



201W2 DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE DG'S DESK

What has your Council of Governors done this year?

THIS question may be on your lips or you may not care but I feel it is incumbent on me to let you know how you are being represented at Multiple District level. Council Meetings held in Sydney have produced a couple of significant decisions.

- Early into the year as governors we ensured that a reduction in the cost of staging the MD Convention in Sydney was implemented and the budget was reduced in a number of areas.

- A great deal of review in the area of Membership involving all the committee members and managers has resulted in a redirection. Instead of investing a significant amount of money for one representative to promote membership Australia-wide, the governors have moved to ensure that a suitable and qualified person is trained for each District each year. After a number of years this will ensure a good supply of quality membership support personnel. Obviously not everyone will achieve the competency that will be required but even if 50% of the trainees succeed this means we are in a stronger position than we are now. Training is envisioned to be done along similar lines to the Cabinet Secretary and VDG training sessions. A fund of \$17,500 has been redirected from the membership area so instead additional costs the same budgeted money is being used but in a different way. This training course is still being developed and will be presented at the May Council meeting. The general belief from this Council is that Membership is mainly a club focussed issue and so resources are being redirected with the support of Multiple District and the State Chairmen to ensure each district can support their member clubs.

- A number of nominees for positions have been appointed and in particular I would like to congratulate in our District the appointment of Lion Jane Oversby as the WA State Co-ordinator for Youth of the Year. This position is commencing immediately. Previous appointments have seen IPDG Dave Molcher take on W Districts Coordinator for Lion Mints; Graham McClare the WA Coordinator for LCIF; Terina Watson the WA Coordinator for Leos and Peter Lamb the National Chairman for Leo & Youth Outreach Committee. My congratulations and best wishes also go to these successful nominees.

- The Council has been seeking a review of the MD Public Relations & Information Committee since they took over as Governors

and this recent meeting in consultation with the National PR Chairman and the Executive Officer voted to disband the committee. A new approach to National PR will be coordinated through the Executive Officer and Council of Governors leaving the Districts to concentrate on their own promotions as is appropriate in their areas.

- At a previous meeting the Council of Governors also moved to disband the Australian Lion Publications committee.

- The major decision taken at this recent meeting was to appoint a steering committee to review the total operational practices of Lions Australia. The steering committee has developed terms of reference based on a presentation by the National Treasurer Bryan Smith. The basic thrust is to question how we do things and do we need to expend the amounts of money we do currently. At the current rate of expenditure and taking into account our National Membership of 27,000 it would not be too long before we would be in a very serious financial position. Without singling out any particular area it is obvious to this Council that a different approach to expenditure is necessary for us to continue as a viable and vibrant organisation. The steering committee will consist of the National Treasurer and a Governor from each of the following sub-committees, Administration, Marketing, Membership and Youth.

- **As your Governor I successfully moved three motions this meeting:**

MOTION 1: That the following policy be included in the Policy Minutes of the Council of Governors:

CONSTRUCTION OF A NOTICE OF MOTION

Any notice of motion put to a Council of Governors Meeting should give consideration to the following:

1. WHAT positive action is to be taken;
2. WHO is to do it;
3. HOW it is to be done;
4. WHEN it is to be done;
5. any time limits; (eg commencing and/or terminating dates)
6. the outcome required; (applicable when a motion refers to taking an action to do something)
7. the budget requirements or implications (in terms of the amount and source of funds); and
8. the implication on current policy minutes; Of course, in many cases not all of these crite-



■ *Keith Jones*

ria will be required but it is important that each motion is tested against them.

Positive action means phrasing the resolution in a positive way. Do not use negative terminology such as "not accepted" or "not rejected".

MOTION 2: That the following motion be put to the Multiple District Convention in Sydney;

That sections 16.2.1 and 16.2.2 be deleted from the Policy Minutes and replaced with the following:

16.2.1 Each District's Lions Christmas Cake profit allocation shall be paid by the National Treasurer as soon as the profits have been identified and audited. **MORE PAGE 2.**

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16.2.2 Districts and Clubs are encouraged to apply the profits arising from the Lions Christmas Cake Project towards Sight, Health and Humanitarian projects.

