

Lions Clubs International District 201N1 Newsletter

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From the District Governor's Desk

We have now completed fifty four Lions Club Visits, Four Leos and three Lioness Clubs. What a wonderful reception Jan and I have had at each Club, it is truly wonderful to be a member of such a great extended family of Lions. Since our Convention last Month Jan and I have been guests at District 201N3 Convention held at Dunedoo (Population just under 900) and 201N4 Convention held at Canowindra (Population 1100 people and a few whip shy dogs). We had a wonderful time at each convention and as past members of both Districts it was a great opportunity to catch up with many Lions Family friends and of course to meet with new ones. Both of these Convention host Clubs demonstrated that small communities can hold a District Convention.

MACLEAN LEOS

Congratulations Maclean Lions on formation of a New Leo Club to our District. Formation took place on Saturday 24 November, 2007 where District Chairman Lion Peter McKellar represented me (attending Foundation Meetings in Sydney) and was well attended. More next Newsletter and welcome to the Leo Club of Maclean.

DARWIN CONVENTION

Registrations can now be made for Darwin Convention 16 to 19 May, 2008 from Convention Web site at <http://www.lionsclubs.org.au/darwin2008convention/application.html>



District Governor Gerard Cross and his Lions Lady Jan visited Bellingen Lions Club on Tuesday 21st August. A wonderful night of fun was had by Lions and their Ladies before a special presentation was made to Bellingen Lion Tim Leader. The JD Richardson Award for outstanding community service was presented to Lion Tim for his commitment to the Bellingen Lions Club, as Project Chairman, as well as for his involvement with the State Emergency Service and Bellingen Showground Trust. Congratulations Tim - a very well deserved reward for your commitment to the Bellingen Community.

Jan and I take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a most Happy and Holy Christmas. To those of you who will be travelling please take every care remember we need you back in your Community to continue the wonderful service we all provide.

GERARD C District Governor

LIONS FOUNDATIONS

It is pleasing to note the under mentioned assistance from Lions Foundations to many Clubs in our District.

Australian Lions Foundation (ALF)

Club	Amount	Project
Taree	\$3,076.00	Maternity Ward Equipment Manning Hospital
Quirindi	\$15,000.00	Rose Lee Park Toilet block.
Ashford	\$4000.00	Insulin Pump - young person with Type II Diabetes

Lions Hearing Dogs Incorporated – Supply of Sound Field System

Dorrigo Plateau

St John's Primary School, Dorrigo.

Port Macquarie City

Hastings Public School. Port Macquarie

Please do not forget our Foundations when disbursing funds.

From Sweeping Plains to Jewel Sea
Our Web Site: <http://www.lionsclubs.org.au/201n1/>

YOUTH OF THE YEAR QUEST

All clubs should be thinking seriously about the conduct of their Youth of the Year Quest. A well-prepared night generally makes a successful competition. The YOY Quest kits, including entry forms and promotional material, have either been picked up from the Pt Macquarie Convention or have been posted out to clubs. So far 46 kits are in the hands of clubs and 11 clubs have already sent their registrations forms in together with a cheque for \$110.00. Kits have also been given to all Region Final participating clubs.

Some clubs are conducting their Youth of the Year finals before the Christmas holiday school-break. It is suggested that each Youth of the Year Chairman coordinates the best time for conducting their finals with the School Year advisor or Principal. Always bear in mind the completion dates.

Club judging is to be completed by 29th February 2008.

Region Finals are set down as follows:

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The District Final will be held at South Tamworth on 15th March 2008.

Club Organisers and Region Chairman need to be aware of some of the pitfalls of previous years. There has been little available information given out to members of the audience, particularly applicants' achievements. This should occur across the full range of the Quest.

Selection of your judges is paramount. Ensure you have in these judges, proficiency sufficient to make well-defined and correct decisions. Additionally, at least one of these judges should be a recognised public speaker. Always ask your local NAB Representative (if you have one!) as they are our official sponsors and are generally readily available for these commitments.

Need Help?? Or more information Contact your District Youth of the Year Chairman. I am available to help your club run a successful Youth of the Year Quest

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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO ALL LIONS FROM PETER AND SANDRA VERYARD

Lions take Strides to fight Diabetes

November 14th of each year is Lions International Diabetes Awareness Day all over the world, except for District 201N1, our District. The reason is that until a couple of days ago I was not aware that it even existed.

