

201W2 DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

WE SERVE

JULY 2008

FROM THE DG'S DESK:

Busy and exciting year ahead

I AM looking forward to a busy and exciting year as your incoming District Governor. I have a number of key objectives that I hope to achieve with your help and this can only be done if the whole District is working together with common goals. I see team work as a very important aspect to ensure Lions move positively forward in 2008\2009. For those who do not know what my objectives are for the coming year, I have listed these below:

- * undertake at all times to work diligently and effectively for District 201W2 and making it a vibrant community that all Lions can feel proud in achieving.

- * encourage members to work as a team, setting definitive and realistic goals for the benefit of the general community.

- * demonstrate strong leadership with an emphasis on effective teamwork and communi-

cation.

- * work with the MERL representatives to establish two new clubs in our District by June 2009.

- * actively promote the LEO movement at every opportunity as well as seeking support of club members to recruit younger Lions.

- * and finally to undertake a vision to strengthen and relationship with our sister district at every opportunity.

These objectives tie in well with my motto for the year *Embracing Mankind Through Lionism by Respect - Commitment - Compassion.*

I encourage all Lions members to contact their Zone Chairman or Regional Manager if they have an issues or concerns during my year as your District Governor. They will then alert me so I can help resolve them early.

The Lions Badge of service, the Ambassador of your Heart

I sit upon your clothing never wanting to depart

I'm the Lions Badge of service, the Ambassador of your Heart

I really am quite special, as in two directions do I see

Proudly I see your past deeds, while in front, I see things yet to be

I was there with you at times of fire, drought and rain

With you always, as for many you eliminated pain

I saw you develop parks and playgrounds in many open spaces

I saw children come and use them with smiles upon their faces

From all other badges, I do stand apart

I'm the Lions Badge of service, the Ambassador of your Heart

In Hart Walkers I saw children take their first steps in life

As dad shed tears of joy and so did his wife

The youth of the community you've helped in many ways

And you've aided the elderly in the sunset of their days

In your life's journey I've been proud to play a part

I'm the Lions Badge of service, the Ambassador of your Heart

To members new and old, to you I now do mention

As I look forward, there's much for your attention

Please support our researchers discover new ways

Of healing mind and body in the coming days

To be an instrument for peace in a world torn apart

By bringing people together – so will you please make a start I encourage you to seek a globe where river blindness has no part

I'm the Lions Badge of service, the Ambassador of your Heart

Let us work together in protecting our environment

Seeking the help of others including the government

We need to save our children from drugs tearing lives asunder

As my wearer there's much more to do through Lions down under

Many others in society want to share your pride

Ask them to wear me as on life's pathway we ride

And if you share this vision there'll not be an epitaph

As Lions will crowd forever the direction of the path

And I'll be there to help you fully take your part

As the Lions Badge of service – thank you, from the bottom of my heart

–PDG Ken Mulcahy,
Brisbane-Macgregor Lions Club.



Dora Bushe-Jones

I have also included in this newsletter an overview of my District Cabinet organisation structure for the year. Many Lions members are not sure how the District operates, so this diagram will assist you in having a better understanding.

I am off to represent our District at the International Convention in Bangkok, and will enjoy updating you on anything specific on my return. In the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact a District Cabinet representative if you require additional information in their respective areas.

Regards.

–Dora, the explorer.

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**37th Annual District Convention
10th, 11th, & 12th October 2008
BUNBURY**

Hosted by
Lions Club of Australind

***Venue: South West Italian Club, Bunbury
White Street, Bunbury 6230***

Come visit the City of Bunbury! Situated on a peninsula, Bunbury is an aquatic playground offering diverse recreational experiences, heaps of attractions for you to see, entertainment, shopping, dining & nightlife. Wineries abound within short driving distances of Bunbury.

Bunbury is definitely the place to be this Convention weekend.

To check out all that is on offer in Bunbury go to www.visitbunbury.com.au

For all your accommodation needs be it

Hotel, Motel, Apartment, Caravan Park, B7B, or Guest House. Contact:

Bunbury Visitor Centre

Old railway station, Carmody Place, Bunbury WA 6230

Phone: 9792 7205 or FreeCall: 1800 286 287 Fax: 9721 9224

Email: welcome@bunbury.wa.gov.au

**EVERYONE THAT PAYS THEIR FULL REGISTRATION BEFORE THE 15TH SEPTEMBER 2008,
WILL GO IN TO A DRAW FOR 2 FREE NIGHTS ACCOMMODATION AT THE
LIGHTHOUSE BEACH RESORT BUNBURY**

Due to unforeseen circumstances our Registration form will be available very soon.

