



# DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

*From Sweeping Plains to Jewell Sea*



## FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNORS DESK

The Lions year 2010 - 2011 is now drawing to a close and the year has had its highs and lows.

Natural Disasters struck the length and breadth of the Nation, cyclones, floods, bushfire and earthquake. Lions during these disasters rallied and what has been achieved and the relief provided by Lions demonstrated that we can and are looked upon as the BEACON of HOPE. There is still a lot of work to be done and within one district Lions are now repairing the internal fit out of

homes. The money raised in this District has been used for food vouchers, clothes vouchers and personal items as well as vouchers for building materials.

Membership has struggled to keep the numbers up because we are losing members out the back door as fast as we bring them in the front. As at the end of April we had inducted 124 new members into Lions within this District but sadly we have dropped 123.

During the year I tried to bring an increased focus on all matters dealing with the Youth and I have to thank those Lions who rose to the call. We chartered two more Leo Clubs Quirindi and Ashford and there are strong and favourable indications that we will have success with at least 4 more. In the majority of cases all that is needed is a willingness of a Club to become involved.

Youth of the Year has been another success with Club participation up 16% and student participation up 60%. To the Youth of the Year Chairman Jennifer Bower a great result, and well done.

Youth Exchange saw increased involvement within the District and hosts within the District I am sure received as much out of the programme as the Students. Lorraine Hemsworth District Chairman has worked non stop on this portfolio thank you.

Peace Posters again an increased involvement and one School had 54 entries thanks Tom for a job well done.

Leo Paul Watts from the Maclean Leo Club was the winner of the State Competition for Leo of the Year and represented the State at Launceston in the National final congratulations Paul on reaching the National final.

A new club has been formed in Tamworth "The Lions Club of Tamworth Next Generation". This is a breakfast club that has great enthusiasm and it will help to carry the torch of Lionism into the future. A branch Club has been formed at Uralla and is progressing and they even have a Remote Leo. It is hoped that we will be in a position to Charter a new Club in Uralla during the next Lions year.

The next major Lions event in Australia is the ANZI Pacific Forum being held on the Gold Coast at Jupiters, on 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> September 2011. The Forum is open to all Lions, Partners, Leos and Lionesses. Help make this Forum a success by attending. Check out the web site at, [www.lionsanzipacificforum.com.au](http://www.lionsanzipacificforum.com.au) and with over 50 forums and special events there will be something there for everyone.

The International Convention is being held in Seattle between 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> July and we will see DGE Peter Blom sworn in and he will then take up the reigns of the District and I will fade into the sunset, well almost. To Peter and Carmel I am sure the District will give you great support and you will have a great year.

It has been a wonderful experience and a privilege for Lions Lady Denise and I to serve as your Governor's team for 2010-2011. Many Clubs are coming on board for Denise's project a Biggest Morning Tea. If your Club has not participated it is not too late you do not have to register just do it and send proceeds to Cabinet Treasurer marked for Lions Lady Denise's project. The fight against cancer must go on - funds raised will go to research and one day the breakthrough will come but it will take money.

Grumpy  
(aka) Peter Clarke  
District Governor



*District Governor Peter Clarke and LL Denise at Launceston at the announcement of his election as Council Chairman*



**PETER E. CLARKE**  
DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2010 - 2011



The future of  
Lions begins now



From sweeping plains to jewel sea  
District 201 N1  
AUSTRALIA

**201N1  
DISTRICT  
CONVENTION  
21ST-23RD OCTOBER  
2011**



Hosted by  
**Glen Innes Lions**



Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May to Monday 7<sup>th</sup>  
May 2012

**Perth Convention**  
50th Anniversary of Lions in Western Australia

**BEST OF  
Western Australia**



Holden. Go better.



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

Denise Clarke

Its not too late to support Australia's Morning Tea.

Support the 1 in 2 Australians who will be diagnosed with cancer before the age of 85.



newsletter@lionsdistrict201n1.org.au

### YOUTH EXCHANGE



Lorraine Hemsworth

Have you ever considered opening your home to welcome a visitor from another country?

Have you thought of what pleasure you might have in hosting an exchangee from overseas and how proud you would be to show them some of Australia's natural wonders.

The opportunity is there through Lions Clubs International Youth Exchange programs.

