



**DG Megan** 

### TOMORROW STARTS TODAY

**District 201C1 Bulletin** 

# Megan's Musings District 201C1 Bulletin





FEBRUARY 2018

#### DG MEGAN'S MESSAGE FOR FEBRUARY

Hi everyone,

Despite the projected hot weather forecast our clubs came out in force once again cooking the traditional breakfast and assisting at Australia Day ceremonies. Congratulations to all of our members and clubs who were recognised in the Australia Day Awards both locally and nationally. Great projects/events and hardworking members of our Lions family were recognised for their achievements.

Facebook was filled with stories and photos which were wonderful to read. If your club or a member of your club received an award please write a story and send to the DG bulletin editor and Lion magazine.

Peter and I were in Sydney on the weekend of 19/20/21 January for the Council of Governors meeting. A busy 3 day meeting, sharing ideas and concerns that affect all 19 of our Districts.

Congratulations to Lion Sandy Royal on her appointment to the position of C Districts ALCCRF trustee and to PDG Don Pritchard as the MD 2020 Convention Chairperson.

What is your club planning for **Lions Awareness Day** (Refer page 8 of this Bulletin) on Saturday March 3rd? Are you planning anything? If not, why not?

I have the new PR promotional brochures. Would your club like some? Contact me.

These new brochures, posters and foldout pocket sized handouts highlight we are **#MORETHANSAUSAGES**.

They are great to display at events and BBQ's. The posters could be displayed on notice boards. Don't forget to use this hashtag **#MORETHANSAUSAGES** on your facebook pages promoting your events.

Did your club pay its Christmas Cake account by 31/1/2018. Late payments affect the cake rebates paid to the District and ultimately affect our projects these rebates assist. The flow on effect will be increased fees.

With 5 months of this Lions year still to go, I am requesting ALL clubs make membership

a focus to ensure we are out of transition by June 30th. A separate article in this edition highlights the critical level we are at both locally and nationally.

February is nominations month and March elections and all clubs should be planning who will lead their club in 2018/2019. Remember training and assistance will be provided for all positions. This will ensure everyone is aware of what reports are due to be lodged and what accounts need to paid and by when. We have had a number of clubs move into 'status quo' because of non payment of LCI dues. They also came very close to having their clubs charter cancelled. District dues are just as important and need to be paid on time.

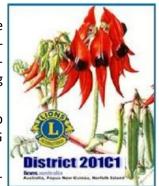
Until next time-take care

DG Megan

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#### **FEBRUARY FEATURE**

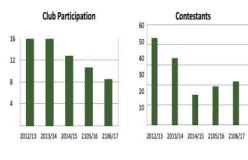
#### **Lions Youth of the Year Project**

#### District 201C1



Club's, School's and Student's involvement in Youth of the Year has been in decline for some time as these graphs clearly show. Apart from the bump in 2015, not much has changed except that the C1 contestant entries have defied the national trend and steadily improved- until this year!

Unfortunately we are still the worst performing district in Australia.



The Lions Australia Youth & Communities Committee produced a 'Road Map' for YotY in 2013 to try and arrest this fall. One area of consideration at this meeting was for districts to run the District Final at their Convention. We are still the only district in Australia holding the District Final at our convention. A survey taken at Thebarton showed that over 2/3rds of respondents are still in favour of keeping the YotY as a part of our convention.

The key problem is that club participation is very disappointing and this needs to be addressed before any thing else.

#### Is the Youth of the Year Program losing it's appeal?

In August last year at a meeting I had the privilege of meeting a Club Lion from the Cottesloe Lions Club in WA who, by applying his business skills to recruiting for his club's YotY program, secured single handedly 27 entries in 2015/16, 34 in 2016/17, and this year has recruited 38 entrants to date. Clearly these kinds of numbers prove that the schools can see the Youth of the Year Project as a worthwhile and valuable program for their students.

I believe that kind of response could be duplicated throughout our district if we committed ourselves to providing schools with the knowledge, materials and support needed to ensure the school staff are not left on their own to run <u>our</u> program for <u>us</u>.

Maybe it's us who have failed the program- 'dropped the ball' so to speak- and the problem is not that the Program has run it's course.

Now, more than ever, school leavers need all the help they can get to make their way into the competitive world we live in. We can provide our youth with that little bit extra.

Lions Clubs of C1, please appoint a Youth of the Year Chair. Contact your Zone Chair for more information and let us start YotY on the road to recovery. It is the best Youth Project Lions Australia has to offer.

