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To Be Or Not Be... At Convention

Not many days left for you to register for the 100th year celebration of Lions International, 70th year of Lions Australia and 45th year of Lions Stratford
We are having the 41st 201V3 Lions Convention at the Ibis Styles Hotel in Sale from 27th October to 29th October and we invite you all to attend. There are exciting guest speakers interspersed with the business and memorial program of the convention.
The theme is 'TO BE OR NOT TO BEHAVING FUN WHILST MAKING A DIFFERENCE'

Registration forms are available from;
District Secretary - Shirley Higman, email;

s.higman@bigpond.com telephone 0411231650
Or Convention Secretary - Judy Ransom-James email; grannyjudy@optusnet.com.au telephone 0434104066

Or website [hppt://stratford.vic.lions.org.au](http://stratford.vic.lions.org.au)

To Be or Not to Be... in attendance at the Dinner Dance with the theme; To be Masked or To be Blinged, To be Dazzling or To be There. A prize will be awarded to the best dressed person attending.

Please Note: All Norman J McCloud Parade of Cheques must be made out to District 201 V3.



A Dog, A Bus & A Trailer!

Our bright red state-of-the-art barbecue trailer has been widely praised at community events.

With refrigeration, ice box, hot water supply, washing facilities, stainless steel work benches, water supply and waste water collection tanks, and a cooking plate to meet the demands of larger functions.

The Bus Project has been a great achievement for the Lions Club of Mornington Members and the Mornington Special Developmental School, however

it would have taken a lot longer without the assistance of Lions Australia and the project fundraising Sponsors contributed to this successful project.

February 2017 Keith and Toni were presented with Toni's official Hearing Dog coat, collar, lead and Identity Card by Trainer Mary Knight. Lions Hearing Dogs have the same rights of entry as a Guide Dog for the Blind. Lions John Hannah and Patricia Forsyth enjoyed the experience with Toni and Keith, forming a friendship that continues.



Bad Hair for Blue Ribbon!

The Lions Club of Wellington/Latrobe has been very busy during September, supporting the wonderful Blue Ribbon Foundation.

Blue Ribbon exists to support families of members of the Police Force who have lost their lives or have been badly injured in the line of duty, protecting US and our families.

Our club managed to raise \$1327.00 during three special BBQ's at Woolworths in Traralgon, the Barbeques included a Family Fun Day, hence our club BBQ coordinator/ Secretary Peter having a BAD hair day!



Long ques for Snags!

Australian Lionsonoz members, Lions Jan and Bernie Donchi, spent some valuable time with Manilla Lions during AgQuip 2017 in Gunnedah. Manilla Lions were very short on numbers to work the Santa Gertrudis BBQ stand for the three days of AgQuip, so Jan and Bernie offered their services. Another Australian Lionsonoz member, Lion Warren White, worked during the first day, and Jan and

Bernie continued for the following two. Queues during lunchtime extended well down the road from the BBQ stand, indicating that Santa Gertrudis was the steak of the day.

Australian Lionsonoz members seek out the "local" Lions Club in towns they visit to assist in their projects while they are there.



"Having Fun whilst making a difference"

Welfare Report

District Governor Andrew McMahon and the Lions family of District 201V3 pass on their sincere condolences to the families of the following members.

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| <u>Members & Family passed away</u> | <u>Lions Club</u> |
| Lion Joan Voss | Mornington |
| Lions Lady Trish Lancey | Strzelecki |

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 to members whose names that I have not

received we wish you good health and a full recovery.

Members & Family on the Sick List **Lions Club**
Lion Peter Feenstra Wellington/Latrobe

This year it would be lovely to welcome babies into the Lions family and to also record those special Wedding Anniversaries.

If you would like the District to send a card, please supply the name and mailing address that the card is to be sent to.

Kind regards,
Patricia Forsyth
rightset@bigpond.com



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS!

Did You know, according to a LCI survey the #1 reason people haven't joined a Lions Club?

They weren't asked!

And did you know the #1 reasons members leave our Lions Clubs?

Dissatisfaction with their Club or Lions experience and lack of harmony in the Club.

If you want to make a difference in your Club, there is self-help available.

Watch out for the "Happy Clubs" material in your Clubs mail.

Or contact one of your District Global Membership Team.

You can catch us at Convention. GMT/GLT have a stand in the Static Display area.

Come visit and say G'Day.

Enter the quiz for a chance to win a prize drawn on the weekend.

Graham Cockerell
Global Membership Team Coordinator
0459 444 111.

Learn about LEHP!

A Lions Eye Health Program (LEHP) Workshop will be held in Seymour on Saturday 7th October.

This Information Day will run from 10.00am to 4pm and will cover information about why LEHP is necessary, materials & resources available to Clubs, support available to Clubs and how Lions Clubs can best raise awareness of avoidable vision loss in their community.

