



**201W2  
DISTRICT**

# NEWSLETTER

**WE SERVE**

**AUGUST 2009**

FROM THE DG's DESK:

## DG ON THE ROAD, VISITATIONS AND CONVENTIONS

FROM THE DG on the road – in Albany at the time of writing having just completed my first club visits. Also had Youth Our Future Convention meetings while in Albany and the Albany club is desperately seeking convention registrations. They need numbers to arrange catering etc. Please fill in your forms and returns them as soon as possible.

July has flown by and the International Convention, in Minneapolis was exhausting, exciting and exhilarating. There is nothing like a convention for exchanging ideas, renewing and making friendships and finding out what is going on in the extremely large world of Lions. Remember it's Sydneyturn in June 2010. What a great opportunity to attend an International Lions Convention.

There was lots of information to absorb from the convention and as I get my feet back on the ground, I will let you know about as many of them I can, both on my visits and through our publications. As well as our old and tried projects, it was fabulous to see new ideas coming from the International President Eberhard Wirfs and his team, with the international theme for the next twelve months being "Move To Grow." As an example, our International President, Eberhard J Wirfs, from Essen in Germany, is promoting a Global Youth Music Competition, with the seven finalists – one from each of the seven Lions Constitutional areas – competing in the final at the International Convention in Sydney, June 2010.

This year, the competition will be for violin-

ists, under the age of 25 on January 1, 2010, and will be in two parts. In the first, contestants will perform one set piece, and one other of their choosing from a repertoire list. The second part will be a public concert, where they will perform a second piece of their choice from the repertoire list. The jury – five musicians of high reputation – will judge on both parts. The instrument will change every year, and is selected from a list of 10 classical instruments.

As President Wirfs comments, "we need to continue to encourage Lions to work and serve with youth as we continue to grow our association" mirror my own theme for the year "Youth our Future" – now is the time to start looking around for our "Aussie" talent and showcase our youth in our "home convention."

Also coming up is a public relations promotion in the last two weeks of January. Our International President Eberhard is endorsing "Lions in Sight" all clubs are asked to organise one significant public relations activity to showcase your favourite service program, or unique program in your community. This is an ideal time to be creative, and be "In Sight" where your club can be seen. Start planning your PR activity now – PR Chairman Karen Molcher will be only too happy to assist.

Email LionsW2.publications@gmail.com or 9399 3828 – tell her I told you she would help! There are a few blemishes in the Diary. This is not the Public Relations Chairman's fault, rather a 'gremlin' in the printing.



Neil Saunders.

So if you are not sure about my club visits, check our District web site: <http://lionsdistrict201w2.mysouthwest.com.au> for an updated list. Contact your zone chairman or contact my Hospitality Chairman, Lorri Jones, [kelor@westnet.com.au](mailto:kelor@westnet.com.au), (H) 9765 1965.

I'm looking forward to a great year for 201W2, with many new members and lots of activities.

–Neil Saunders, District Governor.

## ALBANY, HERE IS THE NEWS

IT'S COUNT down, and time to get your registrations in for the long-weekend Albany convention.

The convention committee need numbers so get your rego forms and cheques in the post ASAP.

Conventioners can now also register at Convention venue North Albany Senior High School from 6pm on the Friday, September 25 and on Saturday morning. This has been decided as many conventioners will be arriving on Friday and will want to register and get their convention hand book and other paraphernalia. It is expected that there will be a demand on the Friday evening with a lot of informal socialising.

Don't forget the Quaranup Masked Dinner/Dance the dress will be 'smart casual' and don't forget the mask - otherwise Lion Dot will put one on you!

For the information of all attending the Saturday Night Function is a BYO and there will not be a bar, as previously advertised.

The Convention Team under the guidance of DG Neil have put together an innovative program and trying some new things.

Guest speakers include Past International Director Kiwi Cliff Heywood and his wife Helen, and current and Past Australian Leos of the Year so we will be in for a great convention. For those who attended Leeuwin Convention at Augusta in 2005, you may remember PID Cliff was carted away from breakfast by the local police, along with a couple of other ruffians – and his wonderful sense of fun. He is looking forward to returning to WA and no doubt W2 Lions will take the opportunity of catching up with Cliff for a chin wag.

## URGENT

PLEASE amend the National Cake Chairman's Manual sent to the Clubs - The correct Cake Chairman (Jane Oversby) contact number is 9767 3002.

The number which has been published in the Manual belongs to a member of the general public and NOT related to Lions - Please ensure that this information is communicated to minimise the impact on this private citizen.

