



Lions International Australia

District 201V3 Newsletter



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Well by the time that you get this I will be out and about doing my club visits and First Vice D.G Anita and Second Vice D.G Andrew will be out there helping me with club visits.

All club visits will have been finished by Christmas, except for the few special ones that will still need to be done in the New Year, such as Deb Balls and 50th and 25th Birthdays.

One of the things that Lions International really pushed during training for D.G.is this year was the importance of the fact we as an organisation have been around for almost 100 years (coming up to 70 in Australia). A very important time in our history will be marked in 2017, I would ask that each and every Lion in 201V3 clubs take up the challenge of our International President Dr Yamada and focus a little extra time on the four main project areas of Youth, Environment, Hunger, and Sight.

While I am not asking you to forget about your signature projects, I am asking you to look at club growth and give your new members the jobs that go with Youth, Environment, Hunger, and Sight.

As anybody who knows me will recognise that two of these all important projects are very close to my heart and have been before I was a Lion. Sight or the loss of has always been something that I have worried about a lot and by all means ask me why at sometime while we are talking and, Youth is the other

and you can ask about my involvement with youth at any time as well. I read an article the other day that stated less and less people are volunteering as the years go by, 29% in N.S.W., 31% in Queensland and 36% in Victoria.

We still lead the other States but our numbers are dropping and I ask why if you take the amount of Australians currently in the country and work on approx 30% then Australia wide we should have 6,600,000 volunteers.

Now I realise we are not the only volunteer organisation in Australia so we let a few slide into other organisations.

Well somebody has more than their share because I figure we are about 250,000 members short.

These are the ones that we need to tackle the areas of Youth, Hunger, Environment, and Sight.

District Governor Ian



L-R Noelene Burnie, Jessie Walker, DG Ian, George Radford & IPDG Joyce in Hawaii

CABINET SECRETARY'S REPORT

Important Directory Changes:

i) Mt. Eliza meets on the 3rd TUESDAY not Wednesday as shown in MD Directory.

ii) The Licola Board Chairman for 2015-2016 is PDG Lion Robert Kann, (H) 03 9439 1802 (M) 0438 341 059. PDG Noreen Carr has stepped down to Deputy Chairman, she has been an outstanding Chairman during a period of great redevelopment and growth.

iii) Club Care & Guidance Chairman Lorraine Riches - Change of Home number is now 9769 4007

iv) Warragul Lioness Secretary Phone numbers are: (H) 5622 0824, (M) 0427 212 465

v) Mallacoota Lions – Please correct spelling of Secretary's surname to "Ginnivan"

MMR's and RETURN No. 1

15 Clubs did not access the MyLCI site to update their officeholders for 2015-2016, just under 25% of our Clubs. This was a very poor effort but probably caused by some Secretaries being unsure of how it is done. Please contact me if you have a problem.

Some Clubs have had to be chased up for their updates of MMR's online and also their Activities reporting and remember if you are having trouble with the Activities reporting, don't hesitate to ring IPDG Joyce who will be only too willing to assist. Extremely disappointing to have to chase Clubs for their Return No 1 – membership as at 30/6/15, thought we would have had a much better response to our first deadline. **Remember to read the deadline dates on the list provided to all Club Secretaries which was distributed at the Information Day.**

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S CLUB VISIT PROGRAM

IMPORTANT. It is extremely important to advise me ASAP of the suitability of the date projected for a DG team visit to your Club as we try to finalise the District Governor Team's visit schedule as I am still resolving some change requests from Clubs but almost there. The **questionnaires** from all Clubs help to ensure that the DG Team (DG Ian and his VDG's) have the most updated information available for them when one of the Team members visits your Club.

It is extremely important to advise me of any changes to the meeting venue and time etc.

