



Lions International Australia

## District 201 V3 Newsletter



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The first thing I would like to do is thank the Lions Delegates that have voted me to be the next District Governor of District 201 V3. Thankyou to those that organized the use of the Federation University for the information day. Thankyou to all the incoming Club Officers that attended the information day. Thankyou to all involved in delivering the training. A Big thankyou to the Churchill Lioness Club for doing an excellent job at feeding those attending the Training day.

By the time you are reading this, the International Convention will be over and George and I will be enjoying a few days of relaxation either be back in Australia or almost back home. To fit with the printing time frame it is necessary for me to write prior to arriving at the International Convention.

I am looking forward to arriving in Toronto and attending the International Convention – Prior to the Convention I will be attending the District Governor Training. This Convention will be chaired by our Australian International President Barry Palmer. This is the first time Australia has had an International President in 97 years.

Since the inception of LIONS by a group of successful, intelligence and ambition business men, who because of their drive, put their talents to work improving their communities. Melvin Jones extended his invitation to delegates from men's clubs who met in Chicago to lay the groundwork for such an organization and on June 7, 1917, Lions Clubs International was born.

In looking for a logo in my life associated with my home and the Lions Club of Metung. I decided on the Black Swans, as a child I remember a large number swans swam in front of my home on French Island. French Island was first chartered by explorer George Bass in 1797. According to Ruth Gooch's book, Frontier French Island, in 1800 a French scientific expedition spent eight days in Westernport, later claiming it as a French discovery and naming it Ile des Francais. The black swans, a common bird on the island's shores, were

considered so unique the French sent two swans from the Island to French emperor Napoleon Bonaparte and Josephine.

My theme this year Lend a helping hand for a happy heart through service is self-explanatory in that if we work together we will inspire others and achieve further exciting, bewildering and sensational successes. This applies not only to Lions but to other community members also - which could result in recruiting additional Lions from those community members.

Speaking of membership I urge you to look at the age of your present members 18-35; 35-45; 45-60; 60-70; 70 plus and inactive members, it becomes clear that within a few years more members will be-come inactive and community service will be markedly reduced. Members, due to age or health, who may become inactive in the next 5 years, need to be replaced now and over the coming 5 years, starting as soon as possible, just to retain the same active membership level and community service of today. I keep hearing "we need younger members". If you check the records of your club you might find that these "younger members" will be aged 50+ not in the 18-35 age bracket that this term usually means.

Very special applause and congratulations must go to the Lions Clubs of Bairnsdale Inc. and Flinders and District for their forty five years and the Lions Club of Balnarring Inc. for their forty years of invaluable service to their community and to our Lions organization.. I salute both of these clubs for their perseverance, persistence, stamina, and untiring efforts that it has taken to reach such wonderful achievements.

As George and I start visiting the clubs within the district, on our return, we are looking forward to meeting with you all during the year and hearing about your projects and successes.

You can access the MySwan website and record your sightings at <http://www.myswan.org.au/>

*Joyce*

Joyce Radford  
District Governor

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## **CABINET SECRETARY'S COLUMN**

**July 2014**

Welcome to the new Lions year.

Thank you to all the Zone Chairmen that attended their training day on 8th April last, also thank you to all members who attended the club training day on 1st June –especially the Secretaries. I'm sure each and every-one got something from their attendance.

During the Secretaries Seminar I outlined what I hoped would be done during the upcoming year and handed out various paper work. If you are a club secretary and you were not able to be present please contact your Zone Chairman for a copy of these handouts.

Lions International have again made changes to the web **MyLci** reporting procedures. I hope all are up to date with what is required. I am a bit of a dinosaur myself so I am having problems keeping up. But I do know it is relatively simple to add/reduce/update membership so please endeavour to keep this part up to date. Remember you can update on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of each month (allowing for time difference between USA and Australia) then if things change during the month you can re-enter and update further.

District Governor Joyce will be at the International Convention for the first part of the month and at the District Changeover on the 26th of July before her **visit to Maffra Club on the 28th of the month**. If your club sponsors a Leo or Lioness Club please do not forget to invite them along for the visit of the District Governor. Other visitors (not speakers) will be welcome as will all partners.

