



It's time to get your end of the year accounts together for audit

Barry's Buzz

Welcome to the final DG's Newsletter for this Lionistic Year, but it will not be the final Buzz as I will produce some words for the West Lion to be published in July. Since the next publication will be the West Lion I encourage all clubs to get an article together, with one or more memorable moment of your club's involvement in the community. Let your fellow Lions know of a special project or a special award or member as it may influence other clubs to submit similar stories.

As this Lionistic year comes to a close it is time to start getting your accounts and books together for auditing. It is an important part of your club's requirements and will appease the Department of Commerce as it is a legal requirement to have your report submitted at the end of October. Some of our clubs at present have received letters informing them that they are not allowed to collect public monies or fundraise until their accounts and reports have been submitted. This will significantly affect what your club can contribute to your communities.

It is also time for a club review to see how you are traveling. Ask yourselves the following questions and if the answer is yes to any of them, then the Club Excellence Process (CEP) will be able to help.

Is my club's membership ageing and unable to do as much as we used to?

Is my club's membership stagnant or diminishing?

Are our projects stale?

Have people in your community asked "What Do Lions Do?"

Has the excitement and fellowship disappeared from the club?

Are the majority of your members not attending meetings and projects?

Do your projects struggle to get the recognition of the community?

Do you struggle to attract younger members?

CEP is a tool to help with the health and wellbeing of your club. Try it and you will be surprised at the outcomes.

Our membership has increased significantly

Important YOTY dates

For the benefit of DGs, other District executive personnel and clubs, I wish to advise them of these YOTY dates for their calendars, if you haven't previously done it.

Club finals to be determined by club chairs, in consultation with district chairs. Zone finals to be determined by district chairs, in consultation with state chairs. Region finals to be determined by district chairs, in consultation with state chairs. District finals by weekend of March 29-30, 2014. State finals by weekend of April 12-13, 2014. National, during the MD Convention, Tamworth May 2-5, 2014

-Brian Williams, Chairman, Lions/NAB Youth of the Year Quest. 0428 537 577.

in the last three months and we may finally have a positive growth in our District for the year. I thank all clubs who have worked so hard to improve their numbers. They will find that they will have more hands for their projects, more hands to share the load, more ideas, more vitality and life in the club and more enthusiasm. March was Membership Month and clubs have responded and are continuing their endeavours into the succeeding months, well done. Increasing membership is something clubs should be constantly doing throughout the year but as with this year March will be Membership Month again next year. Plan a big recruiting event to attract greater interest in Lions. Start talking to your local media so that when March arrives they will support your club in its recruiting efforts.

The awards night was held Saturday 8th June and we had 85 attendees with 26 clubs represented, 24 from our District. It was very heartwarming to see the support and I thank all the attendees and the club members throughout the District for your support during the

year. I was able to recognise many of your Lions colleagues which was a pleasure and an honour. The number of awards I was able to be present is limited so many worthy members didn't receive an award but your hard work is still very much appreciated. As with some awards, an individual receives the award but they know that they have been supported by other club members and the award represents a collective effort. The other thing about awards is that there are many unsung and unnoticed heroes out there who just get on and do very quietly and will never get noticed due to their demeanour. One of these who has been overlooked for a very long time is Ron Collins from Bencubbin Lions Club. He has been the backbone of his club for an extremely long time and has worked very hard to keep it together through some tough times, not only for the club, but the community. He is also a toiler who does a lot of hard work in the whole community for the benefit of others. He only came to my attention during my club visit and was then mentioned to me as this type of person by others, which confirmed to me of the quality of the man. He is now a Melvin Jones fellow and I felt very humble when presenting him with this award.

More detail on the awards night will be published in the West Lion in July.

It is now the time of the year for clubs to hold their changeovers when new members of the board move in to take on the reins. I thank all the outgoing members for the work and the successes they have had and wish them all the best. I also congratulate the new members on their selection and wish them the best in working for the clubs and confirming the trust and confidence their members have placed in them. Move forward, work hard and do your best in the interests of your club and your community.

