



# DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

*From Sweeping Plains to Jewell Sea*

## FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNORS DESK



G'day fellow Lions.  
The big trip to Seattle is over and done with. What an experience. I did learn a few things about International travel. Do not enter the USA through Los Angeles and I will not be flying United Airlines again. I wish you all could have been there with me to see how the big end of Lions works. The most important thing to come out of the Convention so far as we Australians are concerned was the election of PID Barry Palmer as the Second Vice President of Lions Clubs International. This was a great honor for Barry and for all Australian Lions. It's amazing how this puts Australia on the Lions map. Anybody who was anybody and anybody who wanted to be someone attended the Australian Reception. It did bring home to me that we are all Lions no matter what positions we may have held or currently hold. They were all very friendly and prepared to chat particularly about anything Australian.



*Carmel and DG Peter with International President Wing-Kun Tam at the International Convention at Seattle*

Our new International President, Wing-Kun Tam, is a very down to earth man with a great sense of humor. Whenever he came across a group of Australians we were greeted with "Aussie, Aussie, Aussie" He is very approachable as those of you who are attending the ANZI Pacific Forum on the Gold Coast in September will no doubt find out for yourselves. If you have not yet booked to go to the Forum it is not too late to do so and I can guarantee you will learn a lot and have a great time into the bargain.

Tam has a vision for Lions during his term as President and he has some great projects for all Lions to get involved in. He pointed out that there are two positions in Lions called "President" They being himself as International President and Club Presidents. He has a program called President to President where he wants to be involved with Club Presidents through out the world. To kick this off Tam has given all District Governors one of his personal pins which we are to present to all Presidents in our Districts. At the ANZI Pacific Forum Tam has scheduled a meeting with all Club Presidents so he can talk face to face with them.

Tam is very conscious of the number of Lions members leaving our Clubs world wide. We are very good at recruiting new members but we fall down on retention. Following this theme he has introduced a program called "My Club My Family" and while we all use the phrase "Lions Family" how many of us actually treat our fellow members as "Family" Long-term successful growth is dependant on keeping our members involved, instilling pride and treating them like family.

**INVOLVEMENT + SENSE OF WORTH + MEMBER CARE + FAMILY ATMOSPHERE = CLUB SUCCESS.** There are many reasons why members leave our Clubs and there is nothing we can do about it. However there are also a lot of members leaving for reasons that can be addressed and the member can be retained. Lions please look after each other. There is so much work for us to do we need as many hands as possible.

Another project Tam has is the planting of trees by Lions over the next 12 months. He has a target of 1 million tree plantings world wide by the end of his term in June 2012. All District Governors had to make a pledge of how many trees their Districts would plant and an astounding 4.7 million tree plantings were pledged. I pledged 1000 trees for our District but I hope we can double that. This can be a great family program where all the family can get out plant some trees and have a bar-b-q and some liquid refreshment to round off a good days work.

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**2011  
DISTRICT  
CONVENTION  
21ST-23RD OCTOBER  
2011**



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**Holden. Go better.**



**EDITOR**

**Brian Bourke**

Welcome to the first edition of the District Newsletter for DG Peter. Congratulations Peter and I look forward to working with you on Cabinet.

This edition gives you an introduction to DG Peter as well as several reports from various Cabinet members and reports on Club activities.

If you would like something included in future editions of the District Newsletter please email me your story or report to.

[newsletter@lionsdistrict201n1.org.au](mailto:newsletter@lionsdistrict201n1.org.au)

The Glen Innes Convention is fast approaching. Information is included and you can obtain registration forms from your secretary or from the web site



The newsletter is available in print or on your computer. You can arrange for your secretary to email to you, each club is emailed a copy....assuming your email address is active...or you can download a copy from the Web Site.

This is the shortcut [http://www.lionsclubs.org.au/201n1/district\\_newsletters.htm](http://www.lionsclubs.org.au/201n1/district_newsletters.htm)

Until next edition.....

**LIONS LADY DENISE'S PROJECT OF THE YEAR**

With the conclusion of the Lions Year we are winding up Denise's project for the year.

With proceeds sent to the Cabinet Treasurer and advices from Clubs who registered independently with the Cancer Council a total of \$12,586.35 was raised by the District. This was truly a great effort and Denise thanks all who participated.



One day a cure for cancer will be found but it will take money and every donation will contribute to the research that will eventually find the cure.

Thank you

Denise and Peter  
IPDG

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**FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNORS DESK**

Ken Crampton from the Maclean Club (phone 6645 3252) is our tree planting coordinator. If you need any further information please contact Ken. When your Club plants their trees can you please advise Ken of the number planted so we have a record and report our progress to LCI. Trees are the lungs of the earth. They breathe in Carbon Dioxide and breathe out Carbon so to make the world a better place plant trees.

