

Lions Clubs International District 201N1 Newsletter

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From the District Governor's Desk

YOUTH OF THE YEAR:

Congratulations to Rowan Kendall our District finalist in this years Youth of the Year Quest. Rowan acquitted himself very well at the State Final on Saturday evening 12 April, winning the Public Speaking Section and only narrowly missing out as the overall Winner and the opportunity to go to Darwin next month to represent us at the National Final. A big thank you to all Clubs who participated in the quest this year.

NSW STATE LEO COUNCIL:

State Leo Council Advisor, Lion Martin Peebles has advised that Lions Clubs International have now recognised our state Leo Council which will be known as Leo MD201N and is made up of 13 active

Leo Clubs in NSW, comprising a total of 266 Leos.

Executive of the Council is :-

President Leo Ashley Neilsen (Ulladulla Milton Leo Club), Vice President Leo Alison Powdrell (Tamworth Peel Valley Leo Club), Secretary Leo Michelle Chan (Oatley Leo Club) and treasurer Leo Lacey Watts (Jesmond Callaghan Leo Club). The object of the Council is: "To provide an Administrative Structure with which to advance the purposes and objects of the Leo Program in this State."

MEMBERSHIP: Our year 2007 – 2008 has two months left and I thank all those Presidents, Membership Chairmen and Lions who have sponsored new members to our District and helped with retention

of the many good Lions of our organisation.

Women's membership is the fastest growing part of our Lions Family with almost 250,000 Female Lions worldwide. These women are not only bringing new energy and new perspective to our Clubs; I am happy to report that they are rising steadily within the leadership of our association.

Our Family membership program is helping to ensure the future of Lions Clubs International by bringing the Lions of tomorrow into Lions Clubs today. Family membership is now more than 108,000 and still climbing with 2,000 additional Clubs reporting Family members this fiscal year.

GERARD C

District Governor

YOUTH OF THE YEAR PROGRESS REPORT



All 6 Region finalists attended the District Final of the Youth of the Year Quest on 15th March 2008, at the Frog and Toad Restaurant, Goonoo Goonoo Road, Tamworth. This event was wonderfully organised and hosted by the Lions Club of South Tamworth. 85 members and guests attended the District final.

The worthy winner of the District Final was Rowan Kendall, from Firefly, sponsored by the Lions club of Taree.

We then moved onto the State Final held at the Castle Hill RSL Club on 12th April 2008. This event was organised by the local Lions members of Zone 10B, District 201N5. Some 140 members and guests were treated to some great speeches and answers from 5 very talented young adults. Rowan Kendall won the State final Public Speaking award but was pipped at the post by Edward Millar from N5.

When all Lions realise what a wonderful experience this is for both the youth of this country and for the participating Lions Clubs then hopefully we will have all Clubs participating next year. This year for District 201N1 I thank all those clubs who supported this great project. The

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

I DESPERATELY REQUIRE ASSISTANCE!

Lions and Lioness, I require assistance to ensure that a little boy in Port Macquarie can have a Hart Walker. There is a shortfall of \$1,324!

As a Speaker for Australian Lions Children's Mobility Foundation at the District Convention held in Port Macquarie last year, I did mention this little fellow in my presentation.

Zone 5 Chairman Ian Wallis has worked with the Clubs in his Zone and they have agreed to work towards achieving an outcome. However, they are \$1,324 short.

It would be unconscionable



to have this little boy remain in his wheelchair, day in and day out, for the want of \$1,324! Is there a Club in District 201 N1 who can assist?

Now is the time when Clubs usually

do their disbursements, so there must be someone who can make a little boy's life so much better!

Please contact me on

caroleannpowell@ozemail.com.

au or telephone 4925 2160; Zone

5 Chairman Ian Wallis or District

Chairman Mike Mooney.

Carole Powell

Trustee ALCMF

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Club	Name	Sponsor
Armidale Duval Inc	Denise Halloran	Vince Williams
Bundarra Inc	Peter McLiesh	Gary Cracknell
	Justin Williamson	Gary Goldman
Coffs Harbour Inc	Rosalie Skinner	John Skinner
Collarenebri Inc	Brett Muller	John Randall
Forster Tuncurry Inc	Roy Scott	Transfer from Liverpool
		201N1
Grafton Big River Inc	Gregory Duroux	Patrick Lollback
Guyra	Maurice Rohrsheim	Reinstated
Hallidays Point	Phillip Fullagar	Not provided
	Ian Ponton	Not provided
Inverell Macintyre Inc	Clifford Hoey	William Sutton
Laurieton	Gillian Emerton	Alf Johnston
	Peter Emerton	George Templeman
Maclean	Jim Willis	Deyann McDonnell
Manning River	Noel Death	Allan Fairhurst
	Allan Poulton	William Colquhoun
Moree Inc	Wade Yeatman	Transfer in
Nambucca Heads	Jeffrey Shoemark	John Mills
	Malcolm McNay	Ken Johnson
Old Bar Inc	Heather Barber	Robyn Robertson
Quirindi Inc	Tony Jackson	Transfer in
South Tamworth Inc	Chris Burge	James Vial
	Dave Constable	John Urquhart
Tamworth Inc	Greg Clark	Geoff Allen
Taree Inc	Beryl Sinclair	Jenny French
Werris Creek Inc	Margaret Drakos	Merv Constable
Woolgoolga Inc	Gerald Bracher	Dennis Watkins
	Emmett Mullan	Max Bromley

