



# LIONS LINK

Lions Club of Taylors Lakes Newsletter

AUGUST 2023

## LIONS COMMUNITY FESTIVAL AND MARKET IS BACK!

THE LIONS CLUB OF TAYLORS LAKES PRESENTS



# Community Festival & Market

29 OCT



Visit any time from  
**10 AM to 2 PM**  
at **Taylors CK Linear Park**  
Chichester Drive, Taylors Lakes

STALLHOLDERS:  
<https://events.humanitix.com/lions-community-festival-and-market-2023>



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**DROP OFF POINTS:**

DONATE YOUR UNUSED GLASSES!  
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**SIMPLY DROP YOUR USED SPECS AT:**

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Keilor Downs Shopping Plaza  
**WICKS EYECARE**. 870  
Old Calder Hwy, Keilor

**OR**  
DROP THEM DIRECTLY TO US AT  
OUR NEXT BUNNINGS BBQ -  
SEPTEMBER 2



Now a staple of the local social calendar, the Community Festival and Market returns on October 29 for a day of fun, food, entertainment and bargains.

Held at the beautiful Taylors Creek Linear Park the day will be crammed with market stalls, community displays and activities, kid's entertainment, food trucks, community performances and, of course, Lions stalls.

All funds raised will be devoted to the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation, which directly funds research into cures and treatments for kids cancer, and our very own Community Garden for Taylors Lakes, which is very close to the start of construction.

Stallholders, community groups and performers are now able to express interest or book a site. Simply go to:

<https://events.humanitix.com/lions-community-festival-and-market-2023>  
and make your site booking.

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**TO SERVE . . .**  
**our community**  
**with compassion**  
**and purpose**

**OUR CLUB VALUES**

**Community**

**Service**

**Compassion**

**Contribution**

**Friendship**

**MISSION:**

*Through a highly visible approach, Taylors Lakes Lions Club works to achieve common goals supporting community based projects. and raising funds for our community and beyond,*

*We conduct our service with compassion and an attitude of enjoyment and comradery.*

*We seek partnerships with others to enable and enhance our work and to give our work further strength and purpose.*



**COMMUNITY FESTIVAL & MARKET (continued)**

**COMMUNITY GROUPS WANTED**



We are especially seeking Community Groups to hold displays, conduct activities and, if desired, raise valuable funds. If you haven't already received a stall ideas package, please contact:

[lionstaylorlakes.president@hotmail.com](mailto:lionstaylorlakes.president@hotmail.com)

and we will get one straight to you.

Our aim is to further enhance this event as a *true* community event and we want to support you. A small \$10 fee applies for Community Group stalls to help us cover some of the costs of the event.

**SEEKING PERFORMERS**



Our community stage will feature local community performers, with an emphasis on multicultural and local provider group performances.

Groups wishing to participate can contact us to request an expression of interest form.

Email:

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**VOLUNTEERS**

To organise and run a day like this takes a lot of people-power and we would love to hear from you if you would like to volunteer in any way. We need staff for activities, set up and pack down volunteers, technical staff and general supervision and assistance people.

Perhaps you have a particular events skill and would like to be part of this wonderful community event. Contact us!



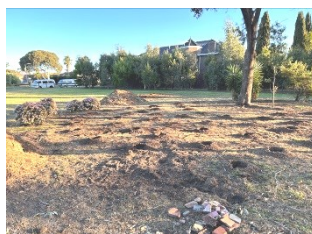
**TREES, GLORIOUS TREES**



**A delightful community day was held on July 30, with almost 40 volunteers in attendance. 150 semi-mature trees were added to one of our local parks - Queen Victoria Reserve.**

As part of our Queens Jubilee Tree Planting project, we are very proud to be able to continue to add to the local canopy - greening and cooling our suburb!

