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District 201 V3 Newsletter



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Today is Mothers Day, the 12th May. I hope everyone remembered all the Mums in their lives and treated them to a right royal occasion as three generations of my tribe did. We went to a place called Mad Cows, in a village called Cowes. We had Eggs Royale, for elevenses, and lots of Baby Chino before heading off to a fearsome session of Ten Pin Bowling. Spiderman and Batman, who are not yet five, put on a great show, much to the delight of their parents and grandparents. The Mothers were well pleased with 'Their Day'.

Last night Pam and I attended the Lions Club of Drouin's 40th Birthday Celebrations with at least 140 other people. Many were Drouin Lions, family and friends. Some used to be Drouin Lions, Apexians and Young Farmers. Some were Lions from neighbouring clubs.

Federal, State and Local Government representatives were present and spoke. Everyone had a great time dancing, talking and catching up with old acquaintances. During the night we all reflected on the hundreds of people who have passed through the ranks of Drouin Lions, plus the hundreds of members of the Lions Ladies Auxiliary who have worked tirelessly for the Club and its community over the last forty years. How many hours and dollars have gone into so many projects in that time? Most of it was achieved in a spirit of fun and fellowship. That's what Lions is all about. Well Done Drouin!

Membership - After a few worrying months about the decline in our District's overall membership numbers I'm happy to report that having started with 1339 it went down to 1330 and now we are up to 1361. This is quite a few up on the same time last year, which is really great news. Well Done to those clubs who made the effort and made a difference.

Club Strength - was 66 at last year's Change Over now 65 with the sad loss of 47 year old Westport Lions Club, and 41 year old Somerville Lions Club who intend to hand in their Charter on June 30th 2013. Between them both these clubs had a combined service record of 88 years. Over that incredible time, they too have had hundreds of members pass through their ranks. They have chalked up countless hours of service on numerous projects for their communities. The substantial sums of money they raised, was spent on a wide range of local, national and international humanitarian programs. We will remember them, not in sorrow, but as Clubs of Cheerful Giving to People and Places in need of a Hand.

Ride for Sight - While a number of us were attending the National Convention in Canberra the Ride for Sight this year finished at HMAS Cerebrus where the Commanding Officer Captain Katherine Richards welcomed all the riders to the Naval base. Our sincere thanks to David Koshade and his able crew for organising the 20th Annual Ride.

Anzac Day - Immediately prior to our Convention at which 1000 people attended, this year for the first time, the RSL organisers of the Canberra Anzac Day March, permitted a sizable contingent of almost 400 Lions in uniform with medals to participate in the march. District 201 V3 members who marched looked great on TV.

Dick Smith was a keynote speaker at the Convention, thanking Lions for their humanitarian service and setting such an excellent example of altruism by assisting those less fortunate than themselves. He used the occasion to highlight the difference between Australian Lions (his father in law was a Lion) and those few local Billionaires who give little or nothing for their incredible gains. Dick and Pip Smith had only two days before given Lions (Australian Lions Foundation) a personal cheque for **One Million Dollars** to assist those less fortunate than ourselves. Wow!

The Hon. Anna Burke, Speaker of the House of Representatives, was another keynote speaker who spoke frankly about the various tensions of the House she, as Speaker, has to deal with on a daily basis. These tensions not only arose from various party squabbles within the House, but might also arise when welcoming visiting dignitaries and delegations from overseas, or simply keeping them apart when they visit on the same day. She thanked Lions, on behalf of the Australian Parliament, for the good work they do. She completed her speech with suggestions for several tourist attractions we should not miss while visiting Canberra.

District Chairman Professor Peter Blamey was successful in getting the Neurobionics Research Project passed as a National Project.

I know there's another ten weeks to roll by before I officially hand over to District Governor Elect David Barnes and his administration. So there is still a lot to do. I hope my Cabinet can keep the momentum going.

By the time you read this newsletter the Officer Training Day will have been completed at the Churchill Campus of Monash University on May 19th. To all participants - I wish you well.

Throughout the months of June and July Pam and I will be attending a number of Club Change Over Functions across the District. We look forward to catching up again and saying thank you for making our year such a memorable one.

