



## Lions International - Australia

# District 201 V3 Newsletter



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It is time to consider what you can do for your club during the 2012-13 year. The time is here for clubs to prepare for the coming year and decide who will become their club leaders. It is also time to prepare for the Club Changeover. Remember this does not have to be a Changeover Dinner. Last year there were Changeover Breakfasts, Lunches, Afternoon Tea, High Tea, Dinners and Suppers. You decide what your club members would enjoy and what would suit your club members best.

We must remember that no matter what the position a Lion takes on – whether it be District Governor or an officer at his/her own club – all positions are important to the incumbent who will do the job to the best of their ability. Another important thing to remember is that we are all volunteers so we give as much as we can. I ask that you respect your fellow Lions no matter what position they hold.

District Changeover will be at the Downtowner Function Room, The Warragul Club, the same venue as last year, on Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup> July 2012 commencing at 12 midday. This function will be on us before we know it. Prepare to come along and enjoy the festivities.

Lion Neil Wingrave (Global Leadership Team Co-ordinator) is looking into the methods of the Club Officer Training to be conducted shortly. Neil is considering the benefits of one full day training, as has occurred over the past few years, as against three or four different days being conducted at various locations in the District. Remember that the trainers are also volunteers and to give up one day to assist the District Training is always more attractive than giving up three or four days.

Neil and Lion Ron Payne (Global Membership Team Co-ordinator) are also looking for members to become district trainers and to attend the Lions International Faculty Development Institute or the Club Excellence Process training so that they may become District Trainers and proficient in passing on their wealth of knowledge to other Lions.

With new floods in northern New South Wales and Southern Queensland now it is the time to consider a donation to the Australian Lions Foundation or to the Lions Clubs International Foundation. Remember over the past few years we have received grants from these Lions Foundations to assist our communities after devastating fires. I am in touch with fellow Governors from the effected areas and am advised that (at the time of writing) it is not known what assistance will be required. Now it is time for us to give back and make a donation to these wonderful Lions Foundations.

At the recent Council meeting it was resolved that Lions should support "The Australian Year of the Farmer". Our farmers are among the best and most efficient in the world and

this year long celebration will recognise the vital role farmers play in feeding, clothing and housing us. All forms of farming, growing and harvesting are included and Ambassador Glenn McGrath is to host 26 episodes of "One Country" a TV series on Channel 9. Watch for the "One Country" benefit card which will be good for discounts from various contributors, also the "One Country Expo" in early December next. If the farmers of your community are running an event please give them any support you are able to give.



I always thought, as I believe many of you also think, that the Lions International Stamp Club (LISC) is a club for Philatelists. Whilst the purpose of this LISC is to foster and develop the hobby of stamp collecting among Lions the collection of used stamps for charitable and community services is also part of their goals. This Club is always seeking used postage stamps which are sold at auction to raise funds for Lions Charities. The current beneficiary is the Australian Lions Childrens Mobility Foundation. Please forward any stamps you can collect to Lion Sue Johnson at Willow Grove club or to your Zone Chairman who can pass them to Lion Graham McKenzie at Trafalgar Club as the ZC attends Cabinet Meetings.

I named – shoes, socks, sandals, sneakers, slippers, skis, skates, snowshoes, stockings and stilts. How did you go ? Name the one sport in which neither the spectators nor the participants know the score or the leader until the contest ends. For our country members can you name the one and only vegetable or fruit that is never sold frozen, canned, processed, cooked, or in any other form except fresh.

*Ken*

Kenneth H Blay  
District Governor



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## CABINET SECRETARY'S REPORT

As mentioned in the previous two newsletters, it is now getting urgent to have your nomination and election meeting so that you can forward to me your PU101 form, sent out with the February newsletter, to reach me by the 30<sup>th</sup> March 2012. Any forms returned after this could mean that the information in the Multiple District Directory this year may be repeated for the coming year. I'm sure that this could be very inconvenient to you all.