#### Lions Youth of the Year - Everyone's A Winner

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## The Lions Youth of the Year Program

2018 - 2019



#### **Schedule of Events**

Club Finals: to be completed by the 8th July, 2018

Term 2 Holiday: 7th — 22nd July.

Region Finals: to be completed by the 12th August, 2018

Term 3 Holiday: 29th Sept — 14th October.

District Final: At our District Convention

Port Augusta, Saturday, 13th October. 2018

State Final: To be held before 15th April, 2019

Easter 2019: 19th — 22nd April.

National Final: At our National Australian Convention

Geelong: 4th - 6th May, 2019

"You just can't lose"



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#### **FURTHER MESSAGE FROM DG MEGAN RE MEMBERSHIP**

#### Membership

We have been in transition now for 21 months and our current membership sits at 1212 as of today 28/1/18.

You can see by the table below up to December 31st we have dropped 83 members and only recruited 73. Deaths only account for 6 members.

Lots of hardwork has assisted in the slowing down of the drops and compared to some other Districts we are doing really well.

<u>However</u> NOW is the time for us to act and increase our membership. We need an additional 38 members to reach 1250 but remember we will have losses so if every club can have a +1 membership we can do this. If your club looses a member recruit another, preferably 2

If you need help please contact your Zone Chairperson or Pat Williams- GMT Coordinator. Pat will give you some ideas in addition to the emails he sends to clubs. If you haven't seen his emails speak to your club secretary/membership chairperson and ask them to be discussed at a meeting.

Dis- trict	No of clubs	Current Members	Added members	Dropped members	Member count 12 mths ago
C1	63	1211	73	83	1212
2	63	1496	59	103	1548
3	61	1363	72	140	1441
4	66	1550	73	109	1634
5	56	1197	69	99	1209
6	50	987	42	69	1024
7	74	1574	145	131	1616
8	83	1860	175	137	1861
9	64	1160	54	93	1204
10	73	1699	164	157	1659
11	62	1239	84	76	1248
12	49	1189	62	62	1223
13	73	1383	79	70	1376
14	70	1645	72	113	1703
15	63	1234	83	104	1298
16	67	1329	54	56	1326
17	61	1244	52	83	1319
18	44	802	43	80	829
19	62	1385	49	98	1446
To- tals	1204	25547	1504	1855	26175

#### **TWO MORE HANDS**



One more member gives us two more hands to do service in our community, at home and internationally.

Benefits of being a member of a *LIONS CLUB* include fellowship, good times, meeting people, building lasting friendships, service to the community, learning new skills, leadership and personal development.

Membership is open to both men and women over the age of 18 years and of good character and reputation.

#### **WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE INVOLVED?**

Please ring the number below or send an email to the address shown and we will invite you to a meeting Phone (Local Call) 1300 831 520 E: gillesplainslionsclub@gmail.com



P O Box 208 Greenacres, SA, 5086

Above is a sample of a Membership Flyer used by Gilles Plains.

Template available from District Bulletin Editor Ted Osborn email tednelse@bigpond.com

For membership promotional material contact
National Office on 1800 655 201 (free call) or
District Governor Megan Butler
E: DG.C1@lions.org.au

#### **SAVE THE DATE**

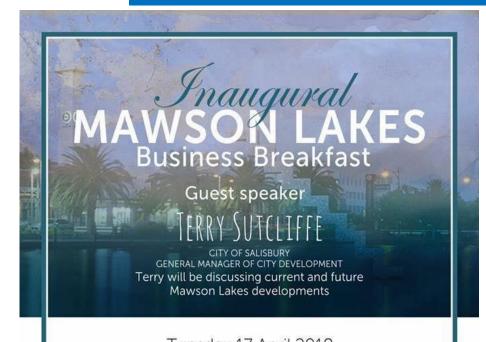
DG Handover dinner Saturday 21st July 2018 - Mawson Lakes Hotel. Hosted by Lions Club of Elizabeth Playford



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#### FROM MAWSON LAKES CLUB BRANCH



Tuesday 17 April 2018

7am - 8:30am @ The Watershed Function Centre

665 Salisbury Hwy, Mawson Lakes

Ticket price: \$25 with hot breakfast
Tickets to be purchased at the door

All profits go to Lions Hearing Dogs Community Project
RSVP by 10 April 2018 to Mawson Lakes Lions Club @
mawsonlakeslions@gmail.com

