

Dear Service Club Representative

I trust you and yours had a Blessed Christmas and that your New Year is full of Joy.

The Light Electorate Service Clubs Forum met on Thursday 22nd November at 6 pm in the Alfresco Room of Café Nova.

QUIZ NIGHT REPORT

At the forum cheques from the combined Quiz Night proceeds were presented to the local community organisations (photo enclosed).

Additionally, the engraved trophy was presented to the Apex Club of Gawler as the inaugural winners of the Service Clubs Quiz Cup (photo enclosed).

Some time was spent reviewing the success or otherwise of the combined Quiz Night. The consensus was that it went well and, subject to some changes, worth running again in 2019 as a “fellowship” activity and minor fundraiser.

Feedback on the Quiz night was as follows:

- Questions could be more of a general nature
- Suggest a break at half time to allow members to mix and mingle
- Went too long
- Ensure tables are in front of speakers (some had difficulty hearing because the speakers were behind them)
- Suggest having questions on a screen
- Generally everyone enjoyed the night
- Look at the timing of event to earlier in October so to not clash with other service club events
- General agreement to hold another event next year
- Marking of questions to be shared amongst the tables to save time

ANNUAL REPORT

It is still proposed to launch a “combined” annual report for Service Clubs in the Light Electorate (or serving the Light Electorate).

It was not possible to launch at the 2018 Quiz night as not all clubs had provided the necessary information and photos. To make it easier for clubs, it is suggested that they provide a copy of their annual report and a “combined” report would be prepared by the Light Electorate Office from the reports provided.

COMMUNICATION

The Light Electorate Office are currently constructing a closed “Facebook Page” where Service Clubs could share information with each other. This could help clubs plan and promote activities and events and minimise clashes with other clubs’ events.

While any person could send a message to the page, only service club representatives would be able to post to the page. Additionally, any requests to the page by the general public would be moderated, whereas service club representatives would be able to freely communicate with other clubs.

The page should be live in the next few days and I will send you a link to enable you to join it.

REQUESTS FOR GRANTS

While a decision was not reached, the possibility of discussing requests made to service clubs for financial support. The forum was seen as a possible means of co-ordinating responses to people making requests for support. For this to be effective, the Forum would need to meet at least bi-monthly. Further discussions are to take place at the next forum meeting.

POSSIBLE 2019 JOINT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Clubs were asked to consider in their planning for 2019 and beyond things they could do in collaboration with one or other service clubs who are part of the forum.

In addition to the proposed 2019 combined Quiz Night, the possibility of holding another “combined” event was discussed, particularly with the objective of reaching younger people and promote the clubs to a new and larger audience.

YOUNG ACHIEVERS AWARDS

The idea of having a “Combined” Young Achievers Award Night was discussed. The purpose of the Award Night is to recognise the achievements of young people (age 12-25) in our community across a range of endeavours. The awards would be presented at an awards night dinner, where family and friends of nominees would attend (at their own cost).

- Each Club would sponsor one (or more) awards which suits or aligns with the club’s objectives.
- Club rep presents award and short speech on their activities, including a 2 min power point presentation
- The Awards could be launched during Youth Week 2019 (10-19 April) and presented around 12 August for International Youth Day

- Clubs would sponsor a trophy/certificate and an appropriate voucher

Possible Award categories could include (but not limited to)

- Academic,
- Sports,
- Environment,
- Local Community,
- Vocational Training and Education,
- Employment,
- Business,
- Arts and Culture,
- Innovation and Entrepreneurship,
- Civics and Citizenship
- International Community

Successful candidates would be selected by an **independent panel** which could include representatives from service clubs (in their award category).

Participating service clubs would be identified on all promotional materials and on the presentation night.

Clubs are asked to discuss the idea amongst their members to see if a decision (if possible) could be made at the next forum meeting.

GROWERS MARKET RETURNS

You may have read that a Growers Market is to return to Gawler at the Visitor Centre Carpark on **Saturday 12th January**.

The market operators will make one stall site available, free of charge, to service clubs or any community group that would like to provide “breakfast” to market goers. The service club/community organisation would keep all proceeds.

The stall would be made available on a rotational or ad hoc basis.

If your club is interested in taking the FREE spot please let me know ASAP and I will pass on your details to the market operators, or feel free to contact them direct via their Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/gawlermarket/>

NEXT MEETING

The next forum meeting was previously scheduled for Wednesday 6th February 2019, but given some clubs won't meet until later, it is proposed to **hold the next meeting on Wednesday 20th February 2019 at the new Salvation Army Riverside Centre, 17 Edith street, Gawler.**

I look forward to working with you during 2019 and I would like to wish you a Happy New Year to You and Your Club Members.

With Kind Regards

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