The Lions are always looking for prospective host families in all parts of Australia to offer hospitality to visitors from many different countries, including youth from all programmes listed in this brochure.

Both city and country hosts are sought to offer a balance of



Lorraine and Brian Hemsworth with Youth Exchange students

what Australia has to offer.

If you or your club would like to host a student please feel free to contact me.

bhems54@bigpond.com



Gold Coast  
9 – 11 September

From the desk of a member of

### Loyal and Ancient Order of the Olde Contemptibles

PDG Gerard Cross  
District Secretary

PRESIDENT OF EXCELLENCE AWARDS AND 100% CLUB SECRETARY AWARDS All Applications for these awards are to be to me by 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2011 (Because on that date I cease to be Cabinet Secretary and will not be in a position to receive LATE APPLICATIONS.) Both awards may only be granted by District Governor Peter E Clarke, on recommendation of Club President (for Secretary) and by application completed by Secretary (for President) with confirmation of Region or Zone Chairman. As Cabinet Secretary, I am required to certify that compulsory returns have been received by due dates. This information is now located in District database. I urge Lions responsible to recognise service provided by their Club Executive Officers where it is richly deserved.

CLUB MAIL OUTS Some Clubs have had an issue throughout the year with Club Mail outs which I have preferred to mail to Clubs as I receive them. I believe that all of this mail needed to be forwarded for information of Members. I contacted, on a random basis, numerous Club members and found that many are not aware of what Mail has been received by Club Secretaries. Those members indicated that had they known about Lions being involved in such programmes they would have certainly shown an interest.

CLUB OFFICER PARTICULARS Many Clubs in our District will find that Particulars are incorrect and/or insufficient when they receive their 2011 – 2012 Multiple District Directories. Particulars for Club President's and Secretaries are taken from the LCI web site and when a Secretary has not updated all particulars on that site then our records are going to be incomplete. Names (including Spouses), Addresses and Telephone numbers are not recorded in many cases. A difficult task ahead as we need to make contact with these Clubs.

CLUB SECRETARIES A big thanks to those Club Secretaries who have performed their duties in a most satisfactory manner. This attitude, to a very important position, not only assists me in fulfilling my obligations to our District, but it also promotes the Clubs in a very positive manner to District and most importantly to their community.

Judging in this years Club "Administrative Award" was very close and I again commend Club Secretaries who maintained a high standard of efficiency throughout the year. Results of this Award will be announced by District Governor Peter E Clarke, CCE at Cabinet Change Over, Saturday 28 May, 2011.

Enjoy your Lions.

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

Darryl Davy, Convention Chairman



### COME TO GLEN INNES THIS OCTOBER FOR THE 2011 DISTRICT CONVENTION

Convention 21-23rd October 2011....Here is what to expect

All venues have been secured, meals arranged and entertainment booked. Social Golf & Bowls have been arranged for the Friday afternoon, the partners tour on Saturday afternoon is a town tour up to the Australian Standing Stones and Crofter's Cottage, then to The Land of the Beardies Museum for inspection and afternoon tea before being brought back to the Town Hall at around 4.30p.m.

A guest speaker will speak at the Saturday lunch about "Celtic Country" matters, some of which will be seen on the tour. The Services Club's courtesy bus will be available for pick up for the Saturday night D.G.'s dinner and also for return to your accommodation afterwards.

The Saturday Night D.G.'s dinner has a theme to tie into the Convention theme of

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

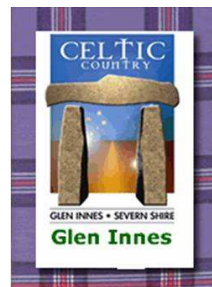
and Incoming D.G. Peter Blom has suggested that we come in a National Dress of any Country to make the night a colourful one. Those of us without any imagination can come in smart casual, but you are requested to give your costume some serious thought.

A Convention Raffle is being held - Value \$862.00 Tickets \$2 each Prize - a 2 nights Sydney Harbour Cruise aboard MV Captain Cook Explorer including all meals, twin share accommodation, nightly entertainment, spectacular on shore walks, The Rocks Market, Watson Bay and includes cruising Sydney Harbour and the Upper reaches of the Parramatta and Lane Cove Rivers. Buffet and a la carte dining and 24 hour tea/coffee is available and the winner will have until 31/3/2012 to take advantage of this great prize. Prize excludes drinks and private purchases.

