

## **NSW=ACT SAVE SIGHT AND PUBLIC HEALTHCARE COMMUNITY CHALLENGE AWARD NIGHT**

56 lions & guests attended the LIONS SAVE SIGHT PUBLIC HEALTHCARE FOUNDATIONS' COMMUNITY CHALLENGE AWARD NIGHT dinner at Bankstown Sports Club on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2017.

The Charity Award was won by PDG Barbara Andrews but she declined to be a contestant.

There were 2 very worthy finalists for the Community Service award.

1. Narelle Holcomb, who among other activities organised a grocery grab & a cookbook which contained recipes from Lions members.
2. Bailey Anderson who amongst his fundraising activities conducted a Dutch auction and had a raffle with a sheep as the prize.

Both these contestants held other innovative activities and really put their heart & soul into the challenge.

Community Challenge Chairman PDG Ray strong was a wonderful support to both entrants.

Unfortunately there could only be one winner. According to the judges it was extremely close and Narelle Holcomb was the winner for the Charity Award.

I wish to thank all the entrants for this year's Challenge. Their efforts are really appreciated.

Monies raised this year for the Challenge was \$22,354.00

The Lions Save Sight Community Challenge is an initiative of The LIONS NSW-ACT SAVE SIGHT and PUBLIC HEALTH CARE FOUNDATIONS to fundraise to finance the ongoing grants for eligible funding from the Foundations.

The Challenge also helps the participants to gain confidence as a focal person & leader in their community whilst having fun and promoting the objects of the NSW-ACT Foundations.

The contestants are eligible for two awards.

- 1 The Charity Award – the entrant who raises the most money. (\$3,000)
- 2 The Community Service Award- the entrant who is judged as having had greatest involvement in Community Service through Lions Clubs and/or other community Service organisations.(\$3,000)

It is open to both men & women from 18 to 80.It is not necessary to be a Lion but all monies raised must be banked into a Lions Club account.

The Challenge for 2017-8 is now open and we hope we have a number of prospective contestants already. In our Centenary year we would like to have 8 contestants from each District

If you are interested please see your Lions or Leo Club for further information or contact myself

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