This year saw Lion Jean Priest installed as the first woman president in the club’s 50 year history. Our 50th Charter Anniversary was celebrated on 19 July ’03 with a dinner at Oriana Receptions. To mark the occasion, PDG Don Gray compiled an excellent book covering the achievements and events of our first 50 years.

Starting the year with 17 members we have welcomed new members Michael Hereward and Satwinder Singh, but regretfully terminated the membership of Lindsay Atkins and David Sullivan. Also, Herb Pereira has requested transfer to Bundaberg Hinkler club which will leave us with 16 members. President Jean and Lion Lorna attended the District Convention at Kaniva and the MD Convention at Cairns. Visits were made to Footscray, Williamstown, Hoppers Crossing and Deer Park clubs.

Fund raising has been from sausage sizzles, mostly at Bunnings Sunshine and Maribyrnong, very successfully raising over $5000; the sale of Christmas trees at a profit of $1839; and a jumble sale $738. Sales of Christmas cakes and Lion mints contributed to funds raised. A Christmas Stocking raffle was not held as the return last year did not justify the time involved.

This year, an initiative by Lion Frank saw the introduction of the Sunshine Secondary Colleges Students Community Service Awards. A Plaque was presented to the winner Natalie Boccalini at Caroline Chisholm College, and a Certificate of Merit 2003 to Angela Tran at Sunshine College. After a lot of effort, the Youth of the Year Quest this year had 6 entrants with the winner being David Nguyen from Caroline Chisholm College. Unfortunately, David was not available for the next level and we were represented by runner-up Emma Lee Ashley. We thank the judges Pru Pereira, Chau Tang and Chris Tolley for their commitment.

A group of 6 children was sponsored to a camp at Licola in January. Through Lion James, King Island Cheese donated a lap top computer for us to give to disabled child Morgan Turkovic. At Christmas, toys were distributed to children in the Sunshine Hospital, and small gifts to residents of Woornack Nursing Home.

Hours contributed for the year amounted to 1154.

We thank President Jean for her year as our leader, and offer our best wishes to President Elect Jean Boles for a successful year.

Bill Benson.
1 June, 2004.
**MAJOR DISBURSEMENTS 2003-2004**

Sunshine Special Developmental School. (Special bath) $500  
Good Shepherd Family Services. (TV set for family) $241  
Camp, Uniting Care Sunshine Mission $100  
Bluey Day $845  
Braybrook College. (School camp) $300  
Australian Lions Drug Awareness Foundation Inc. $75  
Suitcases. (transport medical supplies, Dr Choi) $158  
Uniting Care Sunshine Mission (40 Christmas trees @ $28) $1120  
Sunshine Hospital. (2 Christmas trees) $56  
Senior Citizens Club. (4 Christmas cakes) $44  
Combined Pensioners Association. (2 Christmas cakes) $22  
Assistance to single mother $200  
Woornack Nursing Home (Christmas gifts) $150  
Sunshine Hospital. (toys at Christmas ) $300  
Braybrook College. (scholarships) $150  
Children to Licola camp $1380  
Youth of the Year Quest $308  
Braybrook College. (student to school camp) $300  
New Zealand Flood Appeal $500  
East Timor Assistance Appeal $500  
Children's Hospital Appeal $150  
Children with a Disability $113  
Invalid transport vehicle repairs $1566  
Secondary Colleges Students Awards $174  
Operation Teddy Bear Project $77  

**TOTAL $9329**