The Glen Innes Lions Club is celebrating its 58th Anniversary on the Sunday 23rd October and the farewell BBQ will be a time to celebrate this milestone. We have arranged for an Anniversary Tawny Port from W Drayton & Sons Pty Ltd of Pokolbin at \$15 a bottle and this will be included on the Registration Form together with the Convention Pin and our Club Pin @ \$7.50 each.

Registration forms will be included in a future District Newsletter and also on our web page for downloading if required.

Looking forward to seeing you all in Celtic Country in October 2011.





**ALF - AUSTRALIAN LIONS FOUNDATION**

**Mick McGrath**

This year has unfortunately witnessed a number of national disasters caused by widespread flooding and bushfires. In addition, Christchurch and Japan experienced devastating earthquakes. Lions through the generosity of their communities can be proud of their efforts to provide much needed support to people affected by these terrible mishaps.

ALF was given the responsibility to distribute funds raised from various appeals. At the recent MD201 Convention in Launceston, ALF Chairman, PDG Paul Logue, reported that \$1.4 million had been distributed to flood victims in Victoria and Qld and \$60,000 to WA for bushfire relief. This included \$200,000 from ALF funds. Another \$20,000 was donated to assist the earthquake crisis in New Zealand. This indeed has been a mighty effort by the Lions.

19 Grants totalling \$78,988 were approved at the February Trustees' Meeting. Taree Lions Club received \$5,562 for Medical equipment for a Nursing Home and Coffs Harbour Lions Club received a \$1,000 grant for a Television for the Waratah Respite Centre. I am unaware if any grants were approved for N1 Clubs at the recent April meeting.

84 Grants were approved by ALF during the year which included 9 grants totalling \$37,952 for N1 Clubs.

Clubs considering applying for a grant are reminded that the ALF Trustees meet next in early August.

With annual Changeovers coming up, Clubs may wish to consider rewarding or acknowledging someone with one of ALF's special awards. The cost of these are as follows:



<b>William Tresise Fellow Award</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>
<b>Ian M Stockdale Award</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>James D Richardson Honour Award</b>	<b>\$ 500</b>

**CAMP ELIM**

**PDG Nick Bennett**

The kids from Region 1, 2 and 3 have just returned from a successful camp at Camp Elim, the manager reporting it was one of the most successful camps we have sponsored.

Twenty Five of the thirty one coastal clubs supported the camp, sending forty five campers and three leaders.

Reports from camp leaders and the children themselves indicate the campers gained a great deal of experience.

Please Lions, whatever the cost, this project is worthwhile and is definitely helping the kids we send away, many of whom are from disadvantaged backgrounds.



Our Camp Elim kids Jacob Wylre- Browne, Nykia Turrell, Melonie Stanton and Breannan Jacobsen waiting for the coach.

**WAUCHOPE LIONS**

**Article courtesy Wauchope Gazette**

**Lions Club hosts kids at week-long camp**

THE Wauchope Lions Club again hosted children attending a week-long Getaway Camp at Camp Elim in Forster during the Easter break.

The 31 children on the coach were all sponsored by Lions Clubs from as far away as Yamba and all towns in between, said a spokesperson for the community group.

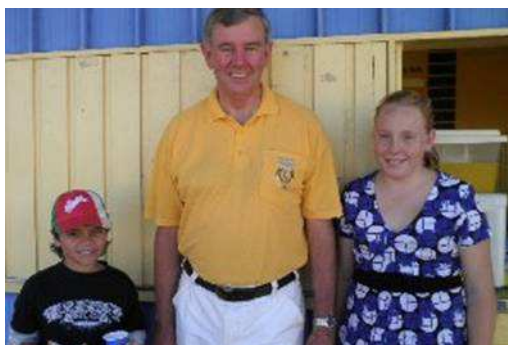
"The coach picked up children from other towns between Wauchope and Forster for the Getaway Camp as well," the spokesperson said.

"The forward and return journeys normally have their rest stops at the Lions stall at the Wauchope Showground, but the return trip on this occasion had to be relocated to the Wauchope RSL Club due to the Yesteryear Truck Show and the inclement weather.

"Wauchope Lions Club members provided lunch for the campers on the forward journey and morning tea for the return journey.

"Our club sponsored two children - Joshua Dodd and Brooke Kennedy - for this year's camp and all the campers reported that they had a great time away with the giant swimming hole being the favourite spot."

