



DG Megan

Megan's Musings District 201C1 Bulletin



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DISTRICT GOVERNOR MEGAN'S MESSAGE FOR JANUARY

Happy 2018

Peter and I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and a good rest after the busy month of December with so many activities organised by clubs.

Congratulations on all the wonderful donations your clubs have made to local groups - cakes, puddings, presents for children, food parcels and the list goes on. You have made a difference to those less fortunate over the Christmas period.

The first 6 months have flown by and have been extremely busy for everyone.

However now is the time for clubs to concentrate on strengthening club membership and recruiting new members. The time for action is **NOW**.

This District has 6 months for us to reach membership numbers of 1250.

Current membership numbers are shown in the table. This table shows we are not increasing in numbers. We have slowed down the losses which is very reassuring but we need to start increasing membership numbers. If you need membership ideas please contact your Zone Chairman or GMT coordinator Pat Williams.

Let's work together to increase membership. The more members we have the better we can serve our community.

Plans are underway to hold a rebuilding workshop early in 2018 to assist clubs to rebuild. Please email me if you would like

to attend this workshop and I will add your club to the growing list. Numbers will determine the location of the workshop.

What plans does your club have in place for Saturday 3 March 2018? - **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.

Ideas-

- clean up the local park
- community picnic in a park
- BBQ for Lions Biggest BBQ
- car rally, invite others to join in
- display in a shopping centre promoting your clubs activities
- invite a local scout/guide group to partner with your club for a joint activity

start a community garden, grow vegetables

Share your plans and ideas with your local council, other clubs, with your Zone Chairman, with me.

Congratulations to the clubs who had articles published in the Lion magazine but a big accolades to the Clare Lions Club for the front page photo. Action shots certainly achieve results and the Pied Piper Pat Williams followed by the children shows how much fun that club has when working on the wetlands. I'm sure there are many great photos that can be submitted from the hours of activities held in December. So I urge you to write that article and submit it with photos.

Until next time.

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TOMORROW STARTS TODAY

LIONS MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION 2018 SKIN CANCER SCREENING PROGRAM

The Skin Cancer Screening Sub-Committee has prepared the 2018 Screening Program. Whilst it would be great to provide each locality across the 2 C Districts with a screening date, logistically this is just not possible.

The Sub-Committee recommends that particularly in the country localities, neighbouring Clubs work together with the "hub Club" to ensure "their area" also benefits from the Program.

January Sat 20th & Sun 21st Goolwa

February Sat 17th & Sun 18th Balaklava

March Sat 10th & Sun 11th Beachport

March Fri 16th & Sat 17th Lucindale Field Days

April Sat 14th & Sun 15th Richmond

May Sat 26th & Sun 27th Mannum

June Sat 23rd & Sun 24th Maitland

July Sat 7th & Sun 8th Loxton

August Sat 11th & Sun 12th Barossa

September Thursday 6th Parndana KI

September Sat 8th & Sun 9th Kingscote KI

October Sun 14th & Mon 15th Port Augusta C1 Convention

November Sat 10th & Sun 11th Elizabeth Playford

Enquiries regarding the Program may be directed to PDG's Paddy McKay or Rob Royal (C1) or District Chair Lion Marilyn Millar (C2)

Lion Ian Tonkin

Skin Cancer Screening Sub-Committee Secretary

NEW MEMBERS LISTING DECEMBER 2017

NEW MEMBER	NAME	SPONSOR
ADELAIDE HEL-LENIC INC		
New	Michael Valeondis	Evelyn Chefalachis
CLARE DISTRICT INC		
New	Paul Hill	Trevor Sims
COWELL INC		
New	David Purdy	Allan Zerna
GAWLER INC		
New	Lawson Mik	David Hocking
GILLES PLAINS INC		
New	Therese Kenny	Jane Sommers
MALLALA & DISTRICT INC		
New	Tracey Cranwell	Jan Taylor
New	Steven Cranwell	Jan Taylor
WEST BEACH INC		
New	Helen Hunt	Pat Russell

Singing in the shower is all fun and games until
you get soap in your mouth. Then it becomes a
soap opera

