



201W2 DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

WE SERVE **May 2007**

FROM THE DG'S DESK ARE YOU THE ONE?

A CLUB only needs one passionate person. If it has more than one, then chances are, that club is a very successful club. The passion that drives this Lion is what made our organization the largest in the world today. It is what has ensured its longevity. We are celebrating 90 years in the world, 60 year of Lions in Australia and 50 years of Leos. What a time to renew our commitment to our community, our fellow members and ourselves.

Passion about a particular project has moved metaphoric mountains throughout our organization. I am encouraged constantly by those clubs which are run with passion. I am also inspired by passionate members who find a way to make things happen and get the results. Amazing results because that is what they expected. Doubt never entered their minds.

I have seen passion in the District and State Youth of the Year entrants and our Leos. What these young people can do just blows me away. How can you not be inspired when confronted by such confidence, ability and drive?

Getting back to my original question, you may be the one who has taken on a higher posi-

tion for the coming year. You may be the one who will make all the difference in your club or the project you are coordinating. You are the only one who can control your drive and passion. People who get things done live by the motto "If it is to be it is up to me".

I have indicated in previous writings that we have a strong District. If you want to find fault then of course you will find it but I think it is much better to concentrate on the successes we are having and building on new ideas. When someone in your club has a suggestion to try something a bit different you will be the one to say "OK let's try it, we need to look at new ways of doing things." You will be the one to encourage and support fellow members.

What would you be prepared to do if you knew you couldn't fail?

Here's another radical concept. You may be the one to ask around your friends and your community and actually find another passionate person who you can invite to join you in your quest. You may have to ask 20 people before you find someone with a similar vision to help build the Lions organization in your community. What would you be prepared to do if you knew you couldn't fail?

I notice with great interest that Lions Clubs International are moving forward under the leadership of our President Jimmy Ross. Encouraging greater use of technology, they have upgraded the International Website and made more knowledge available for those Lions willing to use it. International have taken a wise step, in my opinion, to save our organization vast amounts of money in printing costs by not producing certain publications. Instead they have made these available on the website. Our District has taken this step forward too and is constantly looking for smarter ways of doing things. You can be part of that process or be someone who stands in the way of it. It is a choice we all can make but in my mind a true Lion, wishing to serve to the best of his or her ability, will embrace the concept and assist rather than hinder.

I'm not sure if it is an old Chinese Proverb or curse but "May you live in interesting times" is certainly true of today's world. We have the technology and knowledge to do amazing things but our biggest challenge is in the area of communication. I have a personal challenge that I constantly struggle with. Saying what I want to say clearly, succinctly and without malice or defensiveness is very hard. I know that it is a fact of life that we will not always agree with each other. The real measure of success in communication is to disagree agreeably. Being able to allow someone else their point of view, even though that does not equate to your own, is truly great.



■ Keith Jones

As we come to the end of this Lions year and look forward with renewed optimism to the next, please use the tools and resources that are available to you as a Lion. Make the most of the experience. I know that you can make a difference and we will see amazing things in the years to come because you decided to have passion, show leadership, gain knowledge and use your skills for the betterment of others.

Your website: <http://lionsdistrict201w2.mysouthwest.com.au>
Multiple District website: <http://www.lionsclubs.org.au>
International website: <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/index.shtml>

THANKS A MILLION

I WOULD like to express our V3 District appreciation to all Clubs in your District.

The Lions Club of Wellington-Latrobe V3, who is responsible for the Multiple District Spinal Cord Fellowship, takes this opportunity to thank you for your support in assisting the Research to continue, for a cure for paralysis.

Remember, every dollar brings the potential closer, to have the paralysed walking again. Your donations, regardless of the amount, all greatly assist this project.

Now available are Banner Patches for donations of \$250 or more, and we still have the Win Tyquin Award, which can be presented to members in your District for outstanding service.

*—Ken Marshman,
V3 District Chairman,
Spinal Cord Fellowship.*

INCOMING OFFICERS FORUM UPDATE

For your information the following are the dates for the Incoming Officers Forums.

- May 1: Zone 5, Wickepin Telecentre.
- May 13: Zones 10, 11, 12, Harvey Agricultural College.
- May 24: Zones 6, 7, Tammin.
- May 27: Zones 13, 14, Challenger TAFE Rockingham.

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■ **MEMBERSHIP ON THE UP:** Ross and Maureen Campbell were inducted into the Lions Club of Pinjarra recently, they are pictured with Lion Les Hill and club president Lloyd Archer.

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

Beneficiary • Princess Margaret Hospital

Brunswick raises \$22,000 from dinner and auction



THE Brunswick Town Hall was the venue for the Annual Lions Club Dinner and Auction which yielded \$22,000.

