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NEWSLETTER OCTOBER

I have now been advised that International Director PCC Eddy Widjanarko and his partner Linda Santoso from Indonesia will be our guests at the District AGM and Convention at Wonthaggi from 28th to 30th October next. The Convention Organising Committee, lead by PDG George Bird, has worked hard to put together a program full of action, interest and fun. Don't forget this is not only the AGM and Convention but also a celebration of 50 years of Lionism by the Wonthaggi Club. Please support them by attending - registration forms are available now on the district internet site at www.201v3.lions.org.au. Other interesting speakers will be Mr Bob Falconer a former police commissioner and chairman of STOpline, a provider of whistleblower hot-line services, PDG Ron Skeen Multiple District Manager of Youth & Community Projects and Bernie Slagman on the Lions Visual Independence Foundation Inc and volunteering to the blind and low visioned community.

Before my year began many Past District Governors told us that Sheryl and I would be in for a special and exciting year. Now that three months have past and Sheryl and I have paid official visits to some 14 clubs and attended the formation of a new Lioness Club, a Lioness Forum and the 25th Anniversary of Mt Martha Club we are able to say those comments were definitely correct. We continue to be astounded as to the diversity within the clubs, the hospitality we have received, and the variety and number of projects undertaken by the district clubs.

The first ANZI Pacific Forum on the Gold Coast proved to be a great success with attendance by over 600 Lions from not only our region but from many countries from around the world. I am sure that all from the district who attended feel energized, motivated and have a fresh insight into various aspects of Lionism. This is quite apart from making new friends and just "having a ball." I urge you to obtain a copy of the brochure "I believe" which sets out International President Wing-Kun Tam's Presidential Theme for 2011-12. This brochure makes very interesting and informative reading.

I have recently visited the international web site which records the activities of our Lions Clubs and have found that only 14 of our clubs (67) are carrying out any activities. **Only two clubs show "tree planting" and I know**

others have been involved in this International Project.

I know this is not correct because, as I mentioned earlier, I am astounded at the number of projects that are carried out. Any member of Multiple District, International or other visitor to the site, who does not have personal knowledge of the clubs, would be led to believe that most of our clubs are purely social outings for the members. Please enter all the wonderful projects in which you are involved into the web activities site so that all will know as I do – our district is carrying out many wonderful worthwhile projects.



The recent Council Meeting of the District Governors has approved a "Roadmap" into the future (5 year plan) as a result of two surveys conducted among Lions in Multiple District 201 during September/October 2010 where you Lions were asked various questions about the organization. There will be some changes and I ask all members to embrace those changes as they occur and remember that these are due to the responses you made to the survey. Making change requires a kind of leap of faith into the unknown but the risks of standing still are greater than those of moving forward in a new direction. As you become aware of these changes do not fear any hidden agendas as all changes are being considered to improve and benefit Lions and Lionism.

My thought for this month – Why is it that people say they "slept like a baby" when babies wake up every two hours ?

Till next month,

Ken

Kenneth H Blay



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From the Cabinet Secretary's Desk

Thank you to everyone who was so prompt in doing your WMMR's. It saves a lot of pressure on me from other people who are waiting on these returns for their portfolios.

District Governor Ken and Lion Sheryl look forward to visiting the following Clubs in October.

- 3rd. Lions Club of Dromana
- 4th. Lions Club of Wonthaggi
- 5th. Lions Club of Balnarring
- 10th. Lions Club of Korumburra
- 12th. Lions Club of Balla Balla
- 13th. Lions Club of Longwarry
- 17th. Lions Club of Lindenow
- 18th. Lions Club of Moe
- 14th. Lions Club of Yarram
- 26th. Lions Club of Leongatha
- 28th to 30th District Convention

Return 3 listing delegates and alternates and Return 4 – Remembrance Ceremony forms were due at the end of September. If your Club hasn't sent them to me please make it one of your priorities.

