



# 201W2 DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

**WE SERVE MARCH 2008**

## FROM THE DG'S DESK: Where are they now?

LIZ and I had recently had the pleasure of meeting the six State winners of the Youth of the Year contest, and the Leo of the year.

What a great group of young adults they are; they have extremely high ambitions and are confident in their outlook for their future.

They had researched Lions very well, and had a sound knowledge of many of our projects.

Youth of the Year has been running this competition nationally since 1966, so there could be 42 State winners, over 200 other competitors and even several national winners in our midst.

### Where are they now?

I wonder if they are thinking about Lions right now?

Did they ever think what they could do for Lions after their year had finished?

This year's representatives actually asked the question of us as to . . . what is expected of them?

Do they have to write reports?

Do they have to join Lions?

Do they have to join Leo's?

The State winners really felt that they should be doing something for Lions.



*Darrel Mainard.*

Even if it's just a way to say thank you for the opportunities they have been given.

Unfortunately we don't have a current winner in W2. However I don't believe that should be a disadvantage to our District. We could encourage the State representative to become involved with Leo's or Lions. Maybe they are! I'm unable to find this out at the time of writing.

Perhaps we could ask them to visit our Leo's and Lions clubs with the intent of telling us how they perceive Lions to be.

By now they would have completed their tour of Australia, and visited many Leo's and Lions clubs.

The view of a young person who has been exposed to these elements could be a great benefit to us all.

Ok, I can accept the fact that the majority of them are going on to university at the start of the new year. I think one or two are deferring and going on a back-packing overseas holiday.

Maybe Zone chairpersons could invite them as a guest speaker for District Governors Advisory Meetings.

Or we, as senior Lions could discuss this with our Multiple District representative and see what can be done to keep these young people thinking Lions, after all, they are our future, and we can't afford to let this opportunity pass us by.

Where are they now?

**-Darrel Mainard.**

**District Governor.**

## Vacancies exist on Hearing Bus Screenings

LIONS, how long is it since your club held a hearing screening in your area?

The Lions Hearing Foundation Screening Bus schedule has a number of available weekends during the remainder of this year.

Your Club can participate in this and provide a service to your community.

Here is what you need to do in order to arrange a screening for your community:

A suitable place to put the bus that has reasonably quiet areas and power facilities (like an ambulance centre or community hall).

Advertise in the community and arrange appointments for the screening day.

Select a suitable weekend (we will then advise if that fits with other

screenings and audiology students availability).

Provide morning tea and lunch for two audiology students and two Lions members who travel with the bus.

If the travel distance requires an overnight stay or the screening is to run over two days accommodation will also be required.

Bookings or further information can be obtained by contacting the acting secretary, Bob Thomson on 0412420128 or 9332 3618.

e-mail: bobthomo@bigpond.com.au  
Screening Chairman Bob Morgan on 94977988 or to the

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PO Box 3126, Broadway,  
Nedlands, 6909.

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# Lions Regional Leadership Institute

Lions Clubs International are conducting a Regional Leadership Institute in Perth in April.

This programme is open to any Lion who has not yet attained the position of Club President or above and who wishes to develop their leadership skills.

The course is to be run at The Ern Halliday camp in Hillarys. This is a “live in” programme which will commence on the evening of the 18th and run all weekend concluding on Sunday afternoon the 20th April 2008.

All costs associated with accommodation and meals are covered by Lions Clubs International, however participants would be required to cover their own travel costs if required.

**The topics to be covered will include:**

- Communication skills
- Conducting effective meetings
- Goal setting
- Lions Information
- Motivating members
- Working in teams
- Mentoring

If you are considering taking on a senior role within your club in the near future then this course would be a great programme to get you started.

**If you are interested in enrolling in this programme please contact PDG Tim Irvine,**

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13 Orbell Way, Bullcreek  
PH 93105328 Email: [tirvine@bigpond.net.au](mailto:tirvine@bigpond.net.au)

**Applications required ASAP**

Tim Irvine  
WA Area Representative, MD Leadership Committee

SATURDAY, February 23, 2008 was a notable occasion for the Lions Club of Norseman.

PDG Bruce Hearman inducted four new members, with another three to be inducted at a later date. The membership of the club now stands at fourteen "with two more in the pipeline", declared an excited Club President, Janise Stace.

Supporting the new invigorated Lions club by their presence were the incoming president of Esperance club Phil Jones, partner Patricia and Cabinet Treasurer Robyn Roney.

Enrolling new members into the club has always been the wish of long serving Lion Janise Stace and much of the success is attributed to her hard work with the help of new Lion Kim Hastie, CEO of the Shire of Dundas.