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# Tree remembrance ceremony draws more than 100

THE annual remembrance day tree planting ceremony was held at the Lions Club of Bull Creek "wetlands project" area in Bull Creek, Sunday 26 July 2009, we were blessed with a clear sky and from a club members perspective, a day to remember.

Firstly a special thank you to club members and project co-ordinators Rob Davies and Ron Dickinson for the lead up work, Rob Davies being noticed one hour prior to start time driving a mower around to freshen up the park, the SES also assisted in the set up of the tent and generator.

There was some 110 present for the ceremony, cups of refreshments and small eats being co-ordinated by our ever reliable Gillian Jonker and Wendy Peers and other Lions members, a great gathering to join and remember those fellow Lions, Partners and Friends who have moved on to somewhere "else".

Since the ceremony there has been an updated audit completed of the remembrance park, that will soon appear on our clubs website, [www.bullcreekions.com](http://www.bullcreekions.com) something you may wish to look at and find your club's past members, partner's location and tree on any given day.

We trust that are many gatherings over the next year and very few plaques and trees to be planted next year.

—Denis O'Brien.

## Note from the editor

AS USUAL this was a very moving experience for those who attended, this is a phenomenon which would benefit from some "hands on deck" at certain times of the year from other clubs in the region. I am sure that the Lions Club of Bull Creek will not say no to some help in the future especially as the seasons change. Watch this space.

—Karen Molcher.



ABOVE: DG Neil Saunders and Dot met up with Mandurah Lions Len Murphy and PDG Wally Barrett at the remembrance ceremony. BELOW: Bull Creek Lion and MC /?????? addressing the seated audience at the remembrance ceremony.



# MERL workshop creates history

CONGRATULATIONS to all the Lions who attended the recent MERL Workshop in Bicton. What a turn up? Region managers, zone chairmen, past district governors, club presidents and other Lions interested and passionate about seeing our wonderful organisation grow.

We created history with this joint District workshop and congratulations go to State MERL co-ordinator PDG Bill Robertson and his 'team' of both State and Interstate presenters.

This workshop was so unique it attracted funds from both Multiple District and Lions International.

It is now up to the attendees to keep fanning the fires in their bellies and look to how they make the ideas from the workshop bear fruit. Don't sit back and wait for something to happen, go and do it.

This year's International President, Eberhard Wiffs, has reminded all Lions that we must "Move To Grow" in Lions service. We should maintain our momentum and remember leadership is not only a position, leadership is action and movement.

Dryandra and Environment one of our District Funding and Support Projects. Apart from

Cabinet Chairman Margaret Doyle has anyone else promoted these important projects? Has anyone discussed these at club, zone or regional level lately?

How many of our members are aware that one of the most important populations of the woylie, a tiny WA marsupial, is in the Dryandra area?

"The Dryandra population has decreased by a dramatic 90% since 2001 and is now considered "critically endangered". (*The West Australian, Tuesday November 4.*)"

Why should we as Lions care about some tiny animal when we have so many other demands on our time and resources? I believe there are several reasons.

The Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) uses our Dryandra Village facilities to conduct their studies into the breeding and activities of the woylie and other native animals from the Dryandra area.

We, as Lions, promote the Village for families and groups to come and enjoy the unique flora and fauna of the area. What can we do to help our endangered little marsupial?

Make others aware of its plight, raise funds to assist in the research as to why the animal has

become endangered again, promote the Dryandra Village to anyone who will listen, otherwise, some time in the future, Dryandra and the Woylie will be no more.

We all need to remember that the environment is just as an important part of our communities as schools, parks and other projects we support.

I would ask our foundation chairmen to start actively promoting fund raising by clubs for the support of our various foundations.

I am aware that clubs are being asked to stretch their funds even further in these times, but having had the privilege of sitting in on recent Foundation Board meetings, there is one common theme being discussed.

Talk is how funding for research is being cut back, how important facilities are no longer being funded, or how property rents are dealing crippling blows to finances. Foundations are drawing on important financial reserves to maintain critical research.

We, as Lions, need to be aware that ongoing financial assistance from clubs, no matter how small, is vital for the continued existence of the Foundations we are so justifiably proud of.

—Neil Saunders,  
District Governor.

# LIONS DIARY SHORTAGE

DUE to an ordering error by our publishers some W1 and W2 clubs did not receive their allocated numbers of the 2009-2010 Lions Planning Diary. The cost of printing extra copies is simply cost prohibited, therefore a plan is in place to offer club members some hope of receiving diaries albeit not everyone.