Watch for it on the W2 web page <http://lionsdistrict201w2.mysouthwest.com.au/>
or contact Australind Lions Convention Committee on Bob 9726183 or, Judy 97261628

***Your entertainment on the Saturday night will be the Navy Band.
They play everything from Swing, Jazz, Blues to Rock and Roll.***

The theme for the night is Early Australian Colonial, get out your costumes and dress for the night.

HISTORY IN THE MAKING

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.

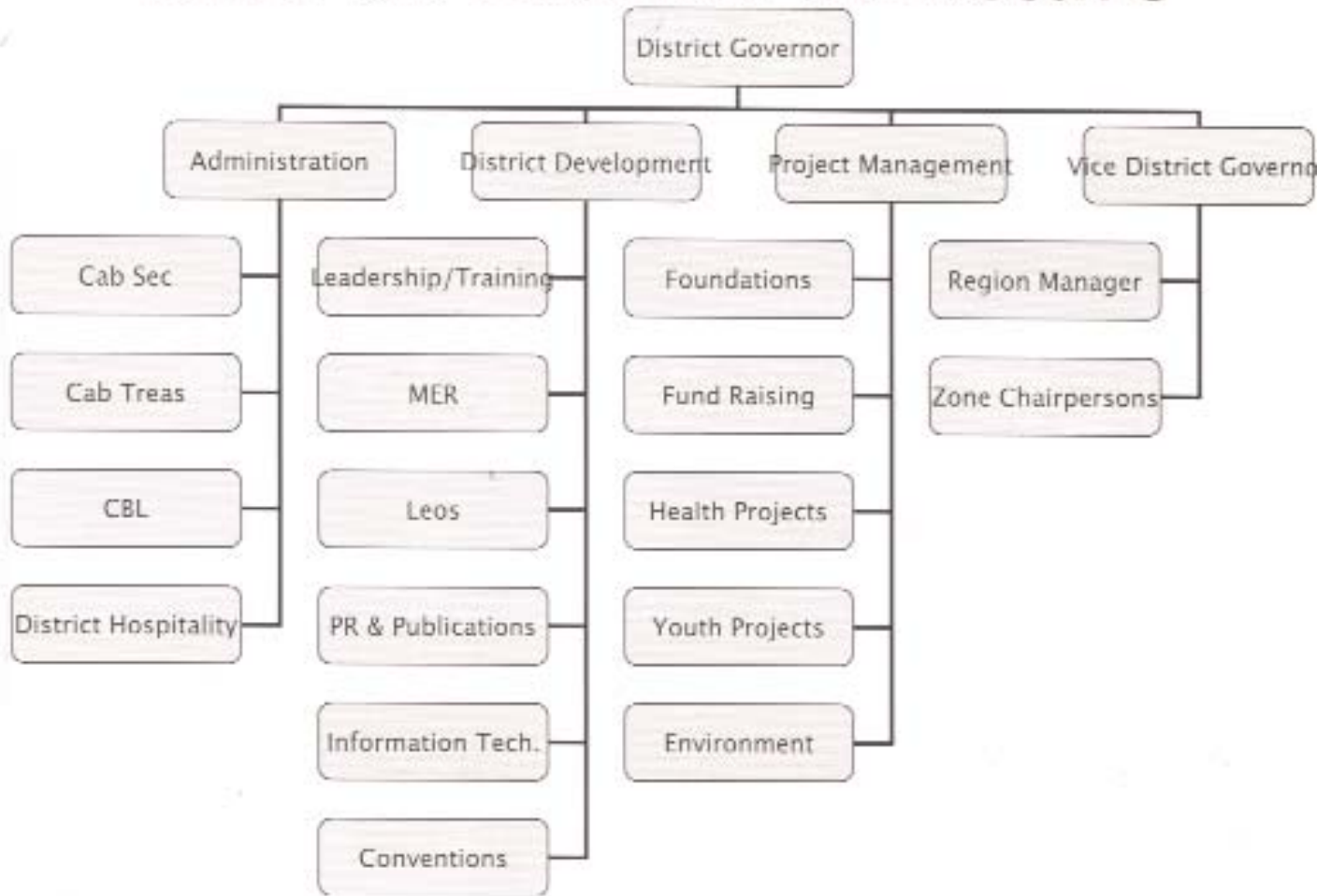
Any information you provide is valuable and welcome.

