

News

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Allan Lyell Vickery 25/06/1939 – 05/01/2016

The Lions Club of Traralgon mourns the loss of Traralgon Farmers Market stalwart Allan Vickery, who passed away on the 5th January 2016, after suffering a long illness.

Whilst Allan did not initiate our market, he quickly recognised that the market in its early days, could be run better. Consequently, Allan approached stallholders and Latrobe City with the idea that the Lions Club of Traralgon assume management of the market. With a vote of confidence from the stallholders and a Business Plan in place, Latrobe City granted market management to the Lions Club.

Allan's theory was that stall fees would be far better placed in the community, than in a private operator's pocket. Allan also offered a management style that provided stallholders with regular advertising, a consultative approach and regular communication. Allan was selective with stallholders and not backward in sacking anyone not up to the required standards. Allan is responsible for the great market that we enjoy today.

Traralgon Farmers Market was but one facet of Allan's community activities. Allan was a Councillor at Narracan Shire (now within Baw Baw Shire) at the age of 29 years. Allan was also a Scoutmaster at Yallourn North. Allan was also involved with the Walhalla Development League. This was while Allan lived at Yallourn North.

During this time Allan was a founding member of Yallourn North Lions Club, where he became Charter President.



In 1980 Allan moved to Traralgon and transferred to the local Lions Club. It would be fair to say that the Traralgon community benefitted from Allan's relocation. Allan was a driving force in Traralgon for the establishment of the Victory Park Soundshell, playground equipment in Newman Park, the establishment of a Spinal Cord Fellowship within Lions, Carols by Candlelight, Australia Day Breakfast and the senior Citizen's Christmas Party.

Allan was formally recognised for his contribution to the community with the Latrobe City 2013 Citizen of the Year Award.

As quoted by Geoff Neal in the LV Express "Without thought for personal reward, Allan has helped make Traralgon and the world a much better place to live.

Allan also made a significant contribution to Lions International.

At club level Allan held most positions and was a long time Director and Fund Raising Manager within Traralgon Lions Club. However, beyond his home club, Allan's Lions career scaled the lofty heights of Lions hierarchy, becoming Multiple District 201 Chairman in 1985/86. This position is responsible for all Australian Lions Clubs, plus Papua New Guinea, Norfolk Island and East Timor. There are many Lions serving today who have sought Allan's wise counsel when decisions needed to be made. Allan made many friends within Lions and this was evidenced by the large Lions contingent in attendance at his funeral.

Above all, Allan was a family man. Allan was particularly fond of family gatherings and looked forward to cooking for everyone. Allan leaves behind his wife of fifty four years Maree, sons Dale and Grant, daughter Sally and a large extended family.

The respect with which Allan was held by Traralgon Farmers Market Stallholders was evidenced at his funeral, with several in attendance, some with significant distances travelled.

Allan's legacy to our market is an ever popular market with sound management, a good selection of stallholders and a progressive outlook for the future.

Vale Allan Vickery.



Traralgon
Farmers Market
Lions Club of Traralgon Inc.
Reg. No. A6005340A

SATURDAY 8am-1pm
Don't forget your ECO-bags!

For stall bookings, contact the manager 0409 232 715
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Behold the Turtle. He
makes progress only when
he sticks his neck out.

James Conant

Life can only be
understood backwards;
but it must be lived
forwards.

Soren Kierkegaard



DATES TO REMEMBER

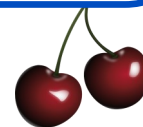
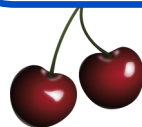
Saturday 23rd January 2016 - Traralgon Farmers Market

Tuesday 26th January 2016 - AUSTRALIA DAY

Saturday 27th February 2016 - Traralgon Farmers Market

March 25 to 28 - EASTER WEEKEND

Saturday 26th March 2016 - Traralgon Farmers Market



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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

The only reason some people get
lost in thought is because its
unfamiliar territory.

Paul Fix



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