



201W2 DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

WE SERVE

AUGUST 2011

Back from Seattle and the land of the Midnight Sun

Hi Fellow Lions,
Well, here we back in Mandurah – Seattle International Convention has been and gone and the changing of the guard is official. May I take this opportunity to thank IPDG Terry and Lions Lady Judy for a fantastic job as our District Governor, possibly to the detriment of his health! I encourage all Lions to make contact with Terry and wish him well as he fights a current bout of ill-health.

For those of you that I haven't had the chance to catch up with as yet, my theme for the year is *Leadership – Equality – Opportunity* which encompasses my philosophy on the benefits of being a member of our world-wide organisation of Lions Clubs International. IPDG Terry has left the District in good shape, both from the point of view of membership and finances. I hope to build on membership by lifting membership to 1650 by June 2012 by both extensions and retention! GMT and GLT teams have been set up to facilitate this target and I ask all members to embrace this initiative which replaces the old MERL teams.

The first of many new LCI forums will occur on the Gold Coast from September 9-11 at the Jupiter's Conference Centre which encompasses constitutional area seven which includes Australia, New Zealand and Indonesia and features a number of forums designed to educate us all on every facet of Lions. The keynote speaker will be our new International President Wing-Kum Tam. Registrations are still open and available on the MD website at lionsanzipacificforum.com

My Mandurah convention committee under the chairmanship of Lion Graham Bateman is hard at work in preparation for the "Holiday Coast Convention" to be held from September 30 to October 2. We have a good spread of interesting guest speakers, presentations and

Help DG Peter plant 1,000,000 trees

Planting a Million Trees – Do You Believe it Can Be Done?

An important part of our extension of service this year is caring for our environment.

Our goal, to plant a million trees around the world this year. That's less than one tree for each member. If we can accomplish this goal, it proves once again that we can accomplish anything – just like we did when we exceeded our goal for Campaign SightFirst II. Just like we did when we prevented over 1 million cases of river blindness. And just like we are going to do by helping eradicate measles.

Why trees?

It's no secret that trees help the environment, but you may be surprised by all the benefits that planting a tree can provide. Trees are like the lungs of the planet. They breathe in carbon dioxide and breathe out oxygen. They also

ROAST'S ROUNDUP

debate over three days, at a very affordable cost. Accommodation is plentiful and bookings can be made through the Mandurah Tourist Bureau.

In 2012 Perth hosts the MD Convention at the Burswood Convention Centre from May 4-7. This gives every West Australian Lion the opportunity to attend and see what happens at a National level with all 19 Districts being represented by their respective District Governors.

Our new International President Wing-Kum Tam hails from Hong Kong, China and is a successful businessman involved in the air freight industry.

President Tam's theme is "I Believe" and his slogan is "My Club – My Family". His vision is driven by three beliefs and special goals for the coming year. Firstly, strengthening and retaining our membership by taking care of our existing members. Secondly, expanding our services to new heights, propelled by a special campaign to plant one million trees during his year. Finally, involving more young people in what we do, especially Leos with whom he sees the future of our Lions organisation.

How can we implement these visions over the next 12 months, by catching the "I Believe" spirit and acting to implement the following club strategies.

Start a tree planting program and advise District of your plans.

- Enact the "My Club – My Family" philosophy.
- Involve new members in all activities of your club.
- Revitalise your public relations program.
- Expand your clubs service projects.
- Build future Lions leaders by attending Leadership courses.

reduce erosion to save soil, help preserve local water sources, and provide habitat for wildlife living under more and more stress. Simply put, planting trees in your neighborhood really is one of the best things you can do for the local environment.

Any of us can plant a tree

It's a very visible and hands-on way for each and every Lion to make a difference. It's also a great project to invite your community at-large to join your local Lions club in a collaborative effort. If we can plant a million trees, it will reinforce the limitless potential we all know we have to make a difference as Lions. So make tree-planting part of your club or district activities this year, and invite your neighbors, friends and members of the community to join you. What better way to be reminded of our gift

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DG Peter Lamb.

- Support our existing WA Foundations and Institutes.
- Become involved in youth programs.
- Support Dryandra and Myalup Pines Cottages.