A Welch Allen Vision Screening Camera will be available and we will discuss how clubs can run

effective community vision screenings.

A Club Screening Manual will be given to each club participating.

Participants will be able to develop a LEHP plan to take away with them to action, with their clubs, their districts or individually.

Lunch & Refreshments will be provided.

If you are interested in attending please contact LEHP Victorian

Representative PDG Shirley Higman on 0411 231 650 to book a place

Do you need new projects that can be easily managed by one member and can involve all the members who wish to protect your community? Do you like to look into the eyes of those that you help?

Do you want to be seen doing projects in your community?

Then the Lions Crimewatch Committee has an activity to suit you.

We have seven projects that are all about Crime Prevention and Public Protection.

Want to know more? I am available to chat to you on 5629 9532 any time and I will come and tell your other members about these projects as well.

Or go to www.lionscrimewatch.org

And don't forget to see my static display at

Convention.

If you have a go please let me know!

Lion Colin Higman

Crime Watch District V3 Chairman



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Secretary's Report

I think we can say Spring has finally arrived. The mornings are lighter, the birds are noisier and I am wearing less layers. Next will be Daylight Saving. And the highlight of our Lions Year in V3 ??????????

Yes! Our District Convention. A time where we come together to celebrate our service to community and a time to have Fun and Learn. And it's going to be a great convention.

But before the celebration there is still a bit to do -

Sale Convention: Your returns No. 2 - Convention Delegates, and No. 3 - Memorial Service names for the Sale Convention would already have been sent to me, but just in case you haven't sent them, please get them done now, even if it is a "Nil" return.

All nominations have now closed for items to be considered at the Sale Convention & AGM 27-29 October. Please make sure you have booked accommodation & meals, registered for your attendance whether you are a delegate or not. Please make sure you register even if you are only coming for one day or one session.

The Stratford Lions Club Website which contains additional information (including Registration forms) about Sale and the Convention can be found at <http://stratford.vic.lions.org.au>

At the time of writing this some clubs have not paid all their dues - District, Multiple District and/or International - not only does this cause embarrassment to myself when I have to knock back voting rights at convention but it also causes your delegates embarrassment at the registration desk.

Departed Members: A reminder to all Clubs that all members of our Lions family who have passed away in the past twelve months since our District Convention at Inverloch, will be honoured at the Sale Convention. Please be sure to send me details on Return no. 3 with a short write up and a photo. If you have no bereavements, still send me your return no 3 with "Nil" written on it.

Please don't leave these till the last minute. I am putting together the Remembrance Book and this will take some time. If you have already sent in your Return no 3 you can still send me information on a recently departed member. Relatives of the deceased should be advised

of this ceremony and assisted to attend.

Newsletters: All Clubs have responded to my request to advise me of the number of mailed Newsletters required. Thank you very much for your responses.

LCI Club Visits:

Another thank you to those clubs who have returned their **LCI Club Visit Forms**. If you haven't then **please get your form back to me** so I can pass them on to the team member who will be visiting you.

These forms are very important!

District Governor Andrew's Visits:

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| Mt Martha | 02-10-2017 |
| Lakes Entrance | 03-10-2017 |
| Macalister Newry | 04-10-2017 |
| Bairnsdale | 05-10-2017 |
| Hampton Park | 09-10-2017 |
| Morwell | 10-10-2017 |
| Karingal | 16-10-2017 |
| Wonthaggi | 17-10-2017 |
| Longwarry & District | 02-11-2017 |
| Rosedale | 14-11-2017 |
| Neerim District | 28-11-2017 |

1st Vice Governor Peter Payne

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| Drouin | 04-10-2017 |
| Strezelecki | 25-10-2017 |
| Maffra | 13-11-2017 |
| Balnarring | 15-11-2017 |

2nd Vice Governor Neil Wingrave

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| Wellington Latrobe | 04-10-2017 |
| Korumburra | 09-10-2017 |
| Balla Balla | 11-10-2017 |
| Leongatha | 25-10-2017 |
| Churchill & District | 01-11-2017 |
| Pakenham | 21-11-2017 |

Important Changes to Directory:

Bass Valley Lions Club

New Email: bassvalleylions@gmail.com

Lyn Renner is the Secretary

0416024356

Lioness Club of Berwick

New venue is: Zagame's, 288-296 Clyde Road, Berwick

Lion Shirley Higman

Cabinet Secretary 2017 / 2018

2ND Vice District Governor's Report

It's only about a month before our District Convention in Sale, hosted by the Stratford Lions Club; I hope everyone has submitted their application forms to attend and that Clubs have organised their delegates for the event. It's so very important that Clubs take the opportunity to be involved in the direction of their District and the Convention is just the forum for Clubs to have their say and ask their questions on behalf of their members.

