



As we start the count down to end this Lionistic year let's reflect on the year that was **From the Desk of Stuart**

My fellow Lions as we start the count down to the end of this Lions year let's take time to reflect on the year that was.

Joan and I have really been on a learning curve and have been very impressed with what we have seen and learnt over the year.

Now that the MD convention has passed I can say to you all that as your DG I was so very proud of all the effort that went in to making the convention one of the best I have attended. I can say that I heard no adverse comments at all and in fact got only positive feed back from all I spoke to. So well done to everyone involved.

As I reported in the last news letter we will have a new club in Maylands going to charter and we will notify all when this is going to happen.

Due to all the changeovers going on it has been hard to fit this in but the members are planning to have the charter very early in July.

I would also like to congratulate Ellenbrook

Lions on winning the mint program award for the third time.

I would also like to thank all the District chairpersons for the fantastic efforts over the year. Having your support has made the year a lot easier and knowing that I had no need to worry was a bonus for me.

Lastly to all the clubs please accept our gratitude for your efforts and for making us welcome. There are a few clubs we have been unable to attend but we are still organising to visit the last couple so we hope to complete that in the next couple of weeks.

I would especially like to thank my club Wanneroo for your support and understanding as I have been unable to attend much this year.

Most of all I would like to thank my wife Joan for her support and input that has helped make this year a pleasure and mostly trouble free.

To finish off I am sure you would all join me in wishing DG-elect Barry and Caroline a safe



DG Stuart and Joan at the MD convention.

The other side of DG Stuart



As the MD convention was drawing to a close it was time for the Cab Secs to have some fun at the expense of the boss. DG Stuart and the rest of the rabble lined up on stage to except their sidekicks' revenge.

trip and offer them our full support on their return.

I am looking forward to see as many as possible at the awards night on June 2 at Hillaries.
-STUART A MacFADYEN, 201W1 DG.

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MD Perth convention "like a virgin to the Lions" well not quite

2012 Gold & Diamond Multiple District Convention – Like a virgin to the Lions well not quite . . . but it was my first Lions convention and there was so much that was both familiar and so much that was new. I had many and perceptions and experiences to deal with. This is my account of the four days of the Lions 60th National Convention held in May 2012 in Perth.

"The Lions are a wonderful organisation, but an aging one, what initiatives could Lions develop to ensure its sustainability?" This question was asked to the Youth of the Year finalists and it struck a chord with the conventioners. Because as we looked around we realized the average age was probably in the 70's age group. That theme was to run through much of what we talked about during the four days of the Convention.

The first day started with registration and checking out the various stalls set up to inform and encourage those looking at the varied and prolific programs that Lions undertake.

The opening ceremony got underway at 10:00am. The council officers and International Director, Eddy Widjanarko, were introduced followed by welcome to country from Lion Irene Stanton, an elder of the Nyoongar people.

PDG Tim Irvine conducted the flag ceremony and we all joined in singing "We are One" followed by speeches from the Lt-Governor and the Deputy Lord Mayor, Janet Davidson. Several other matters of protocol and announcements brought the ceremony to an end.

Following was the National Final of the Youth of the Year Quest. WA was represented by Isha Sandhu from Willetton SHS nominated by the Fremantle Club. She, and incidentally all the other entrants, said that Lions had no or minimal profile in the schools and that they should invest time in visiting schools and introducing not just the quest but also other activities that might attract young people. Molly McInerney from Q District took out the trophy.

The morning of day two was taken up with a series of membership and financial reports and a number of presentations from the conveners of various Lions projects. Then came the LEO National Final. Are they really young people and not elders in disguise? Their maturity, breadth of knowledge and confidence were amazing, I know I was never like that at their age.

After lunch came a presentation by veteran broadcaster and church minister Graham Maybury. His talk was focused on the importance of inspiration and reaching out to achieve your dreams. Naturally, after 31yrs on air and 30yrs preaching, he was able to hold the audience's attention and keep them awake throughout the afternoon. He was followed by a Q&A session and notices of motion.

Looking back at the first two days, I found matters interesting, but my personal reaction was that things could have been sped up.

The saving factor on both days was the presentations of the YOTY and LEO Finals.

Sunday, day three began with a moving Remembrance Ceremony. DG's from the relevant locations laid a white rose at a Cenotaph to mark the passing of the Lions from their District.

