



DG Megan

Megan's Musings

District 201C1 Bulletin



September 2017



The busy season has already started and will be getting progressively busier as Christmas approaches with many clubs selling Christmas cakes and puddings, staging Christmas Carols and taking part in other Christmas festivities.

Remember, as we support our community, those less fortunate and those who are lonely, to look ourselves and each other. It can rather exhausting with many service hours contributed to various functions, but we must take time to check on each other's welfare and our own.

Along with the many hours involved in your Christmas activities don't forget to record these in MyLCI. Service is our International Presidents theme and my focus this year. It is very easy to forget to record the true number of hours of service for each project but please try to record as accurately as possible. Let's show our International President how many service hours Australia contributes in December.

Membership

Membership numbers continue to be a critical issue for our District and we are yet to reach the 1250 members and maintain that number to be taken out of transition. However, the work and energy from many key players in the District and your clubs focus on retention has slowed down the drops.

Below is a table of our membership numbers and you can see our clubs have recruited 66 new members this year, but we have lost 70 members. We are trying to reverse this trend and are so close. We can do this- remember to promote your club and just ask! You may be surprised who is waiting to be asked to join. Also continue to look after your club members both new members and long serving members- all members are important and need to feel valued and appreciated

If you need any assistance or membership ideas, please contact your Zone Chairman or the GMT Coordinator Pat Williams

Resources

The lifesaver foundation has some new and updated promotional items which are very useful at this time of the year. They are supplied free of charge and only postage needs to be paid. Check them out here www.thelifesaverfoundation.com.au

All club visits have been completed and it has been a hectic but very enjoyable time hearing about your projects and your clubs' achievements. You all should be very proud of what you accomplish and how you help your community. Cabinet Secretary Don is currently checking the records to ensure that all clubs have had a visit by the District Governor or 1st or 2nd Vice District Governor. However, if your club has not had a visit by one us please contact me immediately so I can arrange one asap. Also, if there is any club that has not had a District Governor visit in the last 3 years please let me know also.

Peter and I wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Stay safe if you are travelling, enjoy family time and take time to rest after the hectic lead up to Christmas. We thank you for all that you do for your community and take time reflect on your efforts.

Till next year

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	This month	This year
Opening Balance	1225	1220
Added members	13	66
Dropped Members	22	70
Closing Balance	1216	1216
Net gain/loss	-9	-4

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WIFE: "There is trouble with the car. It has water in the carburettor."

HUSBAND: "Water in the carburettor? That's ridiculous "

WIFE: "I tell you the car has water in the carburettor."

HUSBAND: "You don't even know what a carburettor is. I'll check it out. Where's the car?"

WIFE: "In the pool"

DECEMBER FEATURE

The Australian Lions Foundation (ALF)



After Cyclone Tracy demolished most of Darwin in December 1974, in the period 1975 to 1976, Lions Australia formed two bodies –

Australian Lions Community Emergency Relief Fund (“ALCERF”) to co-ordinate fundraising for disaster relief;

And a National Disaster Committee

The Australian Lions Foundation was formed in 1981 by the District Governors of the day and this was formalised at the Multiple District Convention of Lions at Mt. Gambier in 1983, which then replaced the two earlier formed committees.

The Australian Lions Foundation was formed with this purpose: -To provide help and assistance for public relief, emergency aid and community welfare for persons in necessitous circumstances **in Australia**.

Until recently the Foundation operated by a Deed of Trust. This changed last year from a Trust to a “Company Limited by Guarantee”. These changes have resulted from a need to comply with new legislation that was identified when the Foundation applied for national fundraising approval and the **Make a Donation** button was added to the website.

Lions Clubs have been asked to re-apply to be a member and provide their guarantee that if, in the case the Foundation is wound up, and if it has any debts, each Club who is a member may be liable for an amount up to the value of A\$1.00. It is highly unlikely that would occur as the Foundation operates only on a no- debt basis. Although several requests have been sent to C1 Clubs, there are still a few who have not complied. If those Clubs wish to apply for a Grant or an Award, they will be ruled ineligible until they re-new their membership. This is a “once only” application, and does not have to be done every year.