The spokesperson said the other activities included canoeing, swimming, surfing, rock wall climbing and craft.



Joshua Dodd and Brooke Kennedy on their way to Camp Elim.

**VANNERS**



For your information Caravan parks for future Cabinet meetings:

**Armida Cabinet Meeting**

27,28,29 May 2011  
Pembroke Caravan Park ...  
.....6772 6470

**Manilla Cabinet Meeting**

22,23,24 July 2011  
Manilla Rivergums Caravan Park ...  
.....6785 1166

**Convention Glen Innes**

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

**VOLUNTEER GRANTS**

Applications are open for Volunteer Grants 2011, a \$16 million Federal Government initiative to help Not for Profit organisations support their volunteers. In 2010 13 201N1 Lions Clubs successfully applied for these grants with approx \$45,000 being received.

Grants of between \$1,000 and \$5,000 are available to help eligible Not for Profit organisations train and manage volunteers by purchasing essential equipment, contribute to fuel costs, training courses and background checks.

The government says in order to support people most in need, preference will be given to organisations with volunteers that assist disadvantaged individuals, families and communities and organisations located in regional and rural areas and organisations affected by recent natural disasters.

2011 marks the 10th anniversary of the United Nations International Year of Volunteers, and this year has already seen large numbers of volunteers working to assist disaster affected communities, particularly in response to the Queensland floods.

The Gillard Government says it hopes Volunteer Grants 2011 will provide practical and tangible support to community organisations across Australia to support volunteers and encourage more people to take up volunteering.

To apply, please visit [www.fahcsia.gov.au](http://www.fahcsia.gov.au) or call **1800 183 374**

Applications for the grants close at **5pm (AEST) on 8 June 2011.**



**LCIF**



**PDG Bernie Keitlinghaus**

100% of all funds donated to LCIF reach people and places in need. All foundations administrative costs are paid from interest earned on investments.

Lions clubs in our district have been particularly generous this year with \$33,000 donated (target was \$23,000) to the end of March.

It is encouraging to see Lions are so willing to help financially during the recent disasters.

I encourage all clubs to make a donation to LCIF and with the high Australia Dollar I encourage you to present Melvin Jones Fellowships to worthy recipients.

A recent donation to Australia from LCIF was **Equip Laboratory for Lions Spinal Cord - \$75,000**

US\$75,000 was awarded to purchase equipment for the Lions Spinal Cord Fellowship in Australia.

LCIF and Lions reach millions of people and accomplish visible results.

Some of our accomplishments include:

Preventing serious vision loss for 30 million people providing close to 148 million treatments for [river blindness](#)

Engaging more than 12 million students and 500,000 educators in 66 countries in the youth development program [Lions Quest](#)

Building or expanding 315 eye hospitals/clinics/wards conducting 14 million vision screenings for children through [Sight for Kids](#)

Providing vision screening for more than 211,000 Special Olympics athletes from 85 countries through [Opening Eyes](#)

**PINS**

**PDG Bernie Keitlinghaus**

Our District Pin 2011-12 featuring the Bottlebrush was well received at the Launceston Convention.

Our current pin, featuring the Koala have all been sold.



**LAUNCESTON CONVENTION**

*This report from Valla Lions Newsletter courtesy of Peter Veryard*

**MD CONVENTION REPORT**

Fellow members of the Lion's family,

This is a brief summary of the happenings at the recent National 201 Multiple District Convention in Launceston which myself and Lions Lady Sandra attended, with me as your delegate.

The Convention proper commenced on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2011. A total of 1080 Lions, partners, Lionesses and Leos attended. This is a bit down on past MD conventions, probably due to the fact that it was overseas!

**Friday** was the first official day commencing with the introduction of guests, including the Governor of Tasmania, the Honourable Peter Underwood AC and the Mayor of Launceston Albert Van Zetten.

After the traditional opening ceremony and flag ceremony we were treated to a great *Youth of the Year* Final. Nathan Barnden representing the N Districts won the Public Speaking Trophy and Gillian Mahony from the W Districts was the overall winner.

**Saturday** commenced with a march from the Town Hall to the Albert Hall. The keynote speaker was Father Chris Riley who gave a very impressive talk on "Youth of the Streets". The conventioners undertook to commence worthwhile projects to assist him in this cause.

