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District 201V3 Newsletter



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Well the new year is here already and I would like to start it off by wishing everybody the best that life can bring.

Don't forget the holidays are not over yet so enjoy the weather and the break as the holidays will soon be finished and that Club President will want to get things rolling on again, or the DG will be phoning you to see what happened with the project that we spoke about just before Christmas.

Now is a good time to think back and ask yourself are you happy with how things progressed thru the first part of your year, will you go on as before, or does something need to change or come back with a new mindset. You will be surprised what a difference it will make.

At this time I would like to thank all that have done visits with me in the first half of the year. Mostly the Zone Chairmen, as their help and guidance has been really appreciated.

Club Presidents and Secretary's, the way you have welcomed myself and Zonies into your Club and made us feel at ease, given us fantastic meals and taken an interest in all discussions. I also thank you for your help with my fundraising for the One Shot One Life Measles Project.

It has been mentioned to me that I didn't talk about your projects at each visit. I have read your reports and therefore know what you do. I have visited several Clubs a second time and looked at projects being carried out when possible and truly do appreciate all that you do for yours and the wider community.

I know you support Health Projects for if you didn't you wouldn't let me talk about the Measles program, and the fundraising that I do for the Frankston Hospital (oh by the way Frankston Hospital has offered us guest speakers for District or Club occasions at any time).

I personally am having a great time as your District Governor, getting around to the Clubs and getting to know people who's names I have heard a dozen times but not had the privilege to meet. It is great to put a face to the name over the last six months. I am sure that I have made some lifelong friendships thru this time and will continue to do so for the rest of the year.

Well I have had some family time, two huge parties, one for extended family and one for immediate family. Now some time for my lions family firstly with my own Club for January then back to District and Club visits starting February.

Don't forget if you have a problem that I can help with I am only a phone call away and always available ALL THE BEST FOR 2016 keep up the good work

DG Ian

CABINET SECRETARY'S REPORT

Important Directory Changes

Lions Club of Bass Valley - New Secretary is Chris Papps (H) 03 5678 8384 (M)0437 866 329 email cprp@bigpond.com

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S CLUB VISIT PROGRAM IMPORTANT. It is extremely important to advise me of any changes to the meeting venue and time etc.

D.G.'s commitments & visits for January/February are:

MD Council Meeting – Sydney	Jan 15-17
Licola Board	31
Lions Club of Lakes Entrance	Feb 2
Lions Club of Wellington-Latrobe	3
Cabinet Meeting – Trafalgar	7
Lions Club of Strzelecki	10
Lioness Breakaway at Berwick	19-20
Lions Club of Mornington	23
Lions Club of McCrae & District	24
Lions Club of Boneo	24
VLF Meeting	28

NEW MEMBERS

Congratulations are extended to the following new members

New Member	Club	Sponsor
Jessica Isaacs	Cranbourne	Kerrie McMahon
Timothy Hurst	Drouin	Theo Versteden
Anthony Kelly	Drouin	Theo Versteden
Lynn Spittal	Inverloch & District	Glenda Smith
Rob Spittal	Inverloch & District	Glenda Smith
Alan Watson	Inverloch & District	Klaus Edel
Roslyn Ferres	McCrae & District	John Parrent
David Barker	Paynesville	Roger Wilson
Patricia Barker	Paynesville	Roger Wilson
Geoff Poulton	Rye	Raymond Wilson
Lynn Poulton	Rye	Raymond Wilson
Theresa Mortell	Traralgon	Dennis Paine
John Majcherzaic	Warragul	Ernest Dessent

MANY THANKS

The May & Norm McPherson trophy has been found. Thanks to all of you who searched so diligently.

RETURN No 4

SEND IT NOW. The Return number 4 is due by 15th January 2016 listing your Club membership as at 31 December 2015. This is important as your 2nd half yearly dues are based on these figures. Please do not send me a copy of the MyLCI webpage, it needs to be the Club's record on a Form no. 4.

MY THOUGHT FOR THIS EDITION

I have never been a worrier as I can't remember if I have forgotten something.

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 Lions throughout the coming year.

Lion Peter McShane
Cabinet Secretary



Multiple District Convention Echuca

"V" Districts & "T" District Dinner
Saturday 14 May 2016,
6.00 pm for 6.30 pm
Moama Sports Club,
Perricoota Road,
Moama
Bookings PDG Norm McPherson
03 5655 2361
Cost: \$20 head
Always a good night, book early
Don't miss out

RIDE FOR SIGHT 2016



The Ride For Sight Committee has announced that next year's ride will cover 320 kms, commencing at Moe on Thursday 31 March 2016.

The first two overnight stops will be at Warragul on 31 March and Friday 1 April. The final night is at Trafalgar on Saturday 2 April.

The ride will return to Moe at lunchtime on Sunday 3 April.