Tam used the Bumble Bee as an example of his motto "I believe" According to many, it is impossible for the bumble bee to fly. There are reasons for saying this. Many feel that, scientifically, physically and aerodynamically speaking, it is impossible for the bumble bee to fly. Everything about the bumble bee - its shape, size and weight, compared to the wing-lift ratio capabilities - indicates that it should not be able to fly at all. But nobody told the bumble bee that he can't fly, so against the odds pertaining to the laws of physics, mathematical computations and engineering design, he goes about his business, flying anyway.



**HOW DOES THIS APPLY TO US?**

All too often, we face odds that tell us that we will either be limited in what we can do, or that we will fail completely. For many, those odds can be daunting. These odds and a pessimistic attitude tell us that we will just "limp along," getting by and hoping for things to change. But we also have many examples of individuals who assume the attitude of the bumble bee. No matter what, those individuals are going to fly - they will go against the odds and succeed.

Sometimes we are limited more by attitude than by opportunities

Plant more trees

Looking forward to catching up with you Cheers "Happy" Peter Blom

**TACKING POINT LIONS**

**HELEN KELLER FELLOWSHIP**

Port Macquarie-Tacking Point Lions Club conducted its final dinner meeting for the 2010-2011 Lions Year on Wednesday 15 June 2011 at the Port Macquarie Golf Club. The meeting was special for two reasons, namely the presentation of awards to deserving Lions, but more so for the presentation of the Helen Keller Fellowship to a local community identity, Sister Marjorie McLachlan.

The Helen Keller Fellowship award is provided through Lions Hearing Dogs, a not-for-profit organisation that has provided 500 hearing dogs, and training in their use, to hearing impaired people throughout Australia since its establishment in 1982. At a cost of \$30 000 to train each dog, the majority of the Lions Hearing Dogs' funding comes from [Australian Lions Clubs](#). Donor Clubs pay Hearing Dogs for the 'Helen Keller Fellowship' plaque to formally acknowledge the dedicated community work of an individual while simultaneously contributing much-needed funds to help train more dogs for the deaf and hearing impaired.

Sister Marjorie McLachlan, a spiritual and pastoral Nun of the Sisters of St Joseph Order-Lochinvar for many years, was presented the 'Helen Keller Fellowship' plaque by Lions Past District Governor Christine Woolnough at the dinner meeting on Wednesday night.

Sister Marjorie worked for some years in Papua New Guinea then was involved in a refuge in Newcastle and establishing a 'Friends of Mental Health Persons' group before moving to Port Macquarie. For many years Sister Marjorie was the Secretary of the Port Macquarie Combined Charities and instigated the establishment of an 'Op Shop'. In 2001 Sister Marjorie was the driving force behind the establishment of the Ecumenical Care Centre 'Soup Kitchen' and has given inspirational guidance in its operation and growth ever since.

The Kitchen survives mostly on donations of funds and volunteers' time from the local community. Each Monday Sister Marjorie and a group of volunteers provide a free three-course meal and dispense a helping hand, an attentive ear and friendship to needy families and individuals from the Port Macquarie region.

In addition to the award, Tacking Point Lions Club President Neil Tubb presented a \$500 cheque as a donation toward the costs of operating the Soup Kitchen.

Lion Ross Adam, the Secretary of Tacking Point Lions Club, said "Sister Marjorie is a wonderful role model and an inspiration to everyone. Tacking Point Lions felt that her work in the community over the years needed to be publicly recognised, with the hope that this will encourage volunteers to assist at the 'Soup Kitchen' and / or financial donations to help cover the ever increasing costs of the meals".



*Sister Marjorie, holding her 'Helen Keller Fellowship' plaque, accompanied by Tacking Point Lions President Neil Tubb and PDG Christine Woolnough.*



**210N1 DISTRICT CONVENTION....21st to 23rd October 2011 Glen Innes**

**Darryl Davy, Convention Chairman**

**COME TO GLEN INNES THIS OCTOBER FOR THE 201N1 DISTRICT CONVENTION**

As previously advised all venues are booked, catering has been arranged, entertainment booked, guest speakers have been arranged, sports, bowls and golf on Friday afternoon have been arranged and the partners Saturday afternoon entertainment has been arranged.

A guest speaker at the Saturday lunch will discuss "Celtic matters" which will be noticed on the partners tour.

The partners tour includes inspection of the Australian standing stones, crofter's cottage and finally the land of the beardies museum with an inspection and afternoon tea and transport back to the town hall by 4.30pm

All business sessions will be held at the Glen Innes town hall which is situated in the middle of the CBD in Grey Street, with the Friday meet and greet dinner Saturday lunch, Saturday night's District Governor's Banquet and Sunday breakfast all being held at the Services Club cnr Grey & Lang streets. The farewell BBQ will be held at the racecourse, Dumaresq Street, Glen Innes.

Registrations will be available from 10am Friday at the Services Club foyer and club passes will be issued then for the Friday, Saturday & Sunday to save continual signing in.

A final registration table will be at the town hall prior to the commencement of the business session at 9.00am daily. The services club's bus will be available for pick up and return to your accommodation after the Banquet on the Saturday night.