We have had many successes this year. The amount of clubs publishing articles in the DG's Newsletters and West Lion has increased, we have overcome a huge slump in membership to be relatively even and maybe positive at the end



DG Barry.

of the year and we've started a Branch Club, with a prospective new club or two in the near future. There has been greater participation in the Reading Action Plan and in our youth projects, particularly Razz-a-mattaz and Children of Courage. I congratulate those clubs who made outstanding efforts to increase membership - Swan Districts grew by 267% from a club with only three members. I believe we have succeeded from our endeavours.

Finally, our last cabinet meeting was held and well attended by cabinet members. I would like to thank publicly all the members of cabinet for their work and support and wish next year's cabinet and our incoming District Governor, Colin Heap all the best. May the decisions made be popular and most of all easy for clubs to accept and adopt.

-Barry Middleton,
District Governor 2012-2013.

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New chair for Lions Hearing Foundation

The Lions Hearing Foundation is sad to announce that their chairman, Lion Simon Watters, has resigned from the board. He was quickly replaced by Lion Chris Smelt.

Simon has also resigned from the Ear Science Institute Board, but thankfully will remain a Lion.

Simon has been Chairman of the Foundation for approximately six years and has worked tirelessly for us during that time.

A presentation of two bottles of Houghton's best was presented to him at his last board meeting held on Monday, May 27.

The board of the Foundation wishes Simon all the very best for the future.

Chris certainly had 'big shoes' to fill.



Pictured above is Lions Chris Smelt, Toni Whiteaker, W2 2nd VDG Allan Cooper and W1 DGE Colin Heap. Seated Lions Simon Watters, Lorna Dodd and Bob Morgan.

The eyes have it!

As the end of a Lions year brings changes within a club, so too will we see some major changes in the Membership of our Foundation's Board.

The term of Directors - PDG Sandy Laundy, Lion Geoff Moore and Lion Ann Malin has expired, as has that of Immediate Past District Governors Stuart McFadyen and Peter Lamb. Due to work and personal commitments, we have received resignations from Lions Halina Young and Lloyd Westbrook. To all of these Lions we extend our thanks for your contribution, especially Geoff Moore who over the last 10 years has been our Screening Chairman and PDG Sandy Laundy who in recent times has been our liaison with the Annual Half Marathon project, organised through the WA Marathon Club. This venture has seen our coffers benefit by over \$50,000 since we became involved.

We extend a warm welcome to our new Board members in Lions Margaret Sparkman, and Ted Lawrence and also our incoming Second-Vice Governors Ray Zinner and Alan Cooper. Your contributions I am sure will enhance our deliberations.

Again, at this year's District Conventions, we will be looking to elect two directors from each District and yes, you will be assigned certain responsibilities which will make the position more interesting and challenging. Lions, if you would like to become more involved in WA Lions most prestigious activity, get your club to nominate you for a spot.

A question that is frequently put by Lions is: "What is the difference between the Lions Save Sight Foundation (LSSF) and the Lions Eye Institute?" (LEI). The answer requires a brief history:

In 1971, when all of WA was one Lions District, the Lions of Western Australia took up the challenge of Helen Keller and created the LSSF. In those early days it predominantly undertook glaucoma screenings around our vast State. Shortly after the Foundations Incorporation was established it was resolved, in conjunction with the University of Western Australia (UWA), to create a 'Chair of Ophthalmology'. This

came to fruition in 1975, with Professor Ian Constable appointed to take up that position. LSSF then extended into greater research and provision of ophthalmic services.

By 1983 medical-related activities had grown dramatically and it was then resolved that for many reasons a more professional entity needed to be established to handle the clinical work of the LSSF. Out of this decision LEI was established, and LSSF dropped out of providing medical-type services with the exception of glaucoma screenings.

