



It's time to start preparing for new projects

With the festive season over and a new year beginning it is time to start preparing for some new projects, recruiting, and exciting times. It is also time to start organising your new executive and committees. I remind you that it is beneficial for your clubs to change personnel in these positions regularly so that those that have held these positions can now mentor the new incumbents. Think about the succession and the building of a stronger club with new ideas and new directions. Sometimes a change is as good as a holiday.

We are also planning to conduct forums for these incoming officers and also for those that may be interested in holding these positions in the future. So keep a look out for them and set some time aside to attend. Even if you have attended in the past you can attend and share some of your experiences with others who are new. You can also learn more about these positions as you can never stop learning.

I know many clubs are preparing for Australia Day functions and some have done some work over the festive season to help their communities to enjoy this period. I congratulate these clubs on their dedication to their community, particularly those that have made the elderly or less fortunate feel special and cared about.

A full six months has now passed and we have had a wonderful time visiting clubs all over the District. The club members have been very welcoming and friendly making these visits enjoyable and easy. Most clubs have been receptive to what I have had to deliver and I look forward to them trying some of these strategies and putting some of them into action. I also look forward to seeing clubs take on the International President's challenges. RAP is still a major challenge and to see an RAP video on You Tube encouraging people to read reminds all just how important this initiative is.

It was pleasing to hear that the last DG's newsletter had more than enough articles. Any

Barry's Buzz

overmatter will be published in this newsletter. Some of the more newsworthy and large interesting articles may be held for the West Lion. Keep sending in those articles as it is better to have too many than not enough. Hopefully more of the remote clubs and ones we don't hear from and don't know too much about will let us know what they are up to. We are still hearing about unusual and different projects during our journey and would love for other Lions to find out about them as well.

With the advent of the new year we will now have one or two new families in the area so keep an eye out for them and invite them to a meeting. It is an ideal way for them to meet new people and find out what is happening in their

community and what they may be able to do to help that community. We are going backwards in membership and new members are needed so ask someone to accompany you to a meeting so that they can see what Lions Clubs are doing. Some clubs are already planning to go out and start letter drops and get community members to information meetings. If you require any help contact our GMT, GLT and CEP Facilitators for assistance.

To help us with our membership dilemma we also need to start some new clubs and we will be targeting a couple of areas, Bullsbrook and Butler/ Alkimos. If you are available to help please contact one of your Executive or GMT/GLT personnel and let us know.

Some Lions had a very busy time recently accompanying the Youth of the Year state finalists on their visit to Perth. Thank you to Brian Williams, Margaret Amm, Margaret Sparkman and members of the Fremantle and Mandurah Lions Clubs for their help. Also we had some Lions in our District who helped with accommodation for these very special youth and



DG Barry.

Lions ambassadors. They all spoke very highly of Lions and the influence we all have on their lives and in turn we benefitted from some brilliant, refreshing young minds in our mix.

Another thing planned for the next six months is a Personal Development Course which will be held in April. When the information is published we will require numbers as soon as possible so that the venue, accommodation and finalisation of the course planning can be affected.

There are some exciting times ahead with Victoria Park and Morley clubs achieving a milestone of fifty years of Lionism in Western Australia. I look forward to our next six months sharing these exciting times and challenges together. Don't let all our hard work and endeavour lapse and we are sure to share success.

-Barry Middleton, DG 201W1, 2012-13.

YOTY finalists start their all Australian tour in WA



DG Barry made a presentation to YOTY winners at a Fremantle Lions club meeting.

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Why have the Lions Biggest BBQ?

We believe every child has the right to a healthy life. Funds raised will be used to help achieve ALCCRF's mission to prevent kids with cancer dying by raising funds nationally and donating these funds to the best scientific and clinical childhood cancer research conducted right across Australia.
<http://alccrf.lions.org.au/>

What are we trying to achieve? We want to encourage as many Lions, Lioness, Leo Clubs and members of their local communities to attend and join in the festivities of the Lions Clubs "Biggest BBQ" during April, 2013.

Below are some suggested activities to help you organise your 'Biggest BBQ'. Turning the Biggest BBQ into a community event!

Contact community groups (such as Scouts,

Girl Guides, youth groups, dance groups, senior citizens) to be a part of a community BBQ held at the local park or other suitable venue of your choice. You can include fundraising activities at the community BBQ to generate further funds.