Diabetes is a world wide problem. The disease effects millions of people of all ages and all walks of life.

Lions are very aware of sight problems in the community and it has been found that the incidence of Diabetes has a most profound impact in sight related issues. Therefore LEHP and Diabetes Awareness should go hand in hand in the fight against blindness and other sight related problems.

The main thrust appears to be a program called "Strides". This involves your local Lions Club in organising a walk, consisting of Lions and members of the general public to raise the awareness of the incidence of Diabetes.

For more information please visit Lions and Diabetes Awareness page at http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs_diab_aware.shtml where you will find some very interesting reading on this project. On the right hand side of the screen select "Strides: Lions Walk" which will outline what is required.

There we have it. Perhaps we can all get together next year in plenty of time to join in Lions Diabetes Awareness Day on November 14th 2008.

PDG Warren White

Diabetes Awareness Chairman

<http://www.lionsclubs.org.au/201n1/>

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Name	Club	Sponsor
Fiona Avard	Armidale Duval	Steven Widders
David Creed	Armidale Duval	Julie Roberts
Tanya Davis	Armidale Duval	Steven Widders
Ronald de Cleene	Glen Innes	Ken Brien
Ken Carpenter	Kootingal & District	John Hicks
Tim Freemantle	Kootingal & District	Victor Duncan
Brian Sullivan	Moree	Bernie Keitlinghaus
Stephen Cunningham	Port Macquarie City	Bernard Donchi

CONVENTION RAFFLE WINNERS

In line with Governor Gerard's theme of "Make one change...make a Difference".....the 2007 Convention Committee offered tickets in the Convention Raffle to all Lions within the District and not only to those Lions who attended the Convention.

The change was very successful and the Convention Committee would like to thank those many clubs who assisted in the selling of tickets.

The Raffle winners were:

Ist Bing Lee Electrical package	B. Nebaro	Ticket 1641
2nd Motel Sat Mid Pacific Motel	Jim Brear	Ticket 3231
(who will be spending a pre Christmas romantic weekend in PM using it)		
3rd Golf Bag and Golf Balls	Graham Armour	Ticket 2243
4th Mobile Telephone	Elaine Ether	Ticket 3017
5th Bistro setting	TLCO Inverell	Ticket 2513
6th Garden Vac	P Newly	Ticket 1810
7th Surf Mat	Dee Wilkes	Ticket 1787
8th Target Voucher	Taree Lions Club	Ticket 2151
9th Heritage Voucher	TLCO Foster Tuncurry	Ticket 1939
10th Heritage Voucher	Gerard Cross	Ticket 2759

THE THINGS WE DO



1. TLCO Bellingen has donated equipment valued at \$1800 to the Bellingen Ambulance Service. The donations include 2 Satellite Navigation Systems (SATNAVs) to assist officers to reach their destination as quickly as possible. These SATNAVs have proved so successful in the Ambulances of the Bellingen Service that the NSW Ambulance Transport Board is considering installing them in all NSW ambulances. A donation of Personal Data Assistants (PDAs) has given the service access to instant data relative to symptoms, so patient treatment can be administered in the shortest possible time.



2. TLCO Peel Valley has assisted in the raising of \$2,000,000.00 to build a new state of the art Meals on Wheels Kitchen in Tamworth.

Using the quick chill system meals with a shelf life of five days could be prepared and chilled on one day and distributed the next day. Under presidents John Fittler, Richard Newberry, Terry Mooney and Steve Norvill the club raised \$68 000.00 for the project. Peel Valley Lions Club gave \$15 000.00 and other local clubs including Kootingal, South Tamworth, Nundle, Dungowan and the Lioness Club of Tamworth all made contributions. A submission to LCIF for additional funding resulted in a grant of \$44 000.00 making the contribution of Lions to the appeal over \$130 000.00.

