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District 201V3

Newsletter



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As I sit to write this article for the District Newsletter I have come to the realization that this is the last DG article I will write. I don't know whether that is a good or a bad thing. I see the District Governor's

Newsletter, as an

important means of communication between the Governor and Cabinet and the members of the District. It is also an important communication tool for the Clubs for getting the message out. I would hope that the members of the District have enjoyed reading the District Newsletter this year. Editor Lion Daryl has done a wonderful job through each monthly production. It is on the Internet to each Lion in the V3 District. Check out the site and you can go back a number of years. Thank you Daryl for a fantastic job with the District Web site.

I would like to thank all members of Cabinet for the job you have done this year for the advancement of Lions within this District.

My sincere thanks for your support, your commitment and your willingness to go that extra step or two for that is what one has to do in positions such as yours. Thank you.

Thank you to all that have hosted George and I during this year.

What a year it has been! Clubs visited, new Lions inducted, presentations to Lions who have achieved much, goals achieved and some not reached, friends made, friendships strengthened.

No wonder this is the world's largest service organization. An organization filled with great people who take on a commitment and serve their community with a passion. There are of course the others that are destructive, vindictive, and seem hell bent on not following and accepting our Code of Ethics and Purposes. But of course being the great Association we are we tolerate these members of our family who do not seem to have that passion for service that 99% of us do have in us.

Membership:

The current District membership is 1318 members with 63 Clubs. There are many clubs that need to look for more members and maybe the Clubs need to make changes to obtain this. The District started with 1339 members in July 2014 Therefore we need to endeavour to change this position. We are looking at chartering a new Club, the extending of new clubs is the only way to solidly increase the number base. Anyone who believes otherwise really doesn't understand our volunteer organization. Membership will always be a curse and a joy within the organization and it is something we need to continually bring before the members to "**Ask One**". Try asking someone that is the same age that you were when you joined.

Those that grizzle about membership and the fact that "we" are always talking about it need to put on a different perspective. It's all tied up with many hands make light work, "Lend a Helping Hand for a Happy Heart Through Service" better fundraising ideas and events, lower dues because of more members and a desire to work and make friends with a lot of likeminded people within your community.

Extension:

The Lions Club of Cranbourne is at present looking at a possible Club in Sandhurst – Carrum Downs area.

There are some wonderful clubs around and their total support of what is being done in their areas is magnificent. It makes you proud to be a Lion.

I would like to see the Clubs entering the Activity Report on the International Mylci site to help achieve the Centennial Service Challenge event designed to strengthen our communities and help us reach our Centennial goal of serving 100 million people by 2017. I would be delighted to assist the Clubs in entering this information to achieve this.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish District Governor Elect Ian Gratton and Cabinet Members a very successful year ahead.

M. Joyce Radford,
District Governor 201 V3

CABINET SECRETARY'S REPORT

As the 2014 – 15 year draws to a close I write my last Cabinet Secretary report. I hope that your Lions Year has been as fulfilling and rewarding as mine has been.

It is time to reflect upon your personal goals as a Lion and assess if you reached those goals during the past Lions year. It is time to feel proud of what you and your club has achieved during the past year.

I am sorry I was not able to attend the Information Day held on 7th June and thank those in attendance personally for their assistance over the year. Family came first – grandson graduating from Police Academy in Perth.

I must thank all those clubs and individuals who forwarded the necessary returns and information to me at an appropriate time. This made the job much easier and much less time consuming.

What a year it has been. The District convention at Mornington was a great success and the district was well represented at the Multiple District convention held in Newcastle by thirty-three district members. I should think that next year many more members will be attending as the venue, being Echuca, is much closer for our members.

It was disappointing to lose the convention motion regarding the removal of the limit affecting MD Category "B" Projects which was proposed from our Mornington convention. Be assured that Lion Ron Payne and District Governor Elect Ian Gratton fought hard for this change.

PDG Peter McShane will be Cabinet Secretary from 1st July. Please record his details for use during the coming year.

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No matter what your fields of endeavour within the Lions family I hope each and every member has a great, fulfilling and rewarding 2015-16 year. But most importantly have fun and enjoy yourself.

INCORPORATION OF LIONS CLUBS IN THE DISTRICT

Have you, as a Lions Club member, ever wondered why your Club became incorporated? Well, the most compelling reason is that

incorporation gives the members of your Club and its office bearers protection against personal liability for the Club's debts.

However, as would be expected, incorporation brings with it a number of responsibilities, known as statutory obligations, which include the preparation and submission of an annual report to Consumer Affairs Victoria (CAV). It is disappointing to note that, even though all Lions Clubs in the District are incorporated and the vast majority of Clubs do indeed submit a report to CAV annually, there are a few Clubs that do not, which is in contravention of their statutory obligations – Club Secretaries please check that your Club is doing the right thing.

