



District C1 Bulletin

Rob's Dream



DG Rob Royal

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June 2016

How time has just disappeared. It seemed as though it was only yesterday when Sandy and I entered the Clare Convention to ask the district to support my nomination for 2nd VDG. Sandy said "are you ready for this?" My response was "are we ready for this?" That was nearly 4 years ago. As they say in the classics, how time flies. Those 4 years have just flown, and the last year as DG well it was almost over before it began.

I have been asked, how has your year as DG gone? I had a quick think and started, well I did not realise how hard it was going to be and how much quite unpleasant stuff one had to deal with from time to time, whether at a personal or club or district level. But I then stopped. That was wrong, I was sending the absolutely wrong message. The reality is that the year has been incredibly rewarding and enjoyable. We have made some great friends at many clubs around the state. We have made some great friends in C1 and also across the country as part of the MD 201 Council. Importantly I also think we as a district have achieved a lot in this last year. I will have more to say on that at the handover at Tanunda on Saturday July 9. I would love to think that many of you can attend this function, celebrating what we all have done as Lions for this year.

What do I think we need to work on as a district? Here are a few suggestions, and these activities are not just the responsibility of the few with the fancy titles, it's a joint responsibility of all of us. So for better or worse he we go.

Youth of the Year (YotY) is a great project. The state final at Clare was great and really showed what the future of this country holds. But, in C1 we have one of the lowest rates of involvement by any measure, whether by clubs involved, number of schools or number of participants involved. With Rosemary Wenham and Ken Bradford now in significant youth roles it would be great if all clubs can support them by increasing our involvement in this project. So, if you are a member of a club that is not currently involved in YotY, please reconsider your past inactivity in this important project and get involved. It will help your club grow in many ways.

In a similar way C1 is currently a basic non player with Leos Clubs. We had two, now down to one. If you heard the Leos of the year



International President, Jitsuhiko Yamada

at the MD convention here in Echuca today (where I am writing this report) you would ask, why aren't we involved more? In some districts, especially in QLD there are 20, 30 or more Leo clubs in a district. They are attracting new, younger members not just to Leos, but to Lions clubs as well. We must lift our game and really grow the Lions brand in this market. We have had some potential for at least two new Leo's clubs for some time now. Let's use this special marketing period to get those and more Leo clubs established.

March, April and May were dedicated months for clubs to target club membership growth. How do you think your club went? Did you schedule any special events or add a bit more of a marketing edge to your existing projects? If you did not, can I ask why not? After all, history continues to confirm that the most successful membership campaigns are those based around using existing community based projects as a mechanism to sell Lions in your community. As an example, when you sell that sausage at the BBQ in the main street, do you have a hand out telling the buyer about your club and its activities in your community? Do you have one person charged with the responsibility of talking with BBQ customers about Lions activities in your community? Do you have an A4 framed copy of the 20 reasons why people join Lions? If you do not know what I am talking about, please contact someone in the GMT group for a copy. It is one of the best marketing documents on why people should join Lions that I have seen, so please use it.

I must say however that we do have good news. The Branch Club of Mallala, Two Wells, has now applied for charter in June with in excess of 24 members. A new branch club registration for the branch club of Ingle Farm of the Golden Grove Club has also been submitted to LCI. As such May should represent a nett growth of in excess of 20 new members. Well done to all involved.

Regardless of the nett number of growth numbers involved, I must say that the work done by the GLT/GMT group has been fantastic. The workshops that have been held/developed have been great and quite frankly our team is one of the best in the country. So please use them.

I must also report that in the last few days that the joint C1/C2 project team of the Skin Cancer Screening project has received the support of in excess of \$100,000 Aussie dollars from the LCIF. This is a great result from a really dedicated team and I will certainly have more good news in the next couple of weeks, so watch this space. This has been a special project of Sandy and mine, and I must thank you all for your support. As an aside here at the international convention on day 1 afternoon there were about 40 people screened. But, nearly half were then referred to their GP as they had suspect lesions of which about half were considered life threatening. This is a great project, so more later.

I hope to see many of you at the handover in Tanunda in July. If

not I must say thanks to you all for helping make this a great year for me and Sandy.

Importantly, thank you for being a Lion and giving your time and effort to your community, as after all, this is what it is all about. It has nothing to do about Lions roles, titles etc, it is all about what we as individuals deliver to our community within the framework of this great organisation.

Thanks to you all for a great year.

