

The Roaring Post

The Newsletter of the Rochedale Springwood Lions Club Inc.

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The Lions Club of Rochedale Springwood celebrating 44 years of continuous service to those in the community who are in need of our help .

Our Club President's Report

Ok guys here we go, another year, BBQs, raffles, meetings, BBQs and more BBQs Great effort by everyone last year. The raffle went well, cakes were sold and money was made. New members and interesting people we have met.

It was fantastic to see Peter receiving his award. I must apologise, Peter. I was to attend the special ceremony but was not able to. Thank you Lance and Judy for attending. Peter has shown that anything is possible. Congratulations Peter.

I look forward to our new year's activities and to catching up with everyone next meeting

Next month is a very important month for every Lions Club. Your Club nominations night – Clubs approach this in many ways, some have nominations committees, others, mainly the smaller Clubs, have the entire Club involved.

Our Club Nominations Committee will be working in the background over the next few weeks to ensure that there will be nominations for all positions in the club. However, this does not preclude anyone from nominating for a task they would like to take on.

The Club approach also is varied, some office bearers have only one year which is great, and in some cases a senior office bearer may hold the same job for many years. There are many reasons why this happens but it is a great experience to hold office in a Lions Club and should the chance come for any member to accept the nomination, go for it.

Once the nominations are in place for the new Lions year and voting has taken place on Elections night, then it is up to everyone to arrange for a smooth transition and to encourage all to attend the training days presented for you.



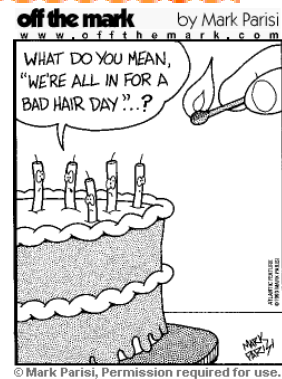
**One person can speak but together we
ROAR.**

Thank you,

Lion Trevor Collins Club President 2014-2016



February Celebration Dates



ANNIVERSARIES	BIRTHDAYS
14 th : Trevor & Donna Collins	2 nd Donna Collins 3 rd : Michael Burgess / Gayle Reardon 7 th : Codey & Brooke Collins



- We have received an offer from MacGregor High School to accept an entry into our youth of the year competition, which has been recommended that we accept and passed onto the YOTY chairman to action.
- Transicare are looking for volunteers who can contribute in a number of ways – driving members to appointments, or taking them shopping; visiting members in their homes; social tasks such as attending events, preparing refreshments or conversing with members. To find more information you can go to www.transicare.com.au or call 1300 463 593
- Once again the Lions Medical Research Foundation is running their car raffle – so members interested in purchasing tickets for themselves or for on-sale should advise Secretary Chris.
- The Leukaemia Foundation is running their ‘world’s greatest shave’ event from the 10th to 13th March this year. If members are interested they should check out their website www.worldsgreatestshave.com
- We have received a copy of the Lions Medical Research Foundation annual report, which is held by 3VP Lance if anyone would like to have a look at it.
- **Funding requests recommended to the board**
ALF bushfire appeal - \$1000 – which was moved and voted upon at our dinner

meeting

Lions Children’s Mobility Fund – part contribution for a walker for Daniel - \$1,000

I'm great at multitasking. I can waste time, be unproductive, and procrastinate all at once.



CLUB ACTIVITIES -February 2016

- 9th February: Dinner Meeting @ International Hotel
- 13th February: Rescue Mission AutObarn BBQ
- 20-21 February: Cabinet Meeting
- 23rd February: Club Committees & Board Meeting @ International Hotel
- 27th February: LECNA T-Shirt, Book & Plant Sale 8.00am – 12Noon



SAUSAGE SIZZLE at AutObarn Moss St

Saturday 27th February 2016

Club Support is needed

2nd March: Combined Service Clubs Dinner @ Fitzzy's Loganholme for 7.00 Guest Speaker – Pam Parker, Mayor of Logan.

BOOKINGS rochedalespringwoodlc@yahoo.com.au

Dinner Meetings

Members are encouraged to get into the spirit of things and try to

- assist the Tail twister
- and come up with ideas and prizes for our FREE COMPETITION.

