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DISTRICT

# NEWSLETTER

WE SERVE

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## FROM THE DG'S DESK:

# Cake sales reach a new level

WE ARE into the second half of the Lionistic year. I hope you all enjoyed your Christmas and New Year break, catching up with family and friends, it's always a great time of the year. Our thoughts were with those of our members who are either not feeling 100% or living alone over this period.

Christmas cake sales have reached a new level, even after some minor hiccups at the start of the season. We have been able to fix some of the problems that we have encountered. Our District Chairman Lion Terry Gray has done an excellent job in fixing the problem, or at least chasing up the reason behind the non or late delivery. Both of us had what I would consider a meaningful meeting with the Management team for Australia Post in Western Australia and hopefully things will improve with the delivery next year.

It was great to hear about clubs looking outside the circle with their cake sales. We have asked that in future we actually have a supply of cakes kept here in WA, not an imaginary stock pile which seems to have been part of the problem over the last few years. We have asked to have the eight working days changed to 10 working days for delivery. In the past they have told us we can have a delivery into our country areas within four to five working days. We all know that can't be done unless we have a stock pile, so hopefully that will happen.

The freight forwarding company is saying at this stage they will have a designated person to keep track of the consignments as they leave the depot. I'm in the process of writing a submission to Multiple District Office and the MD Cake Chairman to have a few other small but what we consider significant ideas for WA changed on the order forms.

Once again I thank Terry and Judy for their outstanding dedication to keeping the cakes rolling in our District. I have a feeling they also sold many more than in previous years. Great work.

The District CBL chairman and the Constitution committee are having further discussions with the Corporate Affairs Department as to how Lions will be able to operate under the new legislation when it is declared, possibly later this year. They are also looking at the amended Charities act. When more concrete information is available they will come back to us and we can all learn what is required without everybody going off and doing their own thing and possibly getting it wrong.

Membership in the District has come to a



*Darrel Mainard.*

stand still over the last month, in fact I think we have gone backwards a little, which is a shame, however I believe some of it is due to the fact that some clubs have been doing the right thing, and something that should have been done sometime ago, that is correcting their membership lists. It is very important that all clubs keep a close eye on your current membership, the reason being that International will charge you for them if they are not removed.

It's great news to have Norseman Lions Club back and operating again. We have been sent a notice from International saying that they are to be accepted as a reconstituted club. My congratulations to those who have really put the effort into making this happen.

District Chairman Lion Bruce Hearman, myself and our partners will be going to Norseman in early February to help induct several more members and help with a get to know your Lion's member's day.

Lion Barry Burns from the Beverly Club assures me that we will also see a Branch club in Brookton, if not a full club, very soon. I believe Jenny Hardy and Barry have been working on what is required to have this happen. It has also been revealed that the equipment from the original Brookton club has come to light along with several other pieces of memorabilia.

If you know of anybody who might be interested in getting these two clubs up and running again and becoming a power house in our organisation then either let those mentioned above or I know and we will certainly look them up.

While on membership I was a little disappointed to receive an e-mail from Cab Sec Neil saying that 22 Clubs hadn't put their MMR's in for November and quite a few were missing for December. If your club doesn't put them in for three months in a row, then you could be put into status quo.

In closing, may I suggest that you could be starting to look at who you would like for your club executive for the coming Lionistic year? Have you thought about who might be available to do your changeover, or where are you going to have your Changeover?

Zone Chairpersons, have you started looking at venues for your ICOF? Have you been in touch with the District Training Officer to see what is new, and who might be available to help you? Does he have a new program that he wishes you to follow? If we start now it will be so much easier as the time goes along.

I would like to leave you with these words

The predominant factor that enables men to become involved in resolving the needs of their communities is the knowledge that each man has inside him basic decency and goodness. If he listens to it and acts on it then he is giving a great deal of what it is the community needs most. There is nothing complicated about it but it does take courage for a man to listen to his own goodness and act on it.

-DG DARREL.

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*Our cakes make it to the Middle East.*

## IS IT CHRISTMAS YET?

THE Lion Queen, Major Catie Inches-Ogden, the Force Level Logistic Asset's Chaplain, has been busy consigning Lions Club cakes to the soldiers, sailors and Air Force personnel based across the Middle East Area of Operations.

Many preparations are being finalised across the Middle East to allow the soldiers, sailors and Air Force personnel based across the Middle East Area of Operations to enjoy the festive season and keep in touch with family and friends back home in Australia.

Australian soldiers, sailors and airmen

work together in the Force Level Logistic Asset (FLLA) to provide logistic support Australian Defence Force (ADF) personnel deployed throughout the Middle East on Operations Catalyst and Slipper. The FLLA has bases throughout the region, ensuring Australian Defence personnel get all their equipment, supplies and mail on time.

