



Lions International Australia

District 201V3 Newsletter



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P.D.G Lion George and I would like to wish every Lion, Partners, Lioness and Lions families "A Very Happy Christmas and a safe and prosperous 2015!"

At a Lion, Lioness meeting the other night it would have been great to add up the total years served by the Lioness members. I

have access to the Lions years of Service, which is uncreditable. I would like the Lioness Clubs to tell me the Total years served by the Lioness members.

Tips for Doubling the Number of Women in Your Lions Club This Year. Talk to your own women members.

1. Ask every woman to bring in one more woman. They already know women - sisters, friends, neighbours, co-workers, daughters - who would be great Lions.
2. Make sure your members have the information they need. Include LCI brochures such as I Am a Lion that focus particularly on women.
3. Form a team of women within your club to come up with a new service idea that works for your community, and then get behind that idea this year. If it appeals to your own female members, it is likely to appeal to other women too.
4. Make sure your women members feel good about the club. They are your best sales people. Are they feeling needed? Useful? Are they given a chance to grow their leadership skills?

Go where the women are.

5. Present Lion scholarships at the high School awards assembly. It sinks in way better if the parents see you than just reading that Lions gave some money. Take pictures so you can use them in the next district newsletter.
6. Get active with the Peace Poster Contest and make a big deal of choosing and displaying winners at the local level. Those young artists have mothers and aunts and grandmothers who would come to an art show.
7. Take part in a women's health, Beyondblue Forum.
8. Sponsor a Leo Club. Be mentors and partners and get to know the families. The children also will soon be grown and may someday be good Lions.

9. Schedule meeting programs that interest women. You will find that most will be of interest to men too! Make sure women know about the program and make these meetings open to guests and/or the public. Be sure there is plenty of information on your club's activities right there in front of each guest. Capture names and addresses. Follow up, follow up. Topic ideas include:

- Women's Health Issues
- Children's Health Issues and Children in need.
- Prostate Cancer: What the Man in Your Life Needs to Know Now
- Caring for Elderly Parents

10. Tell the community you are looking for a few good women. Send a news release to the paper, radio and School. Focus on the impact your club has and specific needs for upcoming service projects. Don't ask for members, ask for help.

11. Put a Lions logo on your car. Wear your pin every time you go out. People notice

12. Be ready to tell people what your Lions club does in two sentences, tops.

13. Make it easy for women to find you. Websites. Articles in the newspaper. A flyer at the library. Sign up forms at the Volunteer Centre. They can't join if they can't find you.

14. Appoint one person at every fundraiser and service project who is responsible for providing information about Lions AND talking to people about what Lions do. See a lady sitting by herself at the pancake breakfast? Talk to her. Have parents working beside you at a project at a School? Talk to them.

15. Get names and e-mail addresses of anyone who comes to any event. Always have a registration sheet where prospective members can sign up to get more information about interesting things going on in the community. Then send your newsletter.

16. Make sure your donations to the High School sports teams go to the girls as well as the boys. The mothers will appreciate your sense of fair play.

17. Sponsor a quilting contest in your community. Consider a Lions theme. You may be surprised at how many men enter!



18. Have a contest to see whether the men or women in your club can bring in more women guests in a given time.

Guest to attend your meeting they may like to join

"LEND A HELPING HAND FOR A HAPPY HEART THROUGH SERVICE"

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Well would you believe six months almost completed. By the time you are reading this District Governor Joyce will have completed most of her club visits and starting on the home run to completing her year as your Governor.

Over the next six months I urge all clubs to look towards membership. At the commencement of this Lions year our district membership was 1339, to the present time we have dropped 64 members and gained 44 new members. This means as a district we have reduced our numbers by 20 in five months. What a great year we would have had, as a district, if we had not dropped so many members and had a gain of say 50 members. Please if your club has dropped any member over the past few months look to the reason for this drop and see if it could have been prevented by doing something different in your club. As I, and many others, have said previously we are great at obtaining new members but not so good at keeping members we have.

Please keep in mind that not all members are able to be involved in all of your club's activities. Some will be very valuable members even if they cannot attend meetings but are able to help out with a project or two. Others can attend meetings but cannot always be there for the projects. Membership of Lions is made up of a mix of all types of people as are our communities. Others have the time and energy to attend meetings and to assist in most projects – just be pleased with any assistance that your club can be given.

Last month I made mention of the structure of the Lions organization and this month I will complete that section regarding Multiple District.

Council of Governors

According to the International Constitution, the governors within a multiple district constitute a council of governors for each multiple district.

This multiple district council may include one or more immediate past district governor, provided that the total number of past district governors does not exceed one half the number of district governors. Each member has one vote on each questions requiring action of the council. This council may also include past and present international presidents, vice presidents and past and present directors of the association as advisory, but non-voting members.

Our Multiple District Council is assisted by appointed officers and chairpersons of co-ordinating committees I urge all Lions to peruse pages 1 and 2 of the Lions Australia Directory to increase your knowledge of these committees and The MD 201 Council structure. Also included in this directory are contact details for the members of the committees and their sub-committees.

Directory Change

Please change address for Korumburra Lions Club to:-
P O Box 65 Korumburra 3950

Sheryl and I wish all Lions, their families and their friends a safe, healthy and joyous Christmas and New Year.

Ken
Kenneth H Blay
Cabinet Secretary



ANGEL GOWNS FOR AUSTRALIAN BABIES

Balla Balla Lions Club has an exciting new project to share with the District. It is called "Angel Gowns for Australian Babies" and it involves deconstructing wedding/deb/bridesmaids dresses, to be remade for the use of "Sleeping Angels" or Angels born too early, and provided free of charge to the parents.