GLEESON WETLANDS CLARE DISTRICT CLUB



Lion Pat Williams, the Pied Piper of Gleeson Wetlands

TOMORROW STARTS TODAY

FROM MALLALA & DISTRICT CLUB

Christmas is fast approaching and as the Mallala Lions Club members once again proudly presented their Christmas Party on the Mallala oval for the Mallala Community. A street parade ended on the Oval with Father Christmas arriving on the Mallala Museum fire truck, driven by Bob Bevan. Clowns, rides, animals, stalls and a fire dancer led the entertainment for the event. The Lions Club food van offered hot chips, steak sandwiches and cool drinks. Under the leadership of Lion Margaret Moffatt and her committee the Lions members kept the crowd involved during the evening with the annual raffle for the huge stocking and donated items plus the sale of Lions cakes and fresh vegetables donated by Perfection (D'vine Ripe). The Mallala Netball girls helped the excited children meet Father Christmas before he left in his red fire truck. The evening concluded with a huge auction of items presented by the Lions Club, local businesses and townsfolk and expertly auctioned by Mr. Jim Franks.

At their December meeting this week the Lions Club welcomed two new members, Tracey and Kim Cranwell who have already worked many voluntary hours in the Lions Club food van under the watchful eye of Neil Kakoschke. Their sponsor, Jan Taylor will advise the couple of club protocol and prepare them for their induction into the Club.

The major event of this year was catering for 1,000 workers for the 10th anniversary of Perfection (D'vine Ripe) on the Mallala Oval. Volunteer work also this year has involved numerous projects both accomplished and ongoing with the Lions Community Bus involved with sporting clubs and party bookings. Collection of bottles and cans at the racetrack have enabled the club to financially support the free Christmas Party for the community and the bar at the racetrack has been manned for many hours by volunteers under Mark Donlon's leadership as well as the Lions Food van. The ever-popular Lions Christmas Cakes and puddings have again sold well this year with thanks to Lion Alan Helps and his special helper Helen Johnson.

All monies raised goes back into the community and supports the Royal Flying Doctor Service and Lions International projects.



FROM MAWSON LAKES BRANCH CLUB



Gilles Plains Lion Lance Crook show Mawson Lakes member Beau Brug how it's done.



Prospective Mawson Lakes member Thomas and Lion Beau working together.

Mawson Lakes Lions Club Branch was proud to be involved in with the Parafield Gardens Community Christmas Carols! Thankfully supported by the Gilles Plains Lions Club on the night, we worked hard to serve hundreds of sausages and drinks to hungry Carol-goers at the event. It was a great opportunity for the Gilles Lions to mentor the younger Mawson Lakes group, of which were new recruits eager to learn about Lions and engage with the community. Lions should seek out local community events that we can cater and support - it's a great way to build relationships and fundraise.

Thanks, Beau Brug

Mawson Lakes Lions Branch Club

Just a selection of one-liners designed to make the jokes you find in Christmas bon-bons seem good.

What does a frog do if his car breaks down? He gets it toad away.
What lies at the bottom of the sea and shivers? A nervous wreck.
Why did Santa's helper see the doctor? Because he had a low "elf" esteem.

Who is Santa's favourite singer? Elf-is Presley.
What do you get if you cross Santa with a duck? A Christmas Quacker.
What lies in a pram and wobbles? A jelly baby.

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FROM PORT AUGUSTA CLUB

BLACK DOG RIDE

On the 1st of Nov Dean and I attended the Black Dog Ride bbq , (all Lions members were invited to attend if they could) and shared an evening with 64 riders mainly from WA, with 3 from the NT. The SES did the catering as the charity of choice was to raise funds for training 200 emergency response workers, like the SES, in the skills of Mental First Aid as they are often at the scene first and not only treat the casualty for medical issues, but can also give first aid treatment to the mind and help refer them on to better help. And we as a club support the Black Dog Ride, we gave a donation of \$300 to their worthy cause.