Kindly sponsored by

Mawson Lakes







#### LIONS MEMBERS IN UNDIES RUN

Lions, running in our undies is scary, but not as scary as a cancer diagnosis. Members of the Mawson Lakes Branch ran in the People's Choice Credit Union "Undies Run for Bowel Cancer" to support a great cause and raise money to cure bowel cancer with the Cancer Council SA. Sadly every week, about 23 South Australians are diagnosed with bowel cancer. Tragically, for eight of those people, the disease will claim their lives. The good news is that around 90 percent of bowel cancers can be treated effectively if found early. Our branch feels quite passionate about cancer - with many friends and family affected in some way. We raised over \$300 for this charity! Thanks, Beau Brug, Vice Pres



President Lauren and VP Beau participated in the Peoples Choice Credit union Undies Run for Bowel Cancer Research





President Gilles Plains Ted Osborn (in yellow shirt) with President Mawson Lakes Lauren Brewer who sponsored new member Lion Thomas Schlaefer and right photo new member Lion Ajay Pradhan with sponsor Lion Beau Brug.



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#### FROM CHARLES STURT WOODVILLE HIUNDMARSH CLUB

#### Fellow Lions and Community Members

The Lions Club of Charles Sturt is embarking on a quest to form a new Leo club. As an extension goal of the Lions Centenary celebrations, our members have been coordinating with the City of Charles Sturt to establish the only community based Leo club in the Adelaide metropolitan area. The City, through the personal support of Mayor Angela Evans, has committed to the project and are offering a meeting space at The Broccas on Woodville Rd, Woodville and broader advertising through their digital media channels. The project will be fully funded through our club.

The Lions Club of Charles Sturt are currently seeking interest from any young people between the ages of 16 - 25 who would like to be foundation members of the Leos Club of Charles Sturt. It is hoped within the next 3 months we will be in a position to hold an information and membership meeting with the aim of establishing a core group that will charter the new club. We are extremely honoured to already have the support of a key youth leader in Wathnak Vy <a href="https://wathnakvy.com/">https://wathnakvy.com/</a> to spearhead the formation and leadership of the new club.

Through community service projects, Leos clubs make a difference locally and globally. When formed, the Leo Club of Charles Sturt intends to embed within its charter the 17 Global Sustainability Goals which have been developed from the Millennium Development Goals set by the United Nations in 2000. The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), otherwise known as the Global Goals, are a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity.

These 17 Goals build on the successes of the Millennium

Development Goals, while including new areas such as climate change, economic inequality, innovation, sustainable consumption, peace and justice, among other priorities. The goals are interconnected – often the key to success on one will involve tackling issues more commonly associated with another.

See the video on the Global Goals at: <a href="https://youtu.be/RpqVmvMCmp0">https://youtu.be/RpqVmvMCmp0</a>

We seek your support in attracting interest from young people within our community who would like to be a part of founding this exciting new club. I will personally be involved with Wathnak in establishing and supporting the group. This is truly an amazing opportunity to bring together a creative group of young people who will use the core values of Lions to guide their community service endeavours.

Attached is a poster with the contact details for registering interest. You can also refer to our website at: <a href="http://charlessturt.sa.lions.org.au/leos">http://charlessturt.sa.lions.org.au/leos</a> or contact us at <a href="leos@lionscharlessturt.org.au">leos@lionscharlessturt.org.au</a>

We thank you in anticipation for your support and look forward to hearing from the future leaders of our community. Yours in Lionism

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#### PORT LINCOLN CITIZEN OF THE YEAR LION AND ZONE CHAIRMAN GAVIN ROBERTS

Mr Roberts joined the Port Lincoln Lions Club in 2005 and in his years as The Lions Hostel chairman has achieved remarkable results including the re-building of the hostel after the 2005 bushfires.

He has held most positions within the Lions Club, including club president in 2010 and 2014, a board member for 10 years and Lions Mint Committee member for 11 years.

More recently Mr Roberts has taken on the role of Zone chairman representing all Lower Eyre Peninsula Lions Clubs and has a voice at the state cabinet meetings.

Mr Roberts said after having his leg amputated in 2000, he persevered on his farm at Mount Hope but when the work became too difficult, moved to Port Lincoln

"At that time the Lions were a Godsend," he said.

"Being a part of the club gave me the opportunity to get involved with the community and I've met some wonderful people."