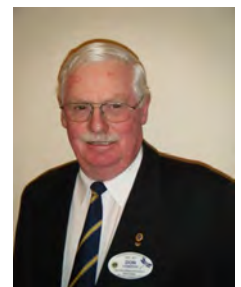
I also look forward to seeing many of you at the District Change Over Lunch at the Warragul Club on Sunday July 21st.

Finally - to all 12 Zone Chairpersons for travelling so far, so often and introducing us to each of the Clubs within your Zones - to the clubs themselves for making us so welcome - to each of the District Chairpersons for the passion and dedication you showed in your particular field of expertise and responsibility - and to each member of my loyal and hard working Executive - I offer a very big **Thank You for a job Well Done**.

Until next we meet, Good Luck.

Yours in Lionism,

Donald Cameron JP FAICD
District Governor 201 V3



Ride for Sight Meat Lovers Raffle

The winners were:

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| 1 st prize | Debbie Brown, Longwarry Lions |
| 2 nd | Andrew McMahan, Cranbourne Lions |
| 3 rd | Isabella Dennis, Bass Valley Lions |
| 4 th | Lion's Club of Sale |

We thank all Clubs that supported our raffle in aid of vision research.

David Koschade,
Chairman - Bayer Lions 201V3 Ride for Sight 2013



From the Cabinet Secretary

Can you believe that the end of another Lions year is just around the corner?

The Multiple District Convention in Canberra has been and gone. We, in V3, should be justly proud that, besides the host District N2, we had the largest number of Lions, Lionesses and partners in attendance; 83 in total. This was made up of 70 Lions, 8 partners, 4 Lionesses and one other. There were 27 clubs represented and 47 delegates. There was one down side, as far as I was concerned. As you know I had to submit the names of the deceased members of our District. Naturally I did this expecting that it would be listed correctly. Apparently once it reached the person conducting the remembrance ceremony something went wrong. Instead of the names for our District being on its own, the names of some members from V2 were also included. I can't understand how a mistake like this would happen. My apologies to you all for this although it was out of my control.

Again it is my pleasure to introduce you to our newest members of District 201V3 on behalf of District Governor Don –

| CLUB | NEW MEMBER | SPONSOR |
|----------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Drouin | Glyn Davies | Noelene Birnie |
| Drouin | Mary Davies | Noelene Birnie |
| Frankston | Keith Bollart | PDG Tom Shillito |
| Lakes Entrance | Peter Murray | Charles Duffey |
| Lakes Entrance | Timothy Rogerson | Noel Stroud |
| Longford | Alan Bainbridge | Laurel Austin |
| Longford | Sean James | Margaret Walsh |
| Longford | Caitlyn Lynch | Sally Frandsen |
| Strzelecki | Frank Hirst | Graeme Lancey |
| Strzelecki | Tony Ludgate | Bruce Chisholm |
| Strzelecki | Alex Miller | Graeme Lancey |
| Strzelecki | Phillip Ould | Graeme Lancey |
| Willow Grove | Caryl Ginders | Reg Bacon |
| Willow Grove | Andrew McCrory | Judy Woolridge |
| Willow Grove | Christine McCrory | Judy Woodridge |
| Willow Grove | Anne Williams | John Voumard |
| Yarragon | Anthony Hayes | Richard Sandy |
| Yarragon | Salvatore Mazza | Peter Petschel |
| Yarragon | Keith Trezise | Shirley Gibson |
| Yarragon | Rosita Trezise | Shirley Gibson |

As mentioned before this is the last newsletter for the current Lions year. I hope to have met a lot of Club Secretaries at the incoming club officer's information day at Churchill. I will have explained the importance of returning forms etc. by due dates. The monthly membership reports are only one of the forms that need your attention each month. Prior to conventions there are forms which need to reach me by a certain date. Can each of you please commit yourself to making your, and my, life a little easier to handle.

To District Governor Don, thank you for allowing me to serve in the position of your Cabinet Secretary, I am looking forward to the coming year to be in the same position for DGE David Barnes.

It would be nice to say that I will see some of you in Hamburg at the International Convention, but I think that George and I and maybe three others from V3 will be in attendance. It may be possible to have a photo taken with our International President Barry Palmer AM to show you when we return.

Until I reach you again in July – Take care.