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

District Cabinet Structure



PDG Bruce Hearman presented with a Melvin Jones Fellowship award at W2 DGs night out

MORE than eighty Lions and partners gathered at the Lighthouse Inn in June for the annual W2 awards presentation night. Bunbury Holden dealership principals were special guests.

PDG Bruce Hearman was presented with a Melvin Jones award that left him speechless. Rumour has it that he told DG Dora Bushe-Jones that it was the biggest surprise in his life. Well done Bruce.

Jenny Hardy was presented with the International Presidents Certificate of Appreciation and Cab Sec Neil Saunders gained the District Governor Star award.

District Governors Appreciation awards were presented to Terry Gray and Judey Forsyth and Jane Oversby International Presidents District Lions Youth Chairperson certificate.

Marcia Nicholls took home an International Presidents District Children's Chairperson award and Margaret Doyle International Presidents District Environment Award. Margaret was presented with a Melvin Jones Fellowship award by her club Bull Creek to end a successful year.

Terina Watson for her outstanding contribution with Leos was awarded an International Presidents Leo Chairperson Achievement Award.

District Governors Appreciation Certificates were presented to Robyn Roney, Geoff Carberry and Dora Bush-Jones.

Each person that served on Cabinet was also presented with an engraved biro (ball point pen) in a case as a way of appreciation from District Governor Darrel.

Understanding the roles within your cabinet

MANY Lions clubs do not understand the organisational structure of the District Cabinet and often do not realise that such a large group of people are involved in coordinating, managing and nurturing the district on behalf of all clubs in District 201W2.

Every member who has a role on Cabinet for 2008-2009 can be approached by clubs for any assistance or information. I hope the organisational chart above is useful to everyone. Check your 2008-09 diary for contact information.

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IF YOUR CLUB YARN'S HAVE NOT APPEARED IN THIS EDITION OF THE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER DON'T DESPAIR. WATCH OUT FOR THE AUGUST EDITION OF THE WEST LION. IT WILL BE PUBLISHED.

Lonely tandem seeks new home

BALLAJURA Lions Club has a tandem bike available for any club within the W-Districts for use by a deserving recipient.

The tandem was originally purchased by Busselton Lions Club and was used by a young girl with Battens Disease and her mother to get around Busselton.

The tandem became too small for them and when another girl with Battens Disease had a use for it in Ballajura it was refurbished and given to her family. Now that she is no longer able to use the tandem. Both Busselton and Ballajura clubs are looking for a suitable user.

If your club has a use for the tandem **please contact Lion PDG Norm Innes on 9249 2098.**
– **Philip Caunt,**
Secretary, Ballajura W1 Lions Club.

Tricycle free to a good home

BALDIVIS Lions Club have a tricycle (used, but in excellent condition) for use to a deserving child.

The tricycle was specially built by the Trike Factory to suit disabled riders from age nine to 15.

If your club knows of a child who would enjoy the use and benefit of a bike, **please contact Lion David Scott at the Baldivis Lions Club on (w) 9592 2585 or (h) 9524 1584.**



Communities invited to seek funding to fight binge drinking

THE following press release has been made by the Federal Government concerning binge drinking:

Community groups across Australia can now apply for funding to fight binge drinking in their own towns and cities under the Federal Government's National Binge Drinking Strategy.

The Parliamentary Secretary for Health and Ageing, Senator Jan McLucas, said \$7.2 million was now available for the Community Level Initiative part of the Strategy.

"The aim of the Initiative is to give communities with problems related to binge drinking a way to fight that challenge on their own terms," Senator Lucas said.

"These grants will allow community groups and organisations to develop effective and sustainable partnerships to combat binge drinking with, for example, their police, health authorities and government representatives."

"It is important that individual communities are able to make a contribution to the national campaign as they will know the specific circumstances and details of what goes on. They will have a solid understanding of what activities will and won't work. They will have the commitment and energy to succeed."

Organisations such as sporting clubs, youth groups, church organisations and others including Lions clubs are encouraged to apply for grants, of up to \$150,000 for individual groups or \$250,000 for groups in partnership.

The emphasis will be on innovative projects, in particular those aimed at preventing or reducing binge drinking by young people.

Application kits are available at www.alcohol.gov.au, www.health.gov.au/tenders, by emailing communitylevelinitiatives@health.gov.au, or by phoning 1800 209 312.