Finally, Helen and I have completed ten club visits at the time of writing, only 63 to go. My visitations are published in the 2011-12 diary but are occasionally subject to change. My thanks to Lion Lorri Jones for coordinating the club visits and all District cabinet meetings. If you wish to make changes to my club visits, please communicate with Lorri Jones. Our club meetings thus far have been most enjoyable and entertaining, including Boyup Brook, Bunbury Wollaston and Bunbury Leschenault, Albany, Albany South Coast, Rocky Gully and Millbridge.

–DG Peter Lamb.

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Are you going to help our DG plant 1,000,000 trees?

From page 1. of service than to watch the trees you have planted grow year-by-year? Every month throughout the year, we will report the number of trees being planted on this website.

This year

Special awards to recognise the outstanding achievements of clubs and districts involved in tree planting projects will be distributed. Also, several resources are available to help us reach our goal of planting one million trees. I believe that this year we will mobilise Lions around the world to reach this goal and truly make an impact on our environment.

Our District website will publish information collated from clubs who become involved in tree planting to allow us to monitor our pledge to LCI to plant 5,000 trees in our District over the next 12 months.

Please advise the Cabinet Secretary PDG Keith Jones of any Club Projects involving tree planting? Similarly any promotional photos of



DG Peter and Helen ready to get dirt on their hands.

Tree Planting projects would be appreciated by

our ace publications specialist – Lion Graham Madigan!

–Peter Lamb, District Governor.

International President Wing-Kun Tam writing in his monthly bulletin stated, “Lions often focus on changing the world by direct service to people in need. But making the world a better place starts with changing the world itself.

“Trees play an important part in making our planet a healthy, beautiful habitat for the human race. In addition to renewing the atmosphere, trees conserve soil and water, control avalanches, prevent desertification, protect coastal areas and stabilize sand dunes. They support nearly 90 percent of terrestrial life on Earth.

“Yet trees are disappearing at an alarming rate. Latin America, Africa and Asia are losing millions of acres of forested land each year. That’s why it is important for your club and District to help Lions reach our goal of planting one million trees worldwide this year,” the IP stated.

Port Kennedy Lions lend a helping hand



Nurse Coral Temby (left) patient 18 month-old Jack Van Heythuysen and Port Kennedy vice president Nick Sperryn-Jones, whose daughter’s illness started the process for the hospital’s needs.

First hand experience has led to a generous donation from the Lions Club of Port Kennedy.

The daughter of a club member ??????? was a patient in the Paediatric Ward at Rockingham General Hospital and the care and treatment received was so well-regarded, the club voted to donate equipment by way of thanks.

Two SATS monitors, valued at more than \$2,000 are now in use on the ward thanks to the donation.

Paediatric Clinical Nurse Specialist Lynda Deacon said this equipment enables staff to indirectly monitor the oxygen saturation of a patient’s blood as well as heart rate at all times.

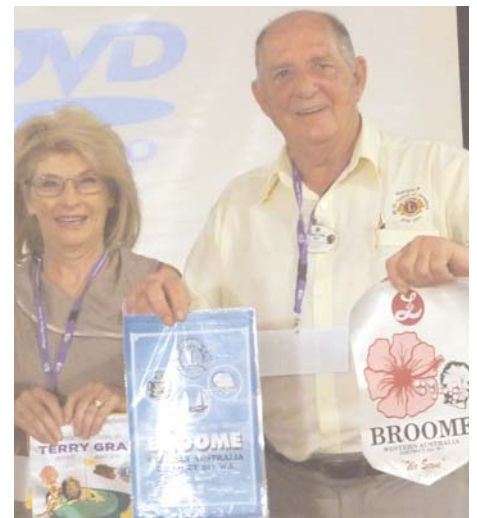
“The monitors are portable and non-invasive,

which for our younger patients is an important consideration.

“They allow our nurses and physicians to monitor the amount of oxygen in the blood without having to obtain blood for laboratory testing.

“We are very grateful to the Lions Club of Port Kennedy for so kindly recognising the work of the staff from our ward and for providing this equipment, which will serve other patients from our community.” “It is always a pleasure to give something back to our community and it is great to know that the equipment will be well used and look after the children of our area.”

