



**201W2  
DISTRICT**

# NEWSLETTER

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## From the DG's Desk:

### *"My little piece" closes with thanks*

WELL here we are, nearly two years after starting to write my "little piece" and now comes the time to write the last. Maybe I should call it my epilogue. That's two years of gentle reminders from our long suffering publications chairman Lion Graham, and the not so gentle Karen.

Having just returned from my final MD Council Meeting and the Multi District Convention on the Gold Coast there is lots of things rushing around in my head, that I would like to share with you.

Conventions, whether Multi District or District always remotivate me. It is such an opportunity to listen and hear to what is going on outside of our own Clubs and District and partake in some wonderful fellowship. This year was no different and I hope that those who have never attended a convention, take that opportunity once in your Lions lifetime.

To round up, In line with my theme for the year, I am going to pick three things out of so many from this year. My photos tell many stories and some will definitely need editing.

#### **PRIDE**

My personal highlight was seeing our Mandurah Leos embrace and charm the Convention. Leo Amanda Rickman represented us in the Leo of Year final and was piped at the post by Queensland Leo Tanis, who we hope to see over here in October. Karen and I spoke with Amanda and the other girls (Terina, Lauren and Jessica) during the Convention many times. Amanda's words "I have learnt so much that I can take back to my Club" really stuck with me. She will be using her experience in her own Club. The Leos had attended the Leo Camp and were so motivated it was impossible not to get caught up in their enthusiasm. After the camp, the girls could have disappeared to discover the delights of the Gold Coast but they didn't, they were at Convention and participating and learning – and teaching a few Lions what our Youth is about. They were at the Youth Forums and attended the Convention Ball. (They all looked gorgeous). I

tried to dance with them (and failed) and Karen is still recovering. When Karen told Amanda she was too old to keep up with them, Amanda replied, "don't worry, its just like an aerobics class – for the record Karen does not attend aerobic classes !!! How proud I am of our Leos and how they represent the future of Lions

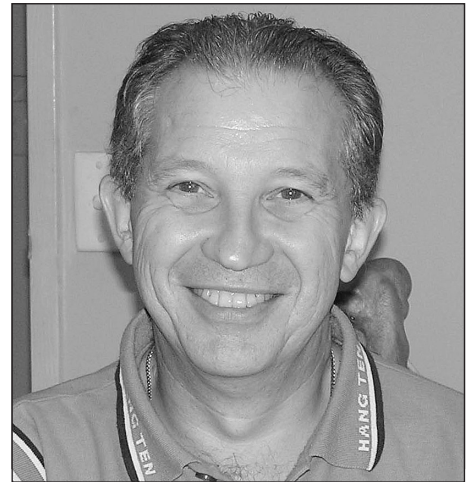
#### **PASSION**

This time last year, we thought the Lions Club of Beverley was going to fold. The passion for Lions and their community of a couple of individuals now brings this Clubs membership to 15 and still growing. For me, just listening to the Club resident Lion Barry and his pride in what the new members are achieving thrills me, best of all, these members have taken on positions and the Club is going from strength to strength. Similar experience in Jerramungup – the passion to keep Lions alive in their community has rejuvenated their Club – last count was eight new members, and that achieved with president "Dingo" lying on his back.. If you want to know how they did it – WHY NOT ASK THEM !!!

#### **PROFESSIONALISM**

I have learnt so much this year on what professionalism means, to me I have seen it demonstrated in so many ways. By the way that Karen and I have been welcomed into your meetings, by the phone calls and questions on how to do things the "right way", by witnessing healthy debate in Clubs, by seeing one Club faced with a difficult situation and meeting that challenge by following our constitution and most importantly our Objects and Ethics. By the way our Convention was run in Augusta (despite my own experience with the business session – but I did learn from the experience!) and by the way Lions treat one another and care for one another.

As I finish, this year has seen the loss of so many Lions and friends, all will be remembered because they were one of us. Only yesterday I attended a moving memorial service for a friend and relatively new Lion where I was made to realise what membership in Lions



■ **Dave Molcher**

brings to us all. I have seen for myself how Lions also look after their own, something we should never forget.

I would like to take this opportunity in acknowledging the work of many Clubs, in the memorials they have built to our Lions family. There is no more fitting acknowledgement than to be remembered by your peers and I have not visited any memorial over my travels this year where I haven't been touched.

So it with sadness (*and a little relief*) that I hand over the Gong and Gavel to my friend Keith. As a District we move onward and upwards and I thank you for the privilege of serving you as your District Governor.

In Karens words I now become a PDG (*Painter Decorator and Gardener*) but I look forward to working next year in my role of Membership on Lion Keith's Cabinet, promising to fit some of the jobs in along the way.

More than anything I thank you for the friendship and the memories.

–DAVE MOLCHER.  
201W2 District Governor.

