

# Lions Clubs International District 201N1 Newsletter

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## From the District Governor's Desk

As a brand new District Governor (one of around 760 world wide, 19 in Australia) thank you Lions of District 201N1 for allowing me this opportunity to lead our District for 363 days. I could tell you about trips to Lions Clubs International, at Oak Brook or of an International Convention in Chicago, as we Celebrate 90 years of Lionism: however I will leave those for Jan and I to share with you during the year.

Congratulations to all Club executives on accepting important positions at Club Level. Your knowledge, efforts, commitment and enthusiasm towards your Club have brought you to this point and as leaders in your accepted positions you now have an opportunity to contribute to a bigger and brighter future for our Association.

No doubt some of you will have served on your Club Boards before and there will be those who are only new to Lions. You have all been elected by your Membership and charged with a responsibility for growth and prosperity of your Clubs.

I have selected a good team of Cabinet Officers for this year and ask that you call on them to provide assistance and guidance as necessary for betterment of your Clubs our District and Lions generally. Remember we are "One Family" working together to serve those less fortunate than our selves.

We are all part of the largest Service Club organisation in the world. We are volunteers working



towards a realization of our great association's Service and Membership goals.

My theme "**MAKE ONE CHANGE – MAKE A DIFFERENCE**" is a reflection of expected changes in all Lions. This could be called a paradigm shift in the way our organisation functions. Instead of directing Lions in our Clubs, we should be more humble and serve our members while leading by example and positive influence. We can empower others to actively take part in achieving Club goals.

True leaders demonstrate constancy and strength, availability and an openness to change. We must lead with humility, enthusiasm and commitment to thrive and grow. We must embrace change. The world continues to change and so must

Lions Clubs. We are now in the 21st Century and must re-examine ourselves to ensure our relevance.

As Lions, it is our responsibility to establish a direction, communicate and gain commitment to this direction and provide motivation and inspiration to achieve that direction's goals. It is only by working together as a team, as a family that our Clubs will have a continued bright and thriving future. Clubs are our life blood as without Clubs we will not have a District, a Multiple District or a Lions Clubs International.

Thank you for your dedication and best wishes for continued success.

GERARD C  
District Governor

## From Sweeping Plains to Jewel Sea

## ARE YOU SURE THAT YOU ARE A MEMBER?

Recently the Cabinet Secretary was surprised to find that a Club, in sending in its return of officers for the next Lions Year (known as the PU101 form), listed as President, a person whose name did not appear on the District database. Alarm bells rang! How had he missed recording the details of this Lion?

Investigation revealed that the Club had never reported the acceptance into membership of this Lion. Regrettably this is not an isolated instance. Some Club Secretaries have stopped sending in Monthly Membership Reports. This is the real reason behind my opening question. Are you sure that you are a member?

The chain of events that make you a member of the International Association of Lions Clubs starts with your invitation to membership in a Lions Club. Once the Club Board resolves that you are accepted into membership in you Club you become a Lion. The Secretary includes your details on the very next Monthly Membership Report either in hard copy sent to your District Cabinet Secretary or

electronically directly to the Lions International WMMR website in Chicago. Only then you are a member of the World's largest service organisation.

The Multiple District is advised that your club has a new Lion so they put you on the mailing list for the Australian Lion Magazine and record your details for Insurance Purposes. The next July or January, your name appears on the semi-annual dues invoice received from LCI. Receipt of the Australian Lion in the mail or seeing your name on the semi-annual invoice confirms that you really are a Lion.

My last thought on the matter is another question. In the event that the unreported Lion had an unfortunate accident while at a project or meeting, just how might our Insurers regard any subsequent claim from a Lion who had not been reported as a member on the first available MMR following his or her acceptance into membership by the Club?

PDG Bill Burgess  
Cabinet Secretary

## The Things We Do



The Local disabilities Service Bus has been fitted with a hydraulic wheelchair lift thanks to the efforts of the Lions Clubs of Forster/Tuncurry, Hallidays Point, Harrington, Manning River, Old Bar and Taree who raised \$4,500.00, Valley Industries who committed \$4000.00 and the Lions NSW-ACT Save Sight and Health Care Foundations which provided the balance of \$8,325.00.

Valley Industries had been trying to gain Government assistance for this much needed equipment for some three years without success. Lions made it happen in six months. They are now able to transport their more disabled clients around the Manning and Great Lakes allowing for a much better lifestyle. The photo shows Valley Industries Ricki



The Lions Club of Wauchope (seen above with Wauchope District Hospital Director of Nursing Wilma Sims), with assistance the Lions NSW-ACT Public Health Care Foundation from have given the Wauchope District Hospital \$27,500 to purchase of a Gastrointestinal Video Scope.