MOTION 3: That the Policy Minutes:

1. be re-indexed to reflect seven major sections instead of the current 73 and the sections be as follows:

- A – Administration
- C – Constitutions
- F – Finance and Legal
- M – Marketing
- ME – Membership
- Y – Youth
- O – Other ; and

2. be sub-divided within these seven sections numerically as per the example of Contents in the following explanation.

(The explanation is too long for this publication but suffice to say the intent was to ensure that the policy minutes are structured in such a way to make them easier to follow.)

We are all in the second part of our term in office whether you be a DG, Cabinet Member, Club President, Club Secretary or Club Treasurer. We all need to be able to answer the question if asked of us by our fellow members, "What positive progress and contribution have you made in your position this year?" My belief is that if we take on a position we give it

our all – otherwise what's the point. In my visits around our clubs I have discovered that most of our members who take on these positions are doing what they can, when they can to the best of their ability. It is all we ask and I commend to you in the coming year to encourage others that have not chosen to serve at a higher level yet to do so. Recycling the same people in the same jobs is not progress. We need to develop our clubs and our organisation to a more professional degree and this District certainly has the training personnel to provide the support to people willing to give something new a go.

Dwellingup Bush Fire Appeal tops \$45,500

W2 DISTRICT Governor Keith Jones released a message recommending Clubs get behind the Dwellingup Bush Fire Appeal and the devastating impact it had in areas around Dwellingup, Pinjarra and Waroona. It stated "I wish to add my full support to a fundraising campaign initiated by the Lions Club of Pinjarra.

"They are requesting cash donations and stock feed. Please give this matter your kind consideration in their time of need."

And it did. And at the close of mail on Wednesday, February 28, \$45,500 in donations had been received.

PDG Wally Barrett on behalf of Pinjarra Lions Club emailed Lions throughout Australia seeking support for the appeal. The Australian Lions Foundation were first to respond with an immediate cash donation of \$5000 and Boddington Lions Club followed with a donation of \$3000. Pinjarra Lions Club tipped \$5000 into the fund. Q2 District in Far North Queensland swelled the appeal with a \$10,000 donation.

Wally's email stated . . . "Since January 26, (Australia Day) the areas surrounding the townships of Pinjarra, Dwellingup, Coolup and Waroona have been engulfed in bushfires which had destroyed at least 16 houses, a considerable number of stock, several hay sheds, many cars, trucks and other machinery, tens of thousands of kilometres of fencing, hay stacks and ground feed, to name a few. Fire crews from all over the south west have been involved and as many as 150 fire fighters on the front line at a time. The costs have not yet been calculated but will no doubt run into many millions of dollars."

The Lions Club of Pinjarra together with the Shire of Murray are organising a relief fund to assist those who have lost property in the fires, and are asking those who can, to assist this very worthwhile cause.

As the area has now been made a natural disaster this allows all monetary funds to be tax deductible and it also allows access to the Lord Mayors Relief Fund.

More donations came from W1 District \$4700, Mandurah \$1500, Narembeen \$250, Kwinana \$500, Dunsborough \$500, Collie-Wellington \$500, Wagin \$500, Carnamah \$200, Leeming \$500, Bull Creek \$1000, Pt Kennedy \$1000, Jandakot-Lakes \$500, Merredin \$500, Williams \$500, Australind-Eaton \$400, Rockingham \$250, Narrogin \$1000, Boyup Brook \$500, Australind \$200, Cowaramup \$1000, Gosnells \$500, Newman \$500, Busselton \$1000 and Greenfields \$500.