Treasurer Barry



And just a few more :-

What do Santa's little helpers learn at school? The elf-abet.
What do you call a three-legged donkey? A wonky donkey.
What do you get if you cross a Christmas tree with an apple? A pine-apple.
What athlete is warmest in winter? A long jumper.
What do you get if you cross a hen with a bedside clock? An alarm cluck.
What did the fish say when it swam into a wall? Dam.
What do you call a man who plays with leaves? Russell.
Did you hear about the man who bought a paper shop? It blew away.
What do you call a penguin in the Sahara Desert? Lost.
What did the Policeman say to the stomach? You're under a vest.

FROM CLARE DISTRICT CLUB

Lions Lip

A monthly update
from the Lions Club of
Clare District



Did You Know?

Whenever you contribute to a Lions fundraiser most of the money is distributed locally, but some also goes to support various Lions Foundations and projects around the country which, in the long run benefits everyone. Some of these are:

Australian Lions Foundation – Provides assistance during natural disaster such as the Pinery Bushfires. In addition it provides grants for community facilities such as, bikes for an autism school, and a cancer clinic in rural Victoria. The Clare Community Bus which operates out of Clare hospital was partly funded by this foundation. Local Lions member Yvonne Bradford was recently elected to the board of this foundation as the SA/NT representative.

Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation –



Funds research in to Childhood Cancer, especially targeting survival rates.



Lions Cord Blood Foundation –

Promotes the supply of cryonic chambers for storage of stem cell packages. These in turn are used

in research of blood disorders such as leukemia.

Lions Drug Awareness Foundation – Aims to promote awareness and prevention of abuse of alcohol and other drugs. Provides resources to improve awareness to local Lions clubs for distribution within their community.

Lions Children's Mobility Foundation – Provides Hart walkers to children immobilized by cerebral palsy which allows them to walk unaided. Some years ago a young lad in Clare was provided with a walker by Clare Lions.

Lions Prostate Cancer Research and Treatment Project

– Provides funds for research and information on treatment to men suffering prostate cancer. Breast cancer is a major problem for women and prostate cancer is a serious male problem. Of 38 male members of Clare Lions 6 have been diagnosed and treated for the disease.

Author: A Donnellan.



..... "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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What is a Buddy Bench?

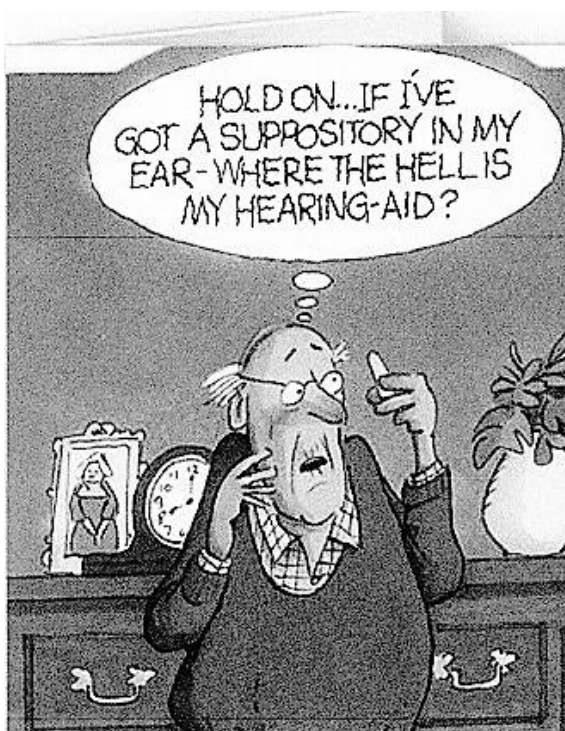
The Clare Lions Club, amongst others, recently donated some money towards the purchase of a Buddy Bench at one of the local schools. So, what is a Buddy Bench?

A Buddy Bench is a special place in a school playground where a child can go when they want someone to talk to. The introduction of the buddy seats, also known as Friendship Seats, provides a real and tangible solution for children in schools, and it reassures parents that their children can find a solution to any anti-social behaviour in the school yard. It is also a place students can sit when they do not have anyone to play with.