All clubs who did not receive diaries should contact Lion Graham Madigan via email: [madigan@southwest.com.au](mailto:madigan@southwest.com.au) and register a diary request with mailing details. All clubs that did receive diaries and don't distribute or use them, please mail any excess to Britel Enterprises, PO Box 1414, Wangara WA 6947. Britel will mail copies back to clubs that missed out. Copies of diaries will be proportioned as to the amount of returns that are received. Please consider.

## Alarming Goldfields skin cancer result

REFERRAL rates from free skin cancer screenings conducted across the Goldfields region in July are alarmingly high.

The free screenings were provided at 14 communities by a team of professional volunteers from the Lions Cancer Institute (LCI) and staff from the 'RFDS on the road' Primary Health Care Program with support from BHP Billiton Nickel West.

Of the 1,590 people screened, 29.49% were referred with suspect areas of skin requiring further diagnosis or treatment.

This referral rate was nearly 5% higher than results from a similar circuit of screenings at 13 communities the LCI and 'RFDS on the road' team conducted in the Pilbara region in 2008.

Director of the Lions Cancer Institute and founder of the mobile screening unit, PDG Colin Beauchamp, indicated the LCI would usually expect a 5 - 10% referral rate from a similar 'ad hoc' community screening in the south west of the State, so the Goldfields statistics were especially concerning.

The screening team estimate that 36.88% of the Goldfields people referred for follow up with their GP or specialist are likely to have potentially life threatening skin lesions.

RFDS Western Operations CEO, Tim Shackleton, said the partnership screening initiative delivered preventative and potentially life-saving health care to residents of regional WA.

"We're very pleased we've been able to work in partnership with the LCI and BHP Billiton for the third year in a row to provide regional people with an opportunity to have a free screening for skin cancer," he said.

This year the screening team also delivered some preventative skin cancer education sessions to children at the primary schools in the small rural communities of Salmon Gums and Grass Patch.

Tricia Slee, 'RFDS on the road' Program Manager said it was a great opportunity to provide the children with some 'hands on' education about skin cancer and promote the steps that should be taken to help prevent the disease. "The children revelled at the chance to use the derma lights and view skin lesions on the derma-doc camera and software.

"The photographs of skin lesions displayed in the LCI van really helped to promote to the children the importance of taking precautions every day to protect their skin from the harmful effects of the sun," she said.

The RFDS suggests the number of people being referred with suspect skin lesions is a demonstration of the need for professional skin cancer screening services to be regularly avail-

able for people living and working in regional Western Australia.

The high referral rates from the Goldfields screenings also highlight the importance of targeted ongoing health education and promotion of skin cancer prevention.

PDG Colin notes that such high referral rates for suspect skin lesions indicate that regional people need to be more vigilant about sun protection and understand that sun damage in 'winter' months is also dangerous, and that individuals must take daily precautions to protect themselves from the damaging effects of exposure outdoors.

### Background:

The skin cancer screening initiative came about as a result of feedback from an employee survey conducted at BHP Billiton Iron Ore (BHP BIO) Nelson Point site in 2006, noting lack of access to skin screening as a concern for many residents in the Port Hedland community. Our 'RFDS on the road' Program partner, BHP BIO approached the RFDS and asked if there was any way a skin screening service for residents of Pilbara towns could be brokered through the 'RFDS on the road' Program.

The Lions Cancer Institute (LCI) has delivered free skin cancer screenings to more than 26,000 people at community events in the south west of the State for near on 20 years. This remarkable service, delivered from a mobile unit, is provided free of charge by a team of health professionals including nurses, plastic surgeons and dermatologists and is supported by members of Lions International. The LCI screening team, led by the founder of the mobile skin screening unit, Colin Beauchamp, agreed to travel to the Pilbara region and conduct a pilot screening project in partnership with the 'RFDS on the road' Program at Port Hedland, Newman and Tom Price.

The pilot resulted in 1,040 people being screened, with in a 23% referral rate for suspect skin lesions. This was a much higher referral rate than the LCI would normally expect at an 'ad hoc' screening conducted in the south of the State, where average referrals are usually between 5-10%.

Based on this outcome, the LCI agreed to work in partnership with the 'RFDS on the road' Primary Health Care Program in 2008 and conduct a circuit of visits to 13 townships in the region over a 5 week period. 2 236 local residents were screened, returning a 24.9% referral rate for suspect skin lesions. This alarmingly high result reinforced the need for community skin cancer screening services, ongoing education about preventing skin cancer and promotion of regular skin checks.

