



We Serve

Record sales boost the bargains



◆ The Lions' float at last year's Blackwood Christmas Pageant

Club pride on parade at the pageant

"I AM proud that the Blackwood Lions Club is very community minded and nothing illustrates this more than the annual Christmas Pageant which our club organises," said Blackwood

Lions Club new President Bernard Egan (pictured). The Parade is held on the first Friday in December every year and is followed up with a carnival atmosphere party on the

Waite Reserve, which is presented in conjunction with the Blackwood Rotary Club and has Father Christmas in attendance giving gifts of lollies to the children.



THE Lions Club of Blackwood presents this year's "Report to the Community" which includes some of the projects and activities undertaken from July 2008 through to June 2009.

In this report the Club wishes to inform our community of the principal beneficiaries from the distribution of the funds raised during the Club's past year of operation.

The Lions Club of Blackwood has 36 members who donated more than 10,000 hours of willing help in the past twelve months of community service.

In a recent survey showing the value of voluntary man hours this equates to almost \$200,000 of labour.

One of the great results for the year was the increased sales at the Lions Bargain Centre located on Shepherds Hill Road at Eden Hills.

Over \$149,000 in sales for twelve months was a remarkable achievement - totalling \$1.646 million dollars in sales since the Bargain Centre started - yet another record!

Blackwood Lions Club is very proud of their achievement in the success of this venture and in no small way they express sincere thanks to you - the community - who give so generously in supporting us.

The success of the Bargain Centre is also due to the willingness of other clubs, groups and individuals who volunteer to help out at the Bargain Centre each week.

Best seller is caked in tradition

THE popular Lions Christmas Cakes will go on sale from the middle of October. They make excellent healthy and affordable gifts.

Lions Christmas Cakes coordinator Graham Smithers says "Get your Christmas Cakes before they run out". They are available widely through local retail outlets plus NAB and ANZ Banks from November through to Christmas.

Contact Graham on 8370 2211 or leave a message on the club's answering machine 8370 2144 for further details or visit the Lions Bargain Centre on Shepherds Hill Road any Saturday morning from 8.30am

Community's needs our concern

BLACKWOOD Lions Club continues to seek out the needs within the community and last year was no exception. This year we have made donations in excess of \$141,000 for the first time. These went to over 60 organisations and causes - locally, state wide, nationally and internationally - such as Blackwood Riding for the Disabled (RDA) - \$40,358; Victorian Bushfire appeal - \$11,952; Lions Hearing Dogs - \$3,255; Can Do For Kids - \$8,000; Blackwood Hospital - \$9,433; Australian Lions Mobility Foundation - \$5,369; Bellevue Heights Primary School - \$4,180; Plan International - \$3,620; Belair Scouts - \$4,820; Ironbank CFS - \$2,330; Christmas Hampers - \$1,853; Technical Aid to the Disabled - \$1,500; Blackwood Neighbourhood Watch....see more details at the bottom of this page.

President Bernie Donohue said: "The main reason I consider our Club to be so successful, is the camaraderie that exists amongst us and the willingness of so many Lions and their partners to participate in so many community ventures - often with simple BBQs etc, - RDA, the Anzac Day Eve Vigil, to mention a few."

◆ **BOOKLET A LIFESAVER:** A new life-saving initiative is being undertaken by the Blackwood Lions Club - the emergency medical

Jazz under the stars

☆ **FORMERLY** called the 'JazzFest', Wittunga Under The Stars will be held in February at the beautiful Wittunga Gardens.

☆ **NEXT** year will see a change in format and entertainment and is being held on Friday night, 19 February 2010.

information booklet (EMIB). The EMIB, available from most doctors and chemists in Blackwood, is to be filled out by you and placed on the front of your refrigerator using a magnetic envelope provided.

Should an emergency occur while at home and an ambulance is called, when they arrive they have immediate access to your medical information from your EMIB and don't have to wait to carry out tests in hospital.

The time saved can often be the difference between life and death. We urge you, especially those with known medical conditions, to pick up and fill out and use the book.

This project is run in conjunction with SA Ambulance Service.

