



# 201W2 DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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**DECEMBER 2011**

## Summer heat brings the bush fire worries to reality

Hi Fellow Lions - Summer is here again and with it the inevitable scourge of bushfires! Margaret River and Cowaramup were hit or should I say lit on November 24, 2011 and some 40 houses gutted and over a 100 victims left homeless. W1 DG Stuart MacFayden and I toured the Margaret River/Cowaramup areas, the following Sunday and witnessed first-hand, the wonderful work being done by all Lions Clubs in the area, especially the Lions Club of Margaret River.

Using their huge recycling shed as a base, volunteers and Lions have shared the task of sorting donated goods, especially clothing in anticipation of the huge task of re-supplying the victims of the bushfire – most of whom were left with absolutely nothing except the clothes they were wearing. To say I was immensely proud of their efforts would be a colossal understatement.

PCC Ian Kelly immediately released \$20,000 of ALF monies to the Margaret River Bushfire Appeal and I have approved a separate appeal enabling clubs to donate to District Treasurer Neil Saunder's W2 Bushfire Appeal in his capacity as Disaster Chairman. Similarly DG Stuart has established a similar appeal in W1 and kicked it off with \$20,000, from the now completed Toodyay Bushfire Appeal. I encourage clubs to generously donate to either appeal to assist these victims, as what the organizers now desperately need is money for the purchase of food, toiletries, tools and equipment and to a lesser extent clothing.

I have also made Myalup Pines Cottages available to accommodate those who have been left homeless by the fires and/or a weekend for the local Lions involved in the relief effort, once the appeal is wound down.

A big thank you to all Lions involved in this very necessary relief project – you have all done a great service for the fire victims and once again shown the public at large that when the going gets tough, the Lions always respond to the call!

I have also asked District Publications boss – Graham Madigan to prepare a story for this edition of the District Newsletter to highlight the wonderful work being done in Margaret River. (See pages 2,3)

In the September edition of the District Newsletter, I indicated that the District target for tree-planting was 5,000 trees – as a result of our International President Tam's challenge to

## ROAST'S ROUNDUP

plant 1M trees worldwide during his term in office. Well get this – the District total is now nearly 19,000 trees, the national total is now nearly 49,000 and the International total is a staggering 5,952,945 trees as at November 30, 2011. That's after only 5 months of this challenge from IP Tam! Keep on planting and don't forget to inform DGE Geoff so all plantings can be added to the District total, as shown on the District website.

I have currently visited 35 clubs during this first half of the Lions calendar year and what a privilege it has been! Lion Helen and I have really enjoyed this experience and sincerely thank all clubs for their hospitality, especially those who have provided me accommodation on the longer road trips. All these clubs are performing well above expectations and are to be congratulated on the service projects which are many and varied. For those clubs I haven't yet visited – see you in the New Year.

Membership remains a real problem in this District as based on LCI figures, we are currently down 27 members, again based on figures from the same time last year. Unfortunately whilst we have inducted some 73 new members, we have lost 100 through natural attrition or resignations and there lies the problem!

We must concentrate on the leakage of good Lions from our organization whilst continuing to encourage new members to join. I have asked PDG Bill Robertson – District GMT Chairman to address this problem along with all members of cabinet including the zone chairmen.

Finally we as a District were forced to cancel the recent Leadership Course which was to be conducted at Kobeelya in Katanning due to a lack of numbers. PDG Bruce Hearman has indicated he will re-schedule this Leadership Course for the weekend of April 20–22, 2012 at Myalup Pines Cottages. This course is available to aspiring presidents, secretaries, treasurers, vice presidents etc or any Lion wishing to be considered for a cabinet position. I encourage all clubs to support this District initiative which is provided at a very minimal cost to help train the leaders of tomorrow. See story page 5

Finally I am proud to announce we have now



DG Peter Lamb and Helen.

achieved the magic number of 100 Leo Clubs in Australia and congratulate Multiple District Chairman Marty Peebles and his committee for this wonderful attainment of a goal which 10 years ago seemed an insurmountable challenge. Leos are the future of our Lions organization and I appeal to all clubs to investigate the possibility of chartering a new Leo Club in your area.

