

Dumaresq Drumbeat

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Message from President John *Let's Do It!*

It is hard to believe that a whole year has gone by and this is my last report for the newsletter. I am trying to recall all the things that we did as a club and curse myself for not keeping more details in the diary and not using the calendar function on my I-phone.

We have been busy every month of the year, and I recall the District Governor saying he did not know how we managed to have so many projects happening in our club. I do know that we have succeeded because of teamwork and a willingness to support each other and the Lions that came up with ideas for activities. I would like to take the opportunity to thank the leaders of our ongoing projects who have been prepared to put in the extra effort to plan and organise the activities. This makes it easy for the rest of us to turn up and join in without any worries.

Des Schuman has always organised the setting up of the tent or gazebo that was required at all of our barbeques. He has organised rosters and done the liaising with event organisers and made sure we had the right amount of supplies for the event. Marlene Wissink and her team of mint people have kept the town supplied with Lion Mints. Marlene also headed the team to try and make some money from the Melbourne Cup Calcutta. Rob McClenaghan and Graeme Clarke have made sure that the Lions Park on the highway bypass is a welcoming place for travellers to stop any time of year. Tony Lisle has kept track of cakes at Christmas time, knowing where they are and when they need replacing. Margot and Murray Ball put a lot of effort into the Youth of The Year again. This time they organised our club to provide a very professional and successful Regional Final. I think our YOTY events serve as great examples for the other clubs in our region. Ros Brady has done a great job in providing guest speakers. I can't remember seeing a yawn during any talk. Every speaker received questions which I think is a sure sign that they had our attention. Ros also introduced the mini cakes to the club. Carolyn Gadd and Julie Willcocks organised social events that kept us involved outside the usual meetings and projects. As well as the rose garden and community clean up Carolyn chairs the 40th Birthday committee and organised the Autumn Festival float. Bryan Johnston and Grahame Armour kept the club involved with Rivercare and the Railway museum. Thanks also to Paula for keeping us informed through her Bulletins and Helen for ensuring that catering for our meals and meetings is as it should be.

We have all been involved in more than one of the activities above and we have all enjoyed being part of the teams on the day. Many of the people I have mentioned have been doing these jobs for years now and I hope our support will help them continue for a few more. My apologies and thanks to anyone I may have overlooked.

It is every President's prerogative to introduce new projects during their year. I had a couple up my sleeve, but like the District Governor I thought we had plenty to do already.

I would like to thank the Board who have supported me throughout the year. Bob, Gerry and Past President Carolyn have offered lots of guidance and support when I have needed it. Vice Presidents Judy and Julie have willingly filled in during my absences. I wish Judy and her incoming Board a great year. I know it will be a rewarding one for them and the whole club.

President John



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John Fitzgerald

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Roster for May - June

Date	Raffle /Door	Loyal Toast	Welcome	Ethics	Purposes
Wednesday, 7 th June Board	Julie W and Judy F	Colin G	Les D	Keith S	Rob Mc
Wednesday, 21 st June CHANGEOVER	Murray and Margot B	Jim Brear	John Fitzgerald	Annie K	Stephanie L.
Wednesday, 5 th July Board	Harold and Shirley H	Colin	Dave D	Peter H	Julie
Wednesday, 19 th July Partners	Eddie S and Bryan J	Rob Mc	Gerry W	Shirley H	Andrew H

- If you will be away for your rostered turn on the **Door and Raffles** please try to arrange a swap with someone else or leave your raffle prizes with your buddy.
- Remember to let **Lion Tamer Helen** know if you are unable to attend a meeting or if you are bringing a guest **by 9pm on the Monday prior to a meeting**. Phone or sms **Mobile 0428 132 020**. Late notification may result in a request for you to pay for your meal.
- If you know that you will be away for an extended period could you please advise the Bulletin Editor the month before you leave so that adjustments can be made to the Roster.

Celebrations in June

Happy Birthday to

Judy Fisher 2nd

Lions International

100 on 7th

John Fitzgerald 8th

Joan Smith 10th

Peter Straw 11th

Jan Holloway 11th

Libby Davis 15th

Hans Schaefer 26th

Harold Heffernan 30th

Stephanie Lloyd 30th



Don't forget.....

Dates for May - June

3rd June - Bunnings

3rd June Saumarez Rose Garden - 8.45

4th June - Bunnings

5th June - Railway Museum working bee 10.00

7th June - Board and Dinner Meetings

19th June - Railway Museum working bee 10.00

21st June - Club Changeover

24th June - Bunnings

24th June - Community Cleanup

25th June - Bunnings

2nd July - Board and Dinner Meetings

5th July - Saumarez Rose Garden



Best wishes to everyone in our Lions Family who is experiencing challenging health at present. We wish you all the best of care and speedy recoveries. Please let us know if we can help in any way.

