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District 201C1 Bulletin

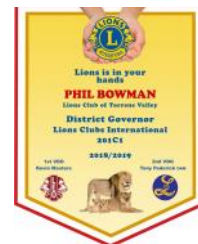


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THE PHIL REPORT

News from the District

And beyond



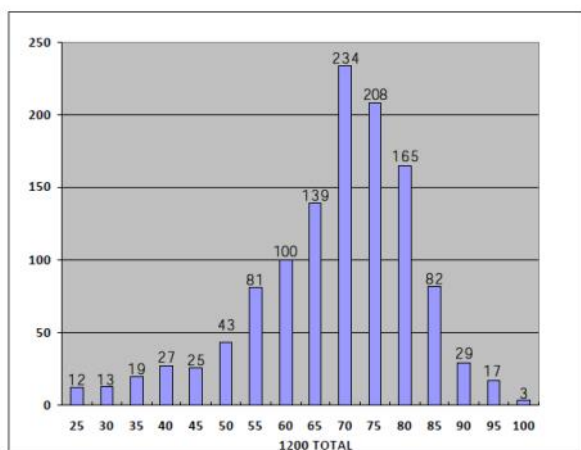
JANUARY

December and Christmas, G'day

Well I have ended up in St Mary's Bay, Romney Marsh in Kent England for my Christmas and New Year. It's cold and wet as you would imagine and warmer days have been and gone. Although I hear you needed your thermals in a few areas of the State earlier in December. I like to make a visit to London's West End when I go to England and this time I ended up at The LION KING, was a great show.

Our Disaster Relief Team has been hard at work distributing IGA Vouchers to C1 and C2 affected farmers and their families including 100 in Broken Hill and 88 in the Cowell areas. At the same time, thanks to ALF, we are offering Lions Christmas Cakes to those affected. We hope it can help in some small way to making Christmas and new year a little better than it has been.

DISTRICT 201C1 MEMBERSHIP AGE DISTRIBUTION 18/12/2018



It is also a time to reflect on our membership numbers again. We have added 55 since the start of the year but we have also lost 66. It is a huge problem that not only affects us but our other 18 Districts in OZ are affected the same way. AGE is one of the big issues. Our members are heading to the 80 year bracket and are dropping out because of health issues. The GMT team is constantly looking at ways to increase our membership numbers because as above we do increase but we also lose a few at the same time.

Let's know if you can think of somewhere we might start a new club or

a new branch, we need to get a few more numbers if we can.

Check out the graph that John Barnes put together for me with AGE Distribution numbers across our District. Interesting to see how old we are getting or have GOT?

Last week I attended the lunch meeting of the Hythe and Romney Marsh Lions Club and presented my bannerette to Vice President Clive

Trust you and your families enjoyed a great Christmas and that you enjoy a Happy and Safe New Year

DG Phil



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GEELONG





DG PHIL VISITS CLUB IN ENGLAND

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LCIF SHARE SUPPORTER PINS

Dear Club Presidents and L.C.I.F. Co-Ordinators,

As part of Campaign 100, LCIF have issued Lions Share Support Pins, and I now have a stock for sale

One Star



\$70

(One-star)

Two Star



\$140

(Two-stars)

Three Star



\$280

(Three-stars)

The pins are available for purchase by Lions and families as a great present and if you wish, you can claim tax deductibility by making the donation for the pin to "Lions Australia Fund for LCIF Inc." Perhaps it is just the present for those who have everything but at the same time, can assist the needy of the world.

100% of every dollar donated to LCIF goes into LCIF Grants to help disadvantaged people in their communities.

Pins can be ordered directly to myself with payment direct to Cabinet Treasurer VDG Tony OAM.

Attached are the images of the pins and Australian costs.

I look forward to receiving your support and your orders to assist your Foundation, LCIF.

Yours in Lionism,

PDG Lance OAM,

189 Kingston Road,
Port Pire, SA 5540.



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The ZIPPER - If this one doesn't make you laugh....