The task at hand was bigger than expected, when we



## IN BRIEF

### IT'S IN THE BAG!

Every November we aim to pack as many good quality handbags with health and hygiene items, to be donated to Share the Dignity who, in turn, ensure the bags are distributed to agencies that care for women in need, such as the displaced and homeless.

Save your good quality larger handbags for donation and we will arrange for collection closer to the date.

### SAVE THE DATE

#### NEXT TREE PLANTING EVENT

After the wonderful success of our recent tree planting at Queen Victoria Reserve, we move to Vasa Place Reserve, on Nordic Avenue.

Designed to coincide with school holidays we are opting for a weekday this time. Hope to see you there!

**Date:** Thursday September 28

**Time:** 9am—12pm

**Venue:** Vasa Place Reserve, Nordic Avenue, Taylors Lakes



### BUSINESS MEETINGS

Second Monday of each month at the Club Room, Eagle Terrace, Taylors Lakes (rear St Luke's Church)

### DINNER MEETINGS

Fourth Tuesday of each month at local venues, to be announced.

### GREENING BRANCH MEETINGS

First Tuesday of each month

discovered the soil condition required mechanical hole digging for the larger sized plants we were planting and Lions Phil and Neil used powered augers to dig all 150 holes - a mammoth task!

Upon delivery of the plants, we discovered the majority would need staking, so some swift shopping by Lion Kathy and husband David, ensured we were prepared on the day.

A huge thank you to local residents, Magda and family, for plant storage, to Lions Kathy and Phil for their coordination, to Council Officer Hasan for his support and advice, as well as Tay and Derek on the day and support from Parks and Gardens manager, Brian. **And, of course, thanks and well done to our wonderful volunteers!**



## TAKE PRIDE IN OUR PARKS LATEST: NEW GARDEN!



Following our hugely successful tree planting event, we ventured into the landscaping sphere, creating yet another park entrance garden (to match our 75th Australian Lions Anniversary garden), on

**Parmelia Drive, on August 26.**

A very enthusiastic, friendly and hard-working group of 13 volunteers achieved the moving of 4 metres of soil, planting 60 new plants, spreading 3 metres of mulch and carting many buckets of water to ensure all plants were watered in.



As always, a relaxed finish to the event with a gathering for coffee and cake (and healthy fruit!) was conducted to say thanks.

This project was wonderful proof of

how we can achieve great things for our community.

Thanks to Kathy and Phil for their coordination of this event and to the support from Brian and Parks and Garden staff at Brimbank.



And thanks to our hard-working volunteers!



# CHANGOVER - NEW BOARD INSTALLED



The new Lions Club of Taylors Lakes Board, 2023-2024

An annual function for the club is the Changeover Dinner, where the new Club Officers are acknowledged and installed - and this year's event was significant, as it marked some major changes to our Club Board.

Incoming President, Phil, was presented with the ceremonial gavel, with outgoing President, Marg moving to the Secretary role. Significantly, it also marked the first time Lion Kathy is on the Board and she was installed as Vice President.

Others maintained their roles, with Scott continuing as Treasurer and Stephen and Neil continuing as Directors.

A pleasant club night was held, with each officer pledging their commitment to their role and Phil receiving the ceremonial gavel.

Out-going President Marg reminded us all of the wonderful achievements made over the last two years, including our persistence during Covid, and new President Phil outlined some plans for the coming 12 months and beyond—especially regarding a club restructure incorporating speciality groups, with the aim to build outreach, profile and membership, thus service.

A mini silent auction on the night raised \$700 for Kids Cancer Research!



## NEW MEMBER



From right—Marg (sponsor), Carolyn (new member), Phil (President)

The Changeover was also significant because we inducted our latest member, Carolyn, to the fold.

From the get-go, Carolyn has been an active and involved member and has been a terrific addition to our club.

Having the opportunity to make a formal welcome, whilst it came as

a surprise to Carolyn, was well-received by all.

Carolyn was presented with her Lions pin, a symbol of her membership, and pack and made her official commitment to the club. Welcome and congrats, Carolyn!