PDG Terry Gray’s health update



IPDG Terry Gray pictured in Broome last year.

Many Lions and partners have taken onboard the health problems of W2 IPDG Terry Gray. In this edition of the District Newsletter we bring you up to date.

Terry’s partner Judy Forsyth has given us the latest information on Terry’s health. “Firstly Terry was diagnosed with Polycystic Kidney Disease. This is an hereditary disease in most instances and is treatable.

“Unfortunately he was then diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma which is basically a cancer of the plasma cells in the bones which is not curable but is treatable with increasing success rates.

“At the time of writing this message Terry is in Hollywood Hospital in Donaldson Ward and is expected to be there for a week or two to establish his treatment plan.

Jude added, “It may be unusual to give out this much info publicly but I hope it will help to get the correct message about what is happening.”

Both Terry and Jude would like to express our sincere thanks for all expressions of concern personally and by cards and phone calls.

LIONS DRYANDRA WOODLANDS VILLAGE A G M

SATURDAY 17TH September 2 PM, TAMAR HALL, DRYANDRA VILLAGE

Every Lion from W1 & W2 most welcome.

Please attend this meeting and support your Lions Village. Afternoon tea provided.

There may be some cottages left but you will need to be very quick. Please contact caretakers John & Lisa for these. 98845231

Please contact Lion Judy to RSVP for AGM or as soon as possible. 97261628 or 0414571905 or jutesa@oceanbroadband.net

Four exchange students on visit to W2 District

Four youth exchangees have now returned to Europe after spending three weeks in W2 District as guests of the Lions Clubs of Collie and Rockingham. Norwegian youths Anja Solheim and Joakim Ellseth, Gino Fontana from Italy and Joris Jans from Holland made an indelible impression on their host families and clubs.

Lion Ray Pilatti, Youth Exchange Coordinator for Collie Lions said, "Hosting the three young visitors in Collie was a great experience and very rewarding for our club. Joakim, Anja and Gino were fine young ambassadors for their countries, Norway and Italy. The Lions clubs in Europe who nominated them for the exchange visit to Australia should be proud of their willingness to participate in our culture and activities."

Collie host family, Lou and Cathy Crescenzi told the District Newsletter, "This was our first time as a Lions host family. Anja, Joakim and Gino were very respectful and well-mannered and we had no problems at all. We enjoyed every bit of it and are glad we got involved in the exchange program.

Collie Lions Peter and Corry Blurton told us, "We had reservations because we are an extremely busy family, both working professionals, and with three children aged 16, 10 and six years. We had not hosted before. As it turned out it was an extremely rewarding exercise and we urge other Lions members to be involved.

Rockingham host family, Lions Frank and Wynanda Van Hooft said, "It was a daunting thought to host someone unknown. It has however been a wonderful experience not only for us but also for other members of our club who opened their homes and hearts to Joris.

He proved to be a wonderful guest you can visit



ABOVE: Members of the Collie Lions Club with their Norwegian visitors Anja Solheim, Joakim Ellseth and Gino Fontana. BELOW: Rockingham Lions joined in for a group picture with their guest Joris Jans.



him on: <https://picasaweb.google.com/102316254939019489107/Joris>."

-Helen Dalgleish 201W2 Youth Exchange Chairperson. (South Perth)

2012 MD Lions Gold and Diamond Convention something for all WA Lions to look forward too

Planning for the Lions "Gold & Diamond" Convention in Perth is well under way and registrations are starting to come in.

Details of the functions to be held at the Convention have been updated regularly and are available on the Registration form that can be downloaded from our website <http://www.lionsclubs.org.au/perth2012convention/>

As you would expect from a state enjoying a mining boom accommodation in Perth, depending on star rating is at a premium and if

members are attending the Convention it is recommended that you consider booking as soon as possible - there are links on the website for accommodation, including caravan parks, as well as tours to complement your trip to Western Australia.

The Tourism WA website can be located http://www.westernaustralia.com/au/Pages/Welcome_to_Western_Australia.aspx and has a lot of information about what is happening in WA.

The program for the Convention is currently being finalised, however we are looking at providing entertaining and informative key note speakers as well as conducting part of our "Lions WA Children of Courage Awards" during the weekend to complement the other youth events.

