

## **"ALL ROADS LEAD TO TAMWORTH IN OCTOBER"**

Well the planning is nearly complete for this years District Convention in Tamworth and the Peel Valley Lions Club are ready to welcome you all to our great City for a weekend of fun & fellowship. All the venues, menus & speakers have been finalised for what we believe will be a fantastic 3 days of meeting new friends, renewing old acquaintances and getting together with Lions from all over the District to hear how as an organization we can serve our communities better.

By now everyone Lion, Lioness's & Leo's in the District should have received their registration forms and we are hoping that many of you can make the trip to this great part of NSW. My committee & I would love to see at least 2-3 members of every Club in the District represented this year, so please get those forms filled in and returned as soon as you can.

District Governor Mal as organized a good mix of speakers for us this year and we will hear from Col. Sandy McGregor MC (Ret), who has faced some extraordinary challenges in life and now teaches others the skills that helped him to overcome them. We will also hear inspirational messages from Past International Director Lion Tony Hanning from NZ and Leo of the Year Reece Coleman, Youth of the Year winner Edward Miller, Lions Peter Freame (ALDAF) & Martin Peebles(NSW/ACT Leo Chairman) and others as well as being entertained at the functions by some talented local artists.

I would especially like to encourage Leo Club members to attend, as this year in what I believe a first for this District, we have set aside time on Saturday afternoon for a Leo Forum. This will be your chance to meet with other Leo's and your District Leo Chairman( himself a Leo) and put together a strategic plan for expansion of Leo Clubs throughout our District. DG Mal is excited about this initiative, so let's make it work well and become part of all future Conventions. Peel Valley Leo's will host 10 Pin Bowling night on Friday night for all Leo's to meet each other prior to joining all of the other Conventioneers.

We are also looking for more players in the District Golf & Bowls Competitions this year. So if that is you and you would like to compete for the District Trophy and 1 years" Bragging Rights" as well as having some additional fellowship, then bring the Clubs/Bowls bag and get to either of the venues.

At this point I also have to clarify something that has come to my attention involving an item on the Registration form. In discussions with West's Leagues Club, where all social functions will be held, we asked about getting all conventioneers signed into the club quickly & efficiently for functions and they recommended the best way was for all Conventioneers to pay \$2.20 for a Social Membership card. This will allow everyone to enter the Club quickly without the need to queue up and sign in manually as we have limited time frames at functions (especially the DG's Luncheon). This membership will

also allow you to return to the Club over the following 6 months as a Social Member. If you are already a member of Wests & Wests Diggers, or you wish to queue up to sign in, you do not need to pay this cost. Our Convention Secretary will send out the application form with your receipt and we ask that you complete it prior to attending the Convention and when you register on Friday all you need do is then go over to Wests Leagues Club, present the form and have your photo taken and they will issue the card there & then. I hope this clears up any confusion.

Tamworth has over 3000 beds available (motels ranging from budget to 5 star along with a great caravan park where many Lions are already booked) as well as a great shopping and fine dining. Why not come a few days earlier and sample the excellent hospitality that the "country folk" are known for, or stay on after the Convention and do some exploring of the Tamworth Region's natural beauty.

Lion John Finnie has included links to Tourism Tamworth & Tamworth Regional Council on the 201n1 District website - [www.lionsclubs.org.au/201n1](http://www.lionsclubs.org.au/201n1), so why not log on and check out some great places to visit while in the area.

So in wrapping up I once again encourage you all to think about attending this year's 201n1 Convention. If you have never been to one or have not come for a few years, do something different, fill out a registration form and pack your best country outfits, cowboy boots (I know you have them !!!!!), get in the wagon and head to Tamworth in October.

Peel Valley Lions are ready for you because

**"THERE'S A HOEDOWN IN OUR TOWN"**

**SEE YOU THERE**

**Paul Briscoe  
Convention Chairman**

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