



FROM THE DG's DESK:

Time passes quickly when you're having fun

Dear Fellow Lions

How the year has quickly past by and so much has happened in that short time but there is still more to do.

Club visits have been the highlight of my time as District Governor. Meeting club members of our district has been enjoyable and stimulating. So many different personalities and ideas of what a Lions club should do in their community.

The clubs I have visited have shown dedication and leadership in the community they belong to. All clubs are autonomous and work in different ways to make their presence felt. However, if they should leave the community they are involved in, this community would miss out on so much as different projects and activities are carried out by the Lions movement. One can understand why, in some communities, that Lions are the backbone of their community. Without Lions involvement and help, communities would suffer.

During the past six months, I have endeavoured to spend time on the clubs that have had problems, mainly membership as without sufficient members, it is difficult for projects to be undertaken. The district will see the merging of two Bunbury clubs - Leschenault and Bunbury City. The clubs will retain the Lions Club of Bunbury City name.

The Lions Club of Williams have indicated that they wish to fold their club. This club has

a history of nearly 40 years of Lionism in the community. I will be working to see that this club does not take this step. Mandurah Waters has put in for a name change to be known as the Lions Club of Binningup Waters. The Membership Chairman Bruce Hearman and his committee are looking at another two areas in the Bunbury District to develop further clubs.

The Bushfire Disaster Appeal of goods for the V5 areas was a complete success. DG David Jones has sent through his grateful thanks for our help. My congratulations to the district for your wonderful efforts in helping to rebuild the lives of the fire victims, especially children, who received their fluffy toys to cuddle.

By the time you receive this newsletter, the district and State Final for the Youth of the Year will be over. I attended the district judging on Saturday, March 21 to hear the four finalists speak. They were of top quality and maybe W2 can take the Youth of the Year contestant winner to the convention this year.

The Children of Courage Awards at St Mary's Girls School in Karrinyup will be held on April 19. Please make the effort to attend as this is one of our State's Lions projects. It is now into its 27th year and has seen over 2,000 children receive awards.

The MD201 Convention is in Melbourne from May 1-3. I believe many Lions from WA are attending, so I look forward to seeing some familiar faces while there.



Dora Bushe-Jones

The District Awards Night will be held at the Lighthouse Resort in Bunbury on Saturday, June 20.

Best wishes to all our members who have been in hospital and are now recovering from illness. A special cheerio to Wendy Reid. Wendy is now back at Royal Perth Hospital and looking forward to catching up with Lions friends and district news.

Continue throughout our district by creating miracles through service. Take care and God bless.

-DG Dora.

COMING EVENTS PROGRAM

17-19 April: Fairbridge Farm Music Festival, Fairbridge, just off Southwest Highway (North Pinjarra)

All of April: Leos Awareness Month

19 April: Children of Courage Awards, St Marys Girls School, Karrinyup.

25 April: Worldwide Induction Day

1-3 May: MD201 Convention, Melbourne

1 June: Helen Keller Day

5 June: World Environment Day

20 June: 201W2 Awards Night - Venue: Bunbury Lighthouse Beach Resort

21 June: 4th District Cabinet Meeting, Venue: Bunbury.

26-27 Sept: 38th Annual 201W2 Convention - Theme - "Youth Our Future", North Albany High School

Official Publication of the Lions
in District 201W2

**District Coordinator:
201W2**

WENDY MATHEWS

12 Currie Place, Bibra Lake WA 6163
(M) 0433 528 325 (W) (08) 9225 1920

e-mail: awmathews@bigpond.com
wmathews@redcross.org.au

COPY DEADLINES

West Lion

NEXT EDITION: MAY 2009

COPY DEADLINE:

APRIL 10, 2009.

DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

NEXT EDITION: JUNE 2009

COPY DEADLINE: MAY 10, 2009

District website address:

www.lionsdistrict201w2.mysouthwest.com.au



RELAXING AT MYALUP PINES: TOP: Boyup club president Geoff Carberry, Tom Oversby, Fiona Thomas, PDG Keith Jones. From Harvey Gus and Toni Faed and club president Leanne Shaw. BELOW: Talented artist Fiona Thomas offers a quick smile then back to work with a wide brush. BELOW LEFT: Reach for the sky is easy for Sue Carberry, Jane Oversby and Chris Martin.

Hi Ho, Hi Ho it's off to work we go

NINE not so little gnomes from the Boyup Brook Lions Club (unless one is talking about Jane Oversby who had to stand on two milk crates to reach the bottom weatherboard panels), joined Harvey members to paint, pull off boards and replace fly screens and hinges at the Myalup Pines cottages over the April/March long weekend.

Not sure if we made a dent in the work that needs to be done however; it felt good when we stopped.

President Geoff Carberry yanked off damaged boards on some of the not so sound buildings. Tom Oversby made and replaced the front gates and PDG Keith Jones replaced fly screens and hinges on all the cottages.