All for the fun of it. We can't take our meetings too seriously you know!

Card Draw

By attending our dinner meetings regularly, you will have the opportunity to win our Mega Jackpot Draw. Yes, our Jackpot is still available - **Not won yet.** You have to be in it, to win it!

CLUB NOMINATIONS



CLUB ELECTIONS

TUES 22nd MARCH 2016

TUES 12th APRIL 2016

TO FUNCTION EFFECTIVELY THE CLUB NEEDS AN ACTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. PLEASE CONSIDER BEING NOMINATED FOR A POSITION ON THE BOARD. IT'S NOT AN ONEROUS TASK.

Start where there is plenty of assistance available. Nominate for a position of Director; 2 Year or 1 Year. Nominate for 1st ; 2nd ; 3rd Vice President.

Help with and learn about Youth of the Year ;

Help with and learn to manage the Christmas Cakes.

There is a job there for you, you only have to take it on and show others you can do it. Understudy the Secretary or the Treasurer and learn some of the fundamentals.

It's all there, only waiting for you to grasp the opportunity

President Trevor Collins will chair the nominations committee assisted by Chris Richardson and Lorraine McKenzie.

The role of this committee is to ensure that there is at least one (preferably two or more) nomination for each place on the Board of Directors for the next year. One of the committee members will contact each member of the club, to identify which role on the Board that member would like to fulfil. On nominations night on 28th March, nominations may be made from the floor of the meeting. If you have not made up

your mind after the committee has discussed this with you, you do have the opportunity to nominate for a position of your choice.

 Lions Club of Rochedale Springwood Inc. www.rochedalespringwood.qld.lions.org.au February 2016						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Club Dinner Meeting	10	11	12	13 Rescue Mission for Children BBQ
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Cabinet Meeting Upper Mt Gravatt State School 1pm
21 Cabinet Meeting Cremin St Upper Mt Gravatt 9am	22	23 Club Committees & Board Meeting	24	25	26	27 BBQ AutObarn LECNA
28	29		Don't forget to read up on District News in our District Newsletter.		ANNIVERSARIES: 14 th : Trevor & Donna Collins	BIRTHDAYS : 2 nd : Donna Collins 3 rd : Michael Burgess / Gayle Reardon 7 th : Codey & Brooke Collins

Fourth Cabinet Meeting Hosted by Pinelands Lions 20th 21st February 2016 Upper Mt Gravatt State Primary School

YOUTH OF THE YEAR QUEST: Saturday 5 March 2016

CHAIRMAN: Lion Nick Hegerty

Venue: @ LECNA Community Hall Cinderella Drive SPRINGWOOD.

We have invited students from Springwood High Schools, Redeemer, Rochedale, John Paul College & Macgregor. Interviews with the judges will be held in private at LECNA on Saturday morning 5th March. The Public Speaking Segment will follow that afternoon at LECNA. Afternoon tea will be served when the judges retire for their deliberations.

❖ **Club Judging** : 5th March

❖ **Regional 3 Final** Saturday 19th March, 2016 - Host Club Redland City

❖ **District Final** Saturday 2nd April 2016 - Host Club Runaway Bay @ Labrador Tigers Sports Club

❖ **State Final** to be held on Sat 23rd April, 2016 (host District Q4)

❖ **National Final** held at the MD Convention in Echuca early May 2016

I find it ironic that the colours red, white, and blue stand for freedom until they are flashing behind you.

THOUGHTS ON LEADERSHIP

Leadership is something special. It is found in people who want to better themselves, their club, workplace and society.

Leadership is not selfish. It is real leadership. Real leadership reaches out to others, sets a good example, shows others the best 'in them', and inspires them to seek the best 'in life' and in others.

Leadership is generosity in ACTION...It respects others, it is not overpowering, it is not an ego trip.

We all need LEADERSHIP in ourselves and in others. We need it 'in us' so we can realize that we have to 'USE' our talents, give of ourselves and open up to those around us. We need leadership in others because we are not supermen or superwomen. We need to be directed too. We need to see greatness in others so we can be encouraged always to keep trying, to keep living as a full person.

Leaders take responsibility when the opportunity is at hand. They carry out a job without fanfare.