During the convention in Launceston we advised members there would not be an informal reception on the Friday night at the start of the convention, this has been replaced with "club hospitality" a slight change from previous "home hospitality". Clubs within the metro area of Perth would like to meet and host Lions from around the country with their members and partners acting as hosts for the evening.

For members who have attended a convention in Perth before we are holding the convention at the Burswood Convention Centre where

all activities except for two or three dinners which will be held offsite.

The registration form and news sections of the website are regularly updated. While the 2012 convention committee were at the Mildura and Launceston conventions we invited members to lodge their name and email addresses so we could update them with regular news articles, currently we have over 700 email details on our database. If members would like to be included on this list, submit your details to the website which is listed on the website.

We in Western Australia are all looking forward to meeting and greeting our Lions friends from interstate to make them welcome and to show them a good time.

-Bill Robertson APM
MD Convention Chairman.

WANTED

PDG Garry Irvine is making an urgent call for help. You see Gazza needs a high back wicker chair the sort of thing your great, great grandmother used to sit in. It will be part of a display for the 2012 MD Convention at the Burswood Convention Centre for seven days from May 7-14 next year. Contact Garry by email on: gaz41@internetexpress.net.au

Leeuwin, Augusta Lions club
will be celebrating their
40th.
Anniversary
on **Sat, Dec 10, 2011**
PLEASE KEEP THE DATE
FREE
and come and join us. More
information will be available in
the District Newsletters and
West Lion.

Jazz in the Jarrah organiser takes out Melvin Jones Fellowship

The Lions Club of Manjimup held its annual Changeover Luncheon at the Manjimup Motel to a small but relaxed group of Club members and visitors recently.

Long serving member Allan Kammann acted as MC and has lost none of his talent as he entertained the mob with a polished performance that included presenting Dee Roebuck with the prestigious 'Ahh sh-' award. Lion Dee is recovering from a recent heart attack.

A highlight of the event was the presentation to Dot Jacobs of the Lion of the Year award. Apart from her position as secretary, Dot has been a very enthusiastic promoter of 'Jazz in the Jarrah' as an entirely new and imaginative project for the club.

Lion Dot is currently involved with negotiations to bring another jazz concert to Manjimup in February 2012. Negotiations include the jazz big band Swing Shift.

Other highlights included the presentation of a Melvin Jones Fellow award to club mints chairman Brian Beer and a life membership to Lion Jim Muir.

The story about Jim Muir who at the age of 90, still goes out collecting firewood with a chainsaw in one hand and a walking stick in the other, is quite true.

Incoming president Paddy Pemberton said he was looking forward to the challenges ahead and would prefer to see the club focusing on local projects for its fund raising efforts.

Jazz in the Jarrah' organiser Lion Dot Jacobs receives her Lion of the Year award

from president Jim McGlinn.

Club Mints Chairman Lion Brian Beer receives his Melvin Jones Fellowship award from Jim McGlinn.

-Geoff Mabey, Manjimup Lions Club.



YOTY seminar keeps Lions abreast of movement

The YOTY seminar held at Rowthorpe in Bentley turned out to be a fantastic morning. Brian Williams WA State YOTY chairman and W-chairs Elsie Constantine and Diane O'Flaherty hosted the event. W2 zones 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 were represented and 13 clubs attended. Please remember that if you would like a copy of anything discussed or handed out at this meeting, you only need to contact me.

Welcome to the mailing list to all those new YOTY chairpersons. If you need help it is as close as an email to me, or a look at the YOTY page <http://www.lionsclubs.org.au/yoty/> There is everything you could possibly want on this site, and since the contest is now electronic, all your forms and manuals are there (as well as some great photos & information about last year's national final).

WHO IS ON BOARD?

As soon as you know your club YOTY chairperson, could you email me please kanni@it.net.au Thanks to those who have done so already. It makes the process easier, and I will be able to streamline my mailing list.

WHAT IS URGENT RIGHT NOW?

- Set a date for the interviews and a date for your club finals. These will need to be men-

tioned in your letter when you approach schools.