Contact local schools . . . Contact the principals of the local schools to see if a school BBQ can be organised during a lunchtime. A note could be sent home to invite parents/grandparent/guardians to enjoy a Lions Biggest BBQ at their child's school.

Contact local sporting groups . . . They may be interested in having a BBQ day for their teams, which will generate further funds for the Lions Biggest BBQ. You could ask some of the sporting personalities in your local community

to support the BBQ and get them down to speak to media of their support of the worthy cause.

Contact local businesses . . . In the area to gauge their interest in coming along to the Lions Biggest BBQ event as a social day for management and staff. Businesses would use events like this as a social and also networking activity for their company. You could ask certain local businesses for sponsorship for the event, which could come in the form of a donation to ALCCRF for childhood cancer research or in the form of a prize for activities at the BBQ (such as raffles and races)

Fundraising: Some other suggestions for fundraising activities include: • A bucket collection • Donation per person attending • A HUGE raffle where everybody donates a grocery item.

All money raised through the Lions Biggest BBQ should be channelled through your LIONS club's accounts for one LARGE DONATION to: Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation. PO Box 97 Mortdale, NSW 2223

After the BBQ event, be sure to contact participating groups to thank them for participating and encourage them to be involved again next year!

Ensure you have Lions signs, banner, BBQ aprons, etc on the day, to ensure that everyone in attendance knows that it is a Lions initiative.

FEBRUARY 2013 • Secure your venue to stage the Lions Biggest BBQ in your local community. • Contact third parties to determine their interest in participating in the Lions Biggest BBQ.

MARCH 2013 • Finalise all logistical elements of your local Lions Biggest BBQ. • Localise and distribute pre event media release with photo • Secure any local media coverage of local events • Conduct a follow-up call with media to determine whether they would like to send a photographer to cover your local event.

APRIL 2013 • Follow-up any outstanding media calls. Lions Biggest BBQ Event • Send out post event media release.

MAY 2013 • Collate money raised and post donation cheque and event summary sheet (post marked on or before 4th May 2013) to: PO Box 97, Mortdale, NSW 2223. • Winner announced.

Membership Drive: Our challenge is to combine this program with a concerted Membership Drive, using the Lions Biggest BBQ as a catalyst for attracting members of the public to enjoy a sausage sizzle and discuss the pros and cons of joining the biggest service club in the world.

Your District has an ALCCRF district representative and we encourage you to contact your local representative and encourage the promotion of a membership drive, together with the Lions Biggest BBQ.



Australian Lions

Childhood Cancer 
Research Foundation 

PO Box 97 Mortdale, NSW 2223

**INTENTION TO PARTICIPATE
 IN
 LIONS BIGGEST BBQ
 APRIL 2013**

LIONS
 LIONESS
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Club of.....District.....

Address.....

Suburb State.....Post Code.....

Please return this form as soon as possible to:

IPDG Peter Lamb,
 ALCCRF Trustee
 Lions Biggest BBQ 2013
 PO Box 676
 Mandurah WA 6210

Or

Email the contact information to:

IPDG Peter Lamb, ALCCRF Trustee: email: plamb@lambman.com.au

"Every child deserves a chance at a healthy life"
 Our Vision
100% Survival for kids with cancer

ALF supporting bushfire victims

As you would have seen from many media reports, the impact of bushfires across our country has increased. Although we have seen the severe damage caused by the fires in Tasmania and Victoria, New South Wales has now been affected. Areas in District have been severely impacted by the fires with extensive property loss. Our clubs are once again there to support the victims.

Funds raised from all Districts as at February 1 are \$249,727.

With the agreement and approval of Council Chairman Lou Onley, the Australian Lions Foundation has expanded its current appeal to a National Appeal to support all areas impacted by the current fires.

As the impact is severe in the N4 District, in and around areas of Coonabarabran, the ALF has made an immediate donation to the District through District Governor Barbara Andrews of \$10,000 to support the relief efforts being undertaken by her clubs.

The Foundation is liaising closely with the Council Chairman and Governors and will continue to review support for areas that may be impacted further.