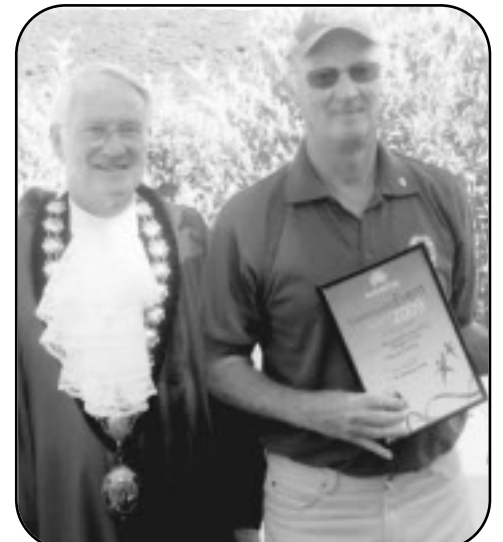
◆ **FUN FOR MEMBERS:** It would not be unreasonable for people to think that if all Lions do is raise funds and work on community projects then being a Lion must be hard work.

Far from it, we have fun and know how to let our hair down - working on projects with fellow Lions members is fun in itself but we also organise other enjoyable outlets. There is the annual Club Christmas party, Melbourne Cup luncheon, movie nights, we treat ourselves to a weekend away once a year, and each month our partners join us for dinner at our fellowship meeting with guest speaker.

The Club is always looking for community minded men and women of all ages to join the Club - if you would like to give something back to the wonderful community we live in - give Blackwood Lions a call.

Fellowship, good times, meeting people, building lasting friendships, service to the community, learning skills, leadership and personal development - are just some of the good things and benefits about being a member of Lions, the world largest service and humanitarian organisation.

◆ **Phone Membership Director John Alexandrou on 8278 1230 or 0419 890 123 and come along and sample Blackwood Lions' hospitality.**



◆ Then president Bernie Donohue receives Mitcham Council's 2009 Australia Day Community Award from Mayor Ivan Brooks on behalf of Blackwood Lions Club

BLACKWOOD LIONS CLUB

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

Thank you Blackwood & districts!

Through your generosity the Lions Club of Blackwood has been able to support the following with Donations totalling \$141,000 -

Aberfoyle Park Scouts	Blackwood Calisthenics	Christian Blind Mission	High School Bursary	Lions Quest Foundation	Royal Flying Doctors
A disabled person	Blackwood Circle of Friends	Clown Doctors	Highland Scouts	Medical Booklets (EMIB)	Royal Society for the Blind
Adelaide West Rotary Club	Blackwood Community Hospital	Coromandel Valley CFS	Ironbank CFS	Minda Craighurn Cricket	Salvation Army
ALF Drug Awareness	Blackwood Kindergarten	Cranio-Facial	Julian Burton Burns Foundation	Mitchell Park Football Club	SCOSA
ANZAC Day Ceremony	Blackwood Language Award	Earl of Chester Lodge	Lions Aust Spinal Chord	Multiple Sclerosis Society	St Peters Lutheran School
Australian Breastfeeding Assn	Blackwood Neighbourhood Watch	Eden Hills Primary School	Lions Club of Barossa Valley	Onkaparinga Lions Youth Camp	Technical Aid to Disabled
Aust Lions Mobility Foundation	Blackwood Primary - hearing aids	Eden Hills Scouts	Lions Club of Mitcham	Overseas Specialist Surgical Assn	Tongan Games Equipment
Autism Australia	Blackwood Scouts	Flagstaff Hill Scouts	Lions Club of Toodyat, WA	Peace Posters	Tusmore United Church
Belair Guides & Belair Scouts	Boys Brigade	Grey Box Society	Lions Eye Health Care	Plan International	United Way - zoo trip
Bellevue Heights NHW	Can Do For Kids	Haemophilia Foundation	Lions Hearing Dogs	QEH Research	Victorian Bushfire Appeal
Bellevue Heights School - hearing	Carers Association	Hawthorndene Primary School	Lions Life Skills	Riding for the Disabled	Xmas Hampers