The theme for the convention is-

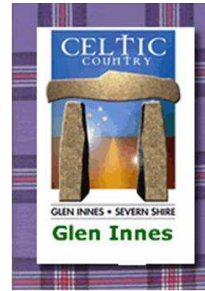
**"Celtic Country-The Meeting Place of Many Cultures",**

and DG Peter Blom has suggested that we come in a traditional national dress of any country to give the night a colourful theme. Those of us without any imagination can come dressed in smart casual attire.

A convention raffle worth \$958.00 is being held. Tickets \$2 each and the opportunity to buy is included on the convention registration form together with an anniversary port (Drayton's) at \$15 a bottle. The raffle prize is a 2 night cruise on Sydney Harbour on MV Captain Cook, leaving on a Friday afternoon at 6.00pm, cruising around the Harbour, the upper reaches of the Lane Cove & Parramatta rivers, on shore excursions to Watson's Bay and the historic rocks area and possibly more. Includes twin share accommodation, all meals, captain's dinner, 24hour tea/coffee; Prize does not include drinks or personal purchases. The winner has until the weekend 31/3/12-1/4/12 to take the prize.

The Glen Innes Lions Club is also to celebrate the 58<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its formation on 23/10/11, and the farewell BBQ will also celebrate this.

Registration forms are available at the 201n1 web site for downloading or your secretary will have limited numbers of paper copies. An "early bird" prize of a bottle of scotch and a \$50 voucher from one of the local dress shops selected from all registrations received by 16th September 2011 so register early for a chance to win one of these prizes. We are looking forward to welcoming visitors to "Celtic country" on 21st to 23rd October 2011



**VANNERS**

For your information Caravan parks for future Cabinet meetings:



**Convention Glen Innes**  
21 to 23 October 2011  
Fossickers Caravan Park...  
...6732 4246, 1300 300207  
[www.gleninnes.com/fossicker](http://www.gleninnes.com/fossicker)

**EXTENSION**

**2nd VDG Alan Cunningham**

The MD201N1 District is conducting an Extension Workshop / Guiding Lions Course over the period 24th to 26th September 2011 at Coffs Harbour.

We invite District Lions who are interested in learning more about our organisation from Multiple District Leaders to attend.

This Extension Workshop, aside from Club extension within our District will also cover healthy Club practises and increasing membership and retention within Clubs.

The Guiding Lions component will qualify experienced Lions in the facilitation of future new Clubs within our District.

Course participation is limited to 20 attendees. The venue for the Workshop is to be the Park Beach Bowling Club, Ocean Parade, Coffs Harbour.

Participants requiring accommodation will be booked into the Surf Beach Motor Inn which is located approximately 50 metres from the Bowling Club.

Costs for participants will be limited to the two breakfasts and both evening meals and travelling expenses.

Expressions of interest are to be sent to

2nd VDG Alan Cunningham  
PO Box 261, Maclean 2463  
or by phoning 0412120 319  
no later than 24th August 2011.



**DUMARESQ LIONS**

**Dumaresq Lions induct new Board**

The 34th Changeover Dinner for Dumaresq Lions was held on Saturday evening 2 July. Gathered for the celebration were over 40 people from Armidale, Uralla and Walcha.

Dumaresq Lions Club's two major awards were presented during the evening. Outgoing Club President, Lion Martin Brown, presented Lion of the Year Award to Lion Carolyn Gadd for her outstanding work as Club Secretary. During the past year, Carolyn was recognised by the District Cabinet Secretary for how quickly she has been able to understand the many reporting tasks required of a Lions Club Secretary.

Lion Des Schuman presented the Judy Schuman Memorial Award to Lions Partner Kevin Willcocks for his assistance to Dumaresq Lions Club in their catering activities and in helping organise a very successful Car Trial.

A slide show was on display during the night showing many of the activities undertaken by club members over the past 34 years of service to the community.



*Carolyn Gadd, Dumaresq Lions,*

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

**John Finnie**

District email addresses for the 2011 - 2012 Cabinet and District Clubs are now live!

Whether you have chosen to have a POP Account or an ALIAS Account all emails sent to the 201n1 addresses should be received.

If you have any problems please contact me by email asap [it@lionsdistrict201n1.org.au](mailto:it@lionsdistrict201n1.org.au)

[The District Web Site for 2011 - 2012](http://The District Web Site for 2011 - 2012) is now updated. Please check it out.



## PINS

### INVERELL-MACINTYRE LIONS

The Inverell MacIntyre Lions Club will be sponsoring the Australian Lions Pin Traders Club Eastern States Pin Swap for 2011 on the weekend of the 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> September at the 'Lions Den', Campbell Street, Inverell.

A cordial invitation is extended to all Lions and their Partners in District 201N1 and other Districts to come along and witness the Fun, Fellowship and Friendship of Lions who enjoy collecting and



trading Lions Club Pins from around Australia and the rest of the World.

