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Gungahlin Lions News



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Diary Dates June—Aug. 2008

22 June	Canada Fun Run marshalling
6 July	Magnet Mart BBQ
25 July	Catering rifle club dinner

What happened in April and May?

- 25 April ANZAC Day dawn BBQ
- 2 May Changeover dinner
- 9-11 May Rally of Canberra
- 17 May Identikid

Lions Club of Gungahlin, ACT

The Lions Club of Gungahlin is a small but active club serving the Gungahlin community.

We meet at the Gungahlin Lakes Golf Club on the first and third Thursday of each month at 7.30pm.

NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS VERY WELCOME.

Why not come along to our next meeting and see what we do?

For more information please contact : Bonnie Fox on 0409 042 199.



Gungahlin Lions Club members help out at the MS Golf day

A quick word from President Greg....

As 2007 / 2008 President of the club I am pleased and very proud of the efforts and results that the club has achieved over the last 12 months. Each year the club has built on previous years to enable us to make a real difference to the local people of Gungahlin and area. Raising money is an important aspect of a community service club but more important is the opportunity to help people that require assistance and support. Too often we, as a well-off community, overlook what may be happening locally to people's lives that need our support. Lions clubs do an excellent job nationally and I am proud that our club is part of that family.

I would like to thank the Board for the work done this year and the members especially. I am sure that our incoming President George Fox and his Board will go from strength to strength and have a great year themselves.

If you are reading this bulletin and think that you would like to be part of this satisfying work, you are most welcome to come along to a meeting and have a look at us. Thank you. Greg.

The year in review....

Welcome to the inaugural newsletter for the Lions Club of Gungahlin. It is planned to issue the newsletter every two months to provide club members and other interested people with a short summary of our club activities and achievements.

In this first issue the major events and achievements of the club over the past 12 months are reviewed. This year has been the most successful fundraising year for the club so far and the efforts of club members have been rewarded by opportunities to give back to the Gungahlin community and the wider community.

BBQ catering is a major component of the fundraising for the club and this was given a big boost this year with the purchase of a brand new trailer and other equipment, helped by a Federal government grant. This new facility makes the job a lot easier and it looks good too!

Congratulations to President Greg Lee, his 2007-2008 board and all club members on a most successful year.

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Cooking sausages at the ANZAC Day Dawn BBQ.

Articles for the August Gungahlin Lions News should be submitted by 1 August 2008.

Email your contributions to
hansard@bigpond.net.au.

Fundraising in 2007-2008

It was a busy and exciting year of fundraising for the Gungahlin Lions. The major fundraising event for the year was the inaugural **Gungahlin Lions Christmas Raffle**. Prizes included a trailer, BBQ and other items. The raffle made over \$4000 for the club and it is hoped to make the raffle an annual event. This year the club also sold 500 Christmas cakes.

The **4WD Spectacular** held at Queanbeyan in February was another major fundraiser for the club this year. The event was a huge success, raising nearly \$4000 over the two days. We look forward to running the BBQ again when the next 4WD show is held in 2010.

The club took its catering expertise to new heights in September this year, assisting the Belconnen Sea Scouts to cater for the **Queen's Shoot event at the Majura Rifle Range**. Three meals a day over a period of 4 days were prepared for the shooters. We now have some expert sandwich makers in the club!

Several brave club members faced the early morning to run the annual **ANZAC Day dawn BBQ** at Reid Oval. This was the third year of the dawn BBQ and as always it was a lot of fun and a huge success.



Club members prepare bread rolls and sausages on ANZAC day morning.

Regular **fundraising BBQs** were held at Magnet Mart Gungahlin throughout the year. In addition BBQs were run at the HIA Display Village, Gungahlin Child Care Centre and at 1st Choice Liquor store openings in Civic and Belconnen Markets. The club also worked with Canberra Valley Lions again in May to assist with parking at the **Rally of Canberra**.



Danny Howard presents first prize to the lucky winner from Harrison

Giving to the Local Community

The best part of being a member of the Lions Club is the opportunity to give back to the community. This year, through the huge fundraising efforts of the club, we have been able to provide some significant support to people in the Gungahlin community and our near neighbors. This support includes:

- Security fence for the family of an autistic boy in Ngunnawal—around \$2000.
- Adult change table for the Gungahlin support group, called 'The Warehouse', which provides respite care to disabled children and young adults. Funding was provided jointly by the Gungahlin Lions Club and the NSW/ACT Save Sight and Public Health Foundations—\$3600 in total.
- Head support which attaches to a wheelchair for a 7 year old boy from Sutton who has cerebral palsy—\$2500.
- Lions Foundations donations—around \$4000 and
- Ongoing financial support for an MS sufferer in Palmerston—\$300 per year.