Youth of the Year Continued From Page 1 participation was as follows:

	Region	District
32 Clubs		
35 Female	21	5
55 Male	10	1
21 NAB judges	6	1

69 additional Region District
judges 20 2
51 participating schools, and
1,223 audience 375 85
Lion Peter Veryard
District Youth of the Year Chairman

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District Governor Supports Binge Drinking Initiative

DG Gerard Forwarded information on the following Southern initiative: Lions Clubs District 201N5

From the desk of. Lion Ing

Canute...,Chairperson

LIONS AGAINST ALCOHOL ABUSE AND BINGE DRINKING

2007-2008

Fellow Lions,

I am pleased to announce Lions' campaign against the rising flood-tide of alcohol abuse & binge drinking that is drowning Australia.

Prime Minister Kevin's revolutionary call to the people of Australia to review their attitudes towards the flood-tide of alcohol surging through the white picket fences of working families has been welcomed.

The Lions' committee against alcohol abuse and binge drinking is calling upon all Lions to join Prime Minister Kevin's revolutionary call to the nation to stem Australia's tide of alcohol abuse.

Let the revolution start where Lions work, live and play and let us display true and unparalleled revolutionary leadership to the people of Australia. A revolution starts with one small step so let us take one small step.

The Lions Against Drug Abuse & Binge Drinking Committee calls upon all Lions to take the small but revolutionary step of making our club meetings alcohol free zones.

This courageous and revolutionary step will herald significant leadership against the scourging tide of alcohol abuse drowning our great nation.

Secretaries, please forward this email to your club members so that they may share the information. Please collect information on your club's response and forward same to your Zone Chairperson.

Kind regards, Lion Ing Canute
CHAIRPERSON, LIONS AGAINST ALCOHOL ABUSE AND BINGE DRINKING - 01.04. 2008

My first response was "I don't like their chances" until I noticed the date on the email. Ed.

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

201N1 District Convention 2008

10th-12th October

Hosted by Tamworth Peel Valley Lions Club

“THERE’S A HOEDOWN IN OUR TOWN”

Best known as the Country Music Capital of Australasia, Tamworth draws some 50,000 visitors each year to its internationally acclaimed Country Music Festival in January.

But there’s a lot more to us than just country music.

We are a Region of 55,000 people and cover an area of 9,653.25 square kilometres stretching from the Nandewar Range, north of Barraba, south east to the Peel Valley and Great Dividing Ranges where sport mixes with culture on the social calendar. Tamworth is a regional capital city and one of the most progressive and exciting places in inland Australia – we combine country living with city style.

We’ve got more than 160 parks and open spaces – from our mid centre Bicentennial parkland to our Botanic Gardens and sports fields and play places. Our main street is a vibrant pretty place with a boulevard atmosphere where you can sip coffee or dine out under the trees or watch the passing parade. Our retail and commercial centre is the regional capital of a North West and New England area of 130,000 people. People regularly come from 200km away for our great shopping and entertainment.

**It’s the gateway to the Outback, surrounded by some of the richest agricultural country in the nation
-Tamworth’s got it all!**

Spectacular scenery, fresh, clean country air and open spaces away from the hustle and bustle! A landscape patchworked through every shade of nature, the bright greens and golds of crops contrasting successfully with the soft grey green of the eucalypt and the tawny shades of the grasses. Black velvet skies studded with millions of stars. Warm friendly people who haven’t forgotten how to smile and say g’day!

Recreational pursuits are very well provided for right across the city. Excellent sporting facilities, including two golf courses, a racecourse and numerous other outdoor and indoor sporting venues, fascinating history and heritage, the region’s best shopping and entertainment combine with beautiful parks and gardens, and a population committed to maintaining these community assets to make Tamworth an ideal place to visit, live and work.