**August** will be a busier month with the following meetings and visits:-

Sun. 3<sup>rd</sup> - Cabinet Meeting

Mon. 4<sup>th</sup> - Hampton Park Club

Tues. 5<sup>th</sup> - Moe Club

Wed. 6<sup>th</sup> - Koo Wee Rup Club

Mon. 11<sup>th</sup> - Willow Grove Club

Tues. 12<sup>th</sup> - Morwell Club

Wed. 13<sup>th</sup> - Leongatha Club

Thur. 14<sup>th</sup> - Narre Warren Club

Mon. 18<sup>th</sup> - Yinnar Club

Tues. 19<sup>th</sup> - Mt Eliza Club

Wed. 20<sup>th</sup> - Balnarring Club

26th–28<sup>th</sup> - Council Meeting

29th–31<sup>st</sup> - ANZI Forum

The 1<sup>st</sup> Semi Annual Dues are payable during this month. Please pay to the Cabinet Treasurer promptly. At the recent MD Tamworth Convention some prospective delegates had problems because their club was not financial. Lions International issues a list of clubs who are in arrears and district representatives have no options available to them. This caused embarrassment not only for the members but also for the Cabinet Secretary who had to refuse the delegates their voting cards.

I thank all club secretaries that returned the information I required by the 31st March as it made things much easier to complete the necessary information for the MD directory.

Don't forget the District Changeover on the 26th July.

**\*\*\* PLEASE NOTE THE NEW POSTAL ADDRESS FOR CABINET SECRETARY :-**

**PO Box 257 Cranbourne 3977.**

**\*\*\* ALSO PLEASE NOTE THAT THE NEW EMAIL ADDRESS FOR THE CABINET SECRETARY IS :-**

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*Ken Blay*

PDG Ken Blay,  
Cabinet Secretary

## **THE SICK LIST**

All Welfare matters are to be submitted to Lion Kaye Freeburn

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**Lions Clubs International  
District 201V3  
ChangeOver Dinner  
2014-15**

**AN EVENT NOT TO BE MISSED**

**26<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2014**

**MORWELL CLUB**

**136 HELEN ST**

**MORWELL**

**6.60PM FOR 7.00PM START**

**\$35 PER PERSON**

**3 COURSE MEAL**

**WITH**

**DRINKS AT BAR PRICES**

Please send cheques payable to – District 201V3

With – Name, Title, eg (PDG/Lion etc) & Club

To – Sheryl Blay

PO Box 257

Cranbourne Vic 3977

Email – [sherylblay@gmail.com](mailto:sherylblay@gmail.com)

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Women, Cocktail or Evening Wear

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## District Information Day



A great roll-out of Lions attended the annual Information Day at Federation University, Churchill campus on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

It was wonderful to see a mixture of new and older faces in the audience and everyone participated well on the day. District Chairman and Zone Chairmen were in attendance and made themselves available for questions and information.

District Governor-elect Joyce Radford opened the day at 9am; which was followed by a discussion about how to conduct a Community Needs Analysis lead by GMT Chairman Ron Payne. Facilitators Geoff Neal and Max Dusting lead the Treasurers through their roles for the coming year and the valuable information provided will certainly assist with Club funds management. This included bookkeeping, auditing, handling GST and payment of accounts. I'm sure that incoming Cabinet Treasurer Geoff has eliminated errant payments from Clubs in the coming year. Cabinet Secretary-elect, PDG Ken Blay provided information for incoming Secretaries that attended. Information about District and International returns, Club minutes, Membership issues, awards, website access and handling diaries were all covered by Ken. Everyone in Ken's group will have benefited from his wealth of knowledge and experience.

The focus this year was on Membership and Ron Payne had a full house for his Membership Information Group. A highly energized and experienced Lion, Ron focused on Retention and Recruitment of members, as well as motivation of

new and existing members. The latter included the creation of fun/interesting meetings, use of sub-committees and the power of good planning for Club success. Ron will be handing over his Global Membership portfolio to PDG Di Hickilin for the next 3-year term.

The Presidents were led by myself in Leadership activities, including establishing a vision for where they wanted their Clubs to be by June 2015; setting goals for attainment of the vision, then a strategy for achieving their goals. The running of an effective meeting was also discussed, along with the realisation that, each President leads the Club, the Board administers the Club and the members ultimately run the Club; only through good teamwork will success be achieved. After a Q&A session, all attendees headed off by about 3pm for a safe trip home.

The District appreciates those Clubs that did attend the day, particularly their input into discussions and activities. Hopefully, all of the Clubs that did not attend the day will find time to attend next year's event.

*Neil Wingrave*

District GLT Chairman

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