- Approach schools. The principal is some people's preferred first contact. The principal should pass your request on to the appropriate person. Other club chairpersons like to go directly to the year 11 coordinator. Make sure your communication gives important details like what the contest is looking for, age range, procedure. If you go directly to a coordinator, make sure the principal knows about the contest. Since schools are back for term 3, you could begin anytime.

- Follow up, take posters to the school library, email or ring the teacher you're working with. The relationship between you (as YOTY Club chairperson) and the school is the key to your success in attracting candidates.

- Register your club. Fill out the registration form online, print it out then mail it to me with your \$50 entry cheque (made out to 201W2).

Thank you to those clubs who have indicated they will enter the contest. We need more starters if we are to redress the woeful figures for YOTY entrants which come from WA. Please consider running this project in your club. If you only have one entrant, that is OK

because you are giving the opportunity to someone for practicing interview techniques, thinking quickly and spontaneously as well as speaking in public. It is a great way for getting students to feel successful! I love what one club newly taking on YOTY communicated to me . . . we want to give it a go. It might not be perfect first time, but we can only improve! So just try. Give it a go.

If anyone has problems with the new system, and country schools might not be as well equipped as others, could you please inform me and we may have to look at other arrangements for you.

Dates for 2011/2012:

Multiple Districts Final: Burswood during MD convention May 4, 2012

State final weekend April 13, 14 2012

District final: March 24, 25 2012

Region final: March 10, 11 2012

Club final: before February 25, 26 2012

Club prizes: There is lots of discussion going on at the moment about the prizes that clubs give at the initial level. The recommendation is a book voucher worth \$50.

-Diane O'Flaherty, W2 YOTY Chairperson.

Mandy Bishop earns her stripes through fostering

Foster carers are heroes. They are volunteers in the fight for a strong community. They take children who often have behavioural problems that require special care - it is a 24 hour job. Mandurah has its share of heroes - one of those is Mandy Bishop (pictured right) with Mandurah Lions Club Community Welfare Chairman Brian Prendergast.

Mandy, described by friends as a bubbly, positive person with a big heart, has fostered 14 children over the last twenty years. All this whilst bringing up her own two children.

You might think Mandy had done her fair share but she has just taken on the task of raising three young children until they reach 18 years of age.

One of the most difficult things that foster children face apart from the separation from their parents is frequency of placement.

These children will not have to face that issue.

The three siblings, aged two, four and seven, have been given a gift that will last a lifetime. The importance of keeping these three children together as a family unit may well be one of the most significant things that will ever happen to them.

There is no doubt that it was a difficult task to find someone who was willing to take on three children, of such a young age - and then commit to their care until they are eighteen. Mandurah Lions Club recognised her incredible contribution to their community by presenting her with the Mandurah Lions Foster Mother of the Year 2011 award.

This award came with a package of beauty treatments. So pamper yourself Mandy you deserve it.

-Deborah Devison, Mandurah Lions Club.



Bull Creek Lions remembrance day

"Today we are gathered to pay homage to a number of Lions who, sadly, have left us," PDG Bob Huey told Lions, partners and friends in his address to those who attended the annual Bull Creek Lions Remembrance Ceremony on Sunday, July 31.

Each year Lions remember those who have passed away in the previous 12 months. In the memorial park a tree is planted and marked with a plymph in the name of the former Lion or a member of their family.

Those Lions will also be remembered during the respective District conventions when they have their ceremonies.

"Here in this setting we are able to remember them in a different and more lasting way. By remembering them with a tree we provide an almost permanent monument to their memory. Here they will be remembered in a very Australian setting – peaceful and serene, PDG Bob said.

"Their loved ones will of course have their memories. We Lions will also have memories. Memories of their dedication and their contribution to the community which in some cases stretched over several decades and in prominent positions in Lionism. The community is the poorer for their passing.

"And we have memories of their friendship and the fellowship we enjoyed in their company. Yes the community is the poorer for their passing. So are we," Bob concluded.

The lord has called to higher service the following Lions: Michael Raymond Anderson, Girradoola; Dot Barton, Bull Creek; Donald Brougham, Morley; PDG Tom Cameron, Morley; Thomas (Tommy) Martin Cox Snr, Yanchep Two Rocks; Frank Finkelstein, Morley; Robert (Bob) John Morris, Yanchep Two Rocks; John and Dorothy Phelps, South Perth; PDG Lorraine Strickland, Canning City; Robert Thompson, Morley.