Rob



Rob and Vanessa as we will remember them.

Please Consider

Why is it that no matter what colour bubble bath you use the bubbles are always white?

Why is it that no plastic bag will open from the end on your first try?

How do those dead bugs get into those enclosed light fixtures?

How come you never hear father-in-law jokes?



Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

Continuing to give Lions of District C1 with as much information as possible pertaining to LCIF, this month I provide information on some of the grants that LCIF has available together with how your club can take advantage of one or more of them. This month I would like to remind you about one of the most wonderful initiatives you as a Lion has been involved with in recent times.

One Life: Lions Measles Initiative



Unfortunately 400 people still die every day from this Measles round the world. Measles is highly contagious & can cause blindness, deafness & other complications. We can prevent this with a simple, cost-effective vaccine.

Lions have joined a sweeping effort to stamp out measles & rubella by helping to ensure that vast numbers of children in developing countries are vaccinated.

In 2010 Lions joined the Measles & Rubella Initiative, and we have provided tens of millions of dollars to support supplemental measles campaigns to vaccinate children, advocated for increased support for immunization systems & provided hands-on social mobilization during measles vaccination campaigns to increase awareness & ensure that all children get vaccinated.

Lions are putting our organizational & education skills to work to help mobilize communities in making a difference – and our Lions' service has paid off. In 2000, a year before the Measles & Rubella Initiative was created, more than 562,000 children worldwide died from complications related to measles. By 2013, the annual number of such deaths had fallen 74 percent to 145,700.

We stepped up our efforts in mid-2013 by partnering with Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, & a public-private partnership that funds immunization programs for the world's poorest countries. As

part of the Lions partnership with Gavi, Lions pledged to raise US\$30 million to fund Gavi's measles & rubella programs. Matching funds from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation & the British government will boost that total to \$60 million.

The job isn't finished. But according to Past International President Wayne Madden, who also served as the LCIF Chairperson in 2013-2014, Lions' work with vaccine partners is "increasing access to immunization, strengthening communities & savings lives in the process."

So **HOW CAN YOU HELP!** Please encourage your fellow club members to donate funds to LCIF so that this amazing initiative can continue, & hopefully one day we will be responsible for eradicating this disease completely. Remember for every dollar you or your club donates, this will be matched by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation & the British Government. And that means that instead of one person receiving the vaccine – then 2 or 3 will.

Remember your donations can be used towards recognising the amazing loyalty and dedication of your members by way of awards. Donations must **only be sent direct** to Cabinet Treasurer Jenny Rayner at PO Box 55, Lyndoch SA 5351 **before the 31st May** to ensure awards are received in time for presentation at your Handover celebrations.

PDG Lyn Shoemark

District C1 LCIF &
International Relations Chairman

Elizabeth Playford Club

Vale

It was with sadness that this club wishes to inform Lions of C1 of the passing of Brian Taylor.

Lion Brian was a valued and very active member of Elizabeth Playford Lions Club, Past President, Past Treasurer and also a past cabinet member.

Never keep up with the Joneses. Drag them down to your level; it's cheaper.

A bookshop is one of the only pieces of evidence we have that people are still thinking.

Why do dogs always race to the door when the doorbell rings? It's hardly ever for them.

How important does a person have to be before they are considered assassinated instead of just murdered?

Why do doctors leave the room while you change? They're going to see you naked anyway...

Why is 'bra' singular and 'panties' plural?

Easter Bunny Golden Grove Lions visit Modbury Hospital

On Thursday 24 March Lion Fen Ratcliffe once again donned our Easter Bunny outfit and along with her helpers Lions Marilyn McKinstry & Robyn Lamming visited the Modbury Hospital to hand out chocolate Easter eggs to patients both within the hospital itself and also in Woodleigh House. Staff did not miss out as they ensured that some of the eggs also fell into the hands of the amazing staff who look after the patients so admirably.

Many thanks to Cheap as Chips Golden Grove who provided a voucher towards buying Easter Eggs which saw the club able to purchase most of the required eggs free of charge.

President Geoff and PDG Lyn Shoemark attended Cheap as Chips Golden Grove on Monday 18 April to present a Certificate of Appreciation to Manager Chris as a thank you for their kind donation (pictured below).



Golden Grove Lions, Marilyn McKinstry, Robyn Lamming, and Fen Radcliffe.