Norma Barnard

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Lions Clubs International

District 201V3

Changeover Luncheon

2013 ~ 2014

AN EVENT NOT TO BE MISSED

SUNDAY 21ST JULY

12 NOON FOR 12.30PM

AT THE

WARRAGUL CLUB

DOWNTOWNER

"ATHENAEUM ROOM"

\$32 PER PERSON

WITH

DRINKS @ BAR PRICES

Please send cheque payable to "District 201V3"
With Name, Title (PDG/Lion etc) & Club
To: Lion Sheryl Blay
P O Box 257
CRANBOURNE 3977
Email: sherylblay@gmail.com

Dress Code: Men Lounge Suit
Women Cocktail

PLEASE ADVISE ANY SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS



2013 Butterfly Ball



One hundred ballroom dancers from all over Gippsland and the eastern suburbs of Melbourne enjoyed yet again the Inverloch Lions Butterfly Ball held in the Inverloch Community Hub on Friday May 10th.

Good supporters of this event, Peter and Lorna Dawson, once again filled half of the venue with their invited guests and our Club is indebted to their efforts. Lion Palma Noblet and her committee have done a great job over the years in organising this event and this year's ball was no exception with the ever popular "Silhouettes" band providing continuous music from 8pm until 12.30am. Profit from the ball is expected to be in the vicinity of \$800 and the event was enjoyed by all who attended.



President Geoff with the winners:
Elizabeth Coulsell of Glenroy, "Matron of the Ball" and
John Stephens of Blackburn, "Beau of the Ball".



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Gail Cremen



OUR NEW LEADER ON A STAMP

The Lions International Stamp Club, in conjunction with Australia Post, will issue a special Personalised Stamp on 9 July featuring our incoming International President, Barry Palmer. AM.

A spokesman for the Stamp Club, secretary Ross Paine said "these stamps will be a wonderful memento of a very proud event in the history of Lionism in Australia and every Lion is encouraged to purchase one of the items being prepared."

The stamps will be available in sheetlets of 20 x 60c and will cost \$25 per sheetlet. The stamps (pictured) can be used on regular mail. Also available will be a First Day of Issue cover bearing 1 stamp and costing \$3. Any profits from the sale of these items will go to the 'Follow Your Dream Foundation' which has been established by Lion Barry.

Orders are now being taken for the sheetlets and intending purchasers are being asked to **ORDER AND PAY NOW** to facilitate their printing. Orders in the first instance to rosspaine@bigpond.com detailing the requirements together with the name and address, and payment can either be made through PayPal using this email address or direct deposit to the Stamp Clubs bank account. The bank account details will be sent to buyers upon receipt of their order. As the stamps will only be printed to fill the orders received it is suggested you order now. They will be dispatched shortly after 9 July.



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LIONS & LIONESSE CLUBS OF CHURCHILL & DISTRICT CHANGEOVER DINNER

Wednesday 19th June 2013
6.30pm for a 7.00pm Start

To be held at the
Morwell RSL Club
Corner of Elgin & Tarwin Street
Morwell

Delicious Two Course Buffet Meal
Tea & Coffee

\$20.00 per person
Drinks at Bar prices

RSVP: **Wednesday 12th June 2013** to the Secretary: Bob Lowick
PO Box 110 Churchill 3842
Or Phone: 5122 2502 Mobile: 0408 377 781

SURPRISES ALL ROUND IN STRZELECKI

Surprises and Celebrations were the order of the night at the Strzelcki Lions Club Dinner Meeting held in Poowong on Wednesday 8th May.

50 diners welcomed PDG's George and Norma Barnard to induct 4 new members into the club.

Lion Steve Hickmott (Hon Sec.) announced that a small group of members had met to consider the possibility of awarding a Melvin Jones Fellowship this year. This group included President Jim Watson and they unanimously agreed that two separate awards be made.

Lion Noel Gregg named the first recipient Lions Kelvin Olsen; an active Strzelcki Lion since Charter (1997) and then announced the second award to Lions lady Glenda Olsen. These announcements were heartily endorsed by the members and friends present. The greatest surprise for this couple was to have their four children and grandchildren enter the room to be part of the celebrations, some travelling from Melbourne for the occasion.

