



**201W2
DISTRICT**

NEWSLETTER

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SEPTEMBER 2009

FROM THE DG's DESK:

Women make up 28% of the Lions family

WHILE I appreciate that Club members get sick and tired of having the need for new members constantly thrust at them have they considered increasing their female membership?

Lets us look at the male/female membership in our district at the end of June 2009. 28% of the total membership was female and while Collie-Wellington Club leads with 23 females out of 24 members, the larger majority of the female membership base is in our newer clubs. Look at these figures, Falcon, 19/32. Margaret River, 14/23. Canning Vale, 9/18. Balingup, 6/12. Greenfields, 5/9. Australind, 13/23. Capel, 8/14. Beverley, 9/15. Nannup, 8/15. Norseman, 9/12. West Arthur 10/20. Dalyellup 13/21.

At of June 30, 2009, 31 clubs had less than five female members and six of those clubs had one, lonely lady member.

A mere 20% increase in female membership would give us another 81 new members. This is better than one new member for every club in our district. Not a big ask is it?

The female aspect of our membership base has a huge potential and, should be promoted. Particularly now that Lions International offers discounted family membership dues. This discount equates to a 50% reduction in the annual dues charged by Lions International for an additional family member.

Australian Lions Multiple District also offers fee discounts for family members. Ladies do you have partners who are not Lions? Invite

them to join, the discounts still apply.

XMAS CAKES & LIONS MINTS

Now is the time to get your cake orders in and start planning your distribution and sales strategies. Early orders attract bigger discounts for your clubs. Remember every cake sold is a profit for your activities account.

Lions Mints are offering Christmas packs to be sold alongside your Christmas Cakes for \$2 per pack. Couple this to a \$13 Christmas cake for a nice even \$15 income. The Christmas Mints will be displayed in bright Christmas style packaging and will be an additional selling item for your pre Christmas fund raising. They will be great as stocking fillers or gifts in raffles etc.

Check out the Australian Lions Web site for details and order forms. www.lionsclubs.org.au Select Member Services and Lions Mints see advertisements on pages 3 and 5. I hope to see lots of Lions in Albany at the end of September at the District Convention.

NEW ZONE CHAIRMAN FOR ZONE 4

Please welcome Lion Sue Burrow from the Lions Club of Hyden as the new zone chairman for zone 4.

Following the resignation of Lion Neville Moulden, Region Manager, Jenny Hardy, and I were looking for a replacement zone chairman when low and behold Sue volunteered for the job. I firmly believe you should never knock back a volunteer, so quite happily accepted Sue into the position.



Neil Saunders.

Sue will be responsible for Hyden, Kondinin, Kulin, Lake Grace, Naremben and Pingrup clubs.

Contact details are: Sue Burrow (Brian), Tel: 9866 8038. Fax: 9866 8036. Mob: 0429 003 555, PO Box 154, Hyden, WA 6359.

Welcome Sue.

-Neil Saunders, W2 DG.

CONVENTION TIME: SPEND YOUR LONG WEEKEND IN ALBANY

IT MIGHT be the Queen's birthday long-weekend but it's also the W2 "Youth Our Future" Convention.

You still have time to register see the form on page 6 and come on down, Albany is waiting for you.

Or if you like conventioners can also register at the Convention venue, North Albany Senior High School from 6pm on the Friday, September 25 and on Saturday morning.

This was decided as many conventioners will be arriving on Friday and will want to register and get their convention handbook and other paraphernalia.

It is expected that there will be a demand on the Friday evening with a lot of informal socialising.

Saturday night's function is at Quaranup, a bus shuttle service can get you there and back, and it's only available to the first 50 folk. So book early. Titled the Masked Dinner/Dance your dress will be 'smart casual' and don't forget your mask.

Saturday Night Function is a BYO and there

will not be a bar.

Guest speakers include Past International Director "Kiwi" Cliff Heywood and his wife Helen, and current and Past-Australian Leo of the Year. Don't wait until the last minute register now.

DG NEIL'S VISITATIONS

Sept 15 Jandakot Lakes
Sept 22 Collie & Collie Wellington
Sept 26 & 27 Albany Convention
Oct 1 Beverley
Oct 5 Norseman
Oc 6 Esperance
Oct 13 Dardanup
Oct 14 Bunbury & Bunbury Wollaston
Oct 20 Manning
Oc 22 Narrogin
Oct 31 & November 1 Cabinet at Katanning.

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Leos and YOTY join forces to promote DG's theme

AFTER an initiative from National Chairman Adrian Miles, districts throughout Australia are creating Alumni for Youth of the Year to allow the amazing young people that we work with every year to have the option to stay on as Leos, New Centaury or Lions in our clubs. In conjunction with this and so as to promote DG Neil's Theme *Youth Are Our Future*, Leo District Chairman Jessica Thompson and I have joined forces to promote our very important key youth projects.