He said one of his most recent achievements was organising the Lions Mobile Skin Cancer Unit, which provided free skin screening to more than 200 people.

"The Lions is a great organisation, all the volunteers do a great job," Mr Roberts said.

Mr Roberts also volunteers with the Royal Society for the Blind, reading to locals who are visually impaired at the Port Lincoln Library and hospital wards.



Text and photo supplied by Port Lincoln Times



# NOTICE TO ALL CABINET MEMBERS

The next Cabinet Meeting will be held on Sunday 25th Feb 2018.

The Venue Athelstone Football Club
150 George St, Paradise, SA,
10.00am for 10.30am start

Cabinet Secretary PDG Don Pritchard will send reminders out to you shortly

#### FRONT PAGE

What do you do with the Bulletin after you have read it?

PR Chairman Lion Peter Korndorfer has suggested that members may like to add their Club name and Club contact details to the *front page*, and leave the copy in their medical centre, library, business lunch room or any area that people gather.







I would rather own little and see the world, than own the world and see little of it.



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#### FROM CLARE DISTRICT CLUB

#### Clare Lions "CARA Camp" Report. 2018

The CARA (Care Accommodation Respite Agency) organisation arrived in Clare recently with 9 children and 7 carers, and were met by members of the Clare Lions Club at the Caravan Park where they stayed for the week. The CARA group pay for the accommodation, while Clare Lions provides and covers the cost of all the meals and entertainment during that week. Clare Lions have been involved with this group for over 20 years.

#### **Itinerary for the Week:**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup>: Arrive in Clare, settle in, and prepare for a busy week ahead.

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>: Played carpet bowls at the Clare Bowling Club, "coached" by Ron Wurst!

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>: Visit the Model Engineers, free rides, lunch at the train station.

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>: Movie Day, Blyth Cinema, "Paddington 2" was a big hit!

Friday 12<sup>th</sup>: Carers packed up, children had the full manicure and facial treatment to go home with.

Clare Lions would like to thank all the club members who helped during the week, and also the business owners and other volunteers who generously donated their time and facilities.

**CARA Camp Coordinator: Lion Fred Whitehorn** 





Photo and text from The Plains Producer, Clare

# MESSAGE FROM MULTIPLE DISTRICT P R OFFICER



Hello Lions,

Save the Date – **Saturday 3 March 2018 is Lions Awareness Day**, a national day for Lions to celebrate and share the amazing work we do in our communities. It's a chance to show all Australians that We Serve, #MoreThanSausages.

On Lions Awareness Day, we invite your Club to participate by setting up a stall or holding a BBQ and talking with your community about the amazing work your Club and our organisation as a whole does every day.

#### **New PR Materials**

The MD201 National Office is also pleased to announce that we are currently developing new Public Relations materials for Clubs. Each District will receive a certain amount of free Public Relations materials for Clubs to support their Lions Awareness Day activities. The new materials include a poster and membership brochure and will be available in early 2018

The new materials will take a fresh, modern approach and will highlight our core service areas, projects and Foundations. We have gathered the latest statistics and results to show the Australian public just how farreaching and valuable our organisation is.

As the end of year approaches, it's time to start planning how your Club will get involved in Lions Awareness Day 2018. Please stay tuned for more updates from the MD201 Office on how your Club will be able to access the new PR materials.

Kind regards,

Hannah Mills PR Officer

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#### **POINTS TO PONDER**

100 years ago, everyone owned a horse and only the rich had cars. Today everyone has cars and only the rich own horses.

If you attempt to rob a bank you won't have any trouble with rent/food bills for the next 10 years, whether or not you are successful.

Do twins ever realize that one of them is unplanned?



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#### **MORE YOUTH OF THE YEAR**

## LETTER FROM 2017 STATE WINNER TAHLIA TROETH FROM KINGSTON SE TELLS OF HER EEPERIENCES

Being a part of Lion's youth of the year has completely changed my life, before I entered I often doubted myself and my abilities but since competing my confidence has flourished. Leaving me capable to be involved and take a chance on things I normally wouldn't. One being the free fall in New Zealand, I would have never had taken part before but now due to YOTY I am confident enough to give most things a go.

On the 26<sup>th</sup> of December I boarded a plane and headed to New Zealand, my first time out of the Country and my second time on a plane. When I first arrived I was quite petrified but after meeting 52 incredible youth and 10 amazing staff members who would do anything to make us laugh, I quickly realised that this was going to be an amazing 10 days. The camp was astounding, every day we did activities that tested our ability to be a group member, a risk taker and a leader. This Youth Camp has given me a sense for adventure, a passion for youth involvement, dozens of amazing international friendships and a life changing experience.

