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Gungahlin Lions News



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Diary Dates Sept–Nov 2008

6 Sept	Father's Day Raffle drawn
18 Sept	Meeting speaker: Royal Flying Doctors
16 Oct	Meeting speaker: UN Youth Assoc. Aust.
2 Nov	Magnet Mart BBQ
24 Nov	Gungahlin Childcare Centre BBQ
November	Queen's shoot, Rifle Club catering

Lions Club of Gungahlin, ACT

Where and when we meet...

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 7.00pm.

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 with marshalling at the Canada Fun Run

What happened in April–August?

- 25 April ANZAC Day dawn BBQ
- 2 May Changeover dinner
- 9-11 May Rally of Canberra
- 17 May Identikid
- 22 June Canada Fun Run
- 6 July Magnet Mart BBQ
- 13 July Magnet Mart BBQ
- 25 July Rifle club dinner

A quick note from President George...

It is a pleasure to serve the Lions Club of Gungahlin as President for 2008-2009. The new board and I hope to build on the achievements of Past President Greg and his board. One of our aims for this year is to become even more involved in the local community and raise awareness that the Lions Club is here to assist and support people and special projects within the community. In turn, we will seek the ongoing support of the local community in our fundraising activities. We will also continue our support of important Lions Club International projects such as Save Sight.

We always welcome new members to help our work in the community and hope that we are able to attract more new members this year who would like to be a part of the important work we do and share in the good company and fun times that we enjoy as a Club. *President George*

Club Activities ...

Spring has sprung and it is time to come out of our winter hibernation and get busy with our fund-raising activities for the rest of the year.

Christmas cakes are available and ready to be sold. Please contact Mark Webb if you are able to sell a box or two.

Stay tuned for details of the **Christmas raffle** which will go on sale soon. We will need **all** club members to help with the sale of raffle tickets leading up to Christmas, particularly at Gungahlin Marketplace and other venues. This will be our major fundraiser for the year and we need lots of helpers to make it a success.

Regular guest speakers are a feature at our meetings this year. Speakers are always interesting and entertaining and it is amazing to hear about all the great work that is being done in the wider community to help others less fortunate. See the diary dates for forthcoming speakers.

There are 5 Thursdays in October so the next "5th Thursday" dinner will be on 30 October.

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Danny, ticket seller extraordinaire,
and father's day raffle prize



Olivia and little sister Sarah sent us this photo in
their fairy garden with a big thank you for our part in
helping at the working bee.

Articles for the December Gungahlin Lions News should be submitted by 15 November 2008.

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

Rifle Club Dinner

It has been a bit quiet on the fundraising front over the cold Canberra winter. However, in July an enthusiastic team of club members volunteered to cater for the Rifle Club's Annual Award Dinner. Club members (including professional chefs, Ian and Matt) rose to new catering heights preparing roast pork and beef with apple sauce and gravy and vegetables followed by Bailey's Irish Cream cheesecake for dessert. It was a very successful event and all those involved had great time.



Club members helping cater for the rifle club dinner.

Sadly, Matt and Ian have moved north to Townsville for work and family reasons. They made a great contribution to the club during their short stay and they will be greatly missed. Our club catering skills will really be put to the test without their help!

Father's Day Raffle

The Father's Day raffle will be drawn at 12 noon on Saturday, 6 September. The prize is a wheelbarrow full of things for Dad, such as tools, beer and wine, some vouchers for local businesses and various other bits and pieces. As well as selling tickets to family, friends and colleagues, some club members have also volunteered to sell tickets (and Christmas cakes) at 'The G' and the Marketplace. There has been a great response from the local shoppers. All raffle tickets (sold or unsold) should be returned to Mary Slaats by the meeting on 4 September.

How we help....

Funding provided for:

- Security fence for family of an autistic boy in Ngunnawal
- Adult change table for Gungahlin support group, 'The Warehouse'. Funding provided jointly with NSW/ACT Save Sight and Public Health Foundations
- Ongoing financial support for MS sufferer in Palmerston
- Wheelchair head support for 7 year old boy from Sutton with cerebral palsy
- Lions Foundations donations
- Donation to Tuggeranong Leos
- Mini skip hired for lady in Ngunnawal
- Donations to Noisy Friarbirds and other guest speakers.

Support given to:

- MS Golf Day at Gungahlin Lakes
- Marshalling for Canada Fun Run
- Lunch provided to volunteers helping to create Olivia's Fairy Garden.

The best part of being a member of the Lions Club of Gungahlin 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. Often this support takes the form of donations or the purchase of special equipment.

Sometimes help is given in kind. Recently Club members have had a couple of opportunities to lend a hand:

- a little team of club members assisted with marshalling for the Canada Fun Run (on the promise of pancakes and maple syrup!).
- the Club was privileged to cater lunch for a group of local volunteers who had a working bee to build a fairy garden for Olivia, a brave little girl in Ngunnawal suffering from an aggressive form of cancer. Donations to help raise funds for neuroblastoma research can be made at [www.everydayhero.com.au/Olivia Lambert](http://www.everydayhero.com.au/OliviaLambert).