

CHRONICLE

LIONS CLUB OF CECIL PLAINS INC.

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Upcoming Events:

- 17th. May Dinner Meeting
Victory Hotel
- 7th. June Dinner Meeting
Victory Hotel

CHANGE OVER CECIL PLAINS 2010

Cecil Plains Memorial Hall
Friday 11th of June 6.30
bring a Raffle Prize
meals \$30.- per person
**RSVP: Lyn 4663 2174 by 27th
of May.** The Cecil Plains State
School Home Economic Class
will be cooking and serving for
us on this special occasion

CHANGE OVER ZONE

- Dalby22nd June
- Chinchilla26th June
- Jandowae3rd July
- Tara..... 10th July

Happy Birthday

- 1st June----- Allan Holloway
- 16th June----- Dave
- 1st. July----- Annie

Zone Meetings:

Con Gratulations to

Chinchilla Lions

Winner of the Silver Shoe Trophy
sponsored by Lion PCC Lindsay
Marsden of Chinchilla



Zone Chairman Engelbert with his Ladies Presidents of 2009/ 2010



President Lyn with new Lions Member Annie and Aleisha at the Membership Evening

Hello Fellow Lions: Welcome to the May edition of the Chronicle. No jokes about computers anymore after my laptop paid me back with a blue screen and shutting down on me. Engelbert and I are busy with the harvest of our cotton so we were not able to be heavily involved and help with all that has happened in the last months.

Our Membership information evening was well received by the visitors attending and yielded us two new members which we are warmly welcoming to our club. Annie and Aleisha are already valuable members helping at the Bike Ride catering (Ann's article to follow)As I believe it was a great success. Ann got spoken to in italian so authentic were her spaghetti she cooked.

Lion Sharon and Mike our School Principle and valuable supporter of Lions went to the Broxburn Bash with our Merry go Round, where it got a heavy workout. Mothers Day weekend was not a lazy one for the Cecil Plains Lions, a large group went to Jondaryan Heritage Rally to cook up a storm over three days.

The following Monday a group of us went to Jandowae to contest in the Zone Trivia Pursuit The Cecil Plains team become the highest point earner in this years competition but had to accept defeat against Chinchilla in the playoff.



Lion Doug & Ann working hart at the Heritage Rally

LIONS CCIA FUN RIDE - 2010 ARRIVES AT CECIL PLAINS

On Thursday 8th April 23, 2010 the quiet town of Cecil Plains sprang to life with cyclists who were on their third leg of their 5 day ride to raise money for the Children's Cancer Institute. This is the 6th year that the Lions have conducted this ride and since the Lions became involved in 2005, the [SE Queensland ride has raised over \\$200,000 for CCIA](#) When asked by Len Woodward from the Lions Club of Kallangur if The Cecil Plains Lions could organize an overnight stay which included feeding, bedding and showers for 60 cyclists and 20 support team we didn't hesitate in saying yes for this worthwhile cause.



Gordon Elledge President

We are so proud of the way our township and its community along with the Lions Club of Cecil Plains rallied together and made this possible. Hot showers were had by all and Lion Tracy Schrag relentlessly ferried cyclists from one shower venue to another. This included The Cecil Plains Caravan Park and Tennis Club some riders even braved the cold ones at the Swimming Pool. The Victory Hotel, Lion members and even a local residence, thank you Val Jannusch.

We were permitted the use of the beautifully refurbished Cecil Plains Memorial Hall to prepare our meal and dine the hungry cyclists, support staff along Lions and friends of Lions on the a-la-carte menu of spaghetti bolognese and trifle. Our two new members Aleisha Hooper and Annie Erbs also came and helped for the first time and Diane and David Eden took time out from their busy schedule and also helped. Mick Cassidy from the Cecil Plains School kindly allowed the weary cyclists to put their swags down undercover in the school grounds whilst the support team bedded themselves in luxury at the Cecil Plains Homestead. Sharon Kennewell made a new friend during the evening as she stumbled over a brown snake but all in all everything went smoothly and the CCIA fun ride left in the morning on the 4th leg back to Pittsworth with day 5 being to Leyburn and Warwick.

The Lion's Club of Cecil Plains congratulates all of the riders and their team support and our township of Cecil Plains. Thank you and well done.
Lion Ann



Lion Sharron, Ann, Lyn & Trish serving the hungry Bike Riders Truffles



Lyn Bennie inspecting the Bike Riders rations

Message from the President

Seems this will be my last Chronicle entry. Has 12 months really gone already? There is no doubt we can all hold our heads high with the amazing variety of things we have achieved since the last Changeover. Going through the minutes for the last 12 months was breathtaking. This proves the exceptional calibre of our members as a Club is only as good as its working members – and we have many of those.

Wide open spaces of the outback west of Cecil saw our first function, the clearing sale of Lion Peter. Thanks Peter for having us cater.

The Q150 bbq was quickly followed by a real thrashing by Albany Creek Lions Club in the grand final of the trivial pursuit. A grand effort for Cecil Plains to achieve for the 3rd year running and all who helped our team reach the final contest need congratulations.

Again the Jondaryan Heritage Festival was a marathon effort with most members coming to the fore. During this 9 days we were, as usual, assisted by members of other community groups. This requires a big effort and without the support of our members and others we could not do the Jondaryan Woolshed. We paid the prisoners to paint the Guide Hut and Bushmans Tanks donated a water tank. September saw us at the Queensland Cancer Relay for Life in Dalby where much merriment was had all night long.

DG Heather Short attended our meeting to present Brian Kruger with the

International Association of Lions Clubs District Governor's Distinguished Service Award.

Our Annual Hook-Up Fishing Competition was a great success, Sadly we lost Charter member, Bruce Schrag in October and were honoured to cater for his funeral. Lion Tracy is still in our prayers.

