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Lions Club of Taylors Lakes Newsletter

FEBRUARY 2022

HAPPY NEW YEAR



Well, the year is well under way, but this is our first chance to wish everyone a very Happy New Year. We hope you have a great year, filled with promise, success and happiness!

We are certainly hoping for a more settled and productive year, as we are sure everyone else is! Initial signs are good, and we have some big events and activities planned for the year for you to be involved in. Read on to hear about some current and future events.

2022 - A YEAR OF PROMISE!



The Lions Club of Taylors Lakes (and friends)!

After 2 years of cancellations and disappointments, we are feeling more confident of a year where we can resume "normal" activity and make a broader difference for our community.

We were proud of the fact that we were able to maintain some degree of community care during the pandemic, particularly with our Pandemic Support Project, which encompassed a number of comforts for locals, especially at Retirement Villages.

This year is shaping up to be a big comeback year with the following some of our highlights:

- Eight Bunnings BBQs throughout the year (2 for the branch and 6 for the club). We remain indebted to Bunnings for their support.
- Our Music and Picnic in the Park on April 10 (see more below)
- Our Gala Night for Kids Cancer Research and projects on May 21
- Our Festival & Market Day on October 23
- Branch activities, including a Pride in our Park day in September - bringing volunteers together to clean, tidy and revitalize areas of the Lakes Linear Park
- A commitment by the Branch, supported by the club, to build a community garden on Melbourne Water Community-use land

It's going to be a positive and productive year!

BUNNINGS BBQ



Our first Bunnings BBQ for the year takes place on Saturday February 19, at the Taylors Lakes store. Please help us have a great start to our fundraising for the year by coming down, saying hello and buying a sausage (or three).

Profits from this BBQ will go to our Branch's Community Garden fund, helping us to move closer to achieving our goal of building and operating a Community garden for local groups.

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GLASSES ARE REFURBISHED AND SENT AROUND THE WORLD TO PEOPLE IN NEED

SIMPLY DROP YOUR USED SPECS AT:

OPSM WATERGARDENS SHOPPING CENTRE

Specsavers KEILOR CENTRAL SHOPPING CENTRE

OR CONTACT THE CLUB FOR MORE INFO.

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NEWS FLASH

TRICYCLE STOLEN

Lions funded dual cab tricycle for people with disabilities stolen from Bicycle Education Centre - full story on page 3

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<https://taylorlakes.vic.lions.org.au/>



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MUSIC & PICNIC in the PARK 2022

This is an event for the whole family. On Sunday April 10, we will host our second annual Community Music & Picnic in the Park.

Featuring six acts across two stages, a kids entertainment precinct with regular shows, facepainting, balloon twisting and other kid's activities, food vans and the Lions BBQ, and a range of market stalls, the day will be action packed and lots of fun!

**TAYLORS LAKES
LINEAR PARK**
CHICHESTER DVE, TAYLORS LAKES

**LIONS COMMUNITY
MUSIC
AND PICNIC IN
THE PARK**

A COVID RECOVERY EVENT

FEATURING:
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
FOOD VANS MARKET STALLS
KID'S ENTERTAINMENT AREA

**APRIL 10, 2022
10AM - 4PM**

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Priority Supported by

Primarily organised as a COVID Recovery Event, with the support of Brimbank Council, we will also take the opportunity to raise valuable funds for our charities and projects.

The day is for locals and we hope that many people can make their way to the Lakes on the day and enjoy the atmosphere.

Stay tuned for announcements about acts, food vans and market stalls.

In particular, our music acts will entice everyone - with a range of music styles from jazz to heavy rock,

featured across the day. All entertainment is free and this is a walk up event.

By liking our Facebook page, you will be able to keep up with all announcements and information regarding this event. Go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/LionsTaylorsLakes>

GREENING TAYLORS LAKES (AND SURROUNDS)

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GREENING TAYLORS LAKES
& SURROUNDS BRANCH
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The club's new Branch, The Greening Taylors Lakes (and surrounds) Branch was formed as an autonomous group. The branch members make their own decisions,

raise their own funds and establish their own directions. The club, however, supports the directions and aims of the club.

At the first meeting for the year, the Branch conducted its annual planning and reaffirmed its aims and directions.

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**OUR CLUB
VALUES**

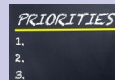
Community

Service

Compassion

Contribution

Friendship



**OUR
PRIORITIES**

**Children, Youth &
Childhood Cancer**

Environment

**Homelessness,
Poverty and
Extreme Hardship**

Vision

Aged



IN BRIEF

CHANGE OF MEETING NIGHT

Our members agreed to make a permanent swap for our monthly business meetings from the second Monday of the month to the second Tuesday to better accommodate all member's needs.