D.G. Team's commitments & visits for August are:

August

- 3 – Inverloch & Dist.(AC)
- 3 – Yinnar & Dist
- 3 – Karingal (AM)
- 3 – Mt. Martha (AM)
- 4 – Bass Valley (AC)
- 4 - Pakenham
- 5 – Balnarring
- 6 – Heyfield
- 10 – Cranbourne
- 11 – San Remo- Newhaven (AC)
- 12 – Balla Balla
- 13 – Longwarry
- 16 – **Cabinet meeting, Trafalgar**
- 17 – Dromana – Lions & Lionesses (AC)
- 17 – Hampton Park
- 18 - Wonthaggi (AC)
- 18 – Mt Eliza (AM)
- 19 – Churchill & Dist
- 19 – Frankston (AM)
- 24 – Korumburra (AM)
- 25 – Mirboo Nth
- 30 – Licola Board
- 30 – VLF meeting

N.B. - (AC) defines 1ST VDG Anita Culpitt, (AM) defines 2nd VDG Andrew McMahon, all others are DG Ian Gratton.

DISTRICT CONVENTION

A further reminder that we have a number of closing dates for Nominations and Convention Notices of Motion this month and next. Please note that these dates will be strictly adhered to. These dates are:

- **Nominations** for the position of **District Governor 2016-2017** to close on **24th August 2015**
- **Nominations** for the position of **1st & 2nd Vice District Governor 2016-2017** to close on **24th August 2015**
- **Notices of Motion** for consideration at the District Convention to close on **24th August 2015**
- **Notices of Motion to establish a District Project** for consideration at the District Convention to close on **25th July 2015**

- **Nominations for the Host Club for Convention 2016 and 2017** to close on **24th August 2015**
- **Nominations for the Licola Board of Management positions** to close on **23rd September 2015**
- **Nominations for the Victorian Lions Foundation position** to close on **23rd September 2015**

Please remember that all of these nominations must be sent to

PDG Lion Peter McShane
Cabinet Secretary
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Churchill Vic 3842
petergmcshane@yahoo.com.au

DEPARTED MEMBERS

A reminder to all Clubs that all members of our Lions family who have passed away in the past twelve months prior to our Lakes Entrance District Convention, will be honoured at the Lakes Entrance Convention, please be sure to send me details.

MY THOUGHT FOR THIS EDITION

It takes more muscles to frown than to smile, so think of me and smile. Adds to the daily exercise these days!

Please contact me by telephone, mail or e-mail if I can assist you in any way at all. I will do my best to assist all of our Clubs and District Officers throughout the coming year.

Lion Peter McShane
Cabinet Secretary

PEACE POSTER CONTEST – “SHARE PEACE”

Share peace is the theme of the 2015–2016 Peace Poster Contest. Lions Clubs can sponsor the program in their community for children in local schools or organised youth groups.

The Picture is the winner from last year and was from Wei Jin Qian 13 years old China.

Students who will be 11, 12 or 13 years of age on November 15th 2015 are eligible to participate. Through the contest students are encouraged to visually depict their interpretation of the contest's theme.

It is also very important that the wording about the theme is what the poster is about, **not** what the child is thinking.

Lions Clubs may purchase a contest kit from Club Supplies at Newcastle Office.

Artwork must be no smaller than 33cm by 50cm and no larger than 50cm by 60cm.

October 1st 2015 – Deadline to purchase kits from the Club Supplies.

Posters **Must** be sent to The District Chairman.

NOT DG IAN GRATION

If you have any questions please contact.

David Culpitt - Peace Poster Chairman.

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THE LATEST WITH ALVIF

Australian Lions Visual Independence Foundation (ALVIF) is an MD 201 Category B project which aims to “bring happiness to Australians who are blind or low visioned through the use of assistive/adaptive technology”.

For those not familiar with the Quest Bar Code Readers (BCR) – they are a portable “all-in-one” talking scanner unit. It is used to read existing bar codes on products and it also has the capability to record blank bar codes. Only limited by the imagination, bar codes can be used to identify all items. (eg identify food in the freezer, bottle of tablets or ironed onto clothing). Even Pharmacists can help by recording the dose of medication and instructions on a blank bar code

which then enables people who are blind to dispense their own medication more confidently.

