



Lions Club King Island

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47th Changeover Dinner Installation

A great turnout for our 47th anniversary & Changeover Dinner even though many members were in warmer parts.

President Wade presents some very special awards. Outgoing President, Lion Ira was presented with an Award plaque for services to the Lions Club of King Island.

Past President & Board Member Ira installs partial new Board Lion Jeanette & Lion Natalie & Lion Pam behind camera :)

Lions Linda, Steve & Jenny installation will be held in September.



Past President Linda generously passed on her 'Past President' badge given to her by Australian Lions Foundation Hall of Fame & Past President Dick Strickland. President Wade presented this to Lion Ira



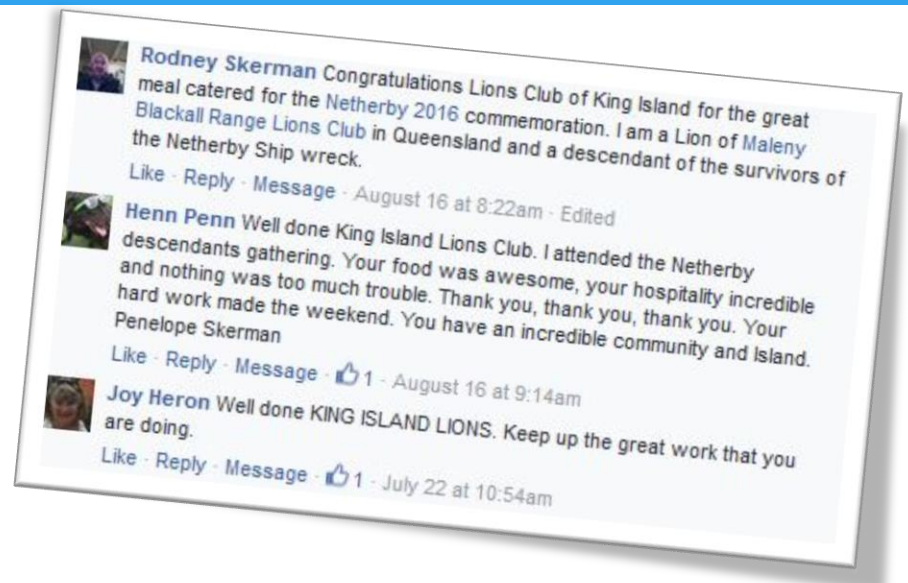
Caught on camera – Lion Dennis with Rosie's Thankyou flowers and helping himself?



Lion Bob & Lion Nat received New Member Introduction Awards. Rosie Cooke was a special guest & thanked for her endurance, patience & support of Past President Ira

Netherby 150 years

by Lion Pam



KING ISLAND LIONS – WE SERVE

A memorable four days.

The celebration 'weekend' started well before the 160+ descendants of the *Netherby* shipwreck landed on King Island.

Lion Jim (& Netherby descendant) asked King Island Lions if we would be interested in preparing, cooking & serving the Saturday Night celebratory dinner. We said 'yes'. A couple of subcommittee (Lions Linda, Ira, Wade, Pam, Nat & Jeanette) meetings later we had outsourced food & kitchen control to Chef Mandy (Potter). By this time we had also taken on the bars for

Thursday, Saturday Dinner, & Sunday lunch..& Town Hall setup for each event & cleanup.

We approached the King Island Boat Club if they would be interested in running the Saturday bar. Our team & activities were growing.

An early Thursday morning start – Setup & decorate the Town Hall. Make sure we had enough of everything, prep & serve a supper, stock & run the bar. Lion Nat worked out the dishwasher & stacked all those plates. The descendants descended. Pack it all up & start all over again Friday morning. Lion Linda opened the Reekara Complex for

the biggest family group 'The sixty or so - Skermans' lunchtime BBQ (Lion Jim's clan).

Saturday was a big day. A four course sit down dinner for around 180 people!

This time the Hall needed to be a decorated Ship's dining room. Lions Linda & Pam primped & ladder climbed helped by Olivia Payne & Caroline Kininmonth. Into the kitchens where Lions Ira, Linda & Pam joined by coopted Lions Sonia Louis & Olivia Payne peeled & cut – lots of 'Yes Chef' responses to Mandy Potter.





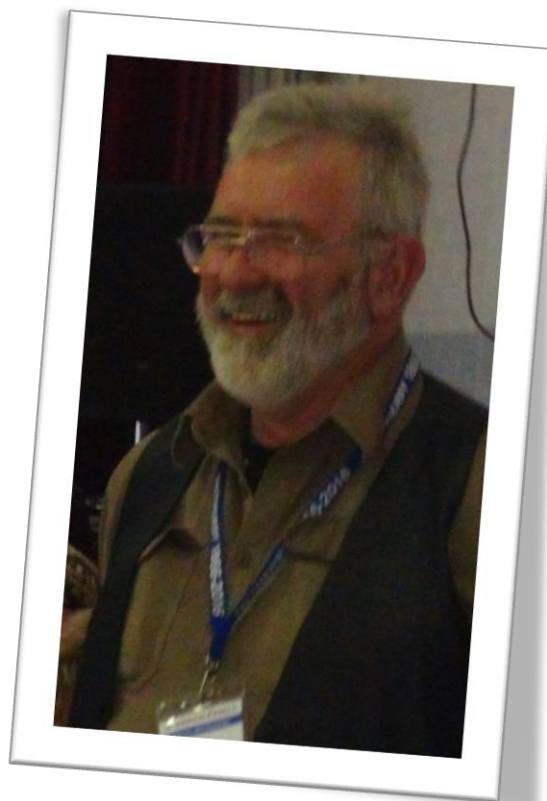
Lion Ira & Lion Sarina

Soup, King Island Beef Roast dinner, Pavlova & Plum Pudding (Lions Xmas of course) & King Island Cheese platters. Lion Steve left his own dinner to help with the giant carving task. The visitors noted that we had replicated the original Melbourne welcome-celebratory dinner given for the survivors. (Roast Beef & Plum Pudding)

Early Sunday morning Lions were back at it. Stock & setup bar, change Town Hall – again - refreshments & food service.