Special get well wishes to Marls and Ros who are in hospital as this is being written. We hope you will both be running around after mints and mini cakes before we notice that you have been out of action!

Buddy Groups! \$ +% :) * > ! \$ +% :) * > ! \$ +% :) * > ! \$ +% :) * >

Have you ever wondered about the strange symbols beside your name in our diary or on the back page of the Drumbeat in the Club Directory? Lions with the same symbol as you are in your Buddy Group. The purpose of the Buddy Group is to try to look after each other as far as your involvement in Lions goes. If a Lion is absent from a meeting then someone from their Buddy Group should be able to let them know about anything that they have missed. If you think you have missed out on a message or have missed a meeting you can also contact someone from your group to see if there is anything you should know about. If you are away for more than one meeting check in with a buddy to let them know where you are or what you are doing. The communication has to go both ways for it to be successful. Some of us are happy with emails, for others a phone call is better - find out what suits the members in your group and keep in touch.

Our ! group takes their involvement one step further by having coffee dates from time to time.



"After a slight hassle the Exclamation Buddy Group had a lovely coffee afternoon on Thursday 4 May. After booking a table at Plum Tree we arrived to find it shut! We then walked to the new cafe in Coles but they couldn't sell us coffee. So we ended up at Hungry Jacks and the coffee there was lovely. So after a couple of false starts we had a lovely afternoon get together. Looking forward to the next one." Lion Marls

How your group decides to operate is up to the people in the group but, whatever you do, try to find opportunities to "join together in good fellowship and friendship" to quote the Lions Club Purposes.

Please check your group in the new diary (or this bulletin) when you get it as there may have been some adjustments made in order to make the groups more even.

Graeme, Marls, Jim and Grahame at Hungry Jacks at the beginning of May.

Thanks for taking the photo Gerry!

PS Maurie was instrumental in starting the "!" group's coffee dates. Maurie and Kay will be visiting Armidale in August and will attend one of our meetings then.



Our former member Maurie Clarke-Pearce has accepted an invitation from Lion's Club International to become a member of the **Centennial Club**. As a former Lion, Maurie was contacted by LCI and as it his intention to rejoin Armidale Dumaresq Club once he retires to Armidale, he welcomed the opportunity to stay connected with Lions in its 100th year.

Trivia Night

Friday 19th May at Legacy House - 9 Teams – about 70 people present. Thanks to Gerry for organising the venue for us and to Max Taverner from Legacy for setting up the sound system. Thanks to Murray for being our Quiz Master for the night and keeping the night moving with the right degree of levity. Thanks also to the committee – Annie, Ros, Judy, Gerry, Colin and Carolyn for setting up and getting the night organised and to everyone who contributed to the prize or raffle pool for the night. Thank you to all the Lions who attended and contributed to supper and special thanks to those who were able to persuade some friends to come too. Over \$1000.00 was raised and this will go towards Lions Birthday Projects. Everyone present joined in the spirit of the night where the emphasis was on having fun. They were a creative bunch and certainly enjoyed reliving their childhood nursery rhymes so perhaps some sort of musical evening could be an option in the future! Some of the Limericks and artworks created on the night are shared below.



A young man from Holland named Gerry,
With money was always quite merry.
Then one day at cards,
He streaked home by yards,
And then merry Gerry got scary.

Intelligencia



There was a young woman called Brady,
Whose past was a little bit shady.
To pay for her cri-ums,
She joined up with Lions,
And that's why she's so good today-ee!
Unknown Quantity

There was a young lady called Jan,
Who was the DG's No.1 fan.
She danced like a duck,
But ran out of luck,
Because it did not go according to plan.

The What's Its

Des Schuman is a well known Lions name,
Org'nising barbeques is his game.
He has secret ingredients for sauces,
Bringing crowds back for so many courses,
'ncouraging diners to return is his fame!

"Knowalls"

There once was a Lion named Trenerry,
Who warbled like a sweet canary.
Every morning he sang,
Which gave Anne such a pang,
Now he sings like a jilted fairy.
Squares in the Middle



Busy Bunnings BBQs!

Our double BBQs are keeping us very busy. Thanks to everyone who is able to give up a few hours when Bunnings calls on us. New dates for later in the year are 29th and 30th July, 19th August, 23 and 24th September and 21st and 22nd October.



