

Lions Clubs International District 201N1 Newsletter

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From the District Governor's Desk

We have now completed forty two Lions Club Visits, three Leos and three Lioness Clubs. Each Club has given us a very warm and hospitable welcome. I have had the pleasure of inducting new members to our organisation at many Clubs, including Lioness and Leos. We continue to be amazed at the diversity of Projects being undertaken by Clubs and the amount of wonderful service to their communities.

Our 2007 Convention is now behind us and what a great Convention it was. Again my thanks to Port Macquarie Tacking Point Club for the wonderful way in which they hosted our 34th District Convention.

A big thank you to all Conventioneers who came along and contributed towards making the weekend such a memorable occasion, particularly all those 1st Conventioneers who I have no doubt will return to future Conventions.

Special Guests at our Convention were Mayor of Port Macquarie Hastings Council Rob Drew, Deputy Prime Minister and Member for Lyne Mark Vaile, our Speakers including Retired Commissioner of Police Mr Ken Maroney APM, Past International Director Lion Barry Palmer, NSW state Co-ordinator of Leos Lion Martin Peebles and Leo Dale Summerville, Lion Carole Powell representing our Childrens Mobility Foundation and Lion John Powell, Executive Secretary



DG Gerard Cross, presenting a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award to Les Howard from Willow Tree Lions Club, for his significant contribution to Lionism over the last 40 years. Les also received a 40 Year Charter Monarch award from the DG for his 40 years of perfect attendance in Lions. Les is a Charter Member of both Quirindi & Willow Tree Lions Clubs. These Award presentations took place during Quirindi Lions Club's 40th year celebrations at Quirindi RSL Club on Thursday evening 1st November. 40 Willow Tree Lions members Ladies, Howard family members & friends were among 120 people in attendance at the Celebrations.

of 2010 International Convention Committee and Lion Greg Dunn, retiring Chairman of the New South Wales and ACT Save sight and Public Health Care foundations. My very Special Guests for the weekend were District Governor for 201N4, Lion Bob Buckley and his Lions Lady, Lion Cheryl Buckley

Professor Frank Bilson could not join us, however he provided us with a most informative DVD outlining activities of the Save Sight Institute and the Lions NSW Eye Bank. Conventioneers were then introduced to Adele Farhart, a single Mother of five beautiful children. Adele has two of her daughter's Yasmin aged 20 and Renee aged 11 with Charge Syndrome and shared

her story, through a mother's eyes, of living with Charge Syndrome. There was not a dry eye left in the Auditorium of Panthers Club when this obviously very strong woman and beautiful mother finished her presentation. Adele Farhart will not be forgotten by those who witnessed this presentation.

Congratulations to District Governor Elect, Lion Mal Merrick and to Vice District Governor Elect, Lion Christine Woolnough on being elected to those positions. PDG Lion Phil Bower was re-elected to the NSW-ACT Save Sight and Health Care Foundation and Narrabri will host our 2009 District Convention.
GERARD C
District Governor

From Sweeping Plains to Jewel Sea
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A LIFETIME DEVOTED TO WELFARE OF CLARENCE VALLEY - LION BERNIE BARRON



Pictured are Lion Bernie Barron and Lions Lady Collette, proudly displaying his two awards.

Bernie Barron moved to Grafton some 38 years ago and has since worked tirelessly for his community. Bernie was born in Toowoomba Qld and reared by a family dedicated to Dairy Farming and helping others.

Bernie has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for charities in Grafton, including the Grafton Jacaranda festival and has this year been named the Festival Guest of Honour.

Bernie has been a Lion for over 38 years serving both his Club and District during that time. He was chosen as Grafton's Citizen of the year in 1981 awarded a Melvin Jones Fellowship by his Lions Club of Grafton in 2003.

Such is the high regard for Bernie Barron within his community that in July of this year he was presented with a Paul Harris Fellowship by the "Rotary Club of Grafton Mid Day". How many dual recipients of these awards are there?