Lions from as far away as the York Peninsular in South Australia and from Queensland have indicated that they will be attending and we are hoping that Past District Governor Di Barrett from Auckland, New Zealand will be attending as well. Lion Di is making every effort to attend and if she does, we are hoping that she will be our Guest Speaker at a Dinner on the Saturday Night and speak on her experience in witnessing the Christchurch earthquake and the subsequent following events.

A welcoming BBQ for Pin Traders and any other attendees will be held on the Friday evening with Pin Trading and Pin Displays occurring on the Saturday Morning. A BBQ lunch is being arranged for the Saturday followed by more Pin Trading and the Dinner on Saturday evening. The Sunday will see more Pin Trading and Displays with a BBQ lunch to finalize the Pin Swap.

The Dinner cost on Saturday evening is \$20.00 per person with a total weekend cost of \$40.00 which will include the two lunches, morning and afternoon teas.

For further information on the Lions Pin Swap or any other aspect of Australian Lions Pin Trading Club, you can contact Lion Bill Sutton or Lion Beth Sutton on 0267223136 or 942766442 or by email on [bill@bsim.com.au](mailto:bill@bsim.com.au)

Yours in Lionism

Lion Bill Sutton  
Inverell MacIntyre Lions Club  
Treasurer ALPTC

## BELLINGEN LIONS

### Night of Nostalgia for Lions Changeover

Did you know Bellingen Lions Club built the first Bellingen Swimming Pools?

Yes that's right - this amazing group of blokes excavated, levelled the ground, and poured the concrete, they cut & laid turf, did the electrical work, helped with the plumbing, built the amenities block - and incredibly they did this in just 13 weekends. And their Lions Ladies supplied morning tea, BBQ Lunch & afternoon tea each weekend as well. What a great team of dedicated volunteers.

Former Bellingen Lions & their Lions Ladies were invited back to celebrate and reminisce at the 57<sup>th</sup> Changeover Night on June 21<sup>st</sup> at the Bellingen Golf Club.

Other guests on the night included Deputy Mayor Councillor Kerry Child & husband Jim, Diana & James Christian, representing Bellingen Rotary Club, and a number of Honorary Lions.

Lions President Hilton McLennan welcomed all guests, especially the legendary "Pool Builders", before handing over to the Chairman for the evening Lions "Spot" Swales. The Toast to Lions International was proposed by Councillor Kerry Child and she congratulated and thanked Bellingen Lions on the marvellous work they continue to carry out for our local community, much of which is in partnership with Bellingen Shire Council. The response was in the hands of Life Member Lion Wal Tyson.

The toast to Kindred Organisations was proposed by Lion Garry Sampson noting the many organisations represented

that night, being Rotary, Red Cross, View Club & the Show Society. Rotarian Diana Christian responded emphasising that all volunteer organisations find it difficult to recruit members and struggle in their endeavours to serve their community. Anyone out there who wants to contribute can approach Lions or Rotary, or the Red Cross or the Show Society; they all need your help.

Lion Hilton presented his Presidents Report and proudly announced that "Our Club's success throughout the past year becomes self-explanatory in fiscal terms when you look at the donations list. Benefactors include Bellingen Hospital, "The Grub Club" in Memory of the Late Sgt Matthew Locke, Urunga Nippers, Bellingen Junior League, Westpac Rescue Helicopter, local schools, Flood Appeals, Connell Park Picnic area to name a few. Bellingen Lions is certainly living up to our motto "We Serve".

Being the Changeover Night and in the proud history of Bellingen Lions Club - Charter Member of 57 years & Life Member Lion Carl Foster had the honour of installing the new Office Bearers for 2011/12 with President Hilton McLennan, Secretary Alex Waugh & Treasurer Pat Fox taking on these positions for another year.

It was then on the fun part of the night - the Tail Twisting saw Lion Steve Shields in full flight and no-one was safe. Steve has a great knack of "digging up the dirt" on almost everyone. Then it was on to "Lester's Pool Party"

This night was the brainchild of Lion Lester Sheather who has put together a fantastic pictorial history of the "Lions Swimming Pool Project" - copies of this booklet can be viewed at the Bellingen Library - certainly worth a look!

Former Lion & Pool Project Chairman Tony Brown gave a great outline of the biggest Lions project to date. These intrepid Lions took on a massive task of fundraising and constructing the Pools. Tony thanked and commended all Lions who worked alongside each other for 13 straight weekends to see the pools become a reality. Special congratulations went to former Lion Jim Penson, who was the overseer of the Project as we all agree that without Jim's expertise this project could not have been achieved. There were many hilarious anecdotes fondly remembered by fellow Lions.

Tony then called upon Ron Short, Former Lion and Past Building & Health Surveyor of Bellingen Shire Council who gave a comprehensive outline of the fundraising, planning etc and mentioned the great support from the community in many ways to assist in the pools completion. Then Lion Wal Tyson, Club President in 1978/79 when the pool was built thanked all Lions & Lions Ladies who worked on the Pool project, and in particular thanked his Secretary Jim Penson and Treasurer Bernie Hicks, who were both present on the night.

