There were 24 major projects and activities during the year involving 730 hours, they included sausage sizzles for the Model Railway Club, Brimbank Jazz in the Park Festival and Brimbank City Festival; the Clean-up Australia Day project; a back yard clean-up and hosting the District Seminar. We have conducted 4 Men’s Health Nights and a Family Health Night, all with excellent speakers, but numbers attending have not been as many as we expected. Our thanks to Dr.W.Choi for his involvement.

The Christmas Stocking Raffle at Highpoint this year raised $3000 and provided a sales point for 532 1.5kg and 137 1kg Xmas cakes. We also sold Christmas trees in Sunshine, which raised $145. Sales of Mints and Cake Slices have remained steady.

Assisting the Centre for Eye Research Australia conduct their program for the Early Detection of Diabetic Eye Disease was a worthwhile project in which 300 people were checked over 10 days. Thanks to Mercy Hospice for the use of their premises. Thirty-seven children were sponsored to the Luna Park outing and 6 children provided by the Good Shepherd Foundation were sent for a Licola Camp holiday. For the 3rd year $200 Scholarships were provided to the Braybrook and Sunshine Secondary Colleges.

Our Youth of the Year Quest had 6 entrants and we congratulate Marilyn Lopez from Sunshine Secondary College on being the club winner, and Melissa Johnson from Braybrook Secondary College on winning the public speaking section. The judges were Dan Wallace, Lorraine Fletcher, Lorraine Benson and Dave Nicholson to whom we are indebted for their time and effort.

Attendance at meetings this year has averaged 83%. It is with sadness that we record the deaths of Lion Peter McLachlan in July, a dedicated and enthusiastic member, and Life Member Lion Stan Jeffrie in May. Also Brian Lawrence and Adrian and Robyn Lutze resigned but we have regained Lion John Boles after a period with Ascot Vale club. Lion Brian Priest received a 25 Year Monarch Certificate and Chevrons and Lion Bill Martin a 15 Year Monarch Certificate and Chevrons. Congratulations to them. Membership now stands at 11.

We thank President Don for his leadership and initiative during the year, and offer our support to Lion Steve for the coming year.

Bill Benson.
1 June 99.
MAJOR DISBURSEMENT 1998/99

Assistance to Vietnamese Family $200
Donation to Youth Challenge Australia volunteer $100
Purchase of a microwave oven for Somalian Family $229
Bus hire to take Youth Exchange Students to Camp Koala $50
Lions Club of Lara Corey Appeal $250
Assistance to bereaved family $1300
Braybrook Secondary College High Challenge Camp $600
Lions Village Licola $100
Australian Lions Drug Awareness Foundation Inc $175
Sunshine East Primary School Camp $50
Woornack Hostel $50
Luna Park Children’s Outing $300
Licola Camp $995

Scholarships, Braybrook and Sunshine Secondary Colleges $400
Salvation Army. 96 Christmas cakes $864
The Smith Family. 60 Christmas cakes $540
Braybrook Primary School. Special desk and chair $650
Rotary Club of Preston. Children’s Film Festival $250
Assist to purchase a wheelchair (Spina Bifida sufferer) $358
Leo Club of Keilor - Good Friday bath tub push $50
Leo Club of Deer Park - Good Friday bath tub push $50
Peace Poster Competition $40
Men’s Health Nights advertising $100
Leo Club of Keilor $25
Mercy Hospice $500
Sunshine Hospital $300
Royal Flying Doctor Service $100
Australian Lions Multiple Sclerosis Foundation $50
Mongolia Project. Christina Noble Children’s Fund $100
Lions Club of Ascot Vale (share of raffle) $782
Lions Cyclone Disaster Appeal $200
Lions Cord Blood Appeal $200
Purchase of washing machine for needy family $385

TOTAL $10543