If you wish your donation to be directed to a specific area impacted by the fires, please indicate with your advice otherwise the Foundation will disburse funds received proportionally to the needs of the areas affected. All funds received to date have been allocated to the T1 Appeal.

To support the Lions Bushfire Relief Barry Palmer, our International Vice President was back in Sydney briefly before heading to

Chicago. He took a quick flight to Tasmania to meet with Lions and the communities they were assisting, due to the recent devastation caused by the bushfires in and around the Dunalley area of Tasmania.

VP Barry was accompanied by Council Chairman Lou Onley and District Governor David Daniels who toured the affected areas.

VP Barry even went out shopping to assist in buying supplies to help in the bushfire relief efforts.

DONATIONS

The Foundation has donated \$50,000 to Tasmania (T1) and \$20,000 to New South Wales (N4) to support the immediate needs of the bushfire victims. Clubs have been involved supporting not only those residents directly affected by the bushfires, but also those who have played a key role in providing support and catering to those who have been fighting the fires.

Of the amounts donated to date, \$34,500 has been donated specifically for the Tasmanian victims and the remainder for the broader National Appeal of which Tasmania will be part.

The Foundation through the State Trustees, is closely liaising with the Governors of the impacted Districts throughout the country and will continue to review support for areas that may be impacted further.

An immediate allocation of \$50,000 has been made to the Districts now dealing with the flooding and this funding will be disbursed as the Governors request. Clubs should continue to send their donations through their Cabinet

Treasurer and not direct to the ALF Emergency Relief Account as electronic deposits made without a reference from a club cannot be identified, and allocated and acknowledged as a club contribution.

As noted earlier, a generous deposit has been received but no details have been provided to locate the donor as yet.

Please continue to support this appeal and help those in need. Remember that every dollar that is donated goes directly to assist the victims of these disasters.

ALF State Trustee Lion Alan Pretzman is working with the District T1 team to support these efforts. Vice President Barry said that he was so proud to be a Lion when you can see what is done by Lions and the support that they give both locally and from far away. He thanked all the Lions and other volunteers for what they were doing to help.

Strong support

The national "Tasmanian Bushfire Relief Appeal" which was established on Sunday, January 6, 2013 is already receiving strong support from Districts and we thank them for their quick communication to Clubs.

The Australian Lions Foundation will disburse funds to District Governor David and his team to use and further assist the victims of these this devastating fires. The State Trustees are liaising with Governors regarding their local situations and we will act in support if called upon.

Remember, the Australian Lions Foundation is YOUR Foundation.

-PDG Glenn Herbert, Chairman.

Terry Gray takes on top Leo role

PDG Terry Gray has been appointed the State Leo Coordinator from January 31, until January 31, 2016.

Terry is looking forward to working with the W1 and W2 Leo Chairmen, our Leos clubs and Lions clubs to support and create future Leos clubs.

Lions can contact Terry on 9726 1628.

Mob: 0414571904.

Email: tjg@oceanbroadband.net

Or go to the revamped website

www.lionsclubs.org.au/leos

and learn more about Leos.

This is quoted from the Leo Program by Lion Marty Peebles. "Leo club membership is open to young men and women aged between 12 – 30 and can be either school-based, known as Alpha clubs which cater for the 12 – 17 age Group, or community-based known as Omega clubs which cater for the 18 – 30 age group.

However, in Australia it is not uncommon to have community-based Leo clubs which cover Leos in both age groups. Leos clubs are a sponsored affiliation of Lions Clubs International and there are currently over 5,900 clubs in over 144 countries worldwide.

HOW MUCH TIME WILL IT TAKE?

Involvement in Leos depends on the amount of spare time the young people can afford E.g.: Most e.g. most school-based Leos clubs meet at least once a month during lunch break.

COST: As Leo clubs are an official activity and affiliation of Lions Clubs International, clubs are sponsored by the local Lions club. In the case of school-based Alpha clubs, this may include sponsorship of all membership fees and affiliation levies of Lions Clubs International.

HELP GIVE OUR YOUTH A PURPOSE



Greenough Lions welcome their first lady as a member

The Lions Club of Greenough inducted two new members recently, one a long-time Lion and the other the first lady to become a Lion in the Northampton District.

Tony Ryan had been a member of the Northampton club for many years undertaking the roles of president, treasurer, secretary and zone chairman for the Gascoyne Midwest District.

