

Tewantin Noosa Lions Club Inc.

The Pelican Brief

December 2014

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www.tewantinnoosaql.lions.org.au

Tewantin Noosa Lions Club meets: 6:30pm – Meeting 7:00pm, 1st & 3rd
Tuesdays of every month at the Tewantin Noosa RSL Club.

NEXT DINNER MEETINGS:

Tuesday 2nd December

Tuesday 16th December

Please arrange a replacement if you are unable to perform your assigned duties at the meeting.

Tewantin Noosa Lions Club Inc. (INC. No. 1A79)

District – 201 – Q4, Queensland, Australia.

Address: P. O. Box 67, Tewantin Qld. 4565

Please note: Views expressed in this bulletin may not represent the official views of the Club.

MOST IMPORTANT,

Please email John Nichols no later than 12 noon Monday before meeting and leave a message to register any apologies & equally important, register any guest attendance.

Birthdays in December

Carolanne Bowden

John Nichols

Louise Tully

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Things are warming up as far as projects go. In the last month we have had the Hill Climb in conjunction with Peregian Lions and a proportion of that money will go to the Bush Kids in Longreach.

Before I forget, what a great social we had at the Den, and thanks to everybody who did the alterations at the den and the Social committee for putting on such a fun night at the Melbourne Cup night.

We are due to march the Brolga out to a project on Juvenile Diabetes Research foundation at the Lions Park in Gympie Terrace on the 30-11-14 . Here's hoping all goes well.

Keep up the good work of selling cakes and raffle tickets for Blue Care.

We have a number of projects coming up next month in December that you are all aware of as Lion Dave Watts keeps the rosters coming out and hopefully we keep filling the blank spots. A big thank you for filling the rosters.

The guest speaker we had this month was Jane Harding from the Noosa Library who spoke on heritage and the importance of filing history away for future reference.

We have a number of members who are not that well and wish them a speedy recovery.

David will return on 2nd December, and Di and Stev should be back soon from New Zealand.

Keep up the good work I am proud of you all.

It is with sadness we learn of Lion Keith McDonald who passed away peacefully at Carramar Aged Care facility. Keith being one of our family in Lions will truly be missed. Our hearts go out to Lola and her family.

Keith was one of the Best 44 years of service in Lions.

Thanks to all those Lions who turned up to Lion Keith's Service.

President IAN

VALE KEITH McDONALD.

Melvin Jones Fellow

It is with sadness that we record the death of longstanding member Keith McDonald on 21st November 2014. Many of our members attended the funeral service, and Trevor Luff delivered a eulogy on behalf of Lions that recalled many of Keith's achievements in his 44 years as a Lion – and how he gained the nickname 'Muddy'. As the coffin entered the chapel preceded by a lone piper, Lions from this and other clubs formed a guard of honour.

Our thoughts are with Lola and her family.

The following is a tribute written by Lion Michael Roach and distributed to Zone 2 Clubs and the Cabinet Secretary.



Keith McDonald – A lion of a Man who died on 21st November 2014 - 44 years of Community Service as a member of the Tewantin Noosa Lions Club (TNLC) since 1st January 1970 and more recently as a Senior Lion – mentor and coach assisting our Club fulfil its ongoing activities and engagement in the community through its 25 local projects.

First and foremost Keith was dedicated to his family, a much loved father and husband, with a total commitment to a life time of service within his local Lions Club and the wider community. He was also extensively and passionately involved with the Master Plumbers Association Queensland, from 1968 holding positions of: Councillor 1974-77, Junior Vice President 1977-79, Senior Vice President 1979-83, President 1981-84; then Sunshine Coast MPA Secretary 1971-74, Chairman 1974-1986.

Keith occupied most TNLC positions over the years; President twice, 1st, 2nd and 3rd Vice President, Membership Chair, Director on the Board for many years and Club bulletin editor twice. Keith served as Zone Chairman for four years, and served on District Cabinet for many years including Regional Chairman. Keith and Lola annually attended Lions Conventions, Local District, Multiple District and International meetings, from Brisbane, the Gold Coast to Hong Kong, where he gained the International perspective of this world wide Club.

During one of his Presidency years (2001-2002) his many projects ranged from Lions catering, Club involvement with Eumundi Scouts, Speedway, State School Fetes, Christmas Party for Cancer sufferers from the Noosa and Nambour Hospital Oncology Units, to the cancer door knock appeal. The County Music Festival in Noosaville, support for Noosa Sea Scouts, provision of a car for Blue Care Nurses to supporting local youth through the Lions Youth of the Year public speaking competition. He was also involved in the Malibu Long Board Surf Carnival on Main Beach. Keith had a major role in the opening of the new Lion's den in Goodwin Street Tewantin by Mayor Bob Abbott in 2002.

Lions is about serving the community and over the years some of Keith's major projects were the establishment of the Meals On Wheels facility/kitchen in 1993 – Opened by Mayor Noel Playford, that has now served thousands of meals for our community; the formation and building of the well-used Lions Park and BBQ pavilions Noosaville and decade of running a Lions School Children's Fire Safety Poster completion in association with the local Fire Brigade, gaining another Lions recognition, the James D Richardson Award .

