Still Talking

Dedicated to the welfare of Laryngectomees and those with similar vocal disorders.
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MEETINGS
February – November, 3rd Wednesday Of the month. Sydney Mechanics Institute, 280 Pitt St, SYDNEY at 10.45 am. (EXCLUDING JULY, DETAILS TO BE ADVISED) Regional meetings Pg. 2 Meetings will be followed by light refreshments. Laryngectomees, friends, families, professionals all welcome.
Regional Meetings

NSW ASSOCIATION: 3rd Wednesday of month (Feb - Nov) Next away meeting St. George Hospital 17th July
NEWCASTLE: 3rd Tuesday. Monthly Mayfield Bowling Club Ingall Street Mayfield Start 12.30 -2.00 Contact John Lovett (02) 4954 8308
johndawnlovett@optusnet.com.au
NORTHERN RIVERS: 4 times annually in Lismore. Contact Speech Pathologist Allison Grady (02) 6629 4523 or (02) 6620 21 57
ALBURY: Meets alternate months from February. Contact Tanya Dawe- Speech Pathology Manager Phone 02 60584565, Mobile 0409543653 Email tanya.dawe@awh.org.au

Minutes

Laryngectomee Association of NSW Inc.
Minutes of Meeting of 17 April 2019

The President, Les Byrnes opened the meeting at 10:45am, welcoming all those present. Special mention was made of new member Gail Barnett with her husband Jim Barnett. (For the record, Les Byrnes worked at the RBA with both years and years ago).

Attendance – Laryngectomees:
Frank Campbell; Gail Barnett; Peter Kelly; Les Byrnes; John Pyle; Vicki Pedras & Chris Barrett.

Attendance - Non-laryngectomees:
Jim Barnett; Judy Kelly; Cathy Edwards; Carol Gardner and Glenn Williams.

Apologies:
Raymond Chappelow; Peter Tierney and Glenda Tierney.
Les Byrnes updated those present on the continuing problems experienced by the Secretary/Treasurer, Raymond Chappelow. Raymond is currently in Nepean Hospital recuperating from Aspiration Pneumonia caused by the dislodging of 2 Voice Prosthetics since 27 March, last. His next-door neighbour has been keeping a watch on him at home and keeping Les informed of the situation. Stop Press: Advice received Raymond will be discharged on Good Friday.
### Financial Report:

**CBA Society Account balance as at 28 February 2019.** $52,536.44

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**CBA balance as at 31 March 2019** $51,185.44
Minutes of March Meeting:
The only business arising was that the constitution must be changed so that the Association can embrace internet banking

Welfare Officer’s Report:

LARYNGECTOMEE ASSOCIATION

WELFARE REPORT FOR April 2019

STOMA COVERS & ACCESSORIES

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General Business:
The President advised that there had been no volunteer for the vacant position of Welfare Officer. This important job does not necessitate attendance at our meetings, nor does it require the incumbent be a laryngectomee. It would most definitely suit a partner of a laryngectomee with a little spare time, internet access, a phone and availability of a Post Office. A Float is available for any expenses. Les Byrnes would like to hear from any member interested in this position.

A great deal of discussion ensued between those veteran larys present about life post laryngectomy for the benefit of new member, Gail Barnett. Gail, who had her operation in January, is unable to voice at present & is 2/3 through Radiation Therapy.

Explanatory advice about different procedures, type of Voice Prosthetics, problems encountered during recovery period and several anecdotes about life as a lary followed until the President closed the Meeting.

The Meeting closed at 11:20am for lunch.
POSITION VACANT

Welfare Officer

Our Current office-bearer is unavailable to serve in 2019. This position entails the purchase, sale & dispatch of our merchandise. The Welfare Officer may live anywhere in NSW, but it is ESSENTIAL that applicants have access to phone, email & postal/courier services. The Association will provide (if necessary) any cabinets required for stocking items.