**Finding somewhere to rest your weary head at the end of a long day’s traveling is simple in
Tamworth – the big country city with a big country welcome.**

You can pitch a tent, park your van or drive into any style of accommodation, ranging from a powered site through to luxury five-star apartments. There are over **70 accommodation properties** in Tamworth Region ranging from budget/hostel style through to 5 star contemporary apartments

With over **80 eating establishments** to choose from whether it’s a la carte, alfresco dining in Peel Street or a quick take away, Tamworth has a range of restaurants that cater for almost every taste.... Thai to Indian, Steak houses to Vegetarian, the city has them all. Tamworth’s restaurants are regular award winners, regionally and at State level. Peel Street has transformed itself into a very social ‘Eat Street’, with a range of great Cafes and Restaurants. You’re sure to enjoy your Tamworth and district dining experience

**Peel Valley Lions Club cordially invite all Lions, Lioness’, Leos & their partners to come
and see us in 2008 and we’ll give you a good old country welcome with city style.**

Further details of the Convention will be announced soon.

**Lion Paul Briscoe
Convention Chairman**

The Things we do



On 27th March a special young man in the Port Macquarie community turned 21. Alex has an intellectual disability and mobility problems, which prevents him taking part in community based exercise activities. Alex's family has provided trampolines for him so that he can exercise and calm his behaviour and lower his blood pressure. Unfortunately Alex has gone through three standard trampolines. The standard trampoline is not built to accommodate a person of Alex's size and weight. Financially, Alex's family is not in a position to keep buying replacements, so that's where Tacking Point Lions Club came to the rescue.

Tacking Point Lions was very happy to purchase an Athletes Model trampoline costing \$2,500, in their continued effort to support community caring projects. The Tacking Points Lions Club was also appreciative of Amart All Sports of Port Macquarie, for their generous support in assisting with this project.

Stuart Aston, Duncan Wyndham, Peter Mercer and Allen Philp delivered and erected the trampoline for Alex. Photo shows Stuart, Alex and Peter. Happy birthday Alex!

LIONNOZ - CLUB ON THE MOVE

How would you like to travel and still become actively involved in Lions? Lionsonoz can offer you this opportunity. Lionsonoz is the Branch Club of Wooli Lions Club, and is a traveling club which communicates via computer etc.

For those Lions considering traveling and becoming Lions at Large, we invite you to transfer into Lionsonoz and become a member of our club.

After your travels and return home you can then transfer back into your club and still be up to date with Lions activities.

For further information please contact Yvie or Kel Keams
Email kelandyve@hotmail.com
Phone 0429497660

The photo sat the right hows Lion Yvie Kearns and sister Dot Tremayne displaying Ponchos knitted by them to be presented to nursing homes. A very big thank you to Dot whilst not a Lion, has contributed many clicking hours making many of these.



LC Port Macquarie Secretary Mary McLaren presents a cheque for \$300.00 to members of the Ride 4 Autism. Lions also provided lunch for the group.



Ms Lisa Carey reading to her 1C class using the Lions Hearing Dogs electronic hearing equipment at Dorrigo Public School. The main control box is above the Computer on the right, from which cables go to the four speakers in the top corners of the room. Lisa wears a microphone and can adjust the volume on the main unit. She is delighted with the equipment, as she has two pupils with hearing loss. The Principal, Cheryl Banks, said it also helps other children understand their lessons better, as the sound is so clear even when the teacher has her back to the class. Five of the Dorrigo Plateau Lions were able to view the demonstration and were very impressed.





LC Forster-Tuncurry's ongoing community support has resulted in the recent acquisition of a Hydrotherapeutic Bath and Automated Lifter for the bath area in the new extensions at GLAICA House, a community based and funded Aged Care facility. With the support of a grant from NSW-ACT Save Sight & Health Care Foundation the local Lions have provided equipment, that will not only enhance the well being and care of residents of GLAICA but will greatly assist staff as well. A formal presentation saw PDG Nick Bennett, an N1 Director for the Foundation, present a cheque on their behalf for \$15,000 with President Ross Craik shoring up the balance with a cheque for \$12,347. The presentation was attended by District Governor Gerard Cross along with Lions, their partners and Members of the GLAICA Board. Whilst this is a typical example of the support by Lions everywhere, special historical significance is associated with this particular contribution. In 1974, a self care Lions Village was established by LC Forster-Tuncurry, and was opened by District Governor Harry Hession in 1974. The late Harry Hession was an inaugural Director and Life Member of the Lions NSW-ACT Save Sight Foundation.

In 1981 these facilities and management were handed over to GLAICA which is a community based organisation run by a Community Elected Board which has been supported by the community since 1976. The first hostel opened in 1985 after much lobbying and Federal Government support. For the past twenty years, GLAICA has continued to expand to provide aged care, including dementia care. GLAICA still relies heavily on community support.