Keith was an internationally recognised Member, having over the years sponsored a large number of new members into the Club and meeting our Lions motto, "We Serve". He exemplified our code of ethics; "to hold that true friendship exists not on account of the service performed by one to another, but that true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit in which It is given". He was granted life membership of TNL Club. For Keith, "being a Lion meant caring about our community, its people and each other.

FOR THE DIARY

Friday 5th December – TNLC Christmas Party, 5.30pm

Tuesday 9th December DG Visit Zone Visit/Xmas Party Coolum RSL

Rosters have been circulated for:

RSL Christmas in the Park – Sunday 14th December

Christian Outreach Christmas Carols – Sunday 21st December

Next roster to be filled:

Car Parking starts Friday 26th December, finishes Sunday 11th January

Don't forget the CHRISTMAS PARTY – FRIDAY 5th DECEMBER
5.30pm at the RIVERDECK RESTAURANT on the
QUARTERDECK, NOOSA MARINA.

Please pay at the dinner meeting on Tuesday 2nd December -
\$30 per person.

GUEST SPEAKERS

2nd December - Craig White will be doing a brief 10 minute talk about the building of a house in Cambodia.

20th January - Glen Elmes is speaking on Aboriginal education.

On **18th November**, Jane Harding of the Noosa Library was our guest speaker.

Peter Schofield writes:

Many of the Lions were interested in the things they do in the Heritage section and the things they have stored away.

I think it resonated with a few Lions there to do something re going through our Lions History, making sure they have another DVD of 40th history, some older photos of projects such as Meals on Wheels, the Convention, and River Stage to name a few, plus the run thru Noosa of the 2000 torch.

I am hoping we (start with Allan/Margaret, Lola, JC, Geoff, Carolanne and I) can raise an awareness to help the library with volunteer time and the Pelican Brief archives to raise some info and send to Jane to see if she can use it. By Lions volunteering to organise and do the hard work we maybe able to get something going.

IN THE LAST MONTH....

Noosa Kidz Tri 2014

David , Gary and Bill were up early at 4:30 am to start the preparation for the Kids Tri 2014 in Chaplin Park. Pam and others circumnavigated the park to sell tickets in the Raffle - sold 22 books in two hours and could have sold more , a great effort. As the photos show- Pam by far the most adventurous and pleased to be snapped with Ben Hannant (Broncos, Qld., Australian, soon to be Cowboy prop- eat your heart out Gary). The crowd was overwhelming and a very happy bunch. The starting line showcased Boys and Girls races from Under 8 upwards, the swim finish was closely contended, Gary and a HeartKids lady shared an angelic shot, with David looking for a cooked snag in the background. The swim leg was a popular spot for mums and dads.



Joke - I asked one young girl what her favourite leg was in the tri and she quickly answered her "RIGHT".

Over for another year, great event and the ladies serving were a pleasure to work with- we await the outcome, but we sold plenty of drinks and snags.

Peter Schofield

Convention 2014

Jay Roach reports:

1. **150 million people's sight** has been saved by Lions supplying \$\$ for 1 dose of medication that cures River Blindness. This disease comes from dirty water.
2. Lions has **63 hospitals in Calcutta**
3. Lions funds a **volunteer specialist doctor for 1 week** each year who works from 4.30 am – 10 pm repairing the **disfigurements caused by polio**. He just moves from one patient to another doing the major work and someone else finishes up. This fellow has been doing it for quite a few years.
4. We worry about the ebola virus but measles kills multiple times more people annually and is preventable by vaccination. \$500 was raised in the spontaneous sale of some badges (you name your own price) and the money was matched by the Gates Foundation and will result in **vaccinating 1,031 children** around the world.

ALL FABULOUS STUFF and who isn't proud to be a Lion.

Hill Climb

A combined project with Perigian Lions, this event went off smoothly, and raised welcome funds for Bush Kids. Thanks to all who participated!



Melbourne Cup Party

A great night of fun and good food, and investments made in sweeps (most of us drawing what proved to be 'also rans' the following day). Carolyn McCallum and Gus Hatter won best dressed, and many behaved inappropriately in the relay race. Thanks to all who contributed to a most enjoyable evening.



Jols Jottings

December, 2014

Building Projects of the Past.



Lions Park on Gympie Terrace and the building of the first BBQ shelter was completed in 1972. Opened by Premier Joh Bjelke Peterson.

The footings for **the Meals on Wheels Kitchen** were started 25th June 1993 and completed on the 18th September 1993. Opened by International Director Stan Dawson.



Our latest building of the **River Stage** was opened in 2006 by DG John Faircloth thanks to convenor John Crossley dogged persistence.

We were donated the land and the **Den** by Council after several years of trying to have a building to store our increasing fleet of vans trailers and storage of a huge amount of equipment. We also needed a meeting room. The 4 bay building came from the about to be closed Council equipment yard.

Lion member Ken Dodt got the contract dismantle and re-erect the Den on its present site beside the SES Shed.

Lion Ian McKay added another **garage** to store Archives and our new catering trailer **The Brolga** completed 2013

Merry Christmas to you all,
Allan Jolly