Lions sometimes underestimate the power of our young people and the benefits that ex Youth of the Year contestants and our Leos can have on the future of Lions in WA. So as two Lions, who previously came into the folds as Leos have joined forces to achieve the key objectives:

To create maximum participation of young people through assisting clubs with promotion

at schools and youth clubs

To create a partnership with the Leo Chairman in promoting the Youth Sector throughout the District.

To educate Lions that our Youth Projects shouldn't work in competition with each other but should complement each other, and work towards the common goal of creating awareness of Lions International and developing a database for the future membership expansion of Lions Clubs.

I will be in attendance with a promotional stall at the Albany Convention, with materials available to pick up, as well as Hannah Bellwood former International Leo of the Year who travelled two years ago with the Youth of the Year National Tour, who will promote the link between Leos and Youth of the Year.

State Chairman Jane Oversby has many items available to use as promotion for Youth of the

Year among your clubs or your functions. Jess and I have made arrangements to present at the Zone 8 Meeting on the 17th of August and am in re-negotiation with Bob Whitney for a visit with Zone 11. Should any other clubs or Zone Chairman wish to have us present please do not hesitate to email me on terinawatson8@hotmail.com

As DG Neil has declared *Youth Are Our Future*, our Youth of the Year, our Youth Exchange, our Peace Poster Children, our Children of Courage, our Youth Outreach and our Leos . . . every single one are the Lions of the Future. Embrace them, encourage them and empower them to take charge of our future of Lionism in Australia – that is my theme for 09/10, I hope you too heed the words of DG Neil and become proactive in the future of our Lions Organisation.

–Terina Tinson.



Officeworks brings Pinjarra Lions into the 21st century

OFFICEWORKS Superstore of Mandurah recently made a donation of a laptop computer to the Lions Club of Pinjarra.

As most correspondence and minutes recording are now via computer it has been a great help to the club. Pictured (left) handing over the laptop to Lions Club of Pinjarra President, Les Hill is Tracy Gent, Officeworks Manager. Without the help of organisations such as Officeworks, Lions clubs would not be able to operate as effectively as they wished.

All funds raised by Lions are donated back into the community, locally, state wide, nationally and world wide. The Lions Club of Pinjarra are very grateful for the help received by Officeworks.

Dunking Tank

Does any Club have a Dunking Tank/Machine that they are willing to hire out to a school. Date required is Saturday, October 24, 2009.

If your Club has one or if you know where you can get hold of one, please let me know asap.

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Al Brandel reports on LCIF

Sight for Kids Screens 10 Millionth Child
IN SEPTEMBER, Sight for Kids, a program of Lions Clubs International Foundation and partner, Johnson & Johnson, will screen its 10 millionth child.

The program, established in 2002, screens children for refractive error and other vision problems, including myopia (nearsightedness), which causes significant vision loss in more than 15 percent of children under the age of 15 in many Asian countries.

Lions Quest 25th Anniversary

In recognition of Lions Quest's 25-year anniversary, Lions Clubs International Foundation will support a number of exciting activities throughout the upcoming year. The celebration started at the 92nd Annual Lions Clubs International Convention in

Minneapolis, where Lions had many opportunities to learn more about the positive youth development program and show their support for Lions Quest. Anniversary materials, including buttons, brochures and a new Lions Quest DVD will be available throughout the year.

As Lions Quest embarks on an exciting year of celebration, share the great success of the program with your fellow Lions and communities. For more information, please visit Lions Quest online.

One Million Children Screened through Preschool Vision Screening Program

In the beginning of August, the Preschool Vision Screening Program screened the one-millionth child helped through the foundation-based program. The milestone screening is part of United We Serve, a nationwide call to par-

ticipate in community service. Lions were encouraged to coordinate a project during Health Week to support the summer long initiative. Register your local project on-line.

New Videos Available

Several new videos are now available about LCIF, including Jimmy Carter Recognizes Lions, LCIF Partnering for Service, Lions Quarterly: LCIF Highlights, and Lions Quest: Skills for Life. All videos can be viewed on-line.

Grants Approved

At the Board Meeting in Minneapolis, 57 grants were approved. During fiscal year 2008-2009, 453 grants were approved by the Foundation, totaling more than \$28 million in humanitarian support worldwide.

–Al Brandel, LCIF Chairperson.