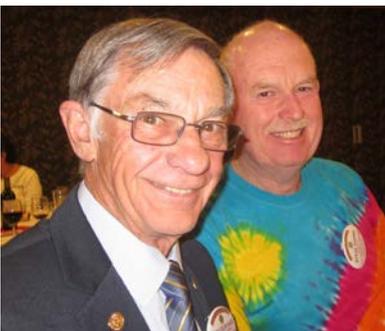
Cabinet Changeover – 27th May 2017

The 201N1 Cabinet Changeover hosted by Tamworth Lions was attended by Jim and Pat Brear and Colin and Carolyn Gadd. A meet and greet on Friday night was followed by business sessions on Saturday and Sunday (attended by Colin and Jim) and the Changeover Dinner with a 70's theme on the Saturday Night. The Dinner provided an opportunity for outgoing DG and Council Chairman Elect Mal Peters to present his awards and lose his beard and hair as a result of the fundraising during his term in office.

Some of the awards presented included: DG's Bulletin Award – Tamworth Lioness Club; DG's Administration Award – Lions on OZ; DG's Club Activities Award – Boggabri Lions; DG's Club Community Achievement Award – Nambucca Lions. Lioness Margaret Rock received an award from The International President for her work with the Lioness Club in Tamworth. (Margaret is the grandmother of Ethan Rock who was one of our Leos.) Colin received one of two Regional Chairman Service Awards.

The main focus of the night was to increase the funds raised by DG Mal during his club visits for Lions Children's Cancer Research, Lions Prostate Cancer Research and Lions Breast Cancer Research from the \$17,815.00 in the kitty at the beginning of the night to \$20,000.00. Thanks to generous donations from individuals and the Tamworth Clubs who collectively contributed more than \$4,000.00 the final sum raised was \$22,500.00 which will be shared equally between the three foundations. Lion Mal lost his beard and his curly mane and was supported by 1st Vice District Governor David Emmanuel who lost his mo and goatee, Lion Tex (from Bingara) who lost the moustache he has had since he was 18 and Lion Tim from Urunga who was going home to his children who have never seen him without a beard.

Lion Mal handed over the 201N1 reins to Lion John Davis from Tamworth. Lion John's theme is "Embracing new ideas and growth in the spirit of harmony and friendship." He wants clubs to focus on club service in our communities, working for our Lions Foundations and hopes to see healthy, happy clubs that continue to prosper and grow. Our club will be hosting the Cabinet Changeover in 2018!



Colin with Leo Chairman Steve Adams from Bingara.



After the Shave! Lion Tim (Urunga), DG Lion Mal Peters, Lion Tex (Bingara) and new 1st VDG David Emmanuel (Kootingal).



Jim and Pat with some of the colourful 70's inspired table decorations.



SOOT and CINDERS

Hi Folks,

We had a pretty good month at the Railway Museum, many thanks to Lions Sue and Rob, Pete G, Gerry and Colin.

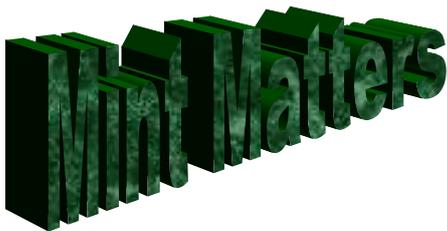
The main line of attack has been those jolly leaves all over the ground and overflowing the poor old gutters around the building. On the first clean up we didn't have a ladder, then we didn't have a ladder climber. I'm hoping we can connect these two important pieces of kit next time to take the strain off the guttering. We also cut the grass on the western side of the museum and trimmed around all the buildings, fences and foot warmer plant. The grounds are looking pretty good.

Solving the leaf problem is not easy. Trying to organize a westerly hurricane to blow the leaves into Watson Park hasn't worked. It could also see the museum being relocated to the Park. Not the best of ideas. We could try mixing Tarzan's Grip, the stuff that sticks, in watering cans to nourish the tree over a dry winter. As the spring growth carries the Tarzan's grip into the foliage it should stick the leaves to the branches. Chopping the tree down would be too radical, in addition to being a lot of hard work.

June will see us continue with the leaf clean up and when completed we will look at what needs attention.

The next working bee is Monday 5th June at 10.00am, followed by Monday 19th June again at 10.00am.

Yours in Soot and Cinders
Grahame A



Not a lot to report on this month. Sales are still going along steadily, some outlets up and a few down. UNE markers are enjoying the ones Ros puts out there. I hope Ros is feeling better now. I would like to thank Lions Bryan, Sally and Graeme C for stepping up and helping me out with my run while I am in Sydney. I really appreciate your help.

Cheers until next time.