In a crowded city at a busy bus stop, a woman who was waiting for a bus was wearing a tight leather skirt. As the bus stopped and it was her turn to get on, she became aware that her skirt was too tight to allow her leg to come up to the height of the first step of the bus. Slightly embarrassed and with a quick smile to the bus driver, she reached behind her to unzip her skirt a little, thinking that this would give her enough slack to raise her leg. Again, she tried to make the step only to discover she still couldn't. So, a little more embarrassed, she once again reached behind her to unzip her skirt a little more. For the second time, attempted the step, and, once again, much to her chagrin, she could not raise her leg. With little smile to the driver, she again reached behind to unzip a little more and again was unable to make the step. About this time, a large Texan who was standing behind her picked her up easily by the waist and placed her gently on the step of the bus. She went ballistic and turned to the would-be Samaritan and screeched, "How dare you touch my body! I don't even know who you are!" The Texan smiled and drawled, "Well, ma'am, normally I would agree with you, but after you unzipped my fly three times, I kinda figured we was friends."

A Christmas Story for people having a bad day:

When four of Santa's elves got sick, the trainee elves did not produce toys as fast as the regular ones, and Santa began to feel the Pre Christmas pressure.

Then Mrs Claus told Santa her Mother was coming to visit, which stressed Santa even more.

When he went to harness the reindeer, he found that three of them were about to give birth and two others had jumped the fence and were out, Heaven knows where.

Then when he began to load the sleigh, one of the floorboards cracked, the toy bag fell to the ground and all the toys were scattered.

Frustrated, Santa went in the house for a cup of apple cider and a shot of rum. When he went to the cupboard, he discovered the elves had drunk all the cider and hidden the liquor. In his frustration, he accidentally dropped the cider jug, and it broke into hundreds of little glass pieces all over the kitchen floor. He went to get the broom and found the mice had eaten all the straw off the end of the broom.

Just then the doorbell rang, and irritated Santa marched to the door, yanked it open, and there stood a little angel with a great big Christmas tree.

The angel said very cheerfully, 'Merry Christmas, Santa. Isn't this a lovely day? I have a beautiful tree for you. Where would you like me to stick it?'

And so began the tradition of the little angel on top of the Christmas tree.

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Remember you can reset your resolutions on January 14th (Orthodox New Year) and February 5th (Chinese New Year). After that, I can't help you.

Just heard that in 2019 there will be a new device that can turn thoughts into speech. I have had that for years, it's called alcohol.

What do you tell someone you didn't see at New Year's Eve? I haven't seen you for a year!

What happened to the Irish man who thought about the evils of drinking in the New Year? He gave up thinking.



"For the times they are a-changin'".

When we set out to form a new Lions Club, we all tend to think in terms of "traditional" Lions Clubs- meet twice each month, and probably hold a Board meeting once a month.

This is NOT a requirement!

This approach fails to consider modern lifestyles, *particularly among younger people*. It is one of the reasons we have an ageing membership..., we just do not appeal to many younger people!

There is no constitutional reason why Lions Clubs must meet in the traditional way. Meeting frequencies are only recommended, but they are certainly NOT compulsory. **Any club can amend their Constitution to suit their own purposes.** (provided they do not contravene policies of the association).

If it suits a club to formally meet for Dinner say once every three months and carry all its business out via email or telephone, then that's fine! Members would still arrange to meet for various fundraisers and service activities in whatever form they wish.

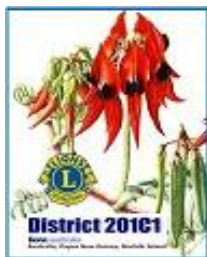
The key to being relevant is to find out what your community needs. The community needs will shape your local Lions Club, not the other way around. An annual "Community Needs Assessment" is critical to remaining relevant and attracting younger members.

The overriding thing is that the members of any new Lions Club decide for themselves what form their club, their fundraising and their service will take.

It is vitally important that we emphasise to these new members this autonomy to set their own rules when attempting to form a new club. We should also be mindful that existing clubs can also change their fundamental format to suit this ever-changing world. Perhaps a change like this will attract new members!

If Lions Clubs are to survive, then we must "modernise" our thinking. We must provide new members with a club situation that they can work with.

The lyric at the top, written by Bob Dylan 54 years ago, is still valid today.