One final cleanup, revisit Monday for final inspections – and all over for another 150 years.

Thanks to Lion Jim for giving the King Club the chance to show what we can do. Thanks to Mandy Potter for declining our offer of 'payment'. Thanks to helpers & supporters - which enabled us to make \$3119.00 which will be returned to the King Island community. (The biggest thanks go to the Netherby Survivors & their descendants who made this possible)



Lion Jim Benn & Netherby descendant

FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK

Who said King Island is quiet in Winter?

A very hectic couple of months as we head towards the summer visitor season. Thanks to Lion Jeanette & helpers all the Lions Recycling bins are in place. Make sure you tell King Islanders that we have 'spares' for private functions. Just contact Lion Jeanette or any member if you need one for a party, event or function. It's important that we make sure these bins are regularly emptied. Each bin has an allocated 'Lion'. Cans can be taken to the tip or put in the recycle cages at the back of the King Island Hotel & King Island Club. Unfortunately the King Island Boat Club had to remove their bin as it seemed to attract dead fish, but we are working on an alternative.

2017 is the Centenary of Lions so your Board is asking you for ideas to commemorate. After the feedback from the Netherby visitors, it has been suggested that we could consider building fixed wooden picnic tables at each shipwreck site (Lions badged). This could be a low cost, incremental project. What do you think? Do you have an idea? If so tell a Board member, raise it at a dinner meeting, send an email or call me.

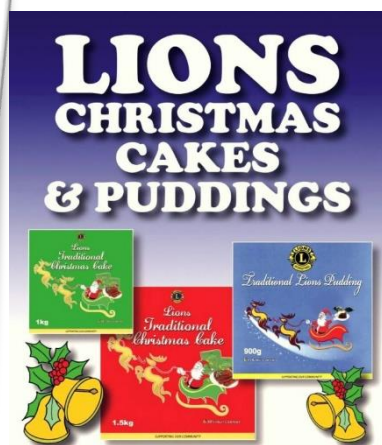
In my Changeover Dinner address I set a target. 100 King Island Lions Members for 100 years. Around Australia (& the world) service clubs are having great difficulties in attracting & keeping new members. Clubs are closing or amalgamating. Part of the survey you recently completed was to firstly find out what you want & how we can improve. The second part was seeking ideas that appeal to you, but which also appeal to new & younger members. September is the beginning of our drive – if you know just one person who you believe could fit Lion's values & our activities ask them, invite, or send me their names. Often people simply need to be asked.

Our 'Baa Baa Stakes' (have you a name for our Sheep Race Day?) committee will be meeting later in September as members return from their travels. This will be a big Lions event – so think about how you can contribute. We expect that in some way it will involve many King Island organizations. We hope that will become a permanent King Island calendared event.

..and while I'm asking.. King Island Radio 100.5FM featured our Club with Lion Jenny & Lion Jeanette. Past President Ira has his 'Wots on the Rock?' Friday afternoon hour. The Radio committee has 2 Lions members...Maybe it's about time to create a Lions program? No past experience required, no age barrier, it's easy. Give me a call 0413203706

Looking forward to seeing everyone at Parenna Place, from 12.00 pm Sunday, September 11. For those wanting transport, the fun bus will be at Parer's/King Island Hotel at 11.45. Return City Naracoopa \$10. Food supplied – donation to cover costs.

President Wade





*'Before & After'
Sharon Benn & Ricci Bishop closing
the container bound for PNG. At
the other end checking out the
goods.*

Reekara Complex

Update

Over the past year the Reekara Complex has hosted the King Island Play Group (weekly), family & visitor BBQs, and during summer Lion Linda opened every second Sunday for those who wanted a meet & greet or rest stop. It is a much needed & utilized venue.

Maintenance has continued, installation of a disability toilet & painting works have been completed.

It was used as a storage & collection point for a container of donated goods bound for Papua New Guinea (see pics)

The King Island Cultural Centre has used for 'plene air' outdoor painting workshop and Ballarat & Clarendon College used for a week long up north week indoor camp. It has been a POKI market venue. Fund raising over the Queen's Birthday June long weekend has featured quilt/embroidery & wedding exhibitions. These have been well attended by residents & visitors.

It has been a 20 year passion for Lion Linda (& others) to 'save' this valuable King Island resource. Recently a family bequest has been made to the Reekara Complex. As major works are pending, lease & other essential structural matters need revisiting, the Board is currently reviewing all aspects of the Reekara Complex. Information will be reported to members as it comes to hand

CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

AUGUST

K I CLUB 1969 Jerry Green 5th, Colin Lancaster 21st. Jeanette Dennison 31st

SEPTEMBER

Linda Payne 3rd, Jan Strickland 17th, Natalie Crack 1

YEARS OF

AUGUST

Col Lancaster 1987 29

Beberlyn Davis 2006 10

Fiona Davis 2013 3

Tim Bennett 2013 3

SEPTEMBER

Linda Payne 1998 18

