



From the District Governor's desk *Let's highlight safety awareness*

I AM writing this as Karen and I travel back from another of our visitations. Such is the wonder of technology and a wife who can type as I talk and drive.

Karen and I have spent a lot of time in "DG Mobile" travelling around our District visiting Clubs and have relished the time together, enjoying the scenery and the opportunity to chat – we have just clocked 21,000ks since I started my term as District Governor so that's a lot of chatting!

My experience has made me realise how much distance plays a part in our Australian lifestyle and how our country Clubs think nothing of a trip down the road, just a 120ks or so. What I have witnessed is the closeness of country Clubs, and how much they support one another, and relish visiting each other (and I have to say playing a few pranks on one another). I would like all Clubs to make the effort and arrange a visit to another Club before the end of this Lions year, not only will you enjoy fellowship, you can exchange ideas and seek support from one another.

This month I would like to highlight the topic of "safety".

Two recent incidents in our District have highlighted a need to raise our awareness of keeping ourselves safe. One involved a borrowed BBQ trailer and resulted in minor injury to four Club members, however it could have been much more serious.

I had an experience while visiting a Club. I offered to tow their Lions BBQ trailer back to my hosts home, and took a risk which resulted in damage to my car, luckily the only thing damaged was property, but my action could have easily resulted in injury.

I have been made to pay dearly since for "ignoring" Karen's advice and a few Clubs have benefited from the fines. Karen has taken great pleasure in dobbing me in – at this rate my fines

will be more than the excess I will have to pay when I get around to having the damage repaired - but, at least I have also used the experience to highlight the need for us to keep ourselves safe and ensuring our equipment is safe at all times.

The Lion Insurance web site:

www.lionsinsurance.com.au has a useful check list and information which I would encourage all of you to review. Look at your current practices and equipment to see if any improvements or maintenance is needed.

With nominations for Club positions about to close, don't forget the important role of a Safety Officer.

By now Clubs would have received information on Leadership course that the District is organising at Dryandra on March 17-19. I would like to encourage incoming presidents and board members in particular to participate. More information can be obtained from Leadership Chairman Tim Irvine.

I look forward to hearing what Clubs have planned for Lions Community Week in April. This is a National event and I would like to see us participating. More information available from PR Chairman Lorri Jones.

I would like to finish with a reminder about the Member Survey, please take the time to complete and return as soon as possible. Not only will the survey give valuable information to District, Clubs will also receive information specific to their Clubs, as well as identifying opportunities for improvements, the survey has been designed to also show if no change is needed and level of members satisfaction.

"Salus populi suprema lex - The safety of the people is the supreme law. (Cicero)"

—DAVE MOLCHER,
W2 DISTRICT GOVERNOR.



■ *Dave Molcher, District Governor.*

STORIES HELD-OVER

Due to space constraints some articles did not appear in this month's edition of the District Newsletter. Don't despair they will appear in West Lion, April 2006. - ED.

Simply Irresistible winner; Peter Holben takes Early Bird prize

THERE were 66 Early Bird registrations received by the 2006 Busselton Simply Irresistible Convention Secretary and the winning rego was drawn by Busselton Festival Queen Holly O'Herir at the Busselton Lions Dinner Meeting on February 1.

The lucky recipient is Zone 9 Chairman Peter Holben of Cowaramup Lions Club, who receives two nights free accommodation at The Geographe Bayview Resort for the District Convention 2006.

So, for those of you that unfortunately missed out and are obviously coming to the Simply Irresistible Convention, now is the time to make your own bookings before the resort is full and you miss out again.

"Busselton is very popular at any time of the year and as the Convention is being held on the last weekend of the October school holidays, accommodation will be at a premium" says Chairman Ian "and I can assure you that you will not get a deal anywhere else as good as what The Geographe Bayview Resort is offering Conventioneers."

Deal or no deal, the choice is yours.

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WHERE'S THE CONNECTION?

Where's the connection between the following Lions and you?

