

# The Lions Pride

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## 'THE SAINTS' ARE MARCHING BACK TO MOORABBIN

At our recent joint dinner meeting with Sandringham Lions, we were privileged to hear guest speakers Jon Couston, Head of Infrastructure & Major Projects at St Kilda Football Club and Lisa Laing, General Manager - Community St KFC outline the new development of St Kilda Football Club and RSEA Park – RSEA Safety has joined the club as the new naming rights partner for the new Moorabbin complex

Both speakers were enthusiastic about the transformation of Moorabbin from its current state of decay, into an elite AFL training facility and administrative headquarters, with a thriving social and retail hub and a place where the community can celebrate St Kilda Football Club's history and future successes.

As a proud AFL foundation club in the Victorian Football League (VFL), the Saints were based at Junction Oval in St Kilda until 1964 before moving its training and administration base to Moorabbin. In January 2011 St Kilda moved its training and administration base to Seaford. The club is now returning to its spiritual home, where it sees an opportunity to emerge bigger and better.

Lisa explained that through St Kilda's Community Engagement arm – Junction Studio, the club supports a number of community partners, by running programs such as 'SaintsActive', 'SaintsPlay' and 'Play To Your Strengths'. The Saints also lend their brand to fundraising initiatives including 'Soldier On', 'Blue Ribbon Foundation,' 'Sacred Heart Mission,' 'The Song Room,' 'Maddie Riewoldt's Vision,' and 'The Trevor Barker Foundation through Challenge.'

### On the Doorstep of Australia,

### Five Women Die in Childbirth Every Day.

That is the case in PNG. Not only on our doorstep, but within our Multiple District 201

In essence, other than family planning, only one intervention has been shown to reduce or prevent maternal deaths in circumstances such as in PNG namely, encourage mothers to have a supervised delivery.

In Australia, access to safe hygienic maternal health care services is a given rather than a privilege. However, in PNG only 36 % of births are attended by a skilled health care worker and less than 30% of women have a supervised delivery in a health care facility – a situation that too often leads to birthing complications and, as a result, death.

Simply, women continue to die in numbers every day, of every week, on the doorstep of Australia (again, within our Multiple District) and Lions of Australia can do something about it!

Lions of PNG, assisted by our MD201 PNG Committee have a simple project to provide assistance to birthing mothers in PNG, 'Bush Huts' – It has been identified that mothers can walk 30-40 miles to a health centre, then are turned away as “not term”, then later die from blood loss beside a track in the open heat and rain, trying to walk back to a supervised delivery.

Or they simply don't make it at “term” – of course, often the baby dies at the same time.

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Sandringham LC Pres. Lee Murray Jon Couston, Head of Infrastructure & Major Projects at St Kilda Football Club, Pres. Cerise de Gelder and Lisa Laing, General Manager - Community St KFC

## Efficient Electric Homes

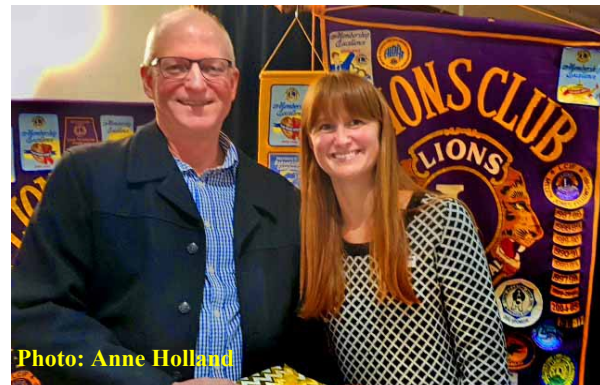


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Tim Forcey, (another guest speaker at our joint dinner meeting with Sandringham Lions) in his presentation outlined renewable-heat alternatives to gas.

Tim is a chemical engineer and energy researcher with over 35 years experience in the oil, gas and electricity industries in Australia and abroad.

On his 'My Efficient Electric Home' website – a group for open discussion of methods and sharing data on achieving efficient space heating, water heating, and cooking in homes utilising only renewable heat and electricity, rather than fossil fuel such as gas, LPG, or wood.