Further cash donations can be sent to The Secretary, Lions Club of Pinjarra Inc. P.O. Box 221, Pinjarra, W.A. 6208. Further information can be obtained from Wally Barrett on phone 95312339 or Fax 95312736 or email: pinbus@westnet.com.au

It is expected that the appeal will close on March 16, 2007



■ PDG Wally Barrett out and about offering the needy cash when he came across Dwellingupian Peter Greenham who lost 50% of his chook stock in the bush fire. When asked how many chooks he had before the fire struck, Peter said two. So Wally handed over five bucks for the loss of one chook. Under ALF guidelines cash cannot be used for fuel, feed or fencing. Wally used his own cash.

LIONS 2007 SAVE-SIGHT FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION

Here's your chance to have some fun and at the same time raise some funds for our Save Sight Foundation. The Lions Save Sight Football Tipping Competition is on again during the 2007 AFL season.

The Football Tipping Competition is open to everyone, Lions, Lionesses, Leos, Partners, Family & Friends. Entries can be from individuals, syndicates or clubs.

EACH WEEK: Send your weekly tips to the Co-ordinator by email, fax or post. Entries are to be received by 4pm (West Australian Time) on the day of the first game for each Round (Normally Friday).

ENTRY FORM: Tick one Individual Club Syndicate

Name:.....

Address:.....

Telephone:..... Fax:.....

Mobile:..... Email:.....

Post Entry Form together with your cheque for \$45.00 made payable to Lions Save-Sight Foundation to The Co-ordinator, 109 Chessell Drive, DUNCRAIG WA 6023. ENTRIES CLOSE FRIDAY 23rd MARCH 2007.

ROCK'N'ROLL LEGEND JOINS LIONS



Normie Rowe (centre) is pictured with Lion Terry Gray, PDG Arthur Bushe-Jones, VDG elect Dora Bushe-Jones and DG Keith Jones.

NORMIE Rowe A.M. (Member of the Order of Australia), Rock Legend, tireless worker for the Vietnam Vets and recipient of many humanitarian awards now takes up the challenges that we all do as a member of Lions Australia.

For some time now I have been working with Normie to help create an awareness advertisement for Lions Australia and fitting in everything to his busy schedule has been a challenge on its own. This flying visit to WA was the perfect opportunity to tie up some loose ends.

A Concert sponsored by Harvey tourism on February 9 was a first for their beautiful new Amphitheatre. Back and forward for sound checks in this new venue swallowed up precious time, fortunately DG Keith Jones (a musician in his own right) was able to help out by putting new strings to Normie's guitar and tuning it before the show and even more fortunate Normie trusted him to do it.

Harvey Tourism provided a stretched Limo for the trip from Brunswick to the concert venue which promptly ended up in a ditch and had to be towed out. All this excitement aside the concert was a tremendous success. Over two hours later we tried to pry Normie away from the hundreds of female Baby Boomers, numerous fans and half the local footy club Cheer Squad and finally driven back to Brunswick in the wee small hours.

Now that's when the fun really began, at 1.30 in the morning DG Keith Jones convened a Lions meeting. Objects and Ethics read then a very moving induction ceremony took place. Lion Terry Gray W2 Lions Mints and cake chairman and long time war buddy of Normie stepped up as his sponsor. Among those present were PDG Arthur Bushe-Jones, VDG elect Dora Bushe-Jones and Australind Lions Club secretary Judy Forsyth all witnessed Normie take the new member's oath. Normie Rowe is now an Associate Member of the Australind Lions Club.

Normie's commitment to a concert in Melbourne the following night prevented us from celebrating too much.

Now if we can just get back to all those Baby Boomers that flooded the stage after the concert what a great boost to our membership that would be.

—*Lorri Jones, National Public Relations.*

Building Better Clubs Leadership Program

The weekend of April 27, 28, 29, 2007 is the date for the next Building Better Clubs Leadership Program. It follows a most successful similar program held in Albany in early November, this one will be held in Perth.