- District Governor
- Vice District Governor
- Zone Chairman
- District Chairman
- District Treasurer
- District Secretary
- Training/Leadership Chairman

Let me encourage you to find out more about these Lions that are, with the exception of the first two, appointed by the District Governor to create a District of fellow Lions that support each other.

Our District has a lot going for it and I believe we are building on past successes. The same philosophy can be applied to any club. As I have mentioned in a number of previous writings, "Lions Helping Lions" is where we can really improve. Building on the successes of previous members is something we can do more of and ensure the continuation of our great organisation and more importantly, our own club.

Unknown Talents

There are times in a club when a member takes on a position and more responsibility for the greater good of the club. They may also take this step to learn more skills and self-develop. When this person takes on the role it is very easy for us to allow them to do the best they can but with the full knowledge that there are others in the club that have skills that would greatly assist that Lion in their duties. Skills with computers, journalism, graphic design, various trades, promotional knowledge, all of which would greatly enhance the volunteer work done by our fellow Lions. I sincerely encourage you to find ways to assist each other more and spread the load.

Available Information

Information availability throughout our organisation is increasing. No longer will we have to say, "I didn't know that." It is now quicker than ever before to acquire knowledge about our Lions activities. We don't have to sit back and wait for someone to tell us, it is a priority for all Lions wishing to be good leaders, to ensure that they are fully briefed and up to date with the latest news. Much of that news is disseminated through this publication but how often do you see copies of this newsletter or magazine left behind at the end of your club meeting?

Is this copy you are reading going to be left behind?

There are many wonderful stories to be told in our District. Each club should have a publicity officer that highlights the good works of the club to as many people as possible. Good begets Good and when we continue to promote the positive more community members are drawn to that appealing concept. You will never have to worry about dwindling membership when your club is actively involved in worthwhile projects that support the community.

As we move into deciding who will lead our club into the next 12 months, give careful consideration to allowing members to have a go at something new. The only way to get good at anything is to practice and do it more. As a musician I would like to use this analogy. If you are learning to play the guitar – to get bet-

ter at it you have to pick it up and strum. Only then will you find out the "sour notes" that need to be worked on or the "sweet sounds" that bring deep satisfaction on your best attempts. It is better for the development of your club that "new blood" is introduced along with some experienced members

I would like to finish on Trust – the Cornerstone of Teamwork. Lack of trust in an organisation creates major problems. Measure your club on the five dimensions of Trust

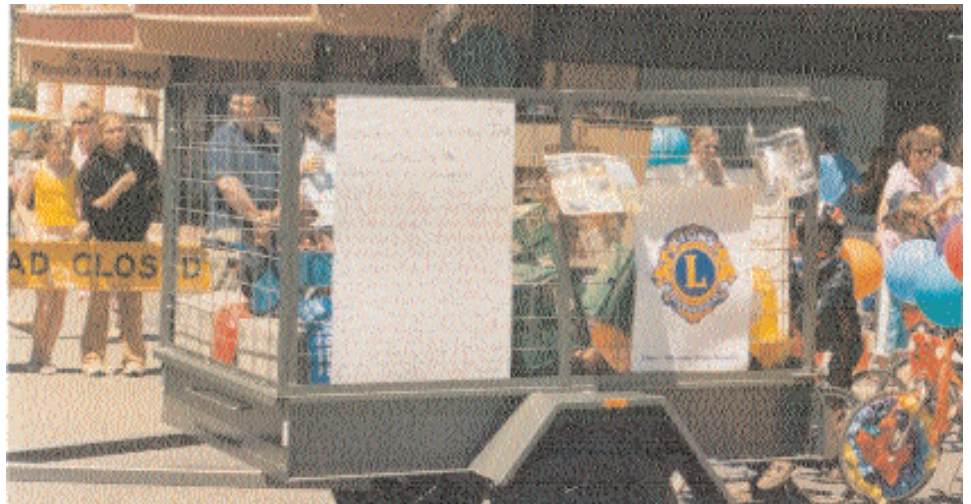
- Integrity
- Consistency

- Competency
- Openness
- Loyalty.