His wife Coral has supported him over the years and thought the time was right to join the

world's largest community service organisation. Both were inducted by 201 W1 District Cabinet Secretary Sue Lowe who kindly came up from Perth especially for the occasion.

Pictured front left to right District cabinet secretary, Sue Lowe, Coral Ryan, PDG Sandra Laundy, Lion Alex Varley. Back left to right Greenough club secretary Tony Ryan, PDG Bill Laundy, Lion Allan Lowe and Greenough president John van Namen.



Above left: DG Barry doing the induction of Susan Beecham with her sponsor looking on. Centre: DG Barry with Lesmurdie President Paul Larder being presented with their bannerette. Right: DG Barry presenting Lion Sue Chambers with a Membership Advancement Key.

New hearing bus

On January 11, 2013, Hearing Screening chair, Lion Chris Smelt went along with 2nd VDG Ivan Sturgess to collect the new Higher Ryder Mobile Screening Unit for the Lions Hearing Foundation.

Said Lion Chris, "After many months of appealing for funding from Lotterywest, LCIF, Razzamatazz and others, the Lions Clubs of WA generously committed the required amount. A big thanks to all. We have since been given a new generator by Crommelins which will enable the bus to be sited away from noise, regardless of electricity connection." The bus is now being painted with the Lions logo and sponsors' names and also fitted-out with a new sound-proof booth, cupboards, electricity and water. It is hoped that the new bus will be on the road in early February.

Any expressions of interest for purchase of the previous bus would be appreciated.

Membership figures drop by five

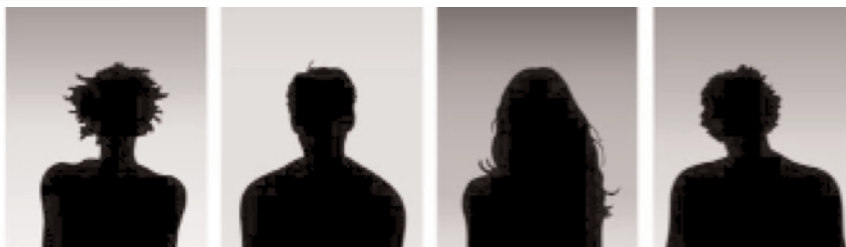
As of the end of December 2012 there were 969 Lions in MD 201 W1, a drop of five from the previous month. Thirteen Lions left the organisation but we welcomed six new members. There were a total of seven transfers and thankfully no deaths. New members are Anna Guerini, City of Perth Host Club,

Barry Haynes, Anne Haynes and Kate Archibald all joined Duncraig, Coral Ryan became the first lady to join the Greenough club while Michael and Elizabeth Coventry boosted numbers at Ocean Reef.

Welcome to all new Lions. We hope you'll find your time with us enjoyable and productive.

LIONS YOUTH EXCHANGE

www.lionsclubs.org.au/ye



Seeking Host Families

The young people listed below are visiting Australia in July-August with the Lions Youth Exchange Program. They need host families. If your club is able to help, please contact your W-Districts Youth Exchange chair Helen Dalglish for a host application form. More applications from international youth are expected in coming months.

The MD Youth Exchange committee has begun searching for host families for international youth arriving in July-August.

All youth visiting Australia in July participate in one of the four Lions youth camps on the east coast. This year, only those youth attending Youth Camp Kanga and Youth Camp Krokodile can be hosted in WA due to flight arrival times from Perth. The flyer indicates which camp youth are attending. Japanese youth arriving in August can also be hosted by WA families.

Youth can be hosted for the full three weeks or in a co-hosting arrangement with a second club for approximately 10 days.