The hall was packed with 180 attendees who had little trouble chasing the best buys raging from macadamia nuts to one hour stress release and rolls of hay.

Auctioneers Neil Foale and Steve Jackson slammed the hammer that rang bells into the money box.

Local schools were involved with the catering and provided bar staff for the thirsty bargain hunters.

Keen bidding for the novelty item. How about this, four hours of handyman services cost Pat Catalano \$1500 for Lion Joe Obal to cleanup her garden.

Not even a power failure could stop the Brunswick Lions, after hours of painstaking work by Lion Tony Frisna and partner Carole only to see the computer and other electrical products short out from the power pole fire adjacent to their home. But resilient Lions never give up, a borrowed computer and restart the process all over again.

A fantastic evening a great fundraising event that will now be held every two years. Roll on 2009.

–JUDY TALBOT.

■ **FOR THE RECORD:** Carmel Robinson (left), Lion John Clifton, Carole Frisna and Lion Tony Frisna were responsible for keeping records of the auction proceedings.

BELOW: Lions Joe Orbal and Kevein Harnett offer a first aid kit to the punters.



Lions Community Week was celebrated during the first week in April and in Mandurah it was off to a flying start. Lion Len Murphy chaired an ambitious and enthusiastic committee that set up beach heads on three fronts. A stall at the Centro Shopping Centre showcasing what Lions do for the community. A Seniors Day Challenge at the Mandurah Senior Citizens Centre. And an all out attack at the Mandurah press. Lion Terina Watson reports . . .

Mandurah Lions celebrate Community Week in style

Lions pounce to spread their message

VIBRANT people working together to make a difference, is the philosophy behind the Lions Club of Mandurah's giving spirit. In the past twelve months the 42 member strong club has cooked, quizzed, sold, and volunteered their way into the hearts and homes of Mandurah residents, allowing them to assist in the betterment of peoples lives. From the children's ward to bush fire relief; or spinal research to helping a young girl walk on her own whatever the cause the Lions Club is active in helping Mandurahs neighbours in need.

April 2nd to 8th was the week Lions had been waiting for with the commencement of Lions Community Week, a time to show the communities that they belong to just how proactive and committed each Club is. The activities of Mandurahs Lions Community Week Committee were a stall at Centro Mandurah promoting the vast and extensive programs run by Lions as well as the Senior Citizens Community Week Challenge, a mini Olympic style games.

Lions Community Week Challenge saw the Mandurah City Senior Citizens Centre explode into a hive of activity. With approximately 150 agile seniors filing the venue to compete in games of scrabble, table tennis, snooker, indoor bowls and darts. With bounds of energy that would put any teenager to shame it was guaranteed to be an action packed day. The Hon Mayor Paddi Creevy and the Hon Dr Sally Talbot were patrons of the event and assisted in the presentation of medals and trophies throughout the day. In her address Dr Talbot applauded the Lions Club of Mandurah for their amazing efforts in fundraising and contribution to the community.

The Lions Stall saw many visitors, asking questions about Lions, included in the visitors were Fiona Allan from Spinal Cure Australia and Tony Solin from the Peel Health Campus Foundation who were both presented \$5,000 cheques on behalf of Lions.

You just have to have a passion for the community and energy to help others. It isn't hard work and the friends that you meet last forever. 'I adore the Lions Club; they are like your extended family. If anything happens to you, you don't just have the people under your roof to help you out you have this whole network of people' says Leo Lauren Matthews of her sponsoring Lions Club.

From interested collected over Lions Community Week the Lions Club have decided to hold a membership information evening on Wednesday, April 18 at the Lions Den on Park



■ **HOLDING COURT:** Mandurah Lions Ray Blyth and Len Murphy at the stall in the Centro Shopping Centre.

on Road. Ten prospect Lions attended the evening. Lion Peter Lamb delivered a general information speech and ran a video clip of Lions activities world wide and national. One of the visitors signed an application form to join and two others wished to whet their appetites by attending a couple of club meetings. Chairman Len Murphy was ecstatic with the attendance. The visitors were entertained by members of the Mandurah club supplied with drinks an abundance of food, tea and coffee. Lion Terina Watson filed three press releases to Mandurah Newspapers, the first on March 21 it stated . . .

Lions leaders of the pack

No! Service organisations are not dead, is the roar among Lions throughout Western Australia.

Reports within State media outlets have declared the dying age of volunteering and community organisations in our society. It has been stated that the membership and activities of such groups has dwindled down to non-existence. So Lions say what about us?