Some so tiny that they would fit a tiny doll.

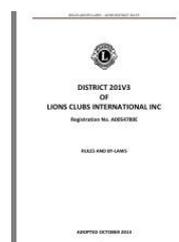
The gowns are collected by our Members, and we plan to hold a day where they can be taken apart, patterns put on, and new gowns sewn, and we would like to invite anyone, Lions, Non Lions, men, and women who are interested, to help.

Knitters out there we need you too, tiny booties about an inch long (13 stitches) and bonnets (23 stitches) are required. Soft pastel colours please.

We already have 80 wedding dresses, but need more. Our local hospital wants 50 tiny gowns.

There is a web site, "Angel Gowns Australia" our chairman for this project is Lion Trish Chandler. trishchandlerintooradin@yahoo.com.au contact her if you assist in any way

DISTRICT RULES & BY LAWS



The latest edition of District 201V3 Rules & Bylaws can be found on the District website <http://201v3.lions.org.au/> under the Club Resources tab,

METUNG BUS LAUNCH

After several years of fundraising the Metung Community finally have a Community Bus, launched last Friday at a gathering at the Metung Primary School.

School Fun Run resources ,together with a Grant obtained from the Australian Lions Foundation, a Telstra Kids Grant and support from Metung Lions raised sufficient finances for a suitable vehicle to be purchased.

The bus will be used primarily by the Metung Primary School and local community groups.

Metung Lions Club President, Desma Payne praised the work behind the scene that brought the project to fruition. " For a major project like this to occur without any Govt finances takes a lot of effort and commitment from a small community" She thanked those organisations, businesses and individuals who had given their support to the project, and asked for continued community support for the bus to ensure that it was sustainable longer-term.

A small Community Bus Committee comprising members of Lions and the School Council has been meeting on a regular basis to finalise arrangements.. The Committee has developed a scale of fees and a set of rules for the usage of the vehicle, and will ensure that it is used appropriately by community groups.

Metung School Principal, Rick Emonson, said that the School would benefit by using the bus for increased student access to the wider community.



Q. How do Santa and Mrs. Claus get around?
A. On an icicle built for two.

LIONS CAKE DECORATING CONTEST WINNERS 2014

Lions cake decorating contest winners 2014

Congratulations to

Lions club of Yarram –

Winner Peoples Choice

Lions club of Mount Eliza -

Winner Mixed Team,

Lions club of Cranbourne

Winner Ladies Team

Andrew McMahon

District 201 V3

Cake and Mint Chairman

MEMBERSHIP WELFARE

District Governor Joyce Radford and the Lions family of District 201 V3 pass on their sincere condolences to the families of the following **members, also to the Lions family who have had a bereavement in their family.**

District Members passed away

PP Lion Robert Wallis

Leongatha
Lakes

Lioness Gwen Findlayson

Entrance

Member's Family passed away

Lion John Lessels Father

Paynesville

Lion John Burton Wife

Wellington

Latrobe

Lion Jim Duggan Sister

Bairnsdale

Our caring thoughts and get well wishes are extended to the following members of the Lions family, whether it is they are recovering from major surgery or a minor cold. We wish you all a speedy recovery.

Also members ' names that I have not received on the sick list,

We wish you good health and a full recovery.

Members on the Sick List

PDG Lion Ken Blay

Lion Dianne Feenstra

PDG Lion George Barnard

Lions Club

Koo Wee Rup

Wellington Latrobe

Hampton

Park

All Welfare matters are to be submitted to Lion Kay Freeburn before the 12th of the month please.

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If I am required to send a card, please supply the name and Mailing address that the card is to be sent to.

Please don't wait till the 12th of the month to notify me of a Card that needs to be sent – it gets forgotten.

Lion Kay Freeburn
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JUNIOR PUBLIC SPEAKING **COMPETITION**

The Junior Public Speaking final held at the District Convention on 25 October was a great success with four students delivering very polished and entertaining speeches. There were many positive comments from Lions, so I am hopeful that more Clubs will be involved in 2015.

The competition provided an excellent opportunity for primary School students in Years 3-6 to develop their public speaking skills and gain confidence from the challenge and experience. Students were required to deliver a speech on a given topic within a set time. The competition commenced at School level, and then proceeded to Club and Zone finals before culminating at the District grand final on 25 October.

Now is the time to start thinking about your Club's involvement in 2015!

Discuss the project with colleagues at your next Club meeting and if you wish to become involved in 2015 the first task is to nominate a Club Chairperson who can contact me for detailed information. I have written guides to assist Lions Clubs and Schools to run the project. When you have this information you should approach your local primary School. Please don't delay. Every School will plan their 2015 calendar at the beginning of Term 1 so initial contact should be made early in the year. This will allow teachers to plan ahead and allocate time for the competition.

In addition, the project will assist your Club to become involved in your School community and help develop a strong relationship that may

promote participation in other projects, such as the Youth of the Year Quest.

It will be essential for Clubs to register to enter the competition and pay a small registration fee to cover District running costs. Registration forms will be sent out upon request. I am also happy to attend Zone meetings to explain the project and answer questions.

Colin F. Stevens
District Chairman

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BALLA BALLA LIONS

A sausage sizzle held recently at Bunning's, was in aid of the Salvation Army's Adopt a Family' Christmas Hamper Project.

Balla Balla Lions Club ran the function in conjunction with Bunning's.

Bunning's will provide the Christmas Hampers for the needy families, Lions Club of Balla Balla provided the funds to buy the goods for the Hampers. The Salvation Army will provide names and deliver the Hampers.

A true partnership by all concerned.



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