Council Chairman Tony Benbow reports on the eve of Christmas, to receive a copy of a photo (above) that depicts what we have achieved, makes it all worthwhile . . . we have given to those overseas, sup-

porting a humanitarian cause a little of home.

Thank you for being Lions and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas.

From W2 PDG Bill Robertson came this message, "I wonder if you (Lions and partners) were watching the TV news last night (December 24) and saw Prime Minister Kevin Rudd cutting a Christmas Cake with the troops in Afghanistan, if you looked closely you would have noticed it was a Lions Christmas Cake, well done. It would be good to get a photo of that for PR purposes." We did Bill.

And more from CC Tony that Lions Australia has undertaken at the national level on behalf of all Lions in Australia, to give a little Christmas cheer to our troops overseas in the Middle East and Pacific Basin including Federal Police in Solomons.

Through the "Everyman's Welfare Service" which is connected in the Military we have donated 1000 1kg cakes to be sent overseas to these troops.

EO Rob has organised getting further promotion of this through the various Military areas and we have been in touch with the AFP and Chief of the General Staff - Air Marshall Angus Houston (Canberra) to see what else we can do jointly to promote Lions support.

This is a great contribution that Lions is making on behalf of all Lions in Australia to provide a "little Christmas cheer" to those service personnel and AFP overseas. Congratulations Rob.

## SAVE SIGHT SECRETARY WANTED

OUR Lions Save-Sight Foundation Hon. Secretary Lion Sue McDonald from W1 Wanneroo Lions Club, has resigned due to family and work commitments, so we are urgently seeking a new Secretary.

This is an appointed position and the Hon Secretary is responsible to the Board and its Chairman. The work is not too demanding but it does require good organisation and a regular routine.

Over recent years this has been best achieved in conjunction with our weekly Executive meetings at the LSSF office, 2 Verdun Street, Nedlands on Wednesdays, usually from 10am-2pm but these hours are flexible.

Duties include:

- Working in collaboration with LSSF Chairman and Office Manager
- Processing incoming accounts for payment by Treasurer
- Preparation of a report and a correspondence file for each Board Meeting
- Assisting with the preparation of the half yearly Newsletter and its distribution to all Lions Clubs in WA
- Preparing and distributing information to clubs on our two annual fundraisers, 'Walk for Sight' and the WA Perth Half Marathon
- Assisting with the preparation of the Annual General Report and the Annual General Meeting
- Chair one of the Board's Sub Committees
- Providing support for the Promotions and Screening Committees

Having computer skills is a bonus. If you have a few hours to spare each week we would love to hear from you.

Contact Lorraine Strickland, Chairman, LSSF, (Home) 9525 4773, email: lorraines@echidna.id.au or office 9381 0767

# On the road again: Longest ever walk for an Aussie kid

IN JUNE 2008 Lion John Olsen, 56 years of the Lions Club of Geelong intends to walk alone for 4,778 kilometres from Steep Point WA across lonely desert tracks and the Great Divide to Cape Byron NSW. He will then walk about 2000 kilometres southward to Geelong and he will visit Lions Clubs along the home-ward bound route. As it was explained to MD 201 W2 conventioners at Werribee recently, "First, Lion John wants to break a 1978 across the continent walk record completed in 115 days. John intends to walk 50 kilometres a day for 103 consecutive days. Secondly, he wants to raise \$200,000 to be shared equally between the Australian Lions Children's Mobility

Foundation (ALCMF) and the Australian Leukodystrophy Foundation (ALDS). In 2004 John walked 5,622 kilometres from the northern tip of Cape York Peninsula to the southern-most point of Tasmania in 167 days. As John put it, "Like all Lions I am touched by the sight of children suffering from cerebral palsy and using Hart Walkers as a means of mobility. Many adults and children suffering from leukodystrophy also use similar mobility aids." John has accepted responsibility to personally raise the \$20,000 needed to fund his 5-month walk. This financial burden has already been reduced. John's supporters have already attracted generous sponsorship by Telstra (mobile

satellite telephone), Beam Communications (solar panel for recharging mobile telephone batteries), Chemring Australia (hand held "E-pirb" -Emergency Position Indicator Radio Beacon) and Hema Maps (detailed maps). Anaconda - "Where adventure begins" - are providing camping gear, clothing and footwear. John recently declined a generous contribution by Australian Geographic toward his operational expenses and gave the donation to ALCMF and ALDS, - See also Websites, <www.LionsClubs.org.au/alcmf/> and <www.alds.org.au>. More detailed advice as to how your club can support Lion John will be conveyed to you in the future.

## Pre-order your club Peace Poster Kit for 2008

BY NOW you will have received your Dec-Jan. Australia Papua New Guinea Edition "The Lion" magazine.

Just turn the front cover over and there is your order form for Peace Poster kits - still only \$20.