The Mandurah Lions Club is one of the States strongest and most active Lions Club, holding a membership of 44, spanning ages from 21 years and beyond. The club chartered 35 years ago and is still making a difference within the

community.

Mandurah Lions not only has their own club but also have sponsored a Leos Club taking them under their watchful eye. Leos have 15 members ranging from 12 through to 23 and just like their father club Lions, are actively involved in the community.

No doubt that you will have seen Lions at Community Events such as Australia Day, Anzac Day, Harmony Day and Christmas, New Year and Crab Fest Celebrations. They are usually the ones behind the BBQ. But do you know that Lions are also responsible for the distributions of support totalling near on \$25,000 per year going straight back into the community.

This year to date Mandurah Lions have assisted with the Dwellingup Fire Relief, made contribution to the Peel Health Campus Foundation, fitted a disabled young child with a Hart Walker and aided many more disadvantaged or underprivileged families.

Lions are well and truly not dead.

We asked Lions president Dave Knight how he feels of his club 'We are the envy of the District' Dave grinned. It shows in attending a meeting or project of Lions that they are all committed to the cause and enjoy being there, why else would they attend, after all its volunteer work.

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LIONS COMMUNITY WEEK

Working together to make a difference

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A second press release was filed to Mandurah newspapers on March 28 it stated . . .

We Serve! - The motto echoed by all members of the strongest community organisation in the world.

Lions members around the world are joining together in an attempt to put back to the community like never before. With membership spanning 1.4million around the globe Lions are no different in the lead up to Lions Community Week, readers will see just why Lions are so active in the community.

Lions Community Week is an opportunity to inform the broader community of the hard work that Lions have contributed throughout the year and to celebrate milestones.

Mandurah Lions made progress in fitting a local young girl with a Hart Walker. "We are giving a child who would normally be wheelchair bound the opportunity to get up and walk on their own – how amazing is that" says Lion Jennifer Dooney of the Hart Walker Program.

"It's a chance for everyone to come to the Centro Shopping Centre and have a look at what we do and just have a chat" says committee chairman Len Murphy.

During Lions Community Week, Mandurah Lions are holding Lions Community Week Challenge at the Senior Citizens Centre on Wednesday, April 4. "This is a great day of fun and friendly competition that the Mandurah Lion and Leo clubs are sponsoring," says event organiser Lion Brian Prendergast.

FOOTNOTE: Mandurah Lions should be proud of the events covering Community Week and the membership information evening. All members played roles making the project a team effort. Mention must be made to organising chairman Len Murphy, Lions Brian Prendergast, Ray Blyth, Peter Drown, Terina Watson, Jenny Dooney, Thelma Murphy and Peter Lamb and club members who manned the stall. Thanks also to Anne Blyth and Raeleen Sutton for providing a delicious supper at the membership information evening. Terina's press releases were published in the Mandurah press.



■ President Dave Knight presented Spinal Cure with a cheque for \$5000 on behalf of the Club at the Centro Shopping Centre during Lions Community Week. Dave is pictured with Fiona Allen, State Coordinator for Spinal Cure and Lion Graham Bateman chairman of the Quiz night committee, the driver behind the donation.



■ President Dave is pictured with John Perry (left) and Peel Health Campus CEO Tony Solin after he presented Tony with a cheque for \$5000 to the Peel Health Campus Foundation at the Centro Shopping Centre during Lions Community Week.

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 HOST 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. Lunche is a firm favourite, Plowmans, what could be better. And the Saturday night shindig we have a Old Fashioned Country Supper."

BOTTOMLESS CUPPA'S

"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 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.



■ GRAND ENTRANCE: Pictured above is the entrance to the Narrogin Residential College and the 2007 Convention. BELOW: If you need to catch up on Days Of Our Lives there are several TV lounges waiting for you.



Hearing Dogs benefit from Cowaramup club visit

HEARING Assistance chairman Lion Wendy Masters was invited by Cowaramup Lions to attend a ladies night function recently and walked away smiling after pocketing a cheque for \$4000. Not bad eh.

The cheque was made possible by a touring South Australian couple. The wife of the duo uses a Hearing Dog where ever she goes.

The couple told Wendy that if there is a Lions meeting on, they attend and tell all about the wonderful duty the dog performs and about the newly found freedom she has.

Wendy is pictured accepting the cheque from Cowaramup Lions Club President John Hartley with tail twister Jeff Jenkins in the foreground.

But before Wendy was allowed to claim the funds she had to give a talk to Lions about the Hearing Dog project. And there's more Wendy is willing to visit any Lions club who would like to know more about Hearing Dogs.





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: 14TH 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 accomodtion 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) _____

ACCOMODATION OPTION

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

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.