



201W2 DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

WE SERVE June 2007

FROM THE DG'S DESK

Diamond Convention

THERE were 1302 attendees which, in my opinion, is only a fraction of what we should be attracting to a National event. Our W2 District had 27 Delegates and 34 attendees represented. Let's hope that Darwin next year attracts more. 50 years of Leos saw a fantastic roll up of young Leos at the convention. The Leo of the Year final was nearly a full house.

David Koch was interesting and entertaining and made sure that we got some great coverage on the "Sunrise" program the following morning.

General Peter Cosgrove was fascinating and inspiring and the tearful emotional thanks given to him by Governor Garth Gleeson from Q2 showed the impact he had on the community when he went there to assist after Cyclone Larry.

Leo of the Year unfortunately did not go to Amanda Rickman but she was outstanding as our WA representative and came upon an extraordinary amount of top class opponents.

Public Relations

The workshop run by EO Rob Oerlemans and Lion Lorri Jones focused on a national perspective. They explained that the future intent is to look at selling our product (the Lions logo and ethos) in much the same way a business like Coca Cola advertises its product... not the shop in which the product is sold. EO Rob has already started with this concept by including David Koch in the biggest barbeque and having him as a guest speaker at the convention. Getting back to the example of business/product marketing, the national office will be the "Coca Cola" equivalent and the shops are the member Lions clubs. The clubs and districts have been doing their own promotions and PR in the past and will continue to do so. More support for clubs PR is expected to be given from a district level now.

As most of you may be aware there was a 4 page insert in the West Australian newspaper recently and I congratulate W1 District Governor Robin Dixon for the initiative in this. Time will tell if we gain any new members from it but I think most of all it gave our organisation a terrific public awareness boost and raised the confidence of our members.

Membership

We are in positive situation, as I write this article, still with plus 6 for the year. The club branch Margaret River has been forwarded to

International to be chartered as a full club. Invitations are being sent but if you haven't received one yet, the Charter Event is on the 21 July 2007. Check the website for more details. National membership is down but the bright side of this is, our losses are lower than the rest of the English speaking countries. Only the Asian countries are experiencing growth at the present time.

International President Jimmy Ross has been successful in chartering 15 new clubs this year and is on his way to reaching 20 or more new clubs by July. He wrote to me and gave an insight on how he has achieved this. If you are interested in doing this for our District please contact me and we can work out a strategy.

Nationally membership has been given a new focus. The current Council of Governors passed a motion to provide for each district to have a membership person trained at the same time we train incoming Cabinet Secretaries and Vice District Governors. This is to ensure that instead of one or two people from National level trying to work on the membership issue, each district will have a competent and willing person. Each year a new person is expected to be trained, paid for by Multiple District, but there is no reason a District who is willing to pay for additional members can't have more. The membership of our organization is crucial and creative ideas are needed to ensure that we increase in numbers to ensure our future. If you have ideas about increasing membership then don't wait for someone to ask you to be involved, just do it. I especially send this challenge out to you if you have ever attended a leadership workshop. You have been exposed to the skills needed, please exercise those skills for the benefit of your club.

Leadership and Training

Tim and Bruce have coordinated double the number of training sessions than we have had in the past few years. We started out with five regional Incoming Officer Forums and the presenters were mainly Cabinet members. I had a special training day for incoming Zonies and there was a MERL workshop held in conjunction with W1 District. We had a refresher "Train the Trainer" workshop which produced some great results and a further "Train the Trainer" course was also held and very well attended. Both Tim and Bruce have worked with a wonderful team of presenters for these workshops and I thank them all sincerely for



■ Keith Jones

their tireless efforts.

As this is my last article as your District Governor I would like to express my deepest thanks to my lovely wife Lorri who has been a fantastic help partner and "hospitality chick". I thank those of you who gave it "your Best Shot" this year, it is all anyone can ask and if your best happened to contribute to the betterment of our District, a huge congratulations to you.

Finally I thank my mentor, Bill Robertson who has been a wonderful inspiration and source of knowledge to me for the past two years.

To Darrel and Liz, I know what you are about to go through and wish you both the best of everything. It has been the most rewarding and satisfying part of my life so far and I would not have missed it for the world.

For those of you who are contemplating making a bigger contribution to your club or district may I encourage you to give it your best and gain "Success out of Knowledge".

DG Keith Jones.

NO ROOM LEFT!

