Lions Club of Sunshine Inc
Secretary's Report 2002-2003

It is pleasing to report that our effort to attract new members was successful to the extent that, from 500 invitations, about 20 people attended the Information Night after which two applied to join. Subsequently, Frank MacInnes and Kelly Eberle were inducted as members and we extend a warm welcome to them. Our membership now stands at 17 with attendance at meetings, make-ups included, averaging 85%. Sadly, we record the death of Lion Brian Priest, a dedicated Lion for 28 years. Our condolences to Lion Jean and family. Three members attended the M.D. Convention in Hobart, with 7 at the District Convention in Hamilton. During the year, members made visits to the following clubs: Footscray, Deer Park, Hoppers Crossing, Leopold and Keilor.

Fund raising has been from sausage sizzles - for which we now have our own barbecue trailer; a jumble sale which raised $1,320; the sale of Christmas trees for a profit of $3,170; and Christmas Stocking raffle for a disappointing profit of $1,040. Sausage sizzles were also held for the Model Railway Club ($602); Bluey Day ($420); and the Victorian Classic and Vintage Speedway Club. Lions Christmas cakes and Mints also contributed to funds raised. Thanks to Highpoint City for assistance with the Christmas Stocking raffle, and to Bunnings for allowing sausage sizzles and sale of Christmas trees and Christmas cakes on their premises.

A room which we refurbished at the Western Hospital Oncology Unit was opened in November, and dedicated to the memory of Lion Mike Calvitto. Two groups of children were sponsored to Licola camps, 5 children at Christmas and 4 in April. This year we had 2 entrants in the Youth of the Year Quest, with Byron Gatt from Sunshine College being the winner. We extend our thanks to the judges, Chau Tan from National Australia Bank and Pru Pereira, for their involvement. Three scholarships of $50 each were provided to both Sunshine and Braybrook Colleges for their awards programs. We participated in Operation Friendship with an Austrian couple being hosted by 2 club members' families.

A monitored security alarm system was installed in Lions House and a clean-up done of the gardens. Members have contributed 1683 hours to community projects and fund raising.
Our thanks to the Lions Club of Hoppers Crossing and volunteers for their help with the Christmas Stocking raffle, and to our Lions Ladies for their support.

To President Ray, our thanks for your dedication to the job.

Congratulations to President Elect Jean Priest on being elected President for our 50th Anniversary year, and best wishes for a successful year.

Secretary Bill Benson.
15 May 2003.

**MAJOR DISBURSEMENTS 2002-2003**

- Camp (Uniting Care Sunshine Mission) $100
- Highpoint Industries Account $500
- Oncology Unit, Western Hospital $600
- Bluey Day (Children's Hospital) $420
- Catering (member welfare) $300
- Hearing Dogs (purchase of pavers) $200
- ALDAF Inc $75
- Sponsorship Ms G Maranca $100
- Bali Victims Assistance Fund $500
- Good Shepherd Youth and Family Services $242
- Braybrook College (scholarships) $150
- Sunshine College (scholarships) $150
- Donation of Christmas cakes $96
- Lions Club of Hoppers Crossing (member welfare) $500
- District 201V2 (member welfare) $200
- Murray to Moyne bike ride $50
- Salvation Army (120 cakes for bushfire victims) $984
- Licola camps (sponsor children) $2000
- Licola Development Appeal $1000
- Children's Mobility Picnic $20

**TOTAL $8187**