The LC Forster-Tuncurry has maintained a very close relationship with GLAICA. Hence, our members can feel proud of this significant contribution by our Club in conjunction with the NSW-ACT Save Sight and Health Care Foundation in supporting a community project such as this. Supporting Lions Foundations allows Lions Clubs to achieve outcomes like this.



Maclean Leo VP Ian Schawyer sells raffle tickets in a 10kg block of chocolate at Ashby Markets

NURSES SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION.

5 Scholarship Certificates were awarded to Nurses in our District. Last year only 1 ! Donations to the Foundation by Lions Clubs were up by \$12,000 this year and 15% more grants were awarded for ongoing education. Keep the good work up and make sure Your Clubs send donations at their end of year disbursements!


Awards, with engraved recipients Name can be ordered for a \$500.00 Donation. Request to:

Hon Treasurer
P.O.Box 218,
Baulkham Hills 2755
or Contact me on 02 6653 4171
ZC Peggy Reehorst, Liaison Officer.



Photos: Above: Dumaresq Lions present Becky Broomfield with her \$1000.00 scholarship. Becky will use the money to help fund her research into Post Natal depression. Below: Registered Nurse Christine Weekes displays her award presented at the recent Tamworth Lioness 10th Anniversary Christine is a member of staff in the Acute Care Unit at Tamworth Base Hospital. She will use the scholarship to complete a certificate in critical care nursing.





Notice Board - May/June 2008



The DG's Movements

May

12-15 Thur- Sunday MD201 Council Meeting Darwin
16-19 Thurs-Sunday MD 201 Convention Darwin
30-31 Friday-Saturday District Cabinet Meeting
Hallidays Point

June

01 Sunday District Cabinet Meeting Hallidays Point
23-27 Monday-Friday International Convention Bangkok



Other Dates

May

Club Officer Training
3 Saturday For inland clubs at Manilla RSL Club
4 Sunday For coastal Clubs at Kemsey RSL Club
See Article at right for full details.

Youth of Year **National Final** to be held at MD Convention Darwin

June

8 Sunday LC Crescent Head Skyshow
Consisting of market stalls, amusement rides, radio control toys display, helicopter joy flights and much more to keep the family entertained with a monster fireworks display finishing the evening. For further information contact Lion Brad Weekes 02 6265 3407.

September

7 Sunday 2nd Moree Motor traders Show & Shine
Conducted by LC Moree Plains. The perfect treat for Dad on Fathers Day. It will be held in conjunction with the Moree Markets in Jellico Park. The local Moree Motor Enthusiasts Club will have a observation / poker run on Saturday afternoon & snacks, trophies and music that night. There was over 100 cars last year, so if you have a restored tractor, Vintage or Veteran car, Hot Rod, Custom, Motor Bike or Drag Car you are more than welcome to join in. Trophies will be presented 2 to 3pm. Then head for home. Contact Lion Tony Jukes for more details.
W 02 6752 4299 H 02 6752 9153.



October 10-12 Friday - Sunday District Convention Tamworth
See further details on page 3

Below: PDG Lion Ruth Small (raffle Chairman), Lion Jim Field Chairman, Brooke Duncan Suttons City Holden, and the winner of the car Greg Pounds. Thanks to all of the Lions who supported the foundations through selling raffle tickets. This will allow the foundations to continue to support those people less fortunate than ourselves. Winners were 1st prize Greg Pounds No 3587
2nd prize Amanda No 36040
3rd prize Bill Butler No 29539
Jim Field Chairman.



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A WIN WIN SITUATION

We are approaching the time of year when Clubs are wishing to honour Lions and Leaders in their communities for their efforts in making a difference.

We all want to be winners and by donating to Campaign SightFirst II (CSFII) your Club can save the vision of hundreds of children and adults in Australia and your gift will go towards bestowing a Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) on a Club member or Community Leader now or some time in the future.

Often the hardest workers in your Club or District already have been honoured with a MJF. Their continued high standards of service can be recognised with a Melvin Jones Fellow Progressive Pin.

For a gift of US\$1000 up to US\$60,000 current Melvin Jones Fellows can receive diamond, sapphire or ruby pins to recognise each level of giving to the Progressive Program. The levels of the Progressive Program advance in US\$1000 increments and the monies to LCIF stay in Australia.

One such CSFII grant can be to assist the elimination of avoidable blindness in our remote communities. Australia is the only developed society that still has Trachoma prevalent within its population. In Europe Trachoma has been eradicated for 100 years. Lions can be leaders in the "clean faces" hygiene programme to eradicate eye disease in Aboriginal children.

Please be a winner and help your Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) to make a difference in Australia. Donate to Campaign SightFirst II (CSFII) with a gift of a Melvin Jones Fellowship.

PDG Nigel Jeny
MD201 LCIF Committee Chairman

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