With new members come new ideas and the club has a list of projects on the drawing board. Running the "Driver Reviver" van this March long weekend and regularly each month is an ongoing project of the club. New member Lorraine Goode, a teacher at the Norseman Primary School, is keen for the club to find ways of actively supporting the youth of the town this coming year.

A cancer screening day is to be held during April with Norseman's local GP providing his time to the club free of charge

-PDG BRUCE HEARMAN.

# WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS



*TWO MORE FOR MANDURAH: Mandurah Lions club lifted its numbers by two when Rhys Willams and Terry Collinson were inducted into the club in February. Pictured above left to right Jessica Thomson, Rhys Williams, Graham G Bateman, Terry Collinson and membership director John Osborne.*

*Below new members into the Norseman club left to right; Sponsor Lion Matt O'Neil, new Lions Carmel Vaughan, Robyn Szczecinski, Lorraine Goode and Kim Hastie sponsor Lion Janise Stace and PDG Bruce Hearman*



## Australian Lions Foundation mail-out

ALL Club secretaries should have received a mailout from the Australian Lions Foundation. It contains a Convention Delegate's Voting Registration Form which must be returned to ALF Secretary Alan Pretzman by April 18 plus an Award Application Form, an Annual Appeal Donation Form and an ALF Approved Grants newsletter.

If any Club has not received this mailout by the end of February, please contact Alan Pretzman on (03) 6225 2011 or email: [apretzman@bigpond.net.au](mailto:apretzman@bigpond.net.au)

DG Darrel and the members of District 201W2 would like to welcome the following new members into the family of Lions.

| LION               | CLUB           | SPONSOR         |
|--------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Debra Hayes        | Boyanup        | Peter Hayes     |
| Jessica Hayes      | Boyanup        | Peter Hayes     |
| Sharon Edmondstone | Boyanup        | Margaret Doyle  |
| Murray Ruddler     | Boyanup        | Margaret Doyle  |
| Dianne Ernst       | Boyanup        | Peter Hayes     |
| Greg Harvey        | Bridgetown     | Fredrich Sutton |
| Toni Faed          | Harvey         | Angus Faed      |
| Fame Gillbride     | Jandakot Lakes | Charles Mosely  |
| Gloria Parke       | Leeuwin        | Ronald Brearley |
| Robert Nixon       | Leeuwin        | Harry Challis   |
| James Cooksley     | Port Kennedy   | Joan Cooksley   |
| Maureen Dawe       | Port Kennedy   | Valerie Lee     |

# Cab Secretary's report

The following are the dates to submit each months' report, effective beginning in April 2008:

| <u>Month</u> | <u>MMR Reporting (mailed)</u> | <u>WMMR Reporting (online)</u> |
|--------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| July         | July 1 - July 20              | July 1 - July 31               |
| August       | August 1 - August 20          | August 1 - August 31           |
| September    | September 1 - September 20    | September 1 - September 30     |
| October      | October 1 - October 20        | October 1 - October 31         |
| November     | November 1 - November 20      | November 1 - November 30       |
| December     | December 1 - December 20      | December 1 - December 31       |
| January      | January 1 - January 20        | January 1 - January 31         |
| February     | February 1 - February 20      | February 1 - February 28       |
| March        | March 1 - March 20            | March 1 - March 31             |
| April        | April 1 - April 20            | April 1 - April 30             |
| May          | May 1 - May 20                | May 1 - May 31                 |
| June         | June 1 - June 20              | June 1 - June 30               |

**Q: Will this eliminate the LCI cumulative monthly membership reports being a month behind?** Yes, the reports will now contain current monthly data, rather than being a month behind.

**Q: Must club secretaries still report monthly?**

Yes, to help LCI more accurately reflect membership numbers, clubs will still need to report monthly. Previous month's reporting can no longer be submitted past the month's cutoff date.

**Q: Will the new reporting dates change the deadline for club charter applications?**

The only change for charter applications occurs in the month of June. In order to be chartered in the current fiscal year, completed club charter applications need to be received at LCI headquarters by **June 20<sup>th</sup>**. Applications can be received electronically or by fax if necessary.

**Q: When will the change in reporting be implemented?**

The new reporting will be effective for membership reporting for the month of April 2008.

**Q: How many clubs now report online through the WMMR system?**

More than 70% of clubs worldwide now report online via the WMMR system. If your club would like to report online and thus be eligible for the latest filing date each month, please contact the Information Technology division by email at: [wmmr@lionsclubs.org](mailto:wmmr@lionsclubs.org) to receive a password and basic instructions.

Should you have any questions on the new process and reporting dates, please contact Troy Jewell at 630 571-5466 extension 312 or [troy.jewell@lionsclubs.org](mailto:troy.jewell@lionsclubs.org).

## A WIN WIN SITUATION

WE ARE approaching the time of year when Clubs are wishing to honour Lions and leaders in their communities for their efforts in making a difference.