Your Lions Club is bound by the provisions of the Standard Form Lions Club Constitution and By-Laws issued by LCI and the provisions of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012. To simplify all of this, in 2013 I prepared the "Lions Club Rules and By-Laws", which combined the provisions of both the Standard Form Lions Club Constitution and By-Laws and those of the 2012 Reform Act in a single document. This document was then approved by CAV and, with the approval of IPDG David Barnes, was distributed to the Lions Clubs in the District around September 2013 with a recommendation that all Clubs adopt the document as their revised rules and by-laws.

Some Clubs have adopted the document, but, unfortunately, it appears that a significant number of Clubs have not yet done so.

Simply put, whatever document your Club used as part of its incorporation process, if it wasn't the "Lions Club Rules and By-Laws", that document no longer reflects the current provisions of both the Standard Form Lions Club Constitution and By-Laws and the 2012 Reform Act, which is unacceptable.

So, now is the time for your Club to adopt the "Lions Club Rules and By-Laws", if it hasn't already done so.

If your Club doesn't have a copy of this document, I would be pleased to forward a copy in Word format, together with a simple step-by-step procedure to enable your Club to adopt it. Further, if there are any other matters in relation to incorporation you would like to discuss, please drop me an email (jack.napior@bigpond.com) .

I look forward to hearing from you.

Jack Napior

District Rules and By-Laws Chairman

A Letter from Lioness Val Clisby

I wish to inform Lions Newsletter of a donation made towards the purchase of a modified vehicle for my daughter wheelchair bound (Beth).

Little did I think when I joined The Lioness Club of Dromana 23 years ago that this group of ladies would be so kind as to help in the purchase of a wheelchair accessible vehicle with hand driven controls to assist Beth to a better life.

This vehicle purchased from Southern Special Vehicles has given Beth some independence & more freedom.

Beth contracted polio at the age of 3 years, she has been driving a hand control vehicle for many years with a manual loading trailer/carrier for her chair, due to the effects of the polio on her body this is now know longer possible.

I have always felt very proud of the people with disabilities we have been able to help & now I feel very Humble.

The Southern Special Vehicles I can't speak highly enough of, they have specialized in these vehicles, since their granddaughter has cerebral palsy.

With Regards
Yours in Lionism
Val Clisby



RIDE FOR SIGHT

The Lions Club of Maffra hosted the Lions Ride for Sight riders for afternoon tea on the first day of the ride at the Bundalaguah Cricket Club.

The Lioness Club of Maffra provided a most delicious afternoon tea.

Kind regards, Tom Anderson, President,
Lions Club of Maffra



IT FILLS A GAP

Q: How do you stop an elephant from charging? A: Take away his credit card!

Q: What would happen if pigs could fly? A: The price of bacon would go up.

Q: How do you get a dog to stop digging in the garden? A: Take away his shovel!

Q: What's the difference between a fish and a piano? A: You can't tuna fish.

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

Lion Barbara Ship
Lion Phyllis Wicks

Lions Club of

Wonthaggi
Bass Valley

Member's Family passed away

Lion Richard Morfitt (Son in Law Danny)
Lion Chris Gardener (Mother)
Lioness Eva Bateson (Husband Rex)

Lions Club of

Bairnsdale
Wellington-Latrobe
Trafalgar Lioness

Members on the Sick List

Lion Robert Butler
Lion Vic Madex PCC
Lion Allan Vickery
Lion John Burton
Lion John Kemp
Lion Bob Caire
Lion Murray Goff
Lion Phil King

Lions Club

Bruthen
Traralgon
Traralgon
Wellington-Latrobe
Bairnsdale
Bairnsdale
Bairnsdale
Bairnsdale

Lion Kay Freeburn
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LOOKING FOR LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT?

The next Advanced Lions Leadership Institute will be held on September 8-10, 2015 in Auckland New Zealand.

Candidates must be Lions that have completed a successful term as Club President, but have not yet attained the position of first vice district governor. Lions who are currently serving as Club Presidents will be considered on a space-available basis.

The purpose of the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute is to provide Lions leaders with an opportunity to enhance their skills in preparation for leadership responsibilities at the zone, region and district levels.

The cost of the course (including meals and accommodation) is \$US125.00; attendees are responsible for their own travel expenses to and from Auckland.

Applications must be submitted by June 25th, 2015; please contact -


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12TH JULY 2015

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WARRAGUL RACECOURSE

2 SOUTH RD WARRAGUL

11.30 FOR 12 NOON START

\$35 PER PERSON

3 COURSE MEAL

WITH

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Please send: Cheque payable to "District 201V3"
With Name, Title eg(PDG/Lion etc) & Club
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Men Lounge Suit or Smart Casual
Women Cocktail or Smart Day Wear

Dress Code :

PLEASE ADVISE ANY DIETARY REQUIREMENTS.