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# The Lions club of Dalyellup has arrived!



*New members of the Dalyellup Lions Club pictured with DG Dora (left to right) John Prowse, Robyn Prowse, Gaye Sheehan, Eileen McKenna, Lynne King, transferring Lions Joy Leppard and Sue Richards.*

EIGHT weeks of preparation, letters of invitation and a series of information meetings have provided our District with its 74th Lions Club, the Lions Club of Dalyellup. It officially chartered on June 24 with 21 members and more in the membership pipeline.

Eileen McKenna, Manager of Zamel's Jewellers in Centrepont, Bunbury is the charter president and Gaye Sheehan is club secretary. Member vocations are diverse, including two prison officers, a bank manager, an art lecturer,

two retired farmers, two meat workers, a retired hairdresser, an irrigation retailer and a retired teacher. There is no shortage of skill and ability!

The first win for the club has been the offer by the Shire of Capel to allow twelve months free use by the club of the meeting room and kitchen at the new Dalyellup Community Centre.

For the time being meetings will be supper meetings, with the occasional pizza or fish and-

chip night.

Everyone is presently discovering how a Lions club works and is busy organising the celebration of its charter with the Charter Dinner to be held on September 12th at the Lighthouse Inn, Bunbury.

Invitations have been forwarded to all clubs and members and it is hoped as many as possible will share this significant occasion in the history of this new Lions club. Eileen's contact phone (a/h) 9795 6300 and Gaye's 9795 8736.

At the end of May 2009 the Lions Club of Canning Vale purchased a ladies bike for Susan, a 53 year old woman living with her pensioner mother. Susan suffers with severe scoliosis and had been told by her chiropractor that bike riding would be very beneficial in strengthening her legs and maintaining her mobility.

Susan is also slightly intellectually handicapped and needed a bike with a back pedal brake. Susan was so thrilled with her bike (named Blue Jay after her nephew who died in January) and she rides it all the time in the retirement village where she lives with her mother

Susan is pictured right with her bike and Canning Vale Lion Pauline Atherton at the bike hand-over.

## Donations to Lions Hearing Dogs with a big thank you

On behalf of the deaf and hearing impaired people of Australia we thank you most sincerely for your support.

Below is a list of contributions from District 201W2 for the 2008/2009 year. Some of the monies included may be from the previous year where they were received too late to be included in last years detail. These include donations, sponsorships and merchandise sales.

Lions Club's of Albany South Coast Inc. \$200.00; Armadale - Kelmscott Inc. \$1,000.00; Baldivis Inc. \$200.00; Beverley Inc. \$100.00; Boddington Inc. \$250.00; Booragoon Inc. \$500.00; Bridgetown Inc. \$300.00; Brunswick Junction Inc. \$300.00; Bunbury Leschenault Inc. \$1,000.00; Busselton Inc. \$500.00; Lions Club of Capel Inc. \$250.00; City of Bunbury Inc. \$100.00; Cowaramup Inc. \$500.00; Dardanup Inc. \$250.00; Dunsborough Inc. \$500.00; East Fremantle Inc. \$150.00; Eaton Inc. \$200.00; Esperance Inc. \$200.00; Falcon Inc. \$500.00; Greenfields Inc. \$250.00; Jerramungup Inc. \$100.00; Katanning Inc. \$100.00; Kojonup Inc. \$250.00; Kwinana Inc. \$100.00; Manjimup Inc. \$316.00; Mount Barker Inc. \$100.00; Nannup Inc. \$100.00; Narrogin Inc. \$500.00; Pinjarra Inc. \$300.00; Port Kennedy Inc. \$400.00; Serpentine-Jarrahdale Inc. \$500.00; Wagin Inc. \$250.00; Lion Wendy Masters \$60.00  
TOTAL \$10,326.00

-PDG Peter Sparnon, Chairman Lions Hearing Dogs.

## Another bike story from Lions club of Canning Vale



# PUZZLES SUPPLIED BY PDG Alan McKim N3

## Lions Wordsearch by A. McKim

See if you can at least find the following 'Lions-related' words somewhere amongst the jumble of letters here.

