

Lions Club of Castlemaine and District Inc.



45th Annual Changeover Dinner

Saturday, 1st July, 2017

Lions International

2017 is our
centennial year



Past Presidents

Tom Dunn	1972-73	Don Ryan	1994-95
Trevor Youngman	1973-74	Ian Gernhoefer	1995-96
John Lorenz	1974-75	Barry Shay	1996-97
Brian Bannerman	1975-76	Alf Maltby	1997-98
Paul Blanchard	1976-77	Ross Harvey	1998-99
Cliff Sheehan	1977-78	Robert Hardwick	1999-00
Bill Gunn	1978-79	Don Ryan	2000-01
Peter Ewing	1979-80	Ross Harvey	2001-02
Ted Cutlack	1980-81	Ken McKimmie	2002-03
Ron Webb	1981-82	Ken McKimmie	2003-04
Graeme Scarborough		Ron Delmenico	2004-05
and Don Ryan	1982-83	Paul Thiemann	2005-06
Don Ryan	1983-84	Paul Thiemann	2006-07
Ian Hooper	1984-85	Fred Jacobs	2007-08
Ross Harvey	1985-86	Debbie Hamilton	2008-09
Verne Hooper	1986-87	Debbie Hamilton	2009-10
Ken McKimmie	1987-88	Ron Delmenico	2010-11
Don Ryan	1988-89	Ron Delmenico	2011-12
John Ely	1989-90	Ian Gernhoefer	2012-13
Ian Hooper	1990-91	Ian Gernhoefer	2013-14
Jock McWilliam	1991-92	Ron Delmenico	2014-15
Alf Maltby	1992-93	Ron Gartside	2015-16
Brian Bannerman	1993-94	Ron Gartside	2016-17

Erratum:

Youth of the Year page.
Bottom left – “Max” should
be “Owen”

LIONS' PURPOSES

- To foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.
- To promote the principles of good government and good citizenship.
- To take an active interest in and serve our communities.
- To assist disadvantaged people, both directly and indirectly.
- To unite clubs in the bonds of friendship, fellowship and co-operation.
- To provide a forum for open discussion.
- To encourage voluntary service to our communities.

LIONS' CODE OF ETHICS

- To value my occupation and earn a reputation for quality of service.
- To strive for success, but not to accept profit or success gained unfairly.
- To promote ethical standards in dealings with my customers or clients.
- If a doubt arises about the rightness or fairness of my dealings, to resolve that doubt against myself.
- To hold friendship as worthy in itself, and not a means to an end.
- To be loyal and supportive to my nation, my state and my community.
- To give my sympathy and aid to the distressed, and substance to the needy.
- To be liberal with my praise and careful with my criticism.

President's Report 2016 – 2017

I now wish to present my Annual Report for the Castlemaine Lions Club. I have enjoyed my second term as President, working with all the great members of our Club and with the community which the club serves.

It was with great sadness that the club lost our last Charter Member and Life Member in Lion Cliff Sheehan. Cliff was one of the club members who started off our Swap Meet, and he was also very committed to the community. He will be sadly missed in the Club.

Our biggest fundraising activity is still our catering. Our Catering Chairman, Lion Col Stratton, will cover a lot of this in his report.

Some of the events that the club catered for were the Australia Day luncheon, Castlemaine Bowling Club Annual Dinner and the Kennel Club at the Camp Reserve. Once again we catered for the Japanese Night at the Town Hall, with assistance from the Castlemaine Guides; this is a farewell function for Japanese students and their host families. Once again this year we assisted Castlemaine Rotary Club with the catering at their Annual Truck Show. Also as usual, we had our BBQs and food van at the local Agricultural Show on the Friday night and the Saturday.

The other big fundraiser for our Club is our Annual Swap Meet. This year saw our 31st. It is a twelve-month project.

Taking bookings and sorting out any problems that arise prior to the Swap Meet are part of the ongoing work. Then, under the guidance of Lion Ken McKimmie, the marking out of the grounds begins around two weeks before the event.

The conducting of this event would not be possible without the support and assistance of the organisations who give up their time to help us run this event.

Another good fundraiser for the Club is the selling of firewood. To sell the wood, however, we must collect it, cut it, split it and deliver it. So a lot of hard physical work is involved. Thanks to Lion Barrie Beer and the corrections boys for all their assistance with this work.

