

# On Point

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Newsletter of Lions Club Point Cook Inc

“We Serve”



Image Credit - Wal Nelowkin

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**Meeting Times 7:00 for 7:30 pm**

**“The Brook”, 215 Sneydes Road, Point Cook**

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**EDITORIAL**

Welcome to this first issue of the Point Cook Lions Club Inc newsletter. A feature of the cover is the image by Wal Nelowkin of Hornet Anzac Day fly by - more information in Cover Photo article below. Dates for the month of June are also below - remember we need volunteers for the coming Masters Sausage Sizzle!

Lion Geoffrey did his first Tail Twister session at our last meeting. He had a number of friendly fines on Members and ended with a short quiz which was won by Lions Kelly and Janice (prize was immunity next Tail Twister session)!

Coming up July is our annual changeover dinner - make it memorable by giving it maximum support. Can everyone who takes photos at this event e-mail them to me for newsletter inclusion?

All members are asked to provide information and photos of Club events for future issues - I would like to make the Newsletter as interesting as possible. Submissions can not only be on Club events but also items of general interest to Lions, project reports, Jokes and stories about your trips away (holidays, Lions Conventions and visits to other Lions Clubs etc.) are a few suggestions.

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Rebecca

## **DIARY DATES JUNE**

7 June Birthday Colin Calver

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12 June Masters Sausage Sizzle

13 June Business Meeting (7:00 for 7:30 p.m. The Brook)

15 June 7:00 p.m. Deer Park Changeover \$25/pp

16 June 7:00 p.m. Geelong Corio Bay Changeover (cost as per menu)

16 June 7:00 p.m. Williamstown Changeover from \$15/pp

17 June 7:00 p.m. Werribee Changeover \$35/pp

16 June Lions Club of Williamstown Changeover Dinner

22 June 7:00 p.m. Altona Changeover \$25/pp

23 June 7:00 p.m. Sunshine Changeover a la carte menu

25 June 7:00 p.m. Meredith and District Changeover \$30/pp

26 June 10:30 a.m. onwards Little River Changeover \$30/pp  
27 June Dinner Meeting (7:00 for 7:30 p.m. The Brook)  
28 June Birthday Lin Calver

## FUTURE DATES

11 July Lions Club Point Cook Changeover Dinner (The Brook 7:00pm for 7:30 pm) \$40/pp  
4,5,6 Nov 'Big Hearted Convention' hosted by Williamstown Lions

## POINT COOK SAFETY PLATE CAR DAY

On the 21st of May 2016 the Lions of Point Cook Inc were involved in a Safe Plate Day held by Neighbourhood Watch Point Cook Central. In all between Neighbourhood Watch, Communities Against Crime and the Lions Club they helped change over 267 number plates to the safety screw supplied by the Wyndam Police.

Point Cookies turned up in droves at the NHW Point Cook Central Safe Plate Day, the police said it was one of the highest turn outs they had seen at a safe plate event and they were impressed, as were all of the volunteers.



We didn't have to go it alone as we had a lot of help from our friends! We want to thank Tim from CAC - Community Against Crime, The Point

Cook Lions Club who had several members turn up in support to lend a hand. The Wyndham Proactive Police Unit had almost too much fun helping out! We could not have done it without these wonderful people and it was fantastic to see community groups working together with police for a common goal.

We got a lot of support on the day Point Cookies gave generously often filling our tins with notes instead of gold coins. We had visitors of the four legged kind as well as some boys in blue!

Woolworths donated an esky full of water bottles and bags of lollipops for the kids who were waiting patiently in cars! Having said that we discovered our Vic Police volunteers had a sweet tooth too!

Hannah from The Strand Corner Store arrived asking if she could barter a boot full of donuts for some safety screws; needless to say we obliged. Plus it gave a chance to have a little dig at our Police volunteers; that joke about police and donuts just never gets old!

Somehow we fear the joke was on us as we couldn't figure out how they can eat donuts and still look that fit!

Staff from Vivere Restaurant Café Bar also came to get their plates secured in the morning only to return in the afternoon with pizzas for the volunteers who had not sat down all day. Their pizzas were so good they were gone before our photographer could get a photo!

Miriam (Point Cook Neighbourhood Watch)

## **NEWSLETTER COVER PHOTO**

Our cover photo in the first issue of our Club Newsletter was taken by Wal Nelowkin who gave permission for its use. Wal is a graduate of RMIT, who worked in the RAAF as an Aeronautical Engineer. He attended an Officer Training School Course at Point Cook in 1968 and has had a life-long passion for things aeronautical. Many of his aircraft images are posted on well-known aircraft databases such as Jetphotos.net and Airliners.net. The cover image used is a slightly cropped version of the one below.



This shows three RAAF McDonnell Douglas (now Boeing) F/A-18 Hornets on an ANZAC day flyover over Parliament house in Canberra and heading towards Mt Ainslie behind the War Memorial. The first two Hornets in service in Australia were produced in the US, with the remainder assembled in Australia at Government Aircraft factories. The McDonnell Douglas F/A-18 Hornet is a twin-engine supersonic, all-weather carrier-capable multirole combat jet, designed as both a fighter and attack aircraft (hence the F/A designation). The F/A-18 has a top speed of Mach 1.8 (1,034 knots, 1,190 mph or 1,915 km/h at 40,000 ft or 12,190 m). It can carry a wide variety of bombs and missiles, including air-to-air and air-to-ground, supplemented by the 20 mm M61 Vulcan cannon. It is powered by two General Electric F404 turbofan engines, which give the aircraft a high thrust-to-weight ratio.

This RAAF Hornet image was chosen because Point Cook is the Birthplace of the RAAF. The historic Base was also the home of the Royal Australian Air Force Academy, and is currently the location of the RAAF Museum.