Please contact me if you have any queries. Helen Dalglish, W-Districts Youth Exchange Chairperson. Email: helend@hotmail.com

Name	M/F	Age	Country	Hobbies	Hosting required
These youth will attend Lions Youth Camp Krokodile on the Sunshine Coast after hosting					
Nike	F	17	Hungary	Reading, Basketball, Writing	30/6-19/7
Joahanna	F	17	Germany	Swimming, Youth Parliament, Travelling	30/6-19/7
Alina	F	19	Germany	Track & Field, Skiing, Meeting friends, Music, Travelling	30/6-19/7
Charlotte	F	19	Germany	Playing Violin, Piano – orchestras, Dancing & Reading	30/6-19/7
Peter	M	21	Germany	Tennis, Volleyball, Soccer	30/6-19/7
Erik	M	18	Germany	Football, Music, Skiing, Diving	30/6-19/7
Merve	F	17	Turkey	Photography, Tennis, Piano, Sketching	30/6-19/7
Burak	M	19	Turkey	Swimming, Playing Guitar, Football, Basketball, Squash	30/6-19/7
These youth will attend Lions Youth Camp Kookaburra near Wyong, NSW after hosting					
Clara	F	17	Germany	Volleyball, Judo, Tennis, Running, Piano, Reading, Writing	30/6-20/7
Simge	F	20	Turkey	Playing Violin, Tennis, Dancing, Civil Involvement	30/6-20/7
Irmak	F	17	Turkey	Volleyball, Music	30/6-20/7
These youth will attend Lions Youth Camp Kanga in the Whitsundays after hosting					
Laura	F	19	Germany	Swimming, Dancing, Reading	30/6-20/7
Maren	F	16	Germany	Basketball, Culture, Language	30/6-20/7
Ilham	M	17	Turkey	Basketball, Volleyball, Bowling, Billiards, History, Geography	30/6-20/7
These youth will attend Lions Youth Camp Koala near Melbourne after hosting					
Julius	M	19	Germany	Ice Hockey, Golf, Choir	30/6-21/7
Anna	F	18	Germany	Scouts, Music	30/6-21/7

Children of Courage, start planning now

The Lions Children of Courage Award program is now established as an important and extremely worthwhile annual project of Lions Clubs International in WA.

The program was introduced in 1983 by the late DG Joe Mason, who saw a need to provide for an awards program through which Lions clubs in WA could recognise a very special group of young children - and their families.

At that time, there were many awards that recognized the achievements of young people - except the children with special needs. Since its modest beginnings, the Lions Children of Courage Awards has grown to be one of the most important annual events in the Lions' calendar.

What are the Lions Children of Courage Awards? Definitely not a competition! Every recipient of an award is a winner in his or her own right, as the recognition of these young people's achievements will:

Act as an encouragement for their future; Help them to believe in themselves and; Help to increase their self-worth.

All children want to be accepted by others, regardless of any special needs they may have. These awards will portray them as children who have successfully overcome additional barriers which face them in this world.

Each year the children who are to receive an award, together with members of their nominating club and their families, are invited to attend a presentation. This year, it will be held in the Golden Ballroom at the Pan Pacific Hotel, Perth on April 7, 2013.

As each child is called forward for the presentation, a short summary of the reasons for the presentation and eligibility for the award is read. The recipient of the award then receives a framed certificate detailing the category under which the award is made and an engraved medallion.

Nominations are forwarded through local Lions clubs for consideration and approval and are restricted to children between the ages of 5 and 15 years who have not previously received this award. Categories of the award.

1 Special Needs: Children with special needs who have shown courage in the face of adversity. Such children include those who are confined to wheelchairs, who are sight, hearing or speech impaired or have undergone long periods of medical treatment, surgery or hospitalisation, which has perhaps brought pain and trauma to their young lives.

Nominees in this category will be those children who have attempted to overcome these obstacles and who have striven to improve the quality of their lives.

2 Courageous Act or Deed: A child who without regard for personal safety, has been instrumental in the preservation of life and/or property, or has rendered assistance at an accident, or whose concern for others is worthy of recognition.

3 Outstanding Sporting Achievements: A child who has overcome personal hardship and/or disadvantage to achieve a high degree of sporting prowess as an individual, or as a good team member.

How to sponsor a child: Complete a nomination form and forward it to PDG Stuart MacFadyen by Saturday, March 16, 2013.

Further information please contact:

**PDG Stuart MacFadyen,
W1 Children of Courage Chair.
Email: s.jmac@hotmail.com.au**

Helpful questions at the interview

Questions that may be helpful in interviewing with nominee.

Please make sure correct spelling of the child's name and address.

- 1- What disability does the child have?
- 2- What treatment has the child had to endure, and what milestones have they achieved to date?
- 3- What age is the child? – their date of birth please.
- 4- What school do they attend?
- 5- What interests do they have? e.g. reading, sport, pets.
- 6- What family do they have?
- 7- What plans do they have for their future?