This night was all about Lion Lester's booklet and celebrating the achievements and mateship of Bellingen Lions Club. Lester had the honour of presenting the booklets to every Lion who gave their time & effort to this fine project. The beautiful booklets were produced by Lion Lester with the help of neighbour Sandra Bailey & Lions Lady Merle. We thank them all for their dedication and excellent work.

A great night was had by all - "Lester's Pool Party" was in full swing from the moment the guests arrived until they all left with fond memories in their hearts and smiles on their faces. Well done Lester and Bellingen Lion Club.

THE LIONS MEMBERS WHO BUILT BELLINGEN'S FIRST 25 METRE SWIMMING POOL AND THE WADING POOL IN CONNELL PARK IN 1978.



L/R Back Row: Bob Burgess, Lester Sheather, Bruce Tait, Bill Cozier D/G, Wal Tyson, Spud Lavender, Ron Short, Ron Regan, Leo Alford, John Pryor, Norm Locke, Dave Barter, Richard Halpin.  
L/R Front Row: Pat Fox, Henry Peterson, Jim Penson, Richard Heelis, Bernie Hicks, Ken Armstrong, Vince Lovell, Tony Brown, John Phillips, John Hammond, Don Kilborne.



**ALF - AUSTRALIAN LIONS FOUNDATION**

**Mick McGrath**

Many thanks to the Clubs in our District who supported ALF during the past year with donations and the purchase of respective ALF Awards. Clubs have again been quite generous with the funds received totalling \$28,820. This amount does not include those "one off" contributions from Clubs for the 2011 flood and bushfire appeals.

In recent months, particularly during some Club Changeovers, a number of worthy recipients have received respective ALF Awards. Congratulations are extended to the following recipients:

**William R Tresise s Fellowship Award:**

Steve Adams District 201N1

**James D Richardson Honour Award:**

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| Jim Calleja              | Wauchope             |
| Richard Edkins           | District 201N1       |
| Kevin Shields            | District 201N1       |
| Robert & Lorraine Bartel | Moree                |
| Ronald Robertson         | Quirindi             |
| Brian McWhirter          | Taree                |
| Geoffrey Thompson        | Taree                |
| Janet Thompson           | Willow Tree          |
| Malcolm McNay            | Nambucca Heads       |
| Carolyn Tallon           | Tamworth Peel Valley |
| Robin Green              | Grafton Big River    |
| Margaret Fitzpatrick     | Maclean              |
| Colin Jones              | Gunnedah             |
| Greg Hartig              | Manning River        |
| Michael Scott            | Kempsey              |
| Noelene Marriott         | Dorrigo Plateau      |



My apology if I have inadvertently omitted any recipient(s) that I am unaware of.

Clubs are reminded that there are some very worthwhile grants available through the Foundation to help with a range of projects and/or situations where financial assistance is needed. Last year 7 grants totalling \$24,935 were approved for 6 Clubs in our District.

A reminder that the Trustees will meet next to consider grant applications in August.

A wonderful way to reward or acknowledge someone can be realized through one of ALF's special awards. The cost of these are as follows:

**William Tresise Fellow Award**

**\$2,000**

**Ian M Stockdale Award**

**\$1,000**

**James D Richardson Honour Award**

**\$ 500**

These awards can be presented at any time during the year and not just at Changeovers. An applicable time would be at a DG's visit or Club Anniversary.

Please feel welcome to contact me for advice or assistance with matters relating to ALF. Further information can be obtained from the **ALF Website** [www.lionsclubs.org.au/alf](http://www.lionsclubs.org.au/alf)



*Manning River Lions President Bill Colquhoun displays his Melvin Jones Award together with Greg Hartig, recipient of James D Richardson Award.*

**CHRISTCHURCH 2010/11**

**Wendy Scott and Gerald Paterson, District 202J**

**Canterbury Earthquakes, a reply from New Zealand.**

Leaving Surfers Paradise by bus on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2010 we were shocked to hear the news of the first Canterbury earthquake by text at 6.45am and then to hear on the 7.00 news that Christchurch was "devastated". As the day progressed and we travelled to Coffs Harbour to meet Lion Jeff and Lynne Mott the news got worse. Not being able to contact any of my family living in Christchurch meant the day was a hugely stressful time. When I was finally able to contact my brother and find out everyone was ok was a great relief.

Of course later events on December 26 and the dreadful day of February 22 lived up to that early devastating headline.

We arrived home to find my house had very minor damage to the brickwork and although in Timaru we are about 150 kms from the first epicentre many buildings had suffered significant damage and about 8 have been demolished.

Since September 4<sup>th</sup> Canterbury has suffered through over 7400 aftershocks and "new" event earthquakes. The most recent big one was a 6.3 on June 13, the 25<sup>th</sup> event over 5 we have suffered. Any shock over 4.5 is felt in Timaru and I can assure you even at this distance they are very scary.

