



FROM THE DG's DESK: Miracles through Service

Dear Fellow Members, I hope you all had a great Christmas and New Year. We shared ours with family, which is the way all Christmas's should be shared, unfortunately this does not always happen and some have Christmas alone.

Not in Harvey, the Harvey Lions Club created "Miracles through Service" by organising a free Christmas breakfast in the Park for those less fortunate than ourselves. I was told it was a great success and Harvey will be doing it again next year. Well done Lions. Maybe some other Clubs have a good story to tell us, it would be great to hear about these stories of "Miracles through Service".

I have just read an email from a Mother and Father, thanking Lions Australia for the wonderful gift of the Christmas cakes to our peace-keeping boys overseas. The Mother says "I have just spoken to my son who is overseas in the peace keeping corps. He told me they were all enjoying Christmas cake sent from the Lions of Australia". She was very moved by this wonderful gesture from the Lions in Australia, that they were thinking of her and many other mothers sons at this time. Doesn't it make you feel proud, of who we are, and what we do, "Another Miracle through our Service"?

The next six months will be a busy time for me with Club visits to finish, which I am looking forward to. I think the best part of Lions is going out and visiting other Lion Clubs and seeing what they are doing in their Communities'.

Some of our important dates are the Youth of

the Year Finals on the 21st March at Bunbury and that is also the weekend of the third Cabinet Meeting. Another important date is the 19th April when our annual Children of Courage Awards will be held.

We have new a Club in our District - namely the West Arthur Lions Club. CONGRATULATIONS to the West Arthur Lions Club, and to the hard working members of the Collie/Wellington Lions Club who made this happen. We will be told soon when the Charter Celebrations are to take place.

In another two months, clubs will be electing their new club boards for the next 12 months, and there are certain obligations attached to these newly elected persons taking on these roles. The District has taken into account the importance of these roles in the running of your Clubs and helping members to enjoy the membership of being a Lion, so there will be District and Zone Incoming Officers Forums for newly elected Office Bearers. Any other members are also welcome to attend these Forums, these will be advertised and discussed with your Zone Chairman in the near future.

If you require further information about these now, please contact your Regional Manager, or Zone Chairman for details, or go straight to the top and speak to Leadership Chairman Tim Irvine who will be able to help with further information.

We have the next Edition of the West Lion coming out soon, if members have anything or photos to be included in this, please get your information to Wendy Mathews ASAP.

The March Cabinet Meeting will be held at



Dora Bushe-Jones

Myalup Pines 21/22 March, 2009

In addition, the final Cabinet meeting and Awards Night will be held on June 13 2009 at the Metro Inn, Canning Highway, South Perth.

In closing I wish you all a happy and Prosperous New Year, take care until we meet again.

NEWS FLASH! LEADERSHIP WEEK-END FEBRUARY 19-20-21ST FEBRUARY, REGISTRATION FORMS IN THIS NEWS LETTER, GREAT FUN, ENROL NOW AND HEAR MORE ABOUT THE ORGANISATION OF LIONS. SEE YOU ALL THERE, -DISTRICT GOVERNOR, Dora Bushe-Jones (Dora the explorer).

COMING EVENTS PROGRAM

- 20-22 February: Leadership Skills Course - Ern Halliday Camp, Hillarys
21 March: Youth of the Year (YOTY) W2 Final
Morrissey Homestead Day Respite Centre, Bunbury
22 March: 3rd District Cabinet Meeting, Myalup Pines
4 April: Youth of the Year Quest - State Final
19 April: Children of Courage Awards, St Marys Girls School, Karrinyup
1-3 May: MD201 Convention, Melbourne
20 June: 201W2 Awards Night - Venue: Metro Inn, South Perth
21 June: 4th District Cabinet Meeting, Venue: TBA

Peace Poster contest

CLUB, District and Multiple District involvement with the Peace Poster is now over for this year.

The club winners have been chosen and sent to District Governor Dora. The winning entry at District level was chosen by a panel of artists and taken on to the Multiple District judging, which has also been conducted.