The ALF Provides financial assistance and support, in times of Disasters/Emergencies and for Community Welfare Projects. Our District had first-hand knowledge of this assistance when the Sampson Flat and Pinery Fires burnt through those areas in January and November 2015 respectively.

These Fires saw the need for some major support from the ALF. Many families had very little time to get out of the destructive path of these fires and were left with virtually the clothes they were wearing, and very little else. The need to get assistance to those who had lost everything was urgent. The best form for this initial help is usually money, and this is what the Foundation does extremely well, and extremely quickly...

The ALF is managed by six Directors, one from each State and Territory. Directors are elected to serve for a three-year term, with two Directors being elected each year at the Foundation’s AGM, on a rotation system, to ensure continuity.

Gifts are received from Lions, Lioness and Leo Clubs, Zones, Districts other Lions Groups, Individual members of the public - they are Tax Deductible for members of the public. Funds are also generated from Interest earned on Investments.

All gifts are acknowledged and through the ALF Award Program, Clubs, Zones, Districts and other Lions Groups can recognise individuals or groups from within the community and the Lions Family. This is the case, unless an Appeal for a specific disaster has been issued. These donations are not eligible to be counted towards Awards.

With the Awards, there is no restriction on the donor as to who they can recognise. Many Clubs, Zones, Districts and other Lions Groups recognise a member or members for such things as, years of service or because the member has completed a project of some consequence or has been a very active member of the club or of our organisation or community.

Consider rewarding a hard-working valued Lions Club member or a non-Lion member of your community with an Award.

William R Tresise Fellow	\$2000
Ian M Stockdale Humanitarian	\$1000
James D Richardson Honour Award	\$500
Community Service Award (non-Lions)	\$250

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Australian Lions Foundation Feature (Continued)

The other important arm of the Foundation is Grants:

Emergency Grants: These are the monetary grants given to individuals and families in cases of extreme emergency...unfortunately usually following a devastating disaster.

Disaster Recovery Grants: These grants are what we would rather not see too often, as they are just exactly what they are called! Disaster Recovery.

Special Purpose Grants: These grants are to provide help and assistance in all forms for community welfare on a National, State or District basis.

General Purpose Grants: Many clubs apply for a General Purpose Grant, these are a 50/50 matching grant to the value of \$15,000. Clubs do not necessarily have to have raised the whole 50% themselves, they may have had money donated or granted from another source. (Local Govt, for example).

The ALF donated \$30,000 to the Skin Cancer Screening Vehicle \$15,000 to C1 and \$15,000 to C2, which has now begun its journey throughout the C Districts.

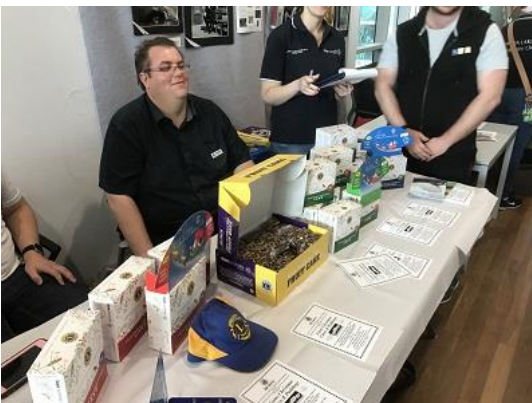
Australia Wide we are averaging about \$200,000 per quarter in General Purpose Grants.

Compassionate Grants: At the National Convention in Canberra in 2013 Dick Smith donated one million dollars to the Australian Lions Foundation. One of his reasons for choosing Lions was because he knew that all money donated would be used in the way he specified, and not taken up with wages and expenses etc. His stipulation in giving us this money is that it be used for Compassionate reasons to families or an individual who may be suffering financial hardship through illness or other circumstances beyond their control. This money cannot be used for any other type of Grant Application



Yvonne Bradford
C Districts Director/C1
District Chairman

FROM MAWSON LAKES CLUB BRANCH



Members of Mawson Lakes Club Branch selling Christmas Cakes at Mawson Christmas Markets



(When robbing an accountant)



MND tins- are your tins nearly full? Have you banked the money? The bank account for depositing your clubs donation is BSB: 105057 Acct no:029004140 Acct name : District 201C1 activities account.