Then, either a student or a teacher can take the appropriate action to engage with the child, and commence a conversation, and help remove the isolation that the child may have.



These benches are distinctly different to any other benches within the school as they are painted with bright colours, as per photo. It can be used and accessed at any time for any reason, and it encourages students to ask for help when they are troubled. This really is another option that can work in well with already established anti-bullying strategies.



FROM BARROSA VALLEY CLUB

The Barossa Valley Lions Club has had a busy year arranging Barbecues to raise much needed funds for our local community. This year, besides the regular monthly events at Bunnings Gawler Green, we have been busy doing a barbecue for the opening of the new Barossa Mitre 10 Store in Nuriootpa in February, and again at the official opening of the new Foodland supermarket in November. We convened another barbecue for the Co-op Kids day on 3rd December.

Both new stores are state of the art and are owned by the Barossa Community Co-operative, a proud local Co-operative owned by some 18,000 mostly Barossa resident shareholders.

The days have all been successful and given us great exposure as well as valuable fundraising.

At the Foodland opening, enterprising Lions John Kroehn (L) and Tom Wauer (R) made the most of the stall and sold tickets to our seasonal fundraisers - Lions Cakes and tickets for the ever popular Giant Christmas stocking.

Pictured L to R in the Gazebo are Lions Stuart Jones, Trevor Schmidt, Lawrence Linke and Neville Andrews



NOTICE TO ALL CABINET MEMBERS

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

The Venue is yet to be decided.

Cabinet Secretary PDG Don will send reminders
out to you in due course

AUSTRALIAN LIONSONOZ IN ACTION

An idea for C1 members living in Villages

Australian Lionsonoz Club member, Lion John Matheson has once more been on his Christmas Cake sales spree. Lion John lives in an over 50's Lifestyle Resort in the suburb of Eagleby, Brisbane, which has about 660 residents. Last year he sold 40 x 1.5kg cakes and 15 x 900gm puddings, which he delivered to the residents who wrote their orders on a sheet he placed on the village notice board.

This year he not only provided the same personal touch but also gained permission to sell the cakes and puddings at the village annual market day.

The venture was highly successful and sales exceeded one thousand dollars.

Because Australian Lionsonoz does not do any fund raising, they do not even have a project or general account, Lion John sells the cakes and puddings as a project to assist the Lions Club of Ormeau Inc., which is close to where he lives.

Lion John is anxious that he will be able to repeat and even better his results next year.

PDG Lion Warren White.



Pictured: Australian Lionsonoz member Lion John Matheson selling Lions Christmas Cakes and Puddings at his village annual market day stall.

FACEBOOK FOR SENIORS

For those of my generation who do not and cannot comprehend why Facebook exists, I am trying to make friends outside of Facebook, while applying the same principles.

Therefore, every day I walk down the street and tell passers by what I have eaten, how I feel at the moment, what I have done the night before, what I will do later, and with whom.

I give them pictures of my family, and my dog, and me gardening, taking things apart in the garage, watering the lawn, standing in front of landmarks, driving around town, having lunch, and doing what everybody and anybody does every day.

I also listen to conversations. Give them the "thumbs up" and tell them I "like" them.

And it works just like Facebook.

I already have four people following me:

Two police officers, a private investigator and a psychiatrist.

FROM GILLES PLAINS CLUB

At the recent Christmas Dinner of the Gilles Plains Club at which there were 45 members and friends in attendance, several presentations were made.

The first was the induction of new member Lion Therese Kenny (sponsored by Lion Jane Sommers). Lion Therese has been a volunteer helper at several functions leading up to her induction, and we thank her sincerely for her help. We welcome you Therese and Partner George in to Lions.

Secondly, the club presented Lion Ray Norton with Life Membership having served the club and community for 37 years. Lion Ray has been President on several occasions, and has served as Treasurer and Membership Chairman.

The third presentation was to Lion Lance Crook with a James D Richardson Honour Award for humanitarian services to the village of Sanananda in PNG. Lion Lance has visited the village on several occasions. On one trip he installed Solar lights in the homes and recently purchased pigs to set up a piggery for the villagers.