An invitation to participate in the ride will be sent to previous participants in December. Any people who have not done the ride in the past and are interested in taking part should contact Bill Annear, Ride Secretary, email lionssideforsight@gmail.com, tel. 0407 306 414.

The Ride Chairperson and contact for Lions related matters is Jac Bongers, email jacbong56@gmail.com, tel. 5634 2210 or 0438 825 072.

Fellow Lions

It is now 12 days since the Pinery Bushfires and darkness caused so much heartache in the lower north region of Balaklava, Mallala, Gawler, Freeling etc.



(The photos were taken at Roseworthy [at 2:30pm](#) on the day of the fire) It was devastating. Two people lost their lives, in excess of 85,000 hectares of prime farm land burnt to the top soil, approximately 85

homes lost. Plus farm equipment, stock losses etc

That was and is the sad part. Through the fantastic efforts of Lions generally and specifically the Lions Clubs of Gawler, Mallala and Balaklava, a lot of good has been done and they have been responsible for returning a few smiles to so many who have suffered a lot. They fed (many hundreds of breakfasts, lunches and dinners), they have listened to those who have lost everything, and they have handed over emergency supplies that just emerged from within their own communities and around Australia. (We just took a call from WA, 7 quilts are being sent free of charge by Toll). There have been cash collection drives in the hinterland of the Gold Coast and elsewhere in this country.

The Gawler, Mallala and Balaklava Lions clubs with the support of their Zone Chairmen Pat and Phil, ALF Coordinator Yvonne and Disaster Relief Coordinator Sandy have taken and processed many registrations for Emergency assistance and continued monitoring the need for food support at each of the sites. These services are have now been closed and are winding down. This situation however is still being monitored by the Disaster Relief Sub Committee. We have today been informed that just under \$200,000 of emergency grants have now been approved by the ALF and those funds will be distributed in the next couple of days. This sum is expected to exceed \$200,000 early this week as a few more applications are processed. When you also add an already approved \$50,000 in Community Disaster Recovery

grants this is one fantastic effort by all clubs, not just in C1 or even C2 but Australia wide. I thank all involved for your generosity in substance and time. It's a credit to all Lions.

By the time this tragedy is over, Lions could well have reinvested into this community approximately \$300,000. Add to that the catering effort, the emergency food distribution, the many, many days of volunteer efforts providing these services etc Now that is a story we must tell all in our community!

Anyone with contacts with their local paper etc, please send them on to me, I would like to distribute an article with some pics to try and get this side of the story out. I note that the Mallala Lions were specifically acknowledged in Macca's Australia All



Over this morning on ABC local radio! Well done.

If you are still planning to send in a donation, please send your donation to the ALF via C1 Cabinet Treasurer Jenny Rayner, marked for ALF Pinery Bushfire Appeal. Any funds not marked accordingly will go to the ALF general disaster relief fund. That is not bad as much of the emergency grants now approved have come from this general fund as it does take time for disaster specific donations to come in.

I understand that some clubs want to do some special things like Xmas Hampers (thanks Pres Libby and the Paralowie club), that is fantastic, however can I ask that if your club is going to do something like that, it is done in conjunction with the local clubs Presidents and the Zone Chairman as the Paralowie Club is doing.

Again my thanks to all who have contributed in some way or another, whether a little or a lot. Once we all have a chance to recover somewhat and to

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

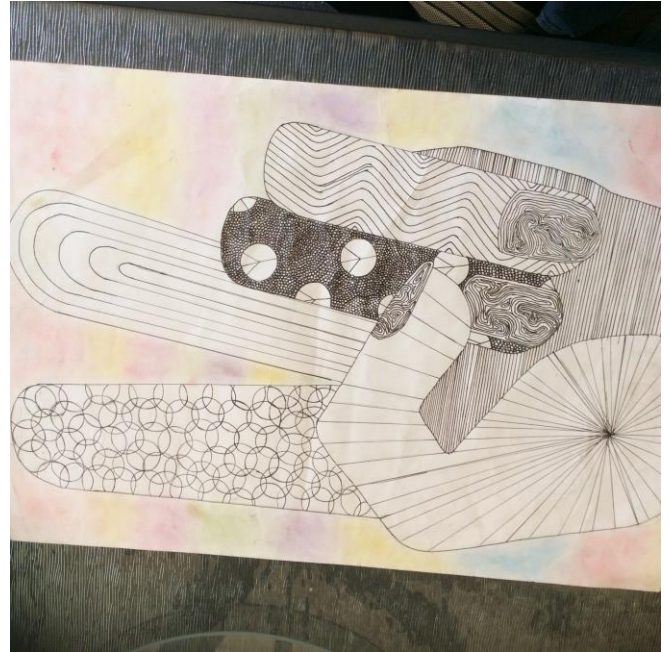
take a few breaths, I would like to hold a review of this event and how it was handled by Lions, how we worked with the govt agencies and other service organisations. Some Lions suffered from outdated procedures and observed senseless waste and negative public responses from stupid OHS rules, procedures and silly responsibility guidelines. Where we experienced this we should review, report and suggest (demand) changes to improve these processes for the benefit of all, especially the victims.