We all want to be winners and by donating to Campaign SightFirst II (CSFII) your Club can save the vision of hundreds of children and adults in Australia and your gift will go towards bestowing a Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) on a Club member or community leader now or some time in the future.

Often the hardest workers in your Club or district already have been honoured with an MJF. Their continued high standards of service can be recognised with a Melvin Jones Fellow Progressive Pin.

For a gift of US\$1000 up to US\$60,000, current Melvin Jones Fellows can receive diamond, sapphire or ruby pins to recognise each level of giving to the Progressive Program. The levels of the Progressive Program advance in US\$1000 increments and all monies donated to

LCIF stay in Australia.

One such CSFII grant can be to assist the elimination of avoidable blindness in our remote communities. Australia is the only developed society that still has Trachoma prevalent within its population. In Europe, Trachoma was eradicated more than 100 years ago. Lions can be leaders in the "clean faces" hygiene pro-

gramme to eradicate eye disease in Aboriginal children.

Please be a winner and help LCIF to make a difference in Australia. Donate to Campaign SightFirst II with a gift of a Melvin Jones Fellowship.

-PDG Nigel Jeny

MD201 LCIF Committee Chairman.

## MAKE YOUR MARK IN HISTORY

**Thank you to all clubs who have forwarded their club's history this will enable us to compile a complete history, but we need ALL clubs to participate.**

**Any information you provide is valuable and welcome.**

**Please forward to WA Lions History Project,  
PO Box 2106, HIGH WYCOMBE WA 6057.**

**Direct enquiries to Lion Ray Zinner on 9352 8712,  
Mobile 0417 174 100 or email: [rzinner@optusnet.com.au](mailto:rzinner@optusnet.com.au)**

## Secretary's take note

CLUBS have had the PU101 forms posted to them. These are for the recording of the incoming club officers, following club elections.

The information on these forms needs to be accurate as it is used by International and Multiple District for the production of the annual Directories and by the District for the 2008-09 Diary.

### IMPORTANT

If a club secretary wants to enter their club details using the electronic on line PU101 available through the International web site, they need to be aware that there is NO provision for entering the Club postal address.

To overcome this they need to enter the incoming secretary's address as the Club address, not his/her home address.

Club secretaries have been advised that they need to check the address information for members, as shown on the International MMR site.

Many members had data entered before Post Codes became compulsory. Now that the International database is being used for the mailing of the Lion Magazine address details need to comply with Australia Post requirements.

While many address details have post codes shown they are in the wrong areas and as a result do not appear in the correct places on the mailing labels.

If members are not receiving their copy of the Lion please contact me and we can do an investigation into the problem.

-NEIL SAUNDERS

W2 CAB SEC.

# Save-Sight Foundation seeks \$26,000

I ALWAYS turn confidently to our Lions clubs when the opportunity arises for them to help with something specific.

Part of our job at the Lions Save-Sight Foundation is to conduct public eye screenings and distribute educational information relating to care and eye disease health.

We have the opportunity to obtain a table model Patient Education Kiosk for use at our Screenings and to install a larger floor model clinic version in the Lions Eye Institute assessment and treatment clinic in Nedlands.

This clinic treats over 44,000 patients a

year, many of them come from country towns and lots of them are Lions.

The majority of patients are elderly with low vision and are usually accompanied by carers or family members, all of whom are anxious to learn more about the eye health problems being faced by those in their care.

The free standing Clinic Kiosk will enable them to use an easy to operate 'touch' screen with large print, to browse for information on the anatomy of the eye, common eye diseases, treatments, the latest updates, eye health and dietary advice. Once they locate the information

required they can print it off and take it with them.

The table model for our Screenings will be a portable version connected to a printer to enable the same kind of access as the clinic version.

The cost of this equipment will be \$26,000 and we ask you for a donation to help us achieve this goal.

Remember, the sight you help to save today, may one day be your own.

**Yours in service to sight.**

**-PDG Lorraine Strickland.**

## We'd like to borrow your community's eyes?

WE ARE appealing to clubs to notify us of any special or significant events being held in their district. These events would be those in which your Club is involved and which would attract large numbers of people to the area.

We may be able to help you have a sight screening to fit in with your activities and our own screening calendar.

Through your Lions Club we could liaise with the organiser of the event to plan for a sight screening.

We need to know early because each screening team needs medical professionals to be involved and make the necessary referrals. They require 3 to 6 months notice of their participation.

Below is a list of screenings already in place and those who have shown interest but not yet confirmed.

### **CONFIRMED SCREENINGS**

Sat 3 and Sun 4 May 2008, Broome Lions Club.

Sat 17 May 2008, Bunbury Forum Information Day.