When all this occurred, LSSF reverted to a role of being the link between The Lions of Western Australia and LEI, maintaining its contractual commitments to UWA of underwriting the Chair of Ophthalmology. We also have a contractual arrangement to cover 50% of the cost of The Director of Research at LEI as well as funding two Scholarships for Research each year. All of this amounts to something like \$400K per annum that LSSF needs to run our share of the business, and may help explain why we do rely on support from your clubs.

Since our last report in the West Lion, our AGM has been held and our Constitutional Amendments passed. They will now go to our District Conventions for ratification. To all those clubs who attended, we extend our sincere thanks. It was most disappointing that a return slip sent with the Notice of Motion was only completed by 16 of the 126 clubs in Western Australia.

Our 'used glasses' continue to be received in ever increasing numbers. To the clubs who support this project, please accept our grateful thanks and keep up that good work.

Finally our "shopping list" is still open. We would love to hear from the majority of clubs in Western Australia who have not yet responded - we really do need your support. Lions members, having read this article ask your President if your own club has participated - and ask "if not, why not?"

WA Lions all. Remember this is YOUR Foundation. Be part of it, and meanwhile keep exercising those eyes!

-Ambrose Depiazzi,
Chairman LSSF.

Mother's Day special



The Lions Club of Wanneroo had great pleasure recently in helping to make Mother's Day a little more special by donating flowers and throws to 22 ladies in a local women's refuge.

Kedy Krystal, the CEO of the Patricia Giles Centre, is pictured above with members of the Lions club from left to right, Belinda Vogt, Pauline Valeriani, Kedy Krystal, Elizabeth Valeriani Wanneroo club president, Tess MacLean (rear) and Sandra Wheeler.

Give your sausage sizzles a cause

This is the advice from Brian Taylor, secretary of the Lions Club of Geraldton whose club raised \$1,750 from one sausage sizzle at the local Bunnings Warehouse.

"We've run many a hot dog stall over the years and always raised good money. The average has been around \$1,000 per day. But, on Saturday 13 April, the club decided to run a sausage sizzle dedicated to raising funds for the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation and saw profits rise to a little over \$1,750," said Brian.

This may be a public perception issue. Most people are willing to give to Lions because they know we do good work, even if they're not quite sure what it is exactly that we do. But, by flagging a specific foundation, charity, organisation or demographic group, we may be able to increase awareness of Lions activities and the amount of money raised.

Brian added, "I would like to express my sincere thanks to the public for supporting this community event and to the Lions who worked tirelessly and efficiently to make it a success."

The aim of the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation is to achieve a 100% survival rate in children diagnosed with cancer. Lions Australia has raised more than \$4.5 million for childhood cancer medical research over the past 17 years.

So, when you next hold a sausage sizzle, consider dedicating the proceeds to one of the Lions foundations and see if you can raise a little more.

Morrie Lemish award to Catherine Ehrhardt

Lions Club of Maylands president Catherine Ehrhardt seen receiving this year's Morrie Lemish Award from DG Barry while Dun Craig Lion and District Publications Editor Rob Wright looks on.

The award, in the form of a trophy and a perpetual plaque, was presented for an article which appeared in the May edition of the District Newsletter featuring a project to raise sufficient funds to buy eight iPads to be donated to Maylands Peninsula Primary School.

The Maylands club, which was only two months old at the time, applied for a 'Happy Communities' grant from Bankwest to supplement money raised by members. The iPads cost a little over \$3,000 and were handed over to the school on April 19. A satisfactory first project for one of the District's newest clubs. Well done.



Headphones a significant benefit for Braden



The Lions Hearing Foundation were asked by Senior Paediatric Audiologist Anna Kania at the Lions Hearing Clinic, Nedlands, if we could possibly assist an 8 year old boy, Brayden, whose auditory processing skills require help.

Brayden's hearing was found to be normal. However, he presented with several auditory processing weaknesses which interfere with his ability to understand and learn in the classroom setting.

He is significantly behind his peers in both literacy and numeracy. His reading skills are limited, his writing is poor and he well below the class level for mathematics. His ability to follow and understand verbal instruction is restricted and he experiences issues at times with his attention in class. He receives speech therapy via rocky Bay and is registered with the Disability Services Commission having been diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome in 2009.