On the question of chartering a new club – the branch club of Comet Bay has indicated they wish to go to charter and a tentative date has been set for March 2012 – so please watch this space?

On behalf of Lion Helen and myself, may I wish all District W2 Lions, partners and their families, a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous and happy New Year. Go the Dockers!  
–Peter Lamb, W2 DG.

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Sorry if you missed out, but some items are held over until the January 2012 edition due to space constraints.

# Thank you message from Margaret River

As you may be aware the Margaret River community has been dealing with and coming to terms with the recent bush fires. Firstly we would like to send our thanks and appreciation for the offers of money and support from our fellow Lions Clubs.

We would like to keep you guys up-to-date with all that we are doing so you can spread the word and feel that we are all one big family.

The Margaret River Lions hold garage sales bi-monthly and fortunately have a large shed full of recycled goods that has enabled us to provide immediate relief for the bush fire victims. We are using recycled goods donated for garage sales to generate much needed financial assistance to the victims and the rebuild.

We have also set up an account/ fund to raise money for the victims. The name is 'The Margaret River Lions Bush Fire Appeal'. The funds raised will be going to short and long term projects as well as direct donations for the people affected by the bush fire.

We have been working with the Margaret River Shire using a registration system to acquire information on those people who have lost homes and others who have sustained damage to their properties. In this way we can fine tune our help to fire victims.

Our immediate response to this disaster was to set up three main banks to assist the victims of the fire. Firstly, we have a clothes bank, with new items (some which have been donated) such as towels, bed linen and pillows to help set up people who have not been able to return to their homes or others that have no homes to return to. The tool bank is being set up to help provide items used for the clean up process such as wheelbarrows, gloves, shovels etc to help with

the outside clean up and cleaning products to help clean up the dust and soot in people's homes.

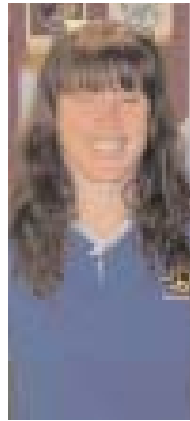
The two banks have been set up at our shed on Station Road to help keep the victims separate from the Lions shed and garage sales and also to allow them some anonymity and privacy. The food shed is located at the local Scouts Hall near the Cultural Centre and is open to anyone who has been affected by the fires and also the families of people who are housing the victims.

There are non-perishable food items as well as toiletries available. The food bank will soon move to the Station Road premises.

We are thankful that we have had the full support of our local Lions District and have been visited by W2DG Peter Lamb who attended our emergency meeting recently. We have also had some assistance from Lions International, the disaster and relief officer and have had vital information passed on from Lions members from Armadale-Kelmscott and Toodyay – their experience and knowledge can benefit us in this situation.

We have been simply overwhelmed with the support from our own community, people from all over the country. Some wonderful donations have already been received. Made up packs with letters to the victims that bring tears to our eyes.

–Claire Parker, PRO,  
Margaret River Lions Club.



Claire Parker

## Garage sale was not ordinary – it was ginormous

Five members of the Mandurah Lions Club (plus defacto member Carol) attended the Margaret River Lions' Giant Garage Sale on Saturday, December 3. The event was held to assist those who lost their homes in the recent horrific bushfire.

Let's be clear. This was no ordinary garage sale – it was ginormous. This huge shed built and paid for by the Margaret River Lions Club needed every square inch to cope with the massive amount of clothing, linen, crockery, records – you name it – that was donated by locals and others. The surrounding driveway was strewn with furniture of all kinds and buyers were parking up to 2km away to access it all.

At the front of the shed lies the club rooms and next to that was the electronics room (air conditioned) – think Harvey Norman and you might be close! Buyers were lining up down the centre aisles to get to the two 'check-out chicks' and then on to freedom. We were told that what we were seeing in terms of goods was half what they had in store.

Although we were there to help Margaret River Lions et al really had it all in hand and so we donned yellow jackets and stood by the gate to check

'sold' stickers. Although, all the conversations I heard between buyers and the 'chicks' was along the lines of: "Oh, don't worry 'bout the change mate. I know it's going to a good cause."