With a greater participation from the P&C, the Calcutta was a wonderful success (with the Lions ladies buying the best steed!), and the school scored again with our donation of sports shirts. Our gift of \$2,000 helped the Golf Club with their awning over their bbq.

Our Christmas Carnival was just fantastic with a spectacular new ride which drew in all present.

Losing two members we gained three. Welcome to Annie and Aliesha and welcome back Ashleigh.

Then our last hooray was the 3 day Queensland Heritage Festival at the Jondaryan Woolshed.

We have ordered 2 tables for the Lions bbq in the park area and the school is participating in the Fire Competition. After these I will be pleased to hand over to Marcia who does not need to be told what a wonderful membership we have. Congratulations Marcia as incoming president you will, I am sure, be supported as much as I have been. Without members who can turn up at the coal face we would not be able to

achieve anything. We have the best support team one could wish for. Naturally without a capable executive the president's job would be most difficult.

Ann is an outstanding secretary keeping us fully informed at and in between meetings.

Trish is one you would not want to meet when she is on the prowl for money. As a treasurer Trish has bought in so much to our Club and been an enthusiastic helper in carting our good and shackles to and from events.

Our membership chairman, Engelbert has proved his worth with the increase to our club. All the committee members have been supportive and made my job easier.

Most of all it is you members who have given me the most pleasure during my term as president. Your ability and keenness to show up time and time again astounds me. Thank you all for this wonderful opportunity to be your president, a term I have thoroughly enjoyed. Did you realize how much we have achieved? Well done!

Congratulations Marcia and the new committee. May you have as enjoyable year as I have.

Lyn Bennie

Engelbert went to Austria recently and visited our old Home Town The Lions Club of the Lavanttal where he got presented with their Lions **WIMPEL**



Living philosophy

- To laugh a little or a lot
- To win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children
- To earn the appreciation of honest critics and to endure the betrayal of false friends.
- To appreciate beauty
- To find the best in others
- To leave the world a bit better whether by a child a garden patch or a redeemed social condition
- To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

I have been looking forward to receive the article on page 4 and 5 as I knew it will be interesting reading I think you will too.

check out our web site on <http://cecil.plains.qld.lions.org.au>

Yours in Lion Traudi

Lyn's Story



Back in 1950 Bill and Sue Hickey had their 5th child. That was 3 more than they had planned. Thank God He had different plans for them because seven more children were to be sent to their doorstep. With 6 sisters and 5 brothers us 12 kids had plenty of company growing up. What with books to read, golf to play (with Mum's old broom handles), tennis on the road, beanie on the walls, endless games of cards with siblings, Mum, grandparents just anyone who could hold a hand of cards! There was always something to do. Not to mention all the other entertainment we kids got up to – not one of them involving electricity or batteries.

Born in Emerald,

central Queensland during the 1950 floods was quite a start to life. With siblings born in Hughenden, Charters Towers, 2 in Normanton, 3 in Emerald and 5 in Dalby, we had a good life. Mum and Dad always took us on a holiday every single year. On two special occasions, instead of our usual 4-6 weeks at Harvey Bay, we were treated to a trip to Malanda, northern Qld during which we delighted in staying on a dairy farm, walking around Green Island, stopping to see the biggest tree in Qld (all of us held hands around its girth), boating on an extinct volcanic lake, (well some of us thought it would explode so missed that opportunity!), stopping for fuel and of course the mandatory toilet

stop and Mum counting heads as we pulled away in the 1950 Chevy sedan. The other special trip was our holiday to the Snowy Mountains where we saw the underground hydro power station and all that entails, sliding down the snow in January on a shovel, War Memorial and Sydney where our tent (with 2 centre poles – some called it the circus tent) was caught in a storm but fellow campers had dropped it to half masked and it was not damaged. Perhaps then it was impressed upon me how complete strangers can be a considerable help to others. (A Lion in the making!!)

My Education.

Education in Dalby at St Columbus School was an enjoyable experience, but one I never, did you hear, never want to repeat! School is NOT the best years of your life! So it was with great delight I was able to get employment at Stewart Jack's Garage on completion of Year 10. During this time

I met the man of my dreams.

However, always having itchy feet I gained a job at Barkley Motors in Mount Isa on my way to London. Doug had other ideas and joined me in Mt Isa 6 months later. The rest, as they say, is history.

It was from here we married, stayed for 7 years and had a lovely daughter, Kim. Then it was off to the big smoke to have our other daughter, Jo, and sons Russell and Steve. After 7 years in Bris-

bane we had to wonderful opportunity to move to Doug's dream job and work for his parents at "Hinton". We arrived in 1984 to an exciting adventure on the farm. Our kids thrived and all did their education at Cecil Plains till Year 10 then the girls went to Dalby and the boy to Concordia. They have now given us 4½ beautiful grandchildren between them. No doubt Harrison, Mackenzie, Ava and Charlotte will be followed by more, we are a patient lot and enjoy ever opportunity to be with them now.

Our Life in Lions

Doug and I joined Lions as Charter Members of the Lions Club of Cecil Plains in 2002/3. Every new stage of life brings its own rewards. For the last 26 years we have enjoyed being part of the Cecil Plains community in all its facets. Joining Lions gave us an opportunity to give back to the community just a little of what the community has given us over the years. Coincidentally I was to find a former class mate from St Columbus as a fellow Lion in Mark Cosgrove. So maybe Lions was always going to be an important part of my life. After serving as Treasurer, PR and Secretary, being elected President is a great honour.

Not least of which I get to work with so many wonderful members.



*It is with great anticipation. Doug and I look forward to the coming years as we
share our journey with our fellow travellers in life.*

*Lyn Bennie, wife, mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, Catholic, Lion and
friend I hope to all.*