Leadership Chairman PDG Bruce Hearman, in announcing the time of the program, says that this event is being organised to provide for Lions from both District W1 and W2 to attend. The venue is the Pt Walter Sport and Recreation Camp. It will be a live-in style event as in the past.

All Clubs will have elected their Club Board of Management for the year 2007-2008 by the time of the event and Bruce requests all members support to the fullest extent as many of their incoming Club executive attending as possible. Many Clubs previously have subsidised the cost of members attending.

Comments from past participants have always claimed the program being unequalled in providing, amongst other things, improved management skills and heightened self-confidence for all that attend. This immensely assists with the creation of satisfying and rewarding Club environments that support all our members.

Lions from both Districts intending to participate are requested to contact members of their District Leadership Team as soon as possible. Further information will be provided to all Clubs before the event.

2007 YOUTH OF THE YEAR QUEST

Invites

Club members from Districts 201W1 & W2

To attend the

State Final for Public Speaking

On Saturday 14th April 2007

At the Bob Daniel Community Centre

Corner 10th Avenue & Beaufort St, Inglewood.

Judging will commence at 7.30pm.

Six wonderful young participants will be vying for a place in the National Final.

Supper will be served (Gold coin donation).

There is no entry fee for Club members but a raffle will be run on the night to help defray costs.

We look forward to your company. You will be impressed.

Acting Youth of The Year State Coordinator PDG Lorraine Strickland

Austrailain Lions Foundation

\$40,015 in Grants Approved at the February 2007 Trustees meeting:

APPLICANT CLUB	PROJECT	AMOUNT GRANTED
Lions Club Wangaratta (V6)	Replacement BBQ's for Community Park	\$1,250
Lions Club Charles Sturt (C1)	Equipment for Speech Therapy & Special Education	\$2,550
Lions Club Floreat (W1)	Braille Embosser	\$3,028
Lions Club Brisb Oxley-Sherwood (Q3)	Powerlift Recliner Chair	\$990
Lions Club Beachport Rivoli Bay (C2)	Foreshore Beautification Project	\$12,000
Lions Club Canowindra (N4)	Equipment for Brain-Injured Youth	\$5,016
Lions Club Bondi (N5)	Equipment to assist Parkinson's Sufferers	\$8,281
Lions Club Maryborough (Q4)	Youth Development Project	\$5,000
Lions Club Scottsdale (T1)	Assistance to Child Burns Victim	\$1,900

GRANT APPLICATIONS

All Clubs (Lions, Lioness and Leos) are encouraged to apply for financial assistance for their proposed community welfare projects. A grant from A.L.F. could help to "make things happen" or perhaps even make things happen on a larger scale!

Our Grant Application Form contains Instructions and Conditions re making an application, but if in doubt do not hesitate to contact your District ALF Chairman or your State Trustee.

THE FOUNDATION'S AGM

Our Annual General Meeting will be held during the MD201 Convention in Sydney. At this meeting, the Trustees will submit their report on operations for their last financial year, approval will be sought for the audited financial statements, and elections will be held for the position of Trustee for the "T" District and for the "W" Districts.

Forms have been sent to all Lions Clubs to nominate a Club representative to vote at this meeting. However all convention attendees are welcome to attend the meeting.

The AGM will take place during the lunch break on Friday 18th May, in the Convention Centre, commencing at 12.15pm – we look forward to seeing you there.

MD CONVENTION DISPLAY

Please make an effort to visit our Display Booth and make yourself known to the Trustees. Take the opportunity to find out more about the Foundation and how it has helped Clubs with their projects and also

assisted people who have suffered as a result of various natural disasters.

Also, your views are important to us, so while you are at the Display Booth you will be able to fill in a Questionnaire designed to help us improve. In exchange you will receive a small gift as a token of our appreciation for your input.

CLUB SUPPORT TO THE FOUNDATION

A mail-out has been sent to all Clubs during February 2007, seeking their financial support to help us continue our objectives of helping Clubs with their community projects.