Leaders are going places because they are always on the move.

Leaders are alert to situations that might call for help.

Leaders know how to talk – they realize that talking is an important way of communication...they talk with confidence, reason and patience. They talk in such a way that they make others feel at ease, that others understand them, that others are edified. Leaders generally think before they speak. They speak with integrity and sincere honesty.

Leaders know there is a time and place for everything. There is a time to be serious, a time to joke, a time to relax, a time to work, a time to play and a time to hustle. Above all, leaders have the unique sensitivity to know exactly when the time is for these things.

Leaders dare to be different. That is why leaders really live...life is always something of an exciting challenge to them, something of a mysterious hush, something of a gift. Leaders want to be a part of this gift called 'LIFE'.



REPORT ON CLUB ACTIVITIES

1st Vice President: Lorraine McKenzie

2nd Vice President: Lance Roberts

3rd Vice President: Nick Hegerty

Youth of the Year Quest

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The BBQ dates at AutoBarn for 2016 are as follows:

Our BBQ Trailer is borrowed by the Rescue Mission for Children on the first BBQ each month.

	February 13th, 27 th	March 5 th , 19 th	April 16 th , 30 th	May 7 th , 28 th	June 11 th , 18 th
July	August	September	October	November	December

16 th , 30 th	13 th , 27 th	3 rd , 17 th	15 th , 29 th	5 th , 26 th	3 rd , 17 th
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Trinder Park Internet Lounge



Staying connected with technology.

Computers, laptops and smart devices such as tablets or phones can get us online and make our lives easier. They allow us to do lots of different things like keep up-to-date with news, pay bills, do banking, do business with a range of organisations and government departments, and stay in contact with family and friends who live far away.

Although many Australians are able to take advantage of the benefits of modern technology, we know it's not always easy for older Australians – and Lions Chris and

Harold want to help. For the past ten years they continue to host the Trinder Park Internet Lounge two mornings per week. Lion Chris has reported some amazing successes with some quickly adapting to new technology..

Christmas Wrapping at Arndale:

The final figure is: Maureen & Lorraine collected \$143.35 in donations.

Mini Cakes:

The Treasurer's Report shows that up to 31 December we received \$297.00 from the sale of mini cakes. Costs were \$540.02, which is no doubt due to building up our stock, or waiting for more payments from shops. We can thank Maree for much of the work concerning mini cakes. She will no doubt tell us more at the Board Meeting.

Trailer Raffle:

My report regarding the trailer raffle is basically the same as the item published in the January Roaring Post. I covered the main points from the Roaring Post article at our January Dinner Meeting. At the January Board Meeting we discussed my review of the 2015 Trailer Raffle. I have included some thoughts to get the ball rolling (see below). This review is included in this newsletter so all club members can be involved in the decision making.

I have looked at the Treasurer's Report for our Board Meeting, and some final figures from our recent fundraising are:

Trailer raffle:

Receipts	\$12,280.00
Less payments \$	462.99
Profit	<u>\$11,817.01</u>

REVIEW of the CHRISTMAS TRAILER RAFFLE

Arndale seems to be our best venue. Even though we went 3 times, we seem to sell lots of tickets. We sold more tickets and cakes on our third visit than on either of our earlier ones. Is that because it was closer to Christmas (17 to 19 December)? We sold 2,710 tickets over 8 days at Arndale; an average of 339 per day. And 145 cakes and puddings combined (average of 18 per day).

In spite of the \$55 fee charged by **Rochedale Shopping Village** we made good sales there. We were there on 13 and 14 November, and sold 600 tickets, an average of 300 per day. We sold 29 cakes/puddings, averaging 14 per day. Looking at ticket sales only, this amounted to \$1200 less \$55 fee, netting \$1145. Maybe it will be worthwhile going there more than once next year, in spite of their fee and inconvenient booking process. They only let us book two months ahead of the dates we wanted. I did not want to wait too long to book venues, so booked other venues. In the end all weekends were booked and there was no need/opportunity to book Rochedale Shopping Village a second time. The profit may be even better, even with booking fee, if the second booking is for late November or for December, when we might expect higher sales (nearer to Christmas, as per Arndale experience).