THERE IS JUST NOT ENOUGH SPACE. SO SOME STORIES HAVE BEEN HELD OVER UNTIL THE JULY EDITION OF THE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER OR THE BIG COLOURFUL AUGUST EDITION OF THE WEST LION MAGAZINE.

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Darling Harbour brings out the darling in conventions

By **TESS LEEDHAM**

DARLING Harbour in Sydney was the place to be during May, with 1750 Lions and partners in town: excellent facilities and ideal weather.

Day 1 of any convention is so much more than registering, then following through with the statutory formalities such as the opening, flag and remembrance ceremonies. It's all about catching up with friends from around Australia, annual reunions and hearing about amazing Lions projects.

The 'Welcome Ceremony' saw a delightful performance on stage by aboriginal children. Their dancing had the audience tapping and chapping!

Immediately following were children from the Auslan School for Deaf Children who used sign language to accompany the music. This included 'We are one, we are Australian', 'Still call Australia Home' and 'Home among the gum trees'. It was a great start to the convention.

The Remembrance Ceremony opened with a recording of the late PDG Neil Williams, singing 'I'll do it my way'. Neil had been a truly inspiring and hard working Lion with a great singing voice. During this segment it was more than just honouring our Lions who died in service in the last 12 months. It was a time for reflecting on the passing of Lions in Australia for 60 years and Lions in the World for 90 years.

Our DG Keith Jones, along with the rest of the DGs, placed a waratah flower on to a board in the shape of Australia, with the final tribute being for Melvin Jones, the founder of Lions, placed by the International Director.

Leos came from every direction when it came to the flag ceremony. They carried the flags on stage, presented them to the five Past International Directors, and then placed the flags in position. Flags are a very subtle and visual way of reminding us all of the 202 countries in which Lions are working.

Next we heard Philip Ruddock from the Lions Club of Parramatta – otherwise known as the Hon Attorney General MP. He welcomed us to Sydney, his home town. And to round off the Opening Ceremony segment, we were all 'blown away' by Koshy – David Koche from Channel 7's Sunrise program. In a somewhat short space of time, he covered an enormous amount, recognising the six million volunteers in Australia. He complemented the Lions for the Drought Relief Programme and told stories of survival. He described his trek of the Kakoda Trail and encouraged belief in oneself and basic human rights, the ANZAC spirit, mateship, courage and endurance. Before being allowed to leave the stage Koshy was presented with three different awards in appreciation for his work in the area of humanities.

Our youngsters

The Youth of the Year presentation was as stunning as ever. Talented youngsters who deliver a prepared speech, as well as answer two 'impromptu' questions. All the States were represented with their finalists and Emily O'Keefe did an excellent job for WA. The overall winner was Joshua Anderson from Victoria.

The Learning Side

The forums and workshops were well attended, with plenty of topic choices. At the conclusion of each one we were encouraged to com-



■ **FOR THE RECORD:** National Mint chairman Sam Lochhead spins a yarn to Tess Leeham, PDG Dave Molcher, W2 Mint chairman Terry Gray and peeking over the top PDG Clive Reid at the National Convention in Sydney.

plete an evaluation form to gauge the level of interaction, quality of presenters and range of topics offered. When a presenter encourages audience interaction and questions, using humour and stories to illustrate a point, it creates a good feeling amongst participants. PDG Lance Murchison certainly possesses a gift for incorporating all this into an information session. He ran the "Caring for your Club and Members" seminar, where the ideas just kept coming! The calibre of presenters at this year's convention was good and included our Lion Lorri Jones who recently stepped aside as National PR Chairman.

By the left, quick march . . .

It's a decade since Lions marched the streets at an MD Convention. Lismore 1997 for the 50th Anniversary of Lions in Australia to be precise. It was done this year around the Darling Harbour and Cockle Bay area, with the help of the Mounted Police and the Police Pipe Band – plus lots of volunteer marshals. Maybe it was a taste of what we can expect in Sydney in 2010 when the International Convention will be held in that location?

Stewards of the earth

That is how WA's Leo Amanda described the role of Leos during the 'Leo of the Year Quest' finals. She gave an excellent and persuasive presentation, with a request for everyone: to guide the youth of today because through Leos they will thrive on being 'stewards of the earth'. Her message was simple: embrace the youth in your community.

The overall winner was Leo Hannah Bellwood from Townsville. Lion Peter Lamb is to be congratulated for his leadership role with the Leos. As National Chairman, he has done a great job.