Our founder Melvin Jones had to consider all of these when he decided to start this magnificent worldwide organisation.

Check out the "Healthy Club Toolbox" as soon as you can. You will find it on your 201W2 District Website under Leadership & Training menu <http://lionsdistrict201w2.mysouthwest.com.au>

KEITH JONES,
VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR.



Narrogin Lions trailer raffle successful

THE Narrogin Lion's Club held a major raffle of a trailer and goods (pictured above) kindly all donated from the town leading up to Christmas.

Lion Ann Mcleish, the raffle co-ordinator, said the generosity of the community was overwhelming with the total package worth over \$3,500.

At the final count over \$7,200 was raised and the winners were local residents.

The project funds from the raffle will go to providing subsidised advanced driver training for local young people who have just obtained their drivers licences.

–DAVID RUSSELL.

It's footy tipping time!

The pre-season games have begun so now it's time to think about joining a Footy Tipping Competition. Why not join our own Lions competition and help our Save Sight Foundation?

Below is an entry form for this year's competition. Please promote the competition to your own Club and to all clubs and members you come into contact with. The more involved the better. It only costs a carton of Crownies to enter! We have raised over \$3,000 for Lions Save Sight since the competition started a few years ago so get your thinking caps on and start predicting the winners. You could become one too!

Entries close 17th March but it really helps Ray Zinner's workload if you get your entries in much earlier.

FOOTY TIPPING ENTRY FORM

Tick one: Individual Club Syndicate

Name:.....

Address:..... Post Code.....

Telephone No:.....Fax No:

Email address:.....

The entry form must be completed and forwarded to PO Box 2106 High Wycombe WA 6057 by 17th March 2006. A cheque or money order to the value of \$45.00 must accompany the entry form. Cheques should be made payable to Lions Save-Sight Foundation. The competition is open to all Lions, Lionesses, Leos, their families & friends. Entries will be accepted from individuals, clubs or syndicates.

For a full set of rules, terms and conditions and details of how to send in your weekly tips, email footytipping@optusnet.net.au

VALE: Lion Percy McDougall

LION Percy McDougall passed away in hospital on February 1, 2006, aged 84.

Percy Alan McDougall was born on April 20, 1921, and joined the Albany Lions Club in November 1968. He was a self-employed farmer nearly all of his life, and distinguished himself as a Lion with cheerful hard work, being awarded Life Membership in September 1999, at the age of 78.

In his time he was club treasurer, membership chairman (5 times), tamer (4 times), board director many times. He had also been constitution chairman, on membership programme and attendance committees, activities committees, public relations, youth committee, and membership of our Lionsville board.

Percy visited many Lions Clubs with his late wife Grace, in almost every State. He helped almost every week in many community fund raising organisations, especially with the Royal Flying Doctor Service. His Lions lady Grace always supported Percy in his Lions and community activities over many years, until she became ill and had to spend her last remaining years in a nursing home.

They have two daughters, Vivien who lives interstate, and Cheryl who lives in Albany.

Some time after Grace's death, Percy brought along a lady friend to our meetings, a widow named Mavis Bennetts, who over the last three and a half years has been the mainstay of his life, although she never lived with him, maintaining her own home and with many family commitments of her own. But she was also a great Lions lady, and became a part of the Lions family. So he was very lucky, but then he put so much into life, and you know what they say, What goes around comes around.

We were so pleased that Percy and Mavis were able to attend the October convention in Augusta, as he was able to catch up with so many dear old friends from around the District. They also had a



lovely holiday in Carnarvon, where they attended the Carnarvon Lions Clubs meetings, and presented them with our Club bannerette. He was a very keen Lion, our Percy!

He had fought and won four battles against cancer in the past four years, but finally his heart started to give out. The end was very peaceful, with no pain.