GALA FUNDRAISER

We have already begun planning this event, which last year donated \$10,000 to Kid's Cancer Research. The date is set for Saturday May 21. More announcements soon.

COLLECTION BOXES

Our collection box program is being revamped. Look out for boxes in retail locations around the suburb and drop in some spare coins to support our projects and charitable contributions.

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 an attitude of fun, enjoyment and comradery.

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



Of utmost importance to the Branch is the funding and development of a true Community Garden within the suburb. With a grant of \$5000 from Cleanaway kicking off the fund, a range of fundraising options are being explored and announcements on these are imminent.

In the meantime, the arduous task of gaining permits and building partnerships has begun. To say that bureaucracies are alive and kicking is an understatement! Our first port of call, Melbourne Water, requires the proposal to go to five different departments before it can be approved! At the same time, Brimbank Council have been tardy in responding to requests, despite the requirement that we demonstrate to Melbourne Water that the Council also supports the proposal.

Nevertheless, we push on with some confidence and hope to have successful outcomes soon.

Out of interest, here is the proposed siting (not to scale). If you're familiar with the Linear Park, you might be able to visualise it.



The Community Garden will be placed on land immediately behind BOWENS TIMBER.

Another major activity will be the "Pride in our Park" morning, scheduled for September 11. We will be calling for community volunteers to join us to give areas within the Lakes Linear Park a makeover, as we believe this most valuable community asset belongs to all of us.



As a whole of club activity, we will undertake a clean-up at our adopted park on the corner of Par-

melia Drive and Mawson Close on Sunday **March 6**. Volunteers are welcome and can go to the Clean-up Australia web site to register. Go to <https://www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au/fundraisers/philclinkaberryclinkaberry/taylors-creek-linear-park>

TRICYCLE STOLEN!



It is with much sadness and regret, and quite a degree of anger, that we announce the theft of the motorised dual cab tricycle funded by the Lions Club, purchased and presented to the

Brimbank Bicycle Education Centre in 2015.

A break-in at the Bicycle Centre on Tuesday night led to quite a degree of damage and the theft of this tricycle and another, also presented by a service club—Rotary.

It beggars belief that a Centre run by volunteers and contributed to by the community would be targeted in this way.

At the time, the tricycle we presented represented almost a full year of our fundraising. Many volunteer hours in raising the funds, using the tricycle and maintaining it have been struck out in an instant.

Imported from the USA, the tricycle is unique - if anyone sees it or knows of its whereabouts, please let us or the BBEC know.

FAREWELL KALPANA



We bid a fond farewell to our Associate member for the last 12 months, **Lion Kalpana**.

All the way from Nandasari Lions in India, Kalpana has been an active member of our club during her stay and has enjoyed the experience of being with us and continuing her community service. **BON VOYAGE!**

BIRTHDAY CORNER



February

02 Maria

14 Neil

16 Kathy

**WISHING YOU ALL
A VERY HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**

COMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

First Bunnings BBQ for 2022: Saturday February 19

Club Dinner Meeting: Wednesday Feb 23, 6pm at Dumplings Plus

Greening Taylors Lakes Branch meeting: Tuesday March 1 (Planning meeting)

Lions Club of Taylors Lakes meeting: Tuesday March 8

Music and Picnic in the Park: Sunday April 10, 10am to 4pm, Linear Park

LIONS & KIDS CANCER RESEARCH GALA: Saturday May 21

JOIN US. SUPPORT US. STAY IN TOUCH.

We are always seeking new members, supporters, business partners and people willing to lend a hand, as well as people who would simply like to be kept informed of our plans and activities out of interest.

ABOUT OUR CLUB

Our vision statement is:

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WAYS TO BE A PART OF OUR CLUB:

- By registering interest in joining the club as a member
 - By registering interest to join the Club Branch - Greening Taylors Lakes and Surrounds (Branch members also become Club members)
 - By becoming a Friend of Taylors Lakes Lions:
 - ⇒Just hear about us
 - ⇒Help out at events and activities
 - ⇒Make donations to projects that make a connection for you
 - ⇒Help us recruit more friends (and members!)
 - ⇒Contributing to ideas and directions
- As a "friend" you will receive a regular newsletter and can, at your availability and willingness, be a part of our club without making the commitment of membership
- By becoming a volunteer "Greener"- helping out at garden and planting activities

Simply respond to the email address this newsletter was sent through and indicate that you're interested in joining or volunteering for the Lions Club of Taylors Lakes, or refer to the details listed to the right.

Contact Us

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

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Contact our Secretary by email to express interest in joining the Lions Club of Taylors Lakes