Keynote speaker

As community volunteers, it's always encouraging to hear just how much we're appreciated in the eyes of the public, particularly prominent citizens. General Peter Cosgrove AC MC

(retired) former Chief of the Defence Force was extremely complimentary to us in his keynote address, thanking those involved with the clean-up and fundraising work with Cyclone Larry. What a stirring and inspiring speaker; and what a privilege to be in attendance.

International office

It came as a surprise to be told of Past International Director Barry Palmer's decision to stand aside and not pursue his wish to nominate for the position of International 2nd Vice President. Australian Lions will have to wait a while longer before an Aussie Lion nominates to be World President of Lions.

More on page 3.

BULL CREEK LIONS CLUB GOLF DAY

**Glen Iris Golf Club,
Dean Road Jandakot
Friday November 2, 2007.
12.30am sharp**

Programme

- 1200 hours Registrations
- Light lunch and drinks
- Evening meal
- Mystery prizes –
- Closest to the pin
- Longest drive
- Best dressed team
- Dress in your Lions club colours

For more information contact: Bill Robertson on 08 93321867

or Denis O'Brien on 08 9310 1110

or Pat Dowdell on 08 93644738

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Good business from the floor

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Good business

A couple of motions discussed on the floor of the Convention are definitely worthy of mention.

Motion No 4: That MD201 adopts the Lions Paralympics Appeal as a Category B Project for the purpose of supporting the participation of Australian Paralympics athletes in the 2008 Beijing Paralympics Games. It will be managed by the Lions Club of Brisbane Holland Park and run for 17 months from May 2007. The aim is to raise \$150,000. The Australian Paralympics Team finished 5th in the World at the Athens 2004 Games. Their goal for 2008 is to finish in the top 5 nations and improve on the number of medals (totalling 100) won in Athens.

Motion 5: It was resolved "That this MD

adopts as a Category B Project the support of "National Tree Day" for the term of 3 years, expiring on 30th June 2010 for the purpose of improving the environment and drawing attention to environmental issues. It was a well detailed motion and included a costing which stated there would be no significant cost to Lions because costs are covered by Planet Ark and equipment and material costs were low.

This account of convention covers only a small portion of the events to be experienced at a national gathering. There are static displays with so much information on projects being undertaken in various parts of our vast country; fruit cake and pudding samples; and of course the wonderful array of Lions Pins on the pin trading stand.

Next year it will be "Darwin re-visited". And for those who attended in 1990 they will recall

a beautiful venue and really enjoyable convention. Why not plan now to be a part of the Darwin experience?

Conventions are the perfect opportunities to renew your faith in old friends and to make new acquaintances.

FOOTNOTE: I missed the opening ceremony due to Sydney fogging in, airline delays and rerouting to Melbourne, however Lions Tess has summed up the three days of convention in her inimitable style. The closing I'm sad to report is not on my agenda. Having crossed from one side of the island to another for convention is one thing, to visit Sydney without walking into the Sydney Cricket Ground is sacrilege. But you have to hand it to the Sydney convention committee for organising an AFL game as part of the closing ceremony is a Godsend. -*Graham Madigan.*

A hat trick of District Newsletters

OVER recent years, the District Governor's Newsletter has been published in February, March, May, June, August, September, November and December with a West Lion filling in the other four months of the year.

This meant that the West Lion was published in October. But it wasn't always so. Because the 201 W Districts hold their conventions in early October (or very late September), it was once the case that the West Lion was brought out in November so it could contain full reports and lots of colour photos of convention activities. Somehow it slipped forward a month!

Now, it takes a while to put together a 68+ page colour magazine so there is no way that an October issue can carry convention news. So, to redress the balance, there will be three consecutive DG's Newsletters this year - and you're reading the second of them. By having a newsletter in May, June and July we will push the West Lion back a month so it is published in August and - you guessed it - November.

It will then be issued every third month in February, May, August and November.

So, any clubs with stories suitable for their own district, get your thinking caps on and send them to your respective PR and WL Chairman for inclusion in the extraordinary July issue of the DG's Newsletter. The cut-off date is Wednesday, June 20. Those of you with district-wide news, please get your contributions in by Tuesday, July 10 for inclusion in the rescheduled August West Lion.

