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Lara Lions Bulletin

May 09

April Dinner Meeting

On Monday night, 27 Apr 09, the Lions Club of Lara held its April Dinner Meeting at the Flinders Bistro, Lara Sporting Club.

It was a members only evening with Betty Davey-Walker being the guest speaker, a Lara resident who lived through the 1969 fires and has some ideas to create a memorial in the town to those who perished during that terrible time in Lara's history.

After Betty had spoken and answered questions, the Club then decided to take on Betty's proposal to build a monument to the '69 fires' victims as a major project. For anyone wishing to assist, please contact member Dennis Grant, who will be managing the project.



May Dinner Meeting

19:00 for 19:30

Mon 25 May 09

Partners Night

Flinders Bistro

\$20.00 per head



Guest Speaker: Vic Robb

Children's Charity Network

- Children who live near or below the poverty line have much lower average reading scores than their peers.
- Lack of basic literary skills is linked with academic failure, substance abuse, teen pregnancy, delinquency, unemployment, low productivity, and welfare dependence.
- Parents who can not read tend to have children who struggle with reading, thus perpetuating the cycle of poverty.
- Providing books to children is a simple, effective, and inexpensive way to promote language and literacy growth.
- Owning books is a critical feature of every child's intellectual development.
- Reading aloud to children is the single most effective parent practice for encouraging



language and literacy development.

- A child's pride in learning to read is a key element in achieving literacy. By providing children with new books to keep, Books for Kids enhances the relationship between parent and child and the relationship between child and book.
- Children with books at home are eight times more likely to list reading as one of their favourite activities.

By buying a book and placing it in our bin in Griffiths Bookstore at 96 Ryrie Street, Geelong, the Lara Lions will ensure that your book will end up with a child that desperately needs it.

"The Tail Twister Says....
"Please chaps,
do the right thing
and wear a tie
tonight"



Food Handling Course

A course has been advertised in the Lara Happenings at \$65 per head running in June. Approximately 12 members are interested in doing a course; Peter Kuchenmeister will talk to the Sporting Club and try to organise a course there which would cost less.

Golf Day

Will go ahead in May 2010.

Entertainment Books

Available from Paul Wilson until end of June.

Incoming Officers School

31 May 09 at Altona – names to Sue Eyton as soon as possible.

Used Postage Stamps

Alan Smedley is requesting all Lions, Leos, families and friends to keep used postage stamps and then donate them to the Lions Club of Lara to assist raising funds for Lions Mobility.



Envelopes around stamps need to be trimmed back to a few millimetres.

Hoffman's Walk

Watering, watering, watering....



Contact Bob Eyton and let him know what days and times you are available to assist with watering to keep this wonderful Lara asset in the best condition we can.



Roster for Clean-up, Raffle and BBQ

May 09	Jun 09
Lawrie Plowman	Bob Eyton
Jon King	Sue Eyton
Stewie Walker	Byron Willey
Don Robinson	Joe Walshe
Peter Kuchenmeister	Mick Daffy

Catering Caravan

Lara Sporting Club Netball team are very pleased with the way the hire of the van is going and are looking to put permanent power to the site. This could be an ongoing hire for Lions. It was moved that the Club purchase a removable awning to put over the van/serving area to give protection from inclement weather, and also purchase a marquee with the Lions logo to extend the cooking facilities and provide some shade. Neville Gillett has an awning for sale and will look into whether it will fit. Issue left in abeyance until the next Business Meeting.

Bicycle Repair Project

VCAL students wish to repair bicycles and give them to people in the community who do not have one. John Klowss has a friend who has been a bicycle repairer and has expressed an interest in helping out if there are another two or three people who would be involved. Jeff Cahn could assist – investigation into dates etc to be carried out and then brought back to Club members for further discussion.

Graffiti

Well under control – Sep needs some paint and a few other miscellaneous items. Minor expenses to keep removal underway will be borne by the Club.

Lara Beautification/ Hoffman Walk

Volunteers needed for two short working bees to move some mulch. Jeff Cahn, Dennis Grant, Robert Eyton and Jon King can assist on Sunday 17 May 09 at 09:00. Next month we will need another working bee, possibly mid week. Herb Picker, Stewart Walker, Lawrie Plowman, Sep Hergstrom and Jon King can help mid week. Kevin Hoffman has asked for \$500.00 the Leos pledged to Hoffman Walk as he was buying a large number of plants for Lino Bisinella and had the opportunity to purchase some plants cheaper at the same time for Hoffman Walk.

Regional Achievement & Community Awards

It is traditional that the Citizen of the Year winner is put in for this award, therefore Les Kelly will be nominated.

Lions Meeting Building

Discussion took place about whether the old fire station shed may become available for use for Lions at some point in the future, however, the Lara Sporting Club are taking over some more land. We are therefore to write to the Sporting Club to ask if Lions can have an allocation of land within the new acquisition for a new meeting shed as all facilities are there.

Holderness Visitors

Members indicated that they would be prepared to host Lions visitors from our twin clubs for a few nights whilst they are traveling.

♪ You must remember this... ♪

- Raffle Dates: 23 May 09, 27 Jun 09, 25 Jul 09, 22 Aug 09.
- Centway BBQ: 20 Jun 09, 1 Aug 09, 12 Sep 09, 24 Oct 09, 5 Dec 09, 16 Jan 10.
- Next Dinner Meeting: Mon 25 May 09 at Flinders Bistro, Lara Sporting Club.
- Next Executive Meeting Wed 3 Jun 09 at St John Facility.
- Next Business Meeting: Mon 8 Jun 09 at St John Facility.
- Meeting APOLOGIES to Lion Tamer, Jeff on 0419 822-110 ASAP.