Our Lion Tamer Ian Gallagher has done another great job this year, looking after all our gear for the Club. He has kept it going while also going through some health problems. Well done, Gags.

Lion Ross Williams has once again taken on the Youth of the Year program, although having some health problems himself. He handles all the negotiations with the schools to encourage students to take part in this great program, helps the students to prepare, organises our Club Final and takes care of the administrative tasks.

Ross has also designed and produced the booklets, calendars and

programs for tonight's Changeover. Thanks, Ross, for another job well done.

Our Membership Chairman, Lion Ron Delmenico, is working very hard to build up our numbers. We have inducted two new members so far this year. We will also be inducting a new member tonight. Keep up the good work, Ron: you will get some more new members.

Our Treasurer is Lion Hugh Austin. I can assure you that nothing gets past Hugh without his close scrutiny. With the amount of money the Club handles, a job well done, Hugh. We know that the Club's finances are in good hands.

Thanks to our Club Secretary, Lion Marie Elrington, who came forward and took on this position after being in the Club for only a short time. Thanks also to Lion Howard Bown for assisting Marie to settle into this position. Keep up the good work, Marie.

Lion Ray Stevenson is our Tail Twister and also arranges the guest speakers for our dinner meetings. The Tail Twister is there to promote a sense of fellowship and fun — and Ray does this well. But it is not an easy job. We have to play our part and keep Ray posted with reasons for fining us!



Lion Col Stratton is the Club's Christmas Cakes Chairman and is doing very well his selling outlets. We had to order extra cakes.

Lion Howard Bown continues to do the negotiations with the local schools for children whom we send to the Lions Licola Wilderness Camp. Also he works with the schools to enter the Lions Peace Poster Competition. Keep up the great work, Howard.

Last but not least, I would like to thank the Board of Directors for their great help and support over the last twelve months.



We don't look for recognition, but it's nice when it occurs.

To all the members of our Club, thank you for all your support that you have given me for my second term as your President. It was very much appreciated. I now am looking forward to leading the Club for a third term and keeping up the work that we do in the community, for which Lions Clubs are known.

*Lion Ron Gartside
President 2016-2017*



In Memoriam

Cliff Sheehan

Life Member
and
our last Charter Member

Membership

The passing of Lion Cliff Sheehan has been sad for all of us. We lost a Club stalwart, a dedicated Lion and a true gentleman.

I'm taking the membership role again this year. I hope to have a committee of three people this year to help us gain some new members.

I have attended two membership seminars this year, both interesting. Things are changing in Lions Clubs around the world. Some of the old traditions are being put aside, mainly because of the way the world is today.

This year has been a good year for membership gains — three new members: Michael McKimmie and Sarah Brandhoff have been inducted and Tehree Gordon will be inducted at the Changeover Dinner tonight.

We had two members leave because of work commitments, but they have offered to help on special occasions.



I am still trying to form a Leos Club. With a small committee I think we can achieve this.

This year I hope members can bring a friend or neighbour along to a meeting — maybe they will join. Hopefully in this coming Lions year we will get several more new members

*Lion Ron Delmenico
Membership Chairman*

Youth of the Year 2017



L to R.: Meaghan Ferguson, Owen Shooter and Ben Reid.

Every year we like to participate in a national event, the Lions Youth of the Year Program.

This year, we welcomed five Year 12 students to our Club Final — Owen Shooter, Meaghan Ferguson and Ben Reid of Castlemaine Secondary College (CSC), and Allea Ferguson and Bradley Reeves of Kyneton Secondary College. Meaghan won the public speaking section, but Owen was the overall winner.

Then he represented CSC and our Lions Club at the Regional Final in Bendigo, which featured eight candidates. Owen thought Youth of the Year was an enriching experience and thanked us for the opportunity.

Our core judging panel (Brenda Williams, Kate Rantall and Margaret Dawson) have been part of the local program for a long time, Brenda having chaired the panel 17 times. This year, Kate had to withdraw because she teaches at Kyneton S.C. and Margaret had another commitment. Carol Dorman, who is President of the Castlemaine Historical Society and conducts adult courses for U3A Castlemaine, joined the panel again. We also welcomed Alan Lane, former policeman, Vietnam veteran and RSL branch treasurer.

***Lion Ross Williams,
Youth of the Year Chairman***

Lions Licola Wilderness Camp

In January 2017, the Club again sponsored three students from a local primary school to the Lions Wilderness Camp at Licola in eastern Victoria for a number of days.