****If the nomination is for a bravery or a sporting achievement, then the above questions are OK, but be specific about the reason for their receiving their award.**

PDG Stuart MacFadyen, W1 Children of Courage Chair.

Email: s.jmac@hotmail.com Mob: 0409 379 130.

Backpacks for Balga youth project

Following a talk by Mike Dixon from the Balga Detached Youth Project, members of the Lions Club of Duncraig volunteered to hand make twenty backpacks, fill them with toiletries and present them to Mike so he could distribute them to youngsters most in need. The packs, which can be used as carry-alls or worn like a backpack, contained a towel and face cloth, deodorant, shampoo, shower gel, a tooth brush and toothpaste. There were ten for girls and ten for boys. The guys have the beige or green towel, with appropriate toiletries. The girls have blue or purple towel, with appropriate toiletries.

The packs were handed over in late December and were very well received. Mike Dixon, who is the son of the late PDG Robin Dixon, said he believed that the packs will give the young people a sense that they are valued members of the community.

Lion Carmel Ward who led the project said "I have to say a big thank you to Lions Sheila Boldy and Jan Garthwaite for their assistance. It was a lot of fun sewing and cutting together and Sheila's husband Malcolm makes a very good pot of tea!"

Thanks also go to those local shops and businesses who kindly donated the contents of the packs. Left over items from the bulk purchases were also donated, along with a good supply of extra toothbrushes from Jan's Dentist.

The project was delivered on time and within budget.

There are plans afoot for Duncraig to team up with the Lions Club of Girrawheen later this year to repeat the project on a larger scale.

1979 Tom Price Walkathon

Below is a letter from former Lion Delia Cousens who used to live in WA but now resides in the UK. She requests details about a Lions Walkathon held in Tom Price in 1979. Can anyone help? If so, contact Delia direct by email.

Dear Sir, I lived with my husband in Tom Price and completed the walkathon with three other girls, coming in first. I have been trying to find out all the details of the walkathon.

I wanted to know how the three days - Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday morning were timed and the number of kilometres covered, what the temperature was, where the night camps were, who organised the lunch at Paraburdoo etc. and how it was all organised by the Lions. I have no details, and would love to have them. Is it possible that you could email me any details, or a copy of an old leaflet with the details?

It was such a wonderful experience, but one I can't share as I can't remember all of the details now.

Thank you - hope you can find something.

-Delia Cousens, Romsey, Hampshire, England UK. Email: delia@greenbee.net

Vale Lion Rosemary Barlow

It is my sad duty to report the sudden and unexpected death of Lion Rosemary Barlow who passed away on Saturday, January 1 at the relatively young age of 64.

Rosemary was a widow, having lost her husband Lion Ted Barlow in 2009. Since then she has been very active in community work, with a deep passion for assisting the elderly and needy. Such was her drive that she had recently been elected to the Board of St Vincent De Paul, and was very excited about her input. Rosemary was a quiet achiever and sought no reward or recognition, but will be truly missed by those she has been working with. We will never know what she may have achieved.

Her community work was a flow on from the Lions service she did around Bassendean as she was the club coordinator for our Birthday Project, visiting the elderly in the various aged care homes in our community. Additionally during the last five years she organised our Easter Project (playing the Easter Bunny for our elderly in care) and also took on the role of organising Christmas hampers for the needy.

Our club had recognised her service with a James D Richardson Award.

A Catholic Mass was held for Rosemary at on January 14, followed by a funeral service at Pinaroo Cemetery.

-Ted Lawrence, President, Lions Club of Bassendean.

YOTY State winners national tour

This year's national tour began in Perth on December 29 and was hosted by the Lions Club of Fremantle.

The tourists arrived in the middle of a week-long heatwave, however, their enthusiasm wasn't diminished.

Whilst in Perth the six State winners skippered boats on Mandurah's Peel Inlet courtesy the Mandurah Lions Club and PDG Peter Lamb, attended a reception at the NAB, visited the Ear Science Institute of Australia and visited the Lions Eye Institute where they were addressed by Professor David Mackey and believe this or not they dissected pigs' eyes.

Then on to the Perth Mint where they witnessed a gold pour. And for lunch it was fish and chips at Cottesloe Beach the afternoon closed with fun at Adventure World.

