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Gungahlin Lions News



Issue 4

March 2009

Diary Dates Mar—May 2009

28-29 March	HIA Home Expo
2 April (Meeting)	Guest speaker: Paul Priestly tells us about
April (tba)	Working bee in Bruce
25 April	ANZAC Day breakfast
1-3 May	National Convention, Melbourne
16 May	Changeover dinner,

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.



Three new club members inducted in to the Lions Club of Gungahlin in March 2009.

What happened in October 08 to March 09?

Tickets/cakes MPlace and/or EPIC 2008

- 19 Oct, 26 Oct, 1 -2Nov, 8-9 Nov, 15-16 Nov, 22 Nov, 29 Nov, 6-7 Dec, 13 Dec, 14 Dec, 20 Dec (final draw).

MMart BBQs 2008 and 2009

- 2 Nov, 22 Nov, 13 Dec, 28 Dec,
- 10-11 Jan, 24-25 Jan

2008

- 12-16 Nov Queen's Shoot catering
- 24 Nov BBQ c/care centre
- 13 Dec Christmas in Gungahlin
- 18 Dec AGM and last meeting 08

2009

- 24-26 Jan M'tain Bike Championships
- 27-28 Feb and 1 Mar Stromlo Running festival
- 1 Mar Parking Govt House
- 7 Mar Catering for pistol shoot
- 14 Mar Working bee in Bruce
- 15 Mar Shooters open day

New club members...

The Lions Club of Gungahlin warmly welcomes our three new members, Darian, Pam and Chris who were inducted in to the club by District Governor Phil Lawler at the meeting on 19 March 2009.

Club Activities

The new year started just as busily as the old year ended. During January we were offered two full weekends of **BBQs at Magnet Mart**, as well as assisting with parking at the **Mountain Bike Championships**. At the end of February some champion club members braved the wee small hours of the morning to help with parking at the **Stromlo Running Festival**. March was also a big fundraising month with more catering for the **Sporting Shooters Association** and the **HIA home expo**, and parking at the **Government House Open Day**.

In February tragedy struck with the **Victorian bushfire disaster**. Whole towns and communities were destroyed and there was a devastating loss of life. Like all Australians, our hearts went out to the victims of these horrific fires. Our club was in the very fortunate position of being able to donate \$5,000 to help in our small way towards the bushfire recovery.

A quick note from President George...

2009 is shaping up to be a busy and productive year for the Lions Club of Gungahlin. Thanks to the huge commitment of club members who enthusiastically participate in our fund raising activities throughout the year, the club is in a very good position to provide even more assistance to the local community in 2009. It is great to see the club growing, with three new members inducted in March. As we continue to grow as a club we are able to make an even bigger difference in the Gungahlin community which makes our work so worthwhile. *President George*

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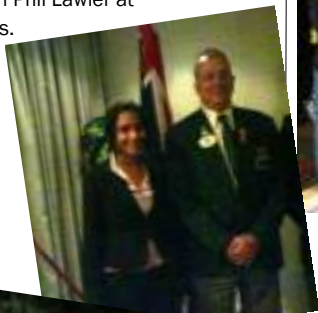
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Samantha with Phil Lawler at Regional Finals.



President George presents sound system to Holy Spirit Primary

Next Newsletter due 30 May

Articles for the June Gungahlin Lions News should be submitted by 15 May 2009.

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

After some delays in getting the 'right bit', we were finally able to present the Stealth Headrest to Paul Harries.

Paul is 7 years old and has Cerebral Palsy. He is unable to walk, talk or feed himself. He is usually seated in a wheelchair and from this he is able to access his computer with a switch operated by his left knee or one of his hands. Paul has attended Sutton Public School since 2007 and participates in all the class activities with the help of a teacher's aide.

Paul has very little head control and is unable to hold his head up for an extended time. This makes it difficult for him to have eye contact with his family and friends and the school smart boards. The Stealth Headrest is fitted to his wheelchair and has swing away arms with soft pads which are placed on Paul's forehead to help hold his head up. This enables him to interact better in class and with his family.

Paul looks great with his new headrest and looks pretty pleased with it. His mother, Rosemary, is very grateful to the Gungahlin Lions and extends her thanks to the Lions for all their efforts in fundraising to assist people like Paul. (and our thanks to Rosemary for providing this information about Paul.)

Helping out.....



President George and Immediate Past President, Greg present headrest to Paul.

Youth of the Year....

The Lions Club of Gungahlin have been honoured this year to sponsor Samantha Bobba in the Lions Youth of the Year Quest. In February Samantha presented her 5 minute prepared speech on organ donation to our club and responded to a couple of curly questions posed by Helene from the NAB. Since then she has gone on to win the District final at Youthhaven on 7 March, and the Regional final in Mittagong on 15 March, amid some very worthy opponents according to Bonnie. Samantha will now advance to the State finals to be held at Maclean on 4 April.



Samantha and Helene at Gungahlin Lions meeting in February.

From the Lions Club of Gungahlin, congratulations Samantha on your achievements so far and good luck in the State finals.

Lions Hearing Dogs....

President George presented a sound field system to Holy Spirit Primary School in Nicholls on behalf of the Lions Hearing Dogs Inc. on Thursday 12 February 2009 at a special school assembly. The hearing system allows hearing impaired students to participate in class. The hearing system installed at Holy Spirit was funded by a legacy from a City of Adelaide Lioness.

How we help...

So far in 2009 the Club has donated to a number of very worthwhile causes:

• Victorian Bushfire appeal	\$5000
• Youth Haven to help build cattle yards	\$2000
• Assist with establishment of new MRI facilities at Canberra Hospital	\$1000
• Lions Drug Awareness Foundation	\$250
• Lions Hearing Dogs Inc.	\$500
• Gawad Kalinga—construction of new house and education for 2 children in Philippines.	\$2400 + \$600