Our week in Cairns alike New Zealand was incredible. Every day we ventured out across Cairns viewing the amazing landmarks and places it had to offer. My personal favourites were the Port Douglas markets, the Crocodile show and swimming with a turtle along The Great Barrier Reef.

Overall the experiences I had while on this incredible tour changed my life. I would like to thank Brian Williams, Peter Perry, Cairns Barrier Reef Club and the New Zealand Lions for all the work they put into making the tour as incredible as it was.

Tahlia Troeth

Kingston SE Lions Club



#### **NEW MEMBERS JOINED JANUARY 2018**

NEW MEMBER		SPONSOR	
Angaston & District Inc			
New	Stephen Noll	Pech	
City of Adelaide Inc			
New	Dimple Darji	Petrea Stacey	
New	Sangita Yadav	Andrew Stacey	
Elizabeth Play- ford Inc			
New	Janet Hall	Christine Yates	
Paralowie Inc			
Transfer (From Gilles Plains)	Janet Sargent	Rebecca Waterman	

#### The Twenty and the One

A well-worn one-dollar bill and a similarly distressed twenty-dollar bill arrived at a Federal Reserve Bank to be retired.

As they moved along the conveyor belt to be burned, they struck up a conversation.

The twenty-dollar bill reminisced about its travels all over the country.

"I've had a pretty good life," the twenty proclaimed.

"Why I've been to Las Vegas and Atlantic City, the finest restaurants in New York, performances on Broadway, and even a cruise to the Caribbean."

"Wow!" said the one-dollar bill. "You've really had an exciting life!"

"So, tell me," says the twenty, "where have you been throughout your lifetime?"

The one dollar bill replies, "Oh, I've been to the Methodist Church , the Baptist Church , the Lutheran Church ."

The twenty-dollar bill interrupts, "What's a church?"

A science teacher tells his class, "Oxygen is a must for breathing and life. It was discovered in 1773." A student responds, "Thank Goodness I was born after 1773! I would have died without it."



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#### OLD "BUTCH"

A mate of mine, Fred, was in the fertilised egg business. He had several hundred pullets and ten roosters to fertilise the eggs.

He kept records, and any rooster not performing went into the soup pot and was replaced. This took a lot of time, so he bought some tiny bells and attached them to his roosters. Each bell had a different tone, so he could tell from a distance, which rooster was performing. Now he could sit on the porch, have a beer, and fill out an efficiency report by just listening to the bells.

Fred's favourite rooster, Old Butch, was a very fine specimen, but this morning he noticed Old Butch's bell hadn't rung at all.

When he went to investigate, he saw the other roosters were busy chasing pullets, bells a ringing, but the pullets, hearing the roosters coming, would run for cover.

To Fred's amazement, Old Butch had his bell in his beak, so it wouldn't ring. He'd sneak up on a pullet, do his job, and walk onto the next one. Fred was so proud of Old Butch, he entered him in the Adelaide Show and he became an overnight sensation among the judges.



The result was the judges not only awarded Old Butch the "NO BELL PIECE PRIZE" but they also awarded him the "PULLETSURPRISE" as well

Clearly Old Butch was a politician in the making. Who else but a politician could figure out how to win two of the most coveted awards on our planet, by being the best at sneaking up on the unsuspecting populace

and screwing them when they weren't paying attention.

Vote carefully this coming State election, the bells are not always audible

Thank you Torrens Valley (Ed)

#### FROM TORRENS VALLEY CLUB

#### WOMEN'S TOUR DOWN UNDER

Torrens Valley Lions got together with Gumeracha community groups to host the start and finish of the first Tour Down Under Event for the year, the Women's race. Lions members help set up stalls in the park, cooked a barbecue for the many spectators and support crews and packed up afterwards.

One unplanned spectacle of the event, which may have been seen on the evening news, was after the start and the road had re-opened, a semi loaded with hay took off with the inflatable arch used as the start/finish line. Undamaged the arch was returned to be used for the finish.

The women's race covered over 150km and took just over 3 hours.



Some of the crew who worked the BBQ tent, Lions Vic Hatton, John Hall, Phil Dennis, Peter Milsom, Dave Richards and Wendy Greer.







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

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