Click on the link below to view the document

[Your Club, Your Way](#)

Patrick Williams. GMT. 201C1. 18/12/2018

Eyre Peninsula Tribune

Lions Foundation give Cowell a Christmas boost

Farmers in the Franklin Harbour District will get a boost this Christmas with a gift from the Australian Lions Foundation.

A total of \$17,600 from the foundation's drought relief appeal has been donated to the Cowell Lions Club to distribute to farmers with the help of the Franklin Harbour District Council.

The council has 88 farmers registered with them through the work of wellbeing coordinator Jasmin Piggott who will be receiving the gift. Each farmer will receive a \$200 voucher for the local supermarket, along with a Lions Christmas cake.

Disaster relief coordinator for the South Australian district Sandy Royal said the Christmas cakes had been donated from last year's centenary celebrations for Lions International. The cakes are renowned for their shelf life of around two years. Mrs Royal said the cakes were offered "to areas all over Australia where drought has been declared." She said it was easier for the foundation to distribute a donation of this nature because the Franklin Harbour District Council was in close contact with farmers in the district. "We worked very closely to get to the farmers that had registered with the council," she said.

The Australian Lions Foundation has \$100,000 available in funds to distribute within the South Australian district, with Cowell one of the first to receive funding. Mrs Royal said she was looking at the possibility of directing some of the funds to Arno Bay in the new year.

With assistance from members of the Cowell Lions Club, council wellbeing coordinator Jasmin Piggott will be working hard to try and distribute all 88 gifts before Christmas. "We'll try and get them out as quickly as possible," she said.

Mrs Piggott said the cakes were a personal touch to the donation. "It's a nice gift at Christmas time," she said.

The \$200 vouchers will assist in the expensive Christmas and New Years period. Mrs Royal praised Lions clubs around Australia for supporting the foundation's drought relief appeal.

Disaster relief is a priority for the Lions Foundation, who recently offered support to South Australians in the aftermath of the Pinery bushfire.





LIONS MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION INC.

"Fostering Health and Well-Being"

The evolution of the Lions Free Skin Cancer Screening Project has succeeded due to the strong support of the Lions Medical Research Foundation and the dedication and hard work of the sub-committee members.

The Project Mission Statement: ***'To create a greater awareness of Skin Cancer in the community by conducting free public screenings for Skin Cancer'*** has been shown in a positive way by providing awareness and screenings for 2,231 people in 2018 with 23% referred to their local GP for further investigation. Figures showed that 1,271 people had never been screened before.

2018 saw the emergence of the Lions Medical Research Foundation's web site www.lmrfsa.com.au plus the new logo as shown above. This is a very positive step towards the pursual of sponsorships in the corporate sector and promoting the Skin Cancer Screening Project.

For further information and updates please refer to the LMRFSA website.

MAWSON LAKES CHRISTMAS CAROLS EVENT SUCCESS



Top and Bottom Left : Crowd scenes. Below Centre Fireworks. Below left, Vice President Beau Brug, Guest Artist Rachael Leahcar, President Lauren Brewer, Club Member Naomi Stanbury, and other artists.

Text extracted from Northern Weekly Dec 19th 2019

Event to sing about

THANK you to the community of Salisbury who attended the Real Estate Agents Group Mawson Lakes Christmas Carols on Friday, December 7 at Mobara Park, Mawson Lakes.

A crowd of more than 5000 people flocked to this event headlined by the incredible Rachael Leahcar, an amazing local singer who finished third on the popular music show *The Voice*. She was supported by special guest Santa and other outstanding local South Australian talent, including students from Mawson Lakes School.

Thousands enjoyed this incredible free community event, which included a set of colourful fireworks. It was all supported by local businesses, schools, and Salisbury Council, and organised by the local Mawson Lakes Lions Club.

This event returned from retirement last year to again attract and stun a Salisbury-wide crowd. It was a great night for the whole family! Thank you for joining us.

**CR BEAU BRUG,
West Ward,
City of Salisbury**

New member lists for December will be included in the next edition of the District Governors Bulletin.

Viagra is now available in tea bags. It doesn't enhance performance, but it does stop your biscuit going soft.



Lions Lip

A monthly update
from the Lions Club of
Clare District



WE SERVE

The Clare Lions Club Gleeson Wetlands Project.