Next best venue was **Logan Central Plaza**: 23 and 24 October - 480 tickets and 10 cakes/puddings over 2 days (average of 240 tickets and 5 cakes/puddings per day). Followed by **IKEA** on 5 and 6 December: 460 tickets and 36 cakes/puddings. The daily average was 230 tickets and 18 cakes/puddings.

I wonder if we should **consider not going to certain venues** next year (for example Springwood Shopping Mall, Bunnings, Hyperdome). Though I must admit we sell a respectable number of tickets and cakes/puddings at most of these venues, is the effort worth it for the low returns?

Should we consider **starting the raffle in November** rather than October, due to the likely lower returns during October, and the commitment of time required from members, over approximately 2 months.

How do people feel about **being rostered on so many days**? Many Club members helped out on many days, and were also involved in other Club activities. I am especially aware of this, since I am working and cannot do any shifts or towing on week days. I know we were short of volunteers at times due to illness of some members and others being on holidays. This year may have been unusual. But unforeseen circumstances could reduce the numbers available for the roster in any year. And I for one will probably be away on holidays for the last two weekends of the 2016 raffle.

How to make up for any shortfall if we do not selling during October, etc?

I wonder whether we can use the internet to attract buyers?

Is it possible to use Twitter or Facebook to get others to pass on the message? The message might advertise when we will be at each venue. And tell people which businesses are selling our cakes.

Should we offer a service where people contact us on the internet and we call at their work or home to deliver tickets/cakes. Within limits of course.

I don't know much about communication to an audience on the internet. Any ideas?

Thanks members,

Nick Hegerty

VP Fundraising.

CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY AUSTRALIA DAY 26 January 2016

David & Lorraine really brought home to us last Australia Day that that was the day to fly the flag, celebrate our nationhood and, in the spirit of Australia Day, **reflect on what it means to be Australian.**

. **The venue** was the Community Centre at Trinder Park Rest Home 10 Laurel Street Woodridge. This is an air conditioned hall with all the facilities that we require. Once again the **Southern Cross Singers** were in attendance and **Dr Jim Chalmers MP** acted as the Presider.

Members committed themselves to this project on 26 January between 8.30am and 12 Noon and after the clean-up stayed on for the Board Meeting.

We catered for approximately 200 people with 54 becoming Citizens of Australia.

EDITOR:

Dr Jim Chalmers was overheard on **Radio 101FM** praising the efforts of the **Lions Club of Rochedale Springwood** –even mentioning the gift of native trees to all new Australians and the wonderful voices of the **Southern Cross Singers.**



CLUB WEBSITE

Our Club secretary, Lion Chris Richardson, spends a lot of time maintaining our Club Web Site as well as our Facebook. Please visit these sites on a regular basis to keep up to date with Club Activities.

www.rochedalespringwood.qld.lions.org.au

We are now on Facebook so check us out and “like” us if you can.

Listen to Lions Online Radio

The Lions Clubs International Online Radio is now streaming music for free for your listening pleasure! Listen to your favourite songs on stations including Greatest Hits, Oldies, Country Hits and Classic Country. You'll also stay up-to-date with regular international news announcements that affect Lions everywhere. Access the Lions Radio directly from the LCI website, or visit the Lions Radio page and choose a media player of your choice (Windows Media Player, Quicktime, Winamp, etc.). Enjoy!

ADVANCE NOTICE

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I changed my password to "incorrect". So whenever I forget what it is the computer will say "Your password is incorrect".

Lions medical research foundation are having their **annual raffle of a car.** As we did last year members who wish to purchase for themselves, or to on-sell books of 3 tickets at \$5.00 per book, are to advise Secretary Chris of the numbers and he will consolidate the order and arrange for the tickets to be delivered to us.



OVERHEARD AT THE BAR



Irishman walks into a bank, points his gun at the teller and says, "One false move and you're geography!"
Teller replies, "Don't you mean history?"
Paddy says, "Now don't go changing the subject."

KISSING THE BLARNEY STONE

The world famous Blarney Stone is situated high up in the battlements of the castle. Follow one of the several long, stone spiral staircases up to the top and enjoy the spectacular views of the lush green Irish countryside, Blarney House and The Village of Blarney.

