



# News

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## WELCOME TO THE MARCH TRARALGON FARMERS' MARKET

Autumn is finally with us and you will soon notice our beautiful Elm trees change colour and start to lose their leaves.

We thought you might like to know a little bit more about Lions, so we hope today's Newsletter helps. Please feel free to chat to any of our members if you want to know more.

Cloudy today, with a chance of a shower or two and temps 7° to 22°. Light winds picking up in the afternoon. Have a good day - Don and the team.

### Where does Traralgon Lions Money Come From?

You may well ask how a Lions Club raises the funds to assist the community.

Traralgon Lions Club has regular income sources from Farmers Market Stallholder fees, Farmers Market catering and a weekly Spinning Wheel at Traralgon Plaza. We offer a catering service specialising in barbecues which is "on demand" and can cater for both small and large groups.



The annual Lions Charity Golf Day and raffle recently raised around \$8,000 this amount being raised from raffle proceeds, entry fees and sponsorships. Traralgon Lions also from time to time receive government and council grants as well as donations from the public or businesses.

As an Incorporated body registered for GST we have to keep good records as if we were a business. This keeps Geoff and Don amused in their "spare" time.

### Farmers Market Eco Bags

**Just a reminder that our supply of eco-bags has just about reached the end!**

Last market we asked for your input regarding the future of this currently free supply.

Please give your thoughts and opinions to any of the management team so that we can decide how to proceed.

The future of the eco bags is in your hands!

### How Does Traralgon Lions Spend The Money?

As a stallholder paying stall fees, you may well ask the above question.

Firstly, all requests for donations go through an approval process by the club members to ensure we are spending wisely and generously. Some examples of our spending is as follows.

Within the last year Traralgon Lions have provided a 21<sup>st</sup> birthday party for a terminally ill girl, and funding for a local lady with Lyme's Disease enabling her to travel to Germany for specialist treatment.

In recent times we have provided \$1,000 for "Need for Feed" to provide fodder for fire and drought affected farmers, and \$5,000 to support the needs of communities affected by bushfires in Western Australia, South Australia and Victoria.

The devastation to Fiji caused by Cyclone Winston was another humanitarian cause to which we donated \$5,000. We have supported local Girl Guides by providing funding for the update of their kitchen. Traralgon Band and the local Air Cadet squadron are also supported.



General donations to Lions causes have included childhood leukaemia, seeing-eye dogs, hearing dogs, prostate cancer, Alzheimer's disease, donations of used spectacles, the list goes on!

This list is not inclusive of all expenditure, but rather a snapshot or sample of how Lions money is spent. So you can see that your stall fees are put to good use.

Power supply news - see overleaf



**Next Market - Saturday, 23rd April 2016, 8am to 1pm**

### The Power is On – Well, Almost.

Some two weeks ago we were greatly excited to see the installation of two distribution boards between sites 15&16 and 48&49. This was great, no more generator, no more generator problems, no more generator to be returned at 7AM Monday, life looked pretty damn good.

March Farmers Market crept closer, Fred attempted to contact the Council person many times, without much response. Finally, Fred was able to pick up the keys to the boxes and inspected but, alas, not quite set up in the manner we requested. More importantly, they were not metered or connected to the mains. Life suddenly wasn't quite as good as we had hoped!

It could be said that communications between contractors, Council and SPAusnet do not progress at the speed of sound. However, I guess there is always the possibility of an April start!

To make matters worse, the generator we went to collect, proved to be a welder without the appropriate connections. So, negotiations had to be undertaken with another entity who had hired out a Coates Hire generator. Fred's exquisite negotiating skills honed whilst a TWU organiser came to the fore and we hopefully have a generator for Saturday.

However, if you get to the market and there is no generator, there probably won't be a Market Manager or Assistant Manager around either. April is another month – hopefully our friends at SPAusnet will grace us with a visit!



**SATURDAY 8am-1pm**

Don't forget your ECO-bags!

For stall bookings, contact the manager 0409 232 715

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 25th March - Monday 28th March- EASTER

Saturday 26th March - Traralgon Farmers Market

Sunday 3rd April - END OF DAYLIGHT SAVING

Saturday 23rd April - Traralgon farmers Market

Saturday 28th May - Traralgon farmers Market

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### *THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH*

Success is not the key to happiness.  
Happiness is the key to success. If  
you love what you are doing, you  
will be successful.



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