The birth of a new baby is always exciting; equally exciting is the induction of a new member. Please welcome to District 201V3 from –

Bairnsdale – Lion David Norwood – sponsored by Lion Peter White

Inverloch & District Lion Terry Shannon

Lakes Entrance – Lion David Murray – sponsored by Lion Geoff Robb

Lindenow – Lion Ronald Alexander – sponsored by Lion Martin Woodward

Loch Sport – Lion Betty Gargan

Neerim & District – Lions Christopher & Julie Powell – sponsored by Lion Judy Gleeson

Phillip Island – Lion Pam Cameron – sponsored by Lion Don Cameron

Rosedale - Lion Phillis McGrath-Heslin – sponsored by Lion Colin Rowse

Pakenham – Lion Michele Matthews-McMahan – sponsored by Lion Colin Higman

Pakenham – Lion William McMahan – sponsored by Lion Colin Higman

The Convention Committee are looking forward to receiving your registrations, by the time you receive this newsletter it will only be a few sleeps away. Let's make it special for DG Ken and the Lions Club of Wonthaggi who are celebrating 50 years of Lionism.

Until I see you at Wonthaggi, take care.

Norma

Norma Barnard Cabinet Secretary 201 V3

Change of venue for the Lions Club of Rye Inc.

Business Meeting 1st. Tuesday of month at Rye Tennis Club 7.30 p.m.

Dinner Meeting 3rd. Tuesday of month at the "Blue Room" Rye Hotel, Point Nepean Highway, Rye 6.30 p.m. - 7.00 p.m.

CLUB CHANGE OF EMAIL AND PHONE NUMBER

Lions Club of Berwick - Lion Beverly Howard - Phone number 5943 2224

Lions Club of Wonthaggi - Secretary Lion Barbara Shipp - email: blash83@bigpond.net.au

Lions Club of Painsville - Secretary Lion Stuart Hastie - email: rshastie@bigpond.com

LIONS and the WORLD WIDE WEB

Most members of District 201V3 would be aware that you can access a lot of great information on the Web. Hopefully you also know that 201V3 has a web site which has a lot of valuable information of great value to clubs including your District Newsletter and information on relevant Legislation and District projects and Activities. Just type 201V3.lions.org.au in your web browser and you are there.

Does your club want to make your local events known to the wider community? If so, you simply need to give the full details of your Carols or Town Fair to the District Webmaster who will happily publicise the event on 201V3.lions.org.au (email gneal.2@bigpond.com).

Does your club want to have a full-time web presence? If you have a very active club, maybe your own club website is preferable. Your club can have a full-time presence on the World Wide Web for NO COST. That's right, NO COST! Lions Australia is offering all Lions Clubs in Australia web access FREE OF CHARGE – there is a web address reserved for your club, you just need to activate it (type [your club name].vic.lions.org.au and see how easy it is to start). If you need help, start with your District Webmaster (Geoff Neal) and ring 03 5174 9354 or email gneal.2@bigpond.com.

A friendly word of advice – don't do this just because it sounds like a good idea. If you set up a club website, it MUST be regularly maintained (i.e. refresh the site at least quarterly) – your adoring public will desert you if your information is 12 months old. Don't forget you can put the info on the District website as a "one off" if you don't need your own club website. Simply email the details to gneal.2@bigpond.com.

Geoff Neal

District 201V3 Webmaster.

2011 ANZI Forum – A Refreshing Voyage in to the Future



History was made at Jupiter's Casino on the Gold Coast in September when the first Forum in our constitutional area was held with 700 in attendance. And we were a



part of it. Over 20 Lions from V3 flew to the Gold Coast to attend the ANZI Forum and our Global Leadership Team Coordinator Neil Wingrave presented a great Forum session.

We experienced sunshine, torrential rain, warm winds and cold winds during the three days and enjoyed over 50 informative, fun sessions, a Lions expo, music, singing, dancing, entertainment, yummy food, shopping, new friendships and one on one time with our leaders including International President Tam. We talked with Aussies, Yanks, Kiwis, Indonesians and Islanders. We caught up with old friends, networked, shared our frustrations and shared our successes. Some of the V3 clubs represented at ANZI were Drouin, Longwarry, Pakenham, Mt Eliza, Trafalgar, San Remo Newhaven, Frankston, Frankston

Bayside, Lakes Entrance, Rye, Koo Wee Rup, Toora, Phillip Island, Bairnsdale and Paynesville Lions and Lioness Clubs. All of these clubs will benefit greatly from having members attend who will have returned from the Forum inspired, recommitted and with knowledge that they can share with you all. A large percentage of Lions attending ANZI had been in Lions less than five years and it was great to see their enthusiasm. There were a good number of younger (under 40 yrs) Lions and the Council Chairman of New Zealand brought her 16 month old baby along. Family was a strong theme during the forum with lots of discussion around including children in service and family membership.