Almost immediately after came a series of

Bull Creek Lion Terry Johnson gave a full report to his club on the experience of a first conventioner to an MD convention, we at the District Newsletter thought his version was worth printing in this edition with some minor editing. Thank you Terry,



Lions banners in St Georges Terrace give city visitors an insight into the activities taking place at the Burswood Convention Centre. Pictures: W1 Lion Christine Walker.

presentations to Children of Courage. Their demeanor through their struggle against terrible illnesses and conditions was inspirational. All in all, it was a very emotional start to the day's proceedings.

The heavy atmosphere was lightened though by a speech from Gerard Neesham.

Gerard began his working life as a teacher, then found football and had a successful career as a player, a coach, and as a broadcaster. He was lured back to teaching in the North West for a few weeks to relieve a small aboriginal community school. He hated it. However he came to realise that the boys needed an inducement to attend school and learn, and the trigger for them was football. Once he understood the mechanism he sought to develop a program to assist boys who otherwise would fall through the system.

He then applied it to an aboriginal setting and found success, finally establishing Clontarf Football Academy with an exemplary record. Since then he has gone expanding the use of his insights throughout Australia. Truly the type of person that Lions should be seeking to enroll!

After lunch we were addressed by NZ CC Joanne Cameron. Much of her talk focused on the impact of the Christchurch earthquake and the drain on resources in that region, she also spoke of her role as Council Chairman. In inducing us to attend the ANCI Pacific Forum

in Queenstown in late August she described a destination that would suit a holiday never mind a convention. Joanne is a mother with a young child, who only recently gave up working full time, yet she was elected to chair the Council over seven DGs. Whilst being an inspiration to female members, she is also a wonderful role model for all members; her energy and enthusiasm were quite obvious.

The afternoon session was taken up with various reports and presentations and a series of forums.

Monday, being the last day, was mainly driven by formal announcements, including an address by the International Director Eddy. A very successful businessman from Indonesia, his last two years have been almost totally spent working and travelling on behalf of Lions International. He reported on the growth of Lionism throughout our region and of plans to increase the momentum of that growth.

Morning tea led to a number of presentations, including Apex, Fannie Tresise Lioness awards, and presentations on Canberra: the scene of next year's convention, and Newcastle the prospect for 2013 later confirmed.

In the afternoon session worthy Lions were presented with national or international awards to PDGs Tim Irvine for work on Children's Mobility and Bill Robertson for his work organising the convention. These preceded the introduction of the new DGs to the convention and the announcement of the new council chairman V5 DG Lou Onley. PDG Gary Irvine then conducted the closing ceremony.

Throughout the four days, there were various forums, presentations and AGMs which I haven't commented on, either because I did not attend them or because there were too many to report on. I did attend one forum "So you want to be a Club President" led by PDG Garry Irvine. We all have been exposed to Garry and are well aware of his attributes and public persona, so it was interesting to hear the comments of people less familiar with him. He led a lively and informative session, well worth giving up lunch for.

So after four days what is my overall perception? There was little real discussion of matters, most of the proceedings were pre-ordained and consisted of presentations and announcements. Of the 18 motions put there was only one real area of disagreement which involved Notice of Motion NM13 and NM14. Some delegates felt it was hypocritical to support the sale of fudge whilst also approving an extension to the diabetes Hypo-Drive Project.

There was of course a social element to the convention, with many attendees catching up with old friends and acquaintances. However I'm not sure that attendance at such a convention would do much to educate a newcomer about the Lions movement, it could provide some insight and act as a platform for further involvement. Contacts made, projects explained and study of the reports given – all provide an opportunity to advance one's knowledge of the movement.

Would I attend a future Convention? Yes if the circumstances were right, but the cost of travelling to the eastern states for that purpose alone would be a big deterrent. Perhaps a combined holiday/convention would make sense.

Would I want to attend a future convention? Yes, I would.

MD convention: How the committee saw it and some award winners

At the final MD convention meeting members were asked to express their opinions on just how the epic event effected them. Nothing but gratitude flowed from the lips of those present albeit a few minor hiccups.

W1 DG Stuart reported it was highly successful and Lions executive officer Rob Oerlemans wanted to know more about our Lions activities in the West particularly the Eye and Hearing operations.

Four groups of 20 people were lucky enough to see through the Eye Institute committee chairman PDG Bill Robertson told the meeting the visitors had "no idea" of what Lions in WA were up to and they were hungry for more info.

Chairman Bill's said he has been involved in many committees but this one was a very professional group. It didn't matter where you looked, the Monday night banquet the Army brass band was terrific the pipers a big surprise.