A reminder also that forms 5 & 6 are due to be returned to me by 30<sup>th</sup> March 2012

Form 5 – Delegates & Alternates for MD Convention

Form 6 – Deceased members for Multiple District Convention.

As always it is really lovely to welcome new members to our great Association and especially to District 201V3.

District Governor Ken and members of District 201V3 welcome –

Lions Club of Rye	Lion Kathleen Chant – sponsored by
Lions Club of Stratford	Lion Shirley Howard
	Lion Stephanie Bretel sponsored by
	Lion Darryl Mildenhall.

District Governor Ken will be making the following visits in March 2012 –

7 <sup>th</sup> .	Lions Club of Mt. Eliza
13 <sup>th</sup> .	Lions Club of Morwell
14 <sup>th</sup> .	Lions Club of McCrae & District and Lions Club of Boneo
22 <sup>nd</sup> .	Lions Club of Longford
27 <sup>th</sup> .	Lions Club of Omeo
28 <sup>th</sup> .	Lions Club of Strzelecki

Over the last couple of months some Lions have reverted back to sending emails to addresses other than [cab-sec201v3@gmail.com](mailto:cab-sec201v3@gmail.com). Can you please make any necessary change so that I get your emails direct to this address. If your club has had changes to your executive can you please advise me of your new email address. I have had some emails returned to me of late.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March 18 <sup>th</sup> .	District YOTY Final
March 18 <sup>th</sup>	Zone 9,10 & 11 Children of Courage presentation.
April 14 <sup>th</sup> .	State Final of YOTY
May 4 <sup>th</sup> - 7 th.	Multiple District Convention – Perth
June 22 <sup>nd</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> .	International Convention – Busan – Korea
July 8 <sup>th</sup> .	District Changeover – Warragul

Until next month – take care

*PDG Norma Barnard*  
*Cabinet Secretary*  
*District 201V3*

## 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 Rex Nash	Bairnsdale
Lion Keith Johnson	Warragul

### Member's family passed away      Lions Club

Lion Bruce Evans	L/L Elaine	Bairnsdale
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*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

President Lion John Kerr	Moe
Lion Ron Cameron	Moe
Trevor Cooper	Moe
Lion Barry Holt	Moe
L/Lady Maureen Siinmaa	Moe
Lion Jock Ure	Moe
Lion Josh Stevenson	Moe
Lion Charlie Duffy	Lakes Entrance
Lion Kay Freeburn	Balla Balla
Lion Judy Keech	Mirboo North
Lion Brian Ahearne	Mirboo North
Lion David O'Reilly	Somerville
Lion Wally Langes	Somerville
Lion Pieter Berghoef Toora	
Lion Ken Hewat	Macalister Valley(Newry)
Lion Geoff McNamara	Macalister Valley(Newry)
Lion Brian Weatherley	Macalister Valley(Newry)
PDG Lion Joe Turner	Balnarring
Lion Mira Bird	Wonthaggi
PDG Lion George Bird	Wonthaggi
Lion Pat Clingan	Mornington
Lioness Margaret McKenzie	Trafalgar Lioness

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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.

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**Lion Joyce Radford**  
**District Member Welfare Chairperson**  
**Phone: 5155 1991    Mobile: 0412 018 617**  
**Email: [gamjradford@hotmail.com](mailto:gamjradford@hotmail.com)**

### Inflatable People

“All the people in the world are inflatable. That means that you have the power to inflate someone or deflate someone. You know you have had a good life if you have inflated those around you, but if you continue to inflate people after you have passed away, you have had an even better life and then those people can re-inflate you so you can float up to heaven.”