The rest of the day centered on notices of motions. 10 motions were passed. There were 2 lost motions; the requirement for all clubs to support National projects and timing for the holding of future MD Conventions.

This business session was followed by the *Leo of the Year* where Maclean Leos Club had a State entrant in Leo Paul Watts. The contest was very good, much improved over previous years. Unfortunately Paul did not figure in the winners circle. Leo Kara Baker from Tasmania won the public speaking trophy and Leo Tom Porter from Queensland won the overall Leo of the Year.

Sandra and I attended a combined NI and N3 Districts dinner that evening.

**Sunday.** The day commenced with the remembrance ceremony and unfortunately hundreds of members have passed on.

Following was a keynote address by Past International Director Barry Palmer AM, who is in a very strong position to become Second International Vice President at the International Convention in Seattle next month. He outlined his past and future programs and projects and received a standing ovation as an indication of support for his future, and ours.

There were quite a number of presentations by the various Lions Foundations, seeking our support and donations.

Along with around 150 lions I attended a forum on Youth Projects. We heard short presentations from all of the youth project leaders and then it was open for comments from the floor. Most comments endorsed the Leos program as the future of Lions.

In the evening LL Sandra and I attended the Past District Governors Dinner and AGM.

**Monday.** First up at 7a.m. we attended a breakfast for the PDG's and partners of 2006/7 at "Butchers Hook" in Brisbane Street.

The official proceedings for the day started with presentations of various awards for journalism and other projects.

Then CEO of the Apex organisation, Noel Hadjimichael advised us how they were changing the image of Apex to attract youth and families to them. (Sounds familiar!)

We were then treated to the changing of the "guard" with the "old Governors" dressed by their cabinet secretaries in weird garb and moved to lunch in this attire. As a past Cabinet Secretary I also attended.

We were introduced to the Council Chairman-elect District Governor Peter Clarke from NI, our first ever from this district.

That afternoon, following several presentations, we had the format closing ceremony and it was all over for another year.

That night we attended the gala night, along with about 800 others, which was excellent and with very reasonable drinks prices.

As always it was interesting and it was great to meet all our old friends and make more acquaintances. See you in Perth in 2012?

*Lion Peter Veryard*

**BELLINGEN LIONS**

Members of the Bellingen Lions Club have provided and erected a beautiful sign in the Bellingen Shire Grounds to direct visitors to the Museum and Library.

Lions Lester Sheather went to great lengths to obtain the timber and have it planed, sign-written and painted while a hard working group of Lions members spent several hours working in the rain to erect the sign.

The sign looks fantastic and congratulation to Lion Lester and the Bellingen Lions Club on another fine community project to better the town.





**CHRISTCHURCH EARTHQUAKE - LIONS RELIEF FUND NEWSLETTER**

**CHRISTCHURCH 2010**

**Zone 3 Chairman Jeff Mott**

Welcome to this latest newsletter. It is now over a month since the last update and in that time 22 more families have been given a weekend away from Christchurch.

To date we have received \$601,418 in donations including \$27,100 from LCIF and \$10,000 from the Lloyd Morgan Lions Clubs Charitable Trust. We have utilised \$241,268 in alleviating people's trauma and stress.

The donations received have come from all districts in New Zealand and many parts of Australia, UK, USA and Japan as well as New Caledonia and Samoa in the Pacific. All donations have been acknowledged where possible however some donations made by Direct Credit have had insufficient detail and therefore could not be acknowledged in the way we wanted. Any Club or person who has not received a letter of acknowledgement – **Thank You so much for your donation.**

Weekends away for families have been to Nelson, Greymouth, Kaikoura, Timaru and Hanmer Springs; holiday homes or motels have been the mode of accommodation. We have had offers of accommodation and support from all over New Zealand, so far this has not been utilised although people have been given the option; air fares will be paid for those who take the offers up

Eileen Yates, through 'Trade Me' has made contact with the "Dallington Hub", a community group for those people severely affected by the earthquake. It has come to light that there are more of these groups so contact has been made with them. So far it has brought to light some extremely deserving cases requiring assistance and requiring it immediately – mainly financial such as grocery and petrol vouchers.