An excellent way to do this is by participating in our Awards Program, whereby the Club can recognise with a special Award a worthy member of the Lions Family, or a citizen or business organisation who has been of great help to the Club. An appropriate Award is available in exchange for a particular level of donation.

Alternatively, a donation of \$250 or more which is not designated for an Award will earn the Club a handsome Banner Patch.

Samples of the Awards and Banner Patch are on show at our MD Convention Display Stand.

ORDER AWARDS EARLY

Our Award Application Form asks Clubs to allow 4 weeks from time of order to delivery of same.

The months February to July are the busiest of our year for processing orders for Awards, so the 4-week lead time is very important during that period.

This is especially critical in late April, and in May, the traditional period for the holding of the MD201 Convention. The Trustees all attend the MD Convention during which they hold a Trustees Meeting; prepare and conduct the AGM and its associated elections; set up, man and then pack up the Display Booth; carry out a Stage Presentation.

Like many other conventioners, the Trustees may also take the opportunity to take some "leave" around the Convention dates.

Consequently, there may be a week or longer when nothing happens - our Treasurer is not at home to receive the orders and bank the cheques when they arrive, and our Awards Coordinator is also not at home to place the orders with our supplier in Tasmania.

Therefore we recommend that Clubs order their Awards for change-over (hand-over) nights during the first half of April - this will save us having to contact the Club with the bad news that due to short notice the Awards can't be delivered in time.

NEED MORE INFORMATION ?

In the first instance, see the Club Secretary - during the year we have sent to all Clubs a Brochure, Question & Answer Sheet, Grant Application Form and Award Application Form.

Further information can be obtained from the District ALF Chairman and the ALF Trustee for your group of Districts - contact details can be found on Page 12 of the 2006-2007 Multiple District Directory.

SITUATION VACANT

To all Lions of District 201W2

You will remember that it was necessary to hold a separate election for Board Members of the Lions Cancer Institute Inc. in view of the omission of this matter in the program for the 2006 District Convention.

Nomination papers were sent to all District 201W2 Club Secretaries during November 2006 requesting nominations for two "two year" Board vacancies and one single year Board vacancy, but regrettably only two nominations were received.

Accordingly a poll was not required and the two nominees (PDG Garry Irvine of Bull Creek and Lion Sue Richards of Bunbury Leschenault) were declared elected to the two vacancies, serving until June 30th 2009.

The one year position (serving until June 30th 2008) is currently vacant and can be filled by appointment by the District Governor in accordance with our Constitution.

Ron Vaughan PDG
Secretary/Treasurer. Lions Cancer Institute Inc.

Lions History Project

Thank you to all the Clubs that have forwarded their Club's History. To enable us to compile a complete history 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

New president at Kondinin

Bob Peake has been appointed the president of the Kondinin Club. Ph: 9889 1045. Fax: 9889 1079. Mob: 0428 103650.

The previous president, Scott Morgan was transferred by the Education Department to Perth.

THE WEEK THAT WAS . . .

IF YOU ever forget what it means to be a Lion, or understand just what an amazing organization we belong to, let me tell you a tale of this particular day in the life of DG Keith and his loyal side kick Hospitality Chick Lorri.

First off were Keith's commitments on Wednesday February 21 and I hasten to add that all DG's have heavy schedules, Keith's is not unique.

Drop off the company car in Donnybrook, deliver PA system to PDG Dave and Karen Molcher's home in Mt Richon for their daughter Sonia and Allan's wedding. Drive to Northam for a Mayoral Reception at 6pm then the Northam Lions Club meeting, after that off to the Perth airport and onwards to Sydney for MD meetings. OK that sounds achievable.

However; Keith insisted that we take my little coupe from Donnybrook to Perth and that is where the saga began.

We dropped off Keith's vehicle in Donnybrook for repairs, he had allowed a kangaroo to bite a large chunk out of the front of his company car. Now with him insisting that we take my car from Donnybrook. Not so achievable as my little coupe doesn't go outside the Boyup boundaries. Not one to argue with a husband especially a DG husband, we took off early morning.