GERARD C District Governor

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

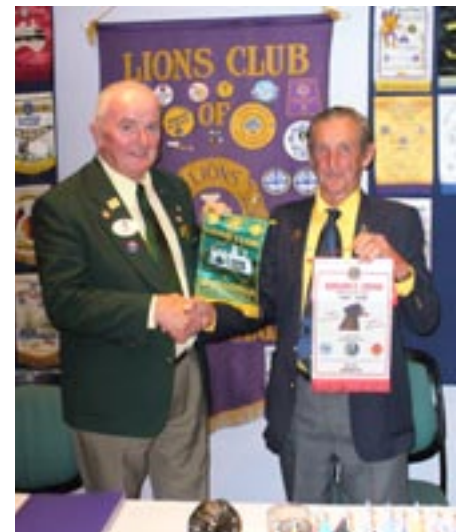
Club	Name	Sponsor
Armidale Dumaresq	Hans Schaefer	Ian Truswell
Boggabri	Carol Connell	Jennifer Bower
	Eddie Ryan	Geoff Eather
Bonville Sawtell	Colin Sambrook	Transfer from Coffs Harbour Pacific
Bowraville	Brian Finlayson	Jeff Mott
	Mark Scott	George Holland
Coffs Harbour Pac City	Roger Bremmer	Keith Bevis
Inverell Macintyre	Lynn Willing	Kevin Buxton
Hallidays Point	Reginald Matthew	Don Clough
	Alan Tickle	Peter Stuart
Kempsey	Steven Wright	Ray Walkden
	Laurie Bullock	Transfer from South West Rocks
Manning River	Danniel Hendrie	Brian Bourke
Nambucca Heads	Nigel Wilbow	Paul Schultz
Nundle District	David Leonard	Harvey Warden
Port Macquarie TP	Robyn Fewins	Christine Woolnough
	Duncan Wyndham	Transfer from Tamworth Peel Valley
Tamworth	Paul Carberry	Brian Sullivan
	Mick Evans	Terry Mooney
Valla	John Windmill	William Stewart
Walcha	Michael Cartwright	John Cross
	Ian Levingston	Lloyd Levingston
Wee Waa	John Gallagher	Tim Treverrow
Woolgoolga	Olwyn Gordon	D Morris
Yamba	Hans Wytenburg	Jim Wallace

Our new members appeared on the September and October records submitted by Clubs. I have also received notice of 2 new Lionesses in Tamworth.

Tamworth Lioness Meryl Paul Fay Ward
Denise Radford Trish Johnson

The Lioness Club of Tamworth now now has 33 members.

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District Governor Gerard Cross exchanging bannerettes with Woolgoolga President Denis Watkins during his recent visit

DARWIN CONVENTION 2008

A hot topic at the Port Macquarie Convention was plans being made to attend the National convention to be held in Darwin Tagged as **TOP END SAFARI - 56th MD 201 CONVENTION** it will be held from 16th—19th May 2008.

The organising committee have developed a very comprehensive web site at:

<http://www.lionsclubs.org.au/Darwin2008Convention/index.html>

I know the District Vanners have a trip organised, so if you have been planning an outback trek this could be a good opportunity.

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Friday

The Convention theme was "A Celebration of the History of Lions" and was hosted by The Lions Club Port Macquarie – Tacking Point. The drive into the main street certainly had a Lions "feel" with a great display of banners (1). 304 Lions, Lions Partners, Lioness and Leos registered.

Sporting events were held in the afternoon The District Bowls Championship attracted 8 Players and joint Winners of the Bowls were Lions Partner Betty-Anne White from Kootingal and Lion Brian Sweeney of Walcha (2). The District Golf Championship attracted 6 players and was won by PDG Ken Smith Bellingen.

21 Static displays on Lions Projects and Activities opened in the Exhibition area of Panthers Club at 12 noon and remained opened during the three days of the Convention (3).

The Informal Reception dinner was held in the Panthers club Auditorium. 171 Lions and guests attended. Music was provided by the Camden Haven "Black Magic" Big Band and by the Retreat Rebels Singing group (5). The great music had everyone up and dancing (4).

Saturday

Chairman Alan Philps introduced the guests and Invocation by led by Father Michael Allcock. VDG Mal Merrick introduced local Mayor Rod Drew who welcomed delegates to the convention and spoke about the role of Lions in the country and local communities. Cab Treasurer Peter Clarke introduced the Deputy Prime Minister Mark Vaile who talked about the role of Lions in the world, the lack of transparency in the governments of developing countries and how much aid does not reach those in need. Service clubs acting together can ensure resources reach those who need it.

Lion Christine Woolnough presented the flag ceremony. Flags from many countries were presented in national dress by students of the Westport High school (6).

Lion Rich Grimmond presented the remembrance ceremony (7) to remember 26 Lions Lionesses and partners who have passed away in the past year.