Full details with photographs will be available for publishing in the next West Lion magazine and congratulations go to Joshua

Culbertson sponsored by the Lions Club of Narrogin who was the District W2 winner, and also to the Multiple District winner, Tiffini Tran sponsored by the Lions Club of Altona in Victoria.

Very early in the school year would be a good time for your club to make a first approach to your schools, even before the kits are available, so as to give the teachers an opportunity to include the contest in their curriculum.

-Marcia Nicholls, District Chairman.

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Narembeen celebrates thirty years of service



Narembeen Lions Club celebrated their 30th anniversary on November 1 last year. DG Dora was on hand to present an award to charter member Lion Marty Haslett (pictured below) with his partner and club president Ray Parsons. A group picture above of present and past members with DG Dora.

Lions International Environmental Photo Contest

LIONS from clubs in good standing can enter an original, unaltered, black-and-white or colour photo (without people) of the environment of their Lions club in the following 2008-09 Lions Environmental Photo Contest categories:

- Animal Life
- Landscape (Urban or natural)
- Plant Life
- Weather Phenomenon

The special annual theme category is:

Lions Environmental Miracle Workers – photos of Lions in action implementing a Lions environment project.

The impartial judging of photos should focus on originality, artistic merit, and portrayal of the environmental theme.

1. LIONS CLUBS select and submit one winning photo to the district by 29th December 2008 (now closed) with the club entry form.

2. LIONS DISTRICTS select and submit one winning photo to the multiple district.

January 15, 2009 (now closed) is the suggested deadline for districts to submit one 8" x 10" (20.3 x 25.4 cm) printed photograph to the multiple district, with the district entry form

3. LIONS MULTIPLE DISTRICTS select and submit one winning photo to the international contest with the official entry form.

4. LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL will display multiple district-level entries at the annual Lions international convention. Registered convention attendees will vote for their favourite photos. An award will be presented to the winning photographers. The six (the five category winners and the Best of Show) winning photos will appear on the Lions Web site.

Lion photographers accept responsibility for the cost of taking and processing all photos.

Contest photos become the property of Lions Clubs International.

Lions Clubs International reserves the right to disqualify entries that do not meet contest criteria or that may be viewed as inappropriate or objectionable.

Thanks to all clubs who participated.

–Margaret Doyle, chairman.



WHY? WHY? WHY?

WHY are so many clubs leaving it until the last minute to submit their MMR reports?

What happens if the International web site is down, or your internet server is off the air, or your PC/Modem packs up? Your club MMR then becomes a late submission.

Submitting a Monthly Membership Report is one of the rules all clubs throughout the world are expected to adhere to. How come our district has such a high percentage of late, or missing, reports each month?

I appreciate that the manuals say it is the club secretary who is responsible for the submission of MMRs, but there is nothing to stop him/her from delegating to another club member.

Overall the responsibility rests with the club president to make sure the secretary, or membership chairman, or whoever else is designated is doing their job properly.

For those who say it is a waste of time, particularly when there are no changes, I say "Don't be selfish."

Non submission of a Monthly Membership Report jeopardises both the club president and club secretary from receiving their 100% awards, it reflects on the district, the cabinet secretary and the district governor. See what I mean when I say selfish?

It takes about two minutes to submit a nil return. Surely two minutes of a club member's time, once a month, is not too much to ask?

If you need help contact our Webmaster, Geoff Carberry, (08) 9765 1453, geoff303@westnet.com.au, or me on (08) 9641 2430 dotneil1@bigpond.com.au and we will be happy to assist.

Regards,

–VDG Neil Saunders.

Cabinet meeting at Myalup Pines



Jenny Hardy our freelance photographer was on hand to capture a few pictures of just what was happening at the W2 cabinet meeting at Myalup Pines late last year. Above: A meeting of the Myalup Pines committee that has been formed to oversee this project.

Below: The three cooks for the weekend, Lion Robyn Roney, DG Dora Bushe-Jones and Lion Judy Forsyth and they did a great job, especially on the Saturday night when we had some very yummy nibbles



LIONS MINTS ORDERING

I CALL attention to all Club Mint Chairmen re ordering your Mints.