Director of Nursing, Wilma Sims was ecstatic with the donation. "The new gastrointestinal scope means that the hospital can carry out more procedures and see more patients. The equipment is vital in detecting cancers and helps in early detection and intervention for patients." Wauchope President Lion Ian Wallis thanked his Members and the Lions clubs of Port Macquarie, Tacking Point and Laurieton as well as the Rotary Club of Wauchope for their help in selling tickets raffle tickets.

### 2007 DISTRICT 201N1 CONVENTION ACCOMMODATION SPECIAL



**SPECIAL  
CONVENTION OFFER  
\$138 night**  
Standard double room  
Includes hot buffet breakfast  
(Normally \$199)

Sails is situated on the Hastings River foreshore and is surrounded by four acres of tropical gardens. Sails is within walking distance of the Port Macquarie Panthers Club.

*When booking, please quote  
Group number 102580.*

Quality Resort Sails  
20 Park Street  
PORT MACQUARIE  
NSW. 2444  
[www.qualityresort.com.au](http://www.qualityresort.com.au)  
Phone 6583-3999  
Fax 6584-0397

#### FOR THE INFORMATION OF CARAVAN OWNERS

The Sundowner Caravan Park is offering off-season rates during the School holiday period for all Conventioneers attending the 2007 District Convention

##### Accommodation types and rates:

Powered site	\$27.90
Superior Ensuite	\$90
Ocean view	\$120
Spa cottages	\$130
Spa boyside	\$145

Powered sites and on-suite site rate are based on 2 people, Extra person charge \$9.50. Spa Boyside based on minimum of 4 people

*When booking, please quote Group number  
LIONS CLUB 001*

Sundowner Tourist Parks Pty Ltd  
1 Munster Street  
Port Macquarie NSW 2444  
Phone 1800 636 452  
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## LIONS EMBLEM USE POLICY - From LCI

In compliance with trade mark laws of various countries where Lions clubs are chartered, the International Board of Directors enforces an EMBLEM USE POLICY setting out guidelines for the use of the Lions Clubs International Emblem and the marks "Lions", "Lions Clubs", "Lions International", and "Lions Clubs International". The full EMBLEM USE POLICY sets out the following regulations.

1. As a matter of legal protection to Lions Clubs International and its member clubs, the associations name and emblem (and variations thereof) are registered as trademarks in countries around the world. As the owner so protected, the association has a corresponding legal obligation to be alert to infringements thereof and to take all necessary steps to prevent, and to provide against legal risks which may flow from, unauthorised use thereof.

2. In fulfilment of this legal obligation, the international board, through its general counsel, seeks prompt cessation of any unauthorised use of the association name and emblem and the marks "Lions", "Lions Club", "Lions International". Further it has established the following rules of policy:

a. No items bearing the association name or emblem or the marks "Lions", "Lions Club", "Lions International" and "Lions Clubs International" including electronically produced items may be sold or otherwise distributed to

Lions or Lions clubs or districts or the public except upon express written permission of the general counsel or the Club Supplies and Distribution Division.

b. No Lion, Lions Club or Lions District may use the association emblem on any item sold to Lions or to the public for fundraising purposes. A special "Lions Clubs Fund Raising Activity" seal has been created for this purpose and may be used only upon written permission granted by the general counsel.

c. No manufacturer, printer, producer, promoter, publisher entrepreneur or enterprise in any form, be it profit or non-profit in nature, may employ the association name, goodwill, trademarks, service marks, emblem, seal, insignia, the marks "Lions", "Lions Club", "Lions International" and "Lions Clubs International" or any indicia thereof in any manner whatsoever except upon licence granted by the International Board of Directors or the general counsel or the Club Supplies and Distribution Division.

d. No Lions District or other group of Lions clubs may use the association name or emblem or the marks "Lions", "Lions Club", "Lions International" and "Lions Clubs International" in connection with any District or group project except upon express written license granted by the International Board of Directors. Applications for such use shall be submitted to the Board. No such application shall be approved unless

the proposed activity (in whatever legal form it may exist) is controlled by the Lions Clubs or District or Districts involved and participation by Lions clubs or Club members is on a strictly voluntary basis and without any necessity to contribute monies thereto in the form of dues or otherwise.

As a matter of policy, the International Board of Directors requests that all association officers and Council Chairpersons read and study the EMBLEM USE POLICY and agree to abide by and encourage the enforcement of said policy. The officers and council chairpersons are further requested to report to the Legal Division at the International Office any and all unauthorised use of the association's trademarks and emblems and, where possible, obtain a sample of the unauthorized use.

