

# Lions Clubs International District 201N1 Newsletter

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## From the District Governor's Desk

What a wonderful and rewarding year. Thank you for such a marvellous opportunity to serve as District Governor for 07/08. Jan and I will always cherish the wonderful hospitality and respect we received from Members as we visited each Club throughout the year. You made us feel very special and always most welcome.

A big thank you to Region and Zone Chairmen who accompanied us on official visits to Clubs. It was always reassuring to arrive at a meeting venue and have a supportive District Representative present.

To Executive Cabinet members Bill, Peter (Denise) and Chris (Sue), your support and continued over sighting of your respective port folios left absolutely nothing to be desired. Thank you.

There are many Lions who played a part in us taking this position and I thank each of them for their wonderful encouragement and support. A particular mention to those I have called upon for advice and assistance when and as problems arose.

Thank you also to Immediate Past District Governor Peter and Sandra who have always been supportive and available for advice when needed. Thank you both.

Twelve very short Months ago we flew to Chicago and were sworn in by International President Mahendra as District Governors. What an experience that was. We



*DG Gerard Cross and LL Jan hand out awards at the recent Cabinet Meeting*

visited Lions Club International Headquarters at Oak Brook, We met 750 + District Governors from all around the world together with Past International Presidents and many more past and present dignitaries. We had the distinct pleasure of meeting a man who when he joined our Organisation was given the position of Club "Lion Tamer" which he admits caused him many nervous moments. That Lion progressed and became a District Governor. His name, Jimmy Carter, Former President of the USA and still an active member of his Lions Club.

As our Australia wide "Lions Vanners" membership grows we are witnessing more and more people using this means to attend District and Multiple District Conventions and with our International Convention being hosted in Australia

in 2010 I believe we will witness one of the largest Vanners groups, to that date, converge on Sydney. Many of our Cabinet Officers now elect to attend Cabinet Meetings in their "Vans", some making a social event and extending their break by taking a few extra days away from home to explore those venues. Our District Conventions are also attended by many Vanners. Thank you to Lion Tom Cattell for his organisation and co-ordinating of these events.

On Saturday 03 May I was present on Old Bundarra Road, Inverell to farewell 14 Vanners as they headed off through western Queensland to meet up with other Vanners from South Australia and Victoria who continued onto Darwin for our National Convention. Many of these Vanners Club Members

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From Sweeping Plains to Jewel Sea  
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## LIONS LADIES PROJECT – 201N1 07/08 “PONCHO’S WORK”

“Thank You”, “Thank You”. The response from our frail aged, who received their Poncho’s and knitted items during the month of May, My heart Skipped a beat to see the delight on the residents faces. I am sure you felt as I did, a great deal of satisfaction.

Over the past 12 months Hundreds of Ponchos, Hats, Scarves and Sox were knitted or sewn during working bees at Woolgoolga, Harrington, Gunnedah, Inverell, Hallidays Point, Bonville Sawtell Nambucca Heads Etc., Etc.,

To all Lions Ladies and Community Members, whether you made 1 or 21. It was appreciated. Thank you so much for supporting our project and the frail aged of your Community. We are so grateful and hope the support will continue.

LL JAN CROSS

Photo Right The Lions Ladies of LC Woolgoolga took up Lions Lady Jan’s challenge and made 75 Ponchos of many colors and shapes for distribution. The local Region Chairman’s wife Lady Val Penfold and Lions President Denis Watkins’ wife Betty co-ordinated the project and a presentation was made to a very popular resident Ms Dot Younger and many enthusiastic residents of The Woolgoolga Retirement Village. This will take the chill off winter. Photo shows Resident Ms Dot Younger (centre) From left Vicki Dover (Director of Care) Lions Lady Val Penfold, Leslie Shield (Activities Officer) Lions Lady Aileen Morris, Mechelle Winderlich (Carer) and Lions Lady Betty Watkins.

The centre photo shows a selection of Ponchos knitted by LC Bonville Sawtell members and partners while the bottom photo shows Nambucca Lions presenting ponchos to grateful recipients.

Isn’t it great to have Ladies in Lions. Blokes would never have thought of doing a great project like this - Ed

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are members of Woolli Club Branch “LIONS ON OZ” which boasts 11 members and growing quickly. I inducted their then newest member Gwenith Payne at “Ascot Vale” on that evening.

To all Clubs and their Members who have contributed towards “making one change – make a difference” in 07/08 we thank you all.

To Mal and Jeanette we know you will enjoy your induction as District Governor at the 92 International Convention in Bangkok and we wish you every success for 08-09.

GERARD C

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## The Editor's last Hurrah

Compiling the last article of my last Newsletter has given me some time to reflect on the past three years as District Newsletter Editor. Most memories have been good.

The great friendships made with fellow cabinet members being one. Cabinet is like a Lions Club full of really enthusiastic members. Pat and I have had a great time attending cabinet meetings and conventions. If you are ever invited to join cabinet do it. You will have an enjoyable and rewarding time.

Second highlight has been the articles I have received from Clubs for the "Things we Do" section. The breadth and imagination that some of these projects involve is a real inspiration and I hope you have enjoyed reading about them. After all, the things we achieve are what Lions is about. These articles also prove you do not have to be a big club to get big results.