One volunteer I found inside the shed was not a Lions member but had answered the Margaret River Lions advert in the local paper asking for volunteers. "I've never helped out before. But, I think like other people I was just waiting for an opportunity to do my bit." She along with others was just on holidays.

Some members of the local Riversong Community Choir (formed in 2007) came down and did an impromptu performance for buyers and helpers. They

were supposed to have their annual windup party the previous week but had to be evacuated. The group helped create an atmosphere of something special – something more than just buying and selling.

So with running the sausage sizzle, the cake stall, mints, singing and the garage sale Margaret River Lions Club managed to raise over \$10,000 for the day. Rock on Margaret River I don't think you need our help!

Deborah Devison, Mandurah Lions.

## Lions Bush Fire Appeal

After the devastating bushfires at Margaret River, W1 DG Stuart MacFadyen and I toured the area and attended the Margaret River Lions Shed to assist with the sorting of donated clothing.

This was followed by a meeting of the Margaret River and Cowaramup Lions to establish a protocol for assistance to those residents. They were in immediate need of essentials such as food, toiletries, clothing, bedding and hand tools for the cleanup. To put it bluntly, what they require is not clothing but money! Government assistance and insurance will take care of the rebuilding of houses but it is anticipated that over 100 locals may require help for the next few months just to exist.

To say I was blown away by the infrastructure already in place at the Margaret River Lions Shed would be an understatement! President Laurence Thompson, his fellow Lions and local volunteers were working around the clock to assist bushfire victims and are to be commended on a fantastic effort.

ALF has already pledged \$20,000 to this fire relief and in addition to the Margaret River Lions Bushfire Appeal which was originated by the local club, I have established a District W2 Bushfire Appeal allowing clubs to donate direct to our Treasurer PDG Neil Saunders whilst DG Stuart has also initiated an appeal allowing W1 Clubs to donate for the same cause by directing donations to their Treasurer PDG David Baird. My goal is to raise \$100,000 and the funds are already rolling in – so I appeal to all clubs to donate to this worthwhile appeal. Imagine with Christmas just around the corner your house was burnt down and you and your family had to start from scratch?

After the New Year, I have offered the whole



And if that wasn't enough two local runners Andrew Cohen and Mark Audet set off from Dunsborough at 6am and manged the 56k run in 4 hours and 45 minutes to Margaret River. Their run ended at the Lions garage sale on Burton road with a healthy figure of \$269.90 raised. They used an assistant Lindsey Cohen who helped to support and collected donations along the way. They are pictured above with Margaret River club president Laurence Thompson.

Margaret River Lions Club fraternity plus volunteers, a free weekend in the Harvey area at Myalup Pines Cottages, as a thank you for the sterling job they have done in Margaret River.

In the meantime we must all remain vigilant as the summer approaches and bushfires again become a potent potential threat to all of us, especially those in rural and state forest areas!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you and your members – I know I can rely on your club members to support this appeal for the victims of this dreadful bushfire and its aftermath.

–Peter Lamb, DG 201W2



# ALF tips \$20,000 into M. R. Bush Fire Appeal

On November 25, the second day of the Margaret River Region bush fires the ALF Trustees approved a Disaster Recovery Grant of \$20,000, subject to review.

W2 DG Peter Lamb has appointed Cabinet Treasurer PDG Neil Saunders as Chairman of the project who will select a committee to assist including members from the Lions Club of Margaret River.

The purpose of these funds are for basic human needs, therefore strict guidelines have been adopted by the Trustees, as a consequence an Accountability Form detailing the expenditure is completed from time to time.

The purpose of this article is not only to promote ALF's involvement on your behalf but also to inform you of how the funds are allocated for an Emergency/Disaster Grant.

The Accountability Form instructions include:-

- All funds expended are to be detailed in full.
- Receipts must be provided for all expenditure and forwarded with the completed form.
- Copies of Bank Statements are to be forwarded with the completed form.

Emergency Grant Funds are only to be used to provide immediate necessities such as clothing, bedding, food, school requisites, temporary shelter etc - alcohol, children's bicycles etc are NOT emergency necessities.

