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# Gungahlin Lions News



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## Diary Dates Sept—Dec 09

6 Sept	Magnet Mart BBQ
12 Sept	Domayne BBQ
15 Sept	Mix 106.3 BBQ
20 Sept	Walk for an Aussie Kid Catering 'Dogs Day Out'
26 Sept	Domayne BBQ
9-11 Oct	District Convention, Yass
10 Oct	Domayne BBQ World Mental Health Day BBQ
24 Oct	Domayne BBQ
31 Oct	Magnet Mart BBQ
14 Nov	Domayne BBQ
mid Nov	Queen's Shoot
28 Nov	Domayne BBQ
12 Dec	Domayne BBQ
<b>Oct to Dec</b>	Raffle tickets and Christmas Cakes at EPIC, Hall Markets, the Market Place and Kippax

## 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.



Mother's Day BBQ at Glebe Park. .

**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.

### Club Activities ....

**I**t is time to dust off the cobwebs and limber up. Winter hibernation is over at last and Spring has sprung. It is time for the Gungahlin Lions to get active again and now through to mid-December is the busiest time of the year for our Club. We'll need all hands on deck to share the load and get the job done.

Not that we haven't had things to do over the cold Winter months. We had **Magnet Mart BBQs** in June and July and at the end of July we once again very successfully catered for the **Rifle Club Annual Dinner**.

Final arrangements are currently being made for the **merger of the Ginninderra Lions Club** with the Gungahlin Lions Club. We warmly welcome the Ginninderra Lions to our club and will certainly appreciate the extra hands to help with all the events to come! With the merger come some new commitments, including **Domayne BBQs** on the second and fourth Saturday of each month.

Major events coming up during the rest of the year include our very own '**Walk for an Aussie Kid**', and catering for the **Dogs Day Out—both on 20 Sept**. We will definitely need all members to be available for that weekend so please mark it in your diary now. In addition we have the **World Mental Health Day BBQ** in October, the rifle club **Queen's Shoot** in November and the annual sale of **Christmas cakes and raffle tickets** from October onwards. There are **even more** events on the table but not yet confirmed so please start thinking about how you will be able to help.

### What happened in March to August 2009?

#### Magnet Mart BBQs

- 13 June, 11 July 2009
- 27-28 Feb and 1 Mar Stromlo Running fest
- 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
- 31 July Rifle Club dinner
- 30 August Mtn Bike 8hr race

**A quick note from President George...** the 2009-2010 Lions year is in full swing and as you can see, there is a lot about to start happening. I urge everyone to contribute as much as they can over the next few months to make this the most successful fundraising year ever.

*President George Fox*

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*To cope with all the events  
our club is now involved in,  
we need all members to  
participate in at least one  
Domayne BBQ, one major  
event and one Christmas  
Cake/raffle ticket shift  
during the year.*

*What can you do?*

Walk for an Aussie Kid (WFAAK) is the major fundraising effort of the Australian Lions Childrens Mobility Foundation. Proceeds of this annual fundraiser go towards the purchase of Hartwalkers to help children with Cerebral Palsy or other disabilities to walk. This year the WFAAK campaign is being launched in Canberra and our club is hosting the event on **20 September 2009**. Mark Brown has taken the running on this event and has been busily making the official arrangements for the event, including obtaining the necessary government approvals and the support of some of our local politicians. A flyer for the walk will be circulated shortly, once details are finalised. Mark will be calling on club members for help to finalise arrangements and assist with the organisation of the event on the day. Event details and updates on the progress of the event organisation will be provided by Mark at forthcoming meetings and through emails so stay tuned for more information.

WFAAK.....



## Rifle Club Annual Dinner...

For the second year in a row, the Lions Club of Gungahlin catered for the annual award dinner of the Rifle Club and once again it was an outstanding success. Congratulations to Garry Lymbery who organised the dinner and his band of willing helpers who assisted with serving the meal and cleaning up afterwards. It was all done by 10.30pm. A delicious three course meal was served: an entrée of spring rolls, samosas, Italian meatballs etc.; roast beef and pork, roast potato and pumpkin, minted peas and cauliflower; finished off with sticky date pudding and cheese cake. Pretty good for \$30 and a good profit for our club!

## Other business...

- Thursday meetings—Meals are ordered on Tuesday for Thursday night and all meals ordered must be paid for by our club. So that we don't lose money, if you order a meal you will be liable to pay for that meal, even if you don't make it to the meeting—unless someone else can take your place.
- Alison and Chris are looking into requirements for hosting a Youth of the Year candidate again next year. More on that in a future Newsletter.
- Now is the time to volunteer to help at club events. Most of our fundraising happens between now and Christmas. If you have not helped out at one of these events before, or not for a long while, have a go—there will always be old hands there to show you what to do. These events are rewarding and fun for all those involved and a great way to get to know other club members.

## 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.