After morning tea. Lion Peter Willard introduced Ken Moroney (8) recently retired NSW Police Commissioner who's theme was "in order to plan where you are headed it is necessary to look back at where you have come from". Lions as a service oriented organisation must strive to service the stated needs of the community.

The first Business Session commenced resulting in Motion 1 to Increase Convention admin fee from 2 to 4 dollars being passed and Motion 2 allowing ACT_NSW Save Sight foundation to send notices by email was also passed. Chairmans reports were adopted and some chairmen spoke further to their written reports.

Lunch was a tasty collection of open sandwiches and wraps. The guest speaker Lyn Lelean from NBN Television. Who talked about her life in journalism in print, radio and TV and the experiences she has had. She discussed ways of getting media attention for events.

Afternoon session

MD Leo Chairman Martin Peebles (9) spoke on Leos which started in 1957. Leos clubs are sponsored by the forming Lions Club. Martin introduced National Leo of the Year Dale Sommerville from Ulladulla who spoke on his experiences as a Leo and how it had changed his life

Lion Carol Powell spoke on the Australian Lions Children's Mobility Foundation. And how it has delivered one thousand mobility devices to needy Children. The normal

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process is a) Child assessed b) Money raised and c) Walker Fitted. Clubs should think about organising a walk for an Ozzie kid event to raise money to supply these devices.

The DG presented a certificate of appreciation to major sponsors Australian Unity, who develop retirement accommodation and obviously see a pretty good demographic is most of us.

The business session continued with nominations being called for a number of positions.

1 NSW ACT health care foundation. PDG Phil Bower who was elected unopposed.

2 DG 2008/2009 Lion Malcolm Merrick was introduced by PDG Brian McWhirter and spoke on the need to remember the past but not to live in it.

3 There was a contest for the position of VDG. Lion Allan Cunningham introduced by PDG MICK McGrath. Lion Christine Woolnough was introduced by PDG Peter Veryard Both outlined their agenda if elected (10, 11).

4 Convention Hosts 2009 was also a contest, between the clubs of the Macleay Valley (Kempsey, Crescent Head and South West Rocks) and Narrabri. Good presentation describing local attractions were made by both clubs.

Delegates then cast their votes and retired to afternoon tea.

While the votes were being counted we heard an address by Lion John Powell who is the Executive Secretary of the organising committee organising the Lions International Convention which will be held in Sydney 2010. He flagged that the committee wishes to set up a volunteer system similar to the Olympic Games.

Elections were then declared with:

Lion Malcolm Merrick as DG Elect

Lion Christine Woolnough as VDG Elect

And Narrabri lions as Convention hosts 2009

On Saturday evening we Dined and danced at the DG's Banquet with entertainment provided by singing DJ Clem Collier and the Panthers Rock and Roll Club (12-15).

Sunday

The Convention Breakfast was addressed by retired Sydney Radio announcer Gary O'Callaghan (16) who spoke on his career in radio and many humorous events that had occurred. What a great nostalgia trip for this old Sydney boy. Highlight of my weekend.

The Business Session began as PDG Brian McWhirter introduced Prof Frank Bilson and Adele Farhart representing the Lions save sight Institute. We watched a video featuring Prof Bilson and heard Adele (17) speak on CHARGE syndrome, a series of disabling problems effecting two of her daughters. It causes blindness and deafness. Adel spoke on the challenges faced raising children with these problems. There were few dry eyes in the room by the end of the address

PDG Nick Bennet introduced PID Barry Palmer who spoke on Lions Campaign Sight First II (18). Campaign Save Sight money donated by Clubs stays in Australia. We are a net receiver of funds.

After Morning tea. DGE Malcolm (20) and VDGE Christine made their acceptance speeches. Lion Greg Dunn (19) spoke of NSW Save Sight and public health Foundation.

Thankyou's were made to the organising committee (21) on a convention brilliantly organised. The Editor concurs. A brilliant weekend. A short closing ceremony finalised the convention before we retired to the Port Macquarie Race Course for a very tasty lunch. - Jim Brear Editor

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THE THINGS WE DO



Left: On September 2nd The Lions club of Moree Plains in conjunction with local Moree car enthusiasts, organized a show and shine in to coincide with the local Moree Markets. 100 cars and bikes of all shapes, sizes, models and colours sparkled under the Moree sun.

Pictured is Noel McTagget's 1937 Ford Roadster from Maitland. The ANZ Bank and Shannons insurance were major sponsors. To add atmosphere on the day, Marty Roberts, Moree Town Band Master and local Rock & Roll band member livened up the proceedings with some amazing music. The event is expected to return a profit of \$3,000.

