

Tewantin Noosa Lions Club Inc.

The Pelican Brief

July 2014

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www.tewantinnoosaqld.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:

Changeover Dinner - Tuesday 1st July \$25.00

Tuesday 15th July \$17.00

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.

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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 July

Carmen and John Hackshaw,

Barb Hannon, Margaret Jolly

Peter Jack, Cathy Jack

Peter Orlicek, David Watts

PRESIDENTS REPORT

My year in the President's role finishes tonight. It has been a pleasure and invigorating experience for me and I hope as Members you have enjoyed the year as well. The 2013/2014 Board set out to

- Challenge members to take on various roles within projects,
- Conduct good efficient meetings so the members are encouraged to attend,
- Care for our own Lions Members when they are not so well or going through a rough patch,
- Have a balanced approach to the \$ Return and Community Engagement and Service role,
- Find ways to reinforce relationships,
- Reinforce the Speaker Program,
- Educate members on the Lions Foundations workings and ideals;
- And finally to put the FUN back into fun- something that volunteer clubs often forget.

Many of these points have a seal of approval against them, others have a work in progress and a couple at times have needed more work. Our Board has tried its best to succeed in these and we hope it sets the bar for following committees.

The Tewantin Noosa Lions Club has been around since the mid 60's - some would say that is a long time, and of course over the years we have had the opportunity to serve the local community which we do as a priority. Our Club has achieved a lot this year with many projects. I would like to name a few that have really brought out the best in our club.

- The Community Music Festival (to assist Wesley Care Tewantin and Brett Dillon's Communication Device) was ably led by Jacqui but had great support from the members - a great day, a good result and broadening of the Wesley profile within the community.
- RSL and Christian Outreach Carols events, Anzac Day, Noosa Biosphere Festival, Festival of Waters, Bunnings and BCF Sausage Sizzles, and Clean Up Australia - a fun time and lots of positive feedback to our Lions club. These events keep our fund raising ticking along and allow us to contribute back to the local community needs.
- Noosa Heads Xmas Car Parking project was again successful and we were able to assist the Noosa Council in running the Easter Break car park. Both of these projects enjoyed good weather, and both the Council and ourselves are happy with the outcome and hope to continue this relationship.
- Christmas Raffle to support the Blue Care Group ably run by Peter and Cathy Jack and also at Xmas who could forget the Xmas Cakes and Puddings sales which was co-ordinated by Louise Tully, both doing a great job.
- Sponsorship for local schools, clubs and groups continued strongly this year and we hope to continue this avenue of support next year.
- Our vans were loaned to a number of different school and community groups in the community and we see this as a great way to give an asset to a group and for that group to reap the reward for their own projects.
- Australia Day was a great success with the joint venture with Rotary resulting in a great day for new citizens and our Local Legend initiative ceremony.

- The Festival of Surfing event was a real win for us and Gary and the team worked hard for almost a full week to raise much needed funds. The event seems to grow each year and we hope we can be a part of it in years to come.

Many Lions Foundations (Cancer support, eye sight, spinal cord, medical research, mobility for children, general health, and leukaemia) have been supported by us and we have contributed \$ 10,000 to these foundations throughout the year. We hope other clubs in Australia are donating as much also as 1,350 Lions Clubs in Australia multiplied by our club amount totals \$ 13.5 Million. The power of many Lions clubs working together throughout Australia!!

Our fund raising has helped many groups, families and individuals within the Noosa Region and all of the members should feel very proud of the hard work and tireless effort they have expended throughout the year.

Many thanks to the Board for regular meetings and the governance of our club this year. David and Ian, Gus and Paul have all put in many hours of work and each year they do it voluntarily and apparently enjoy the experience because they keep coming back for more. The remaining Board members have been diligent and have turned up at most meetings throughout the year to show great leadership and interest in our club. The various committees have planned and executed the projects we have had and the outcomes have always been above expectations.

Special thanks to Rosemary and Dagmar who have undertaken a lot of work in the back stage area with Media and Web Site co-ordination. We have had some good support from the local media and we are thankful for that and we have also a much improved and used Web Site. Well done to you both.

The speaking program has been well co-ordinated by Geoff and Carolanne and we hope that the members continue to advise Geoff and Carolanne for future meetings. We certainly have had some great speakers and wonderful presentations. Our own members have contributed and one presentation by Trevor and Merrilyn (Sth. America travels) was memorable. I encourage members to think about recounting and presenting their trip experiences for future meetings. And of course where would we be without the regular Lions Newsreel from Ian McKay (Zimmerman), a wonderful record of our year's journey.

Some of our Lions Members have missed Meetings due to ill health, holidays, business priorities- we as members should keep these people in our minds and contact them every now and then to see they are travelling OK.

The "we serve" mentality has been in abundance this year and I think we have had FUN in volunteering our service for the local and wider community. Well done to you all and I hope we continue stronger than ever in 2014/ 2015 with new faces on our committee- please support them whenever you can.

A huge thanks to the RSL, the chefs and ladies that serve our meals and drinks each fortnight. The club is a great venue and it is very pleasing to see it full tonight for what looks to be a great evening.

Regards Peter Schofield

From the Dinner Meeting, 17th June

Speakers Josh & Liz Jensen, of Undersea Productions

Josh is the video recorder and Liz the photographer for Undersea Productions. Their company makes money from the sales of their DVDs that cover most of the best dive spots in the world and tours to these spots. Much of their work is done, not to cover costs but to raise awareness of the underwater biodiversity and the need to protect it. In order help raise awareness much of their work is available to view free online. (Just Google Undersea Productions)

Josh began with a quick overview of the world's best dive spots as seen through the camera lens. He then spoke of the Coral triangle centered on Indonesia and its importance in the world wide spread of fish species.