Disaster Recovery Grant Funds are mainly designed to take effect after immediate needs have been met, to assist in ways which will help those affected rebuild their lives (eg cleaning up after flood or fire damage, provision of smaller white goods etc.)

The completed form and supporting documents, and any funds not expended, must be returned within 60 days to The Chairman, Australian Lions Foundation, whose address is printed under the Foundation's Committee Listing in the current Multiple District 201 Directory.

-PCC Ian Kelly, W-Districts Trustee & Grants Chairman.



**GARAGE SALE PICTORIAL:** TOP: The IT and electrical goods room is a stand-alone section under the main roof and is fully airconditioned it has a qualified electrician guaranteeing all items are in working condition. Carol Madigan, Claire Parker, Mandurah Lions Bob Halford and PCC Ian Kelly. Sign(s) of the times. Punters seeking the best bargains. Check-out chicks tally costs for the bargain hunters at Pay Here. BELOW: Plenty of room and heaps of bargains. And a lonely punter threads his way through the furniture section.



# W2 membership takes a dive

Our District membership has hit an 18 month low, even though we have put on 76 members for the year to date we have lost 113 which means we have 37 less members since the beginning of this Lions year.

Yes we have "lost" a number of serving Lions to the big Lions club in the sky and the demise of Norseman and the branch club at Byford for varying reasons hasn't helped, but there seems to be a progressive leak of membership that aren't returning.

NOW'S the time to PLUG the LEAK.

How is your club fairing?

Has your membership dropped?

Is there a problem that needs to be addressed if so Now is the time to look at it, don't leave it until it's too late.

The District budget also relies on membership growth so that fees do not have to be increased at this stage there is an increased pressure to move towards raising District dues, which in turn affects every Lion in the District.

Any club needing assistance can contact the Global Membership Team PDG Bill Robertson 08 9332 1867 or their Zone Chairperson for assistance or advice.

Money is available to clubs who follow recognised processes for membership recruitment.

Let's all make the move towards getting our District back into positive figures.

-1VDG Geoff Carberry, GMT.

# CHOGAM BBQ now in Manjimup hands

Earlier this month the Manjimup Lions Club received a surprise phone call from the local Coles store telling they had a barbecue on hand for us - "Would we like it and could we pick it up pronto please?" "Er, yes please!" came the club's quick reply. Not being totally sure what it was all about. Club members were stunned to find it was no ordinary barbecue, but one of the 150 barbecues that had been used at the Queens barbeque for CHOGM on the Perth Foreshore. Estimated value at being close to \$1,000 with considerable extra's included.

This particular one had been sent to Manjimup and the local Coles management had decided the Manjimup Lions Club would be a worthy recipient.

By sheer coincidence, the club was organising a Garage Sale with a sausage sizzle two days later so the 'Queen's barbie' suddenly became the focus of the promotion program.

Club president Paddy Pemberton is always very quick on the uptake and promptly organised a PR interview with the local ABC radio interviewer. He totally hammed up the situation, declaring that the barbecue had had 'Royal Patronage' and the Queens thumbprint had probably been left on it somewhere.

The club is extremely appreciative of this amazing gift from the Coles management and are convinced it will get considerable and enthusiastic usage.

*TOP RIGHT: Lion Jim McGlinn checks the contents of the Esky that was included in the package as Club President Paddy Pemberton examines the controls.*

*BELOW RIGHT: Part of the crowd in the initial burst of activity at the Garage Sale.*

*RIGHT: Lions President Paddy Pemberton and Peter Dorman watch as*



*young Thomas (surname unknown) enjoys the action.*

# Comet Bay gears up for charter



*Comet Bay Lions Club celebrated their Christmas party early in December with more than 27 attendees. President Gordon Hall told the Lions and partners that they were only weeks away from charter and the timing was around late February or early March. The club is very active in their community and being involved with sausage sizzles and selling Lions cakes etc. Members gathered for a group picture see above. Pictured left to right: Guiding Lion Darrel Mainard, Michelle Hall, Charlene McMurray, Richard McMurray, Jo Tinker (at the rear), Paul Papalia, Kerry Hall (at front), Simon Binder, Phil Tinker (at the rear), Jill Hicks, Jan Binder, Jayne Ballantyne, Kathryn Reid, President Gordon Hall and Terry Hicks.*