Lion Kelvin and Lions Lady Glenda have been part of the Lions Loch Market since it began summer 97/98 and over recent years did all the buying, storing, cartage and cleaning involved for the market and other catering. They have been involved with the schools Peer Mediation Program and the Dairy Expo since these programs began.

A great aspect to these awards is that Glenda and Kelvin included their family in the Loch Market, Dairy Expo, Lions catering and School Excellence Award projects leading by example as 'We Serve'.



Lion Kelvin and Lions Lady Glenda surrounded by their children and grandchildren who surprised them both by attending the Melvin Jones Fellowship Awards presentation recently.



L to R : Lions Tony Ludgate, Alex Miller, PDG & Cab.Sec. Norma Barnard, PDG George Barnard, Lion Frank Hirst, Lady Lion Sharon Hirst and Lion Phillip Ould.

Being Green

Checking out at the shop, the young cashier suggested to the much older woman, that she should bring her own grocery bags because plastic bags weren't good for the environment.

The woman apologized and explained, "We didn't have this 'green thing' back in my earlier days."

The young clerk responded, "That's our problem today. Your generation did not care enough to save our environment for future generations."

She was right - our generation didn't have the 'green thing' in its day.

Back then, we returned soft drink bottles and beer bottles to the store. The store sent them back to the plant to be washed and sterilized and refilled, so it could use the same bottles over and over. So they really were recycled. Our empty milk bottles were collected daily and went through the same process.



But we didn't have the "green thing" back in our day.

Grocery stores bagged our groceries in brown paper bags, that we reused for numerous things, most memorable besides household garbage bags, was the use of brown paper bags as book covers for our schoolbooks.. This was to ensure that public property, (the books provided for our use by the school) was not defaced by our scribbles. Then we were able to personalize our books on the brown paper bags.



But too bad we didn't do the "green thing" back then.

We walked up stairs, because we didn't have an escalator in every store and office building. We walked to the grocery store and didn't climb into a 300-horsepower machine every time we had to go two blocks.

But she was right. We didn't have the "green thing" in our day.

Back then, we washed the baby's nappies because we didn't have the disposable kind. We dried clothes on a line, not in an energy-gobbling machine burning up 220 volts -- wind and solar power really did dry our clothes back in our early days. Kids got hand-me-down clothes from their brothers or sisters, not always brand-new clothing.



But that young lady is right; we didn't have the "green thing" back in our day.

Back then, we had one TV, or radio, in the house - not a TV in every room. And the TV had a small screen the size of a handkerchief (remember them?), not a screen the size of a football field. In the kitchen, we blended and stirred by hand because we didn't have electric machines to do everything for us. When we packaged a fragile item to send in the mail, we used wadded up old newspapers to cushion it, not Styrofoam or plastic bubble wrap. Back then, we didn't fire up an engine and burn petrol just to cut the lawn. We used a push mower that ran on human power. We exercised by working so we didn't need to go to a health club to run on treadmills that operate on electricity.



But she's right; we didn't have the "green thing" back then.

We drank from a bubbler when we were thirsty instead of using a cup or a plastic bottle every time we had a drink of water. We refilled writing pens with ink instead of buying a new pen, and we replaced the razor blades in a razor instead of throwing away the whole razor just because the blade got dull.



But we didn't have the "green thing" back then.

Back then, people took the train or a bus and kids rode their bikes to school or walked instead of turning their mums into a 24-hour taxi service in the family's \$45,000 SUV or van, which cost what a whole house did before the "green thing." We had one power point in a room, not an entire bank of sockets to power a dozen appliances. And we didn't need a computerized gadget to receive a signal beamed from satellites 23,000 miles out in space in order to find the nearest fish and chip shop.



But isn't it sad that the current generation laments how wasteful we old folks were just because we didn't have the "green thing" back then?

Please pass this on to another selfish old person who needs a lesson in conservation from a smart alec young person...



We don't like being old in the first place, so it doesn't take much to p**s us off...especially from a tattooed, multiple pierced smartypants who can't work out what change to give you without the cash register telling them??

Editor's Note:

Of course this (tongue in cheek) article doesn't give due credit to the many young people who are very much into recycling etc and understand that going back to the good, old ways, with a fresh outlook, can be very environmentally and economically friendly. Some of our old practices were not that helpful to the environment either however, so it is great that we can all learn from each other? 🌸