The stone is believed to be half of the Stone of Scone which originally belonged to Scotland. Scottish Kings were crowned over the stone, because it was believed to have special powers.

The stone was given to Cormac McCarthy by Robert the Bruce in 1314 in return for his support in the Battle of Bannockburn.

Queen Elizabeth I wanted Irish chiefs to agree to occupy their own lands under title from her. Cormac Teige McCarthy, the Lord of Blarney, handled every Royal request with subtle diplomacy, promising loyalty to the Queen without "giving in". Elizabeth proclaimed that McCarthy was giving her "a lot of Blarney", thus giving rise to the legend.

You too can acquire the gift of eloquence by kissing the stone!

I wonder how many Club Members have actually done this.

Mind our Queensland language

Do you remember these variations of 'Oh my God'!

Fancy that! Love a duck! Holy Cow! Stiffen the Crows! Strike me pink, yellow, blue, lucky, light, or handsome! I'm an Irish cockatoo! Stuff me with the rough end of a pineapple! Hells bloody Bells! That's a turn up for the books! Struth! Blow me down! Cripes! Golly gosh! By George! Well that takes the cake! Wouldn't that rock your socks! Holy Moly! Ooly Dooly! Goodness gracious me! Dearie me! Heavens to Betsy! Heavens above! Well I'll be buggered! What the dickens! What the blazes! What in blue blazers! Stone the crows! Shiver me timbers! Wouldn't that blow a hole in your nightie! My goodness! Glory be! Well I'll go he! Well I'll be a monkey's uncle! What's the world coming to! Well I'll be stuffed! Well I never. Silly as a two bob watch! One good turn deserves another.



On 21 January Lion Peter Massey has been honoured with a Local Legends Award from Logan City for his work over many years supporting the hearing impaired through the Lions Hearing Dog Program and Better Hearing Australia. Peter is very modest about the work he does to help others but really fulfils the Lions purpose of "We Serve".

PHOTO: Here is Peter being presented with his award by Dr Jim Chalmers MP

Congratulations Peter from all of us in Lions

Peter a member of the Rochedale/Springwood Lions Club in District Q1 has been a member of the Lions for more than 20 years.

Despite being profoundly deaf Peter put himself through University gaining qualifications in several scientific and medical fields: He gained Under-graduate and Post-graduate Honours in Psychology and Physiology. Has had Australian and International Registration in Cytology. His career included Research Assistant, a tutor and casual lecturer in Physiology, Animal Physiology and Cytology at the University of Queensland and Griffith University, CSIRO working in Pain & Behaviour-Bovine (Tick Research) Cell Biology, Royal Women's Hospital in Cytology and established the Cytology Service for the QML on the North Coast of Queensland.

For ten years Peter spoke to community groups on the benefits of owning a Lion's Hearing dog to the hearing impaired. Peter was accompanied for all this time by Lions Hearing Dog, Sandy who unfortunately passed away with cancer at the end of 2015. Sandy was happy to demonstrate how the Hearing Dog responds to noises around the home that we all take for granted. As the result of hundreds of hours speaking and thousands of kilometres travelled, (from Maleny on Queensland's Sunshine Coast to Lismore in N.S.W. Peter and Sandy raised many thousands of dollars for this Lions' program. They were very well known throughout South East Queensland, particularly in the City of Logan due to their support of his Lions Club BBQs and raffles. (Due to Sandy's friendly nature many parents felt duty bound to stop and purchase at the venues, due to children stopping to talk and pat Sandy). Sales always increased dramatically on the days that Peter and Sandy were in attendance.

Despite his heavy involvement in Lions Club activities Peter also found time to be a volunteer Secretary/Treasurer for Better Hearing Australia (Queensland Branch), a support group for the Hearing Impaired. He founded a branch in Logan City and shortly intends to open another branch in Redcliffe, north of Brisbane.

I am sure that everybody will agree with me that Peter is a most worthy recipient of this honour.

Lion Lance Roberts

HOW TO CALL THE POLICE WHEN YOU'RE OLD AND DON'T MOVE FAST ANY MORE

George Phillips of Gold Coast was going up to bed when his wife told him that he'd left the light on in the garden shed, which she could see from the bedroom window. (Boy does this sound familiar!).