Feel free to discuss this role with our current Welfare Officer –
The Laryngectomee Association of NSW Incorporated

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Ensure that LANSW have your current contact details.

Payment by internet does not require this form to be sent, but please include your name on transfer otherwise your membership will no be credited.

PLEASE TICK WHATEVER APPLIES

— Cheque enclosed  ______ Payment made to Bank: Date of Payment ___ / ___ /201

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Calling Merrylands

On the 2 April 2019 $10:00 was deposited into our account at the CBA branch at Merrylands. As there was no additional information given, we do not know who the depositor was. If you, please contact the Secretary/Treasurer using the details on page 1.

Engineers and most men will understand this completely

The engineer's wife left a note for him to help prepare dinner that evening:

"Shepherd's Pie needs to be taken out of the fridge

and placed in the oven at 140 degrees."
MY WIFE AT HOME

MY WIFE IN PUBLIC

Hi! My name is StopThat...

But sometimes they call me GetBackHere!

SOMEBWHERE IN AMERICA

THERE’S ABOUT TO BE AN E.R. NURSE WITH A GREAT STORY TO TELL
John was the cop in a small town where everyone knew each other. One night, during his night patrol, he spotted the town drunk walking down the street looking like he was up to no good. “Hey!” Said John, rolling down his window. “Your not heading for any trouble, are you?” “No sir!” Responded the drunkard with a big smile, “I’m heading to a lecture!” A lecture?!” thought the cop incredulously at 1 am!? this I gotta see! After following him for a few blocks John was surprised to see him going into his house. “Hey!” John screamed out his window. “I thought you were heading to a lecture?!” The drunkard just held his index finger and headed inside. Sure enough within a minute John heard the lecture loud and clear through the upstairs window, “JUST WHAT THE HELL WERE YOU DOING OUT ALL THIS TIME YOU NASTY GOOD-FOR-NOTHING…”

A man died and went to The Judgment, they told him , “Before you meet with God, I should tell you — we’ve looked over your life, and to be honest you really didn’t do anything particularly good or bad. We’re not really sure what to do with you. Can you tell us anything you did that can help us make a decision?” The newly arrived soul thought for a moment and replied, “Yeah, once I was driving along and came upon a person who was being harassed by a group of thugs. So I pulled over, got out a bat, and went up to the leader of the thugs. He was a big, muscular guy with a ring pierced through his lip. Well, I tore the ring out of his lip, and told him he and his gang had better stop bothering this guy or they would have to deal with me!” “Wow that’s impressive, “When did this happen?” “About three minutes ago,” came the reply. Q. What did the lawyer name his daughter? A. Sue.

A few old couples used to get together to talk about life and to have a good time. One day one of the men, Harry, started talking about this fantastic restaurant he went to the other night with his wife. “Really?”, one of the men said, what’s it called? After thinking for a few seconds Harry said, “what are those good smelling flowers called again?” “Do you mean a rose? the first man questioned. “Yes that’s it,” he exclaimed. Looking over at his wife he said, “Rose what’s that restaurant we went to the other night?”

Bob was in a terrible motorcycle accident and his legs weren’t in great shape, to say the least. After a couple of weeks of therapy, it soon became clear to the Doctor that they were just pushing off the inevitable. Due however, to Bob’s frail condition, the Doctor was afraid to give him the bad news. Instead, he gave the sorry job to Bob’s wife of 40 years, hoping that she would know how to break the bad news to him ever so slowly and gently. “Honey”, said Bob’s wife Eva the next morning, “I’ve got good news and bad news, which one would you like to hear first?” Bob, always in a morbid state, responded in his usual grumpy voice, “what do I care? Just give me the bad news!” “Well dear,” said Eva cupping Bob’s hand with her two hands, “I hate to have to tell you this, but it seems like your legs are going to have to be taken off.” Bob, barely able to hold his voice from cracking croaked out, “Eva, what’s the good news?” “The good news” said Eva happily, “is that that the gardener that was in here just before, said he may be interested in buying your slippers from you!”