"The Rudd Government is determined to fight binge drinking," Senator McLucas said. "This Community Level Initiative will enable the battle to be taken directly into communities by communities for communities."

If your club wishes to take advantage of the above grant please liaise with either a Local Drug Action Group or local police service and contact your District Drug Awareness Chairman for assistance.

–**Philip Caunt,**
Treasurer WALDEF.

EDITOR: The above article submitted by Phil Caunt needs your full support, every club ought to take it on board, let's have your spin on it.

Lions and partners remembrance ceremony

THE Lions Club of Bull Creek invite clubs from both W1 and W2 Districts to take part in a very moving and memorable ceremony to honour Lions and partners who have passed away.

This year the ceremony will be held on Sunday, July 28 at Richard Lewis Park, Bull Creek Drive and Camn Avenue, Bull Creek.

The park is a wonderful place to quietly reflect on the lives of those we knew and of their significant contribution in time and energy serving their community both locally and further afield. The morning is also a wonderful opportunity to renew acquaintances, share a quiet yarn and meet other Lions over a cuppa on completion of the official ceremony.

We invite Lions members and their extended families from both districts to attend the Ceremony and plant a tree in memory of their deceased member or partner.

Further information on details of the ceremony, engraved plinths and trees can be obtained by contacting Bull Creek club members . . .

Gordon Wasley Ph. 9332 6884 or Email: wasley@eftel.com.au or
Gillian Jonker Ph. 9583 3833 or Email: pjo90092@bigpond.net.au

Peace begins with me

Please! Please! Please!

IT WOULD greatly help me if all clubs in District 201 W2 when ordering your Peace Poster kit from Multiple District Office, Locked Bag 2000, Newcastle, NSW 2300 could please advise me that your club is participating.

For those clubs who haven't ordered (by the way, only \$20), **IT'S NOT TOO LATE.**

You still have time to approach the schools or any other group - Scouts, Sunday School etc.- with children aged between 11 and 13 years. The kit contains all the instructions and rules of the competition. You can also check these out on the Lions Multiple District website and see previous winning entries.

Children love competitions, so what better one can you offer them than to convey the theme "Peace begins with Me" in art form.

Entrants have until October 2008 to paint their poster.

New colour leaflets printed in Australia are now available from me. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

—District 201W2 Peace Poster Chairman,
Lion Marcia Nicholls.

PO Box 156, BRIDGETOWN 6255.

Tel 9761 4547. email: wraxall@iinet.net.au



Tasmanian Michael Holder YOTY winner is pictured with Jane Oversby (Youth of the Year Chairman) and Ditzza Teng WA's Youth of the Year winner at the MD Convention in Darwin.

How do our membership numbers stack up



Tim Healy pictured above (he is a Lions partner), who recently set about and collected old Batteries in the Hyden district - this involved many phone calls, he travelled many miles (at his own expense) and it took many hours.

The result was over 100 tons of batteries which brought in over \$10,000 for the Hyden club.

This is a good little story and perhaps other clubs may follow the same idea - batteries are bringing a good price at present. —Jenny Hardy.

Thanks to W2 Lions Keira is now happy, healthy and enjoying life

KEIRA is a little girl born in Nannup with a defective liver which needed an immediate transplant.

This could only be done in Brisbane and Lions clubs in 201W2 all contributed very generously so that the family were able to make the journey to Brisbane and help with accommodation costs. It was a wonderful effort by all clubs. Keira is now 2 years old and she is now happy, healthy and enjoying life. I really wanted the clubs to see how she is now and how the family are still very very grateful to Lions for their help.

— Margaret Gibb, Secretary, Nannup Lions.



	W1	W2
No: of Clubs	54	72
New Clubs	1	1
Re-Organised Clubs	2	2
Chartered Members	22	24
New members	95	141
Re-Instated	13	7
Transferred	7	13
Total Members added	137	185
Dropped	110	154
Total M/Ship	997	1414
Gain/Loss	27+	31+

Info received from the - International Membership Operations Dept
Cumulative Report from July 1 - May 31.

RECORD NUMBER ATTEND DARWIN MD CONVENTION



ABOVE: Cabinet Secretary Neil and Lion Dot Saunders at the W2 Registration Desk at the MD Darwin Convention. Sixty two Lions, Leos and partners travelled from this district to attend. This is a record number from W2 to attend a MD Convention.

BELOW: DG Darrel Mainard, George Barnard Multiple District Chairman Campaign SightFirst11 and Bridgetown Lion Evan Armstrong in Darwin.



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