As a result of Anna's assessment of Brayden's auditory processing skills, it was decided the utilization of a personal FM amplification system which allows the teacher's voice to be transmitted clearly and comfortably via a microphone worn by the child and one worn by the teacher. Headphones are also worn by the child. Brayden will derive significant benefit from this system in class.

As his parents cannot afford this system, the Lions Hearing Foundation were delighted to help.

Our picture left shows Foundation Chairman, Lion Chris Smelt together with Brayden, his parents and Senior Paediatric Audiologist Anna Kania.

SECRETARY WANTED

The Lions Hearing Foundation require a secretary urgently. Can you help?

They meet on the fourth Monday every other month, next meeting is on July 22, at the Ear Science Institute Australia, 1 Salvado Road, Subiaco at 6.30pm.

Meetings last approximately 90 minutes.

If you feel you can help, please get in touch with . . .

Lion Christina Smelt Chairman.

Email: ianandchrissmelt@bigpond.com

Hearing Bus bookings and destinations

August 25-31 Hearing Awareness Week

Sept 3-6: Newdegate Show, Lake Grace Lions

Sept 7-8: Esperance Lions

Sept 14: Life Expo Midland. Lions

Oct 6: Jarrahdale Log Chop. Lions

Oct 11-13: W1 Conv, Kingsley Lions

Oct 26: Dale Christian School, Armadale

Oct 27: Rotary Spring Fair,

Jandakot Lakes.

Nov 2-3 Founders Day, Bunbury Lions

Nov 6: Seniors Expo, Rockingham

Nov 13: Have a Go Day, Burswood

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March 29: Manea School, Bunbury

Oct 10-12: W2 Conv Donnybrook, Lions

Oct 17-18: Margaret River Show, Lions

24-26 W1 Conv, Jurien Bay, Lions

Funds raised for Project Nathan at Bunnings

On Saturday, May 25, zone 3 chairman Lion Chris Smelt presented a cheque for \$2,005.10c to Monique Garcia and her son Nathan see picture right.

The cheque has been paid into the ECU – Project Nathan fund. This money was collected from a Zone 3 sausage sizzle at Bunnings Balcatta to raise funds for research into infantile scoliosis.

Ten year old Nathan was born with this condition and only half a heart. He took part in Children of Courage in 2012. His mother, Monique is now studying a Masters degree at ECU into this condition. She is obtaining samples from the children's hospitals in Sydney and Melbourne and hopes to eventually find a cause and treatment into this dreadful condition even though it could be too late for Nathan.

News has just come through from his surgeon in Melbourne that the last surgery on his spine has not fused and so he has to go back into hospital for more surgery. Although this is a setback, Nathan is pleased to be going back to Melbourne so that he can see his beloved Essendon footy team. He recently tossed the coin for them at the start of a game which was a great thrill for him.

Both Monique and I sincerely thank the Duncraig, Kingsley-Woodvale, North Beach, Ocean Reef, Stirling and Whitford clubs for giving up their time to support this cause. We wish Nathan good luck in the future months.

–Lion Chris Smelt,
Zone 3 Chairperson.



New skin cancer screening van now on the road



The Lions Cancer Institute Board would like to express their thanks to all of the W-Districts clubs who supported the construction of the replacement screening van.

The new unit is much lighter, which combined with three axles, makes it much more stable on the road. As a result of a trip to the MD Convention in Mildura, South Australia Lions, District C2 have had their fifth screening. Referral results in SA have been 3% higher than those in WA as a result of which a motion will be placed before both C-Districts conventions in September to formally commence the Skin Screening Program in C2 and screening in the

Northern Territory C1 is planned to start shortly under the banner of the Western Australia Institute.

Skin screenings outside of the metropolitan area cost Lions around \$37.50 per person and around 100 are screened each day with two screeners and support staff.