~Adam Hills, ABC Television

## EXCITING NEWS

**DISTRICT 201 V3 CONVENTION  
26-28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2012  
HOSTED BY THE LIONS CLUB IF KORUM-  
BURRA**

WE ARE REALLY EXCITED TO HAVE OUR  
VERY OWN

**INTERNATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT  
PID BARRY PALMER AM**

AS ONE OF OUR GUESTS

DISTRICT GOVERNOR ELECT DON CAMERON  
MADE THIS ANNOUNCEMENT

This is your opportunity to come and meet our future Interna-  
tional President  
Information and registration forms will be forwarded to all  
Clubs  
in the new Lions Year

WE WANT YOU TO SHARE OUR EXCITEMENT



One of the upcoming stages of our redevelopment of Houses 15 & 16 is the interior lining of these houses and for this we will need the assistance of a couple of plasterers to ensure a professional job for these facilities.

We do not have specific dates for the installation but I am endeavouring to compile a list of interested persons – Lions, family members, friends etc. who may be available once the work it is scheduled as this is reliant on other tasks being completed. .

If any of your Club members are interested could you please contact me at [ceo@licola.org.au](mailto:ceo@licola.org.au) or (H) 0351 221 745 or (M) 0402 851 745

PDG Peter McShane  
Licola Wilderness Village

### **Not just ring pulls – ALL METALS.**

Now that you have had a good clean-out over the Christmas holidays, it's time to take all your ring pulls and metals (even gold if you have it) to your nearest Sims Recycling Depot, or their subsidiaries. The funds will then be credited directly to the Lions Spinal Cord Fellowship.....how easy is that? Clean up the yard (or paddock) and help one of our Lions projects at the same time.

If you have a large quantity or bulky items, then Sims will arrange for a bin or truck to come to you. Don't forget to give them the code for your state – (Victoria and Tasmania is LION02) (NSW and ACT is LION16). Sims will give you a receipt and if you could send a copy to the Spinal Cord Fellowship at P O Toongabbie, 3856 it would help us to reconcile the deposits and also we would like to acknowledge your donation.

Do you know of, or work for, a corporate who would be willing to donate a percentage of their industrial waste to the cause? Even 1% from a mining group would be a great return.....think outside the square and see what you can come up with so that we can get our friends out of wheelchairs.

Geoff Neal  
Spinal Cord Fellowship committee

The District Youth of the Year Final will be held on Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> of March 2012 commencing with a two course lunch at 12.30pm. Cost will be \$15 per person. Cheques can be made out to the Trafalgar Lioness Club. The venue will be the Trafalgar Community Centre, 105 Princes Hwy Trafalgar.

Bookings must be made through the District Chairman, Max Dusting ph 9795 3414, mob 0434727814, e-mail: [maxdusting@gmail.com](mailto:maxdusting@gmail.com) by no later than 11th March 2012.

***PLEASE NOTE cancellation of any booking must be made by no later than 24 hours prior to the event or otherwise payment in full will be required from people who book and fail to attend.***

The poster is for a 'Butterfly Ball' event. It features a central image of a butterfly on a flower. The text is arranged around this central image. At the top, it says 'Lions Club of Inverloch &amp; District'. Below that, 'Butterfly Ball' is written in a large, stylized font. Underneath, 'Music by Silhouettes' is written in a smaller font. The event details are: 'At the Inverloch Community Centre on Friday March 16th 2012 at 8:00pm'. Ticket information: 'Tickets \$30 per Double B.Y.O.'. The event is sponsored by 'Matron &amp; Beau of the Ball Trophy &amp; Sash Sponsored by Southcoast Real Estate Inverloch'. Contact information: 'For Table or Single Bookings Contact - Palma - 5674 1690 Or Dawn - 5662 5578'. The poster is decorated with a border of small butterfly icons.



## HATS OFF TO P R WEEKEND AT LICOLA VILLAGE

The weekend opened on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb. with a Bar-B-Q dinner and fellowship.

35 members from 12 clubs from V3 got together at this wonderful location in the peaceful wilderness setting to share and motivate each other on the finer details of Public Relations and Promotion of our grate Organisation "LIONS"

The facilitator Shirley opened the proceedings on Saturday morning with a little fun and truth activity. We all then went into the more serious business of PR. The motivational speakers were so inspiring and informative, one could not wait to go back to our clubs and put into action all of the ideas.

