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# Gungahlin Lions News



Issue 5

May 2009

## Diary Dates June—July 2009

6 June	Belconnen Changeover
13 June	Magnet Mart BBQ District Changeover
14 June	Incoming Officers Forum
20 June	Canb Valley Changeover
4 July	Yass 50th Changeover
5 July	Bowling Changeover
11 July	Magnet Mart BBQ
31 July	Canberra Rifle Club dinner
Sept.	Walkathon

## 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.



BBQ chefs at the HIA BBQ in March.

## What happened in December 08 to May 09?

### MMart BBQs 2008 and 2009

- 13 Dec, 28 Dec,
- 10-11 Jan, 24-25 Jan

### 2008

- 13 Dec Christmas in Gungahlin
- 18 Dec AGM and last meeting 08
- 20 Dec Christmas raffle draw

### 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
- 15 Mar Shooters open day
- 28-29 Mar HIA Home Expo
- 1-3 May National Convention
- 2 May Working bee in Bruce
- 10 May Mother's Day BBQ
- 16 May Gungahlin Changeover

### Club Activities ...

It has been a little quieter for the club over the last couple of months. The **HIA Home Expo** turned out to be a quiet event, but those who helped out had some fun. April was also a very quiet month with the ANZAC Day breakfast unfortunately being cancelled due to the inclement weather.

At the start of May Mark and Danny headed down to Melbourne for the **National Convention**. The **Mother's Day BBQ** in Glebe park was a huge event, probably helped out by the beautiful weather. We also had our **Changeover Dinner** on 16 May which was a very enjoyable night.

As we head in to the Winter months we have a couple of **Magnet Mart BBQs** coming up in June and July and once again this year we will be catering for the **Rifle Club annual dinner** at the end July. Planning is also underway for the **Walkathon** in September. Mark Brown is in charge of this event and will keep the club informed of progress. More help from club members will be needed to organize this event over the next few months.

**A quick note from President George...** Another Lions year is rapidly drawing to a close. It has been a very successful year for our club. Our fundraising efforts have risen to new heights and we have been able to provide a wide range of support to both the local and wider community. I would like to thank all members of the club for their ongoing commitment which makes all this possible. I would also like to thank the outgoing Board for the work they have done for the club and the support they have given me during the year. Together with the incoming Board, I look forward to serving the Gungahlin Lions for another year as President. The year ahead promises to be another big one with some exciting fund raising events already on the calendar and plans to do more work with young people in the community.

*President George*

**Lions Clb of Gungahlin ACT**

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
2009-2010**

- President Lion George Fox
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- 2nd VP Lion Garry Lymbery
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Lion Bonnie Fox
- 2 Yr Directors Lion Kerry Graf  
Lion Lee Panting
- Lion Tamer Lion Malcolm Mortimer
- Tail Twister Lion Steve Flegg

The Mother's Day event at Glebe Park was extraordinary. **Mother's Day.....**

When Debbie and Allan arrived at about 1.30pm (with another 5 dozen minute steaks), the sausages were just running out and there were probably more than 100 people standing in the queue, which never got smaller. Joe soon returned with some more bags of sausages and people waited patiently for these to cook up. By 2.30pm it was all sold out again and the weary workers decided they'd had enough and began to pack up.



The weary team at the Mother's Day BBQ at Glebe Park. .

Lions Joe, Mary, George, Bonny, Tom, Danny and Sandra had been working almost flat out from before 11am, with no breaks for lunch or a rest. They were all completely exhausted by the time Debbie and Allan arrived to provide some relief. They really deserve a medal for the work they did on that day.

Our club has already been asked to run the sausage sizzle at next year's event, this time with two tents. If the day is as warm and sunny as this year we could be in for another big day, so mark it in your diary for even an hour or two next Mother's Day—it really will need all hands on deck!

**6th Annual Changeover...**

The Lions Club of Gungahlin held it's 6th Annual Changeover dinner at Yowani Country Club on Saturday, 16 May 2009. With Lion Garry Lymbery as Master of Ceremonies, the evening ran smoothly and efficiently. There was a bit of confusion over the rules for the raffle draw for some and others of us wondered if the blue tickets had even gone in to the draw! But it was all in good fun and we had a great night.



President George celebrated the achievement of 2008-2009, thanked the outgoing Board and presented his appreciation awards. Then Lion Beverly von Stein conducted the Changeover Ceremony and inducted the new Board Of Directors for 2009-2010.

**CONGRATULATIONS  
GUNG AHLIN LIONS**



**How we help...**

2008-09 was a very successful year for Gungahlin Lions, with the induction of 5 new members, an increase in fundraising by more than 30% and our support for worthy causes almost doubled.

