Although, at 23, the number of activities and projects this year at was almost the same as last year, the number of hours contributed increased from 730 to 1142. Some of these projects were:- regular sausage sizzles at Good Buy’s, sausage sizzle for the Model Railway Club display, monthly Men’s Health Nights, car park line marking for a church, gardening, house painting, and Clean-up Australia involvement. We also erected a pergola over a sand pit for a kindergarten, and our Walk for an Aussie Kid raised $1500 for the Australian Lions Children’s Mobility Foundation.

Our Christmas Stocking raffle at Highpoint raised $2058 and the site largely contributed to the sale of 940 1.5 kg and 1068 1kg Christmas cakes. Sales of Christmas trees at Bunnings raised $700 and were quite successful. Lion Mint sales continue at a reasonable rate.

As in previous years 6 children were sent to a Christmas camp at Licola, and 37 children, selected by The Smith Family, were taken to Luna Park. Our thanks to Sita Coaches, Bunnings and Foodworks for their contribution to the Luna Park outing.

Three entrants participated in the Youth of the Year Quest and we congratulate Cameron Wilson from Sunshine Secondary College as the club winner, and Casey O’Grady from Westbourne Grammar as the public speaking winner. Special thanks to our judges Dan Wallace, Dave Nicholson and Lorraine Fletcher. Phoung Tang was sponsored on the Youth Exchange Program to Japan.

Attendance at meetings this year has averaged 92%. We started the year with 11 members and now have 15 due to the transfer in from Ascot Vale of Lion Jean Boles and the induction of Lions Coral Norton, Jean Priest, Lindsay Atkins and Lorna Aicher. Unfortunately for us, Lions Coral Norton and Bill Maynard have decided to move to Mildura and their contributions will be missed. We wish them well for the future. Sadly, we record the death of Life Member and Past Council Chairman Merv Pentreath OAM, a member for 45 years. Our sincere sympathy to Lions Lady Edna and family. On a happier note, Lion Brian Priest was made a Life Member of the club, the presentation being made by PCC Maurie Tanian. Congratulations to Lion Brian.

We thank President Steve for his enthusiastic leadership during the past year and offer our support to President Elect Brian for the ensuing year.

Bill Benson.
MAJOR DISBURSEMENTS  1999-2000

Leo Club of Deer Park and District $50  
Licola Endowment Fund Appeal $100  
Highpoint Industries (Spastic Society) $500  
Good Shepherd Foundation $100  
Child Protection Unit. (20 care bears) $140  
Table for wheelchair $70  
Turkish Earthquake Disaster. (LCIF) $500  
Children’s Luna Park outing $367  
East Timor Emergency Fund $500  
Isis Family Assistance $100  
Material for kindergarten pergola $800  
Youth Exchange Program $300  
Australian Lions Drug Awareness Foundation Inc $75  
Combined Pensioners Association (3 Christmas cakes) $30  
Mattresses for burned out family $210  
Australian Lions Children’s Mobility Foundation (Walk for an Aussie Kid) $1500  
Senior Citizens Club. (Christmas cakes and slices) $87  
Woornack Aged Care Facility ($100, Christmas cakes and tree) $161  
Braybrook Secondary College.(Community Service Awards) $150  
Brimbank Nursing Home. (2 Christmas cakes) $18  
Sunshine Secondary College (Award for excellence) $100  
Salvation Army (100 Christmas cakes) $660  
Licola Camp(6 children) $995  
Youth of the Year Project $190  
Department of Human Services (10 care bears) $70  
Royal Children’s Hospital Good Friday Appeal $50  
Darnley St. Church (paint for car park lines)  $118  
Lions Cord Blood $100  
Lions Multiple Sclerosis Foundation $100  
TOTAL $8141