Many Lions clubs donate funds to the Institute to help with the operation of the free skin screening unit but I regret to say that we still have some clubs who request screenings but do not offer any assistance. We need your support to continue this Lions lifesaving project.

–PDG Colin Beauchamp, chairman
Lions Cancer Institute.



Pride of the City convention needs Lions

If Lions conventions are part of your social highlight then The Pride of the City Convention is one not to be missed. One of the highlights of the weekend is sure to be **Colin's Kingswood Country Caper** on Saturday night with delicious food, exciting entertainment and great fellowship planned.

The Lions Club of Kingsley Woodvale, with the assistance of the Lions Clubs Of Duncraig, Ocean Reef and Wanneroo, invite Lions, partners and friends to join us at our District Convention to be held at Woodvale Secondary College on the weekend of the 11th, 12th and 13th of October 2013.

District Governor Elect Colin Heap and the convention committee are planning a weekend of fellowship, good food, interesting sessions and fun for all.

The suburb of Woodvale is located just over 20km from the city of Perth, heading north via the Mitchell Freeway.

The college is easy to find with plenty of onsite parking and public transport close by.

The convention site is compact with easy access to all the convention venues. The college is also adjacent to the picturesque Yellagonga Regional Park.

For those coming from country areas there is a wide range of accommodation options including hotels, caravan parks and bed and breakfasts.

Mark your diary and come along to catch up with old friends and make some new ones.

Our convention committee will keep you regularly updated on the convention and we hope to see you there.

-Colin Heap, W1DG-elect.



Bowling them over

LANCELIN Lions recently went to Redfield Park Home for a send-off lunch for three excited and happy local youngsters who were flying out for two weeks of competition in the annual AMF National Disabilities 10-pin Bowling Championships in Canberra.

Many thanks to Rita Goulthorp for a beautiful lunch.

The championship will be held at Tuggeranong in the Australian Capital Territory from June 8 to June 14.

The local trio, who will compete in singles, doubles and treble events, are part of a team of 15 representing WA and have had success at other previous national disabled 10-pin bowling competitions.

At the farewell lunch, Lancelin Lions President Val Ammon presented Samantha Goulthorp, of Redfield Park and Rebecca Redshaw and Eamon Ryan, both of Woodridge, with Lions team bowling T-shirts, individual excellence certificates and name badges. Lancelin Lions also provided funds, raised predominantly through recycling, to help the group with the costs of competing.

Our picture (left) shows Rebecca Redshaw, Eamon Ryan and Samantha Goulthorp.



ANZAC Day "Lest we Forget"

Ballajura Lions recently attended the ANZAC Day Dawn Service held at Ballajura Community College, Ballajura. President Lion Kaye Scandrett and VP Lion Sue McDonald laid a wreath on behalf of the club.

This is a project the Ballajura Lions take part in each year and have done since 2008.

The event is well attended by local residents with increased numbers each year, including a local family who sadly lost their son in the Solomon Isles some years ago at a young age.

Ballajura Lions feel that this is a great way to remember those who lost their lives serving our wonderful country.

Afterwards the local RSL provided a "Gunfire Breakfast" which was very well attended and a great opportunity to meet others from surrounding areas.

Ballajura Lions vice president Sue McDonald (right) lays a wreath at the ANZAC Day dawn service.





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LIONS DISTRICT 201W1 CONVENTION - 11 TO 13 OCTOBER 2013
HOSTED BY THE LIONS CLUB OF KINGSLEY/WOODVALE
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1	6pm	Supper		\$21		
Saturday						
2	10:00am	Morning Tea		donation please on the day	\$0	
3	12:30pm	Lunch		\$17		
4	1:00 – 4:00pm	Partners Tour		\$20		
5	3:15pm	Afternoon Tea		donation please on the day	\$0	
6	7:30pm	Colin's Kingswood Country Caper		\$55		
Sunday						
7	7:00am	Breakfast		\$22		
8	10:30am	Morning Tea		donation please on the day	\$0	
9	12:30pm	Lunch		\$20		
10	Convention Pin			\$5		
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