Vice Chairman Keith's reported that members of Canberra, Tamworth and Newcastle Convention committee all attended Gala Banquet including the Hamburg delegation.

Catering chair Toni Whittaker said Burswood did a very good job with fantastic choice of meals and handled all the Dietary requirements very well.

Ear Science Cocktail party was fabulous, thanks to Ballajura Lions Club for catering. One DG who wanted to go to LEI but was sent to ESIA and really glad he was. ESIA spoke about research and was willing to congratulate Lions on what they have done and do.

Reports came in from the DG's was "they were absolutely amazed at what Lions can do" W2 DG Peter Lamb added "the Perth MD convention was a resounding success and congratulations must go the Convention Chairman PDG Bill Robertson and his hard working committee. The banquet which featured the WA Army Reserve Brass band and a guest appearance from the WA Pipe Band, which provided a fitting finale to an outstanding convention.

Club Hospitality Chairman PDG Neil Saunders said he had sent a letter to all the clubs participating in club hospitality, thanking them for being involved and congratulating them on their wonderful efforts, feedback has been wonderful and positive.

Information, Lost & Found Chairman Tess Needham she would like to have it recorded her thanks to the volunteers who manned her information stand.

Tony Palotta organised with EO Rob Oerlemans to do three radio interviews.

The raffle gave the committee an excellent result about \$14,000 profit, sold over 10,000 tickets, 700 at the banquet.

The partner's tour turned a bit sour when there was nowhere to buy sandwiches although they were promised.

Chairman PDG Bill Robertson received a letter of thanks from PDG Bruce McLeod for well organised convention and the small gift.

The Youth of the Year National winner was Molly McInerney from Q District. Molly was also judged the National public speaking winner. She will travel with the other State finalists on the 35 day trip to the home town of each of the other contestants. She will also travel to represent Lions Australia at either the International Youth Camp in the UK or to a country of her choice to volunteer to the value of \$4,000 plus \$1,000 spending money.



TOP: Leo ham it up on stage. Picture Tony Seitam. BELOW: ALF executive at the convention and others from the left: Max Tresise son of the late Bill Tresise, PDG Tony Benbow, PCC Ian Kelly and ALF chairman Glenn Herbert band Sally Tresise.

Her third prize for winning the Public Speaking section will be a trip to the Lions International Youth Camp in New Zealand in December 2013.

Congratulation to Molly and her host club Toowoomba Wilosnton.

The Syd Packham award went to Binningup Waters Lions Club, PDG Colin Beauchamp, submitted an article in the local paper that turned out to a double page spread. The article was about the clubs Christmas Sleigh and selling cakes.

The Leo Of the Year Quest was won by Leo

Ellen Watts from the Hornsby Leo Club in NSW. The WA entrant – Leo Samantha Shaw also acquitted herself extremely well with her speech about her role-model mother – Harvey Lions Club Leo Advisor Leanne Shaw. The Leos were well represented at the convention and made themselves heard at the appropriate times – especially at the banquet when they joined the Army band for a session on stage, singing with the band.

Congratulate must go to Ellenbrook Lions on winning the mint program award for the third time.

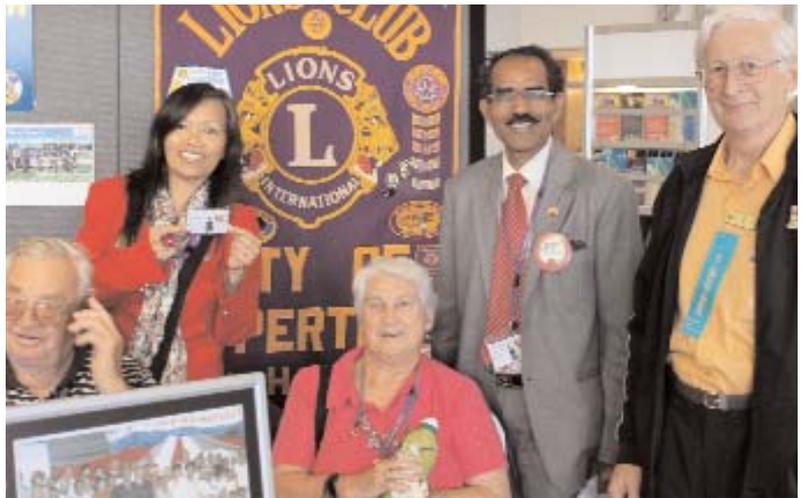


DG-elect Barry Middleton and Carolyn.



Alan Lowe in command at the cake stand.