Lions Lip A monthly update from the Lions Club of Clare District



LIONS WORKING TOGETHER

Inaugural Mallala 'Show 'n Shine'

There are many Lions Clubs in our district, and on Saturday, April 23rd, three of these clubs banded together at the Mallala Oval to sell bacon & egg sandwiches, steak sandwiches and donuts at the inaugural Mallala Show & Shine. The 3 clubs in-



involved were Mallala, Balaklava & the newly formed Two Wells Lions Club.

It was a great event on a beautiful autumn day. There were Hot Rods aplenty, classic cars, high performance V8's, and the "Go to Whoa" track was a big hit. Hit the throttle, burn as much rubber as you can for 50 metres. and stop that high revving machine on a penny!!!

This is just one of many events that Lions work at, marshalling, selling tickets or providing food for the many visitors who attend. All money raised goes straight back into our local community.

Remember our motto, "We Serve".

Pat Williams via Argus Lip

LIONS CLUB OF PETERBOROUGH & DISTRICT

NEWS UPDATE

At the works meeting held on Tuesday 1 March, elections were held for President, Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Officer, in readiness for the Handover in July. Some of the newly elected members have attended training sessions organised by the Lions District Cabinet.

On Tuesday 12 April, Club members cooked and served a bbq lunch to the public at the Steamtown Heritage Rail Centre.



Members were kept busy with the large crowd, including students and teachers from both the Primary School and St Joseph's school, who had come to see the arrival of Diesel Loco 863, (originally commissioned here in Peterborough in June 1963), being brought home to be permanently displayed in the Centre.

Members will be busy on Saturday 30 April, selling donuts and fairy floss to the large crowds expected at the first home game of football. Due to our Club being merged with Jamestown, we only get two home games, but nonetheless, this is a great fundraiser for the Club.

On Tuesday 3rd May, just before our works meeting starts, Club members will be given a demonstration on how to perform basic CPR, by one of our local ambulance officers. Members are looking forward to seeing this important demonstration.

Members continue to do weekly Bingo tickets in the Main Street.

Port Augusta Youth of the Year

On 11 April 2016, the Lions Club of Port Augusta held their local Youth of the Year event.

This was held at the Centrals Football Club.

Five students from Caritas College participated in the event:

Aimen Khan

Abeer Warsi

Patrick Maloney

Joshua Anderson

Quynh Nguyen

The Judges were Dr. Jen Cleary, Greg Kipling and Margie Mathiesson

Quynh Nguyen was presented with the Youth of the Year and Public Speaking Certificate

Below: Judges and students



More Port Augusta News—April

The Augusta Markets on Saturday the 9th gave us a great start with all the food being sold and plenty of Lions members putting in some hard work for a great day. The egg and bacon rolls sold extremely well. Thank you to all who helped.

A big thank you to Lions Dean Parish and David O'Connor for conducting our Club's local Youth of the Year Public Speaking Event, for the 3 girls and 2 boys from Caritas College, at our Dinner meeting held on the 11th. It was really enjoyed by everyone. Such a great evening and very well organized.

Saturday the 23rd had 6 of Lions members helping with food service out at the golf club for a 50th birthday. The night was busy and I thank all members for their help and organizing.

Our next event was also held at the Port Augusta Golf club on Thursday the 28th for the Pastoral Board Country BBQ dinner and I thank those Lions and helpers for their service given on a busy but great night.

President Barry

Youth of the Year State Final - Clare, SA. Saturday, 23rd April. 2016

Saturday night in Clare was cool, like most Autumn nights in the 'Valley'. Saturday night in the Inchiquin Room at the Clare Country Club was anything but. There, six young students presented themselves to an audience of 103 for the right to represent South Australia at the National Final of the Australian Lions Youth of the Year Program in Echuca in May. Connor Bakaj-Renmark, Ruby Eckermann- Murray Bridge, Annie Simpson-Glenside, Rickylee Peita- Elizabeth Playford, Bethany Williams-Mitcham, and Amy Langdon- Balaklava all inspired their audience with the subject and presentation of their prepared speeches, and the cool and confident way they handled the most scary of all- the impromptu questions!

Topics chosen by the participants ranged from 'When did Maths and Science stop being cool', through various takes on violence, from in the home to cyberspace, the 'rewriting' of history that has affected our indigenous Diggers - a 'white-out', and the damaging effect of not accepting that we are not all clearly defined as male or female- we are on a 'gender spectrum'. These are topics that, as a 16 year old in 1967, I had never even heard about, let alone considered, discussed and presented to an audience.