*On Tuesday, November 15th, the Millbridge Lions Club welcomed a new member into the fold. Nicole (Nikki) Davies was inducted by Lion Arthur Linley, sponsored by Lion Dudley Greathead. Club President Gary Driscoll presented Lion Dudley with his sponsor certificate. -Roni Linley.*



# My glass was full of the Essential Juice

PDG Bruce Hearman posted an email to W2 Lions around mid November stating: "It was disappointing for him to cancel the Leadership Program scheduled to be held at Katanning's Kobeelya over the weekend of November 25, 26 and 27. The disappointment expressed by Bruce on having to cancel brought joy for me because I was lucky. That's right lucky. That I attended the W1 Essential Juice weekend at the Apex camp in Jurien Bay over the weekend of November 11-13. You wouldn't have missed it for quids.

Firstly I thought what's in for me, a Lion of 26 years. What was on the agenda that I could learn from? Probably nothing. Wrong. It was one of more popular weekends I have spent with both experienced and enfant Lions that I could remember.

Seated along side of me during the weekend sessions was a 74 year old Lion from Moora who had only chalked up two months of Lions time.

In a small conversation with Beverley Stirling I told her I used to be a member of W1 and transferred to W2.

"What is all this W1-W2 stuff,?" she asked.

I explained that Lions through out Australia were segregated into Districts. In WA we are W Lions meaning West. In Victoria they are Vs, New South Wales Ns and T for Tasmania.

"What do you think they are in Queensland,?" I asked. "Q," came the rapid reply.

What this told me was that clubs were failing to teach new Lions elementary things that we as experienced Lions take in our stride. In this case the District was taking up the challenge of teaching. This led the facilitators to debate some of our acronyms. What is LCI, LCIF, PCC? I can go on. Even my partner Carol who has followed me on my Lions' journey joined in. That was the opener to a fantastic weekend.

The well crafted facilitators kept the agenda tight, full of interesting subjects, allowing time for us to relax and soak up the new experiences.

So what did happen over the weekend you may ask? The program was titled The Essential Juice. Why? I don't know but it did me a lot of good.

Most of the participants arrived in time to watch the sun set over the Indian Ocean, time to renew old friendships and make new ones with a few sips of the grape. Around 6pm the group assembled in the main hall for a quick briefing then all tucked into some gorgeous food.

After dinner PDG Bruce Hearman welcomed the Lions and partners, then gave a brief overview of what would take place over the

## Next Leadership Program

**PDG Bruce Hearman posted an email to W2 Lions early in November stating: "It was disappointing for me to cancel the Leadership Program scheduled for Kobeelya in Katanning late in November. I have since discussed the matter with DG Peter Lamb and there is some dates to consider in the March - April 2012 period for a program to be held at Myalup Pines. This is a busy time for Lions. March 23-25 is Children of Courage, April 6 - 8 is Easter and 13 - 15 is YOTY final. So we have settled on April 20 - 22. The MD Convention in Perth is two weeks later.**

next two days.

All participants were given a *Pre-Program Self Assessment Form* to fill in. You were asked to answer five questions and to be honest with your self. This was another way for the facilitators to gain valuable feedback. You needed to acknowledge what you notice and write it down in the form of a demand for something you would like to have or have more of.

A *Presentation Assessment, Observation and Comment* from the facilitators paper with 12 questions had to be filled in by participants. This wasn't an easy course, but pleasing to witness the way others tackled each session, remember some of them had only been in Lions for less than a year.

Twenty seven Lions and partners from 15 W-Districts clubs attended the weekend including four Lions who travelled from Kalgoorlie. Three PDGs, a couple of VDG elects and other cabinet chairman made up the front line.

Three facilitators covered the opening evening program with *What Do You Hope To Get Out Of The Course? Communication and Listening Skills* with Christine Walker. She had to allocate roles for a mock Lions Club meeting that would be held during the weekend and run by Lions who have never sat at the top table more about that later.