For Club leaders, now is the time to start organising your AGM's and reviewing progress on plans for the 2017/18 year as a quarterly milestone. Ask yourselves if things are progressing as the Club wants and are the members happy and getting involved in Club activities. If changes need to be made to your plans, then by all means do it, but plan and consider changes so that you'll get the outcome that you want.

The two most important aspects to success in change are communication and clarity; being clear about what the change is, how it will happen and the expected outcomes. Communicating it clearly to members and creating an understanding [not necessarily complete agreement] is your best outcome.

Remember Clubs are a democracy; everyone gets a say and a vote, the important thing is if leaders are clear about the change, communicate it well, listen to the members and have healthy and happy environment they'll achieve acceptance [not always agreement], minimise any issues and move forward for the betterment of the Club. Let's continue "Having fun whilst making a difference".

Have a great month.

Neil Wingrave

2nd Vice District Governor 2017 / 2018

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District Governor's Report

An amazing time was had by all those who attended the ANZI Forum in Ballarat, despite the cold weather.

The forums were inspiring and the Lions I spoke to who attended, were bursting with new ideas to take back to their clubs for implementation.

Thanks to all those who attended.

Kerrie and I were honored to have had the opportunity to escort our International First Vice President Gudrun and John and International Director Tony and his wife Sue to the Spinal Cord Institute to talk with the spinal cord sponsored researcher Stephen to tour the facility and talk about the life changing research being done for spinal cord injury and the breakthrough discovery of Dacrin and its ability to heal spinal cord.

The chance of a future where spinal cord injury is treated and people walk again is fast becoming reality.

Our Centennial District convention is fast approaching, have you completed a registration form yet? Please do so as soon as possible so the dedicated team at the Ibis know how many to cater for.

The convention Committee, from the Lions club of Stratford, has been working tirelessly to make this convention a celebration befitting a 100-year birthday. The convention is being held at the Ibis Hotel in Sale on the Friday 27th of October until Sunday the 29th.

Our youth forum on the Saturday will be a highlight of the convention and is your opportunity to ask the young people of today, questions and to learn more about what makes our youth of today, how we can help them and how they can help us.

Please forward your questions for the youth forum to Cab sec PDG Shirley by 1pm on Saturday of the convention.

The celebrating Women in community Service luncheon is sure to be another highlight., with a

dynamic guest speaker, this should be a fantastic opportunity to celebrate women in community service. So please come and join us in celebrating the 30th anniversary of women in Lions, 40th year of Lionesses. It is great way to celebrate all we achieve.

If you are wanting to attend please register for lunch on the Saturday in your registration form.

The new position of Global Service team has been added to the Global Leadership Team and the Global Membership team, to help clubs with Service. Service is the key component of all Lions Clubs. PDG Joyce Radford has been appointed as our districts Global Service team leader. PDG Joyce has challenged herself to achieve a 100% activity reporting for all our clubs. If anyone needs any help with Monthly Activity reports PDG Joyce is really happy to help and will talk you through the process over the phone.

We are well on our way to our centennial target of serving 200,000,000 people per year. If every club reported their activities each month, I'm sure we would exceed it.

When reporting activities don't forget to complete it thoroughly, this month we have seen so many clubs reporting that they have made \$1000 at a BBQ but didn't serve any one, this is impossible in that scenario the club would have to had served at least a minimum of 400 people.

It is a busy time coming up with our junior public speaking competition final at Trafalgar on the 8th October, please come and support our youth and this worthwhile project.

I want to leave you with some words of wisdom.....

"Go Tigers"

Andrew McMahon

District Governor 2017 / 2018



1ST Vice District Governor's Report

LCI have added Diabetes to the Lions Clubs Service Framework as part of the Centennial Service Challenge.

Diabetes is recognised as the worlds fastest growing chronic condition. It is estimated that one in every eleven adults globally has diabetes, and that half of these are undiagnosed. At present there is no cure and researchers around the world are actively working to break the growth trend.

Diabetes is a leading cause of blindness in adults, kidney failure, stroke, heart failure, limb amputations and associated mental health conditions. It can have a significant impact on daily life.

Lions Clubs are encouraged to think of ways to better

inform members about the various forms of diabetes and what can be done to assist in slowing the rate of increase globally.

Our District Diabetes Chairperson, IPDG Anita Culpitt, is available to talk to Clubs/Zones and to provide information to members. These Club activities can be recorded against the Diabetes Key Service Area on MyLCI. Serving/selling fresh low carbohydrate foods at events/markets and educating others about healthy eating are simple ways a Club can start to be involved in this key Service area.

Additional information can be found on the LCI website, and Diabetes Australia.

Peter Payne

1ST VDG 2017 / 2018

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