On the topic of Fords, Bowraville Lion and Ford tragic Jeff Mott was conned into holding the sign below while the cover was removed. He did not realise the sign was advertising for the latest Holden range, resulting in a photo opportunity he will take many years to live down.



The Lions Clubs in the Port Macquarie area (Laurieton, Port Macquarie, Port Macquarie City, Port Macquarie Tacking Point and Wauchope all entered floats in the recent Carnival of the Pines to raise money for Rotary Lodge which provides accommodation for the families of people attending the local radiotherapy unit.



The Lions Clubs of Port Macquarie and Port Macquarie City have donated \$1000.00 to allow 4 bikes to be modified to suit children with disabilities such as cerebral palsy. The bike are modified by a group called Technical Aid for the Disabled and the changes include back frames, hip and chest supports and wrist and ankle supports. The photos show the children receiving their new bikes. What a great way to make a change in a childs life. Check the TAD web site on <http://www.tadnsw.org.au/index.html>





Notice Board - Nov/Dec 2007

The DG's Movements



November

01	Thursday	Quirindi Inc 40th Anniversary
06	Tuesday	Ashford Inc. and Ashford Leos
07	Wednesday	Tamworth Inc.
09-11	Friday-Sunday	201N4 District Convention (Canowindra)
12	Monday	Inverell Inc
13	Tuesday	Armidale Duval Inc
15	Thursday	Guyra Inc
20	Tuesday	Inverell Macintyre Inc
22	Thursday	Hallidays Point
24-25	Saturday-Sunday	Save Sight Meeting Sydney
30	Friday	MD 201 Council Meeting

December

01-02	Sat-Sunday	MD 201 Council
05	Wednesday	Kempsey Inc



Other Dates to Note

November

17/18 RAP or 'Road Awareness Program'
for Zone1 All welcome.
Bookings Deyann 6647 7452.

Youth of the Year Quest critical dates

Club judging to be completed by 29th February 2008

Region Finals to be held by 8th March 2008

District Final to be held by 29th March 2008

State Final to be held by 12th April 2008

National Final to be held at MD Convention Darwin May 2008



From the Editor - Celebration Times

I have received much information from Clubs celebrating Milestones and have no room to publish the full reports. Here is a summary:
Bellingen Lions 53rd Anniversary, 2nd October. The Club has 2 charter members, one 52 year member and a 42 year member. Two centuries of service to the community between them.

Quirindi Lions 40th anniversary. In 40 years the Club has distributed \$250,000.00 in the community. From the pages of good word listed the establishment of the Quirindi Rural Heritage Village Inc which regarded as "the jewel in the crown" of tourism development in Liverpool Plains.

Walcha Lions celebrated 50 years of service on the 27th October. Highlight of 50 years was the construction of the lookout at Apsley Falls. A visit to the falls is recommended just to appreciate the scope of that project.

Reading these histories brings home to you what a tremendous contribution these clubs have made to their communities over the years. Multiply these examples by the number of Clubs in our District, Country and World - our Organisation **does** make a difference.

Lions NSW-ACT Save Sight and Health Care Foundations - A message from Chairman Greg Dunn

Please download your copy of the Foundations new newsletter "Perspective" on our website at <http://www.lionsssavesightfoundation.org.au/Perspective/Perspective.No1.pdf>

Apart from the photo on the front page, the contents provide a source of pride in what you as Lions have achieved over the past 12 months in conjunction with the Save Sight and Health Care Foundations. Over \$350,000 was approved in grants for Medical Equipment as well as Institute Research and Personnel Training. Your awareness of the Foundations can be of tremendous benefit to your community.

As well as approving grants, your Directors have been very busy formulating projects to ensure the continuity of funds available. Talk to them, or better still, get them to talk to your Club. Awareness is the basis of good communication. Names of Directors are in the Newsletter.

Our merchandise carries a very worthwhile and meaningful message "DON'T LOSE SIGHT". Think about these words for a moment. As Lions, we combine many resources to try to make a better world for those less fortunate. It is this objective that justifies our organization and we should never lose sight of what we are all about and the plight of others.

Thank you all for making my term as a Director so memorable. Most of all, thank you for your support of Lions NSW-ACT Save Sight and Health Care Foundations. Remember, Lions can survive without the Foundations, but the Foundations cannot survive without the Lions.

"We need you to help us, so that we can help you, so that you can help them"

District Governor

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