



Lions International - Australia

District 201 V3 Newsletter



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By now clubs should have appointed their executive for the coming Lions year. With this newsletter you will find details of the arrangements made for District Information Days for **ALL** Lions. There are so many changes in the reporting and record keeping of clubs over the past couple of years even those members who have previously attended should attend to keep up to date.

Whilst on the subject of record keeping as I check the International web site I find that 35 clubs have carried out at least one project during the year. The other 32 have had a wonderful social year and not assisted their community at all. From my personal knowledge I know that all clubs are assisting their communities, but, anyone at Multiple District or International level who do not have direct access to clubs can only believe what is recorded - 32 clubs have not done any projects. The Information Days, mentioned earlier, will give you the knowledge required to record your activities.

On 5th March the Lions Club of Frankston Inc. celebrated it's 50th Anniversary of being a group of volunteers. This is a wonderful milestone. A Lions club has the opportunity to have an impact beyond it's own area. The Lions Club of Frankston is no exception, supporting those in need through international humanitarian services and aid, such as the SightFirst Campaigns, International disasters, and both sponsoring and hosting Lions Youth Exchange students. They also have a proud history of strong service to the local and the broader community. An important achievement is the amounts raised over these years to assist the Frankston Community Hospital, the local State Emergency Services and the Toy Library. Huge achievements. The annual Senior Citizens Christmas Party is an event looked forward to by the community and one greatly appreciated, welcomed and embraced. Well done to all members.

With this newsletter your club will have received information regarding an appeal to assist flood vic-

tims. To assist persons effected by the recent floods please forward cheques to Cabinet Treasurer Peter made out to "Lions District 201V3" with a note attached that they are for flood relief. We can then record and then pass to where they will do most good.



I am advised that 27 members and friends have registered, from this district, to attend the Perth MD Convention, but, if MD or International dues are not paid the club will not be in good standing and delegates will not be able to vote. The V Districts attendees banquet dinner will be held on Sunday the 6th May at a nearby Chinese BYO Restaurant at a cost of \$30 per person. Please let me know your intentions as soon as possible. I am at present negotiating with Andrew's Airport Parking aiming to achieve a discount for Lions using that facility en route to Perth.

Under the Youth Exchange Program umbrella are the International Youth Camps held during the year on the Bellarine Peninsula, Vic.; Newcastle NSW, and the Sunshine Coast Qld. These camps are for the older children than our Licola caters for - additional details can be found on the Multiple District web site.

The sport was boxing and the vegetable/fruit was lettuce. There are 14 punctuation marks in English grammar. How many can you name ?



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From the Cabinet Secretary's Desk

What a busy time of the year for Clubs not only in V3 but throughout Australia.

I hope you have all had your election for the new board for 2012-2013 and that you were able to fill all positions.

As I'm writing this report I have had some PU101's sent to me which is wonderful, by the time you are reading this newsletter all Clubs should have forwarded them to me, if your Club hasn't done so you might find that the information from this current year will remain for the coming year which would not be at all convenient for the Club.

The returns for Delegates and Alternates and names for the Remembrance Ceremony for the Perth Convention were also due on the 30th March 2012.

April is the final month for District Governor Ken to visit Clubs.

He is looking forward to visiting on –

4th April – Lions Club of Drouin

10th April – Lions Clubs of Westernport and Rosebud

A BIG welcome to our new members -

Lion Karen Brown – Lions Club of Morwell

Sponsored by Lion Julie Ryan

Lion Elizabeth Haas – Lions Club of Westernport

Sponsored by Lion Colin Stevens

Lion Shane Harris – Lions Club of Balla Balla

Sponsored by Lion Darryl Sutcliffe

Lion Douglas Hines – Lions Club of Flinders

Sponsored by Lion Graham Findlay

We hope you enjoy a long and happy time within your Clubs.

A final reminder of my email address: cab-sec201v3@gmail.com

Until next month – take care.

PDG Norma Barnard

Cabinet Secretary

District 201 V3

The Endeavour Hills Lions Club, wish to advise that we will now be holding all our meetings at "The Andrews Centre" 2-6 Hanna Drive, Endeavour Hills, starting at 7.30pm these will be supper meetings.

MEMBERSHIP WELFARE

District Governor Ken Blay and the Lions family of District 201 V3 pass on their sincere condolences to the families of following members, also to the Lions family who have had a bereavement in their family.