And remember, the reason for the change is so that both district conventions can be covered the month after they occur rather than the following January. So make sure your convention is attended by a roving reporter and a competent photographer so the November West Lion can be a real humdinger convention special edition.

-*Rob Wright & Graham Madigan.*



■ **LEADER OF THE PACK:** *Duncraig W1 Lion David Baird was given the responsibility of leading the W Districts in the march around Darling Harbour and Cockle Bay. FLAGS:* Hundreds of flags fluttered in the wind around Darling Harbour leading up to convention and until after the last Lions headed home. This was an excellent exercise in public relations. **LIONS MEET:** *Ray Zinner Forrestfield-High Wycome W1 Lion and Ted Anderson Booragoon met up in the body of the hall at the MD Convention.*



Campaign SightFirst 11 target reached

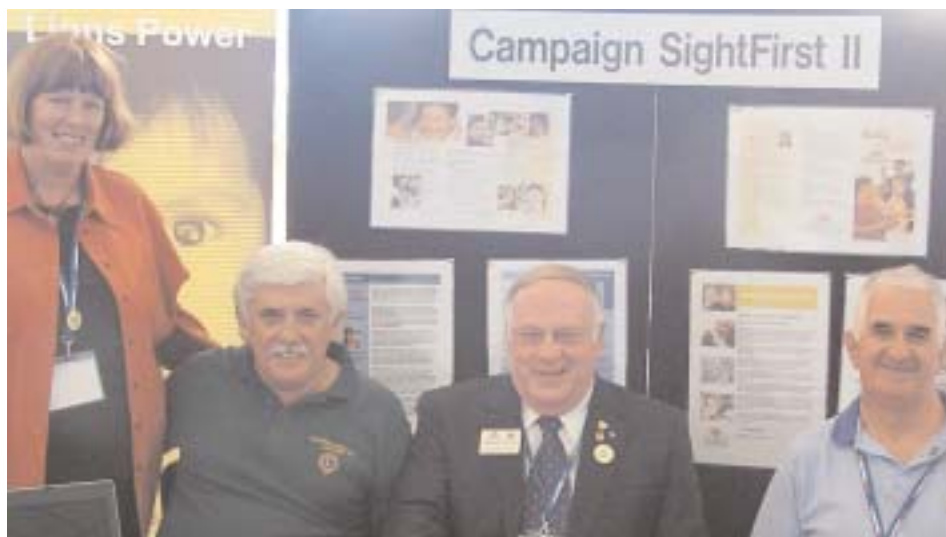
AS OF May 23, we surpassed our target of more than US\$90 million raised for CSFII before Lions' 90th anniversary at the 2007 International Convention in Chicago.

Reaching this target is extremely important in setting the tone for our success in the final year of CSFII fund raising-The Year of Campaign SightFirst II. It also means we are well on our way to turning the tide against preventable blindness.

We have just 13 months to reach our final target: more than US\$150 million for CSFII. As you know, these funds will continue and expand the extraordinary work of SightFirst, Lions' worldwide program to combat preventable blindness. With more than 37 million people with blindness around the world, SightFirst is more important than ever.

CSFII is our widest-reaching and most ambitious effort in Lions' history. I want to thank each and every Lion and CSFII coordinator who has helped us reach our US\$90 million benchmark, and all who will join our CSFII success in the coming year. Please share this encouraging funds-raised news with Lions in your area. Much work remains, but together, our dedicated service to CSFII fund raising brings us closer to our final goal: providing vision for all.

*-Dr. Tae-Sup Lee,
Past International President,
Chairperson, Campaign SightFirst II.*



■ **TABLE HEADS:** Claremont-Nedlands W1 Lion Leo McManus took time out to rest his weary feet at the MD Convention by taking a top position on the Campaign SightFirst 11 table along side MD Chairman PDG George Barnard and W2 PDG Wally Barrett and partner Anne.

Bunbury man wins Lions Cancer Institute fundraising raffle

LIONS Cancer Institute Inc. is pleased to announce the winners of the "Cash for Mums" fundraising Raffle held recently.

First Prize: \$2000. E Tziewiatowskij.
Second Prize: \$1500. Lions Club of Lake Grace Inc.
Third Prize: \$750 J Walker.
Fourth Prize: \$500 S.J. Pack.
Fifth Prize: \$250 Kim Ward.

Although support of fundraising raffles continues to be mixed from Lions Clubs in WA, over half the Lions Clubs in each District supported the raffle, which resulted in just over \$27,000 towards the operating costs of the Skin Cancer Screening service operated by your Institute.

