know. I would also be very happy for someone to take over the project for the next few months.

Lynn Campbell

## Something from two of our Members

Hi everyone,  
Sending hello to all the EELC Members from sunny Queensland!

It's been about 7 weeks since we left Sydney moving up to our new pad in Brisbane. We are happy to report we are well and have been keeping ourselves busy.

Some of you might remember that our new home has got a bit of land. A corner of our block was overtaken by weeds so Marco took it upon himself pulling them out. We had squatters - aka Plovers :) - moved into our garden. These guys were not friendly at all, very loud and aggressive whenever we accidentally approached their nest. Now they are gone - without saying goodbye - with a tiny baby plover. We are very happy and very proud of them.

The best part so far has to be our morning. Having breakfast sitting at the outdoor table looking at our garden and listening to the birds has been a blessing. Come and visit us, Marco does make really good coffee! (You wouldn't believe it, Queensland's warm and humid weather has converged an Italian man from having espresso to ice coffee!)

P.S: Warren - We've managed to keep your secret file of all the Lions Clubs in Brisbane safe. So safe, we have not made any attempt to contact them yet, but will get to it!

Take care and stay safe  
Lion Jungsun and Lion Marco



"Nothing is  
IMPOSSIBLE.  
The word itself says  
'I'M POSSIBLE!'"

AUDREY HEPBURN

"Be the CHANGE  
that you wish to  
see in the world."

MAHATMA GANDHI

"If you  
can  
dream it,  
you can  
do it."

Walt Disney