The first session was good fodder. We were asked questions on what our club achieved or tried to. PDG Bill Laundry's idea was for his club to build a crematorium at Carnamah. Cost to build would be funded by selling scrap steel. Bill said there was only Perth and or Geraldton with crematorium facilities. Not much for locals to choose from. Carnamah was situated in the middle and his idea made good sense, but his club knocked it back. Ballajura Lions did a bike ride across the Nullabor-twice.

In an openness session some Lions expressed their inability to speak in public, by the time the

weekend closed all participants made statements with enthusiasm to their own groups.

The *Conundrum That Is Leadership*. What gives a man or woman the right to lead? This session covered ten disciplines. Many stated issues close to themselves. The reality is become a good follower first. The next will be second nature.

W1VDG Barry Middleton's session covered *Running Effective Meetings*. Bazza told the meeting that their was a page in the Lions Diary on debate and that was a good place to start. Learning the rules of debate.

Saturday afternoon's presentation with PDG Bill Laundry covered *Effective Public Speaking; Powers of Persuasion; and Presentation skills*. Bill had a captive audience.

Saturday night was a club meeting. The president was Mavis Thompson, secretary Beverley Stirling and treasurer Beth Caunt made up the top table. The Lion Tamer was Elsie Constantine and of course what would a meeting be like with out a Tail Twisters, dull you would say, but not at this meeting. The president came from Kalgoorlie. She copped more flack than what is normally dished out to a top table at any District Convention—from the Green Jacket Brigade of course. The top table trio did a brilliant job. The treasurer has only been a Lion since she arrived in Australia two months ago as was the secretary. Brilliant at failure. But any club would have elected them. The Tail Twister was Mikki La Spina—this Lion oozes talent. A former Major in the Australian Armed Forces she had no trouble exposing members to a heap of untruths. This was followed by open fines, the hall was full of belly laughs.

Three more session on Sunday morning--the first *Managing Upsets, Managing Time Effectively and Being Freely-Self Expressed* all conducted by Bruce, Bill and Bazza. All excellent sessions, lively, with strong participation from the audience.

PDG Bruce closed the weekend after lunch but not before PDG Pam Baird presented participants with certificates. Each session concluded with printed material on each subject just in case you were unable to take the full thrust from the facilitators. A good idea.

All the food for the weekend was selected by PDG Pam and W1 Leadership chair Christine Walker. One person who gave more was Robyn Roney. Her efforts were 100% for feeding the hungry hordes, three times a day and not forgetting both morning and afternoon tea. Thank you Pam, Christine and Robyn.

—Graham Madigan, W2 District Publications Chairman.

## MD convention: What's happening

Registrations for the 2012 Multiple District Convention are coming in at a steady if not a slow rate, it appears that this is the "norm" within Lions conventions.

As in the past the majority of registrations appear in the final few weeks prior to the convention starting. The convention committee is asking members to consider making their registrations now which will assist the committee regarding bookings and catering. Even if you are not attending a function where there is a cost involved please complete a registration form and submit it, we want to be able to cater for everyone.

Details of the functions to be held at the Convention are available on the Registration form that can be downloaded from our website

<http://www.lionsclubs.org.au/perth2012convention/>

Depending on the type of accommodation you are looking for in Perth we recommend that you book as soon as possible - there are links on the website for accommodation, including caravans, as well as tours to complement your trip to Western Australia.

The Tourism WA website at [http://www.westernaustralia.com/au/Pages/Welcome\\_to\\_Western\\_Australia.aspx](http://www.westernaustralia.com/au/Pages/Welcome_to_Western_Australia.aspx) also has a lot of information on what is happening in WA.

The program for the convention has not yet been finalised and is being regularly updated, a copy of the program is on the convention website, we are looking at providing entertaining and informative key note speakers as well as

Leo of the Year, Youth of the Year and will be conducting part of our Lions WA Children of Courage Awards and Club Hospitality during the weekend. We also have in excess of 30 display stands, this will be an opportunity for members to visit these stands and ask the exhibitors questions on various subjects.