Marls



We finish our Autumn program on a high with confidence for the future with the ongoing funding for Centennial Avenue Rehabilitation Grant for the next three years, a memorandum of understanding between Armidale Regional Council Dumaresq and SNElandcare for funding towards Armidale Urban Planting Maintenance (AUPM) for three years and the recently advised Regional Communities Grant.

AURG committee are in discussion with SNElandcare to leverage a Northern Tableland Local Land Services (NTLSS) Small Farm Tree Grant with the Regional Community Project to work with peri-urban landholders along the Dumaresq Creeklands between Canambe Street and Cooks Road.

Thank you Lions for continuing support with assisting with morning tea and BBQ lunches and helping out with watering and tree planting at our working bees. *Bryan Johnston*



Our truck with its logos is a very visible reminder to the community that we are out and about and willing to help. On the other side it was a hive of industry with Des and Pedro getting lunch ready for Bryan and the AURG volunteers.

Laugh-lines

The rest of the Limericks created at our Trivia Night for your enjoyment or bemusement!

From the Agatha Quizties

Ros Brady's a woodworking lass,
A Lion with plenty of sass.
She flips burgers with style,
With sauce and a smile
And the punters they gather "en masse"!

From the Brady Bunch

A young lass who answered to Brady,
Aspired to being a lady.
She did try her best,
'Twas a bit of a test,
The result was a little bit shady.

With 3 teams on the night Ros was fair game!

From the Bellewood Rd Team

There was a young LION truck driver,
To pay for an answer he striver.
By the time he returned,
He forgot what he learned,
And the answer he gave was paliva.

From Fitzzy's Mob

There is a good man called John,
Whose hair is incredibly long.
Lib got the shits,
And pulled out some bits,
Which made him incredibly strong.

There was a young LION named
Des,
Who went to Morocco for a fez.
He spied a young lady,
Who looked a bit shady,
Then he found it was his sister Ez.

From the Editor!

There was a young Lion called Gadd,
Whose jokes were often quite bad.
But that didn't stop him,
He still kept on offerin',
Still more jokes that drove us all mad!

**Armidale Dumaresq Lions Club
40th Birthday Celebrations
Saturday, 27th January 2018**

Put the date in your diary now.

Plan to be here for Australia Day and the Sunday after too.

Birthday plans are well underway. We have music for the dinner, a venue and we are working on tracking down all former members. If you know that contact details for some have changed please let Carolyn or Charter President Peter Straw know.

Happy 40th Birthday to us!

Wanted: Photos of Dumaresq Lions in digital form or good enough quality to be scanned. Send to Carolyn please.

Clarification - Volunteer Service Hours

Did you know that volunteer service carried out by a Lion with another volunteer organisation can be credited to a Lion as service hours as long as it is acknowledged in the Board meeting minutes?

If you are active with other volunteer organisations or in any voluntary capacity (e.g. cleaning up on your daily walk) please let our secretary know the number of service hours you contribute to our community before the 19th day of each month.



Lion Peter kept things cooking very nicely at his last Bunnings shift. His secret? To always have something cooking on the hotplate to tempt the taste buds of the shoppers as they passed! Few can resist the aroma of onions and snags cooking.

TIP from Lions Lady Pat!

Wondering how to remove those stubborn BBQ stains from Lions aprons, shirts or jeans? Reach for your dishwashing detergent as soon as you can. Rub a generous amount into the stain, soak in cold water and wash as normal. If it is good for cutting through grease in the washing up it is going to work in the washing too! **Good Luck!**

The Last Word

MEMOIRS.



A record of events. Autobiography. Personal History. I have been contemplating writing my memoirs for some time now but like a lot of things, yet to be achieved, it is on the list.

There are so many experiences I would like to write about and leave for the family and grandchildren. There is never enough time to convey verbally all those happenings and achievements to family and friends and if you think about all you have fitted into your life to date, you could fill several books.

My Dad said to me, Pete I will give you a copy of my memoirs but I don't want any of it published until I'm gone. He had a fascinating life, born on the land but forced to make out on his own, having six boys in the family and not enough land to go around.

The reason he asked me not to publish his memoirs, he was high up in ASIO and some of the stories involved prominent citizens and politicians would have made the headlines.

I remember as a child watching Dad don an old coat and hat, stick on a moustache and with a huge pistol strapped under his arm, heading out around 7pm to glean information on the Communist Party. I could tell you some extraordinary stories and dangerous escapades but I would have to go underground.

I am so proud of my Dad and his efforts to keep our citizens safe and so pleased he took time to share some of his life within his memoirs. I will certainly be following his wonderful example on behalf of my family.

Lion Peter.