To visit Western Australia soon after the February earthquake and the dreadful earthquake and tsunami in Japan and to see in almost every shop, collection boxes lined up for Queensland, Christchurch and Japan was truly humbling. I watched one man put a \$20 note in a Christchurch box.

The support Canterbury has been shown by Australia is amazing, we are so grateful for the help. From the USAR teams who put their lives on the line to dig our survivors and bodies out while the ground was still shaking around them, to the children who collected at school we thank you all.

While as Kiwi's we like to think we can lead the world in some areas, to lead the world in after shock seismic events is one record we gladly not hold. The link to the GNS site to see the earthquake activity is [www.christchurchearthquakemap.co.nz](http://www.christchurchearthquakemap.co.nz)

**YOUTH OF THE YEAR**

**Jennifer Bower**



**Success Outcomes for Youth of the Year.**

It is all great news about the Youth of the Year Quest.

This Lion's Year has seen the most outstanding participation for many years. The change of dates, which at first appeared to be a serious issue, is probably the reason for this great success. Thirty three of the thirty seven clubs registered held their club finals pre Christmas, with an almost 60% increased student participation resulting. The number of entrants went from fifty four last year to eighty nine this year. Many clubs were disgruntled by the calendar change but it is obvious that pre Christmas club finals suits the contestants far better than the post Christmas. Hopefully, most clubs will try to adjust to the students needs rather than to their club's social preference.

At the Launceston Convention there was a Youth of the Year Forum, well attended, with valuable discussions. Stationary costs have become a serious issue with many forms distributed but not used, resulting in an expensive waste. Therefore, this will most likely be the last year that full kits will be distributed. All forms are now available to be downloaded from the internet and it would be worthwhile for club chairmen to become familiar with this, ready for the future year's changeover.

Our District Winner James Kennedy was an outstanding candidate at the State Finals. But the winner on the night was Nathan Barnden from Bega. Nathan went on to do the N Districts proud by winning the National Public Speaking Award with his moving and emotional speech about his visit to the French battlefields, titled "Remembering the Fallen". The National Overall Winner was Gillian Mahony representing the W Districts. She spoke about "Secrets and Wikileaks".



**EMERGENCY MEDICAL INFORMATION BOOK**



The above photo was taken of an SA Ambulance Paramedic at their depot at Sturt in South Australia as I was discussing with her the benefits of the Emergency Medical Information Book. The paramedic unequivocally agreed that the book gives the patient the best hope of early recovery as they can commence treatment immediately without having to wait to get to hospital and carry out the usual tests.

When asking them where they found the book to be most needed, they immediately answered where people live in independent units. But they added, any person with a health problem should have a book on the front of their fridge. It is the first thing they look for when answering a callout. It is most important that the book is filled out and kept up to date.

At the Multiple District Convention in Launceston last month, I gave a brief report on the progress of the project since it was approved last year in Mildura. We had an EMIB stall at the Convention where books, posters etc were on display and order forms made available. The order forms can always be downloaded from the web site [www.emib.org.au](http://www.emib.org.au) select the Lions tab and follow prompts to the order form under downloads. At this time we have distributed 93,000 books.

**LIONS ON Z**



*Lion Betty White with knitting for Youth off the Streets.*

Lion Betty received a letter of thanks and Certificate of Appreciation from Father Chris Riley, Youth off the Streets who were pleased to receive the numerous jumpers and beanies.

**GLOBAL LEADERSHIP**

**PDG Gerard Cross**

As we the Lions of District 201N1 commence our 34<sup>th</sup> year of Service to this wonderful area which our motto describes as "From Sweeping Plains to Jewel Sea" we celebrate the appointment of the first Lion from our District to become Multiple District 201 Council Chairman.

Congratulations Immediate Past District Governor Peter E Clarke and Lions Lady Denise. Your next 12 months will be extremely busy but most rewarding.

My Port Folio for this Lions year is District Global Leadership Team Co-ordinator. Which is being developed as a new structure to support a growth strategy of our organisation to replace MERL. It is seen as being a very positive move towards maintaining our Membership and thereby continuing to provide a Service to our many Communities.

Time is right for us to start and look at what plans and strategies we will undertake as a District and within our Clubs. It is very important that each Club has their Executive (President, Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Chairman) involved in forming a Club Plan that will bring success. It is not possible to achieve this by yourself, but will need involvement and commitment of your Club Team, working together to achieve your desired goals.

This planning process is a consultative one and requires careful and realistic consideration of your Clubs. Your plan must be a supportive plan, where each successive President is supported by those who will succeed them as well as those who have gone before. A Quarterly Membership Activity Report and in this report it asks of your ability to meet, exceed and amend your plan for the full year. For this, it is critical to know what is happening and to provide that information back to the GMT Area Leader quickly. This will assist in identifying support or additional activities required to meet your commitment in growth.

Your Club support and commitment to the success of our growth strategy at District is critical and will be something you can look back on and say that you are proud to have been a part of the team which made this initiative a success.