Sue Carberry, Jane Oversby, Fiona Thomas, Chris Martin and husband Mario painted toilets, back porches and most of all themselves. Fiona's comment when asked why one could not put a pin between the paint marks on her T-shirt was; "Well when I paint myself into a corner all my bits touch the walls."



Lorri Jones who is far too old to carry anything heavier than a bottle of chardonnay, kept them all fed and watered.

Harvey club president Leanne Shaw and members provided us all with a BBQ on the Sunday night and a great deal of fellowship, a most enjoyable evening was had by all.

Do consider taking your club for a Busy Bee weekend, there is still lots of work to be done, just contact president Leanne from Harvey and they will look after you.

Boyup Brook had a ball, their members are never too pooped to party, even when they are covered in paint, suffering heat exhaustion, plus lack of sleep, (fire alarms kept going off through the night); what we do have in Boyup is a sound sense of humour, so pack yours and off you go to Myalup Pines.

Hi Hoo, Hi Hoo, there's lots of work to do,
Diddle hum dum dum, diddle hum dum, dum,
Hi Ho Hi Ho Hi Ho Hi Hooooooooooo.

-Lorri Jones.



Fairbridge Music Festival

FIVE Lions clubs in Zone 10 have been able to come together and form a Combined Project to man the car parking area at the Fairbridge Music Festival to be held from Friday 17th April to Sunday 19th April 2009.

The organizers have agreed to donate \$1,000 for the weekend to be shared by the clubs taking part or donated to a charity of their choice, to be decided by the clubs involved.

If these Lions clubs get it right and make a good impression, this will be an ongoing Zone Project for the future and provide a chance to further enhance the name of Lions in the community.

Children of Courage

DON'T forget that this year's Children of Courage is occurring on April 19 at St Mary's Girls School, Elliot Road, Karrinyup at 10am. It should be another moving day for Lions, the recipients and their families. It is wonderful to see these children receive their plaques with pride and lots of happy smiles. We look forward to seeing everyone there to help celebrate this special event in the Lions calendar.



Femantle Lions provide bush fire victims with relief

AT THE Lions Club of Fremantle meeting in February, District Governor Dora Bushe-Jones announced that the Lions Club of Kwinana was organising a collection of clothing for the Victorian Bushfire victims. Lions Ross and Vicki LaSpina went home, emptied their wardrobe of suitable items, packed a box and the next day, delivered it to the Manager's office at Kwinana Hub Shopping Centre. Another example of just how everyone in the community wants to do their part in assisting the victims. Thanks Ross and Vicki for your generous support.

TOP: Ross and Vicki with their box of gear. RIGHT: Ross LaSpina with the Manager of the Kwinana Hub Shopping Centre



Mac's brave shave and here is the proof



LIONS Club of Australind President Mac Canale after years of being a gunna, finally got the courage to have his head shaved on the "World's Greatest Shave Day" in aid of Leukaemia research.

Mac's shave took place in the middle of the Centre Point shopping Centre surrounded by more than a hundred people. It all came off. Despite the good weather Mac reports it is a bit chilly round his bonce.

"The close shave raised quite a bit of money for the cause," Mac said.

"It is all worthwhile and Mac hopes he can get some of his fellow Lions to join him next year," partner Diane said.



design
print • web • photography

- Corporate Design
- Press Advertising
- Commercial Photography
- Brochures/ Flyers
- Magazines
- Annual Reports
- Signage
- Packaging
- Web Design



Design | Print | Web

Contact
Graham Madigan
0409 883 455
(08) 9535 2927
68 Wyerce Rd, Mandurah

Australind Lions host Activ fun day

PRESIDENT Mac Canale and his wife Lion Diane, asked the members of their club Australind if they would be prepared to host a fun day with various sport/activities being played during the day, concluding with a BBQ, everything being donated.

The green light was given and everything was set down for February 29, 2009.

Approximately 57 Activ men and women, 20 Activ staff carers and 16 Lions turned out to make this "day" a great day.

We played cricket, quots, egg and spoon race, 25 metre sprint (2 heats) and for those wanting a more sedate activity, there was art.

BOTTOM LEFT: Anthony Nicolou receiving his award for The Most Persistence from Lion Diane Canale.

TOP: Some of the Lions present from the front. Sue Stevens, Jan Wooldridge. Blue OZ cap: Diane Canale, David O'Leary, Michelle Cook John Huys and Murry Wooldridge. BOTTOM RIGHT: Race Stewards, Lions Anna Huys and Sue Stevens.



ALF tops up Bridgetown bush fire appeal with \$10,000

THOUSANDS of kilometres away from Victoria, Bridgetown also experienced a bushfire disaster.