Tim believes many Australians are generally unaware about the renewable heat resources available to domestic households, as a clean, safe and efficient competitor to dirty fossil gas and pointed to the increased efficiency of today's reverse cycle air-conditioners. He has a 5Kw. solar system and runs six reverse cycle air-conditioners in his home, replacing a dirty old, and inefficient gas wall heater.

### On the Doorstep of Australia Cont...

What has proven successful is the provision of bush huts beside the health centres allowing mothers to stay in a culturally acceptable and familiar "hut" near to supervision, pending delivery.

These need to be locally made and it is estimated that the bush huts can be provided at about \$700 AUD

(Among the recommendation of the Appraisals/Disbursements Committee is a donation of \$700)

– John Lissenburg

**BIRTHDAYS**  
**June**  
2nd Michael Greenwood  
22nd Sam Dalley

### FUNDRAISING TRIVIA NIGHT

On Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May Moorabbin Lions partnered with the Friends of Manatuto to host a fundraising Trivia Night at Chelsea Heights Community Centre.

The Friends of Manatuto were raising money for organic school gardens in Timor Leste, and Moorabbin Lions were supporting Food For Change.

Food For Change is a local organisation that grows fruit, vegetables and herbs on unused land and distributes them to those in need. It is run by volunteers and all the food is donated to local food relief agencies. They also 'rescue' unwanted food by putting local food donors together with food relief agencies.

Matthew Donovan, one of the co-founders of Food For Change, spoke at a recent Lions dinner meeting and also did a short presentation at the Trivia Night.

Despite the unforeseen clash with Election Night, a good crowd of about 130 people attended, including several members of Moorabbin and Sandringham Lions, and all took part in the games, raffle and silent auction with enthusiasm and high spirits.

Lion Kathy Walker and her friends from the choir made up the winning table and each team member took home some great prizes.

Approximately \$4500 was raised thanks to the generosity of all those attending as well as many local businesses and individuals who donated cash, prizes or items for the auction.

Thanks to Robyn, Marilyn and John who assisted members of the FOM to set up in the morning and those who stayed behind to pack up that night. – Cerise de Gelder

### DIARY DATES

#### JUNE

- Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting
- Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Book Sale 9-3pm The Den Kingston Centre  
**Social at The Brothers Brewery  
4 Joyner St, Moorabbin 6.30pm,**
- Sun 16<sup>th</sup> **Film Fundraiser, 'Rocketman' at  
the Palace Dendy Brighton, 3.30pm**
- Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Milanos Brighton 6.45pm for 7.15pm  
(as guests at Sandringham Lions  
Changeover).
- Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> Lions Den Book Shop Sale (& BBQ)  
Kingston Centre 9am - 4pm

### ON THE AIR!



Lee Murray, President of Sandringham Lions, recently invited President Cerise de Gelder to promote the Moorabbin Lions upcoming fundraising Trivia Night during her regular Tuesday afternoon spot on Southern FM radio.

Amidst much hilarity Lee and Cerise managed to promote events for both their clubs as well as our combined dinner meetings. – Cerise de Gelder

### Our Book Den Theme This Month Is Music!

As we are approaching our coldest months, why not curl up with a mulled wine and blanket, grab a few of our books and listen to some great music on CD! We also have some musical DVDs and heaps of records!

The Monthly Book Sale got underway on May 26<sup>th</sup>, with Margaret and Michael doing the honours – Lovely seeing Margaret and Michael back on deck!

Robyn and Tony arrived around 11am to prepare for our famous Sausage Sizzle! Robyn took over in the Book Den at 12md, while Tony worked his magic at the BBQ. I arrived at 1pm.

My friend Sarah( soon to be a friend of our Lions Club, along with Tony) popped in looking after the Book Den with Tony, while Robyn and I visited twowards.

It was lovely mixing with the patients and at times,their families.

Overall we made \$108 in the book Den and \$56 on the Sausage Sizzle! Thanks to John who put out the banners/signs in the am.

Well done all!! – Di Fensham



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# LIONS CLUB OF MOORABBIN FILM FUNDRAISER

3.30pm, SUN 16<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

PALACE DENDY CINEMA

CHURCH STREET, BRIGHTON

\$25 includes film + ice cream/popcorn

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO 'FOOD FOR CHANGE'

Working to alleviate food insecurity in the local community.



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