Sat 12 July 2008 Manjimup Lions. **SCREENINGS TO BE CONFIRMED**

Lions Club of Katanning – October?  
Newdegate Expo – September?

Augusta Lions Club  
Greenough Lions Club (Amblyopia at school).

Contact Gail Mason or Lorraine Strickland on 9381 0767 for your screening information. We will get back to you as soon as possible.

## A message from the East. Can you help?

THE usual practice in District 201W2 is to send donations to the Cabinet Treasurer who collates them and sends one cheque with a list of donor clubs to the District Governor in question. However, a new rule applies to the most recent request for funds.

District Governors Circular #2.25 Multiple District Flood Appeal, 20 February 2008.

*Dear Governors, Officers and Managers,*

*The MD Emergency Committee met by teleconference earlier this week to determine how the Multiple District might assist the Q' Districts respond to their flood emergency.*

*If your clubs wish to assist, they can do so by forwarding their cheques to District Q2 as follows:*

*Q' Districts Flood Appeal*

*c/- PDG Bryce Waters*

*PO Box 10301, Mt Pleasant 4740.*

*Please note that these donations are NOT tax deductible.*

*DG Dianne Pyers and her fellow Q' District DGs will work together to ensure the funds are used quickly and effectively, wherever they are needed in Queensland.*

*I will provide further information about a public appeal following the Council meeting next week.*

*-Rob Oerlemans*

*Executive Officer Lions Australia.*

## Wanted: Children of Courage

THE annual presentation of awards to WA's Children of Courage will be held at St Mary's College, Karrinyup from 10.00am on Sunday April 27, 2008.

The speakers have been booked, tea and coffee is organised, and the venue is agreed.

All we need now is more nominations of children who have demonstrated their courage by overcoming a personal challenge or by providing a service to their local community or an individual. So, if you know someone under the age of eighteen who has beaten a medical condition, rescued someone from a fire, acted promptly to call emergency services after an accident, or achieved anything that can be described as an act of courage, please go to [www.lion-swa.org.au](http://www.lion-swa.org.au) and download a nomination form.

Oh, and we might require financial and physical with supplies and labour to provide lunch for the children, their families and the audience in general.

If any club would like to make a donation or put their hands up – contact:

Jane Oversby on 9767 3002 or Mob: 0427 673 002

Email: [jantom@westnet.com.au](mailto:jantom@westnet.com.au)

## Local Area Coordinators welcome Canning Vale Lions

LOCAL Area Coordination in Canning Vale has recently developed a relationship with the Canning Vale Lions club who expressed a desire to be involved with any relevant community activities or projects.

At a meeting hosted at the Parkwood office of Local Area Coordination some discussion took place on ideas and thoughts about how people with a disability and their families could support the Lions Club and contribute towards their work in the community, including assisting with their fundraising ventures.

They were also keen to assist some local families and as a result of this some families in Canning Vale have received some equipment purchased by the Lions club members. Charlie a recipient who has a new wheelchair to enable a carer to take him to the local community aquatic centre where he enjoys his swimming and exercise is part of the program.

—Pauline Atherton Canning Vale Lions Club.

## Campaign SightFirst 11 meets initial target

WEDNESDAY, February 20 was a worldwide report day for Campaign SightFirst II.

And it proved to be a historic day.

At its inception, the campaign set a minimum target of US\$150 million. The latest audit of donations records that US\$157.9 million has been raised – or, at least, pledged so far.

After nearly three years of planning and intensive fund raising – and well in advance of CSFII's conclusion in June 2008, this is the first report from National and Multi-National Coordinators which shows that Lions have exceeded their US\$150 million minimum goal.

Following this landmark, and during the remaining four months of CSFII, Lions around the world will strive toward CSFII's US\$200 million challenge goal. Attaining this goal will allow Lions to provide research, medical solutions and rehabilitation to vulnerable populations throughout the world.

## YOTY FINALS

W2 District Final March 29 at Morrissey Homestead Day Respite Centre, South West Highway, Bunbury. Host Club Australind.

State Final 12th April at Masonic Hall Furnissdale Rd, Mandurah. Host Club Mandurah.

Public speaking for both events 7.00pm.  
—Jane Oversby.

## CONVENTION CONVENTION CONVENTION

2008: BUNBURY  
Friday, Saturday, Sunday  
October 11,12,13.

Registration forms available now.

2009:ALBANY  
Commencing Saturday,  
September 26.  
Details to follow.

2010: Who wants to hold this one?  
Nominations to the Cabinet Secretary.  
Prepare your presentations for the Bunbury convention.

## New members at Boyanup



*BANNER SWAP: DG Darrel Mainard presents a bannerette to Boyanup club president Peter Hayes on his recent visitation. Below DG Darrel is pictured with new members and their sponsors.*