World Sight Day: Gender and Eye Health

ON WORLD Sight Day is on Thursday October 8 themed Gender and Eye Health. Lions Eye Health Program – Australia works with Vision 2020 to raise public awareness of eradicating preventable vision loss and blindness. They are encouraging Lions Clubs around Australia to get involved.

Three quarters of vision loss in Australia is either preventable or treatable. And Lions can help by distributing LEHP-Australia resources during the month of October and help educate people in your community about the importance of regular eye examinations.

Suggestions for how your club can be involved . . .

- Handout out LEHP-Australia brochures when conducting other Lions activities, such as during sausage sizzles, raffles, spinning wheels, manning a gate, or at other fund raising and social events.

- Visit your local medical practices and ensure their waiting rooms and information racks are stocked with LEHP-Australia materials.

- Set up a table in front of your local supermarket or shopping centre and hand out LEHP-Australia's eye health information to passers by.

- Offer to speak and distribute handouts about preventable blindness to local community



Lion Bill at the brochure stand.

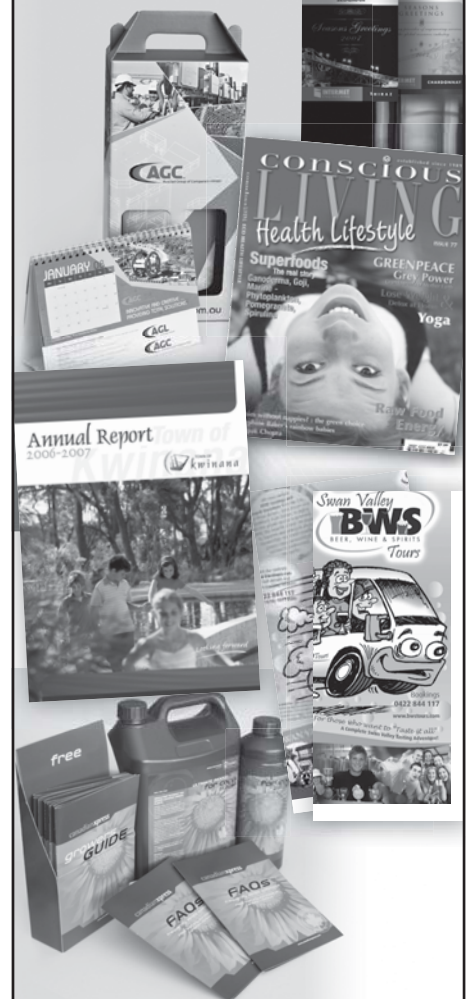
groups.

- Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper about the need to eliminate preventable blindness and vision-related diseases.

LEHP-Australia, brochures, posters, flyers and DVD's are free of charge to all participating LEHP-Australia clubs. Contact the National Program Manager, Ms Leah Evans on 1800 010 234 or email LEHP-cera@unimelb.edu.au to obtain resources for your community.




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Christmas cake search leads to double Youth Exchange success

IN 2009, the Lions Club of Denmark embarked on not one, but two, youth exchange projects. Sheridan Robbins, an 18-year old TEE student was sponsored to travel to the USA for six weeks and in July, her family in Denmark hosted 17-year old Laura-Kate Reeves from Virginia, USA for two weeks.

Sheridan learned about the Lions Youth Exchange program when she searched the Lions website for her favourite, Lions Christmas Cakes.

The program sounded exciting and it would help her achieve one of her ambitions – to travel to Canada. Many hours of part-time work in a local pharmacy raised \$6000 needed for the youth exchange trip.

The Lions Club of Denmark kindly donated \$500 spending money. Sheridan was accompanied by other Australian youth on her flight to Vancouver and subsequent bus trip to Seattle, Washington. Canadian host families were not available for hosting so her time was spent on the west coast of the USA.

During her stay She attended a huge district Lions meeting, where she quizzed the assembly about everything Aussie, Sheridan was sponsored by the Lions Club of Tacoma South East and lived with one family for a fortnight and a second family for four weeks.

After leaving Seattle, Sheridan rejoined Australian youth exchange participants for a few days in Los Angeles and San Francisco. "Experiencing my first white Christmas in America and seeing an ice hockey match were the highlights of my trip", says Sheridan. "I also enjoyed visiting Microsoft, the Museum of Flight, skiing and seeing the Seattle Sea Hawks. There was so much snow! After seeing Canada and the USA and breaking down the stereotypes, I plan to work in Canada when I finish my nursing studies." Sheridan remains in close contact with her host families in the US.

Sheridan's family were approached to host Laura-Kate. Parents Moira and Ian, brother Alastair and sister Kathleen had positive expectations after Sheridan's Youth Exchange visit, and were happy to host a visitor in their own home.

Several emails between the Robbins and Reeves families broke down formalities.