The parents and students, selected by the School Principal on the basis of need, are briefed on the nature of the Camp and activities they will be involved in, and shown a five-minute DVD on the camp. Upon return from camp, the students, along with their parents, are invited to a Club Dinner in the New Year to share their camp experiences with Club members. Somewhat disappointingly, the boy selected this year pulled out at the last minute, and one of the girls was unable to come to the Club dinner to share her experiences.

We have sponsored ten children from four different schools in the last four years and the majority of students report that they have had a positive and enjoyable experience.

We anticipate sending another three students to the camp in January 2018.

*Lion Howard Bown
Co-ordinator of the Licola
Camp sponsorship program*

Lions Peace Poster Competition

This was conducted in a local Primary School in 2014, extended into three schools in 2015 and in two schools in 2016. Boys and girls represented their ideas on peace in the world following a given theme which changes every year. In the Lions Year 2016-7, the theme selected was "Sharing Peace".

A Club representative, along with the school's art teacher, selects the winning entry to be forwarded to the District level to be adjudicated yet again. The total number of students involved over the last three years would be nearing two hundred boys and girls.



In summary, the local winning entries are submitted to the District level, then

to the State level and finally to the National level. The National winner is awarded an overseas trip. The Lions Club awards several "runner up" prizes within the local schools.

Two Lions members were involved in the oversight in two different schools this year. We anticipate running the

competition in two different schools again (Castlemaine North and Winters Flat Primary Schools) next year.

*Lion Howard Bown
Co-ordinator of the Peace
Poster Competition*



31st Annual Swap Meet 2017

The Club conducted its 31st Annual Swap Meet on Sunday, 9th April, at the Camp Reserve. This year's was not a good Swap Meet because of the wet weather. The Club thanks all the site holders and general public who attended despite the weather conditions.

Once again the preparation commenced well in advance of the event with the marking out of all the sites under the watchful eye of Lion Ken McKimmie, who has been doing it for many years. Thanks must also go to all the Lions members and community workers who assisted with this task.

Then, on the Saturday, came the setting-up for the big day and directing early site-holders. To all who helped, thank you.

Sunday had a very early start (5.00am). The weather was not good, which caused the number of site holders and general public to be down. Consequently, we did not achieve the success of other years.

Also thanks must go to the many organisations and groups who helped us in many ways.

Thanks must go to all the Lions members for all your work for the 31st Annual Swap Meet. Now we start to get ready for our 32nd Annual Swap Meet in April 2018.

*Lion Ron Gartside
Swap Meet Chairman*

We needed weather like this ...



Catering Report 2016 – 2017

The Club has been very busy with one of our biggest fundraising programs for the past twelve months. Thanks must go to all members who assisted.

Also in the last twelve months we have had our Food Van upgraded, which makes it very good for members to work in.

During the last Lions' year we catered for the following functions and events:

- July 2016 Cheque presentations at clubrooms
- July 2016 Tree planters – Castlemaine Landcare Group
- Aug. 2016 Visiting Japanese students and host families at Town Hall
- Aug. 2016 Annual Netball Tournament
- Sept. 2016 Auction – Tonks Brothers Hardware
- Oct. 2016 Games Night between Rotary Club and Lions Club
- Oct. 2016 Castlemaine Show at Camp Reserve
- Oct. 2016 Old School Boys' Association
- Nov. 2016 Rotary Truck Show
- Dec. 2016 Kennel Club at Camp Reserve
- Dec. 2016 Flowserve Christmas Break-up at Botanical Gardens
- Jan. 2017 Australia Day Luncheon at Victory Park
- Feb. 2017 Australian Hearing for their first year in Castlemaine
- March 2017 .. Biggest Meeting for DELWP at Chewton
- March 2017 .. Castlemaine Lions Club for Annual Swap Meet
- March 2017 .. Castlemaine Bowling Club's Annual Dinner
- April 2017 Clydesdale Feature Show at Camp Reserve
- June 2017 Cheque presentations to groups who assisted at Swap Meet

Lion Col Stratton, Catering Co-ordinator



Presentations & Grants 2016 – 2017

Again this year the Castlemaine Lions Club has been very active in its endeavours to help the community. We have done this in a variety of ways. Our wood program run by Lion Barrie Beer and our catering team led by Lion Col Stratton raised considerable funds. Unfortunately our takings for the Swap Meet were down by almost half, due to poor weather. However, we still managed to allocate an overall total of \$22,790 to various clubs and organisations in our area and to Lions projects. This was due to a huge investment in man-hours.