ABOVE: Peter (right) Strickland and members of the late PDG Lorraine Strickland's family at the Bull Creek ceremony. BELOW: A section of the crowd who attended.



Time closing in for W2 Convention rego's

With only five weeks until registrations close, it is time to get your registration in for the 201W2 District

Convention which commences on Friday, September 30. Registrations close on September 15.

The program for the Friday evening will feature the flag ceremony and the remembrance ceremony together with an outstanding guest speaker.

Saturday morning and Sunday morning are devoted to business with some interesting presentations for good measure.

There will be no business on Saturday afternoon. The AFL Grand Final will be shown on the large screens in the main hall while those not interested in AFL will be free to explore the many attractions that Mandurah and its surrounds has to offer.

Those that register early enough will be entertained by the "Shad Lads" at the Saturday evening Dinner/Dance where places are limited.

For those Lions members who have not yet found a registration form, the cabinet secretary has forwarded a registration form and an abbreviated convention program to all club secretaries. If you have not seen a registration form, chase up your club

secretary and make sure that you don't miss this weekend in Mandurah. Or visit page six this edition.

We are fortunate to have major sponsors in Invocare and Alcoa of Australia Invocare generously supports all District Conventions throughout Australia.

The Lions Club of Mandurah welcomes the support of Alcoa of Australia who have come on board as

one of the major sponsors for this event.

Alcoa has established an enviable record in partnering not for profit organisations and community groups in the communities in which Alcoa operates. We thank them for their commitment.

**–Graham Bateman, Chair,
2011 District Convention.**

DUMMY RUN: Mandurah Lion Colin Hartley (left) ushers in a flag as part of the dummy run held at the Mandurah Lions Den recently. PDG Peter Lamb and remembrance ceremony coordinator Tess Leedham discuss the script.





40th Annual Lions District 201W2 Convention

Host Club: Lions Club of Mandurah Inc
Friday 30th September, Saturday & Sunday 1st & 2nd October 2011



Registration Form

REG NO _____
REC NO _____
CHEQUE _____
BSB _____
Office Use Only

Convention Sponsor

Closing date for registration 15th September 2011

PID/PCC/PDG/Lion/Leo/Lioness..... First Name.....Surname.....

Lion/Leo/Lioness Club of.....District

Are you a delegate? Yes No Is this your first convention? Yes No

Partner's Name.....

If your partner is a Lion, Lioness or Leo, please register on a separate form.

Postal Address (Number, Street or PO Box).....

Town/Suburb.....State.....Post Code.....

Telephone.....Mobile.....Email.....

Code	Day	Time	Function	No	Cost	Total
1	Friday	9.00 pm	Informal Reception		\$15.00	
2	Saturday	10.30 am	Morning Tea & Coffee		\$8.00	
3	Saturday	12.30 pm	Lunch		\$13.50	
4	Saturday		Free Afternoon Tea & Coffee			
5	Saturday	7.00 pm	DG's Dinner Dance (Maximum of 200)		\$36.00	
6	Sunday	10.30 pm	Morning Tea & Coffee		\$8.00	
7	Sunday	1.00 pm	Lunch		\$13.50	
8			Convention Pin		\$4.00	
					Sub Total	
					Less Early Bird Registration Deposit – Rec No.....	
					Total	

Special Dietary Requirements.....

ACCOMMODATION:- Each Lion is responsible for their own accommodation

VENUE: All functions at Ac-cent Mandurah, 41 Ormsby Terrace, Mandurah 6210

PAYMENT DETAILS:

- Cheques payable to District 201W2 Convention Account
- Direct Deposit to Commonwealth Bank Mandurah BSB 066 516 Account 1047 6275
(Please ensure Registration Form is forwarded)

POST REGISTRATION FORM TO: The Registration Chairman, PO Box 573, Mandurah 6210
or email to registrations@mandurahlionsclub.info

Convention Chairman: Graham Bateman – 9581 6701
 Convention Secretary: Rob Garratt – 0450 288 221
 Convention Treasurer: PCC Ambrose Depiazzi – 9387 1117

“Holiday Coast Convention”