## CHANGOVER 2023



## DG VISIT



## BUNNINGS BBQ



We continue to be very grateful for the support given to us by our local Bunnings store. Our most recent BBQ raised over \$2,000 for our Community Garden project!

**Our next Bunnings BBQ is Saturday September 2, at Bunnings Taylors Lakes.**

We hope to see you there, showing your support for our charities and projects.

Funds raised from this BBQ will support our commitment to Lions Foundations, all of which donate 100% of their raised funds to such causes as cancer research, skin cancer screening, aids and equipment for health care and even training service dogs.

## A SPECIAL VISITOR, AND MANY SPECIAL GUESTS!



Tuesday August 22 marked our annual visit from the District Governor. After receiving requests from three other clubs, we welcomed not only the District Governor, Max Ford, but members from Caroline Springs, Diggers Rest and Riddells Creek Lions Clubs.

DG Max used his opportunity to remind clubs of their broader commitments and challenged us to maintain our membership numbers and aim for net growth of one member in the coming year.

Each of the Club Presidents were afforded the opportunity to present progress of their clubs and make a small presentation of a banner or plaque to Max. Attendees were able to hear from the other clubs and talking points were created, leading to vigorous and jovial conversations during social time.

The night also contained a service element, with a raffle raising \$330 for the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation. This, coupled with previous funds raised at our Changeover, have led to a \$1,000+ donation to the ALCCRF!

## OUR NEW LOGO



Incorporating our revised vision and creating a more “user friendly” layout, we are proud to launch our new Lions Club of Taylors Lakes logo.

This design also integrates the recognisable Lions International logo and motto, “We Serve”, and reflects the Lions colours.

THE LIONS CLUB OF  
TAYLORS LAKES AND ITS  
GREENING TAYLORS  
LAKES BRANCH



## WE INVITE YOU TO THE FORMATION OF THE NEW MANAGEMENT GROUP

This very important sub-group of the Lions Club will come together to design all procedures and manage the ongoing administration of the new Community Garden.

**Works starts now! We need you!**

**THURSDAY | 21 SEPTEMBER, 2023 | AT 7PM**

3 EAGLE TERRACE, TAYLORS LAKES  
(REAR ST LUKE'S CHURCH -  
PROCEED THROUGH  
THE CARPARK GATES)

**Please RSVP, by 16 August, to:**

lionstaylorlakes.president@hotmail.com  
SMS: 0417 359 028



## CAN YOU HELP?

**We are seeking interested people to join a new sub-group of the Lions Club as the Management branch for the new Community Garden.**

Please refer to the details above.

This group will be responsible for designing the procedural elements of the new Garden, establishing all Management protocols and managing the ongoing day-to-day running of the facility.

Whilst there is no skill requirement, we would especially like passionate gardeners.

Help us improve our neighbourhood!

## COMMUNITY GARDEN FOR TAYLORS LAKES



This facility will provide many opportunities for our community to come together in groups and allow for real demonstrations of sustainable and organic gardening.

The facility will become a focal point for interest and needs based groups and will offer opportunities for all ages and needs. It will be a gathering place, a sharing place and a place of support and social value.

Essentially, this will be a facility for the community.

Our aim is to provide an attractive and ready to use environment that allows for easy gardening access, through the use of raised garden beds, at a range of heights.

The Community Garden will then provide a focal point for demonstrating sustainable and environmentally friendly gardening practices. It will highlight such aspects as composting, organic gardening, avoidance of the use of harmful chemicals, companion planting, planning a garden and propagation.

As a gathering place, it's value to the community will be unquestionable.

# COMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

**Next Greening Branch meeting: Tuesday September 5**

**Next Business Meeting: Tuesday September 12**

**Next Take Pride in our Parks morning: Thursday September 28 (Tree Planting at Vasa Place Reserve)**

**Next Bunnings BBQ: Saturday September 2**

**Lunch and Movies Social Event: Saturday September 16**

**Next Dinner Meeting - Tuesday September 26 (TBC)**

**Zone Meeting: Thursday September 28**

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2023

**Community Festival & Market: Sunday October 29**

**In the Bag, health and hygiene bags for Homeless: Month of November**

## BECOME A MEMBER!

**Are you looking for an opportunity to serve your community? Do you enjoy working with others to achieve big things that make a difference for others? Why not consider becoming a Lions member?**

### Benefits:

- Become part of a compassionate community and a vibrant club
- Make a difference for your local community
- Assist multiple charities through our club projects and fundraising
- Registration with Lions International and, in turn, Lions Australia
- 3 editions of the Lions Magazine each year
- Direct communication of all elements of Club operations and invitations to all events and activities
- Club newsletter
- Comradery, fun and friendship
- Participate in club decision making
- Regular social events, including dinners and other activities
- Help to strengthen the club in the eyes of our community, improving its profile and its capacity
- All members receive a club shirt and cap

### Your commitment:

- Assist with activities and projects whenever you can – give as much time as you can give
- Meetings are **not** compulsory; however, we'd love you to be involved in planning and decision making whenever you can and in whatever way you can
- Be contactable and respond to all communications in a timely way
- You might even wish to consider taking on project leadership if that suits you

As members of the Lions Club of Taylors Lakes, you make a commitment to uphold our vision, mission and values and to work with others as part of a team. As a Lion, you also commit to upholding the purpose and ethics of Lions International.

### Membership Dues

As a club, we have made a big commitment to lowering the membership dues charged to each member. Being part of a major organisation, the fee for each member to the club is around \$185.

We are committing to keeping our fees to our members at **\$50**, by organising a number of club events/projects each year dedicated to the administration and operation of the club.

100% of all other funds raised from the community are returned to the community.

**Contact the club now! We'd love to have you on board!**

## Contact Us

Give us a call for more information about our club, our activities and special events

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Contact our President (and Membership Chair) by email to express interest in joining the Lions Club of Taylors Lakes

# SYDENHAM PARK DAY

We were invited by Council Staff to provide volunteers to cook and serve a BBQ for guests at an Environment Team led maintenance day at Sydenham Park, held on August 19.

A small group of volunteers were able to conduct this activity and cooked up a storm for the people in attendance.



Due to be officially opened very soon, the Park is a new Council-run asset for our area. Lion Neil is involved in the park as a member of the Friends of Sydenham Park group.



## JOIN AND BECOME A BRANCH MEMBER

Formed in July 2021, the Greening Taylors Lakes & Surrounds group is a branch of the local service club, the Lions Club of Taylors Lakes.

Based on the need to continue to enhance, protect and beautify the local area, a group of members and new members gathered together and formed the Branch with the intention of growing both membership and volunteers over time.

The Greening Taylors Lakes & Surrounds Branch has identified key objectives, forming the pillars of their work into the future:



**Greening** – revegetation, creating shade, utilising native species to the area, plantings appropriate to the needs/requirements of the site



**Environment** – species and habitat protection and creation through direct action, as well as advocacy and education



**Advocacy** – making representations to corporate land owners, levels of Government and private residents in relation to perceived greening and environmental needs



**Education** – creating opportunities to educate the general public about conservation and the well-being factors and benefits associated with a greener community



**Partnering** – building partnerships with other local organisations to achieve our objectives including Land Care groups, Friends of Organ Pipes, Friends of Taylors Creek, Friends of Sydenham Park, schools, Brimbank Council, local Indigenous Groups, etc

Their attention will particularly focus in the postcode area of 3038, but also into 3036 and 3037.

For details relating to joining, refer to the “Become a Member” section (previous page). All branch members become full members of the club, then choose whether to devote all of their energy to branch activities or to also involve in the broader club events and activities.