The town is still recovering from bushfires that ravaged the area in late January. Fires burnt bare 6,000 ha of land including 1000 ha of natural bushland. Five dwellings, farm sheds and hundreds of kilometres of fencing were destroyed.

The Australian Lions Foundation immediately stepped in with an emergency grant of \$10,000 to help the locals, and the Lions Club is working with local Rotary and Apex Clubs to repair fencing and help others get back on their feet. The grant from the Australian Lions Foundation will be used to assist those that have lost their houses.

Evan Armstrong from the Bridgetown Lions Club states "Lions from around Australia helped us with this donation, and our hearts go out to those in Victoria. We know what you are going through!"

MD Convention 2009 - Discover Melbourne

LAST opportunity to get to Melbourne. Bookings closing fast and also accommodation in short supply. Fill out the registration form on line from:

www.lionsclubs.org.au/Melbourne2009Convention/

If you are not already aware we have two important VIPs coming to Melbourne, the International President Al Brandel and also the Prime Minister Kevin Rudd.

All the functions during the Convention are at the MCEC:

- The Informal Reception on the Friday,
- The Partners Luncheon and the Awards Dinner on the Saturday, and finally
- The "Golden Night on the River Dinner Dance" theme on the Sunday night to cap off the weekend.

All at affordable prices!

The last convention in Melbourne was over 30 years ago, and lots have changed so come an experience Melbourne in the 21st Century – great new sights and attractions to appeal to everyone. To give you a small insight, here are just a few attractions both within the City or only a short distance away from it:

The Great Ocean Road drive; Melbourne Aquarium; Melbourne Museum; An AFL match at the MCG or Telstra Dome; Tour of the MCG; River Cruise on the Yarra or Telstra Dome; The Melbourne Market; Luna Park; Dine or have coffee on Lygon Street; Sovereign Hill and the Eureka Stockade in Ballarat; See the penguins on Phillip Island; City shopping; Old Melbourne Gaol where Ned Kelly was hanged.

Come down and see us and have a great Convention.

Albany convention update

September 26th and 27th, 2009, are the big days for the Albany Convention. Have you booked yet?

Camp Quarunup, on the other side of the harbour is where the Saturday night festivities will take place. No dress ups, just wear your party clothes and a colourful mask.

Camp Quarunup is offering Lions bunk style accommodation (bring your own swag) at \$30.00 per person, per night including breakfast.

Buffet style meal, bar facilities, entertainment. Transport from town and back.

Limited numbers so register early. Prices to be settled but they won't be expensive.

Key note speakers will include, from New Zealand, Past International Director Cliff Heywood and his wife Helen. Remember them from the Leeuwin Convention?

Leo Hannah Bellwood, International Leo of the Year and inspiring speaker at the Multiple District Convention in Darwin. I hope WA Leos will come to Albany to meet and talk to this wonderful young lady.

We are planning ongoing displays from the Foundations, so this will be your opportunity to find out what your Club's donations are doing for the community.

There will be a representative from the International Convention Committee for Sydney 2010. If you have never been to an International Convention this could be your best, and cheapest, opportunity. Come and find out what is planned.

Gerry's Life Membership

ON SATURDAY evening March 14 Boddington Lions Club bestowed Life Membership on one of their charter members Gerry Taylor.

The Boddington Lions Club met at Gerry's shearing shed for a BBQ and unbeknown to Gerry it was to make him a life member and not just a social get together.

Paul Carrotts ferried everyone in one of his school buses and a couple of Lions took the BBQ trailer out to Gerry's farm down off the Lower Hotham Road about 20 kms from Boddington. The club invited some of Gerrys family for the occasion.

PICTURE; Charter member Paul Patrick, charter member PDG Wally Barrett, DG Dora Bushe-Jones, charter member Gerry Taylor with his framed Life Membership certificate, club president Mark Shaw, charter member Mick Karafil aged 98, charter member Richard Kelsall and PDG Arthur Bushe-Jones.



A big thank you from Kwinana Lions

Thank You to everyone who opened their hearts to the victims of the Victorian Bush Fires.

Tuesday March 3, 2009, concluded two weeks of collecting clothing, toiletries, fluffy toys and nappies for children for the victims of the Victorian Bush Fires, donated by the residents of the Town of Kwinana. Through the generosity of the Kwinana residents, 128 cartons of goods to be distributed to the fire victims was loaded into a shipping container to be shipped to Victoria gratis, by the goodwill of Aaron's Removals Kwinana.

The donations were all received, packed and stored by Hub Shopping Centre management and staff. Not only were clothes and softgoods donated, electrical items, tools, baby prams, baths, high chairs and food items were collected. The Lions Club of Kwinana were overwhelmed by the generosity and enthusiasm of people who supported this worthy cause.

