

THE FIRST EVER DISTRICT LEO CONFERENCE

For three days from Monday January 18th to Wednesday 20th, the 5 W2 LEO Clubs, All Saints (Bullcreek), Baldivis, Busselton, Collie and Waroona got together for the first ever LEO District Conference at Malpines. 38 young LEOs arrived by 12pm and were briefed by the W.A. State Leo Council President, LEO Courtney Klopper before settling in and returning for the afternoon's program.

DAY ONE consisted of a brief History of LEOs and Lions and the importance of working together, given by State LEO Coordinator, Leanne Shaw, the definition of **L**eadership, **E**xperience and **O**pportunity **F**LUSS **S**ervice, given by myself, John Clare, District LEO Chair and two superb Training Workshops on "Working



WE'RE OFF AND RUNNING!

in Teams" and "Communication" given by Tim Irvine, District GMT Coordinator and District Trainer. The workshops were delivered in conjunction with LEO Co Presenters, Courtney Klopper (Vice President, Baldivis LEOs) and Remy Deleo (Vice President Waroona LEOs) on "Working in Teams" and Katana &



CO PRESENTERS COURTNEY & REMY

(Secretary Busselton LEOs) and Kaleigh Thornhill (Secretary Baldivis LEOs) on



CO PRESENTERS KATANA & KALEIGH



2 OF THE WINNING BALLOON TOWER TEAM, ANNABEL & EMMA (ALLSAINTS)



"Communication" Both presentations included some great fun activities including the ever popular, "Build a Balloon Tower" and "Keeping the balloon up", led by LEO Shalini Thornhill (Tail Twister, Baldivis LEOs). Then we took group photos, and, in the evening, the Eaton Lions very kindly came and cooked the communal BBQ.

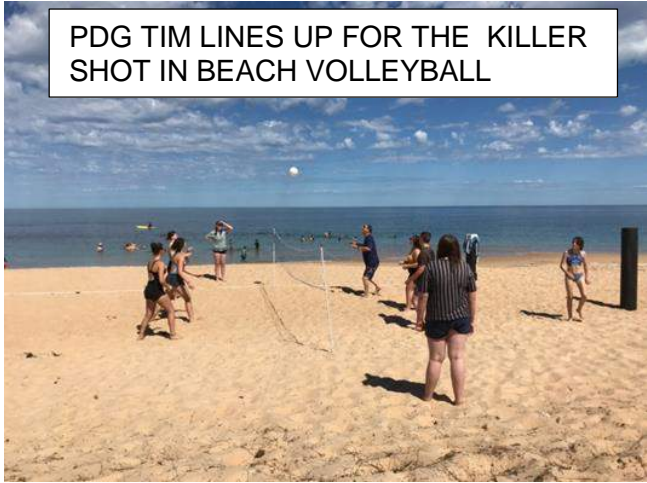


THE EATON BOYS SEQUENCE BBQ TEAM

On **DAY TWO**, we took them all to Binningup beach in the morning, where they were joined by members of the yet to be chartered Gosnells LEOs and had fun swimming, playing ball in the ocean and volleyball on the beach. Then it was back to Myalup Pines for the next workshop on Service, co presented by PDG Grant Hewett (District GST Coordinator) with all 5 LEO Club Presidents leading, with their LEO Advisors. This was followed by presentations by PDG Peter Lamb on LEO of the Year and K



COOL FUN IN THE SEA



PDG TIM LINES UP FOR THE KILLER SHOT IN BEACH VOLLEYBALL

Wilkinson from Busselton Lions on Youth of The Year. In the evening, each of the 6 cottages cooked a different dish for a communal get together meal, 3 doing main course and 3 doing dessert. What we ended up with was a really healthy diet of pasta and sugar (no surprises there for teenage chefs!) and we had Spaghetti Bolognese, Macaroni Cheese and home-made pizzas, followed by chocolate brownies, pavlova

and cake

DAY THREE was pretty full on. The last two workshops on "Leadership", co presented by all 5 LEO Club Presidents and "Project Management", in which All Saints LEO President, Holly Cammarano came up with 5 future projects to manage, a Kraken Problem, Alien Invasion, Zombie Apocalypse, Nuclear Disaster and Robots Rising. The plans on how they would tackle and resolve the issues presented for these and the plans on how they would manage the various parts of these challenges were quite honestly, exemplary! Australia, the future is in SAFE HANDS



THE LEO PRESIDENTS DISPLAY THE 5 LEADERSHIP STYLES (L to R) HOLLY BLACKER (BUSSELTON) MADI FORRESTER (BALDIVIS), ZARLI BUTCHER (WAROONA), HOLLY CAMMARANO (ALL SAINTS) & KEELEY COLLIER (COLLIE)

The Katana Cox on tie dying Tee shirts before we had 3 excellent guest speakers after lunch. Rhys Williams, Mayor of Mandurah, who started as a LEO & a Lion. Jessica Thompson, the only W.A. LEO ever to win both National & r, 2019-20,



KEELEY COLLIER TIE DYE QUEEN



a charter member of Waroona LEO Club and now a General Service Operator (Aviation) in the Australian Army.



GUEST SPEAKERS RHYS WILLIAMS, JESSICA THOMPSON & LIAM HANNAH

We then inducted 2 new members, Eli Freemantle into the Baldivis LEO Club (below) & Jacinta Hawkins into the Waroona LEO Club (below)



It was then my pleasure to present the longest and most hilarious Tail Twister session that I have ever

been involved with in my 7 years Lions history, aided (and abetted) by Baldivis LEO Treasurer Luke Tammen as fines collector, although he copped one of the best fines for saving his free packets of smarties only for "the sexy girls!" In the evening, we all went out to dinner at the local Old Coast Rd Brewery where Luke was also presented with the first Grant Hewett Golden LEO Merit Award by District Governor Dot for his excellent Book Swap project.



GUEST SPEAKERS WITH DG DOT AND THE W.A. STATE LEO COUNCIL



TAIL TWISTERS TIME



DG DOT PRESENTS LUKETAMMEN WITH THE GOLDEN LION AWARD