The speaker on Saturday morning was Rob Oerlemans, comes to us with a wealth of experience in the field His advice was we 'Lions' have a self promoting prod-message out there with 'Pride & enthusiasm'. In all example. Promote the organisation at every opportu-recognition at all levels.

The second speaker was Lion Geoff Neal on web in-Oz Club sites and information on all things" Web" in at all times & when we need it. "Thanks Geoff"



CEO Public Relations Chairman from Newcastle. He and other relevant fields. uct, which we all should be so proud of and get the forms of the media and by actions, word of mouth and nity and reap the benefits, in growing membership and

formation. How to set up a web page; simple terms for us not so 'savvy' and an offer of help



Next we had Lion Ron Payne, talk to us on how to go about promoting our club and all our projects. He has a radio segment on 3mfm at five pm every Thursday members are invited to submit any news of our local clubs to be announced on air. Lion Ron has always been a good motivational and passionate speaker on all subjects of MEMBERSHIP & PR.

Then there was 'Tracey Matthies' who encouraged us to get 'savvy' on Face book & Twitter, to get our message out there and to talk to others, likeminded Lions about what we are up to and share ideas.



Saturday concluded with a dinner dance and 'Hat' parade with prizes for the best and cheapest hats. All had a good night with lots of dancing and fellowship.

All I can say in conclusion; if you were not there and part of this super week end; you have missed a great opportunity of knowledge form experts in the field of PR; And a wonderful time of fellowship there will be others in future 'Look out for these' Many thanks to Shirley and the Speakers.

Pene Oorloff  
Lions club of Cranbourne



In 1994 the Lions Club of Tamworth Peel Valley Inc. Instigated an award to honour people involved in Country Music who have used their musical talents to give community service in a voluntary capacity.

Nominations are called from Lions Clubs throughout Australia and this year Colin (Cactus) Martens from South Australia was selected to receive the 19<sup>th</sup> P.V.L.C. Australian Country Music Community Service Award at the Tamworth Country Music Festival. Cactus was nominated by the Lions Club of Port Pirie Inc. in South Australia.

The Award was presented by Peel Valley Lions Club president Terry Hill live on air on Volkswagen Amarok Tamworth Festival FM on Sunday 22nd January.

Cactus has spent countless hours over the years raising funds for numerous charities in the Port Pirie district including Heartbeat, Cancer foundation and Riding for the Disabled. When he is not using his talents to assist the local country music clubs he can be seen entertaining at Senior Citizens and Old Folks Homes, Laura Hospital, CARA Kids Camp and Crystal Brooks Possums Club for the intellectually Challenged Adults.

Cactus received a distinctive mounted Tamworth Dunny created by local renowned ceramic artist Fred Hillier and a cheque for \$500 which he will donate part to the Chemo Therapy unit at the Port Pirie health Service and the balance to Port Pirie Riding for the Disabled

Further information can be obtained from Lion Terry Hill on 02 67656042.



**District Newsletter – Ride for Sight**  
**Ride for Sight is on again**

Thirteen District 201V3 Lions Clubs will play host to 50 cyclists plus support crew members during the 19<sup>th</sup> annual Lions Ride for Sight.

A major District fundraising activity, Ride for Sight is a fun, non-competitive four day cycling event which brings together riders of all levels to raise money for eye research and spread the word about preventable blindness.

The Ride starts in Bruthen on Thursday, March 29 and ends in Moe on Sunday, April 1 with overnight stops in Sale, Yarram and Mirboo North. In addition to those Clubs it will also be hosted by the clubs of Bairnsdale, Paynesville, Stratford, Longford, Loch Sport, Traralgon, Yinnar, Trafalgar and Moe for the finish.

Ride Chairman, David Koschade, said hosting clubs played a very special role in ensuring that riders and crew were fed and provided with shower facilities and overnight accommodation. Without their support the Ride would not be possible.

