



*Lions International Australia*

# *District 201V3 Newsletter*



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Well we are into Convention weather, the sun is shining and as you read this, to a few of you, our Convention will be a dull memory, to others it will still be the end of a very real nightmare,

I apologise to my Convention Committee and can only suggest more Panadol.

Being on the Convention Committee makes you realise that just because you are the DG, you are no more important on the Committee than any other person at the table. Sure the Committee is a big wheel but as the DG you soon realise that you are just a small cog within that wheel, so a big thankyou to my Convention Committee for everyone of you from top to bottom, Tim Rogerson, Cynthia Robinson, right down to young Bree Rogerson, the youngest member of the committee.

But there is always somebody who stands out in every committee and nobody sings their praises in case they get embarrassed, well I intend to sing the praises of Bruce and Cynthia Ardley for they have gone above and beyond to make this Convention fantastic. If you were at the Convention, you will have heard of these people and if not, you will have missed out knowing and meeting two really great and talented Lions.

I can only hope that as you went away from the Convention, you had in your mind, that I kept asking for growth in clubs and in membership just the same as I do when I visit you in your club.

Sadly we have lost 23 lions in the 3 months July to September. We have picked up 31 new members in the same period so we have had a growth of 8 Lions in the District in this period.

I set myself a target of 200 new members for the year, so that means I need another 192 new members in the next 9 months so please take pity on me and do all that you can to help.

I have also been out and about visiting other DG's Conventions. V6, a fantastic time in Albury with DG Steve and Alison. Coming up V2 with DG Wayne and Judi, then of to Charlton to V1-4 Convention with DG Maureen and John.

As you can see it's not all 201V3. We as DG's spread ourselves around and of course those of you that attended our Convention will have taken the time to meet and greet with DG Maureen and John Thorpe, as well as DG Wayne and Judi.

Well I must get away I think I am packing to go to Wayne's Convention this weekend, so I hope your weekend is as good as mine keep smiling and let the others wonder why

All the best  
DG Ian

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## **CABINET SECRETARY'S REPORT**

### **Important Directory Changes**

**New Meeting Venue** for the Drouin Lions is the Royal Hotel, Main Road South, Drouin, just over the rail bridge from Drouin's main street.

**New Secretary** for Balnarring Lions is Annemaree Johnson (M)0455 584 336

### **DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S CLUB VISIT PROGRAM**

**IMPORTANT.** The **questionnaires** from all Clubs help to ensure that the DG has the most updated information available for him when he 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 November are:**

Lions Club of Paynesville	4
Lions Club of Bairnsdale	3
Lions Club of Bruthen	9
Lions Club of Omeo Shire	10
Lions Club of Metung	11
Lions Club of Orbost	12
Lions Club of Longford	13
Lions Club of Lindenow 40 <sup>th</sup>	16
Lions Club of Endeavour Hills	17
Lions Club of Drouin	18
Lions Club of Neerim District	24
Lions Club of Mallacoota & District	26
VLF Meeting	29
Licola Board	29

### **NEW MEMBERS**

Congratulations are extended to the following new members

<b>New Member</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>
Margaret Harrison	Cranbourne	Kay Freeburn
Beverley Miller	Rosedale	Dawn Molden
Robert Rutherford	Rye	Robert Beard
Robyn Rutherford	Rye	Robert Beard

### **IMPORTANT TROPHY**

I am still desperately looking for your assistance to locate the DG's best Club award known as the May & Norm McPherson trophy. If you have any information, please contact me – no names, no packdrill, I would just like to find it. We have already spoken to Trafalgar & Traralgon with unfortunately no new leads.

### **RETURN No 4**

Convention is now over and you have finished the first 3 Returns for your year, the next one is Return no 4 due 15<sup>th</sup> January 2016 listing your Club membership as at 31 December 2015. This is important as your 2<sup>nd</sup> half yearly dues are based on these figures.

### **MY THOUGHT FOR THIS EDITION**

Some days you are the statue, some days the pigeon.

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**



### **VICTORIA LIONS FOUNDATION**

At a recent meeting of the Victorian Lions Foundation, it was nice to know that 50% of the Clubs within V3 had made donations to your Foundation. As you know the

Neurobionics is a Multiple District Project and a lot of the donations were designated to this project which was also great. Professor Peter Blamey has visited a lot of Clubs promoting neurobionics and telling them of the exciting progress that is being made.

The Foundation website has been updated. Please have a look at it.

[www.victorianlionsfoundation.org.au](http://www.victorianlionsfoundation.org.au)

It is never too late to make a donation to the Victorian Lions Foundation.

Donations can be sent to Treasurer Lion Colin Dyason, 66 Colquhoun Boulevard, Warragul, 3820 or if you wish a direct transfer

to BSB: 633 000 Account No: 150 261 121 making sure you put your Club name.

We look forward to your continued support.

PDG Norma Barnard  
V3 Representative  
Victorian Lions Foundation



### **VICTORIAN LIONS FOUNDATION Inc.**

In the 2015 Annual Report of the **National Vision Research Institute [NVRI]** **Lion Professor Michael Ibbotson** [Director NVRI] wrote that “Lions Clubs of Australia have generously supported the NVRI for many decades, and this continued in 2014. We are very grateful for the input which provides partial funds for a Lions Research Fellowship. Having watched their unstinting activities, I **decided to become a Lion myself** and enjoyed engaging with the organisation and getting involved in their many and varied fund raising activities. The importance of funding from non-Federal grant sources is increasing. In 2014 the success rate for grants from the National Health and Medical Research Council dropped to around 14% - just one in seven grants were funded.

A very pleasing scientific outcome for the year was to have published the results of a project that Dr. Shaun Cloherty [our Lions Research Fellow] and I initiated while working at New York University in 2011.”

Also in the report, Chair, NVRI Board, Professor Trichur Vidyasagar wrote “The infrastructure and intellectual support from the Melbourne University and the financial help from its donors such as the Lions Clubs.....are vital for achieving the goals of the Institute.”

The National Vision Research Institute is part of the large consortium, Bionic Vision Australia, that is developing bionic eyes and

collectively the consortium has implanted three patients with such devices, with excellent results, showing that the devices work and will become clinically important as they are refined in coming years. **Fantastic to know that our funds are being used for such important and necessary research.**

***[Donations can be made at any time to the Victorian Lions Foundation, designating the NVRI as the recipient.]***

David Oakley, P.R. & Marketing Committee.

### **NOVEMBER 2015** **MEMBERSHIP WELFARE**

District Governor Ian Gratton 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 Mervyn Langford Jones	Lions Club of Rye
Hon Lion Peter Burton	Lions Club of Mornington
Lion John Burton	Lions Club of Wellington Latrobe

#### **Member's Family passed away**

Lion Neil Wingrave	Brother	Lions Club of Mt Eliza
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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 Kelvin Olsen	Lions Club of Strzelecki
Lion Sheryl Tullett	Lions Club of Mornington

All Welfare matters are to be submitted to Lion Kay Freeburn before the 12<sup>th</sup> of the month please. If I am required to send a card, please supply the name and Mailing address that the card is to be sent to.

Lion Kay Freeburn  
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# Lions Club of Trafalgar 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Swap Meet

Sunday 22nd November 2015

Gates Open - 6.00am

Trafalgar Recreation Precinct- Waterloo Rd

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Under 16 Free

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