Get ready to approach your schools as soon as they return from vacation - give the art teacher plenty of time.

For further information, please contact

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## IT'S TIME TO FIND CHILDREN OF COURAGE?

THE Festive season is over and now is the time to get down to business.

The Children of Courage Awards Program!!

What a wonderful project for your club to be involved in - recognising these special children.

The joy on their face when they receive their framed citation and trophy on Presentation Day, is what makes this successful project a winner for all.

The children, their parents, their carers and Lions International all benefit from our efforts.

Find and sponsor that special-needs child, or a child who has shown bravery or perhaps overcome disability to achieve a sporting triumph.

Assistance from Lions clubs and members is also needed for catering and other duties associated with the Presentation Day at St. Mary's Ladies College on Sunday, April 27, 2008. Contact your District Chairman.

All clubs will have received relevant literature and nomination form, but for further information contact the Children of Courage Chairman in your District.

201 W1 - PDG Jack Le Cras Tel: 9409 1014.

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201 W2 - Lion Marcia Nicholls Tel: 9761 4547

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## VALE: IRA TANNER

HARVEY life member Lion Ira Tanner passed away on December 19 after a long illness.

He was such a hard and willing worker for many years and it was sad to see him rapidly deteriorate, therefore, a relief for him and his family.

### VISITATION

Lions Frank LoGrande and Haydn Dyer visited him only a matter of a couple of hours before his passing.

Lion Frank told Harvey president Hannie Jasper that he acknowledged that he knew who was there with the slightest nod when they were leaving - the only movement he could still make.

## Margaret River mail address

Could we please ensure that all mail for Margaret River Lions Club goes to our P O Box 1034 Margaret River WA 6285.

-Jenny Redman, Secretary.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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

LION

Yvonne Robin

James Phillips

Mark Pianta

Bruce Jackson

Yvonne Tunks

Gail Pocock

CLUB

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Collie

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Collie Wellington

Nannup

SPONSOR

Mary Gregg

Donald Pike

Donald Pike

Silvia Chiera

Amanda Dean

## COMPUTERS SCARE YOU?

### One Day Courses on Computer Skills

Three workshops on topics such as:

- Basic internet skills - emails, using the internet, Lions information on the net (Club, District, MD & International sites)
- Internet for the club Secretary.
- Using Powerpoint for effective presentations.

This program can be altered if enough interested persons ask for something different, but we need to know ASAP. Numbers will dictate which workshops will be run.

These workshops will be run concurrently over Sunday, February 24 and those wishing to go to them all can do so.

The venue will be the Margaret River Senior High School, Bussell Hwy., Margaret River. Each classroom has between 22 and 24 computers for all of you to use.

Those wishing to attend should contact the following Lions:

PDG Ted Watts

Ph. 9765 2090 Mobile 0428 581 631

Email tedwatts@augustacom.com.au

PDG Keith Jones

Ph 9765 1965

Email lionkeith@westnet.com.au

Numbers are required as we need to arrange catering for lunch etc. And to ascertain which class rooms are to be used for each workshop.

More details in the February edition of the West Lion.



## Brunswick Lions break with tradition

BRUNSWICK Lions Club members broke with tradition and held their annual Christmas Luncheon on a weekday, previously it was either Saturday or Sunday, and the venue was picturesque Evedon Park at Burekup.

President Murray Piggott extended season's greetings and thanked Lions and their partners for their support during the year.

Planning has already commenced for an Auction to be held in the Brunswick Town Hall in April at a date still to be confirmed.

Lions members have been attending school graduations in the region and presenting a Bursary to a successful student to assist with the purchase of school books at their chosen high school for 2008.

Funding for this project comes from proceeds from the Lions Animal Nursery at the Brunswick Show.

-JUDY TALBOT.

## Albany reaches target

ALBANY Lions Club held its Monster Garage Sale/Sausage Sizzle held on October 13th, for the purpose of fundraising towards a vehicle for a young Albany cerebral palsy sufferer, Brendan Kay.

Brendan now aged 16 has become too heavy for his parents to lift in and out of the family car every time they need to take him out.

Brendan's doctor, Toby Leach, pledged to run from Port to Peak on November 24th, a distance of 106 Km, starting at the Albany Port at 4.30 a.m. and finishing late in the day, at Bluff Knoll.

The goal was set at \$70,000; of which the Lions club handed over a cheque for \$2,000 raised at the Garage Sale. Brendan, incidentally, was also our club Child of Courage a few years ago.

By the way, the target has now been reached through extensive community support, and the excess funds will go to the Royal Flying Doctor Service, who have been a vital part of Brendan's and his family's life over the years.

-LION RONI LINLEY.



ABOVE; President Murray Piggott and wife Valerie  
TOP; Judy Reeve, Gerald Rose, Michael Reeve and Maud Stanley

## 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,**

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