I have received a return of several Club Mint orders and cheques from Newcastle since the introduction of the new Lions Mint program on September 1, 2008

This means that the orders are being held up substantially.

Clubs can no longer order their Mints through Newcastle. You must have the new order 2008 order form and order your Mints through . . .

Lion Mint Australia

PO Box 637 BROOKVALE NSW 2100

Freecall 1800 815 787 Fax 02 9905 4423

Tel 02 9905 9799

Email mints@lionmints.com.au

You can place your orders by mail, fax, phone or email

Please ensure that your club details and delivery address and instructions are marked clearly on your order from.

If you receive a 'sorry we missed you' card because of insufficient information on your order form, you must contact Brookvale office

to arrange redelivery.

LMA is charged for this redelivery and they will pay it for the Club once only.

If further redelivery is needed the Club will be charged.

If any Club Mint Chairman has not received their new manual check with your Club Secretary in the first instance and then contact me if they have not received it and I will arrange delivery of one for you.

Due to the new program it is important that you have one.

Please destroy all order forms prior to 2008.

-W2 Mint Chairman, Judy Forsyth.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR DISTRICT

AS AT December 31, 2008 District 201W2 is the ONLY District in Australia and Papua New Guinea to show the Charter of a new club for this Lions year.

Well done!

-Neil F Saunders, Vice District Governor.



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The object of two purposes

RECENTLY some Lions became aware of what appeared to be a revised version of our Purposes (previously known as the Objects).

Official advice from International Director Ken Bird is that we should all stick to the Purposes we have been using, and not to use the other version, which has two new clauses. This other version has been adopted by the International Board for its own use— it is not for clubs.

SAVE-SIGHT CHANGE OF MEETING DATES

Please note, the Lions Planning Diary is showing an incorrect date for the first Board Meeting of the year for the Lions Save-Sight Foundation. The Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 9, 2009 and not January 19, 2009 as shown in the diary.

Also due to Anzac Day falling over the weekend, a public holiday has been declared on Monday, April 27.

The Annual General Meeting of the Foundation will now be held on Monday, April 22, 2009 and not the 27th as previously published.

—Gail Mason, Office Manager Lions Save-Sight Foundation WA Inc.

Special award for Nannup Lion Di Craigie



Long serving Lion Di Craigie was recently presented with a special award for all her dedication and compassion as a Lion. For years, she has devoted her time and effort to helping other Lion members and the Nannup community. It was with great pleasure that the President of Nannup Lions, Kurt Weigele awarded her the prestigious James Richardson Award. The whole club was very proud to support her with this honour.

W-Districts Lions Leadership Course

Come along and learn about

**PLANNING MEETINGS; WORKING IN TEAMS;
MORALE AND MOTIVATION; COMMUNICATION;
CONFLICT RESOLUTION;
CONDUCTING EFFECTIVE MEETINGS;
MENTORING; PUBLIC SPEAKING.**

This course will not only help Club and Cabinet Officers, but also the ordinary Lion who works on a committee.

FACILITATORS will be from W1 and W2 and the course is open all Lions.

PLACE: Ern Haliday Camp, Hillarys. DATE: February 20th, 21st and 22nd.

COST: \$50. Make cheque payable to:- Lions Clubs International District 201 W1

APPLICATIONS required by February 1st

Reply to:

PDG Sandra Laundy, P.O. Box 187, Carnamah W.A. 6517

Ph: 9951 1821 Mob: 0417 186 907

Email: sandra.laundy3@bigpond.com

NAME: _____ CLUB: _____

CONTACT DETAILS: _____

Have-A-Go-Day another success story

CONSIDERING the weather which, at 6.30am, was very wet as I was driving to the Have-Go-Day event, the day went unexpectedly well.

Our marquee, hired through the organisers, was 15 x 6 metres with a darkened end of six metres square. This area housed the screening team from Lions Save Sight and they were kept busy with the screening of 81 people and 12 referrals.

In the open area of the marquee were Lions attending to the booking and seating of the public who wished to be screened by the Lions Save Sight team. Displays manned by Dryandra Woodland Village, WALDEF and a membership information display manned by MERL chairman Ivan Sturgess, DG W1 Rob Meney, PDG Sandra Laundy and myself. Pleasing to say we were kept busy talking about Lions and we all look forward to the induction of new members emanating from this day. Surprisingly enough the "seniors" seemed to range (in age) from their 40's upwards.