Highlights were the surprise formation of the new Broadbeach Lions Club at the Forum, the opportunity to meet with the International President and learning the latest news and ideas first hand.

Sessions covered everything from meeting procedure to club twinning, leadership development, managing change and presentations of successful club projects and activities (Coins for Kids won the top fundraising idea and a Bushfire Fencing Project won the top service activity).

Information from sessions will be on the ANZI Forum website so have a look and make the most of the information made available to us all.



The next ANZI Forum will be in September 2012 in Queenstown, New Zealand. Don't miss out on another great Lions Event!

PDG Shirley Higman (Public Relations Chairman)

Convention Update

Please get your registrations in as soon as possible. District Governor Ken, Lion Sheryl and the Lions Club of Wonthaggi will make you welcome to this the Golden Anniversary Convention. This promises to be an exciting weekend with a number of quality guest speakers each day of the Convention. Including International Director Eddy Widjanarko who will be the Keynote speaker on Saturday afternoon
Remember this is a long weekend (Cup Day) so why don't you make the most of it stay a little bit longer and see some of the beautiful coast of South Gippsland.
More information to be included in next District mail out.

MEMBERSHIP WELFARE

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

Member's family passed away

Lion David Thompson Father Leongatha
Lion David Irons L/L Pam Berwick
Lion John (Jesse) James Father Endeavour Hills

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

Lion John Hellessey Dromana
Lion Trevor Ralls Trafalgar
Lion Tom "Gomer" Pyer (Hospital) Trafalgar
Lion Pam Newman (Operation) Frankston Bayside
Lion Myra Bird (Hospital) Wonthaggi
Lion Trevor Hughes (Hospital) Phillip Island
Lion Judy Keech Mirboo North
L/L Val Wilson Korumburra

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 address that the card is to be sent to.

Lion Joyce Radford
District Member Welfare Chairman
Phone: 5155 1991 Mobile: 0412 018 617
Email: gamjradsford@hotmail.com

Youth Exchange

Hosts need not be Lions but do require Working with Children and Police checks to qualify and sanction from a nearby Lions club.
Application forms need to be sent to me ASAP; for more information contact me on 5672 2559 or neil-barnes@bigpond.com at any time.

regards,
Lion Neil Barnes

TREE PLANTING

How did you go on National Tree Planting Day? My own Club of Pakenham planted 180 trees and shrubs whilst working with the community. Endeavor Hills Club assisted their community by providing a BBQ and Mount Martha Club worked with local school children to plant around 200 trees. There had to be more Clubs involved but we have not heard from them.
I know Lakes Entrance is keen to have a go. So are Drouin and VDG Don told me that 1000 trees are currently being planted by the Phillip Island Lions.

By now you will all know that it is International President Tam's objective this year to have Lions plant 1 million trees. At the ANZI Forum, just held on the Gold Coast, he announced that 1.35 million trees have been planted so far and he hopes that many more will be planted. This is a great effort and we all know we can do more. As IP Tam says, "Any of us can plant a tree. It's a very visible and hands on way for each and every Lion to make a difference. It's also a great project to invite your local community to join your Lions Club in a collaborative effort. If we can plant a million trees, it will reinforce the limitless potential we know we have to make a difference as Lions. So make tree planting part of your Club's activities this year and invite your neighbors, friends and members of the community to join you. What better way to be reminded of the gift of service than to watch the tree you planted grow year-by-year. After all seeing is believing."

IP Tam's words have obviously been heeded by many Lions around the world. So why not give it a go.
A Campaign planting guide is available so go to www.lionsclubs.org and search for tree planting. There is great information there to get you started.
Drop me a line with your thoughts to: higman@dcsi.net.au or 15 Cook Road, Longwarry 3816.

Lion Col - District Environment Representative

World Diabetes Day

World Diabetes day is on Monday November 14th.
Diabetes is a disease that occurs in people, whose pancreas does not secrete insulin as in type 1 and artificial insulin has to be injected, or as in type 2 diabetes, the insulin produced is not working efficiently or the pancreas does not produce enough insulin for the bodies' requirements. Insulin is a hormone required by the cells to allow glucose to enter the cells and be converted into energy.