*Editors Comment: I had planned to do an editorial on bureaucracy in the Lions movement this month and this edict provides a perfect example of the sort of thing that is turning off the general membership everywhere. So we cannot use our most recognisable icon to promote our own activities! We have to get approval from LCI's version of the thought police (who do not even provide us with a contact address to do so). I sometimes think some of these people need to get a life and start looking at what this organisation is actually about. Jim Brear - member of the xxxxxx xxxxx of Armidale Dumaresq.*

### WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Name	Club	Sponsor
Thomas Paul O'BRIEN	Ashford	Bob Watters
Dean MAXWELL	Manilla	Jim Maxwell
Beverley WELLS	Manilla	Jim Maxwell
Luke CHAPPEL	Narrabri	Ron Chappel
Gregory MARCH	South Tamworth	Bill Mounter
Richard BONAR	Willow Tree	Margaret Harris
Eduard BELJAARS	Willow Tree	Les Howard
Pauline BELJAARS	Willow Tree	Les Howard
Ray TAIT	Woolgoolga	Allan Crouch
Cheryl MARA	Wooli	Bruce Bird
John RIMMER	Wooli Branch	Yvie Kearns
Vera RIMMER	Wooli Branch	Yvie Kearns
Annette AKEHURST	Wooli Branch	Kel Kearns
Frank AKEHURST	Wooli Branch	Kel Kearns

### FROM THE DISTRICT HISTORIAN

Changeover time has passed for another year, would Clubs please let me know of any major Awards presented to Club Members for addition to our records. By post to Scol at 9 Stableford Place Coffs Harbour 2450 or Email scolari@hotmail.net.au or Fax 66513855.

#### LIONS, TRY YOUTH EXCHANGE

You could host an overseas student or Sponsor an Aussie student overseas  
Contact Lion Geoff  
Email: thompson@tsn.cc  
Ph 02 65525856 Fax 02 65510823



# Notice Board - August/Sepr 2007

## The DG's Movements



August 2007		
01	Wednesday	Port Macquarie Tacking Point
02	Thursday	Dorrigo Plateau Inc
06	Monday	Curlewis Inc
07	Tuesday	Bingara Inc
08	Wednesday	Gunnedah Inc
09	Thursday	Willow Tree Inc
13	Monday	Forster Tuncurry Inc
14	Tuesday	Old Bar Inc
16-19	Thursday-Sun	MD 201 Council Meeting
20	Monday	South Tamworth Inc
21	Tuesday	Bellingen Inc
22	Wednesday	Grafton Big River Inc
23	Thursday	Yamba Inc
25-26	Sat-Sun	Save Sight Meeting Sydney
28	Tuesday	Laurieton Inc



September		
02	Sunday	Nambucca Heads Inc
03	Monday	Crescent Head Inc
04	Tuesday	Bonville Sawtell Inc
05	Wednesday	Maclean Inc
06	Thursday	Grafton Inc
10	Monday	Moree Plains Inc
11	Tuesday	Wee Waa Inc
12	Wednesday	Collarenebri Inc
13	Thursday	Moree Inc
17	Monday	Wauchope Inc
18	Tuesday	Bowraville Inc
19	Wednesday	Coffs Harbour Pacific City Inc
20	Thursday	Woolgoolga Inc
22	Saturday	Werris Creek Inc
24	Monday	Narrabri Inc and Narrabri Lioness
25	Tuesday	Glen Innes Lioness
26	Wednesday	Nundle and District Inc
27	Thursday	Manilla Inc



## Other Dates to Note

September  
 2nd Sunday      **The Moree Plains Lions Club** will be hosting their Inaugural Moree Motor Trade Expo at Jellicoe Park, Moree. This will be a Show and Shine Day from 9am until 1.30 and held in conjunction with Moree Motor Vehicle Restorers. For further information please contact Tony Michell Ph 0267522008 or email fmi26915@bigpond.net.au>  
 15th Saturday      **Port Macquarie Tacking Point Club**  
 10th Charter Birthday Party at the Lotus at Lighthouse Anyone interested in joining in the celebrations please phone Lion Christine Woolnough 65811658.

## GETTING TO KNOW YOU!!

By the time you read this, your Club's Changeover will have taken place and it's a good time to set in place some goals for the ensuing year. We have all heard how Lions and their activities is "the best kept secret," and this year might be just the time to change this notion.

DG Gerard has asked me to contact you all with the idea of making sure that EVERY activity is noted by your Club's Publicity Officer, with photographic evidence and passed onto your local paper, TV, and/or radio stations. They just love to publish anything concerning Lions, especially if there is a photo to go with the news. (*That goes for the Newsletter Editor as well - jb*)

So, Presidents, it's up to you. Follow up on this one and ensure that your year gets all of the publicity that it deserves. A great activity to undertake early in the year, (like right now,) is to take stock of the Lions Signage that every visitor to your town sees. Is your sign attractive or in need of attention? How about donning your Lions gear and have an outing or BBQ, being seen sprucing things up. Have you thought about adopting a section of the road into your town, with a regular cleanup brigade?

My hope is that each Lions Club not only helps build the town in which it lives, but is SEEN to be doing the hard yards!

As your rep on District Cabinet, I am asking that you take the opportunity to bring your activities to the attention of everybody, and who knows, one of the best ways of getting new members is to set them to work!

PDG Brian McWhirter  
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