Please contact either PDG Mick McGrath or me for further information and or help with your planning.
















As a part of our Club Learning initiative I have included an International Badge List which I am sure will assist those attending the ANZI forum to identify the many International Officers attending. The last Badge depicted is that of a Council Chairman which I have no doubt will be seen by quite a few Lions in our District this year.

PDG GERARD C Global Leadership Team Coordinator



**Gold Coast  
9 – 11 September**

**INTERNATIONAL BADGE IDENTIFICATION LIST**

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**2011 WINTER YOUTH EXCHANGE**

**Lorraine Hemsworth**

Early July saw 130 International youth from many countries arrive in Australia. N1 have opened their homes and are hosting a Swedish girl in Tamworth, an Austrian lad and Italian girl in Bingara, an Irish lad in South West Rocks, a German girl in Maclean, a Norwegian and Swedish girl in Nambucca Heads and a Finnish and Slovenian girl with Macksville Lions. Some of the youth have been in homes from 2 July then go off to one of the Australian camps – Camp Koala located south of Melbourne, Camp Kookaburra near Newcastle, Camp Krokodile on the Sunshine coast or Camp Kanga at Proserpine. 3 youth will arrive at homes for a week from 23-30 July in Maclean, South West Rocks and Bingara after attending camp Koala.

The youth are enjoying the differences in cultures and are experiencing some of the local parks and attractions.

In Bingara the temps have been down to -5 in the morning and Phillip feels quite at home. He has been helping out with the normal run of life on the Wrights farm with cattle work, mustering and yard work and also helping the neighbour catch lambs for marking. He has been hunting pigs with Taylor and his pig dog, playing Xbox with Taylor of a night. They have taken to each other like ducks in a pond and there doesn't seem to be any language barrier at all. He has been footy training with the Rugby team, looking around the district and to the Inverell Cattle sales and shopping.



*Phillip (left) & Taylor with the King Parrots in the background*

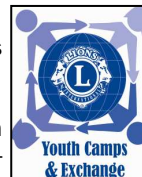


*Annja (Slovenia), Linnea (Sweden),*

The girls in Nambucca Heads have enjoyed the beautiful coastal area with walks along the beaches, walking tracks, v-wall and board walks, river cruise, surfing, dolphins, whales, National Parks, visit to farms (beef, dairy & sheep), kayaking, camel rides, picking strawberries, the local Lions Market day, cooking of national foods from their home countries.

The youth have attended Lions meetings and some Changeovers. At the meetings the youth have presented wonderful presentations to the club members of their home countries and families.

A big thank you to the host families, Clubs and members.



Further information in relation to youth exchange can be found on [www.lionsclubs.org.au/ye](http://www.lionsclubs.org.au/ye) or by contacting myself on [youthexchangeandcamps@lionsdistrict201n1.org.au](mailto:youthexchangeandcamps@lionsdistrict201n1.org.au)

**WOOLGOOLGA LIONS**

**WHO WANT'S A SHOWER?**

The Woolgoolga Lions Club regularly comes to the aid of the Woolgoolga Retirement Village and once again a request has been fulfilled.

The need to assist eight most incapacitated patients in showering became evident and the ease of handling by staff a vital factor. The Space Shower Commode is a specialized piece of equipment and was supplied at a cost of \$4,500.

The commode was well received by residents and staff of the village.



*Lions member Barry Kelly, Village Deputy Director of Care Ms Judy Wares, Lions member Denis Watkins, Lions member Gavin Kent, Carer Ms Sharne Johnson, Lions President (Commode chairman) John Moon.*

**BINGARA LIONS**

**Bingara Lions "Rainbow" Debutante Ball 2011**

Nine young ladies and their partners made a spectacular sight as they danced the "Pride Of Erin" at the Debutante Ball on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2011. This was a monumental task to teach these young people to dance the old fashioned way without the Beep Bop of Hip Hop. It was a successful night for the young Debs and their families.

John Williams opened the Ball along with wife Nancy. Catherine & Ian Egan and Ian & Betsy Grieve received these young girls one by one and presented them to the 200 guests who packed the Civic Centre. John Wearne and Susanne Hughes co-hosted the nights proceedings and made it all very entertaining. Judy Adams was Matron of the Ball and Co-ordinator of all the preparations and made this night a success for Bingara Lions.



*Nine Lovely Ladies, nine handsome escorts, two gorgeous flower girls & two cute page boys*

Many Lions hours went into the preparations, 14 weeks of dance classes and 14 weeks of organization. Thanks must go to Brenda McManus and Peter Reading for their expertise in dance and the parents for decorating the hall.

All in all, an estimate of 300 hours from Lions and 126 hours from Lady Lions went into the Ball. We had our disasters of course, only three were allowed but they were doosies. We had a fire in the kitchen on the day and only 8 instead of nine bouquets arrived. Then the music did an "Irish Jig" in the middle of the first dance. It all broke the tension though and provided a few laughs for the "Tail Twister" at the next meeting. It was a great night for Bingara Lions and the Community.