District Members passed away Lions Club

Lion Vince Tripodi

Traralgon

Lion Doug Cumming

Mt Martha

Member's family passed away Lions Club

Lion Hans Burk

L/L Jenny

Drouin

Lioness Pam Henry

Mother

Lakes Entrance

Our caring thoughts and get well wishes are extended to the following members of the Lions family, whether it be 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 Lions Club of

Lion Lawrence Robinson

Lakes Entrance

Lion Dave Roberts

Toora

Lion Paul Vyse

Toora

Lion Gillian Morpeth

Lakes Entrance

Lion David Ostler

Lakes Entrance

Lion Allan Loader

Bairnsdale

Lioness Margaret Cahill

Lakes Entrance

Lioness Lorraine Ostler

Lakes Entrance

All Welfare matters are to be submitted to Lion Joyce Radford 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 don't wait till the 12th of the month to notify me of a card that needs to be sent – It gets forgotten.

Lion Joyce Radford
District Member Welfare Chairperson
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Lions be involved in Youth Exchange in 201V3.

Lions of V3; I am appealing to yours clubs to get involved in Lions Youth Exchange programme.

The website is www.lionsclubs.org.au/ye and my 'phone No. is 56722559 for more information.

The deadline for outgoing youth is 30th June this year.

We already have 104 youth from 18 countries nationally seeking hosting in July-August.

Please give me a call any time.

Yours in Lionism, Neil Barnes, Wonthaggi



**Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION**

LCIF HELPS LIONS TO ACHIEVE MORE IN THEIR COMMUNITIES

Many clubs say they want to support local projects and believe monies donated to LCIF will end up overseas. Certainly if your club assigns your donation to a particular overseas Lions project or disaster, then your donation will only be used for that purpose.

But, most of the donations stay in the LCI/LCIF bank account in Newcastle until they are required to support LCIF Grants. Such as LCIF Emergency Grants where District Governors can make immediate application for funds up to US\$10,000 following natural disasters within their District.

In recent years Australia has experienced extensive bushfires, floods and cyclones. LCIF Emergency Grants totalling US\$195,000 have been approved to assist Australian Lions meet the immediate needs of people who have lost their homes in these disasters.

Then there is the LCIF Major Catastrophe Grant given to help Lions rebuild community facilities following a major disaster like the February 2009 Victorian bushfires where following a visit IPIP Sid Scruggs III organised with the LCIF Executive a Grant of US\$100,000. LCIF Standard (matching) Grants provides funds up to US\$75,000 for Zones and Districts to take on projects that would otherwise be too expensive for a single club or district. LCIF Standard Grants are approved for Lion projects assisting the disabled, elderly and youth and the purchase of high tech, high cost medical equipment.

During 2011 the following Standard Grants were approved for Australia:

- 201N5 – equip Sydney University Nerve Research Foundation – US\$48,500
- 201Q2 – upgrade Camp Kanga community welfare camp – US\$75,000
- 201Q3 – renovate Rubie House at Lions Camp Duckadang – US\$75,000
- 201V3 – equip Lions Spinal Cord Fellowship Australia – US\$75,000
- 201W2 – purchase Mobile Skin Cancer Screening unit – US\$75,000

To date there has been 150 LCIF Grants to Australian Lions totalling US\$5,902,250

So, you can see there is a need for your LCIF donation to stay in Australia to meet the increasing number of LCIF Grants used to help Australian Lions make their communities a better place in which to live.

During the disbursement of club funds, please consider honouring Lions and Community Leaders with a Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) or a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship (PMJF) by donating US\$1,000 to LCIF. MJFs can be paid for in instalments over 5 years.

Send your LCIF donation in Australian dollars, together with a completed Melvin Jones Fellowship application form to your Cabinet Treasurer.

Remember 100% of your donation to LCIF goes into a grant.

For more information contact your LCIF District Co-ordinator.

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On Monday the 20th of February, Lions clubs within Zone 3 and 4 made presentations of Certificates of appreciation to Vic Forests Heyfield Lions Club. The Certificates were in appreciation for the generous donation of firewood by Vic Forests Heyfield Club for the cutting up and distribution of many firewood following the disastrous fires here in Gippsland in February 2009.



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One of the biggest needs identified at the time was an urgent need for dry firewood in an area where trees had burnt, there was a stick of burnwood to be found. Vic Forests donated 200 tonnes of wood and at the Heyfield Club still holds approx. 75 tonnes



biggest need identified at the time was an urgent need for dry firewood, were all found. Vic Forests have now presented an excess of 75 tonnes

of wood in storage ready for immediate distribution. The awards were presented by Zone 3 Chairman Peter Feenstra and Zone 4 Chairman Ben Davis.