During the convention there will be a top International show at the Burswood theatre which is adjacent to the convention centre, the show is Mary Poppins and will run from April 1 to May 12, 2012 besides evening shows there will be afternoon sessions.

**PDG Bill Robertson, Chairman.**  
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**PDG Pamela Baird, Secretary.**  
Email: [pamela.baird@amnet.net.au](mailto:pamela.baird@amnet.net.au)

# Bull Creek's City of Lights convention brightens up with new ideas

The committee for the above Convention is fully aware that we are now "in the drivers seat, and the foot is on the accelerator". The venue has definitely been booked and there is no turning back. The main hall is very modern and there is plenty of room. Inside the main hall is a very modern kitchen and part of the hall has to be separated by partitions to accommodate

a dining area. There is a separate room for displays and to ensure your foundation is included, it is recommended you book space ASAP.

There is ample parking for everyone and there is a lift should anyone have mobility problems.

The undersigned has recently met with Lion Graham Bateman chairman of the Mandurah

Convention who offered words of advice which may save us making mistakes.

We have had 44 Registrations, all of whom are in with a chance to win a night for 2 at the Pan Pacific (formally the Sheraton). If you want to be in the draw, send us your application before the end of December 2011.

The accommodation has been booked for VDG Geoff and his guests, this is at the Metro on Canning Highway.

VDG Geoff has selected his Sergeant at Arms, this will be PDG Tim Irvine who I know will do an excellent job. VDG Geoff has also selected his team to ensure the ceremonies are conducted in accordance with Lions protocol.

Subject to cost, we are looking at engaging a group to include a little entertainment during the Convention, whatever is decided, we promise we will not tell you what it is!!!!

Sponsorship continues to be a problem for us, however, we now have someone that is very busy visiting local stores. We sincerely hope we will have a few items which we can use for the raffle.

The Saturday night function is the responsibility of Booragoon Lions and they have submitted some recommendations to our committee for review. VDG Geoff has identified his preference for the South of Perth Lions Swing Band. This has not been definitely booked, however, the undersigned, together with PDG Bob Huey has met with the Band Manager who has confirmed the availability for the date required. The undersigned will be visiting Booragoon Lions on the 13/12/11 to discuss the evening with them.

Again, subject to cost, we are investigating a partners function for the Saturday, however, this may not materialize.

In closing, we think we are traveling reasonably well and will continue to update our district with any progress.

**-Lion Don Wheeler,  
Convention Chairman.**

VDG Geoff Carberry told the District Newsletter that, "Interesting keynote speakers both local and from the eastern seaboard have been engaged, most have never been to our conventions previously.

"A separate display area has been set aside to provides excellent exposure to the general public entering the public library. With the loss of the previous major sponsor the committee is working hard towards securing replacement sponsorship, remember without sponsors we all including District have to bear the additional costs, Geoff said.

"The MD convention is also in Perth in 2012 so the committee are aiming to produce an informative program with plenty of opportunity to have your say as to which way Lionism in our District should move towards in the future."



**EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION  
41<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL DISTRICT 201W2  
CITY LIGHTS CONVENTION**  
Hosted by the Lions Club of Bull Creek  
*Friday 5th October 2012  
to  
Sunday 7th October 2012*  
*South Perth Civic Centre, South Terrace, Sout*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Amount: \$10 \$20

Received by: \_\_\_\_\_

2012 District 201W2 Convention  
Chairman Don Wheeler 9332 4603 Secretary Ros Davis 9354 1719  
Treasurer PDG Bob Huey 9362 2064 Email: [geologica@upnaway.com](mailto:geologica@upnaway.com)  
SEND REPLIES TO PO BOX 32  
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*Friday 5th October 2012 to Sunday 7th October 2012  
South Perth Civic Centre, South Terrace, South Perth*

Early Bird Registration

## RECEIPT

Received from (First Name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Surname) \_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \$10 \$20

Signed on behalf of 2012 Convention Organising Committee \_\_\_\_\_

**EARLY BIRD PRIZE:  
An overnight stay for 2  
at the Pan Pacific Hotel  
(formerly Sheraton)  
Perth City**

*Early Bird Registrations Close December 31<sup>st</sup> 2011*