**DG's DIARY**

If you would like to find out when the District Governor is in your area or what his movements are please go to the 201N1 web-site...use the attached link.

<http://www.lionsclubs.org.au/201n1/DG'sDiary.pdf>

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**LIONS CABINET MEMBERS /PARTNERS BIRTHDAY GREETINGS**

2/07/2011	Anne Clark
3/07/2011	Jennifer Bower
4/07/2011	Janelle Cavavagh
15/07/2011	Marie Mooney
16/07/2011	Mick McGrath
19/07/2011	Peter Veyard
20/07/2011	Peter Clarke
23/07/2011	Phillip Kiehne
30/07/2011	Chris Elford
4/08/2011	Kerrie Haire
10/08/2011	Robyn McGrath
11/08/2011	Tom Cattell
12/06/2011	Anne Fulton
13/08/2011	Denise Clarke

**WOOLGOOLGA LIONS CLUB**

The Driver Reviver stop operated again over the weekend in Woolgoolga thanks to the many volunteers organised by Ray O'Keeffe and Lou Schwaiger of the Woolgoolga Lions Club. It operated from 6AM to 6PM on Saturday and Sunday the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of July. It will again operate on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July, from 6Am to 6PM.

Ray O'Keeffe who has co-ordinated the reviver stop for many years and his crew of volunteers had a very busy year serving some 10,425 cups of coffee or tea, although this was down on the previous year by about 632 cups. The stop operated for 624 hours over the year with about 1660 hours of work put in to man-



*The driver reviver stop at the roundabout on the Pacific Highway in Woolgoolga.*

ning the stop. Many thanks must go to Norco for providing the milk for the tea and coffee and to the BP service station on the highway for their donation of ice to keep the many litres of milk cold. Donations received at the reviver stop have gone to the many worthwhile projects Woolgoolga Lions supported throughout the year.

The Lions Club considers that this project has proven to be an excellent community affair and is well received by the travelling public. It could not operate so well without the many valued volunteers that manned the stop throughout the year. The incoming Driver Reviver Chairman, Lion Lou Schwaiger is keen to carry on the foundations of a successful stop established by Lion Ray.

**DRIVER REVIVER NEWS**



*Two of the valued volunteers serving up a cuppa Averi and Don Nancarrow*

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**LIONS RECYCLE FOR SIGHT AUSTRALIA**

**Kenneth G Leonard OAM**  
Chairman/CEO Lions Recycle for Sight

One of our supervisors at Lions Recycle for Sight Australia Inc, is currently touring the country with her husband in a long caravan tour, generally into areas we only hope to go sometime. They have on board several hundred pairs of new and refurbished spectacles provided by the programme, to dispense as they find people in need in the remotest parts of our land, in accordance with our policy of support for the State Health Services but not interference.

Already they have travelled from Brisbane to Tasmania and lately proceeding through outback NSW before flying to Perth next month. Their regular story shows needs and opportunism for Lionism at work in the remotest parts of our country. I have attached their latest travelling note for your information and possible dissemination.

Hi there from Bourke.

Paul and I have just completed the Darling River Run from Menindee to Bourke, through some of the most isolated parts of New South Wales. The going was rough as the area still hasn't recovered from the floods late last year. We raced a desert storm into Bourke along dirt roads that tested the van somewhat. We lost the race and ended covered in mud on the outside and dust inside, but at least we weren't stranded.



We arrived in Wilcannia in time for a late breakfast at the non-existent bakery, café or coffee shop. Wilcannia reminded me of High Noon the movie, with everything shut up, barred and boarded with few people on the street. Many dogs, dust and a feeling of gloom sums up the place although it has some fine old buildings.

We found the hospital (locked up too ) and banged on the door. We were greeted by a male nurse, Greg, who quickly introduced us to the deputy nurse manager Annette.

Delighted shock summed up their reaction to the offer of spectacles. We sorted 200 pairs out as they discussed to whom they would be given. There really is a sense of helplessness amongst the poor aborigine, who don't attend eye testing even though they know they need specs : they can't afford them . We were taken on a tour of the hospital ( modern and up to date ) while Greg made us a cup of coffee . The coffee turned out to be egg, beans and tomato on toast, with chocolate pudding for afters.

The highlight of our visit was meeting John, a patient at the hospital .Annette said that John fitted the criteria : bad sight, needing glasses with no way of affording any. John dressed for the occasion and was duly given a pair of 2.5 readers.. The smile was a wonder to see, but then he saw our recycle pamphlet on the table , picked it up and read aloud " thanks to you I can see "

We made sure he could read the smaller print too. What a day !

We both felt a warm glow in our hearts as well as our bellies. The aboriginal health service in Bourke welcomed us with a grim smile and a "yes... as many as you have " to our offer of specs. They said the need was great and they could use every pair. So now there is a gaping space in the van which we can refill when we return in July.

Regards, Jean