A local resident, Josh is keen to discover what is living in our river and despite the limited number of days per year, 10, that is suitable for filming he has listed 116 fish and 229 non fish species. Many have never been recorded before.

Still focusing on the Noosa River, he discussed and showed images of the strategic life cycle of the Moses fish and the abundance of fishing line junk. Graphic pictures showed the problems junk causes to marine life.

His immediate wish is to continue his work in keeping our marine areas healthy and to purchase a Grasshopper. A Grasshopper is a purpose built pontoon to facilitate marine photography.

He was enthusiastically applauded by the attentive audience and given thanks and a gift on our behalf by Michael.



[At the same meeting...](#)



Paul presented a cheque for \$1000 to Lynda Sheen, manager of Wesley Care, to assist residents become involved in community recreation.

Peter gave thanks to Rosemary for her media work over the last 2 years and presented her with a bouquet of flowers.

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Saturday 2nd August – Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings.

Friday 29th August – Eumundi State School. This is an evening event, and we will have the chip van at the school.

Rosters for both events will be circulated in the near future.

[Past Events](#)

[Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Saturday 21 June 2014](#)

A very successful sausage sizzle was held recently at Bunnings. Gross profit of \$1475 was made on the day. Thank you to **Gary Dun, Peter and Cathy Jack, Peter and Dagmar Orlicek, Pam McNeil, Steve and Adele Priest, Ian and Sheila Glew, Sue Day, Carmen Hackshaw, Phil and Anne Ryan, Mike and Jay Roach** for helping make this the great day it was.

\$1000 of the proceeds have been given to Michelle Gameiro, the Chaplain at Noosaville and Tewantin State Schools. She has a successful programme running at Tewantin State School which assists both boys and girls before they go on to secondary school. The money the Club has given to her will help her set up a similar programme at Noosaville School.

The next Bunnings sausage sizzle is set down for **2 August 2014**. Roster will issue in due course.

David Watts, 2nd Vice President

Noosa Heads Lions Club Changeover

Alison and I were privileged to be asked to attend the installation of Club Officers for the Noosa Heads Lions Club.

The function was held at the River Deck at the Noosa Marina. They had a private room and the meal was a choice from the menu and I must say the quality was very good.

This is a small Club of 12 members sponsored by our Club 40 years ago and it was great to see 7 potential members attend last night.

President appreciation awards were given out to Joe and Joy Gilbert (part of the instigation of the Noosa Tri), Simon and Irene Winduss and Norm Unstead.

Joe Gilbert also received his 35 year monarch which makes him the longest serving member of the Club.

The Club has gained approval from the Principal of the Sunshine Beach State School to join the Noosa Heads Lions Club in a joint project of "Keep Queensland Beautiful". The school has nominated Ben Lexcen Drive as the area to keep tidy and the Club will be working on a 3 monthly basis with grade 7 students to keep this area clean. It is believed that this is the first time a school and a service club have undertaken this activity together.

Although only a small Club they managed to donate \$18,059.80 to various local causes together with support for various Lions Foundations.

At the Australian Multiple District Convention recently held in Tamworth the Club received a Melvin Jones Fellow in recognition for their involvement in the RBWH Milk Bank project.

I was pleased to be presented a cheque for \$2000 to go toward the funding of our Smart Pup for Ella Russell.

The Club unfortunately has an older member base and it would be great if our Club could assist with labour especially in their food van at the Noosa Tri but only if asked to do so.

The incoming executive for the Club are:

President: Irene Winduss Secretary: Joan Kane Treasurer: Keetha McInnerne

David Watts, 2nd Vice President

From the Archives.....

This month we travel back to November 2004. A long standing member, Bruce Boase, decided to study for the priesthood and was ordained in Brisbane. A busload of our members travelled to support him at the ceremony at the cathedral, and afterwards at an afternoon tea at the Anglican College (handily adjacent to the XXXX brewery).



The group from our Club included Colin and Sandra Crisp, John and Nan Crossley, Peter and Jill Smith, Lola and Keith McDonald, Geoff and Carolanne Bowden and Carolyn McCallum.

Bruce and Patti with the celebration cake.





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Well the dust will soon clear after an exhilarating fun Changeover Night and we should all look forward to our new year under new management, led by President Ian McKay. SO!! It is back to carry on with the self satisfying rewards of serving your community in a million kinds of ways. Enjoy the fellowship of working with a superb bunch of caring mates who all revel in their satisfaction of experiencing the delight in the eyes of disabled kids we have provided assistance in making their lives more bearable.

On reflection our club has had a very rewarding year, President Peter with abounding energy and enthusiasm can look back with pride at the final results of his command. Of course this can only happen with the combined help of a very willing team of club members. We were lucky with the weather this year, with no projects having to be cancelled. Our clubs provided our local community and other Lions Foundations with a massive \$37 thousand; and a considerable number of hours volunteered on not for profit projects.

Lion Mike Roach has put a lot of research into creating a memorial walk for the 40 servicemen lost in the ten year Afghanistan war. This project is being undertaken in conjunction with the RSL and supported by Noosa Council. The Prime Minister has declared March 21, 2015 as the first national day of commemoration for the Afghanistan war. The memorial will also be for those service men and women who have suffered or are still impacted, hence the name "Mates Memorial Walk".

Mates Memorial Walk is a Community project initiated by Tewantin Noosa Lions Club and will be managed and coordinated by Tewantin Noosa Sub Branch of the RSL.

This very worthy project will require some volunteers to combine their efforts, put their shoulder to the wheel and make this proposal happen to provide members of the armed service and the general public with quiet restful surroundings for reflection to consider the futility of war and the huge human cost our servicemen served with distinction and determination for the betterment of the Afghanistan people.

More details of this project will be made available after the meeting on 28 June.

Keep on smiling
AJ