Enroute the coupe car broke down just two doors from Lion Hanny Jasper's home in Harvey. The dear lady (after reloading all the gear into her car) drove the hour and a half to Dave and Karen's home, a quick revive drink and we borrowed Karen's car and hastily took off for the Northam Mayoral Reception and Lions meeting. We then drove to Perth to catch the red eye for Sydney. Here we handed the keys to Karen's car to the waiting Dave.

Four cars to complete the day's activities that would not have happened if not for the wonderful Lions who came to the rescue. Of course when we arrived back in WA for the drive home from Perth we were down to Plan Z. Thank you Terry Gray who picked us up from our son Dale's home and delivered us to Hanny's in Harvey to pick up my resting coupe. After a four day snooze she was happy to take Keith to Donnybrook for his car and dutifully delivered me home.



■ DG Keith Jones shares a joke with Mayor of Northam Ray Head.

Just to add more fuel to the fire while in Sydney I took a very long walk to Botany Road in Mascot and needed to hire a taxi for the trip back to the hotel. Having successfully waved down what I thought was a taxi and asking politely if he was indeed free, the driver promptly showed me his cap and the sign on the top of his car. PIZZA DELIVERY VAN. I slunk off to find another poor sucker. I have been in the country too long.

A huge thank you for the opportunity to serve and be served by the nicest people. The Lions family.

—Lorri Jones.

New dunny serves as a monument at Pinjarra cemetery



■ Pinjarra Lions Club President Lloyd Archer address' those present at the official opening of the newly constructed toilet block at the Pinjarra Cemetery. The building project was part of the "Friends of the Cemetery Committee" seven year program. Lion Les Hill is the Lions representative on the committee, he reported on the project to his Club. A decision by Lions was that "cemetery visitors shouldn't wait that long to do their things." Club president then put in a train of action that saw the toilet block erected in no time, thanks to donations and trades help. The Murray Shire Council will be responsible for the upkeep and were handed over the keys to the "house of contemplation" by president Lloyd.

Narrogin Convention plans on track

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 nearing completion and should be published in the April edition of the *West Lion*.

Convention chairman Kim Darbyshire told the *District Newsletter*; "At present meals are planned to be simple and cost effective. Breakfasts will be continental. Cereal, porridge, fruit, toast etc and maybe baked beans or spaghetti. Lunches cold meat and salad or salad rolls and dinners either a roast or BBQ. These are not set in concrete but to give an idea to those that require what will be available.

"Continuous coffee and tea at several sites. Morning and afternoon teas will be included in registration fees and will also be available at several sites.

"The Cabaret is well under control with the music booked and supper well in the planning stage. 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 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 attend, often due to costs. I think we are heading this way." Kim concluded.

ACCOMMODATION



■ VDG Darrel Mainard at the doorway to a ladies cube.

The boys accommodation in their wing is 92 beds in cubes of four without doors. It is recommended that men who are prepared to sleep for two nights without their spouse take these. Similarly their spouse could take up one of the 69 beds of similar design in the girls unit.

The girls wing consists of the 92 cubed beds plus 32 beds in cubed rooms with sliding doors.

There are 12 rooms with four beds to each making a total of 48 beds. These rooms have privacy walls in them so they could be shared quite easily. So there is plenty of beds.

There are shared ablutions that will be rebadged as male and female to ensure privacy.

The accommodation is good, and not an Army styled dormitory. And if this is not to your satisfaction there are hotels and motels and a caravan park.

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■ TOP: Auditorium, this is where the convention business session will be held.

SECOND: A very large dining room capable of serving 100's in quick time.

THIRD: VDG Darrel Mainard and a Residential College staffer check out the bedding in a ladies cube.

BOTTOM: If the convention is not for you, try lounging in one of TV rooms.