- Support for Noisy Friar Birds trip to Japan and other guest speakers
- Lions Youth Haven
- Canberra Hospital "Awake Brain Surgery Program"
- Gawad Kalinga—construction of new house and education for 2 children in Philippines.
- Provision of financial and other support to a number of local people in need, including a fence for the family of an autistic child, medical equipment of a disabled child, skips for clean ups, financial support for people undergoing medical treatment to assist with out of pocket expenses, etc.
- Various Lions Foundations and projects including: Australian Lions Drug Awareness Foundation, Lions Quest, NSW/ACT Save Sight and Public Health Care Foundations and Lions Hearing Dogs Inc., Lions Campaign Sightfirst 11.
- Support for victims of Victorian Bushfires and Qld floods.
- Assistance with parking at Stromlo Park for mountain bike and running carnivals.

Lions Danny and Mark with International President Al Brandel and his wife Lion Dr Maureen Murphy.



President Al Brandel's personal badge presented to Mark and Danny.

*A Special Report by Mark Brown and Danny Howard*

Lions Danny and Mark travelled to Melbourne for the MD201 Convention in the early hours of Friday 1 May 2009. There were many highlights to the trip including:

- **Youth of the Year National Final** – the presentations were only a small part of the 'journey' for the contestants but if the quality of the presentations were indicative of the rest of the year then all candidates should all be congratulated. Mark felt that the NSW representative was outstanding, and for our YOTY entrant Samantha to have won the State Public Speaking Award was no mean feat.
- **Barcode reading machine for the sight impaired:** This machine can hold information on more than a million products, reads barcodes that are preset or items that can be input by the user and/or a carer. Once the barcode is scanned the user is played an audio of preset information. Some of the information may be dosage for medicine, type of shirt (e.g. Hawaiian) so that the user does not leave the house colour uncoordinated. There may be specific dietary needs as some sight impaired people have diabetic issues. The cost of a machine is approximately AU\$1,560 (depending upon the US exchange rate).
- **Youth Camps and Youth exchange** were also interesting. More information can be accessed on the Lions Australia Website.

• **Lions International President Al Brandell** gave a very interesting presentation on the good work of Lions around the world, including during the bushfires in Victoria, he has experienced during his year as International President. He also spoke on the ageing nature of the Lions and other service organisations. While Australia is one of the few countries which is increasing its membership, the average age of Lions is increasing too. All District Governors, Zone Chairmen and Club Presidents were encouraged to build future capacity with more youth (or at least younger members) to ensure that Lions is sustainable into the future.

The overwhelming feeling was one of surprise for Mark at the range of activities and projects Lions is involved with, while Danny took the chance to network, meet fellow members of the Board of the Australian Lions Quest Youth Institute in person and also catch up with old friends and acquaintances.

The next Multiple District Convention is in Mildura in April/May next year, with the International Convention in Sydney in July. Both Danny and Mark would recommend as many members as possible attend these conventions to get a taste of the larger organisation to which we all belong. Free registration, a chance to meet new people, gather ideas for use at home in Gungahlin, socialise with like minded people and possibly see part of the country that you may not usually visit, a chance for new Lions to see other aspects of Lionism, or an opportunity for some of the more experienced Lions to renew their vigour awaits us all. Accommodation is abundant but it would be an idea to get in early so that you book accommodation that you want.

2008-2009 Moments...



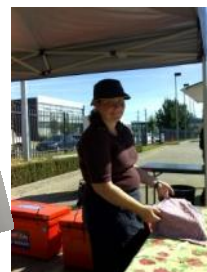
Paul and Allan (HIA)



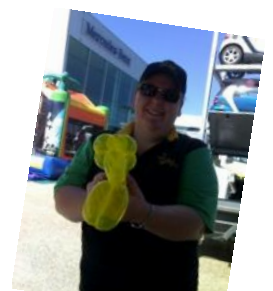
Queen's Shoot



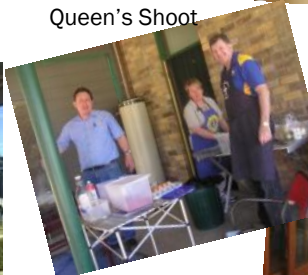
Rifle club July dinner



Mikaela lends a hand at HIA BBQ



Gecko Gang lady with our special Lion balloon mascot at the HIA BBQ



Head rest for Paul



Olivia's Fairy Garden

**Next Newsletter due 31 July**  
 Articles for the next Gungahlin Lions News should be submitted by 24 July 2009.  
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