As the reference put in your club name and the words MND. I am hoping as a District we can make a substantial donation to MND SA at the end of my term but need your help to do so.

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FROM CITY OF ADELAIDE CLUB

Lions & SAPOL Citizen of the Year Award

The Lions Club of the City of Adelaide is proud to sponsor the 'South Australian Citizen's Award', and to present it annually with the South Australia Police to the person who performs extraordinary service to assist police in the performance of their duties.

The award consists of an individual shield, a perpetual shield, and a framed citation outlining the basis for the nomination.

The recipient is selected from nominations submitted by Local Service Areas, branches and sections of SAPOL across the State. Nominations are based on letters and Certificates of Appreciation which may have been presented to members of the public in recognition of assistance given to SAPOL in the performance of police duties during the past year. The nominations were made and adjudicated upon by the award selection panel consisting of The Lions Club of the City of Adelaide members and senior SAPOL members, with Commissioner Grant Stevens ratifying the successful nomination.

It is with great pleasure that we officially announce that the recipient of the South Australian Citizen's Award for 2017 is Mr Dennis Obst, in recognition of his ongoing commitment to assist South Australia Police.

To give you all an appreciation of Dennis's commitment, I would like to share with you the wording from his award citation:

"Dennis has served as President of the Neighbourhood Watch Volunteers Association of SA for the past five years and as a member of the Board of Management for nine years, in addition to his role as Area Coordinator for Felixstow. He has been instrumental in driving a strong and effective partnership between Neighbourhood Watch and SAPOL during a crucial time of growth.

Renowned for his commitment and leadership, Dennis has played a significant role in the recent expansion of Neighbourhood Watch both online and in the community. He has been integral to developing a formal Memorandum of Understanding between SAPOL and Neighbourhood Watch to ensure their long-term collaboration, while also building links between police and the community at a local level.

Dennis' efforts are commended and worthy of special recognition with this award."

The award presentation was made by the Police Commissioner, Grant Stevens, and the Lions Club of the City of Adelaide's President, Andrew Stacey, at the Lions 201C1 District Convention Gala Dinner on Saturday October 7th. Unfortunately Dennis was not able to attend the Convention Gala Dinner as he was interstate. Sergeant Susan O'Connor received Dennis's award on his behalf.

On Thursday, 23rd of November 2017, a small informal gathering was held at SA Police Head Quarters to recognise and present Dennis Obst with the award.

Congratulations Dennis.



FROM GILLES PLAINS CLUB

Members and friends of Gilles Plains Club cooked a Sausage Sizzle for Precious Cargo Child Care Centre at Collinswood



President Ted with His girls



The Cooks Peter, John, and Rob



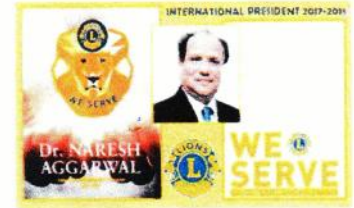
The Crowd



District 201 C1.

A Few Easy Tips!

November 2017



Greetings All,

As the "silly season" approaches most clubs are organising their Christmas functions, putting their Christmas Cakes and Puddings in favourite locations and generally getting ready for family celebrations. This is the time of the year when the focus is on families. I believe it is an opportunity for clubs to rethink their membership drives and place some serious thought as to how they can promote the clubs in their local area. So some thoughts....

- Invite your neighbour to the Christmas function - be it at a formal location or a more casual affair at someone's house.
- Have a street party and invite people to come along.
- Have a picnic in a park which has a good selection of play equipment and use banners and fliers to attract people to your event.
- Instead of having Kris Kringle collect tins and food for the needy or everyone buy a toy for children who are in care or in shelters as a result of violence in the home. On each item have a label saying it is donated by your club and place a phone number for contact.
- Use banners at every opportunity to promote your presence
- If you are "Burning a Banger at Bunnings" (thanks to John M for this phrase) Talk to your clients – ask them if they know about Lions, ask if anyone has ever invited them to a meeting then ask them to join you. **JUST ASK!**
- If you have a Den, decorate it and have a breakfast or morning tea and promote the event
- If you have a sleigh, walk slower around the streets and have people who will talk to those who bring their children out and invite them to a picnic with free BBQ or hand out flyers printed on **bright coloured paper** inviting them to an information night – making sure you organise a crèche with activities for the children.
- When you place your cakes in outlets talk to the people about Lions and give them information about how their skills are needed.
- If your club is doing a Carols event....**PROMOTE - PROMOTE - PROMOTE**

ABOVE ALL... **Have FUN and show people how much FUN it is to be a LION**

Australian Lionsonoz in Action.