A number of Clubs chose to purchase the tickets from their Activities accounts, and this year the Lions Club of Lake Grace (201W2) won \$1500 to devote to club projects.

The Screening service benefits Clubs in both WA Districts, and so far this year has visited locations between Port Hedland and Busselton.

Once again, the prizes (totalling \$5,000 in cash) were donated to the Institute by a Lions member.

We also have to thank our Fundraising Chairman and Director, Lion Mary Gregg, for the enormous amount of work she continues to put in on behalf of our Institute, and all the clubs in both WA Districts who supported us.

-Ron Vaughan PDG, Secretary/Treasurer.



■ **WHAT THE PAPERS SAID:** W2PDG Bruce Herman and Collie Wellington Lion Robyn Roney show an interest in the Lions feature that was published in The West Australian recently. There was more than a passing glance by all Lions who viewed the display at the MD Convention in Sydney.

HISTORY WORTH RECORDING

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

Narrogin's Gateway to the Wheatbelt Convention

ORGANISATION for the 2007 W2 Narrogin Convention are well in hand. This will be a Convention cost effective with a live-in environment to be held on October 5, 6 and 7.

The Convention committee have chosen the Narrogin Residential College with its accommodation, auditorium and dining rooms all under the one roof. Just park your car for the weekend.

The registration form outlining all details is published in this edition of the *District Newsletter*.

Convention chairman Kim Darbyshire told the *District Newsletter*, "At present meals are planned to be simple and cost effective. Breakfast will be a country style continental. Lunch a firm favourite . . . Plowmans, what could be better. And the Saturday night shindig we have an Old Fashioned Country Supper."

"Continuous coffee and tea at several sites.

"The Cabaret is well under control with the music booked. The theme is 60's and 70's music and we would like everyone to dress for the period. I am sure that we all have something that will be suitable. I would like to see as many



■ **GRAND ENTRANCE:** Pictured above is the entrance to the Narrogin Residential College and the 2007 Convention.

in the mood as possible, not just a few." Kim added.

"We set out to simplify and reduce costs for this Convention and get back to a Convention

that is short on ceremony and strong on fellowship and within a price range for Lions that don't usually attend. I think we are heading in the right direction." Kim said.

Citizenship award and wheelchair presentations

NOVEMBER 2006 the Canning Vale Lions Club presented the inaugural Citizenship Award to a student at Canning Vale College.

The award, which is judged by the Principal and teachers of the college and presented to the student who demonstrated the highest qualities of citizenship; these being honesty, loyalty, trustworthiness, responsibility, unselfish acts, peer support and active involvement in the school and community for the benefit of others.

The award consists of a perpetual trophy (plaque) which is hung in the school, with the name of winner being added each year. The winning student receives a personal trophy, a certificate and a \$150 prize.

The 2006 winner of the award was Year 11 student Philanthea Samuels, pictured with her parents on receiving the award.

The club recently presented a wheelchair to Paris Donald, a five year old youngster from Thornlie who suffers from Cerebral Palsy. The chair, which was purchased in Paris' favourite colour of purple, was presented to her by the Canning Vale Lions on one of their social meeting nights in April.

Prior to receiving the wheelchair, Paris' mother had to push her to school in a pram, and when at school Paris was very restricted in what she could do as she does not have the upper body strength to effectively get around with a walker.

The gift of the wheelchair has given Paris a lot more independence and allowed her to be more inclusive with the other kids. It is also very therapeutic in helping Paris build coordination and upper body strength.

The Centre for Cerebral Palsy Fundraising Manager Kathy Kane, acknowledged the outstanding and wonderful support The Centre for Cerebral Palsy receives from Lions Clubs throughout WA for our Equipment Sponsorship Program. "We are reliant on the generous support of local groups like the Lions Club of Canning Vale to fund items of equipment such as Paris' wheelchair. These items of equipment, significantly improve the quality of life



and independence of our clients" she said.

Paris was also one of the two young girls that Canning Vale sponsored for the Child of Courage.

—**ANDIE RITCHIE.**

PICTURE: Paris and her mother Vanessa in the picture with Canning Vale Lions members

(left to right standing) Ian Derrick, Pauline Atherton, Cath Dobson, Andy Ritchie (VP Youth Activities), Greg Traupmann, Lee Berry (President), Graeme Horrex, Marc Stephens, Dave Dobson. Seated: Flo, Jackie Traupmann, Paris, Vanessa, Norma Philander.