A classic ending to the WA leg of the Australian tour was a formal, farewell dinner at the Flying Angel Club in Fremantle.

The winners certainly impressed their hosts. Nic Connelley, "T" District, was so impressed that his host referred to him as a very pleasant young man, that he promptly messaged his Mum with that news.

Each year the tourists visit our sponsor the NAB so the State winners can catch up with some of the employees who were judges at the various levels of the competition. NAB provides over 400 judges each year from their staff, and some return year after year to judge the finals. The program is very popular with their staff.

These visits have grown over the last few years from being just the one visit in Melbourne to all States requesting a visit.
—Margaret Sparkman.



State YOTY chairman Brian Williams addresses Lions on Youth of the Year activities during a lunch break at the Mandurah Lions Den.



YOTY winners are pictured with Professor David Mackey at LEI they are Mia Roberts, Lions Club of Unley, SA; Molly McInerney, Lions Club of Toowoomba-Wilsonton, Qld; Issha Sandhu, Lions Club of Fremantle, WA; Elise Delpiano, Lions Club of Griffith, NSW; Nicholas Connelley, Lions Club of City of Launceston, Tas; Elizabeth Smart, Lions Club of Camperdown, Vic.

Glenorchy Lions T1 seeks help for Lions Sight First project

Glenorchy City Lions Club in Tasmania are excited to present their latest significant project which was given full support by the past and present District Governors across Australia at the National 2012 Convention in Perth.

Jen Nickols, 40 is a member of Glenorchy Club who plans to become the first blind cyclist to ride a tandem bicycle around Australia.

She will set off on April 14, 2013 and aims to raise \$300,000 for Lions Sight First projects before returning to Hobart at the end of September.

She will be passing many Lions clubs around Australia and creating a lot of publicity for our organisation.

The idea was born following over 200 eye operations, nine years of chronic eye pain and the huge decision to have her eyes removed to regain her quality of life.

Jen was encouraged by the PDG Toby Crawford who backs this project fully. Current DG David Daniels also fully endorses project.

As the project chairman I am seeking your assistance with Jen's ride around Australia. Whether it be breakfast, lunch or dinner, a bed for the night, an awareness fundraiser or just some encouragement as she passes through your town,

Two bank accounts

We have opened two bank accounts:

1. A sponsorship (Administration) account – to help cover the costs of Jen's ride.

Bank: Commonwealth, BSB: 067101, Account Number: 10555820, Account Name: Glenorchy Lions Cycle for Sight

2. A donations (Activities) account which

will directly go to Lions Sight First.

Bank: Commonwealth, BSB: 067101, Account Number: 10555839, Account Name: Glenorchy Lions Cycle for Sight

Any remaining funds in the sponsorship

account will be transferred directly to the donations account.

—Peter Goldstone-James, Chairman.

Mob: 0409 164 000

Email: cycleforsight@westnet.com.au

Lions International Foundation Chairman Wing-Tung Tam says thanks for your support

Below is a letter of thanks and congratulations from Wing-Kun Tam, Chairperson of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) to the Lions of MD 201 for their support of the One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative.

Donations still coming in

Individual Lions and clubs are continuing to donate to the Lions Measles Initiative, knowing that every dollar will save the life of a child in Africa or Asia.

Dear Lions of Multiple District 201

On behalf of millions of children and the One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative - thank you. As I know you are aware, LCIF has met the Gates Foundation's challenge goal of raising US\$10 million to support measles vaccination campaigns. This achievement was reached within one year through the hard work of committed Lions and the generosity of thousands from around the world.

I would especially like to congratulate the

Lions of MD 201 for your generosity. Your efforts have raised US\$218,735 to help save underserved children from measles and the many significant complications associated with this deadly disease. Please take great pride in this remarkable achievement.

Lions and LCIF serve communities both locally and globally. For many, you may never see the individual whose vision has been restored or meet the families who were helped following a devastating natural disaster. You may never see the smiling face of a mother whose child has just been vaccinated through the Measles Initiative. Know that because of your generosity and service as a Lion, you make a difference in the lives of many both near and far.

Thank you for responding to the challenge.

—Wing-Tung Tam, Chair, Lions International Foundation.