The more time goes by the more people we are finding that need assistance in one form or another, for example we have been approached by the Girls Brigade organisation who are suffering from equipment losses and finding that parents no longer have the spare cash to fund their daughters in this worthwhile activity. The request is being considered. The Christchurch Schools Music Festival is another that is experiencing financial strife in that they have had to find another venue for their annual show currently Lions of District 202E support this venture to the extent of \$7,000 per year. It appears as though many more dollars are going to have to be found for this year and going forward.

The Foundation for the Blind have been given \$10,000 to help them with the additional costs incurred due to the quake. We also gave \$16,300 to schools affected by the loss of resources and were able to give to ten schools who were extremely grateful. Money spent in the last six weeks is as follows:

Accommodation	\$6,724
Grocery Vouchers	\$22,450
Petrol Vouchers	\$2,440
Hanmer Pool	\$750
Other	\$28,210 incl teacher's resources

Christchurch is rocked by an Earthquake leaving behind an enormous trail of destruction, with many people trapped in damaged buildings etc. and of course those less fortunate who lost their lives. Those people living in and around the affected area are devastated.

An appeal to help those affected was quickly launched by Lions and many Lions Clubs assisted by donating to this Disaster. We as Lions do not get feedback with situations like this, however I would like to relate this story to you.

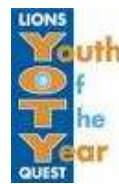
*In Dunedin New Zealand in September 2008 at the Senior Lions Leadership Course I had the pleasure of meeting many wonderful Lions, two of them being Wendy & Gerald who live in Timaru not far from Christchurch. We have corresponded with one another ever since, even paying us a visit in September last year. Not knowing that after arriving here their own country was in turmoil. I was telling Wendy how at our last Cabinet Meeting at Barraba in February this year we had a fine session with the proceeds going to the latest Christchurch Earthquake. With fines and "running the hat around" we raised an amazing \$ 322.00.*

Wendy was talking to their District Governor Lion Les Box (who was also on our course) and was telling him what we had done at that Cabinet Meeting, she said it left him speechless and with a tear in his eye.

So we just do not realise how we can touch someone's heart with a simple donation. This is a true story and I wanted to share it with you all.

**YOUTH OF THE YEAR – LAUNCESTON CONVENTION** **Jennifer Bower**

This was a great convention with a definite emphasis towards youth. Our own state winners entertained us with their brilliance at answering the impromptu questions., followed by their own prepared speeches, and it does not matter how many times you hear these speeches they still inspire and leave you wanting more.



Raynor Hicks representing the C District

Brooke Snow representing the Q District

Max Tintoul representing the T District

Stuart McKenzie representing the V District

Nathan Barnden representing the N District

Gillian Mahony representing the W District

"The Youth of Today"

"Importance of Global Mind"

"Climate Change & Impact on Coral Reef."

"Rebirth of Books in our Technologically Advanced Society".

"Remembering the Fallen"

"Secrets and Wikileaks"

**The National Winner for 2010/2011 was Gillian Mahony with Nathan Barnden as the Public Speaking Winner.**

There were some questions asked regarding the community work that Gillian performed, – a check of her application showed the following:-

- Amnesty International – Club Volunteering,
- Young UNIFEM Perth – Club Volunteering,
- Conservation Volunteers/Earth Assist Australia – volunteering,
- Nedlands Youth Advisory Council – organising and volunteering,
- "In my head " Youth Mental Health – organising,
- International Women's Day Committee – MLC organising,
- Red Cross Soup Patrol – volunteering,
- Social Committee Representative – organising and volunteering,
- Nedlands Youth Festival Committee – organising and volunteering.



**COMMUNITY CHALLENGE**



*N1 attendees at Final of Lions Community Challenge, not necessarily in order, Chris Elford, Judy & Wayne Moyer, Alan Cassidy (Overall Winner) Peter Blom, Yvie Kearns, Phil Bower and Foundation's Chairman Jim Field.*



**PEACE POSTERS**

This Years theme for Peace Posters is

**"Children Know Peace".**

Lions Clubs can sponsor the program in their community for children in local schools or organised youth groups. Students ages 11 -13 on November 15th are eligible to participate. Through the contest students are encouraged to visually depict their interpretation of the contest's theme.

Kits are on sale now from Club Supplies in Newcastle until October 2011 with winning club entries deadline of November 15th.