DRYANDRA OPEN DAY

OWING to some scheduling problems at W2 the Dryandra board has agreed to change the date for both their AGM and their proposed Dryandra Open Day. These two functions will now be held together over the weekend of the August 25, 26 with the AGM being Saturday afternoon, the 25th.

Free accommodation or non-powered caravan sites will be available to all Lions for this weekend but accommodation bookings are on the basis of first come first served. Put this into your club's social calendar now as it is going to be a great social as well as an informative weekend.

Full information on this open day will be made available closer to the date.

The 07/08 Dryandra executive has now been elected and are: Chairman: Bev Howard - Booragoon. Secretary: Judy Gray - Australind. Treasurer: Gordon McDougal - Narrogin. 1st Vice Chair: Bernie Jones - Australind. 2nd Vice Chair: Bob Whitney - South Perth.

—**Geoff Eaton, Chairman Dryandra & Environment W1.**



REGISTRATION FORM

2007 LIONS 201W2 CONVENTION

"Gateway to the Wheatbelt Convention"

Friday 5th October to Sunday 7th October 2007

Hosts: Lions Club of Narrogin Inc.

CLOSING DATE FOR REGISTRATIONS: 11TH SEPTEMBER 2007

Lion/Leo/Lioness/PDG _____ First Name _____ Surname _____

Partners Name _____
 *****[if partner is a lion, Lioness or Leo please register on a separate form]*****

Address _____

Town/Suburb _____ State _____ Postcode _____

Phone (home) _____ Fax _____ Mobile _____

Phone (work) _____ Email _____

Club _____ District _____ First Convention YES/NO _____

| CODE | DAY | TIME | FUNCTION | NO. | COST | TOTAL |
|---|----------------------------------|---------|--|-----|-----------------------|-------|
| 1 | Friday | 9pm | Welcome Supper | | \$ 10.00 | |
| 2 | Saturday | 7am | Country Style continental Breakfast | | \$ 12.50 | |
| 3 | | 10.30am | Morning Chow Time | | \$ 0.00 * | |
| 4 | | 12.30pm | Plowman's Lunch | | \$ 15.00 | |
| 5 | | 2.30pm | Afternoon Chow | | \$ 0.00 * | |
| 6 | | 7.00pm | Light Country Style Dinner | | \$ 15.00 | |
| 7 | | 7.30pm | Old Fashion Country Supper Dance | | \$ 20.00 | |
| 8 | Sunday | 7am | Country Style continental Breakfast | | \$ 12.50 | |
| 9 | | 10.30am | Morning Chow Time | | \$ 0.00 * | |
| 10 | | 12.30pm | Farewell BBQ Lunch | | \$ 15.00 | |
| <i>Continuous Tea/Coffee also use of the Courtesy Bus</i> | | | | | \$ 15.00 * | |
| 11 | SEE BELOW FOR OPTIONS | | 2 Nights Accommodation (Hostel) BRING YOUR OWN SHEETS/PILLOWS ETC | | \$ 15.00 Per Night | |
| 12 | CARAVAN SITE AT CONVENTION VENUE | | | | \$15.00/night | |
| <i>For all other accommodation contact the Dryandra Country Visitor Centre, Narrogin - 08 9881 2064</i> | | | | | | |
| 13 | | | Convention Pin | | \$ 5.50 | |
| 14 | | | Partner Tour | | \$ 15.00 | |

SUB TOTAL _____

Less Early Bird Registration Fee Paid (Quote Receipt No) _____

TOTAL PAYMENT DUE & ENCLOSED _____

Please advise any special requirements (dietary etc) _____

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| ACCOMMODATION OPTION | |
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Please forward completed Registration Form and Cheque or Money Order to:
 2007 Lions District 201W2 Convention PO Box 58 Narrogin WA 6312

Contact: KIM DARBYSHIRE (08) 9881 2341 or Mobile 0427 812 341

LIST OF HOSTEL ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

OPTION 1: 128 beds in single rooms - some fully enclosed some with open fronts

OPTION 2: 74 beds in dormitory style with side panel privacy

OPTION 3: 48 beds - 4 beds per room with open fronts

You need to bring your bedding ie Pillows, Sheets, Blankets or a sleeping bag will do.