The recipient of Vic Forests was Mr Walsh and for the Heyfield Club Lion MacKenzie on behalf of Dave Wadwas in hospital. The ceremony



on behalf of Mr Walsh was officiated by the Heyfield Club President, Mr Greg MacKenzie, who was

also attended by Federal MP The Hon Darren Chester and state MP, s The Hon Tim Bull and the Hon Russel Northcote.

The Hon Tim Bull also gave a short address to mark the occasion.



Lions District 201 V3 Members Information Day

The 2012 Information Day will be held at 3 separate venues over the coming months.

This will give Lions and Lionesses the opportunity to attend the venue of their choice.

All members are welcome, particularly Club President's, Secretary's, Treasurer's and Membership Chairmen on:

- ❖ Saturday 21st April at Bairnsdale Secondary College
- ❖ Sunday 22nd April at Trafalgar Secondary College
- ❖ Sunday 20th May at Cranbourne Secondary College

Each day will commence at 9.00am sharp and conclude at approx. 2.30pm – lunch, tea and coffee will be provided.

The cost for each attendee will be \$7.00.

- ❖ Further details will be provided in the District Newsletter.
- ❖ Bookings must be made by contacting Neil Wingrave
0428362755, 95791089, or nwingrave@aae.com.au

Please advise of special dietary requirements.

The Lioness Club of Endeavour Hills hosted the annual Lioness Breakaway weekend. The Breakaway was held at the Chifley Hotel Doveton and was opened on the Friday evening by DG Ken Blay, who attended with Lion Cheryl, along with MD Lioness chairperson Lenore Howard, V3 District Lioness chairperson Wendy Keogh and C2 District chairperson Beryl Mahoney. 70 Lioness attended from across Victoria, South Australia & Queensland.

We had 4 excellent guest speakers over the weekend. Lion Luke Donnellan MP gave us the history of Endeavour Hills. Shane talked about his involvement and upbringing through OZCHILD, an organisation close to the hearts of the Endeavour Hills Lionesses. A very informative talk by Gloria Thomas on dyslexia by the Iren Dyslexia Services, Lynne Bradley gave us an interesting insight into looking into your Family Genology from Narre Warren Family History Group. Saturday Afternoon a bus tour was organised to the Shrine and the Police Academy, where afternoon tea was taken before an excellent tour of the Academy was given by Lion Kerrie Adams. Saturday evening it was let your hair down with a country and Western theme. Sunday morning a memorial Service was held to recognise the Lioness's, partners and friends who had passed away since we last met. This was beautifully conducted by PDG Lion Bob Cooper.

Pictured in the photo below are some of the members of the Breakaway Committee.



Victorian Lions Foundation helps establish a Neurobionics Fellowship

Lions Clubs throughout Victoria have committed to fundraise towards the establishment of a Neurobionics Fellow position at the Bionics Institute. The commitment of \$523,000 over five years will go towards funding a pivotal research position that will be at the core of the development of an advanced neurobionic implant to treat a wide range of intractable neurological disorders.

A young and talented neuroscientist, engineer or clinician will be recruited to provide continuity through each phase of the research plan. The aim is that the Fellow becomes a future leader in neurobionics research.

The recent announcement came after two Lions Districts received presentations about the proposed Research Fellow position from the Institute's Deputy Directors Professors Peter Blamey and Hugh McDermott at their annual District Conventions.

The District representatives clearly understood the potential of the neurobionics program at the Institute. Peter and Hugh explained that the neurobionic stimulation devices developed through the program would be used to treat neurological and psychiatric conditions as far ranging as epilepsy, to obsessive-compulsive disorder, urinary incontinence and chronic pain. The Lions also understood that the Institute has more than 20 years' experience in the development of implantable devices, and thus is building on a huge knowledge-base for its research.

Professor Peter Blamey, Bionics Institute Deputy Director (Commercialisation and IP) said, "We have had a very close relationship with the Victorian Lions Foundation throughout the development of the Bionic Ear and I am very glad to see the relationship grow. Twenty five years ago I was the first recipient of the Lions International Hearing Research Fellowship and since then a number of people at the Institute have undertaken great work supported by this Lions Fellowship to the point where about 100,000 deaf children worldwide are developing normal spoken language using bionic hearing. I am glad that we are able to establish something similar in the field of neurobionics."