Through Percy's daughter his Lions family to put on a wake. A fitting end for a great Lion, whose enthusiasm, generosity, and sheer warmth and good will, will be sadly missed. The funeral was held on February 10.

—Veronica Linley.

■ The late Lion Percy McDougall pictured at an RFDS luncheon for volunteers with Lions lady Mavis.

HYDEN LIONS MEMORIAL



Lion Gordon Bristow-Bohm pictured beside the recently constructed Hyden Lions Memorial Wall. It was built with limestone bricks on a concrete base and erected in the Hyden Lions Park. The Memorial is dedicated for deceased Lions. The Lions "head" at the top of the Memorial is made from an old plough disc and various pieces of scrap metal.

—Jenny Hardy.

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Australia Day breakfast round-up



Pinjarra, Waroona and Mandurah celebrate Australia Day

AUSTRALIA Day dawned to be a bright clear day in Waroona, a welcome relief from the smoke that had blanketed the town for several days beforehand.

The Waroona Lions Club, in keeping with tradition, put on a scrumptious breakfast for about 100 people, which was only slightly dampened by sprinklers that came on at an inopportune moment while cooking was taking place.

Thanks to some agile footwork and intervention by Waroona Shire town planner, and Waroona Lions Club member, Matt Turner had the sprinklers turned off and the crisis averted.

A LITTLE further up the Harvest Highway Pinjarra Lions with help from the local volunteer Fire Brigade turned out in force to cater for 450 hungry brekkie lovers eager to munch on the bacon and egg buns.

Pinjarra Shire President, Noel Nancarrow handed out Australia Day gongs to a couple of lucky residents and conducted a Naturalisation Ceremony. The all female choir, Voices in Harmony gave the audience a good taste of choralistic sounds to end the mornings entertainment.

TURNING west and to the coast Mandurah Waters Lions served 1200 patrons on the eastern foreshore with a breakie of a life-time, they were supported by the Mandurah Lions Club. Members of both clubs commenced the day at sparrows and finished around 10am.

■ ABOVE TOP: Pinjarra Lions, volunteer Fire Brigade members and other helpers posed for our camera-person at the Aussie Day brekkie.

MIDDLE LEFT: Mandurah Lions Peter Lamb, John Osborne and Lance Woodhead take a break from cooking at the Mandurah Waters breakfast.

LEFT: Waroona Lions Club president, Phil Turner prepares the Australia Day breakfast with the help for Lions Kevin O'Brien, Peter Reynolds and Andrew Paton.



Australia Day breakfast round-up



Lake Grace, Nannup and Harvey join the celebrations

THE annual Australia Day Breakfast organized by the Lake Grace Lions Club was a great success with around 150 attending to enjoy a traditional breakfast of sausages, bacon and eggs cooked by Club members.

Following the breakfast the Shire President announced the Citizen of the year, Junior Citizen of the year and Group of the year, which was awarded to the Lions club for their organizing of the celebrations to mark the 60 years of the end of WW2.

Awards to St John ambulance volunteers were presented and then a Nationalisation Ceremony followed for Peter Stoffberg and his wife. Peter was inducted into the Lions Club late last year.

The breakfast was timely as it gave the community a chance to get together following the record amount of rain dumped on the town two weeks before, which left residents cut off and unable to leave the town due to the flooded roads. One family so keen to attend the celebrations used a dinghy to get across a flooded lake on the western outskirts of the town.

—Jenny Hardy.



ANYBODY wanting advice on how to cook the perfect egg should call the Harvey Lions Club.

There was not a sausage in sight on Australia Day morning when the club's famous BBQ trailer was put into action. More than 200 eggs were cracked, sizzled, and cooked to perfection for the crowd attending the annual Australia Day breakfast.

AND down the Blackwood river to Nannup the Lions Club took out the Premier's Australia Day Active Citizenship Award for fostering Australian pride and spirit through active citizenship and outstanding contribution to community by a local group or community event. The presentation was made at the town Australia Day breakfast.