These six young students from South Australia gave our judges quite a challenge to decide who will be our Youth Ambassador for the next twelve months and, indeed, the winner was chosen by mere points out of the 110 allocated. All levels of our Lions Club's Youth of the Year Project are supported by community minded people who give freely of their time and energy by judging the entrants at these events. They help the students throughout the interview process with support and encouragement in a relaxing environment. Sometimes, with the hoots and giggles emanating from the Board Room, one would wonder just how relaxed they are all becoming.

This project has been supported by the National Australia Bank for the last 19 years and provides judges at every stage. Emma Branson was the Judging Panel Chairman, a position the others are most often happy to see bypass them, and has been with NAB for the last 6 years. The other judges were The Hon. Geoff Brock, Member for Frome; Dr. Philip Gribble, Medical Practitioner in Clare; Councillor Helen Perry, Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council and Debra Wehrmann, Administration Manager at WSB. At each State Final across Australia, their winner from last year is invited to be a reserve judge, not only so there is a reserve, but for experience on the 'other side of the table', and as an advisor to the judging panel. Lily Thornley, SA winner in 2015 from Mount Gambia, also gave a presentation to the audience on the fabulous time she had in the program, the friends she made along the way, her trip to our New Zealand Youth Camp and the sponsored tour around Australia to the home towns of each of the other State Winners. Having almost no voice could not detract from her vivacious and bubbly personality. In the words of our District Governor, Rob Royal, 'I wish we could bottle her'!

After four rounds of the Youth of the Year program, Bethany Williams from Scotch College and sponsored by the Mitcham Lions Club, was selected as the winner to go to Echuca and represent South Australia in the National Final. Our heartiest congratulations to Bethany, her parents and school mentors, and the Mitcham Lions for this wonderful achievement. We all wish her well for the final round. But, as we say in this program, everyone is a winner and our congratulations must go to all the entrants who made it to this penultimate round. The experience gained in handling interviews and speaking in front of a hall full of people gives our participants a great boost upwards in preparation for their post school life.

At every level of this program the Public Speaking performance, which is what the audience sees, is recognised by the program as an important part of youth development. This section was won by Rickylee Peita from the Hope Christian College. Rickylee has a confidence that is infectious. She handled the impromptu questions with aplomb and humour and her 5 minute presentation, On History's Page, challenged the audience to look at our attitudes to our perception of Australia's history.

The Youth of the Year program for 2017 begins immediately in our Lions District. Once again, clubs, schools, students and families will begin the journey which will deliver so many life learning experiences too those who choose to participate. This program is supported by all Lions Clubs in Australia as a Lions Activity for the benefit of our youth. And again, so many non-Lion members of our community will support us by providing judges and mentors for the participants and Lions Clubs, without whom this brilliant project would not happen. I wish to acknowledge the support we get from so many community facilities and businesses around the state, and for this State Final in Clare in particular, the National Australia Bank who have supported us for so long, and the Clare Country Club for providing facilities and service 'above and beyond the call of duty'.

This evening also was the last SA/NT State Final to be coordinated by PDG Ron and Nina Pascoe from Mildura. After 3 years in the role, Ron has decided to hand the baton over to me. Ron and Nina were thanked sincerely for their involvement in YoTY at the National level, and as was stated, they were often seen at many region and District finals all over our States and Territory. Thankyou Ron and Nina for your dedication to the project, you have made a difference.

Ken Bradford. C1 District Chairman.

State Coordinator- SA/NT 2016/17

See photos next page



The DGs and possibly a future DG.



Public Speaker winner



Lily



Finalists and judge

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President Yvonne

Editor's Notices

I will be away for most of June and not connected to the internet. Late items that are emailed by 21st. can be included. Please do not send me non essential emails as my inbox will clog.

DG Rob has been asked for an article next month as Paddy will be away.

Harry

NEW MEMBERS

May 2016

Cowell Inc

Wendy Mellow Geoffrey Turner (Sponsor)

Elizabeth Playford Inc

AMY BOUNDY Terry Yates (Sponsor)

Golden Grove Inc

Lisa Hall Lyn Shoemark (Sponsor)

John Hall Lyn Shoemark (Sponsor)

Raymond Nicholls Lyn Shoemark (Sponsor)

Margaret Wood Lyn Shoemark (Sponsor)

Garry Wood Lyn Shoemark (Sponsor)

Lions who have transferred within our district are no longer included



A new Life Member



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