State Emergency Service	\$2,000
Castlemaine Men's Shed	\$3,000
Australian Lions Foundation – cyclone relief	\$1,000
Sponsorship of 3 children to Lions Licola Camp	\$915
Sign for Lions McDonald Hill House (MASARG Respite) ..	\$1,760
Castlemaine Fire Brigade	\$700
Aust. Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation	\$500
Lions Awards for Castlemaine Secondary College	\$500
Castlemaine Health (cycle relay)	\$500
Lions Youth of the Year	\$125
House cleaning assistance	\$270
Art Supplies for Lions Peace Poster Competition	\$70
Red Cross	\$350
Leukaemia Foundation	\$300
Lions prostate cancer research	\$250
LCIF measles eradication program	\$300
Australian Lions Hearing Dogs	\$200
“Safe Steps” Family Violence	\$200
Lions Eye Health Program	\$50
Australian Lions Drug Awareness Foundation	\$100
“Movember” Men's Health	\$200
Australian National Black Ball	\$200
Lions Australia Operation Smile Project	\$200
Campbells Creek Primary School	\$1,400
Muckleford Cricket Club	\$1,750
Castlemaine United Cricket Club	\$1,750
Castlemaine Football and Netball Club	\$1,750
Harcourt Football and Netball Club	\$1,120
Castlemaine Girl Guides	\$700
Castlemaine Scouts	\$500
Castlemaine Table Tennis Club	\$140

\$22,790

Lion Hugh Austin, Treasurer

Welfare Report 2016-2017

Our contacts at Castlemaine Health and elsewhere have kept us informed about individuals and families in need of aid. Some people have approached us directly, either for themselves or because they were concerned about another's welfare. We also notice welfare needs as we move around the community on other business.

Some of the donations listed in Lion Hugh Austin's report have had a welfare component.

Basically, if the need is genuine, we will handle it if we can, or find the best possible solution.

Lion Barrie Beer, Welfare Co-ordinator

Wood and Corrections 2016 – 2017

During the past year we have recorded a large number of man-hours of community work, mainly on the Club's wood collecting and processing for sale, the Swap Meet and welfare activities. It is very easy to start an activity and then discover, when it's finished, that over 100 man-hours have been spent on it.

It is fair to say that, without the corrections boys' involvement, it would be very hard to achieve the level of service that we have been able to provide to the community. Many thanks to Lion Ian Gallagher for his tremendous support, and to many others.

Lion Barrie Beer, Wood and Corrections Officer

Club Members at July 1st, 2017

Hugh Austin

Barrie Beer

Sarah Brandhoff

Howard Bown

David Burgess

John Ciecholinski

Ron Delmenico

Marie Elrington

Ian Gallagher

Margaret Gartside

Ron Gartside

Ian Gernhoefer

Hailey Jacobs

Ken McKimmie

Michael McKimmie

Harry South

Ray Stevenson

Col Stratton

Ross Williams

Tehree Gordon (inducted tonight)

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45th Annual Changeover Dinner

Menu

Soup: Home-made vegetable *or* Home-made pumpkin

Main Course: Roast beef and vegetables *or* Roast pork and vegetables

Dessert: Sticky date *or* Cheesecake (Fruit salad on request)

Tea and coffee: Self-serve. Other drinks available at bar.

Program (7pm start)

Chairman: Rotarian & CFA fire fighter, Bill Maltby

- Invocation and Loyal Toast *Lion Ross Williams*
- Lions' Purposes *Lion Howard Bown*
- Welcome to Guests *Lion Ross Williams*
- Response *David Farrell*

Soup served

- Toast to Lions International *Mayor Cr Sharon Telford*
- Response *Lion Ken McKimmie*
- Lions' Code of Ethics *Lion Hugh Austin*
- President's Report *Lion Ron Gartside*

Main Course served

- Presentations *Lion of the Year, presented by Bill Maltby*
- Address *Mayor Cr Sharon Telford*

Dessert served

- Introduction of Installing Officer *Lion Ron Delmenico*
- Induction of Tehree Gordon by 1st Vice District Governor
Lion Murray Baud
- Installation of Office Bearers by 1st Vice District Governor
Lion Murray Baud
- Response *Lion Ron Gartside*
- Tail Twister *Lion Ray Stevenson*