**EXTENSION**

**PDG Phil Bower**

I think this Lions' year has gone reasonably well with Extension. We have achieved a Branch Club in Uralla, a Lions Breakfast Club in Tamworth, a Leos Club in Quirindi, and a Leos Club in Ashford.

I believe we have very solid prospects of a Lions Club in Glenreagh, a prospect of a new Club in Kempsey as well as a resurgence of the existing Club and a good chance of a Leos Club as well.

Our success has been due to a combined team effort, a lot of time and travel involving

DG Peter Clark, DGE Peter Blom, VDG1E Deyann McDonnell, VDG2E Alan & Maureen Cunningham, Leos Chairmen, Region & Zone Chairmen and numerous individual Lions.

To all those who assisted and, are assisting, Thank you very much, your efforts are furthering our organisation.

**CRESENT HEAD LIONS**

**Brad Weekes**

*Just a little story I would like to share.*

At our Australia Day breakfast celebrations this year one young man, who participated in all the games events held on the day, sold all his prizes he had won for \$54.00. He then proceeded to donate this money to the Queensland flood victims through the Crescent Head club.

This young man was a visitor on holidays to our village and said he wanted to help in any way he could. Well done !!!!

**VALLA LIONS**

Lions Valla recently held a sausage sizzle to support the Disabled Surfers Association.

It was held in conjunction with Luke Hartsuyker's annual bike ride. The ride starts at Maclean and finishes at South West Rocks, taking 3 days of hard riding to complete.

Luke and the other riders stopped at our sausage sizzle for lunch on the second day where Robyn Parker President of the



*Robin Parker President of Valla Lions presenting a cheque to Luke Hartsuyker*



*Valla Lions hard at work cooking sausages.*

Lions Club Valla presented a donation of \$500.00.

Overall the ride is expected to raise about \$8,000 and Valla Lions was happy to play a small part in this fundraiser.

**NSW/ACT SAVE SIGHT AND HEALTH CARE FOUNDATIONS**

**PDG Phil Bower**

A lot of activity with your Foundations this year with N1 Directors representing the District very well.

Lion Chris Elford and I represented our Clubs and District at the AGM in Launceston. Lion Brian McWhirter felt a higher calling but they lost his placecard for Westminster Abbey.

Our year has been busy, the car raffle being up on last year, our investments are showing good returns, "pull up" banners will be procured for Clubs to use when selling tickets or otherwise promoting Foundations' activities and projects.

The Lions Community Challenge was won by Lion Alan Cassidy from Boggabri, Lion Alan is now \$3000 richer. I would like to thank those Lions and others who were participants, the Clubs who backed them and everyone who supported them. The Challenge brought in over \$50,000 which will be invested and the interest used to help Clubs fund health related projects where they need a hand.

Next Year the Challenge will be known as the Lions' Save Sight Community Challenge and run for the financial year (Lions Year). Final will be the Last Saturday in August. I encourage ALL Clubs to have an entrant, you don't have to raise thousands, Lion Alan raised \$5600 and beat the Charity Winner who raised \$31,500. It is a lot of fun, pulls Clubs together and ultimately benefits you and your districts.

Special thanks must go to Lions Yvie and Judy, our hard-working Chairs

Change Overs are upon us, please remember the Foundations in your disbursements. Very handsome awards start at \$250 and can be presented to anyone. The money used to buy awards can be credited to your candidates earnings in the Challenge.

Tour Directors are always available to assist with applications for Grants, as Guest Speakers or just provide a friendly ear.

Thankyou N1 for your great efforts and support.



*Drawing the Foundations Raffle, Chairman Jim Field and Past Director Owen Kelly with Bankstown Sports Security Director member James Howard*

The Foundation's Annual Raffle was electronically drawn on Sunday 27th March 2011. The results were.

**1st Prize:** Hyundai i30 5 Door Hatch, 5 Speed Car valued at \$20,000 (supplied by Cullen Auto Group, Taree) was won by **Rachael Verdejo**, Berkeley NSW (Ticket No. **64261**)

**2nd Prize:** Pair Cartier Designer Spectacle Frames to the value of \$1000.00 was won by **Albert Manning** of Tumut, NSW. (Ticket No. 24684) sold by the Lions Club of Tumut).