Eliza Smythe a local resident took it upon herself to muster the support of business and community, and it is because of her enthusiasm every-one Eliza asked for support did so willingly. These included: Aarons Removals, Kwinana: Pickup and transporting donated goods to Victoria Hub Shopping Centre: Receiving, packaging and storing of goods donated. Leda Primary School: Composing and production of flyer seeking support from Kwinana Residents. Kwinana Library: Printing of flyers. Kwinana Town Council: Printing of flyers. Frank Konechny Centre: Support from Staff and mothers promoting the Appeal.

Eliza has demonstrated all of the qualities, which are sought after as a Lions Member and we extend an invitation for her to join us as a Kwinana Lion.

When the goods donated reach Victoria they

will be received by Lions and distributed directly to the Fire Victims by Lions members living in the fire affected areas.

The Lions club of Kwinana has also forwarded a cheque for \$3,000 to the Lions Fire Disaster Appeal.

On behalf of the Fire Victims, the Lions Club of Kwinana say thank you for your generosity.

PICTURE: District Governor Dora Bushe-Jones, Kwinana club resident Trudy Andrea, Lion Simon Johnson, Eliza Smythe and a supporter Dawne Platts.



When you donate to the Australian Lions Foundation - where does it go!

EVER wondered what happened to those donations that our Lions clubs regularly make to the Australian Lions Foundation. Well, now we can tell you where the latest donated funds have gone.

Following the initial requests for assistance from the districts impacted by the devastating bush fires in Victoria and floods in Queensland, the Australian Lions Foundation has approved and provided over \$527,000 to those districts to use in supporting those in need since November 2008.

In the W-Districts \$10,000 was granted to the Lions Club of Bridgetown for bush fire relief.

As the real extent of the needs in these areas became more apparent, further funding was

approved by the Trustees of the Foundation to provide Emergency Grant funding for these areas.

Fifteen grants totalling \$74,742 was approved at the February 2009 ALF Trustees meeting.

The Lions club of Gosnells received a grant for \$3000 for equipment for a child with progressive muscular dystrophy.

It is also wonderful to acknowledge the support of LCIF to these districts. It just proves that both foundations work together for a com-

mon cause in the desire to support the community. A provision has also been made to support the other "V" Districts, if the need arises.

It must also be mindful, that in far North Queensland, they are still experiencing the effects of the floods and the Foundation must be prepared to support them in a similar way when they determine their needs. The provision of up to \$50,000 to be immediately available upon request of the Governor. Thank you to all Lions clubs for this wonderful support.

15 Grants totalling \$74,742 Approved at the February 2009 Trustees Meeting

APPLICANT CLUB	PROJECT	AMOUNT GRANTED
LC Mungon [Q4]	Upgrade/Finishment of Mungon Hospital Palliative Care Unit	10 000
LC Renouville [V5]	Pool fencing for disabled youth "Swim Spa Project"	1 345
LC Green Point Avoca [N3]	Shower Commode for Cerebral Palsy sufferer	2 395
LC Charleston [N3]	Equipment for Respiratory Ward of John Hunter Hospital	6 000
District 201 Q2	Funds for Water Lift - Mrs Kerry Anne Mainhead Project	3 375
LC Hahndorf & Districts [C2]	Development Program for Children with Disabilities	2 500
LC LC East Gawford & Zone 1 Clubs [N3]	Rehabilitation Activity Centre for children with disabilities	15 000
LC Tanqueray [W2]	Podiatry Treatment Couch for Barwon Health Service Centre	2 520
LC Augusta [C1]	Equipment to enhance Community Park	5 000
LC Woodford [Q3]	Assist family with severely disabled teenager	3 000
LC Hahndorf & Districts [C2]	Equipment for Youth & Community Recreation Reserve	15 000
LC Gosnells [W2]	Equipment for child with progressive Muscular Dystrophy	3 000
LC Metung [V3]	Equipment for satellite Medical Centre in Metung	1 457
LC Marion [C2]	Sphygmomanometers for Natal Ward at Flinders Medical Centre	2 700
LC East Maitland (N3)	Special Chair for Maitland Hospital Dialysis Unit	1 450
		\$74,742

8 Emergency Grants totalling \$527,500 approved since the November 2008 Trustees Meeting

DISTRICT/CLUB	PROJECT	AMOUNT GRANTED
Lions Club of Sorell (T1)	Grant for Drought impacted families	5 000
District 201 V1-4	Grant to support District's Bushfire relief	60 000
District 201 V3	Grant to support District's Bushfire relief	50 000
District 201 V5	Grant to support District's Bushfire relief	240 000
District 201 Q2	Grant to support relief efforts in North Queensland Flood areas	150 000
Lions Club of Bridgetown (W2)	Grant to support Bushfire relief	10 000
District 201 V5	Grant to assist Drought impacted family	10 000
Lions Club of Raymond Terrace (N3)	Grant to assist house fire victims	2 500
		\$527,500