Other clubs are supporting the Ride by selling tickets in the meat lovers' raffle and through specific events such as Trafalgar's wine and cheese tasting night on February 24.

All riders and support crew pay a registration fee and each of the 50 riders must also raise at least \$300 each in sponsorship. Corporate sponsorship is invited to offset the costs of the ride and to maximise the donations made towards eye research projects.

District Governor, Ken Blay, said it was worth keeping in mind that most vision loss can be prevented if it is detected early enough. An estimated 300,000 Australians have glaucoma but half of them don't know that they have it. Everyone with diabetes is at risk of vision loss and although laser treatment for diabetic retinopathy is effective, it cannot restore lost vision. Approximately 1,700 corneal transplants are performed each year.

In 1925 blind and disabled authoress and activist Helen Keller challenged Lions Clubs International at their International Convention in Ceder Point, Ohio, USA to become Knights for the Blind.

"Will you not help me hasten the day when there shall be no preventable blindness; no little deaf, blind child untaught; no blind man or woman unaided? I appeal to you Lions, you who have your sight, your hearing, you who are strong and brave and kind. Will you not constitute yourselves Knights of the Blind in this crusade against darkness?"

Lions Clubs International has risen to this challenge and has made research into and treatment of vision loss a fundamental aspect of Lionism worldwide. The goal of our worldwide program is to eradicate or cure preventable blindness. With 1.4 million members in 46,242 clubs in 193 countries and geographical areas worldwide, we are in a strong position to assist our communities to do this. Now in its 19<sup>th</sup> year, Ride for Sight has raised more than \$600,000 for eye research.

Last year's ride raised \$42,000 of which \$40,000 was donated to the Centre for Eye Research Australia (CERA) and \$2,000 to the Warragul Branch of Vision Australia. The Centre for Eye Research Australia's (CERA) mission is to eliminate the major eye diseases that cause vision loss and blindness and reduce their impact in the community. CERA is one of only seven accredited World Health Organization Collaborating Centres for the Prevention of Blindness.

Research at the Centre is in the common causes of vision loss - age-related macular degeneration, glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy and corneal diseases. The Lions Eye Health Program national office is at CERA as is the Lions Corneal Donation Service (Eye Bank).

CERA is a key research partner in Bionic Vision Australia (BVA), a consortium of world-leading Australian researchers, collaborating to develop an advanced bionic eye. Lead by Professors Guymer and Keeffe, the CERA team is working on methods to assess possible recipients, perform surgery and then to measure change in visual functioning after the implant of the bionic eye. The BVA aims to implant the first advanced bionic eye in 2013. This bionic eye will be an improvement on current technology that has been experimentally implanted in Europe and the USA.

A few rider entries may still be available, we are also looking for more people to join the support crew. A great time is had by all.

**For further information about the Lions Ride for Sight, becoming a rider or corporate sponsorship, please contact Ride Secretary, Sheila Johnson, on 0408 514 287, or email [sheilanne@bigpond.com](mailto:sheilanne@bigpond.com)**

**Ride for Sight webpage: <http://201v3.lions.org.au/201V3%20Ride%20For%20Sight>**

Did you make a

## New Years' Resolution

To get that

## Annual Health Check?

\* 1 in 9 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in their lifetime

\* This year 20,000 new cases of the disease will be diagnosed

Been busy over Christmas?

## Check up on your mates.

\* 1 in 8 men will experience depression in their lifetime

Even as Lions we are not immune from this.





District Governor Ken's recent visit to the Lions Club of Trafalgar.

DG Ken had the privilege of presenting to Club President Alan Smith and members, the Lions International Club Excellence Award.

Pictured right is Immediate Past President Merv. Moon, District Governor Ken and Club President Alan Smith.



Pictured left is Club President Alan Smith, Zone Chairman Noelene Birnie, District Governor Ken Blay, Lioness President Margaret Godwin.

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