New Lion Therese Kenny receives lapel pin from sponsor Lion Jane Sommers



Life Member Lion Ray Norton receives Life Membership Certificate from President Ted Osborn



Lion Lance Crook receiving his James D Richardson Honour Award from President Ted Osborn

A Pommy bloke fronts up to Australia House in London to get a visa to visit family in Australia. Bloke behind the counter asks "do you have a criminal record? Pommy bloke sighs and asks," Is that STILL a requirement.....?

FROM BAROSSA VALLEY CLUB

Barossa Valley Tinkers Shed Open Day



The Barossa Valley Tinkers Shed is a major joint project of the Lions Club of the Barossa Valley and the Barossa Village Inc. The Tinkers Shed held an Open Day on Sunday the 22nd of October 2017. Advertising and an editorial in The Leader Newspaper and a broadcast by triple B FM radio brought about 50 visitors to the Open Day.

Tinkers Shed members and Barossa Village attendees displayed many excellent items that they produced at the shed. They were dressed in Tinkers Shed apparel for the first time with the shed logo designed by a shed member. They discussed their experiences and benefits of shed membership as well as offering their products for sale to the visitors. A sausage sizzle was prepared and served by Lions Ray Hausler and Bernie Conley. Woodturning demonstrations were conducted by shed members Brian Keen and Colin Reuter and a Pyrography demonstration was conducted by Margaret Pfeiffer. Lions Frank Ireland, Gerry Canavan, myself and other shed members adequately handled our visitors' enquiries.

We received many positive inquiries about membership including one from a 14 year old girl from Eudunda who demonstrated enormous natural ability with woodturning and pyrography. We also received many offers of various materials and equipment for use at the shed.

The Open Day was a very successful occasion to communicate to the members of our community the efforts of our Lions members who conduct and operate the shed activities and the benefits of Tinkers Shed membership.

Lion Moss Munchenberg

Tinkers Shed Chairman



Lion Frank Ireland chatting to a Visitor



Margaret Pfeiffer demonstrating the art of Pyrography



Products made by Barossa Village participants



Special weekend for Lions

LAURA COLLINS

THE Lions Club of Gawler celebrated 50 wonderful years of community service over the weekend by hosting two special events.

The club, which was chartered on November 25, 1967, has had numerous volunteers give their time to support the community through fundraising for various projects.

The most recent is a new \$30,000 barbecue and picnic area at Lions Park, located at the northern entry of town, which was opened on Sunday.

Lions Club of Gawler president Ray Brussow said the barbecue was funded by the club, but constructed by Gawler Council.

"To see the finished product is fantastic," he said.

"It was hard to imagine the finished product at the infancy when we initiated the conversation, but with a lot of hard work and ded-

ication from Lion David Schwartz and the council, both members and staff, it has been complete.

"We appreciate their support because for a lot of these projects we don't have the expertise in constructing, but we can certainly do the fundraising."

The club also celebrated its milestone with a 50-year birthday dinner on Saturday evening.

The event highlighted some of the major projects that the club has contributed to, including the Gawler Community Retirement Homes, the Gawler Sport and Community Centre and the Gawler Aquatic Centre.

"The event was very well attended and it was absolutely great to have so many members spread over the 50 years from the beginning in 1967," Mr Brussow said.

"We were fortunate enough to have Humphrey George, who was a charter member, present the insights he had on what



Lions Club of Gawler members Jim Downer (left), president Ray Brussow and Gawler Mayor Karen Redman were pleased to jointly open the new barbecue facility.
PHOTOS: Laura Collins

happened in 1967 and right through the years.

"It is mind-boggling because you forget a lot of the activities that you have been involved in, and if you add up all of the dollars alone that we have raised, it really is amazing what has been achieved.

"The thing that was reminiscent for me on the night, though, was how many great characters that we have had over the years."



Lions Club of Gawler members all came together to celebrate on Sunday.

Above article was supplied by Gawler Bunyip Newspaper



Anniversary cake



Lion Tony Piccolo, President Ray Brussow and Charter Member Humphrey George with Club Charter

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