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Lara Lions Bulletin

June 09

May Dinner Meeting

The guest speaker at our May Dinner Meeting was Leading Senior Constable Vic Robb from the Footscray Police Multicultural Liaison Unit, who spoke to us about his work.

Nineteen years have passed since the establishment of the Footscray Police Multicultural Liaison Unit. What started as an experiment involving partnerships between Footscray Police, Footscray Council and the Vietnamese Community in 1990, when the Footscray Council/Police Ethnic Unit was established to combat the rise of crime, has developed into a very successful police facility held in high regard by ethnic communities.

Although the name of the Unit has changed and its charter is more proactive compared to the operation of the old Unit, the objectives remain basically the same. The Unit aims to develop long lasting positive relations with local ethnic communities and improve the quality of life for members of the Footscray community. Creation of an environment conducive to good communication between police and ethnic communities is considered an important condition for achieving harmonious relations.

Members of the Unit perform several proactive roles including Police School Involvement Programme, Station Youth Officer, Neighbourhood Watch and Community Education and Information programmes. They are visible in the community and their services are frequently sought by members of ethnic communities. The members of the Unit are especially attuned to community needs and listen emphatically to any concerns raised. The general popularity of the Unit is reflected by the number of people attending the talks which members of the Unit give periodically on issues of interest and concern to ethnic communities. Through its close involvement with ethnic young people the Unit builds trust with newly arrived migrants and refugees.

Over the years the Footscray Police Multicultural Liaison Unit has developed into a mature and credible player in police/ethnic affairs. The name of the Unit might have changed but the aims remain the same.



Vic Robb is an excellent speaker. He has worked overseas in Somalia, East Timor and the Solomon Islands and now is based in Footscray which has a very diverse community. One of the difficulties for immigrants is that, what is considered perfectly acceptable behaviour in some countries is considered totally unacceptable in Australia and this causes many issues for immigrants and Australians alike.

Vic and his colleagues work to maintain and promote harmonious relations between

police and ethnic communities, based on mutual understanding, respect, tolerance and trust. This was a message that came out very strongly.

Jun Dinner Meeting

19:00 for 19:30

Mon 22 Jun 09

Partners Night

Flinders Bistro

\$25.00 per head



Installation of New Executive

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



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CHILDRENS
CHARITY NETWORK

A Lions Club of Lara delegation went to visit the Lions Club Bannockburn & District regarding the roll out of the Children's Charity Network throughout the V2 District.



(Lara Lion Carol Lennon, one of the team who visited Bannockburn, presents the Bannockburn bannerette to President Les Kelly. The bannerette was presented to our team in appreciation of their visit.)

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

Jun 09	Jul 09
Bob Eyton	Peter Foster
Sue Eyton	Dennis Grant
Byron Willey	John Klowss
Joe Walshe	Carol Lennon
Mick Daffy	Bryan Walker

Lions....please note:

I really will need to know who's an apology for the forthcoming Installation Dinner Meeting on Mon 22 Jun 09 at the Sporting Club.

If you are coming and your partner is **NOT**, **please** let me know **NOW** on 0419 822-110. If neither of you are coming, **please** let me know **NOW**. If you are bringing your children or other friends or guests, **please** let me know **NOW**.

It is becoming increasingly embarrassing trying to guess numbers and then falling way short when trying to organise catering with the Sporting Club Chef.

Catering Caravan - 30 Jun 09

The Club's Catering Caravan will be used for the opening of the new Bendigo Bank in Waverley Road. Volunteers are required between 10:00 and 14:00. Please let Dennis Grant know if you can assist on 0401 141-166. Come along and let's have some fun!!

Catering Caravan - 1 Jul 09

Yes taste testers!! Just to show there's no hard feelings, we're on again on Wed 1 Jul 09 from 10:00 to 14:00, this time at Incitec Pivot in North Shore. Volunteers are required again to assist in manning the Caravan. Please call Dennis Grant and advise him that you can help.



Coming Events to Tempt You!!

Santa has been awakened and will be visiting the Club for the July Dinner Meeting to be held at St Laurence Park. This is a Members night, but there is nothing to stop partners and friends from attending and enjoying the evening. Margaret Clark will be speaking about the Children's Charity Network.

In August, we will be playing away again from home and will be joining with the Little River Lions at their Sporting Complex to listen to one of Australia's best speakers, Mr. Pat Naughtin. Pat last spoke to us in April 2004 with 'Do You Measure Up'. This is a must for everyone to have a great entertaining evening. Little River Lions will be providing the catering.

♪ You must remember this... ♪

- Raffle Dates: 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 22 Jun 09 at Flinders Bistro, Lara Sporting Club.
- Next Executive Meeting: 19:30, Mon 6 Jul 09 at Flinders Bistro.
- Next Business Meeting: 19:30, Mon 13 Jul 09 at St John Facility.
- Meeting APOLOGIES to Lion Tamer, Jeff on 0419 822-110 ASAP.