Apart from cooking sausages on a BBQ, the variety of projects that Lion Clubs undertake to assist their community is quite mind blowing.

Australian Lionsonoz member Lion Warren White found this out when he volunteered to assist the Tamworth Peel Valley Lions in quite a unique project they undertake.

For 3 years now the Peel Valley Lions Club members have been providing marshalling duties for the Tamworth Triathlon Club when they conduct their competition days, mostly at the village of Kootingal.

Between 30 and 40 contestants of all ages swim 200 meters, ride 10 kms on their pushbikes and then participate in a 2 kilometre run.

The event is staged about 12 times a year, mostly on a Saturday afternoon and about 3 times a year is conducted on a Sunday and the distances are then doubled.

Juniors enjoy reduced distances according to age.

The athletes put their whole heart and soul into the event and the Lions are there to help direct the contestants and prevent accidents between the athletes and general local traffic.

Australian Lionsonoz member Lion Warren White took his position on a three way corner in the pushbike riding section and was kept quite busy helping to avoid collisions between bike riders, pedestrians and motor traffic.

PDG Warren White



Pictured: Australian Lionsonoz member Lion Warren White (left) together with members of the Tamworth Peel Valley Lions Club and members of the Tamworth Triathlon Club at Kootingal.



**Lions work can be rewarding. Don't forget to have
FUN**

FROM TEA TREE GULLY CLUB

Last Sunday, "Lighthouse Disability" had their annual Christmas Breakfast for all their clients and carers.

The Tea Tree Gully Lions donated and cooked 10kg bacon, 15 dozen eggs, they also donated 26 x 6 packets of pancakes, along with 15 loaves of bread. Father Christmas arrived and gave out gifts and lollies, we even had the Lions out front singing carols. A great time was had by us all.

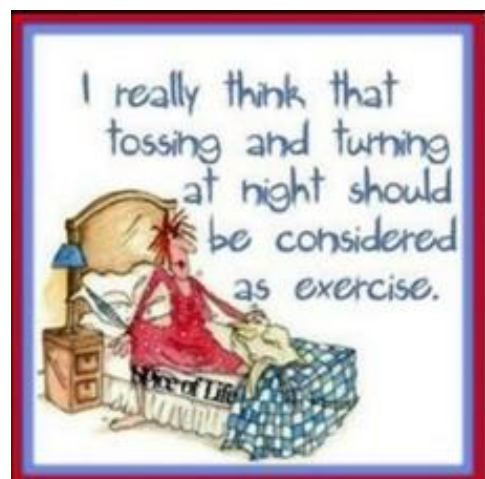
Lion Tom Brewer.



Breakfast for all



**TTG Lions singing Christmas Carols
(We need sound)**



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FROM STANSBURY DALRYMPLE CLUB



President Jan Thompson at SYP Hospital, presenting intravenous Fluid and Blood Warming system to Staff members Shirley May and Sandra Jeffrey

FROM BUNNINGS WINDSOR GARDENS

Gilles Plains club members were the first Lions Club to cook a sausage sizzle at the New Bunnings Store on North East Road Windsor Gardens on Monday 27th Nov. Thank you Bunnings on behalf of all Lions Clubs for the opportunity to raise money at this great new location.



Therese Kenny, Ted Osborn, Carole Dawe, John Dawe, Liz Wardle, Peter McKinnon, Nancy Marchant all came along to help in shifts to make it a successful day for the club.

Just in case you haven't heard, but "Christmas is coming"
Only 3 weeks to Christmas,
Clubs should be well into their cakes sales and promotion.
Good luck with your sales.