As an aside I was really impressed by the Mallala Lions Club mobile catering trailer. This totally self-supporting unit, is not just a mobile BBQ plate. It has the lot; micro-waves, hot water jugs/urns, slide out sinks, BBQ plates, its own water and power supply. It is truly a mobile emergency response food/support trailer. It even has a radio to keep in touch with the local CFS!! I would like to float the idea of having a few of these geographically spread around the district for deployment to any emergency Lions is asked to support in the future. More on this later.

Regards
Rob
Rob Royal
District Governor 2015-2016 - 201C1
Proud member of The Burnside Lions Club

Peace Poster

Highly Commended from
Fish Creek Primary School
Via Toora Lions



Peace poster winner for 2015-16

from

Briagalong Primary School



Dear Lions Leaders:

The next Emerging Lions Leadership Institute for the Lions of Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Indonesia & The Islands of the South Pacific Ocean will be offered in Brisbane, Australia on April 8-10, 2016. We seek your assistance to help recruit qualified Lion participants for the institute. It is a valuable opportunity to build on skills that enhance the leadership qualities at the club level.

This institute is targeted to Lions that have not yet been club president. More details regarding this institute are available on [our website](#).

Please help us recruit qualified Lions for this institute by providing a copy of the [application packet](#) to Lions leaders in your district, including your district governor team and region and zone chairpersons, to remind them of this event. Please ask them to promote the institute and actively encourage qualified candidates to apply. The success of this institute depends on the support of Lions leaders from across your constitutional area.

This institute will be conducted in English and we will be accepting fifty (50) Lions.

Completed forms must be returned by: January 24, 2016

PLEASE RETURN APPLICATIONS TO:

Institutes & Seminars
Lions Clubs International
E-mail: institutes@lionsclubs.org

To ensure timely receipt of your applications, please submit by e-mail or fax.

If you have questions or need further information, do not hesitate to contact us by e-mail at institutes@lionsclubs.org, by phone at +630.468.6740 or by fax at +630.706.9010.

Sincerely,

Kathryn H. Ryan
Manager
Institutes and Seminars

MEMBERSHIP WELFARE

District Governor Ian Gration 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 Don Hale	Lions Club of Balla Balla
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Member's Family passed away

Lions Glen Rodda's Father	Lions Club of Trafalgar
Lions Derek McNab's Father	Lions Club of Mt Eliza

Sick List

Member	Lions Club of
Lion Howard Mashiter	Yarram
Lions Lady Jenny Mashiter	Yarram
Lion John Beale	Yarram
Lion Kerrie McMahon	Cranbourne
Lions Lady Jan Vosper	Cranbourne
Lion Laurie Bayes	Mt Martha
Lion David Thomas	My Martha
Lion Colin Gardner	Wellington La Trobe
Lion Colin Stevens	Dromana

Apology: Re: Passing of Joyce Milledge. November Newsletter read Wife of Lion Jack – Should have read Lion Joyce Life Member (My mistake) apology to Lion Jack & Members of Lions Club of McCrae

All Welfare matters are to be submitted to Lion Kay Freeburn before the 12th 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, please add - Lion - Lions Lady - Lioness or family Member. Thank you

Lion Kay Freeburn
District 201 V3 Member Welfare Chairperson
Mobile 0410 052 988 - kay.freeburn5@bigpond.com



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NEW YEAR
2016!**

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16 November 2015

Dear Fellow Lion,

I am seeking your support on behalf of more than 50,000 men and women who served in the defence of our country for 20 or more years and on behalf of the widows of those who are already deceased.

The majority of these men and women are now in their seventies and well beyond. They do not have a voice and have been treated shamefully by their country.

Many of these men and women, who have to rely on their Defence Force superannuation payments to live, are in financial difficulty and more than 3,000 of them are known to be homeless. That is an absolute disgrace.

This is not a political campaign, it is about seeking justice. It is a petition and while it is addressed to our current Government's decision makers it is aimed at every Canberra bureaucrat and every politician in the country.

Promises to alleviate the situation of these men and women have been made by past Governments but those Governments have either broken those promises outright or completely failed to deliver on what they promised.

The only time these men and women get any sort of hearing is in the lead up to a Federal Election. That window is open now but it will soon close again for another 4 years.

I urge you to show your support for these men and women. Please click [> here <](#) to read more, leave a comment, sign their petition and share the link or this letter with others who may also wish to support them.

Yours sincerely,



Herb Ellerbock
Past President
Rutherglen Lions Club