There are over 3.5 million Australians registered on the National Diabetes Service Scheme. The diabetes epidemic is growing by a staggering 275 new cases a day.
Diabetes is a chronic disease with serious complications, such as blindness, loss of limbs, and is the leading cause of kidney failure. There are around 300,000 Australians who have some degree of diabetic retinopathy and 65,000 of these people have threatened blindness.

What does this have to do with you?

Type 2 diabetes accounts for 85% of all cases of diabetes and is predominately preventable. Maintaining a healthy weight, being physically active and following a healthy eating plan reduces your risk of gaining type2 diabetes significantly.
So this world Diabetes day, get a check up with your doctor, start a healthy lifestyle plan and think about making a donation to Diabetes Australia or get more information on 1300 136 588.

Kerrie McMahon
Diabetes Awareness Chairman

Tree Planting

President Jonty & Lions David Thomas, Wayne May, Gordon Holland & Jeff Chapple turned out on Friday 29th at Mount Martha Primary School to assist with the National Tree Planting Day efforts by the Preps and other grades from the school.

The Trees and Plants were kindly supplied by Bunnings Mornington who also sent along Jenny Mann and Kayley to instruct the children in the correct way to plant the trees.

Bunnings also very kindly donated Tools and Watering Cans to the school so that they can continue with their gardening.

It was very pleasing to hear the children very politely say a big Thank You to Bunnings and to ourselves for our help.



We were on hand to lend some muscle where needed and indeed the ground was a little hard so some heave was required to turn a sod to allow the children to then 'get their hands dirty' and do the planting.

With great enthusiasm they planted and dug and dug and planted

and watered and staked until by the end of the day we had planted 150 trees and plants

Lions Club Of Balla Balla Focus on Back-Yard Blitz Community Project:

Lions Darryl Sutcliffe, Liz Birch, Wayne Tierney and Di Barker with additional family support put their hands up to support an inspirational project on Sat 6th August 2011.

A family at Blind Bight (a Coastal Village on Westernport Bay near Tooradin) have a 14 year old boy who was diagnosed with a Brain Tumour some 6 years ago. This was devastating to the family who had only just moved into their newly constructed dream home. Their priority instantly shifted to making their ill son's life a positive experience. The tumour's development was stemmed for about 4 years, but unfortunately has again become aggressive. Recently the boy openly wished for his family to have a nice back-yard for him to see and enjoy. This desire pulled at the heartstrings of several local Blind Bight residents who banded together to resource a project to make that dream happen. Even kids were actively engaged in the project and were made very welcome.

Materials such as fence paint, plants, edging, soil, and mulch were sourced from various local suppliers in addition to refreshments and a sausage sizzle/afternoon tea for the workers. Amazingly, around 150 local residents and community volunteers attended to pitch in and brought along whatever tools and machinery they could. The strength of participation in this project clearly demonstrates that there is a strong sense of community spirit alive in the Coastal Villages.

After over 12 hours of work, the project was complete with the family now able to enjoy a fully landscaped house block and the young boy being able to enjoy his new environment. Whilst Lions only played a small part in the project, we are proud to have been presented with this opportunity. Balla Balla has since provided financial support to the family in addition to sponsoring a weekend away for the family at Philip Isl. This sort of activity is just what Lions International pride itself on and is exactly what President Darryl Sutcliffe is focusing on to aid the 'wow' factor in the activities Balla Balla undertakes in its community.

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- 284 million people are visually impaired
- Of these, 39 million are blind, and 245 million have moderate or severe visual impairment
- **YET 80% of blindness is avoidable**
- 90% of people with visual impairments live in developing countries
- In Australia, approximately 518,500 people are vision impaired in both eyes
- Almost 65% of visually impaired people are over 50 years of age

Thursday 13th October 2011 is World Sight Day. The Lions Eye Health Program (LEHP) needs you to spread the word that vision loss and blindness can be prevented if detected and treated early. Encourage your family and friends to have their eyes tested during the month of October.

For more information on avoidable vision loss visit the LEHP website www.lehp.org.au.

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