We also had a very colourful Christmas cake display manned by District 201 W1 Cake chairman Allan Lowe in front of which W2 Lion Karen Molcher was very busy doing "her bit" for Alzheimers. Alongside the marquee PDG Bob Thomson had parked the Hearing Bus and together with the Audiologist (and Joy Sinclair) they screened 23 people with 13 referrals (9 female and four male).

According to the Senior Recreation Council of WA the attendance on the day compared favourably with the previous year so, all in all, we were very pleased. Just a couple of marquees along from us was the Lions club of Canning City with their sausage sizzle. I think they were kept quite busy on the day, I know the aroma really tantalised the taste buds.

Due to the fact I had put in a submission to MD for a PR grant to subsidize the cost of the marquee and membership leaflets (and this had been granted) we were able to keep down the costs for the day. I really advocate that we keep involved with this Senior's Day event, as it is a very good PR exercise for Lions.

In regard to the above, I have already returned a form to say we would definitely be interested next year. The date has been set and it will be on Wednesday, October 28, 2009. Due to the lateness, this year, of the cancer bus being advised they were not, unfortunately, at Burswood. I have already advised W2 PDG Colin Beauchamp of next years date so I do hope to see them attend.

–W1 District Governor-elect,
Pamela Baird.

District 201-W2 Policy Minutes and Guidelines regarding deceased members

FOR the information of all Lions, particularly Club Presidents and Secretaries, the following is an extract from the District Policy Minutes and Guidelines as amended in June 2008.

It is important to note that the responsibility for placing the notice rests with the Cabinet Secretary.

Therefore it is equally as important that he/she be informed as soon as possible when a fellow Lion passes away.

The Club President, or Secretary, should decide who will be responsible for this action and follow it up as soon as possible.

If it is at all possible the District Governor (or a Senior Representative from Cabinet) tries to attend the funerals of any deceased Lions. To do this early notification is important.

Recently the first official notification the Cabinet Secretary received concerning a deceased Lion, was when a member, on the way to the funeral service, rang and asked why there had not been a notice in the West Australian newspaper regarding the deceased.

District 201W2 Policy Minutes and Guidelines.

2.7 When a serving Lion dies, District will place a death notice in a week day West Australian.

The notice shall read:

2.7.1 Name of deceased Lion District Governor..... and the Lions members of District 201W2 extend their sincere sympathies to the family of Lion.....

Lion was a dedicated Lion who gave many years service to his/her community. He/she will be sadly missed by all who knew him/her especially the Lions Club of

2.7.2 The standard Lion Logo (L1492) to be placed on top of the notice.

2.7.3 The Cabinet Secretary will be responsible for the placement of this notice.

–VDG Neil Saunders.



ABOVE TOP: Margaret Moore and W1 PDG Lorraine Strickland from Lions Save Sight. ABOVE: Karen Molcher, Rob Davies, W1 DG-elect Pam Baird and Barry Cook who suffers from Alzheimers.

You know you're getting old when . . .

At breakfast you hear snap, crackle pop, and you aren't eating cereal.

Your back goes out, but you stay home.

It takes longer to rest than it did to get tired.

Your address book mostly has names that start with "Dr"

You sit in a rocking chair and can't get it going.

Everything hurts, and what doesn't hurt – doesn't work.

You wake up looking like your passport photo.

A lucky day is when you succeed in finding your car in the carpark.

It takes twice as long, to look half as good

You wonder if you could be over the hill, when you don't even remember being on top of it.

Quiz night raises funds for spinal injury research

ON SATURDAY, November 15, the Lions Club of Mandurah conducted their annual quiz night and auction to raise funds for research into spinal injuries.

Mandurah Lions became involved in helping to raise funds for Spinalcure (formerly Australian Spinal Research Trust) in 1999 and 2000 when they assisted Mandurah's Zonta International Peel Region Club with their Bridge to Bridge Bike-out.