The bar code readers are lightweight (only 120gms) and 15cm in length. They come with a database holding 1.2 million code identifications and an 8GB SD memory card which provides hours of recording and use. The inbuilt camera can identify currency and the memo record allows instant storage of information (eg someone's number or address) There are also other uses and abilities such as Wi-Fi and Bluetooth as well as an, MP3 storage/player. It can also be switched to six different languages!

The Foundation have now dispensed about 700 readers and we currently have 22 approved applicants across Australia who have placed grant applications with us and waiting for funding. When the funding is fulfilled, these applicants will be able to take possession of their new bar code readers.

There are many ways in which clubs can assist us to achieve the goal of placing this life changing technology into the hands of these recipients. There is the option of full or part sponsorship of a particular recipient or Clubs can help by purchasing ALVIF products like "Bazza" the lion, BBQ packs, Aprons, and pins.

ALVIF works with the various state and territory blindness agencies as well as our technology partners, to help bring exciting technology to those in need. ALVIF committee members are continually applying for funding, attending Texpo's where we demonstrate the bar code reader. We also attend Lions' conventions and at the recent MD Convention in Newcastle we handed out many grant application forms and expect to receive multiple requests for bar code readers in the near future.

Visit our website

<http://www.visualindependence.org.au>

– which has been designed with a plain layout and text to ensure the various reading-to-speech programs can be employed by the blind community

Please contact us if you or your club would like to know



more about the work of ALVIF and help to assist people who are blind, to live more independently.

Phone: 1300 787 469 and speak to Arthur Uren if you would like more information

CRANBOURNE LIONS CHANGEOVER.



Curry Printing is long established Mornington Peninsula business who can assist you in all your printing, photocopying and laminating requirements.

We can also print large format plans and posters and can enlarge or reduce ranging from A4-A0.

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EMAIL info@curryprinting.com.au

MEMBERSHIP WELFARE

District Governor Ian Gration and the Lions family of District 201V3 **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.**

Members passed away

Lioness Dorothy Watt
Lion Arch Linehan
Lion John Raymond Hellesey

Lions Club of

Trafalgar
Stratford
Dromana

Lions providing incentives, assistance and infrastructure to create excellent communities.

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

Lion Peter Feenstra
Lion Lyn Gordon
Lion Shane McDonald
Lion John Nankervis
Lion Mick Henderson
Lion Frank Andrews
Lion Dorothy Mall

Lions Club of

Wellington Latrobe
Wellington Latrobe
Lakes Entrance
Dromana
Dromana
Dromana
Mt Eliza

Lion Kay Freeburn
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LAKES ENTRANCE 2015

39th District 201V3 Convention
23rd, 24th & 25th October



SUN, SURF & SAND

LOST

Sometime ago.
Gold Bar - with Star Award - Presidents Award -
D G Award - Key Award ??
If found please contact.
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DG Ian Gration (DGE at the time) presented a "This is your life" album along with a LIFE MEMBERSHIP to Balnarring Lions outgoing President Noel Hicklin at their recent Changeover.

SPECIAL THANK YOU
TO LION SHERYL BLAY.

Thank you Sheryl, for your help & guidance with the History Books for PDG Lion Joyce. Giving up a day of your valuable time during a stressful time for me with ill health in my family is greatly appreciated.

Great day at District Changeover, once again you did a wonderful Job, Congratulations.

Many thanks
Kay Freeburn

ATTENTION ALL CLUBS
DON'T FORGET



RON LIPMAN
BULLETIN AWARD
CLUB BULLETIN
COMPETITION

23rd August 2015

Club Development Day



This day's program includes but is not restricted to:

Building relationships between members, maintaining open communication, identifying who we influence and why, enabling and empowerment of members

Dealing with adverse behaviour; leading for success

DON'T MISS OUT – RSVP EARLY.

WHERE & WHEN

**Cranbourne Senior
Citizens Hall**

**Codrington Street
Cranbourne**

**9.00 am to 3.00 pm
(m/tea & lunch provided)**

RSVP by 16th August 2015 to:

Kerrie McMahan,

kandamcmahan@gmail.com

Ph. 59956063 (message bank)