(Note that the words may go up or down or sideways or diagonally):-

Youth	Raffle	Exchange	HartWalker
SpinalCord	Lioness	HearingDogs	Cakes
SightFirst	Mints	Diabetes	Service
CordBlood	Miracles	Quest	Barbecue

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## JUMBLLED WORDS

### ANSWERS

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HartWalker  
International  
Barbecue  
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## D-GOVERNOR NEIL'S VISITATION LIST FOR SEPT, OCT 2009

September 3 Cunderdin  
September 6 Lake Grace & Pingrup  
September 8 Binningup Waters & Eaton  
September 9 Boyup Brook  
September 10 Ballingup & Bridgetown  
September 13 Dalyellup Charter Night  
September 15 Jandakot Lakes  
September 22 Collie & Collie Wellington  
September 26 & 27 Albany Convention  
October 1 Beverley  
October 5 Norseman  
October 6 Esperance  
October 13 Dardanup  
October 14 Bunbury & Bunbury Wollaston  
October 20 Manning  
October 22 Narrogin  
October 31 & November 1 Cabinet at Katanning.

## Donations to LCIF

Donations to Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) provide funding in the form of grants to financially assist groups of Lions Clubs, Zones, Districts with large scale humanitarian projects that are too extensive for individual clubs to finance on their own. LCIF aids Lions in making a greater impact in their local communities. Every hour a Lion dedicates to serve others makes the world a better place.

At the 51st Multiple District Convention, Hobart 2003, a resolution was approved to establish an Australian "Lions Clubs International Foundation Fund". Over seven years, the purpose was to create a fund of not less than \$200,000 for a donation to LCIF. This donation is to be presented on behalf of the Australian Lions Family on the floor of the 2010 Sydney LCI International Convention. Further it was agreed that the voluntary contribution (payable from the Activities account) would be \$2.00 per member per annum. It would be a great result to exceed the amount promised by June 2010.

So many clubs have consistently complied with the Hobart motion and annually forward their donation. To those of you who haven't, please make your donation with payment of your semi-annual dues or forward a cheque made out to "Lions Clubs International Foundation Fund - Sydney 2010" to your Cabinet Treasurer. The new LCIF Development Plan wants to approve many more grants. Has your Zone looked for an LCIF project yet?

LCIF grants preserve sight, combat disability, promote health or serve youth. Grants also provide both immediate assistance following natural disasters and long-term disaster relief for reconstruction efforts. Often it is Lions' service in times of disaster that makes the greatest impact. In Australia, Lions remember past floods, cyclones and bush fires and their efforts for the communities in these areas.

Help the Australian Lions to grow and make your communities a better place by supporting and using LCIF.

PDG Nigel Jeny, LCIF MD201 Co-ordinator



**38<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL LIONS DISTRICT 201W2 CONVENTION**

**Hosted by Lions Club of Albany (Inc)  
26 – 27<sup>th</sup> September 2009**

**"Youth Our Future"**

**REGISTRATION FORM**



**CLOSING DATE FOR REGISTRATIONS IS 28<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2009**

Lion/Leo/Lioness/PDG/PCC/PID..... (First Name)..... (Surname).....

Lions/Leo/Lioness Club of..... District.....

Are you a Delegate? YES NO Is this your first convention? YES NO

Partner's Name.....

**If your partner is a Lion, Lioness or Leo, please register on a separate form**

Postal Address (Number and Street).....

Town/Suburb..... State..... Postcode.....

Home telephone..... Mobile.....

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Code	Day	Time	Function	Number	Cost \$	Total \$
1	Saturday	11.30	Gourmet Grub		18.00	
2	Saturday	3.15	Afternoon Tea		5.50	
3	Saturday	7.00	Masked Dinner Dance		40.00	
4	Saturday		Bus to Quaranup (return)*		5.00	
5	Sunday	10.15	Morning recess		5.50	
6	Sunday	12.30	Sunday Spit Roast		24.00	
7	Sunday	4.00	Farewell Afternoon Tea		5.50	
8			Convention Pin		6.00	
					Sub-total	
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					Total	

\*Bus is subject to numbers

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**NOW READ THIS, NOW READ THIS**

1. Saturday night accommodation – very basic – is available at Quaranup for after the Masked Diner Dance. Call 9844 4087 for details and booking.
2. Registration is available from 6pm at North Albany Senior High School and on Saturday morning.
3. Please make cheques payable to Albany 2009 W2 Convention.

4. The Bus to Quaranup includes pick up from central location and return to central location only, and is available only to the first 50 people – book early! If there is insufficient demand, no service.
5. Note that there is no organised partners' tour.
6. There is a plethora of accommodation to fit all tastes and budgets in Albany, so book early.
7. Club Delegates must still be nominated on the Delegates Form which is to be forwarded to the Cabinet Secretary.