A tad over 4 years ago, the Clare Lions Club became involved in a Joint Venture with the Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council, The Gleeson Wetlands Project. During that time, over 5,000 seedlings have been planted, mulch spread, weeds removed or sprayed with herbicide, and two shelters and a Bird Hide have been installed.

Has this work improved the Gleeson Wetlands Project? A unanimous "Yes" is the answer if you ask any of the local walkers. In fact, members of the public go out of their way to compliment these volunteers as they go about their work.



Is the Gleeson Wetlands being used more now than before the Clare LC became involved? Over the past 20 months at least, we have been able to measure the amount of use thanks to the installation of a "Traker". This data is recorded monthly, and the graph tells us that the use of this great community asset has increased by approximately 15% over the last 11 months, compared to the previous 9 months.

The answer is, "Yes". Well done volunteers.

**Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year to all,
from the Clare Lions Club.**



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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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NOEL O'BRIEN RECEIVES DOCTOR ROBERT COOTER RECOGNITION AWARD



On 13th December the Lions Medical Research Foundation presented a Dr Robert Cooter Recognition Award to Lion Noel O'Brien member of the Lions Club of Glenside.

The photo of the presentation being made by the Foundation's Patron (The Governor of South Australia Hieu Van Le AC) and Chairman (Dr Phillip Donato OAM).

Noel joined Lions in West Wyalong NSW 52 years ago. He is currently a member of the Lions Club of Glenside where he has twice been President (1986 & 2006) and a Board member on 21 occasions. He was Glenside Art Show Chairman 1996 & 1997 and has received a William R Tresise Fellow Award and a James D Richardson Award. Noel was elevated to Life Membership Status in February 2013.

In addition he was on C1 Cabinet as a Health Chairman for many years and has been heavily involved with health screenings. On a number of occasions they were in company with Dr Bob Cooter. He not only visited Clubs to encourage them to participate he also helped them organise and on most occasions assisted at the screenings. He travelled far and wide – Port Lincoln, Coober Pedy, Jamestown, Walbaroo to name a few.

Glaucoma

Lymphedema

Diabetes/Blood Pressure

Skin Cancer

He was instrumental in District C1 joining into the Skin Cancer Screening Project brought from Western Australia by District C2. Noel was the Chairman of the Skin Cancer Screening Committee during the introduction of the mobile unit.

Also recognised for their work with the Lions Medical Research Foundation Cancer Screening Unit were PDG Robert Dewell OAM (Hahndorf) and Lion Marilyn Millar (Noarlunga—Morphett Vale both from District 201C2)



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MEDIA RELEASE



Government of
South Australia

Hon Tim Whetstone MP

Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development

Wednesday 19 December 2018

Lions clubs and FaB mentors helping to deliver drought support this Christmas

The State Government's Family and Business (FaB) Support mentors program has joined forces with the Australian Lions Foundation to deliver \$100,000 worth of financial aid to drought-affected farmers and farming families just in time for Christmas.

Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development Tim Whetstone has welcomed the support from the Australian Lions Foundation, which will make vouchers available through selected local Lions Clubs to assist with general expenses, such as groceries and other consumables.

"It has been a challenging year for many farmers impacted severely by drought and it is important we do everything possible to assist these farmers and their families during this difficult time," said Minister Whetstone.

"The State Government is working with the combined C1 and C2 Lions Districts in South Australia to help deliver financial support from the Australian Lions Foundation to those who need it most.

"South Australia's nine FaB Mentors will assist local Lions Clubs in drought affected areas to identify recipients and distribute vouchers.

"The FaB Support program continues to provide vital services with a team of mentors available to meet, listen to and connect individuals and farming families with appropriate services and programs.

"The Rural Financial Counselling Service remains an important avenue for primary producers and small rural businesses experiencing financial difficulties, or with concern about the financial impacts of the drought, to receive advice."

In addition, the South Australian Country Women's Association is working with the Australian Red Cross and Rural Business Support to provide financial assistance of up to \$3,000 for farmers in drought-affected areas of the state; while Rural-Aid is undertaking hay and fodder drops as well as providing financial assistance.

For further information on the support available from the Australian Lions Foundation, contact your local Lions Club by email info@lions.org.au or phone on (02) 4940 8033.

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