The DG's Bulletin competition has been well supported. We (my wife and I) have received 25 – 30 Newsletters per month which we judge on various criteria. This has been a big job and I would like to thank Pat for her help in this area. Only 120 points separated the top 5 Newsletters, and I would be proud to be the Editor of any of them. The Top 5 Newsletters are:

5. Lioness Club of Tamworth.
4. LC Tamworth Peel Valley
3. LC Manning River
2. LC Bonville Sawtell
- 1 LC Nambucca Heads.

Thanks to the three DG's I have served under for their support. Thanks to everyone who has submitted items for the newsletter, I usually had just a bit more than I needed. Best wishes to Incoming Governor Mal and his Cabinet. New Editor Brian Bourke from Manning River Club produces a great Club Bulletin and I have no doubt his District Newsletter will be a beauty. I am sure he would appreciate your articles. Brian's address is PO Box 62 Taree 2430 and his email address is [bourkes@tsn.cc](mailto:bourkes@tsn.cc)

Yours in Lionism Jim & Pat Brear

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## THE THINGS WE DO

Right. Nambucca Heads Lion, Harry Mills displays his James D Richardson Honour Award presented at the 2007 District Convention. Harry is one of the quiet achievers of Lions and a couple of pages would be needed to document his contributions to Lions and his community. Below is a photo of LC Nambucca Heads 3rd BBQ and fish cleaning facility. The Club cleans and maintains these facilities daily. Now that is a big commitment. Any other clubs provide so many community facilities?



Above: The Lionesses from Tamworth had great fun dressing up & participating in the local Walk for Life (with over 3,000 others) on 2nd May. What a great crew, some had even attended the Officers Training School that morning in Manilla before donning their walking shoes & disguise. Right: The Editor attended the Wintersun Festival at Tweed Heads and came across this beauty, owned by Lion Tony Jukes from LC Moree Plains. You can see this and many other interesting machines at the Club's Car Show on Sunday 7th September.



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# Notice Board - June/July 2008

## The DG's Movements



### DG Gerard Cross

#### June

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



### Incoming DG Malcolm Merrick

#### July

Sunday 6 Cabinet report due - DG arrives home  
 Saturday 12 Crescent Head Changeover  
 Wednesday 16 PM -Tacking Point DG visit  
 Tuesday 22 Ashford DG visit  
 Wednesday 23 Glen Innes Lions & Lioness DG visit  
 Thursday 24 Bundarra DG visit  
 Saturday 26 Cabinet Meeting - Bingara  
 Bingara 30th Anniversary  
 Sunday 27 Cabinet Meeting - Bingara  
 Monday 28 Narrabri DG visit

#### August

Tuesday 5 Taree DG visit  
 Wednesday 6 Port Macquarie DG visit  
 Thursday 7 Harrington DG visit  
 Monday 11 Forster Tuncurry DG visit -  
 Tuesday 12 Old Bar DG visit  
 Wednesday 13 Gunnedah DG visit  
 Thursday 14 Willow Tree DG visit  
 Monday August 18 Crescent head DG visit  
 Tuesday August 19 Bellingen DG visit  
 Wednesday 20 Coffs Harbour Pacific City DG visit  
 Thursday 21 Dorrigo Plateau DG visit  
 Saturday 23 Save Sight Meeting Bankstown  
 Manning River 30th Anniversary  
 Sunday 24 Save Sight Meeting Bankstown  
 Tuesday 26 Laurieton DG visit  
 Wednesday 27 Grafton Big River DG visit  
 Thursday 28 Yamba DG visit



### Other Dates to Note

#### June

Sunday 8 LC Crescent Head Skyshow

#### August

Monday 11 Closing date Nominations for  
 DG/VDG/Host Club at Convention

#### September

Sunday 7 2nd Moree Motor Traders Show & Shine  
 Conducted by LC Moree Plains. Contact Lion Tony Jukes for more  
 details. W 02 6752 4299 H 02 6752 9153.

#### October

Friday - Sunday 10-12 District Convention Tamworth

## The District Web Site

is an extremely powerful tool of instant communication and a great store of information relevant to us all. Like all publications, the more information is received the more valuable and useful it becomes. Thanks to everyone who has contributed in order to keep information relevant, useful and up to date.

Currently the District Web Site can be used to quickly access the following information:

- \* Latest District News and policies submitted for publication on the Web Site.
- \* District 201N1 Directory with email links to Cabinet Officers and Clubs who have email addresses.
- \* District Governor's Itinerary.
- \* Protocol to be followed for the District Governor's Official Visit.
- \* A Library of District Newsletters for the current year.
- \* Information on District Projects.
- \* The District Constitution (Printable & Downloadable).
- \* Important information and aid for Club Secretaries including downloadable Monthly Activity Reports, Link to MMR Internet Lodgement, Link to Lions Insurance plus other useful forms and information.
- \* Direct Links to the Multiple District 201 Site, Lions Clubs International Site and Lion Net Site (A link to Lions Clubs throughout the World)

Why not make the District Site your default "Home Page"? so that it will be the first site they see when logging on to the Internet.. Please make a habit of visiting and using your District Web Site on a regular basis.

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