Sunraisia "Edge of the Outback" convention

CONVENTION Organising Chairman L i o n Laurie Phillips says that he is waiting to welcome you to Mildura. JUST 9 Months TO GO! Now is the time for you and your Club to commence your planning to attend the Lions Australia 58th National Convention which is to be held in Mildura from April 30th to May 3rd 2010.

The local Convention Organising Committee are well advanced in their planning to ensure that you will all enjoy your visit to the Sunraisia District to the fullest and experience what it is like to live on the "Edge of the Outback"

The business sessions will be held in the impressive St Joseph's Stadium in Eleventh



Laura-Kate Reeves of Virginia, USA and Sheridan Robbins of Denmark, pictured with a beached whale on a beach near Albany. Below: Sheridan's trip to USA included a visit to meet Shrek and build a snowman.



Sheridan and Kathleen collected Laura-Kate from Perth airport and drove her to their home town.

Laura-Kate joined the Robbins family on outings to the coast, Whale World, the Walpole Tree Top Walk, Gloucester Tree and other local attractions. Laura was keen to swim in the Indian Ocean despite the wet weather. She fitted in well with the family and was happy to experience the family's normal lifestyle.

Moira commented that "Laura was quiet, relaxed and well-matched to our family. In Virginia, she and her brother have a herd of cattle and she enjoyed our country lifestyle. Laura is interested in a career as a small animal vet. The highlight of her Denmark stay was probably seeing the dead whale washed up on a nearby shore."

For further information about the Lions Youth Exchange program www.lionsclubs.org.au/ye or contact your local Lions Club



Update your records

YOUTH EXCHANGE. W2 District Representative: Helen Dagleish, 26B Frawley Gardens Murdoch WA 6150. Tel: 9332 1651 (home answering machine) Mob: 0408078847 Email: helend222@hotmail.com

Street and here you will experience a wonderful, friendly gathering of members of the Lions' family from all parts of Australia. Ample space for comfortable seating will be provided for all conventioners within the stadium along with a display of local Mildura Arts and Crafts. There is ample free car parking at this venue so you won't be faced with expensive parking fees. Pre-booked boxed luncheons will be available each day.

The usual Lions projects will be on display in an adjoining large marquee and the social events will be catered for in another large marquee. Mildura is a compact city with adequate public transport and taxi services. Nothing is too far away! If you require assistance with

your accommodation needs, the friendly staff at the Mildura Visitor Information & Booking Centre will attend to your enquiries. Toll Free Phone 1 800 039 043. Make sure that you mention the Lions convention.

Obtaining a bed in Mildura will not be difficult. Why not take a look at www.visitmildura.com.au and see just what is on offer. Rates around \$ 60 per night. caravan parks, motels, hotels, apartments, houseboats in fact everything for everyone. Qantas Link has 4 Flights per day from Melbourne and Virgin Blue has also commenced flying Jet Aircraft into Mildura.

COC Chairman Lion Laurie Phillips, Ph. (03) 5024 2315 (M) 0428 147 168 E-mail: lauriephil3@hotmail.com

Black Dog ride ends

MEMBERS of the Lions Club of Dianella W1 were pleased to meet Busselton Lion Steve Andrews on his epic fund raising ride round Australia. Steve called in on August 19 at Frazer's Motorcycles in Morley on the last leg of his journey that ended in Busselton.

He commented that it was sad that support and representation in the major cities was poor.

After over 20,000km in just one month on his magnificent and comfortable BMW tourer he was pleased to see that he was almost home.

Steve's "Black Dog Ride" was to raise funds and awareness of depression within the community.

-Derrick Wright, Dianella W1



Lion Steve Andrews, Rob Martin (Support), Dianella Lions Shirley Godley, Derrick Wright and Peter Eichfuss welcome Steve in Morley.

Vale Lion Frank Mansfield

It is with sadness to advise of the passing of Bull Creek Lion Frank Mansfield.

Lion Frank passed away earlier this month as a result of illness (cancer). He leaves behind his wife Barbara, daughter Donelle, and son Geoff.

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W2 Christmas Cake chairperson Jane Oversby. Tel: 9767 3002.

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38th ANNUAL LIONS DISTRICT 201W2 CONVENTION

Hosted by Lions Club of Albany (Inc)
26 - 27th September 2009



"Youth Our Future"

REGISTRATION FORM

CLOSING DATE FOR REGISTRATIONS IS 28th 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).....

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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	
					Less Early Bird registration fee (quote receipt number)	
					Total	

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Treasurer: Stan Gilmore, 9844 7646 e-mail: albanylionsclub@yahoo.com.au

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 Friday 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.