Joe Potter's MD convention pictorial



Top left: Tess Leedham and Perth Lion Max Lurie alongside Tess' favourite passion, stamps.

Top right: PDG Rob Menev and Pat moving out of the main hall.

Right: Murray Fletcher, Luen Chicote, Ursula and Joe Potter, VP City of Melbourne (Host) Sama Pochincharla at the Perth Lions Club site.

Left: W1 3rd VDG Joe Palotta presents Sama with a Perth (Host) bannerette.



Lions Club of Claremont-Nedlands THIRTEENTH ANNUAL

SPORTSMAN'S LUNCH

Friday, June 15, 2012. Time 12.00pm for 12.30pm start.

Nedlands Golf Club

Melvista Avenue, Nedlands
(easy parking)

Guest Speaker:

Adrian Barich

Chanel Seven sports presenter.
Special guests West Coast champs
Dean Cox and Andrew Embley

Three course meal. Wines included.

Auction, Phantom Football Round, Raffle, Sports Quiz, Beer & soft drinks at house prices.

Tickets \$85pp

Paul Wyndham 0412 599 779

Lex Thomson 0417 185 947

Proceeds to Lions Foundations and Beneficiaries'



"EXEMPLARY SERVICE AWARDS" GOING FREE TO GOOD HOMES

Do you know a person that has done good within the community and is not a Lion?

If you know of anybody that fits this description please contact me for an application form, or go to the Lions Exemplary Service Award website and print out the form. Complete it and send it to me. Then I will gladly work on getting a plaque ready for that person. There has to be plenty of deserving public spirit minded people out there particularly with all the disasters that have been going on lately.

I am feeling a rejected, dejected Lion - So please give me some work to do!
- Jill Middlemass, District 201W1
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Moora Country Life Convention: The Carnaby Cockatoo

Come to the W1 Lions Country Life Convention in Moora over weekend of Friday, October 19 to Sunday, October 21, 2012.

Moora is situated in Wildflower Country just two short hours north of Perth on the Great Northern Highway.

Moora Lions members are looking forward to welcoming you to their town and would like to give you a small preview of what to expect.

Accommodation is available (see below) in various formats, but book early to make sure you have a spot.

Contact: Pam Duffield on 9651 1325 for further details

Friday Night will be a welcoming night by both members of the Lions club and the Moora Shire Council. This is a session of a session of Meet the Councilors and share some drinks and nibbles.

Saturday morning will be the Opening Ceremony and Flag Ceremony followed by business sessions.

Included in this will be a partners tour of our magnificent wildflowers of the District and other highlights not available in Perth.

Saturday evening Barry and Caroline Middleton will host "Barry's Bush Bash", further details will follow in future publications.

Keep the Weekend of 19th -21st October Free. Rego form page 6.

Please address all correspondence to:

The Convention Secretary PO Box 58 Moora W.A. 6510.

Email: westways@bordnet.com.au Tel: 9651 8060.

Accommodation Information Country Life Convention 2012

Drovers Inn Dandaragan Street, Moora (Hotel) 6510 Tel: 96511108

Moora Hotel Gardiner St, Tel: 96511174

Moora Motel Roberts St, Tel: 96511247

Moora Barracks Cnr Padbury and Moore Sts. Tel: 965110082.

Redgum Village B&B Lot 14 Dandaragan Rd, Dandaragan.

20 mins from Moora. Tel: 96514223

Watheroo Station Tavern. 25 minutes from Moora. Tel: 9651 7007

New Norcia Hotel. 40 mins from Moora. Tel: 9654 8034



Secretary Maureen Tonkin signs up PDG Dave Molcher and Karen for the Moora convention.

Moora Caravan Park Dandaragan St. (Van Sites) Mob: 040 9651 0000

Moora Caravan Sites Dandaragan St. Chalets Tel: 9651 0000

Duffield's Home Stay Clarke St Moora B&B Tel: 96511854

Manning on Moore Dandaragan St. B&B Tel: 9651 1274

Moora B&B Riley Road, Tel: 9653 1852

Penrhyn Farm Midlands Rd Moora. B&B Tel: 96511274

Salmon Gums Stack St Moora. B&B Tel: 9651 1281

Second hand coach purchase by Cancer board and paid for by Lions in both Districts

This update is to advise all Lions, especially those in clubs that continue to donate to the Institute, the progress we are making. I personally promised this at the Mandurah Convention.