A collage of promotional materials for Lions Australia Christmas cakes. It includes several boxes of 'LIONS TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS CAKES & PUDDING' with different designs. There are also circular and rectangular stickers with the same theme. The text 'Christmas is coming..' is written in large, stylized red cursive. Below it, it says 'With the new Lions Cake box design comes the new fundraising merchandise line! Now Available at www.lionsclubshop.com.au'. The Lions Australia logo is at the bottom right.

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FROM CLARE DISTRICT CLUB

NEW MEMBER LISTING NOVEMBER 2017

Lions Lip

A monthly update
from the Lions Club of
Clare District



Christmas is fast approaching and
that means two things:

Clare Lions Christmas Pageant:

Friday 8th of December floats will assemble north of the northern roundabout and the parade will move down the main street to the oval at 6.30pm. This will be followed by the after pageant party which will feature numerous attractions such as jumping castle, eateries, bungee run, Lions donut van, sumo wrestling, bubble wrestling and entertainment from Matt Allen, Clare High School Band and Primary School Choir. Major supporters of the pageant are Beyond Bank, Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council and RAA.



Street decorations, including a giant Christmas tree in Ennis Park will go up at the end of November and thanks to the generosity of local business's, tickets in the giant Christmas stocking will go on sale from early

November. Profits from tickets sales will go towards the cost of street decorations. In addition RAA have kindly donated \$250 for the best business decorated in a Christmas theme and \$250 for the best decorated house. While Lions and Madec, organize and run the pageant, it is for you, so come along and enjoy.

Lions Christmas Cakes and Puddings:

These will be on sale at Mathies, Mitre 10, BJ's Fruit Barrow and Mid North Real Estate from early November. Cakes are \$16 and Puddings \$12 and there is also a special **Lions 100 year Anniversary** tin with cake for \$22. If you are unable to get to one of the contacts, any Lions members will be able to assist. All profits from these sales are returned to the community via Lions projects.

Author: Tony Donnellan.



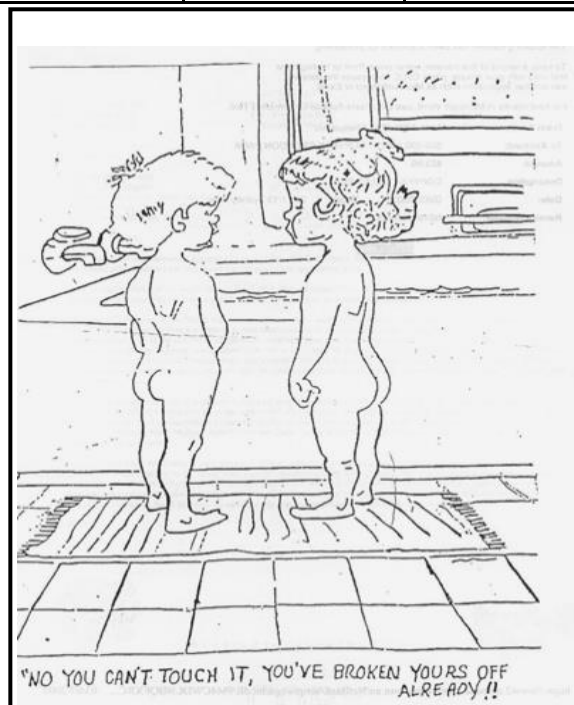
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"We Serve"

For more information on Lions and Membership, phone "Scoop" Williams on 0411 492 223 or visit our club website:
www.claredistrictlc.sa.lions.org.au

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NEW MEMBER	NAME	SPONSOR
BALAKLAVA & DISTRICT INC		
New	Silena Robertson	Kossie Chegwyn
New	David Schulz	Kossie Chegwyn
MODBURY INC		
New	Richard Ashton	Julie Ashton
MOONTA INC		
New	Rosina Gould	Lorraine Darling
New	Chaaron Gould	Lorraine Darling
PROSPECT BLAIR ATHOL INC		
New	Shaun Osborn	
WEST BEACH INC		
New	Dawn Potter	Jennifer Osis
New	Kathleen Russell	Jennifer Osis
New	Tracey Sarney	Jennifer Osis
New	Angela Vaughan	Jennifer Osis



Save the date

Saturday July 21st 2018- District Governor handover to be held at the Mawson Lakes Hotel

Please ensure that all articles are submitted no later than 14th. of each month to-

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