**3rd Prize: Jade Necklace** - was won by Sheila Whitaker, (Ticket No. 45764) Port Macquarie.

**4th Prize: Ladies Wrist Watch** - was won by Helen James, (Ticket No. 99518) Lake Cathie NSW.



**PORT MACQUARIE LIONS**

Port Macquarie Lions recently presented two lucky locals with their prizes from a state-wide raffle. The Club sold over 8,000 raffle tickets to raise money for the Lions Save Sight Foundation.

Mrs Sheila Whittaker, of Parklands Village, won third prize, a jade necklace worth \$500. Mrs Helen James, of Lake Cathie, won fourth prize, a watch worth \$300.

Both Mrs Whittaker and Mrs James were thrilled at their win, and personally received their prizes from Save Sight Foundation Director, Chris Elford, and Port Macquarie Lions Club President, Ray Chesher.

Mr Elford said that last year, Port Macquarie Lions sold the winning ticket, for a new car, and the second placed ticket as well. He said that remarkably, the Club had sold the tickets for all four major prizes in such a popular raffle, in two consecutive years. The raffle this year raised over \$74,000 for the Lions Save Sight Foundation.

He thanked the local community, and Port Macquarie Lions Club, for their continued support. Mr Elford also had a special thanks to local Hyundai dealer, Andrew Miedecke Motors, for providing a display vehicle to help the Club sell so many tickets.



Mrs Helen James is presented with her prize, a gold watch, by Port Macquarie Lions President Ray Chesher (L) and Save Sight Director, Lion Chris Elford (R)

**WELFARE**

**Stewart Payne**

Lion Gwyneth & I were involved in a "head-on" accident with a Jeep Wrangler on the Hollow tree road between Bothwell & Hollow Tree in Tasmania. Fortunately we only received some bruising but the lady driver of the other vehicle was taken to Royal Hobart Hospital.



The pictures show what happens when a Jeep tangles with an F Truck.

**SHERWOOD GLEN**

**PDG Alan Scolari**

Sherwood Glen is officially open for business

After delays caused by all the wet weather earlier this year and the hold up in the supply of Solar Power equipment, Sherwood Glen Rehabilitation Centre for Women was officially opened on 7th May. All staff has been engaged and the first women are being accepted.

**Lions should be proud that their support helped build part of this marvelous facility.**

**SHERWOOD GLEN**

Drug & Alcohol Rehabilitation Centre for Women

*The Official Opening*

**SATURDAY 7th MAY**



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**BONVILLE SAWTELL LIONS**

**Bonville Sawtell Lions present "Dimboola"**

Bonville Sawtell Lions celebrated the marriage of one of their members with a "Dimboola" Party.

All members came dressed in character and gave an impromptu performance of the play to welcome home Lion Bruce Ferguson and Sharon from their honeymoon.

A great time was had by all.



**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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**EBOR LIONS**



*Lion Mary Kell, President Ebor & District Club cutting the cake celebrating her 85th Birthday at the Zone 3 Meeting Sunday 13th March 2011*

**COFFS HARBOUR LIONS CLUB**

Coffs Harbour Lions Club each year support St. Augustine's School Annual Fete, with our Jumping Castle and the Fairy Floss Machine.

Coffs Harbour Lions Club donated \$800 to St. Augustine's Primary School's P&C from this years Fete. From the efforts of our Lions Members and after all costs involved we had \$800 left to donate to the school.

It is one of the biggest fundraiser's of the school year, the money raised by the school at the Fete and the money raised by the Coffs Harbour Lions Club will go towards paying off a new multi-purpose court and



*Coffs Harbour Lions Club members from L to R are Mark Priest, John Priest, John Skinner, Brian Beynon Ron Goodenough and President Bob Jones—inside L to R are Bert Mathews and Rosalie Skinner.*



*Coffs Harbour Lions President Bob Jones and Treasurer Brian Beynon presents St. Augustine's Principal Jake Madden with the cheque at the school assembly.*

contribute to resources not budgeted. Bob Jones, Coffs Harbour Lions Club President said the \$800 donation brings the Clubs total donations from the Fete during the past six years to \$6450.

Coffs Harbour Lions Club recently purchased another Food Van, it was with the help of the District Newsletter, from the entry kindly inserted for us.

After much hard work and some new additions, the Van is up and operating, has now completed 3 missions and all the Lions members are extremely pleased with it.

We conduct a Boot Sale the first Sunday of every month, this is our main fund raiser and is very successful.



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