Most, if not all, Lions are aware that we have recently purchased a second hand Coach from Queensland and PDG Darrel Maynard, together with his brother-in-law flew to Queensland and drove it back. This was a major journey for the two guys as it took six days to drive back, plus approximately 1,800litrs of diesel. Well done and thanks to both of them.

This coach has been paid for by the Lions clubs in both Districts which I on behalf of the board, thank you all.

The easy bit has been done, now for the rest of it. We are having the coach outfitted so that it will have the necessary accommodation for the inspection rooms etc. The costs are still ongoing, and the finished item could be as high as approximately \$250k. Even after the work on the coach has been completed, we have to pay all running expenses, plus any costs for the accommodation and flying cost etc for the medical professionals to attend. So we are not hoarding your donations, we are actually saving lives with it.

If I was a Lion that was not on the Institute board, and after reading this article, I would be asking questions, such as "what is the committee doing to raise funds". In answer to that question, I can confirm that we have applied to LCIF for a grant, and this has resulted in a donation of \$75,000.

In addition we have received a donation of \$11,000 from the Boyanup CWA; we thank

them and the Lions Club of Boyanup.

We have also contacted the Lotteries Commission and await their decision. The undersigned has also contacted Caltex Sponsorship department and requested that they donate the fuel for the coach. I am also guilty of contacting Jennifer Hawkins and made a suggestion to her, and no, I am not going to tell you what I have asked for!!!!

We are now trying to plan a mini walk-athon in which we will invite the club members to obtain sponsorships which will be donated to the Institute and the club that raises most money will receive a small donation into their admin account.

Can I please respectfully remind everyone, if you want to plan an activity in the future, and

donate the money to Cancer research, please do so?

We have recently developed a new power point presentation which I am prepared to visit any club in the metro area (either W1 and/or W2). The difference between the new presentation is a shortening of the content and a reduction of technical content.

Unusual though it may be, I invite any club member to contact me if they want to ask any questions about what we are doing or planning to do, email: donaldandsusan@bigpond.com.

I again take this opportunity to remind everyone that your Cancer Institute continues to financially support students at University, providing they are studying Cancer.

~Don Wheeler Cancer Institute Director

SAVE THIS DATE!

Lions Dryandra Woodland Village will be celebrating their

40th Anniversary on August 18th 2012

This will be held in conjunction with the AGM

To book a cottage for weekend accommodation phone caretakers

John or Lisa tel 9884 5231.

Limited cottages available so be quick! Currawong dorms are available.

More detailed information will be forwarded as plans come together.

If any Lions have any photos and or special memories from the early years that we could borrow/use it would be greatly appreciated.

Please send to: **Secretary Judy Forsyth, PO Box 133 Brunswick Junction 6224**
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**COUNTRY LIFE CONVENTION
REGISTRATION FORM**

THE LIONS CLUB OF MOORA INC.

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 201 W1 – 47th ANNUAL CONVENTION

Friday, 19th October 2012 Saturday 20th October 2012, & Sunday, 21st October 2012.

Venues Moora Recreation Centre Roberts St. Moora and Moora Performing Arts Centre Padbury St Moora.

NAME:Lion/Lioness/Leo
 PARTNER:
 ***** if Partner is a Lion PLEASE REGISTER SEPARATELY*****
 ADDRESS:POST CODE
 TELE: FAX: MOB:
 EMAIL:
 CLUB:FIRST CONVENTIONEER: YES NO.....

CODE	DAY	FUNCTION	No.	COST (ea)	TOTAL
1	FRIDAY 19th 5.00pm -9.30pm	Soup and Crusty Bread on arrival Guest Speaker and Moora Shire Greeting Finger Food supplied. Drinks on sale		\$15.00	
2	SATURDAY 20th 10.00am	Morning Tea		\$6.00	
3	12.30pm -1.30pm	Light Luncheon		\$12.00	
4	1.00pm – 4.30pm	Partner's Tour		\$20.00	
5	3.15pm	Afternoon Tea		\$6.00	
6	7.30pm	Barry's Dinner		\$40.00	
7	SUNDAY 18th 7.00am	Lions Breakfast Feast		\$15.00	
8	10.30am	Morning Tea		N/C	
9	12.30pm	Rough and Ready Lunch		\$17.00	
10		Convention Pin		\$5.00	
				TOTAL	

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: (Please supply details) DIETARY

PLEASE SEND COMPLETED FORM AND CHEQUE /MONEY ORDER TO :

LIONS 201W1 COUNTRY LIFE CONVENTION, PO BOX 58 MOORA. 6510

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE TUESDAY 9th OCTOBER 2012

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