George opened the back door to go turn off the light but saw that there were people in the shed stealing things. He phoned the police, who asked 'Is someone in your house?' & he said 'no'. Then they said that all patrols were busy, and that he should simply lock his door and an officer would be along when available.

George said, 'Okay,' hung up, counted to 30, and phoned the police again. 'Hello, I just called you a few seconds ago because there were people stealing things from my shed. Well, you don't have to worry about them now because I've just shot them.'

Then he hung up. Within 5 minutes 3 police cars, an Armed Response Unit, and an ambulance showed up at the Phillips' residence and caught the burglars red-handed.

One of the Policemen said to George: 'I thought you said that you'd shot them!'

George said, 'I thought you said there was nobody available!'

DON'T MESS WITH OLD PEOPLE!!

A Spot of British Humour

As reported in the newspaper...

Commenting on a complaint from a Mr. Arthur Purdey about a large gas bill, a spokesman for North West Gas said, "We agree it was rather high for the time of year. It's possible Mr. Purdey has been charged for the gas used up during the explosion that destroyed his house."

(The Daily Telegraph)

Irish police are being handicapped in a search for a stolen van, because they cannot issue a description. It's a Special Branch vehicle and they don't want the public to know what it looks like.

(The Guardian)

At the height of the gale, the harbourmaster radioed a coastguard and asked him to estimate the wind speed. He replied he was sorry, but he didn't have a gauge. However, if it was any help, the wind had just blown his Land Rover off the cliff.

(Aberdeen Evening Express)

Mrs. Irene Graham of Thorpe Avenue, Boscombe, delighted the audience with her reminiscence of the German prisoner of war who was sent each week to do her garden. He was repatriated at the end of 1945, she recalled. "He'd always seemed a nice friendly chap, but when the crocuses came up in the middle of our lawn in February 1946, they spelt out 'Heil Hitler.'"

(Bournemouth Evening Echo)

If you think nobody cares whether you're alive, try missing a couple of payments.



OUTWARD BOUND Inspiring Australians

The 2016 January camp at Uki concluded on the 22nd .

Fourteen teenagers participated in the twelve days of activities of which five were sponsored

by Lions Clubs in our district.

That is fourteen more young people going forward to become responsible members of their community.

Well Done Lions

2016 Camps are held in school holidays in June and September.

I am now seeking further funding and youths from our district for these camps.

Lion Lois McHenry

201Q1 District Chairman Outward Bound YOUTH PROJECT

EDITOR: Interestingly, because we have already contributed sufficient funds to this Lions Project we can select our own candidate for the next camp in June (or September). That candidate must be 15 years of age but less than 18)

NOTE: Because NSW and Qld. School holidays do not coincide this year then the two camps will be allocated to the two states separately. No decision yet which camp will allocated to Queensland candidates.

Shrove Tuesday 2016 (Pancake Day)

Shrove Tuesday is also known as Pancake Day (or Pancake Tuesday to some people) because it is the one day of the year when almost everyone eats a pancake.

What is Pancake Day? Pancake Day (Shrove Tuesday) is the last day before the period which Christians call **Lent**. This day is one of the moveable feasts in the church calendar and is directly related to the date on which Easter falls.

When is Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day)? Shrove Tuesday always falls 47 days before **Easter Sunday**, so the date varies from year to year and falls between 3 February and 9 March.

This year, Pancake Day will be on 9 February.

Why do we call the day Shrove Tuesday? The name Shrove comes from the old word "shrive" which means to confess. On Shrove Tuesday, in the Middle Ages, people used to confess their sins so that they were forgiven before the season of Lent began. Shrove Tuesday is a day of celebration as well as penitence, because it's the last day before Lent. Lent is a time of abstinence, of giving things up. So Shrove Tuesday is the last chance to indulge yourself, and to use up the foods that aren't allowed in Lent. Pancakes are eaten on this day because they contain fat, butter and eggs which were forbidden during Lent.

What is an English pancake? A pancake is a thin, flat cake, made of batter and fried in a pan. Caster sugar (superfine sugar) is sprinkled over the top and a dash of fresh lemon juice added. The pancake is then rolled. Some people add golden syrup or jam.