## WANTED: BACK COPIES OF WEST LION MAGAZINE

PDG Gary Irvine is on the hunt for back copies of the West Lion magazine. Can you help?

He needs copies printed from 1990/91/92. If you can, give Gary a call on 0403 885 102.

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# THE EASIEST WAY TO OBTAIN A NEW CLUB MEMBER

THERE is one sure way that anyone can use to obtain a new member for your Club . . . that sure way is simple, quick, costs nothing and causes no pain.

## What is the way?

I hear some of you ask in your own mind as you read this sentence.

That way is simply to ask.

**ASK** a friend or acquaintance you have to attend a dinner meeting at your Club.

You don't need any special training to open your mouth and say to someone, "What are you doing next Wednesday night? I would like to take you to dinner at our Lions meeting and show you what we're all about."

**It could even be as simple as . . .**

"Can I shout you a dinner at our next Lions meeting?"

It is helpful if your Club is in the habit of having a regular guest speaker and the next speaker is covering a topic you know the friend or acquaintance may be interested in.

If the person you are inviting says yes . . . no problem.

If the person says no and it is because they can't make that particular date then agree on a date they can . . . no problem.

If the person says no and it is because they say they don't have the time to put into Lions, tell them "that's fine, I understand, but I would still like to invite you to see what we do in case you know of someone who may be interested and has the time."

## Ask a friend or acquaintance to come along to an information night.

More and more Clubs are looking seriously at running an information night. The act of asking someone to attend this event is very simple and you will get one of two potential replies . . .

## Yes or No.

The information night itself takes a bit of



■ VDG Keith Jones.

## The biggest secret in Lions revealed

planning and organisation. There are a number of capable and willing trainers in our District who are able to assist your Club in setting up an information night.

PDG Tim Irvine is our Leadership and Training Chairman who is the best person to contact if you wish to run this type of event. Tim has a data base of Lions who have participated in the Train the Trainer programme. Tim's email: [tirvine@bigpond.net.au](mailto:tirvine@bigpond.net.au)

I know this particular event is successful from personal experience. My first meeting was an information night and I ended up being inducted on World Induction Day seven years ago.

Ask a friend or acquaintance to assist you in your next "meaningful" project.

My Club recently joined with three others in our Zone and ran a "Camp Quality" in Boyup Brook. I know that the project was "meaning-

ful" because Lions and non-Lions alike wanted to be involved and contribute whatever they could. When you have that sort of interest and response the potential for obtaining a new member is much greater.

Any time you need extra assistance, particularly if your Club is small in numbers, there are people in your family, work or community you can ask for help. Once they have seen the worthiness of the project and gained the satisfaction we all know comes from helping someone else, you may get a positive reply when you **ASK** them to become a member of your Club.

Ask a friend or acquaintance if they know someone who may be interested in becoming a Lion.

As I mentioned earlier, when someone tells you they can't or don't wish to join Lions, there is always the follow-up question available to you . . .

## "Do you know someone who may be interested?"

This question is sometimes very helpful to the person who has just said no because it allows them some way of helping you by providing a name. This question allows them to avoid an awkward feeling by contributing another person's name. You need to ask if it is alright with them, to use their name as a reference.

## Ask a friend or acquaintance to join you in the greatest service club in the world.

Lions International is the largest service club in the world with over 1.3 million members. In Australia we have around 28,000 members of which District W2 has 1370. Twenty three percent of the District is female and 75% of the total District membership resides in a country town.

## Let's go and grow our District.

—Keith Jones, VDG.

## Skate ramps for sale: Buy one, get one free

FOR sale, skate ramps, good condition, six years old. Apply to Harvey Lions Club.

Yep that's it. If there are kids in your town short of things to do, this could be a great opportunity to get in on the ground floor and purchase one or the whole shebang for a never to be repeated price again.

Harvey Lion Kim Ward has got the job of off-loading the concrete monsters to the first to see—will buy customers. The job was flicked to Kim by Club members and local journo Leanne Shaw.

"Leanne Shaw was supposed to do this, but she has hand-balled to me," Kim told the *District Newsletter*.

"About six years ago the Harvey Lions Club purchased or had built all these skate ramps and placed them on a concrete base supplied by the Harvey Shire.

"Now the Shire has now found \$30,000 and wants to replace all of the skate ramps with some new and more exciting, free flowing ramps made of concrete," according to Kim.

So the Lions Club's ramps are up for sale.

"I was wondering if you could do a little story in the Lions magazine and spread the word that the Harvey Club have skate ramps up for grabs.

"Maybe other Clubs would like to set up a little skate park in their town? We are willing to sell them separately all the whole lot.

"There is one big mother, and four smaller ramps," Kim added.

Well, Lions you now have the message, get in quick these concrete monsters won't last. You can contact Kim at his Harvey Hills Farmstay Chalets by phoning 97291434.



■ ABOVE: The big mother. BELOW: Skate ramps for sale.