■ ABOVE: Nannup Lions were all smiles as they show off their award presented to them on Australia Day.

MIDDLE LEFT: Lake Grace Lions John Kellow, Maurice Nolan, Chris Jackson, John De Vree, Arthur Clarke, Allan Thiel, Alan Zweck, Neville Moulden, Allan Duckworth eye off their culinary talent at the Australia Day breakfast organised by their Club.

BOTTOM LEFT: Harvey Lions Club members Anne Celisano, left, Lorelle Brown and Carol Morton rolled up their sleeves on Australia Day morning.

BELOW: Harvey Lions Kim Ward, Clive Langdon and Ed Bacich were a crack-up on Australia Day.



Movers and Shakers

NEW SECRETARY

Lion Ian Harrower has resigned as secretary for the Lions Club of Kojonup Inc. Lion Sue Bailye has taken over as Club Secretary.

NEW ADDRESS

District Chairman, Leos Lion Peter Lamb.
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47 Pinjarra Road Mandurah 6210.
Tel: 9581 5858 Fax: 9581 3528
Mob: 04141 474 121

Email: plamb@centurioninsurance.com.au

EMAIL AT LAST

Environment and Dryandra chairman Margaret Doyle has entered cyberspace with an email address. Lions can reach her on . . .

Email: marney@bigpond.net.au

BLOOPER

Page 15 yarn Convention, Elections and Awards in the January edition of West Lion read "Lions Help to Hear Foundation" should have been "Lions Hearing Foundation". And further "Bob Thompson" should be "Bob Thomson". Thanks to PDG Bob Huey and PCC Ian Kelly.

QUEENS COMMONWEALTH

BATON RELAY

PDG Wally Barrett and Lion Rex Lee Streer were selected to carry the baton on its tour of the south west.

MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

Australind Lions Club have had a dramatic growth going from nine members to 22 in the space of a short time.

EARLY MEETING

Members of the Port Kennedy Lions Club will commence their meetings at 6.30pm for 7.00pm start at the Pt Kennedy Tavern Function Room. Second and fourth Tuesday.

Cowaramaup Lions Australia Day breakfast in Pioneer Park



Lions Kevin Clark, John Purdue (at back), Geoff Bell, Roy Garston, Don Miller cooking sausages at the Cowaramaup breakfast.

IT WAS all hands on deck when the Cowaramaup Lions put on their annual free Australia Day breakfast in the town's picturesque Pioneer Park.

Club members who started preparing at 6am, served up 560 breakfasts of cereal and juice followed by bacon, egg, sausage and tomato and tea/coffee and toast.

It was the eighth year the Club had run the free breakfast and it is now an icon fixture on the Cawaramaup calendar.

Most of the food was provided at discounted prices by local business houses. It included 50 dozen eggs, 35kg of sausages, 30kg of bacon, 40kg of tomatoes, 60 loaves of bread and 110 litres of juice.

The breakfast was a good opportunity to introduce the local community to the Cowaramaup Lions' latest project which has seen the small south west Club pledge to raise \$10,000 for the national spinal cord research program.

Already the Club has reached the half way mark.

A wine-wood raffle raised another \$750 and breakfasters put in \$730 to help defray the cost of food.

Augusta-Margaret River Shire president Steve Harrison naturalised six new Australian citizens and presented two Premier's Awards. There was non-stop music from Caddam Wood Bush Band.

Boddington Lions celebrate 30 years of service



■ Boddington Lions charter members joined together for a commemorative picture at the Club's 30th anniversary dinner. Unfortunately not all are Lions today.



PDGW2 Wally Barrett (above right) accepts a Tom Cameron Award from PDGW1 Jim Haddock (Vice Chairman Lions Save Sight Foundation). The Award was presented to Wally at the Boddington 30th anniversary dinner for his effort in organising the annual Walk for Sight with the Mandurah Lions Club.