In 2001, the Zonta Club asked Lions to take over the running of the project with the continued support of Zonta.

After the 2002 event, one of the major sponsors, who had supported the event with substantial donations from inception, decided that it was time for them to support other worthwhile community projects. With that withdrawal, the committee decided on the new option of running a quiz night on an annual basis ever since.

The inaugural quiz night was held in 2004 and they have held them on an annually since.

Total donations to Spinalcure from the combined Bridge to Bridge project, initially commenced by Zonta in 1999 and Quiz Nights over the years now total in excess of \$49000.

These funds have been used in the laboratory of Dr Giles Plant at Red's Spinal Cord Research Laboratory, CTEC at the University of Western Australia.

The club has enjoyed the sponsorship of many local businesses over that period. One in particular is Lions Peter and Helen Lamb's Centurion Insurance who this year donated a cricket bat signed by former Australian cricket test opening batsman Geoff Marsh and his Western Warrior son Shaun. The bat was mounted in a glass fronted timber box manufactured by Lion Colin Hartley and varnished by partner Edith. It was auctioned on the night and added \$810 to the coffers.

Attendance numbers were down this year, probably due to the time of the year in which the event was held. Dates available were restricted due to the many other club activities

Quiz chairman Graham George Bateman told the District Newsletter, "I wish to extend a big thank you to this year's quiz night committee members, Lions Len Murphy, Thelma Murphy, Colin Hartley, Ray Blyth, Kerry Breen who all took part in running the event on the night.

"A number of other members and partners who helped with the running



Mandurah Lion Peter Lamb is pictured with the cricket bat signed by former test cricketer Geoff Marsh and his Western Warrior son Shaun. It was auctioned at the quiz night and netted \$810.

of the project also deserve to be recognised for their valued effort. These included partners Raeleen Sutton, Anne Blyth, Margaret Bateman and Mary Cooper together with Lions Lance Woodhead (an exceptional effort as MC/Quizmaster), Bill Cooper, Peter Drown and Ron Draper.

"Thanks also to all those who attended on the evening," Graham added.

Newest Lions club

DISTRICT 201W2 has a new Lions club - we can now welcome the West Arthur Lions Club which officially became a chartered club on December 15, 2008. The Charter Night is still to be finalised, but all clubs will be notified in due course once details are known. Contact details are:

Mailing Address: Box 136, Darkan WA 6392

Email:rvajknapp@westnet.com.au

Meeting Times:3rd Tuesday of each month

Venue:Darkan CWA Hall, Coalfields Highway, Darkan

Time: 7.00pm

CLUB REFRESHED

IT WAS a sad day when we heard that the Lions Club of Mandurah Waters was going to close. Thankfully, some dedicated Lion leaders stepped in and took on the challenge of refreshing and reviving the club. It is a pleasure to announce that the Lions Club of Mandurah Waters has survived and now looks ahead to a new and rewarding future.

Contact details for the revived club are:

Mailing Address: 6 Tributary Place, Leschenault WA 6233

Email: N/A at present

Meeting Times: 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month

Venue: Contact secretary for meeting venue

President: Noel Powell (H) 08 9796 1507 (M) 0408 928 345

Secretary: Ian Bell (H) 08 9725 9087 (M) 0427 259 087

Treasurer: Mary Gregg PO Box 812 Bunbury 6231 (H) 9797 1685

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W-Districts leadership course

Leadership is an important issue in our organisation, because without good leaders in Clubs, they lack direction, cohesiveness and the ability to grow. Your District Governor encourages all Club Presidents to nominate members of their Club to attend and for the Club to pay the registration fee of \$50 for each participant. This cash outlay is small in comparison to what the Club will achieve in the future by having trained leaders to continue to lead members into the future.

Contact W1 PDG Sandy Laundry or W2 Leadership Chairman Tim Irvine if you have any inquiries. See application form page 4.

–Bill Robertson.
Cabinet Secretary.

Linley's move house

Hi to all of our correspondents: Veronica and Arthur Linley's new address is . . .

344 Serpentine Road, Albany WA 6330.

The phone number stays the same.

(08) 9842 3834 Mob : 0488423834