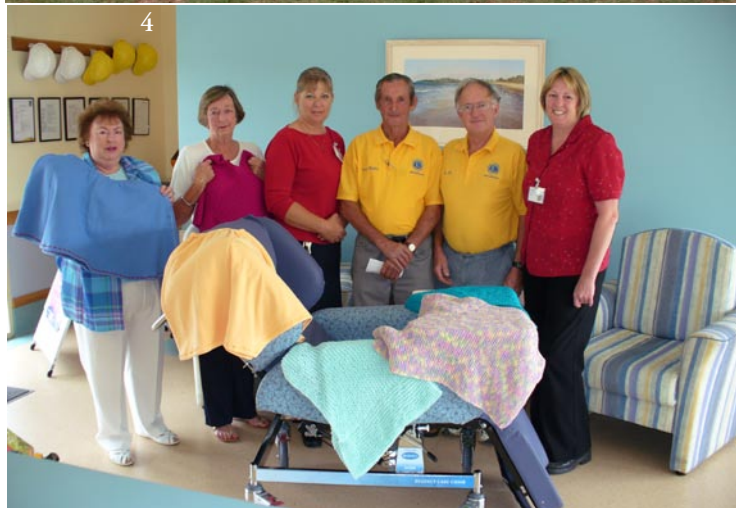
The new kitchen began operations on 22nd October and appropriately, the volunteer kitchen hands on that day were all Lions or Lions Ladies. The photo shows Lion Brian Sullivan and Lions lady Anne Fittler working in the kitchen.



3. TLCO Nambucca Heads have two BBQ's in their town. The latest one at the Bellwood Picnic Area has just been completed at a cost of \$12,000.00 (which included a \$6000.00 grant from ALF). Has your Club a bigger or better BBQ facility than this? We would love to see photos of it.

4. Thursday 18th October TLCO Woolgoolga presented another Regency Care Chair to the patients at the Woolgoolga Retirement Village at a cost of \$3230-00, the second one in three years.

5. TLCO Armidale Dumaresq Grocery grab winner Elizabeth Isaac pictured with IGA Owner Paul Jury and Club president Bryan Johnston. This project was a good PR exercise as well as raising over \$1000.00 for Core Blood research.





Notice Board - Dec 2007-Feb 2008

The DG's Movements



December			
	01-02	Sat-Sunday	MD 201 Council
	05	Wednesday	Kempsey Inc
January			
	15	Tuesday	Port Macquarie City Inc
	23	Wednesday	Boggabri Inc
	24	Thursday	Valla Inc
February			
	05	Tuesday	Taree Inc
	12	Tuesday	Harrington Inc
	13	Wednesday	Port Macquarie Inc
	17	Sunday	Premer and District Inc
	21-24	Thurs-Sunday	MD 201 Council
	27	Wednesday	Murrurundi Inc
	29	Friday	District Cabinet Meeting Tamworth



Other Dates to Note

March	05	Wednesday	Armidale Dumaresq 30th Anniversary of Charter Armidale Ex Services Club
April	12	Saturday	Lioness Club of Tamworth tenth anniversary celebration West Tamworth Leagues Club.



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State Final to be held by 12th April 2008

National Final to be held at MD Convention Darwin May 2008



A letter to the Editor

I have been Lion for nearly 50 years and a Bulletin Editor on many occasions.

It concerns me that these days the matter of the correct naming of our clubs seems to be neglected. e.g. On page 2 your article on the "Peel Valley Lions Club"! The name is repeated five times!

According to directive from International (on many occasions) the correct name should be "The Lions Club Of Peel Valley"

On page 3 "The Lions Club of Taree" is correct; however the Tamworth Lioness Club should be "The Lioness Club Of Tamworth."

How many times I have been told by the public that they can't find a club in the phone book!

If all club names are correctly presented they would all be under the heading of Lions Club.....etc.

Hoping to not appear pedantic I believe we should strive to get it right!

Regards Lion Bladen Brooke.

Of The Lions Club Of Tamworth!

My Reply

You make a good point about the proper naming of clubs, which I honestly had not given much thought to. I generally use the prose sent to me, assuming people know what they call their club.

In my defence, the Newsletter is an internal Lions document, and the ability of the reader to translate "Peel Valley Lions" to "The Lions Club of Tamworth Peel Valley" I take as a given. Due to space limitations I am thinking we should standardise the term TLCO as official shorthand for The Lions Club of for internal use.

I have done it this issue. Except on this page. Any Feedback will be gratefully received!

Have a Happy Christmas!

Jim Brear Editor

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